

Norman, Evert tie the knot

AFP, Los Angeles Sports legends Greg Norman and Chris Evert have married in the Bahamas, the weekly People reported on their website Sunday.

The couple, both 53, wed at sunset on front of 140 guests on Saturday evening, the report said. The pair announced their engagement last December.

Evert's youngest son Colton, 12, served as ring bearer, and sons Nicky, 14, and Alex, 16, walked her down the aisle. Also present were Norman's daughter Morgan, 23, and son Gregory Jr., 21, who served as best man.

Golfer Norman has won two British Open titles among scores of other tournaments, and former tennis world number one Evert won 18 Grand Slam titles.

Norman and his first wife Laura announced last year that they had reached an agreement on dividing an estimated 500-million-dollar fortune amassed by the former world number one during his golf and business career.

Evert has been married twice, to tennis player John Lloyd and skier Andy Mill.



American tennis great Chris Evert (L) talks with Australian golfing legend Greg Norman before his tee off at the BMW Asian Open Golf Championship in Shanghai on April 24.

Klinsmann in action

AFP, Munich

Jürgen Klinsmann led his first training session as new coach of German champions Bayern Munich on Monday.

The 43-year-old former Germany boss, who has taken over from Ottmar Hitzfeld, only had 12 players in the session as Bayern's internationals, who competed in Euro 2008, will only return mid-July.

As the session got underway Germany team members Philipp Lahm, Bastian Schweinsteiger, Lukas Podolski, Miroslav Klose and Marcel Jansen, who lost the Euro 2008 final to Spain on Sunday night, were taking part in festivities to thank their supporters in Berlin.

"We want to finish the season with titles ... at a national and European level, we want to go as far as possible," said Klinsmann, who apart from training the national side from 2004 to 2006, has never coached a club.

Bayern, winners of the league and Cup double, return to the Champions League after playing UEFA Cup last season, where they were eliminated in the semifinals by eventual winners Zenit St Petersburg.

"Our aims have to be as high as possible because that gives you energy and motivates you to work every day," added Klinsmann, who played for Bayern from 1995 to 1997.

German still heroes

AFP, Berlin



Germany's luckless football team arrived back home on Monday for a heroes' welcome parade in central Berlin despite losing 1-0 to Spain in the final of Euro 2008.

"Even if you are vice-champions it is worth celebrating," said student Richard, 24, who drove for four hours from North-Rhine Westphalia to get to Berlin for Sunday's match -- "which was definitely worth it," he said.

"Lots of people came specially to Berlin for the match and now they are staying here for the team," he said.

Huge crowds were in place to welcome Joachim Loew's team around the historic Brandenburg Gate, where some 600,000 people had watched Sunday's match beamed in live from Vienna onto giant screens.

Berlin and other cities had been

raucous seas of flags, wigs and Hawaiian-style necklaces -- all in the German black, red and gold -- for the nail-biting game, the climax to three weeks of summer football fever.

Huge crowds had turned out under sunny skies to cheer "Deutschland! Deutschland!" in an orgy of flag-waving national pride in a country now much more comfortable with patriotism ever since the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Tens of millions had been glued to their televisions as the country ground to a halt, with even German automakers like Daimler, Volkswagen and Audi shutting down production so their workers could follow the game.

Some 72 per cent of fans had predicted victory for Michael Ballack, Bastian Schweinsteiger and co, according to a poll in the mass circulation Bild am Sonntag.

But it was not to be, with Spanish striker Fernando Torres's 33-minute stunner enough to win his team its first silverware in 44 years.

"The team fought well but it was not enough," Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman Ulrich Wilhelm said on Monday.

In contrast to Madrid where fans parted through the night, central Berlin emptied swiftly after the game, as despondent fans headed back home -- hopeful, however, that their team can do better in 2010 in South Africa.

"We were third in the World Cup, now second in the European Championship. But the next World Cup we are going to win," 25-year-old Fred predicted after the game, his cheek painted in the national colours.

The city's police, which had deployed 1,600 extra officers for the game, arrested just 65 people and said that on the whole the event had passed off peacefully.

The only major incident reported was in Lower Saxony in the economically depressed east, where 25 police were injured in clashes with drunken, disappointed fans. Sixty people were arrested.

Merkel herself, a regular feature in the stands ever since the 2006 World Cup, was in the stands in Vienna on Sunday along with President Horst Koehler but was not in Berlin to meet the team, her spokesman said.

