Pakistan's roar silences England

Hafeez-inspired team effort trumps Root, Buttler tons, ends 11-game losing streak



REUTERS

Pakistan beat England by 14 runs at Trent Bridge on Monday as the World Cup's first centuries from Joe Root and Jos Buttler were not enough to help the host overhaul a daunting target of 349.

England had put Pakistan in to bat, banking on fast bowlers Chris Woakes and Jofra Archer for early wickets and hoping to recreate the way West Indies skittled the Asian side out for 105.

Instead, the visitors put that woeful performance behind them and racked up 348 for eight, delighting fans in the stands with 29 fours and six sixes.

Mohammad Hafeez was the top scorer with 84 off 62 balls, while Babar Azam made 63 and captain Sarfaraz Ahmed belted a quickfire 55. "Everyone chipped in today and gave everything which was required to win the game," said Hafeez.

Good start

Fakhar Zaman and Imam-ul-Haq delighted the vocal supporters by belting a string of boundaries off Archer and Woakes in an opening part-

Next assignment

ENGLAND: June 8 vs Bangladesh, Cardiff, 3 p.m

Sri Lanka, Bristol, 3 p.m.

Root scored the

first century of this World Cup

in the sixth game

First time En-

gland had two

century-makers

Root) in the same

World Cup and it

first side to lose a

WC match despite

two three-figure

The match

aggregate

second highest in

688 scored in the

Australia-Sri Lan-

ka game (Aus 376

bt SL 312, Sydney,

300-plus

gland, joint-most

with Australia. Sri

Lanka and India

have five

Successive

totals by En-

the WC after the

(Buttler and

innings in the

PAKISTAN: June 7 vs

STAT SPHERE



Punishing blade: Hafeez was all aggression as he blunted the England attack. • REUTERS

INNING	S SCAN		PROGRESSION							
PAK		ENG	PAK		ENG					
1	Maidens	0	69/0	10 overs	66/2					
29	Fours	31	111/1	20 overs	114/3					
6	Sixes	5	176/2	30 overs	187/4					
88 (3rd)	Best stand	130 (5th)	252/3	40 overs	258/5					
6.96	RR	6.68	348/8	50 overs	334/9					
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TOP SHOWS Pakistan Hafeez 84 (62b, 8x4, 2x6) Wahab 3/82 (10) Root 107 (104b,10x4, 1x6)

Buttler 103 (76b, 9x4, 2x6)

nership of 82.

West Indies

England spinner Moeen Ali finally broke up the pair, getting Fakhar stumped, on his way to a three-wicket haul, while Woakes grabbed

three more and also took four catches on a day when England was otherwise uncharacteristically ragged in the field.

Moeen 3/50 (10)

Babar and Hafeez steadied

PAKISTAN

Imam-ul-Hag c Woakes b Mo-

een 44 (58b, 3x4, 1x6), Fakhar

Zaman st. Buttler b Moeen 36

(40b, 6x4), Babar Azam c

Woakes b Moeen 63 (66b, 4x4,

1x6), Mohd. Hafeez c Woakes b

Wood 84 (62b, 8x4, 2x6), Sar-

faraz Ahmed c & b Woakes 55

(44b, 5x4), Asif Ali c Bairstow b

Wood 14 *(11b, 1x6)*, Shoaib Ma-

lik c Morgan b Woakes 8 (8b),

Wahab Riaz c Root b Woakes 4

(2b, 1x4), Hassan Ali (not out)

10 *(5b, 1x6)*, Shadab Khan (not

out) 10 (4b, 2x4); Extras (b-1,

lb-8, w-11): 20; Total (for eight wkts. in 50 overs): 348.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-82 (Fakhar, 14.1 overs), 2-111

(Imam, 20.1), 3-199 (Babar,

32.5), 4-279 (Hafeez, 42.4), 5-

311 (Asif, 46.1), 6-319 (Sarfaraz,

47.2), 7-325 (Riaz, 47.5), 8-337

ENGLAND BOWLING

Woakes 8-1-71-3, Archer 10-0-

79-0, Moeen 10-0-50-3, Wood

10-0-53-2, Stokes 7-0-43-0,

ENGLAND

Jason Roy lbw b Shadab 8 (7b,

2x4), Jonny Bairstow c Sarfaraz

(Malik, 49.1).

