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## Argentina post maiden win over Aussies

AFP, Rotterdam

Argentina notched up their firstever Champions Trophy win over Australia here on Sunday, beating the Antipodeans 2-1.

In other games on the second day of competition, Spain trounced South Korea 7-2 and the Netherlands defeated Germany 5-

A penalty corner to Lucas Vila and a field goal by Lucas Argento in the first 15 minutes set up Argentina's win, their first over Australia in four Champions Trophy tournaments.

Fergus Kavanagh deflected in a goal in the second quarter to get Australia back into the match.

But the Australians could not penetrate Argentina's defence in the second half and resorted to taking off the Australian goalkeeper for the last three minutes to mount a fruitless all-out attack on Argentina.

"Argentina are a difficult team to beat with a unique style and a defence that is very difficult to break down," said Australia coach Barry Dancer.

Dancer's Argentine counterpart Carlos Retegui insisted his team would not get carried away with their maiden win.

"Although we have won for the first time against Australia in a Champions Trophy we still have our feet on the ground and we will grow as a team, tournament by tournament," Retegui said.

Spain gave South Korea a lesson in converting scoring chances, winning 7-2.

Pol Amat scored four field goals before taking a long rest on the bench with Santi Freixa, Xavier Ribas and Ramon Alegre adding one each.

Byun Hoon Kim and Jong Hyun Jang scored penalty corners for South Korea.

"There was a difference in attitude of the players today and they were more prepared for the match," said Spain coach Maurits Hendriks following Spains 3-1 loss to Netherlands on Saturday.

"In general we had better dynamics up front as the forwards changed positions a lot which posed problems for Korea," he added.

Germany blew a 2-0 advantage in the first half to lose 5-3 to tournament hosts the Netherlands.

For the first time in the Champions Trophy the match was played in three periods to allow the pitch to be watered more frequently due to the drying effect of quently due to the drying effect of the strong wind and sunshine.

Florian Keller scored a field goal and converted a penalty corner to have Germany ahead after 24

minutes. The Netherlands scored all their five goals in a purple patch of 17

minutes. Roderick Weustof converted two penalty corners and field goals were added by Ronald Brouwer and Jeroen Hertzberger.

Jan-Marco Montag converted Germany's second penalty corner in overtime.

"The first 10 minutes of the second half was wonderful hockey for us as we could dictate the game, although in the first half we did not do so well," Netherlands coach Roelant Oltmans said.

#### India outlaws

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Twenty20 club teams from Australia, South Africa, Pakistan, England and India.

But English counties can take part only provided they do not include those players who had signed up with the rebel Indian Cricket League (ICL), an Indian cricket board statement said.

"Clubs from England who qualify can play provided the teams do not include players who are with ICL," said the statement signed by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Niranjan

At least 25 ICL players play in English domestic cricket and only three of the 18 counties do not have any 'rebel' players.

## Lighweights

FROM PAGE 17 Portugal) they will be unstoppa

ble," says Beckenbauer. Netzer for his part told Die Welt he liked the Dutch and had initially made Italy his overall favourites with Germany.

Netzer says the form of Michael Ballack will make the difference.

"I said before the event we would need Ballack to be absolutely on his best form. He must lead and pull the others along, motivate them."

With France and England in a trough and Italy trusting in negative brinkmanship once too often against Spain the semi-final draw is a fascinating mixture of the old "Germanic" world order and the underdogs who would unseat



Swiss superstar Roger Federer reaches for the ball during his Wimbledon Championships first round encounter against Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty at the All England Tennis Club in London yesterday.

# Federer, Ivanovic cruise Army win

AFP, London



Roger Federer put his growplace by storming into the Wimbledon sec-

on Monday

The 27-year-old Zenit St

Petersburg star told Spanish sports

rivals Chelsea are believed to have

Germany there was only one coun-

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ond round on Monday. minutes to brush off injury-

plagued Slovakian, and close Centre Court sporting a 1920s-style friend, Dominik Hrbaty 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to reach the second round where he will face tricky Swede Robin Soderling. Meanwhile, women's top seed

Ana Ivanovic of Serbia, fresh from her maiden Grand Slam title at the French Open, was also in cruise control seeing off Paraguay's hands of Rafael Nadal in the French Rosanna de los Rios 6-1, 6-2.

The 20-year-old took 57 min-

AFP, Madrid

on Thursday.

utes to beat the 32-year-old South American, ranked 103 in the world, Five-time and now faces French veteran champion Nathalie Dechy for a place in the third round.

Serena Williams, the champion ing army of in 2002 and 2003, also progressed with a hard-fought 7-5, 6-3 win over Estonian French Open quarter-finalist Kaia Kanepi.