Watson guides Aussies

Cricket AFP, St. George's

Shane Watson collected his maiden Test century to power Australia to a seven-wicket victory in the third one-day international against West Indies on Sunday.

Watson, playing in his first one-day series since the final of the World Cup last year, hit 126 from 122 balls as Australia, chasing 224 runs from their allocation of 50 overs, hit their target.

The winning runs came when Xavier Marshall delivered a wide delivery to Michael Clarke down the leg-side that went all the way to the boundary with 57 balls to spare at the Queen's Park Stadium.

The victory gave Australia an insurmountable 3-0 lead in the five-match series, after they won opening match by 84 runs last Tuesday at the Arnos Vale Sports Complex, and the second ODI by 63 runs under the Duckworth-Lewis Method last Friday at this venue.

Watson got into his stride quickly, after Australia suffered an early setback when Shaun Marsh was bowled by Fidel Edwards for a five-ball duck in the opening over of the chase.

But Watson found Australia captain Ricky Ponting a stable ally, and they put the visitors firmly on course for victory in a stand of 190 for the second wicket.

Watson reached his 50 from 48 balls in spectacular fashion in the 13th over bowled by Sulaiman Benn. He cut a succession of long-hops from the beanpole left-arm spin bowler through backward point for three of the 15 fours he struck.

But the champagne moment for

Watson came in the 32nd over when he pulled his 106th delivery from West Indies captain Chris Gayle -- bowling his part-time off-spin -- through mid-wicket for his 13th four to reach his landmark.

Watson's stroke-play overshadowed that from Ponting, but the Australia captain still reeled off a few delightful strokes and reached his 50 when he pushed his 57th ball from Benn into the covers for a single.

When Watson and Ponting were dismissed within three overs of each other, Australia was 17 runs away from the magic number.

Ponting swung a ball from Gayle and was caught at long-on in the 34th over, and Watson scooped a ball from Darren Sammy over his left shoulder, and was caught at fine leg in the 37th over, but Michael Clarke and Andrew Symonds remained the rest of the way.

Earlier, choosing to field, the Aussies bowled and fielded with typical purpose and dismissed West Indies for 223 in 48 overs.

Gayle hit five fours and three sixes in the top score of 53 from 54 balls, but several other batsmen were guilty of getting starts without carrying on.

Marshall made 35, Shivnarine Chandernaul got 32, Ramnareh Sarwan gathered 31, and Dinesh Ramdin contributed 21.

Nathan Bracken was again Australia's most successful bowler with three wickets for 26 runs from nine overs, and Symonds captured two for 42 from seven overs.

Australia's bowlers brought their side back into the match, after Gayle and Marshall put on 86 for the first wicket.

The Australians had kept things tight early on, but Gayle and compatriot Marshall steadily grew in confi-

dence, and the runs started to flow.

Gayle reached his 50 in the 17th over in spectacular fashion. He drove the penultimate ball of Andrew Symonds's first over for a straight four, and then lofted the next ball over long-off for his third six about 12 rows back in the lower deck of the grand stand at the River End of the ground.

In the next over, Mitchell Johnson ran Gayle out when Marshall drove straight and the bowler stuck out his left-hand, deflecting the ball on to the stumps with Gayle out of his crease.

Wicketkeeper Luke Ronchi then held a fine catch diving to his right to dismiss Marshall off Shane Watson for 35 in the 21st over to leave West Indies 99 for two.

But the Aussies met two familiar stumbling blocks in Sarwan and Chandernaul. The experienced pair added a valuable 61 for the third wicket to stabilise the innings, but their dismissals within four overs of each other left West Indies 168 for four.

Michael Clarke had Chandernaul caught behind top-edging a loose cut in the 33rd over, and in the 37th over, Mitchell Johnson had Sarwan caught at short extra cover, but the rest of the batting offered little or no resistance to the Aussie bowlers.

The last two ODIs of the series will be contested on July 4 and 6 at Warner Park in the St. Kitts capital of Basseterre.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between West Indies and Australia at the Queen's Park Stadium on Sunday.