Rashid 5-0-43-0.

SCOREBOARD ENGLAND VS PAKISTAN

Men in Blue in prep mode

Undergo long batting stints and fielding drills

Monday, at the Hampshire Bowl here, provided a supreme illustration of the fickle English weather. One moment, the sun was out and a cap had to be procured. The next second, a chill breeze blew in across the port city and a sweater had to be

A few minutes later, tufts of dark clouds lingered low and a feathery drizzle sashayed down while correspondents sought sheltered spots or a hot cup of Assam tea inside the press box.

Oblivious to the quirky atmospheric conditions, out there in the middle, the Men in Blue limbered up. There were the mandatory nets and fielding drills but the most reassuring sight was that of Virat Kohli having a hit in the morning, against throwdowns. The forward-press was emphatic, the bat stayed firm and the Indian skipper looked confident, both in his stride and shots.

Kohli seems fine

the ship with a partnership

of 88 as Pakistan set England

a larger score than any side

had ever chased down in the

England lost Jason Roy,

Jonny Bairstow, Eoin Morgan

and Ben Stokes to leave the

side on 118 for four and give

Root and Buttler a mountain

The two did their best,

each eventually reaching

three figures. Root hit 10

fours and one six on his way

to 107. Buttler smashed a four

to notch up his own hundred

a few overs later, only to fall

As the balls-remaining

count dwindled, Moeen and

Woakes swung valiantly at

everything they could but it

was not enough to carry the

b Hafeez 9 (18b, 1x4), Ben

Stokes c Sarfaraz b Malik 13

(18b, 1x4), Jos Buttler c Riaz b

Amir 103 (76b, 9x4, 2x6), Mo-

een Ali c Fakhar b Riaz 19 (20b,

1x4), Chris Woakes c Sarfaraz b

Riaz 21 (14b, 1x4, 1x6), Jofra

Archer c Riaz b Amir 1 (2b), Adil

Rashid (not out) 3 (4b), Mark

Wood (not out) 10 (6b, 2x4);

Extras (lb-3, w-5): 8; Total (for

FALL OF WICKETS

1-12 (Roy, 2.1 overs), 2-60 (Baii

stow, 8.6), 3-86 (Morgan,

14.5), 4-118 (Stokes, 21.2), 5-

248 (Root, 38.5), 6-288 (But-

tler, 44.3), 7-320 (Moeen,

47.5), 8-320 (Woakes, 47.6), 9-

PAKISTAN BOWLING

Shadab 10-0-63-2, Amir 10-0-

67-2, Riaz 10-0-82-3, Hasan

10-0-66-0, Hafeez 7-0-43-1,

Pakistan won by 14 runs.

322 (Archer, 48.4)

Malik 3-0-10-1.

Toss: England.

MoM: Mohd. Hafeez

nine wkts. in 50 overs): 334.

the very next ball.

team over the line.

to climb.

history of the competition.

After suffering a bruised thumb a few days back, Kohli seemed fine. And that is good news ahead of India's opening World Cup game against South Africa here on Wednesday.

Kohli played straight, finetuning his muscle-memory, while the other leading lights of India's batting line-up buckled down for a long

Shikhar Dhawan was busy driving or squeezing deliveries towards an imaginary sweeper-cover and his opening partner Rohit Sharma did what he does best - mixing disdain with destruction.

The spinners were lofted and some of the fast bowlers faced the heat of his blade. A massive blow sailed high and thudded into the sight-screen



while a few guests at the Hilton Hotel, which interestingly is a part of the venue, relished the action from their balconies

Perhaps, as a pointer to the team-management's preference for K.L. Rahul at No. 4, he padded up after the top troika finished its outing. M.S. Dhoni walked in with measured steps, flexing his bat, shadow-practising a few strokes before he got into his groove, nudging a few off his hips and punching on the up.

Jadhav takes it easy

And as the rest did their hard yards, Kedar Jadhav, who suffered a left-shoulder injury while playing for the Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League, took it a touch easy.

Jadhav squared up against throw-downs and did some catching practice while the coaching staff kept a close watch. Ravindra Jadeja, lithe and ever-alert, plucked catches with ease, while some others ran with hope and caught a few. Meanwhile, Dhawan, after his sprints and throws, had a chat with the ICC media

Among the bowlers, Jasprit Bumrah, underwent a random dope test, part of the customary protocol at ICC events. The spearhead is one of the most critical components of India's attack and would determine how far Kohli's men would progress in the championship.

