Women's GS Cup

from next year

MUNICH, Germany, Dec 14

Women could have their own

tournament at next year's

Grand Slam Cup, tennis chiefs

said yesterday, reports Reuter.

nament manager of the six

million Dollar men's event

taking place here this week,

said discussions were under

way on the possibility. Inter-

national Tennis Federation

(ITE) president Brain Tobin

added the matter was on the

agenda of a meeting with

women's tennis chiefs in

Munich event by their perfor-

mances in the four Grand Slum

Championships of the year -

Wimbledon, and the US,

favoured an eight-strong wo-

men's tournament, organised

together with the men's event,

with prize money of 3.5

million dollars. The tourna-

ment could then be extended

Tobin said previous talks on

the subject broke down be-

cause the women had de-

Soviet soccer fed

is alive & kicking,

claims official

Soviet Football Federation is

still alive and kicking, its

president Viatcheslas Koloskov

He told a meeting of the

"All the national football

Russian Football Federation on

Friday: "The Soviet Federation

committees, except Ukraine,

have confirmed they are taking

part in the next league cham-

dependence two weeks ago, to

leave us that will rule them out

of international competition;

including European cups, for a

"If the Ukrainians decide to

The Ukrainians, who were

return to the Soviet fold.

certain time," he said.

And Koloskov has not given

says, reports AFP.

still exists."

pionship."

MOSCOW, Dec 14: The

manded equal prize money.

to nine days, he said.

Meyer-Woelden said he

Australian and French Opens.

Players qualify for the

Melbourne in January.

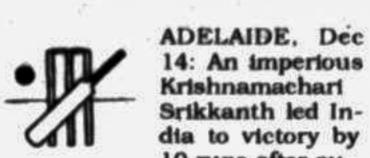
Axel Meyer-Woelden, tour-

82

55

31

# Srikkanth shapes Indian win



10 runs after putting them on course for an excellent total of 262 for four against West Indies in the World Series Cup cricket competition here Saturday. reports AFP.

The win - their second in four matches - put the Indians at the head of the three-nation table with 5 points to



SRIKKANTH...India's man Australia's 4 and one for the West Indies.

Brought back into the international side for this tour, Srikkanth's prodigious appetite for run-getting seemed to return at a time when the Indian team most needed to establish itself.

Having won the toss and elected to bat on a good batting strip. India got off to a fine start with Srikkanth taking the score to 123 for one before he was tor for 82, made from 88 balls.

He had put on 96 with Sanjay Manjrekar, who then hit a more sedate half-century before India lost his wicket on

Tendulkar, 48, and then captain Mohammed Azharuddin and Kapil Dev took India to a what became a matchwinning total.

Desmond Haynes and Philo Wallace responded most positively for West Indies and laid the foundations of a big enough total largely matching the pat-

LONDON, Dec 14: John

Arlott, the world-renowned

English broadcaster and writer

who died on Saturday at the

age of 77, was the voice of

cricket to millions of people

around the globe, reports

Arlott's rich rural accent and

love of the game made him a

uniquely popular figure for

over 30 years until his retire-

ment from the commentary

the core, had the rare gift of

describing cricket as if he

were chatting to a close friend

for a series of dazzling verbal

sketches which have entered

cricket folklore, such as his

description of the start of the

youth Richard Hadlee's runup.

ing a waitress." Arlott told his

1945 as a poetry producer.

working closely at one stage

with Dylan Thomas, but began

reporting cricket the following

year, prospering despite one

BBC man's opinion that he

had an interesting mind but a

Bout postponed

Jeff Harding's defence of his

World Boxing Council light

heavyweight title against

Christophe Tiozzo has been

postponed to April 25 follow-

ing the Frenchman's injury in a

Paris restaurant fight, reports

things," promoter Bill Mordey

said Saturday in announcing

the new date. "If there is a way

of something to happen in box-

Boxing Association super-

middleweight champion, says

he got into a fight with about

eight men on Wednesday after

they harassed him and his girl-

friend. Initial reports indicated

he was cut with garden shears.