WEST INDIES Gayle run out (Johnson) 53 Marshall c Ronchi b Watson 35

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Balls, 4s, 6s. Includes Sarwan c Symonds b Johnson 31, Chandernaul c Ronchi b Symonds 32, Bravo lbw b Symonds 17, Ramdin b Bracken 12, Powell run out (Lee) 21, Edwards not out 7, Benn b Bracken 2, Extras: (lb-6, w-10, nb-3) 19, Total: (All out in 48 overs) 223, Fall of wickets: 1-86, 2-99, 3-160, 4-168, 5-172, 6-195, 7-211, 8-214, 9-220.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes Bowler O M R W, Lee 9 1 36 1, Bracken 9 0 26 3, Johnson 8 1 41 1, Hopes 3 0 23 0, Symonds 7 0 42 2, Watson 5 0 23 1, Clarke 7 0 26 0.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes Marsh b Edwards 0, Watson c Sarwan b Sammy 126, Ponting c Marshall b Gayle 69, Clarke not out 11, Symonds not out 8, Extras: (lb-2, w-9, nb-2) 13, Total: (For 3 wickets in 40.3 overs) 227, Did not bat: Hussey, Hopes, Ronchi, Lee, Johnson, Bracken, Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-191, 3-207.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes Edwards 6 0 35 1, Powell 6 0 33 0, Benn 10 1 59 0, Bravo 9 0 47 0, Sammy 4 0 20 1, Gayle 5 0 26 1, Marshall 0.3 0 5 0. Result: Australia won by seven wickets and lead five-match series 3-0. Man-of-the-match: Shane Watson. Toss: Australia. Umpires: Asad Rauf, N Malcolm. Match Referee: R. Mahanama.

Athletics camp

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation picked up 21 athletes from the recently concluded senior and junior competitions for a 60-day residential training camp that will begin on July 5 at the BKSP in Savar.

Shahidul Islam of Bangladesh Army and Razia Sultana Anu of National Sports Council (NSC) will conduct the training while BKSP's chief coach Nazrul Islam Rumi will have the overall responsibility of the camp.

The men's athletes are Sohag (Comilla), Asgar (Noakhali), Abu Abdullah, Selim Mia (Bangladesh Army), Shamsuddin, Afjar Hossain (Bangladesh Air Force), Sajib Hossain, Habibur Rahman (BKSP), Swapan Ali (Paksey College), Enamul Haq (Gopalganj) and Asadul Islam (Bangladesh Rifles).

The women's athletes are Nazmun Nahar Beauty (BJMC), Jesmin Akter (Noakhali), Khurshida, Sumita Rani, Rowshan Ara Putal (Ansar & VDP), Parveen (Khulna), Fauzia Huda Jui (BKSP), Papiya Akter (Bandarban), Kaniz Fatema (Mymensingh), Sumi Akter (Kishoreganj).

Tamarine

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Meanwhile, Roger Federer shattered father-to-be Lleyton Hewitt's Wimbledon hopes with a 7-6 (9/7), 6-2, 6-4 victory which took the five-time champion into the quarterfinals.

Federer, bidding to become the first man to win six successive titles, racked up his 63rd successive grasscourt victory and will take Croatia's Mario Ancic for a semifinal place.

Unseeded Croatian Ancic came back from two sets down to beat Spanish 22nd seed Fernando Verdasco 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 13-11 to reach the quarterfinals.

Better be disciplined

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The absence of Shakib Al Hasan and to some extent Syed Rasel can be reasons of the decline. But when resources are low, managing them and bringing the best out of the limited resources shows the true colours of the management.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of Sri Lanka's innings in the Asia Cup Super League match against Bangladesh at National Stadium in Karachi on Monday.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Balls, 4s, 6s. Includes Jayasuriya c Iqbal b Kapali 130, Sangakkara b Razzak 121, Jayawardene c Ashraf b Kapali 20, Kapugedera c Kapali b Shahadat 1, Silva lbw b Reza 5, Dilshan run out 2, Vaas c Rokibul b Reza 7, Thushara b Mortaza 10, Kulasekera not out 18.

Mendis not out 8, Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-5) 10, Total: (For eight wickets in 50 overs) 332, Did not bat: Muralidaran, Fall of wickets: 1-201, 2-235, 3-243, 4-263, 5-267, 6-292, 7-304, 8-310.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes Mortaza 10 0 78 1, Shahadat 7 1 46 1, Razzak 10 0 71 1, Reza 9 1 51 2, Mahmudullah 8 0 43 0, Kapali 6 0 40 2.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes Ashraf, Mashrafe Mortaza, Mahmudullah Riyad, Tamim Iqbal, Abdur Razzak, Alok Kapali, Farhad Reza, Nazimuddin, Rokibul Hasan, Shahadat Hossain, Mushfiqur Rahim, Toss: Sri Lanka, Umpires: Simon Taufel (AUS), Brian Jerling (RSA), Match referee: Alan Hurst (AUS).