Just as the players finished their training, a lone autograph-hunter tailed a retreating Kohli and got the Indian captain to sign on a poster. The 'Bharat Army', though, is yet to land but the fans are expected to troop in by Wednesday and there will be no dearth of colour and drama.

Amla and Steyn train

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Just as the skies cleared and sunshine lit up the Hampshire Bowl on a Monday afternoon, two South African stalwarts under an injury cloud honed their skills.

Hashim Amla, who was rested from the World Cup match against Bangladesh, and spearhead Dale Steyn, nursing a shoulder injury that forced him to skip the first two games of the Proteas, tussled on the practice pitches.

Amla, watchful in his demeanour, and Steyn, building up a steady rhythm, spent considerable time in the middle. Having faltered at the start, South Africa needs its time-tested duo to be fit in time for Wednesday's clash against India.

DIARY



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Football star Muller backs India's challenge

Bayern Munich forward Thomas Muller has emerged as an unexpected fan of India. Muller revealed India captain Virat Kohli had often supported the German national football team in the past, so he has returned the favour by backing the two-time World Cup winner.

"...I cross my fingers for @imVkohli, the captain of the Indian team. He's a fan of @DFB_Team and supported it multiple times in the past #Cricket #GermanyCheersFor

India.'

South Africa's troubles compounded after young fast bowler Lungi Ngidi was ruled out of the team's next game against India here on Wednesday. "Ngidi suffered a sharp discomfort in his left hamstring. We decided he had a hamstring strain. He will be out for at least week to 10 days," team doctor Mohammed Moosajee said after the match against Bangladesh at the Oval.



b Riaz 32 (31b, 4x4, 1x6), Joe Root c Hafeez b Shadab 107 India presser — a non-starter (104b, 10x4, 1x6), Eoin Morgan

K.C. VIIAYA KUMAR SOUTHAMPTON

If ever there was an anti-climax specific to a pre-match press-conference, this was it.

The build-up to India's customary media-interaction at the Hampshire Bowl here on Monday afternoon ionowed iaminar tropes. An International Cricket Council (ICC) official spoke about keeping the phones on silent mode, and also instructed that the microphone be held closer while raising ques-

The assembled correspondents, representing various dailies, agencies and websites from diverse parts of India, fidgeted on their chairs while the rain drilled on the roof. There was bonhomie and banter and it was time to wait. But none of the reporters was prescient enough to know that this was a lull before the storm.

The Indian team's media manager Moulin Parikh dropped in and informed that Deepak Chahar and Avesh Khan will arrive soon and field the queries. Immediately a sliver of voluble anger coursed through the scribes as the press conference was an essential part of the lead-up towards In-



share a laugh in the nets in Southampton on Monday. • AP

dia's opening World Cup game against South Africa here on Wednesday.

Made no sense

It just didn't make sense to have the two seamers, who were roped in as net bowlers to assist the Men in Blue, as the presiding deities.

To rub it in, the duo was returning home too. At best, the two could have spoken about their experience during the training sessions but there was no way they could have dished out some perspective on an impending contest.

Senior cricket writers re-

quested Parikh to consider bringing in a key cricketer or a member of the team-management, and he was also told that the rookie speedsters may tag along with the established player or coach.

The media's pressing need was however overlooked as no battle-hardened professional from among Virat Kohli's men was available.

The scheduled press conference was cancelled and a surprised ICC support-staff member quipped: "Well, that was quick. Short and sweet, eh?" The farcical turn of events could well have been avoided.

Next up for Sri Lanka: the Afghan test AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE but was short of experience in the conditions they were Veteran paceman Lasith Mal-

England's un-

beaten streak

of home ODIs

while chasing

tied, 2 No Re

sult) snapped

by Pakistan

since 2016

(17 won, 1

CARDIFF

inga said Sri Lanka must be "mentally tough" against Afghanistan as it seeks to get its campaign up and running.

Malinga, playing in his fourth World Cup, said Sri Lanka had talent in its ranks

facing in England and Wales.

fourth fielder to

take four catches

in a WC innings

Jo'burg, 2003

Kaif, India vs SL,

Soumya Sarkar, Ban

vs Sco, Nelson, 2015

Umar Akmal, Pak vs

"The bowlers have a big role to play in Tuesday's game. We never know what's going on... who is bowling first," he said. He felt that Afghanistan had the experience to make an impact.