April to Panama's Victor

first since he won the title

back from Detrott-based

Englishman Dennish Andries

Harding's proposed world title

fight against Virgil Hill of the

United States, schedule for

June, is almost certain to be

Puncher punched

by crowd

former World Boxing Council

(WBC) junior welterweight

champion Christophe Tiozo

was beaten up by eight men in

a Paris street and had his face

slashed, his manager told re-

porters on Friday, reports

PARIS, Dec 14: French

pushed back, Mordey said.

in London in September.

Cordoba.

Tiozzo lost his WBA title in

The bout will be Harding's

The enforced delay means

Tiozzo, the former World

ing, it seems to happen."

"It's just one of those

SYDNEY, Dec 14: Australian

\*Like Groucho Marx stalk

Arlott joined the BBC in

on the boundary edge.

Arlott, a Hampshire man to

He was also responsible

From Lord's to Lahore,

Reuter.

box in 1980.

audience.

vulgar voice".

tern on India's innings to beg-

ging with. The difference was in the individual scoring rates. While Haynes and Wallace kept up with each other's runs, the Indians mainly had Srikkanth pile them on, with Shastri for a while and Manjrekar for the longer duration, playing a more supporting role.

Haynes, who has the highest aggregate for runs in oneday internationals, achieved a personal milestone, passing 7,000 when he reached 37.

He did so in spectacular style when he lifted leg-spinner Hirwani for six over midwicket immediately after the bowler had switched ends.

Wallace and Haynes reached their half-centuries within two

minutes of each other. Each and hit four fours and a six and taken the score to

124 when the first wicket fell. Hirwani, after failing to accept a hard, knee-high return catch from Wallace, had him caught at long-off in the same 28th over.

With Haynes he had given his team just the right start to chase a difficult target.

Three runs later Richardson was run out when Haynes did not respond to his call but West Indies were still on course as Haynes and Lara added 57 for the third wicket. With the score on 184, Alra,

attempting to sweep Shastri. was trapped leg before for 29. India's bowlers thereafter took control.

Hooper fell to a brilliant catch by Manirekar in the deep mid-wicket area with the score on 205 and a run later West Indies lost the important wicket of Haynes for 89 off 117 balls.

Now they were deep in

Batting under pressure none of the batsmen could keep up the run rate required and the innings fell apart.

They lost the last seven wickets for 47 off 45 balls. Kapil Dev had figures for 4 for 54.

From 1948, when Don

Bradman's superb Australian

voice was synonymous with

Test cricket and lazy, summer

afternoons, despite several

His second wife died young

and his eldest son was killed

in a road accident. He himself

narrowly averted death in

February 1958 when he was

replaced by another guardian

sports reporter on the fateful

trip by Manchester United's

The aircraft crashed at

Reflecting on his broadcast-

ing career, which ended at the

centenary Test between

England and Australia at

a child that one day I would

earn my living talking about

cricket, I would have thought

this was impossible—the

wildest of pipe dreams. But

pipe dreams have come true."

life as a clerk in a mental hos-

pital before becoming a po-

liceman. He became a noted

wine lover, collected fine

glass, furniture and first edi-

tions. He also twice tried to

Arlott began his working

"If someone had told me as

Lord's in 1980, Arlott said.

Munich, killing his colleague

soccer learn to Belgrade.

Donny Davies.

personal tragedies.

team humbled England, his

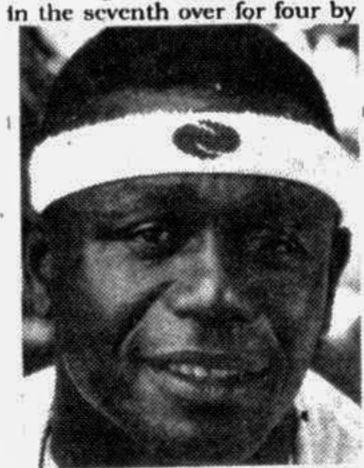
West Indies skipper Richie Richardson was disappointed Cricket's rhapsodiser Arlott is dead

and said: "we have just got to

go on working at it." Srikkanth's superb innings earned him the man-of-the

match award. Reuter from Adelaide adds: Srikkanth's effort included 10 fours and a six before he was brilliantly stumped on the legside by David Williams off Carl Hooper's bowling.