The American sixth seed will now face Poland's Urszula rightelbow. Top seed Federer took just 79 Radwanska for a place in the last 32. Federer, who strolled onto

> cardigan, devastatingly illustrated lead 5-1 in the third. that reports of his demise were premature with his confident win under bright blue skies. It was also a 60th consecutive won warm applause from the crowd grasscourt victory for Federer,

whose last Grand Slam appearance ended in utter humiliation at the

The two are close friends having played doubles together and prac-Open final. Federer, bidding to win a record tised regularly.

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army secured a solitary goal victory against Bangladesh Navy in the opening match of the Inter-services football competition at the BAF Base Matiur Rahman ground on Sunday.

Lance Corporal Ashiq netted the all-important goal in the first half. Bangladesh Air Force are the other team in the five-day meet.

## Big win for Matuail

SPORTS REPORTER

Matuail Milon Sangsad thrashed Maniknagar Unnayan Samity 92 29 in the First Division Kabaddi League at the kabaddi stadium yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half 51-09.

Dhaka Wanderers beat Ali Sporting Club 45-29 after leading the first half 22-12 in the day's other match at the same venue.

## Jane was a cancer hero

AFP, Sydney

Australia's cricketers, cancer campaigners and the prime minister paid tribute Monday to Jane McGrath, the wife of former bowler Glenn McGrath who lost her fight with the disease at the weekend.

McGrath said he was devastated by the loss of his "beautiful wife" who was first diagnosed with breast cancer 11 years ago and who more recently had battled the disease as it spread to her bones and brain.

The 42-year-old leaves behind her two children with McGrath, James, 8, and Holly, 6, and the organisation she started with her husband in 2001 to support women with breast cancer, the McGrath Foundation.

McGrath said he had never taken his English-born wife for granted and was grateful for the time she had been able to spend with her children.

"Both are only young but as the years pass and they grow older I will ensure that they never forget how much she loved them," the lanky fast bowler said in a statement.

"They were her world." McGrath, who retired from Test cricket in early 2007, said he hoped his wife would be remembered for the courage and determination which "humbled me and inspired so many people."

"Jane would want those women who are battling breast cancer to stay strong," he said.

"She would want them to draw strength from the fact she didn't only 'survive' breast cancer for 11 years, but during that time she lived life to the fullest and found pleasure in the simple things so many people take for granted."

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said Jane McGrath's courageous struggle had touched all Australians.

Helen Zorbas describing the former flight attendant as "such a brave face of breast cancer."

# UAE, Qatar in final round

THE-AFC.COM, Kuala Lumpur



was completed on Sunday Qatar and

United Arab Emirates taking up the final two berths.

The two West Asian teams join Australia, Bahrain, Iran, Japan, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Uzbekistan as the final 10 teams who will contest the last round of Asian qualifying for football's showpiece tournament.

Qatar's 1-0 win over Asian champions Iraq in Dubai, thanks to a Syed Bashir goal in the 77th minute, saw the Asian Games gold medallists climb to second position behind Australia, even on points but trailing on goals record, in Group 1.

The UAE scraped past a determined Syria despite suffering a 3-1 defeat at home. Jehad Al Hussein struck twice and Firas Al Katib added a third for the Syrians while Ismail Matar scored a decisive penalty for the hosts which left the two sides on seven points, helping the UAE to squeeze through on superior goal difference.

The draw for the final round on Khatib 97)

#### June 27 will now see the 10 teams divided into two groups of five each based on their showing in the 2006

FIFAWorld Cup. The top five seeds for the fourth round draw as confirmed by FIFA are: Australia, Korea Republic, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Since all the top five seeds have qualified for the fourth round, Japan and Saudi Arabia, who are tied fourth, will be separated by a draw.

#### SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Group 2

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Japan 1 (Atsuto Uchida 90) Bahrain 0 Oman 2 (Amad Ali 58, 85) Thailand 1 (Tawan Sripan 3) Group 3

Jordan 2 (Hasan Abdel Mahmoud 66, 67) Turkmenistan 0 South Korea 0 North Korea 0

Group 4 Lebanon 1 (Amer Khan 70)

Singapore 2 (Ramez Dayoub 75-og Wilkinson 75) Saudi Arabia 4 (Abdoh Autef 6 Malek al-Hawsawi 37,88, Saad al-

Harthi 56) Uzbekistan 0 Group 5 Iran 2 (Nekounam 17, Rezaei 93)

UAE 1 (Ismaeil Matar 77) Syria (Jehad Alhoussain 34, 51, Firas al-

## Stop the decline

team? A club from Bangladesh should have not played in the President's Cup at all

The AFC has demoted Bangladeshi clubs to the third-tier competition from the more prestigious AFC Cup after the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) failed to send any team to last year's competition simply because there was no league in 2006.