Djokovic and Halep saunter into the last-eight

Nishikori overcomes Paire in a marathon to set up a meeting with Nadal

ROLAND GARROS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Novak Djokovic on Monday became the first man to reach the French Open quarterfinals for 10 successive seasons while defending women's champion Simona Halep swept into the last eight in just 45 minutes.

Top seed and World No. 1 Djokovic continued his bid to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously for the second time by thrashing Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. The 32-year-old will now face fifth seed Alexander Zverev in what will be his 13th appearance overall in the quarterfinals here. "It was tricky with the rain, but that's Paris," said the 2016 champion.

German fifth seed Zverev reached his second successive Roland Garros quarterfinal with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(5) win over Italy's Fabio

Japanese seventh seed Nishikori came back from 1-4 and 3-5 down in the final set to beat Benoit Paire of France and set up a quarterfinal clash against Rafael Na-

6-2, 6-7(8), 7-5 in a shade under four hours to reach his third last-eight match at the French Open. Nishikori has only defeat-

dal. Nishikori won 6-2, 6-7(8),

ed 11-time French Open champion Nadal twice in 12 meetings with both of those wins coming on hard court.

French interest in the singles ended for another year just a few hours later when 14th seed Gael Monfils was defeated 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 by Austrian fourth seed Thiem, the

2018 runner-up. Halep reached her fourth French Open quarterfinal with a 45-minute thrashing, losing only one game, of Polish teenager Iga Swiatek. Halep will face American

17-year-old Amanda Anisimova, who defeated Spain's Aliona Bolsova 6-3, 6-0, for a semifinal place. The World No. 51 became the first player born in the 2000s - man or woman - to make a Grand Slam quarterfinal.

The players who stunned Naomi Osaka and Serena Williams got a taste of their own medicine with Katerina Siniakova and Sofia Kenin losing to Madison Keys and Ashleigh Barty.

THE RESULTS

Fourth round: Men: 1-Novak Diokovic (Srb) bt Jan-Lennard Struff (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; 7-Kei Nishikori (Jpn) bt Benoit Paire (Fra) 6-2, 6-7(8), 6-2, 6-7(8), 7-5: 4- Dominic Thiem (Bel) bt . 14-Gael Monfils (Fra) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; 5-Alexander Zverev (Ger) bt 9-Fabio Fognini (Ita) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(5).

Women: 14-Madison Keys (USA) bt Katerina Siniakova (Cze) 6-2, 6-4; 8-Ashleigh Barty (Aus) bt Sofia Kenin (USA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; 3-Simona Halep (Rom) bt Iga Swiatek (Pol) 6-1, 6-0; Amanda Anisimova (USA) bt Aliona Bolsova (Esp) 6-3,



Escape artist: Kei Nishikori had the last laugh in the decider against Benoit Paire. • AFP

TV PICKS

ICC World Cup: Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 3 p.m. Roland-Garros: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 5.30 p.m. FIFA U-20 World Cup: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 9 p.m.

Testosterone rules temporarily suspended

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Switzerland's top court said on Monday it had temporarily suspended IAAF rules that oblige athletes including double Olympic champion Caster Semenya to lower her testosterone levels in order to compete in certain events.

A Swiss Federal Tribunal spokesman told AFP that the court had issued a "superprovisional order," barring the application of the IAAF rules until a further hearing can take place concerning the rules that were previously approved by the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

India-A completes series sweep

Overwhelms Sri Lanka-A by 152 runs in second 'Test'

SL-A IN INDIA ASHWIN ACHAL

HUBBALLI

India-A completed a 2-0 series victory over Sri Lanka-A with a 152-run win in the second and final 'Test' at the KSCA Stadium here on Monday.

India-A applied the finishing touches, picking up the three remaining Sri Lankan wickets in the first hour.

Lakshan Sandakan fell in the fourth over, rapped on the pads by leg-spinner Rahul Chahar. The key wicket of Kamindu Mendis was taken by off-spinner Jayant Yaday, who got one to stay low.