Opening partner Ravi Shastri was the only Indian batsman to miss out when he was caught off his inside edge



HAYNES ...first to 7,000

wicketkeeper Williams off a Curtly Ambrose off-cutter.

Sanjay Manjrekar continued his return to from with a stylish 54 off 100 balls, while teenager Sachin Tendulkar produced a classy 48 off 58 deliveries.

Srikkanth was particularly severe on paceman Patrick Patterson, who was eventually dropped from the bowling attack after giving away 47 runs in six overs.

The 32-year-old whacked 12 runs off Patterson's second over, but it was the punishment in Patterson's sixth over that prompted a change of tactics from Windies captain Richie Richardson. Srikkanth hooked one de-

livery for four and smashed the next over mid-on for six in an over that cost Patterson 14-In the overcast conditions, the Windies seemed to lack

enter Parliament, contesting a

seat unsuccessfully as a Liberal

moved to Alderney in the

After his retirement, he

purpose in the field after Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin won the toss and

in 1955 and 1959.

decided to bat.

The pacemen bowled eight wides in the first 10 overs and the Windies fielding was not up to the usual standard.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after Saturday's one-day Series match between Indian and the West Indies here today: INDIA: R. Shastri c Williams

b Hooper S. Manirekar c Wallace **b** Arthurton S. Tendulkar c and b Arthurton M. Azharuddin not out K. Dev not out

K. Srikkanth st Williams

b Ambrose

Extras (5 lb, 11 w, 5 nb) Total (After 50 overs for

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í	3-198, 4-220.								
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	Patterson	6	a	47	0				
	Marshall	10	0	59	0				
	Cummins	10	0	41	0				
	Hopper	10	0	52	1				
	Arthurton	4	. 0	23	2				

### WEST INDIES

D. Haynes c Shastri b Srinath P. Wallace c Srinath b Hirwani R. Richardson run out B. Lara lbw b Shastri C. Hooper c Manirekar K. Arthurton c Amre b Dev M. Marshall law b Srinath D. Williams c and b Prabhakar C. Ambrose b Dev A. Cummins b Dev B. P. Patterson not out Extras (1b, 11lb, 9w, 4nb) Total: (all out) Fall of wickets: 1-124, 2-127, 3-184, 4-205, 5-206, 6-212, 7-220, 8-243, 9-251, 10-

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	Dev	10	1	54	4
1	rabhakar	9	1	42	1
5	Brinath	10	0	35	1
7	Ten <b>dulkar</b>	2	0	10	(
1	lirwani	9	0	54	
5	Shastri	10	0	45	1

You could smell bat of

when he spoke and picture the

village green with its thatched

pub and all the players in

flannels. He always tried to

blind person and coloured his

tors Ted Dexter added: "John

was the man who could paint

word pictures and make you

feel you were sitting in the

Khan, vice president of the

Bangladesh Sportswriters

Association and himself a very

well-known radio and TV

sports comentator, has ex-

pressed his deep shock and

regret at the death of John

Mr. Khan said cricket fans

across the world will feel sad

about the death of a man who

had over long years estab-

lished himself as the unri-

valled doyen of cricket writers

and commentators for his lu-

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through the spoken and printed

He described Arlott as the

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poet laureate of cricket.

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In a statement last night.

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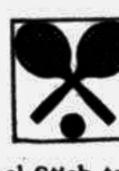
imagine he was talking to s

commentary accordingly.

best seat in the ground."