After scrappily organising the B. League -- the inaugural professional league -- in 2007, Bangladesh got the nod to send a club only to the President's Cup that is not even a home-and-away competition like the AFC Champions League or the AFC Cup.

Those officials who are responsible for this, then refused to host the President's Cup group stage in Dhaka, denying Abahani to take advantage of being the home side. The reason? The tournament schedule clashed with the campaigning for the BFF election.

Lingering in the past won't bring back anything but what the guardian of the country's football needs is to forward or just keep flattering to Umpires: Billy Doctrove and Asad take a modern approach toward the deceive.

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development of the clubs and national team, let alone fixing longterms plans to get into the grassroots.

Just bringing a foreign coach for the national team or continuing playing the so-called professional league with non-existing club structure will not suffice. Players need to be prepared by the clubs so that they can join the national team anytime of the year with full fitness. Talking about fitness, do any of the professional clubs have a fullfledged gymnasium?

We have walked back by showing the doors to men like George Kottan and Diego Cruciani and Syed Nayeemuddin to give responsibility to local guy Abu Yusuf, who was asked to shape an unfit squad in two months before the SAFF Championship without the help of a trainer.

Having had no chance to get updated with the modern game and its technique, our local coaches still have the mindset of the medieval age.

We have to decide whether we want to stay where we are or walk

#### Pele mugged in Brazil

AFP, Sao Paulo

Brazilian former soccer star Pele was robbed by a gun- and knifewielding gang of youths when his chauffeur-driven car got stuck in traffic near Sao Paulo, a report in the weekly Veja newsmagazine

The 67-year-old sporting legend was forced to hand over a watch, a gold chain and a mobile telephone to the 10-strong gang that surrounded his car, the magazine said.

The crime occurred two weeks ago, as Pele was being driven in Santos, on the coast near Sao Paulo.

According to Veja, Pele yelled out "It's Pele!" to his assailants as they targeted his vehicle, hoping they would let him go. Instead they hit the car and ordered him to hand over his possessions.

### **ODI** battle

FROM PAGE 17 a few new faces which could fortify them in some of their vulnerable

Xavier Marshall appears to have cemented his place in the opening slot following his assault on the Aussie bowlers in the Twenty20 International, Andre Fletcher is a highly regarded top-order batsman, Kieron Pollard is notorious for his big hitting in domestic cricket, and wicketkeeper/batsman Patrick

Browne showed his mettle with a few cameos on the recent tour of South Africa. History favours a West Indies

victory at this venue. They have won the two ODIs the two sides have contested at the ground in 1995 and 1999.

#### **SQUADS**

WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle (captain), Ramnaresh Sarwan (vice-captain), Sulieman Benn, Dwayne Bravo, Patrick Browne, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Fidel Edwards, Andre Fletcher, Xavier Marshall, Kieron Pollard, Daren Powell, Denesh Ramdin, Darren Sammy, Jerome Taylor. AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting

(captain), Michael Clarke (vicecaptain), Nathan Bracken, Stuart Clark, Brad Haddin, James Hopes, David Hussey, Michael Hussey, Mitchell Johnson, Brett Lee, Shaun Marsh, Luke Ronchi, Andrew Symonds, Shane Watson, Cameron

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Col (retd) Wali Ullah (second from R) hands over a crest to Enamul Hossain Rajib, the fifth Grand Master of the country, in a function organised by Kasparov Chess Club ye

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# Kapil Devils party Cricket

AFP, New Delhi India's cricket chiefs put aside their differences with 'rebel' players and

the 25th anniversary of the country's lone World Cup triumph. Kapil Dev's 1983 world champions were feted by the top brass of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) at a dinner attended by former captains, cabinet ministers

staff on Sunday night to celebrate

and officials at a luxury hotel here. "It was an achievement that made the whole nation proud and sparked renewed interest in the game," said BCCI president Sharad Pawar, a political heavyweight and federal agriculture minister.

"The win was something we will never forget. Every cricketer in the years to come has this rich legacy to inherit and learn about the diehard spirit to win."

It was on June 25, 1983 that Dev's unheralded team pulled off a stunning upset to deny Clive Lloyd's all-conquering West Indians a hattrick of World Cup titles with an amazing 43-run win at Lord's.

The 14-man squad, popularly known as Kapil's Devils, will fly to London on Monday for a private function at the Long Room in Lord's on June 25 followed by a gala dinner later that evening.