The last pair of Vishwa Fernando (32, 42b, 5x4, 1x6) and Lahiru Kumara (13, 20b, 1x4, 1x6) hung on gamely for 52 balls, until Fernando rushed out at Chahar and was stumped.

It was a match to remember for local cricketers Darshan Negalur and K. Mahantesh, who got to field for India-A on Sunday and Monday.

Negalur and Mahantesh were called into action for brief periods as the 12-man India-A squad fell short of fielders. The duo did not get



Helmsmen: India-A batting coach Sitanshu Kotak and captain Priyank Panchal with the trophy. • KIRAN BAKLE

the chance to take catches or effect run-outs, but gave a good account of themselves in a most unexpected appearance in a First Class match.

The two teams will face each other in five one-day matches, commencing on June 6. The first three onedayers will be held at Belagavi, while the final two games will be at Hubballi.

India-A batting coach and former Saurashtra stalwart Sitanshu Kotak was thrilled with his team's terrific performance in this series.

"We wanted to play attacking cricket and get outright victories. That's why our run-rate stayed above 4-perover right through this series. Another big positive was that we were able to give

players match-time. (Head coach) Rahul Dravid has a philosophy, and we have followed that in his absence," Kotak said.

The scores: India-A 269 & 372 bt Sri Lanka-A 212 & 277 in 66.4 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksa 110, Kamindu Mendis 46, Vishwa Fernando 32, Rahul Chahar five for 112). Man-of-the-Match:

Warriors outlast Raptors

Narrow win helps defending champion draw level

NBA FINALS

REUTERS TORONTO

Two-time defending champion Golden State Warriors used a massive third quarter to overcame a sluggish start and secure a 109-104 win over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday that squared the NBA Finals at one game

The resilient Warriors, in an unfamiliar position after losing their first Game One in five consecutive trips to the NBA Finals three days ago, opened the third quarter with an 18-0 run to grab a lead they would not relinquish.

Toronto led by as many as 12 points during a first half in which they used a dominant defensive display to slow down the Warriors but the visitors, well established as a terrific third-quarter team, rediscovered their swagger after the break.

Leonard's game-high 34

Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry, who had a slow start to the game and appeared to lack his usual energy, led the way for the Warriors with 25 and 23 points, respectively, while Toronto's Kawhi Leonard

Hero! Andre Iguodala, foreground, scored only eight points but his clutch three with seven seconds left sealed victory for Warriors. • AFP

had a game-high 34 points.

Curry was given a technical foul with 68 seconds left for throwing the ball way up in the air after a whistle and Leonard made the ensuing three free throws to cut the deficit to 106-102 and set up a frantic finish.

With the crowd on their feet, Toronto's Danny Green drained a three-pointer to pull the Raptors to within two points with 26 seconds to play but the Warriors responded when Andrew Iguodala drilled a clutch three with seven seconds left to seal the win.

The Warriors, playing without two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant for a seventh consecutive game, again struggled defending in transition and looked to be in trouble early after a slow start by Curry.

The Warriors guard did not appear to have his usual energy in the early goings and got off to a slow start during which he was speaking with medical staff on the Warriors' bench but he started to heat up late in the second quarter.

The next game is at Oakland on Wednesday.

The results: Toronto Raptors 104 (Leonard 34, VanVleet 17, Lowry 13) lost to Golden State Warriors 109 (Thompson 25, Curry 23, Green 17).

McGrath picks England as the favourite

The Australian pacer expects India and Australia to make the semifinals

MRF CAMP

S. DINAKAR

Images of Glenn McGrath imposing himself on line-ups with laser-guided precision, movement, bounce and subtle variations flash before your eyes each time the ICC World Cup comes around.

After all, none has more scalps in the World Cup - 71 at a stunning economy rate of 3.96 - than this lean, mean and ruthless gunslinger from down under. Significantly, the inspirational McGrath has been part of three Australian World Cup triumphs.

Here, now, on yet another coaching stint at the MRF Pace Foundation, McGrath shared his thoughts on the ongoing competition in En-

McGrath said, "England are the favourites. They are playing at home and they are playing a brand of cricket where they seek to attack all through the 50 overs. They have the depth and talent to pull off this strategy."

He added, "Given the format of the tournament which rewards consistency, I expect India and Australia to make the semifinals."