Chingoka slams ICC

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Chingoka, playing the safe card, warned Mali of "setting double standards and discriminatory levels that go against the ICC anti-racism code".

He went on to accuse Mali of making Zimbabwe "a scapegoat" for the decision to stand down Malcolm Speed as the ICC's chief executive in April and called the latest announcement of the discussion on Zimbabwe "unethical", adding it was an "agenda item infested with political connotations".

There are over 100 ICC member countries with differing political environments," he continued. "Without venturing to mention names as it is apparent, it is clear that certain worse conditions exist in those other member countries. It has not warranted the ICC putting them on its agenda as it is doing with Zimbabwe right now."

Akhtar appeals against ban

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar Monday filed a fresh appeal against a ban for discipline just weeks after the punishment was reduced from five years to 18 months, his lawyer said.

The 32-year-old paceman was banned for five years by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) disciplinary committee in April for several incidents of discipline and violating the conditions of a two-year probation.

The ban came following Akhtar's public criticism of the PCB after he was dropped from a list of 15 players who were given central contracts in January this year.

However, an appellate committee reduced the suspension to 18 months and imposed a fine of seven million rupees (115,000 dollars) earlier this month.

Kallis out of tour match

CRICINFO, Taunton

Jacques Kallis will play no part with the bat or in the field on the second day on Monday of South Africa's opening tour match against Somerset at Taunton, after sustaining a painful blow to his elbow while facing Andrew Caddick with the second new ball on Sunday evening.

Kallis, who struck two further boundaries after the incident but was clearly in some discomfort, retired hurt for 160 to take the gloss off a dominant South African batting display. At this stage, Kallis is not considered a doubt for South Africa's second warm-up against Middlesex at Uxbridge on Friday.

Tendulkar now

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still going on, India can go third if it wins its next two Super Four matches.

In the day's other matches, Bangladesh Ansar and VDP out-clashed Tangaal 39-5, hosts Dhaka crushed Joyprhat 37-6, Faridpur beat Khagrchhari 24-12 and Tangaal secured an 18-13 victory over Chittagong.

Eleven teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the meet. Four group champions will play the semis to be held on July 1. The final will be held on July 2.

Australia (128) and South Africa (127) are neck-on-neck at the top of table while England loses further ground and is now firmly in seventh position two points adrift of Sri Lanka in sixth spot and five ahead of the West Indies in eighth.

As for that of the captain, were under the scanner and performances in the Asia Cup would be instrumental in deciding his future.

He has also had a difficult time with the selection committee since his arrival, with several documented run-ins over selection. In an interview to an Australian radio station, he criticised the ad-hoc manner in which selectors operate in Pakistan. The committee, in turn, is less than impressed with his contributions till now.

With Pakistan almost out of the tournament -- they need to beat India and Bangladesh and hope for other results to go their way -- it is almost certain Lawson's position will come under review after the tournament, if not over the next few days.

Zimbabwe find friends

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Cricket and the regime of President Robert Mugabe.

Culture secretary Andy Burnham told BBC Five Live's Sportsweek: "The first step is we'll meet the ECB, listen to their report back of the meeting and consider the arguments."

"If we haven't held sway we would listen to the arguments of the other ICC members but our position is completely clear."

"We think, in the current circumstances in Zimbabwe, it isn't right for any tour to take place."

However, he added: "I would

Spain's new

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No one could deny Spain were worthy winners with even Germany coach Joachim Loew admitting they had deserved it.

And now it is on to World Cup qualifying with a certain changing of the guard taking place in the sport.

Exciting times are surely ahead, not least for Spain, although it remains to be seen if new boss Vicente Del Bosque can instil the self-belief in the team that Luis Aragones harvested.

And the other question on everyone's lips is: under Fabio Capello can football's new perennial under-achievers England finally end their 44-year trophy hunt.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes clues like '41 Body of a Brit's car', '21 Resorts international?', '46 Reed instrument', etc.

Cryptogram puzzle with a grid and a key: TKJ OFCVBQOH FBKBPQVN ABXWVC SET PEVCS CXXN JCRRCVPR OP EBR CHCFBCR' AOQCR: XCHCVOK QMRPOVJ. Saturday's Cryptogram: WHEN I WAS CRYING IN A DANCE CLUB THAT HAD STROBE LIGHTS, COULD YOU SAY I HAD A DISCO BAWL? Today's Cryptogram Clue: S equals W