Action from yesterday's Victory Day kabaddi tournament match between Bangladesh Police and Fire Service at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court. -Star photo

Stich in semis at Forget's cost



MUNICH, Dec 14: A superb backhand enabled Germany's big-serving Wimbledon

champion Michael Stich to survive a set point and snatch a straight-sets win over France's Davis Cup hero Guy Forget and reach the semi-finals of the lucrative Grand Slam Cup here yesterday, reports AFP.

The third-seeded Stich eventually came though 7-6 (10/8), 6-4 and will now play American David Wheaton for a place in Sunday's final. Wheaton earlier defeated Australian. Todd Woodbridge 6-4. 7-6 (8/6).

The other semi-final today will be between Czecho-

slovakia's Ivan Lendl and Michael Chang of the United States.

Forget matched Stick throughout an excellent 64 minute opening set of big serves and volleys, and at one stage led the tie-break- 6-5. But the German, who hammered down 17 aces against 11 from the Frenbchman. saved the situation with a spectacular backhand.

At the start of the second set Forget Grazed his left knee in a fall chasing wide ball, and although he played on it was clearly upsetting his concentration.

Before the seventh game he received treatment for the injury and two games later he lost his serve.

After pocketing his a pre-Christmas 300,000 dollar cheque, Forget joked. "I'll probably bank most of it

for the days when I can't earn so much. Australia's 20-year-old Todd

Woodbridge a late replacement in the event after the withdrawal of Boris Becker, must have bitterly regretted a poor start and some abysmal finishing in the second-set tie break.

After trailing 1-4 in the first set and unable to get his serve working. Woodbridge fought back gamely. But just when he looked as tough he would take the 6ft 5 in American into a third-set by leading the second set tie-break 6-3 he let the match slip - losing the next five points.

## Sympathy for Gorbachev

VANCOUVER, Canada, Dec 14: If Mikhail Gorbachev's reign as leader of the Soviet Union does come to an end, at least one NHL player will be sorry to see him go, reports

Vancouver's Igor Larionov has nothing but admiration for Gorbachev. It was Gorbachev who opened the window to the West and allowed the former Red Army star to pursue his dream, a career in the National Hockey League and a new life for his young family

\*Mikhail Gorbachev will always live in my heart. Larionov said Friday.

"In my opinion, the Russian people should appreciate him for what he's done in such a short time — just six years. I can't forget what he's done for myself. He opened the doors with glasnost. That's why I am

Larionov, 31, keenly follows the political scene and often cussing Boris Yeltsin's latest power play rather than the Canucks. He maintains regular contact with his parents and devours Soviet journals and newspapers

seems more comfortable dis-

"I think Gorbachev will resign in the next few days. Larionov said. "He is now president of nothing. "I think he deserves a rest

His place in history will be judged about five or 10 years down the road. He made some big steps, starting with taking the Soviet military out of Afghanistan and beginning a good relationship between the Soviet Union and the United States.\*

For all his bold moves. however, Gorbachev will leave behind an economy in sham-

"I talked to my parents just a few days ago and they told me the situation is so bad," Larionov said. They have money but they can't buy anyin the stores."

have proper food. What will happen? I think everyone is expecting aid from foreign countries. The general attitude is optimism, that things can only get better."

he or fellow Russian teammate Pavel Bure can do from North America. When he first joined the Canucks in September 1989. Larionov purchased 10,000 syringes for a hospital Voskresensk. They never arrived.

peared, they never got through customs, I don't know what happened to them," Larionov are no guarantees that if we send food or supplies they will ever get to the Soviet Union."

up hope of persuading the thing because there is nothing Ukrainians, who voted for in-

"It is especially hard for old people and kids to not

Larionov feels there is little his hometown of

The syringes just disapshrugged unhappily. There

turned down by FIFA last week for a place in the World Cup

qualifying stages, had pledged to "put their internationals at the disposal of the Soviet team" for the European Championships in Sweden in June and the World Cup qualiflers, Koloskov added.