The BCCI had earlier been reluctant to mark the occasion because the team included players

try he wished to play in. "I know that I have offers from Russia's star England and Germany, but what I playmaker really want is to play in the Primera A n d r e i Liga," said Arshavin, who has Arshavin said scored twice in the two games he replacement for Portuguese interhe would like to has played here so far after missing play in the the first two matches through

Spanish league suspension. have always followed, I like how up nicely for football is played there. But for the Euro 2008 semi-final with Spain now, I have no offers from Spain,"

he added. Arshavin inspired Zenit to the Russian title last season - earning daily AS that while he had received him the Russian player of the year offers from England - Arsenal and award - and then the UEFA Cup tabled 10million pound offers - and an easy 2-0 win over Scottish side Rangers in the final - but has sug- Arshavin.

unauthorised or 'rebel' Indian

Cricket League (ICL) promoted by

while 1983 teammates Sandeep

Patil, Madan Lal, Roger Binny and

Balwinder Sandhu serve as

Dev is the ICL's chief organiser

the Zee media group.

the Spanish side, AS reported. "It's the championship that I ever said Spanish champions Real

Holland on Saturday.

contract with Everton, Manchester trophy-creating both their goals in City and Newcastle United also seen as being interested in

Australia. In the last edition in 2007 in the Caribbean, India were knocked out in the first round after losing to

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in 2011. 1983WCSQUAD Kapil Dev (captain), Sunil Gavaskar, Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Mohinder Amarnath, Yashpal Sharma, Sandeep Patil, Dilip Vengsarkar, Kirti Azad, Syed Kirmani (wicketkeeper), Roger

FROM PAGE 17 "We are well prepared for a tournament of this magnitude," Shafqat Naghmi, a senior Pakistani Cricket Board official said.

"The security arrangements in the Asia Cup basically are the same as for the Champions Trophy. We smoothly."

Pakistan last hosted a multiteam event that was part of its independence celebrations. Since then

been affected by teams refusing to

#### who are now involved in the finish came in South Africa in 2003 when Sourav Ganguly's team reached the final but lost to

finalists Sri Lanka. The next World Cup will be jointly hosted by India, Pakistan,

Binny, Madan Lal, Balwinder Sandhu, Ravi Shastri, Sunil Valson. Manager: Peter Man Singh.

#### Pakistan

are confident the Asia Cup will go team tournament in 1997, a four-

minnows Bangladesh and eventual

"Jane was an inspiration whose legacy will continue to benefit so many others," a statement from the premier said. Rudd's comments were echoed by the medical community, with the director of the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre Dr CRYPTOQUIP

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#### coaches of various ICL teams. The BCCI, however, relented amid media criticism and agreed to celebrate the 1983 feat even though ICL players and officials are banned from associating them-

Earlier on Sunday, the BCCI said it will not allow ICL cricketers from England, South Africa and New Zealand who are playing for English counties to take part in the upcoming Twenty20 Champions League. Former India captain Sunil

selves with official cricket.

Gavaskar, who was part of the winning team, has organised the Lord's gathering while liquor baron Vijay Mallya will sponsor the London dinner, officials said. A diamond-studded bat signed by all team members will be auctioned by Mallya's United

Breweries group to mark the occa-

sion, a company release said. "This is our way of ensuring that the silver jubilee celebrations are memorable for millions of those who were either a part of it or yearned to be one," said Gavaskar. An emotional Dev told AFP: "It is a moment to reflect on the past and

"We will remember the good tours in Pakistan have constantly India's next best World Cup tour over security concerns.

mances by the national team.

look ahead to even better perfor-

gested he would like to move on. The president of the Russian Football Association, Vitali Mutko,

sixth successive Wimbledon title

and unbeaten on grass for six years,

admitted it was a relief to be back at

the familiar surroundings of the All

previous meetings to Hrbaty but

the most recent was in 2004 and the

former world number 12 was down

at 272 when the draw was made

after undergoing surgery on his

two sets in just 58 minutes and then

reeled off five straight games to

his 12th consecutive appearance

here, held on to trail 2-5 and then

when he spent the changeover

chatting amicably to his opponent

on the seat next to the champion.

Federer raced through the first

The 30-year-old Hrbaty, making

The top seed had lost both his

England Club.

said Arshavin has a preference for Barcelona where he would be a national Deco who is likely to leave Rival sports daily Marca how-

Madrid are chasing the striker who played a decisive role in Russia's 3-1 Euro 2008 quarterfinal win over Arsenal and Chelsea are report edly ready to pay a 10-millionpound release clause in the player's