

Argentina post maiden win over Aussies

Argentina notched up their first-ever Champions Trophy win over Australia here on Sunday...



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

Five-time champion Roger Federer put his growing army of doubters firmly in their place by storming into the Wimbledon second round on Monday.

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

Army win opener

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

Big win for Matuail

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

Jane was a cancer hero

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.

UAE, Qatar in final round

THE-AFC.COM, Kuala Lumpur The cast for the 2010 FIFA World Cup fourth round draw for Asia was completed on Sunday night with 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.

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

Group 1 Australia 0 China 1 (Sun Xiang 12) Iraq 0 Qatar 1 (Sayd Ali Bechir 77) Group 2 Japan 1 (Atsuto Uchida 90) Bahrain 0 Oman 2 (Arnad Ali 58, 85) Thailand 1 (Tawan Sripan 3)

Pele mugged in Brazil

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

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.

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, Darren Powell, Denesh Ramdin, Darren Sammy, Jerome Taylor.

AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (captain), Michael Clarke (vice-captain), 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 White. Umpires: Billy Doctrove and Asad Rauf.

Arshavin prefers Spain

Russia's star playmaker Andrei Arshavin said he would like to play in the Spanish league on Monday setting himself up nicely for the Euro 2008 semi-final with Spain on Thursday.

try he wished to play in. "I know that I have offers from England and Germany, but what I really want is to play in the Primera Liga," said Arshavin, who has scored twice in the two games he has played here so far after missing the first two matches through suspension.

Kapil Devils party

who are now involved in the unauthorised or 'rebel' Indian Cricket League (ICL) promoted by the Zee media group.

finish came in South Africa in 2003 when Sourav Ganguly's team reached the final but lost to Australia.

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.

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

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."

Pakistan last hosted a multi-team tournament in 1997, a four-team event that was part of its independence celebrations. Since then tours in Pakistan have constantly been affected by teams refusing to tour over security concerns.

India outlaws

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.

Lightweights

Portugal) they will be unstoppable," says Beckenbauer. Netzer for his part told Die Welt he liked the Dutch and had initially made Italy his overall favourites - with Germany.

Cricket

India's cricket chiefs put aside their differences with 'rebel' players and staff on Sunday night to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the country's lone World Cup triumph.

Stop the decline

development of the clubs and national team, let alone fixing long-term 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.



Col (ret) 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 yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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