First Division fixture dates will be set on January 11 and Koloskov predicted that all the republics would be represented, even the Balts.

"For Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, this championship would be the best way to prepare for the World Cup." Koloskov declared.

## Ukraine quits Soviet league, but ...



MOSCOW, Dec 14 The Ukrainian Soccer Federa tion said on Friday it was quit-

ting the Soviet league, but confirmed its internationals would play for the Soviet Union in the **European Championship finals** 

in Sweden next year, reports A plenum of the Ukrainian Federation at a meeting in the capital Kiev passed the decision unanimously, a move signalling the end of Soviet do-

The Ukraine will be pulling six teams out of the 16-team Soviet First Division, which has traditionally run from March to November, including 1990 champions dynamo Kiev, who have won the title five times in the last 12 years and are currently contesting the semifinal round of the European Cup.

The other teams are

Chernomorets Odessa, 1989 champions Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, Shakhtyor Donetsk, Metallurg Zaporozhe and Metallist Kharkov.

The Ukrainian Federation plans to run a shortened league season next spring be-

fore changing to a normal Western European Autumn to spring season in 1992-93 with an 18-strong First Division and two other divisions.

Federation chairman Viktor Bannikov told the meeting he wanted to create a "financial defensive barrier" to discourage players from joining foreign clubs or those in other republics of the disintegrating Soviet Union.

Any foreign club wanting to sign a Ukrainian player would have to pay one million dollars for a First Division player, 750,000 for one from the sec ond and 300,000 from the

A club from another republic wanting to sign a Ukrainian would have to pay identical

sums, but in roubles. Ukraine said on December 2 it had applied for membership of world football's governing body FIFA, a day after a referendum backed the republic's August independence declara-

Bannikov, a former dynamo Kiev goalkeeper, said full FIFA membership, which would give Ukraine the right to play in international competition, could be granted only by a full FIFA Congress. The next was scheduled for July 1992.

### Lucky night for the champs Storm over an insensitive statue a prestigious bill of three South African referee French hero Anaworld title fights. Stanley Christodolou immedi-The Frenchman of Congoelet Wamba stopately stopped the bout.

mestic football in its present



ped uninspired Italian Massimiliano Duran of Italy in the 11th round of

retain his World Boxing Couneil (WBC) cruiserweight title on Friday, reports Reuter. The referee halted the bout late in the round as the Italian. with blood pouring from a cut over his left eye, was unable to

scheduled 12-round bout to

react to a series of fierce com-Wamba, the only Frenchman to hold world title and

JOHN ARLOTT

Channel Islands, saying: "I'm

going now when people are

asking why? rather than

His long-time radio col-

'John was a poet. He saw a

league Brian Johnston led a

game of cricket as something

more than whether the ball

was doing this or that," said

host of tributes of Saturday.

lese origin, extending his record to 34 wins against two losses, dominated the entire fight than to his reach advantage and a superb left jab.

Wamba, 31, will have to show more punching prowess to overcome tougher opponents than the lightly-regarded Italian.

The second title fight of the night. Victor Cordoba of Panama retained his World Boxing Association super-midleweight title when he sent brave challenger Vicenzo watched by a delighted 14,000 Nardicllo of Italy to the canvas home crowd, was appearing on with a powerful left in the

Cordoba, in his first defence of the title he won from Frenchman Christopher Tiozzo last April, had already floored Nardiello in the second round.

But the 25-year-old Italian, who impressed everybody at the 1988 Seoul Olympics before losing a contested decision in the quarter-finals, gave the holder a tough battle in the ensuing rounds before suffering his first loss in 18 profes-

sional fights. Cordoba, 28, who trains and lives in Belfast, recorded his 21st win against two defeats.