Dhoni, the key

The Aussie pace legend said, "M.S. Dhoni, with his expe-



stint, says given the WC format, consistency will be rewarded. • R. RAVINDRAN

rience, will be the key to India's prospects. Bumrah will be a big factor with the ball. Australia has David Warner and Steven Smith. This said, a team of players rather than one or two individuals will win the World Cup for their

McGrath tipped the West Indies to be the fourth semifinalist.

"They are playing a fearless brand of cricket. They can be dangerous since they are playing as if they have nothing to lose. If they make it to the final, it should be very interesting."

the short-pitched bowling ploy of the West Indian quicks to hustle the opponents – Pakistan was blown away the other day – could work on certain surfaces.

Adapting Eventually, it would boil

down to how the teams adapt to the English conditions, said McGrath.

"Teams have to adjust quickly and it may not be easy, in certain conditions, with two white balls doing a

Zealand, which

The Aussie also felt that McGrath pointed out "often punched above its weight, could vie with the West Indies for a semifinal spot.

South Africa, McGrath said, was still dishing out conventional one-day cricket and had not switched over to the 'Total 50-over cricket' like England had done.

Coming back to Australia, McGrath said the combination of Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins could torment line-ups in the competition with their pace and variety.

McGrath is following the action of the current edition rather closely.

India's home season schedule announced

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday announced the 2019-20 home season which will include five Tests, nine ODIs and 12 T20Is.

The Tests will be a part of the Test championship.

The season will start with the Freedom Trophy for the

Gandhi-Mandela series between India and South Africa in September, followed by a T20I & Test series against Bangladesh in November.

The West Indies will tour India in December, followed by Zimbabwe and Australia in January.

The programme:

Against South Africa: T20Is: Sept. 15, Dharamsala; Sept. 18, Mohali; Sept. 22, Bengaluru. Tests: October 2 to 6, Visakhapatnam; Oct. 10 to 14, Ranchi; Oct. 19 to 23, Pune.

Versus Bangladesh: T20Is: Nov. 3, New Delhi; Nov. 7, Rajkot; Nov. 10, Nagpur. Tests: Nov. 14 to 18, Indore;

Nov. 22 to 26, Kolkata. Against West Indies: T20Is: Dec. 6, Mumbai; Dec. 8, Thiruvananthapuram;

ODIs: Dec. 15, Chennai; Dec. 18, Visakhapatnam; Dec. 22, Cuttack. Versus Zimbabwe: T20Is: Jan.

5 (2020) Guwahati; Jan. 7, Indore; Jan. 10, Pune. Against Australia: ODIs: Jan.

14, Mumbai; Jan. 17, Rajkot; Jan. 19, Bengaluru. Versus South Africa: ODIs:

March 12, Dharamsala; March 15, Lucknow; March 18, Kolka-

Indian women in final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The Indian women's hockey team continued its unbeaten run and defeated Scotland 2-1 to enter the final of the Cantor Fitzgerald U-21 four-nation tournament here on Monday.

Mumtaz Khan (36th minute) and Gagandeep Kaur (51st) scored for India, while Margery Justice (50th) reduced the margin.

India struck the first when Mumtaz opened the scoring in the 36th minute. At the start of the final quarter, India won back-to-back penalty corners but failed to utilise the chances.

Scotland then equalised through Justice in the 50th minute before Gagandeep Kaur restored the lead by converting a penalty corner in the next minute to hand India its third consecutive win.

WA threatens to bar AAI

ARCHERY

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KOLKATA

World Archery (WA) said it will immediately suspend the Archery Association of India (AAI) if the two factions go ahead with different elections in Delhi and Chandigarh on June 9.

At loggerheads again

After the Supreme Court set aside the AAI's new constitution, struck down its elections and ordered a fresh one, the two factions have been at loggerheads again.

WA and World Archery Asia (WAA) have expressed strong reservations over the announcement of two

elections "Not only does this contravene any type of good governance (sic), it is simply violating any democratic rule since not all officially mandated delegates can be in two locations at the same

time. It is, therefore, both WA and WAA's position that should (sic) such dual election take place, the results will not be recognised for either election by WA," said WA secretary-general Tom Dielen in a communication.

"It is clear that (sic) certain different interpretations on who is supposed to organise the elections from the Hon. Supreme Court decision led to this situation."

WA said in case the AAI got suspended for dual elections, "the Indian team competing in the World Championships would only be able to compete under a WA flag and not the Indian flag."