France's Anaclet Wamba (R) throws a right punch at Italian Mossimilano Duran at Bercy during the World Boxing Council (WBC) cruiseweight bout in Paris on Dec 13. Wamba retained his title when the referee stopped the fight in the 11th round. - AFP photo



BANYOLES . Dec 14: A stuffed. mounted African man on display at a local museum

has sparked a one -man protest its sponsor says might lead to an African boycott of the 1992 Summer Olympics in nearby Barcelona, reports AP.

"EL Negro," as the African has been nicknamed by residents, has been part of the collection of the city-owned Darder Natural History Museum since 1916. He stands in a glass case holding a spear and shield. Critics charge his presence is both racist and dehumanizing, especially for a city that will host the Olympic rowing competition next summer.

Spain's largest daily EL Pais reported that the man was a chief of the Bechuana people of southern African whose body was stolen from his grave just after his death by French taxidermist Edouard Verraux in the late 19th century.

Barcelona naturalist Francisco A De Darder acquired the African from Verraux to add to his collection that later became the municipal museum, the paper

miliating," said Dr. Alfonso

Arcelin, a Haitian-born Spanish

general practitioner who began

the crusade to remove El

"It's not just because he's a black man, either," Arcelin said. " If he were yellow or white or red, may sentiments would be the same. But being myself a black man, it's worse. This is a human being. He should be at rest."

But Banyoles Mayor Joan Solanan said El Negro is a valuable part of the museum's collection- in fact, he's its star attraction.

"We have mummies and skulls and even human skins on display in the museum". Solana said. "What is the difference between those things and stuffed African? Remember, this was once a collection of scientist, and his work involved the study of human beings."

The Banyoles city council voted Nov. 29 to keep the African on display. Arcelin responded by sending formal protest letters to Jordi Pujol, head of the regional government of Catalonia and to International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samranch.

Arcelin, a two-time, unsuccessful candidate for the Spanish Parliament, said he was prepared to call for an African boycott of the Games. "I don't want a boycott of "For black people, it's hu-

the Olympic Games", Arcelin said. " I hope it won't come to that. But if I am forced to go that far, I will. Something must

Banyoles, meanwhile, is bracing for the fight. Although rumours of a compromise were circulating before the council vote - the possible removal of El Negro for cleaning during the Olympics, for instance the city is now determined to

T-shirts, buttons and bumper stickers supporting the city council decision are on sale around town, and one upscale gift shop has worked multi-colored silhouettes of El Negor into his logo.

keep him on exhibit.

Several Barcelona museum directors questioned by the daily La Vanguardia said they could's see what all the fuss was about.

"Egyptian mummies are one of the principal attractions of the British Museum' said Maite Ocana, director of the Picasso Museum." Why can't the Banyoles museum have its

own dried -up man." "Don't tell me he's just like mummy - it's not the same thing, said Arceline, who first learned of the African from a tourist brochure last May. " To me the case is clear. These people must be made aware of what they are doing."

Ironically. Banyoles and the surrounding region in Catalonia have the highest concentration of African imm grants in Spain. Most work on the hundreds of vegetable and fruit farms in the area.

Pyrenees foothills some 112 kms (70 miles) northeast of Barcelona, Bayoles is one of 16 Olympic sub-sites and will play host to the rowing competition next summer from July 27 to: Aug 2. There are currently eight African members of FISA, the world governing body of rowing, with at least two -South African and Zimbabwe expected to compete in the 1992 Olympics.

**But FISA General Secretary** M John Boultbee said in a telephone interview the matter is out of his hands. 'Our responsibility doesn't

extend to matter outside of our sport, he said. "True, therearen't many African members in our federation, but the sport. is growing there and we expect a lot more nations to join up in the near future. But this is well and truly outside the realm of our experience. I've never heard of anything like.

The Barcelona Olympic

Organizing Committee (COOB) also refuses to get involved. Top COOB officials will not discuss the matter - although they have known about El Negor for years - re-directing all questions toward Banyoles "It's out of our jurisdiction,"

said COOB spokeswoman Caradad Reixa. 'The problem is not our problem, the museum does not belong to COOB."