WA and WAA have appointed WAA vice-president Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Chapol as the mediator, suggesting that he "try to meet the parties" on June 7 in New Delhi. "The purpose of this meeting would be to cancel both elections and hold a new one on June 24."

The boys are confident, says Stimac

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BURIRAM (THAILAND)

Indian football team coach Igor Stimac on Monday hoped that his wards will implement their learnings from practice in the King's Cup, commencing here on

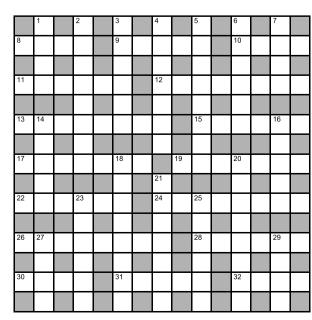
India will clash with Curacao, ranked 82 in the latest FIFA World Ranking, on June 5.

June 5.

"The boys are confident, and have understood that they can improve their game with hard work on a daily basis.

"I appreciate the hard work put in by the players over the last 10 days in New Delhi. I expect them to implement their learnings from practice in the upcoming tournament," the newly appointed coach said after the team's arrival

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8 Graduate left Indian town to get gooseberry (4)

9 Model relative's jibe (5) 10 Cash dispensing machine has nothing in it, just a tiny bit of

11 Move dynamo at the beginning of the working week (6) 12 Drug dealers hide loan

repayment money in boxes (8)

- 13 Tan saris designed in Queens (8)
- 15 Government of India is gheraoed by penniless pest, a self-centred person (6)
- 19 Charlie, with the girls, gives

17 Setter and that lady, in London, go this way and that

22 Returning students make mistake (4,2)

tutorials (7)

- 24 Encore! MO to dance again
- 26 Game trail permit included (8) 28 Rascal! Travel hither and thither! (6)
- 30 Stylish bird has no knowledge (4)
- 31 Internal bar next to emergency room (5) 32 500 sheets on America (4)
- DOWN
- 1 National Investigation Agency left chemical/shooting supplies (4)
- 2 Male singer Bobby hugs an official from China (8)

(set by Incognito) 3 Continue. "Say 'not

irritatedly" (4,2)

- 4 Supreme Court admits uniform tax. That's a victory (7)
- 5 Other-worldly alien next to man is not a figment of imagination (8)
- 6 Accountant's in old gambling house (6) 7 State: Last mascot's an animal
- 14 That girl with two pounds gets a cartridge (5)
- 16 Guide cattle (5) 18 English lawmaker at hospital's in command and compassionate (8)
- 20 Solemn king has hole in hat (8)
- 23 A place renovated to provide accommodation for the king

21 Cipher in English medicine (7)

- 25 6 balls admitted in court? That's secret! (6) 27 Ostentatious Adolf Hitler's
- uniform initially seen in island (4) 29 Old flame's morning test (4)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12642 Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Endearing qualities

Lord Krishna talks about performing duties in a disinterested and detached manner. To be able to do this, one must have certain qualities. The Lord elaborates on what they are, in chapter 12, said Valayapet Ramachariar, in a discourse. From verse 14 onwards, He spells out the qualities that a person should possess, and if a person has these qualities, the Lord assures us that such a person will be dear to

A person should be contented (santushtaH). He must believe in the sanctity of the Vedas. He should surrender mind and intellect to the Lord - arpita manO buddhih. He must be sama dukhah sukhah – he does not react to sorrow or happiness, but quietly accepts whatever is destined. The Lord says that he should be adveshta – this means he must not hate anyone. This includes even those who harm him. The Lord goes one step further. It is not enough to be merely free from malice, but one must be friendly with them. So, He

talks of maitrah. A person must be unattached to his body and must not think of anything as his – nirmamah. He should be nirahankArah – that is he should know that the body is not the atma. In the performance of his duties, he may come across difficulties. He must bear with them (kshami) and not let them hinder him in the tasks he must undertake. The Lord says - satatam yogi - one should always be thinking only of the atma and not the body. We cannot suddenly switch to worship mode, if we have never learnt the art of concentration. Only constant thinking in the right direction will train the mind to be focused. The Lord uses the word madbhaktah, to show that a devotee of the Lord, due to his bhakthi, does all deeds as a form of worship.