The foreign teams will start arriving in the capital from January 4 to take part in the 7th President Gold Cup foot ball tournament to be held January 6-15, reports UNB.

Eight teams - six foreign and two local - will participate the prestigious tournament.

The foreign teams are: FC Tatran Presov (Czechoslovakia), FC Plotesti (former Petrolul of Rumania), the National Olympic team of Malaysia, Polania Warszawa (Poland), Housing Bank of South Korea and Carylia Sovetol (Rusia).

FC Plotesti from Rumania and Housing Bank of South Korea will reach Dhaka on January 6 while the four other foreign teams will arrive on January 4.

Four foreign referees - one each with the teams from Russia, Malaysia, South Korea and Poland - will be arriving with their respective teams.

The two home selections will participate in the tournament as Bangladesh Reds and Greens, and their final selection is expected to be complete by December 30.

Bangladeshis for Pakistan Games

Bingladesh is participating in the 24th Pakistan Games to be held in Lahore December 26-31, reports UNB.

A four-member Bangladesh team comprising three sportsmen and an official, already left Dhaka on Friday to participate in the Games.

The three sportsme are the country's fastest man Golam Ambia, national record holder in the hammer throw Monimul Hoque and the Ansars gymnast Saiful Islam, a promising prospect.

Renowned athletics coach A C Chakma accompanied the team as manager cum-coach.

This is for third time that Bangladesh is taking part in the Pakistan Games on invita-

Shahid Smriti Cup soccer final today

JAMALPUR, Dec 26 : Dhaka First Division leaguers Kalabagan KC will take on Madhumita Ekadash of Tongi in the final of the Shaheed Smriti Gold Cup football tournament '92 at the Dewanganj play ground in the district on December 28, reports BSS.

Sixteen teams from all over Bangladesh took part in the meet this year.

The tournament is organised every year by the Mukttjoddha Sangsad, Dewanganj, in memory of the martyrs of the Liberation War.

Bitok earns a Christmas gift

PARIS, Dec 26 : Kenya's Olympic 5,000m silver medalist Paul Bitok won the Christ mas Corrida road race at Issy-Les-Moulineaux on the outskirts of Paris on Saturday. reports AFP.

Bitok took 25 min 41 sec for the 9 km to finish eight seconds clear of Moroccanborn Frenchman Abdellah Behar.

Kenyan Julius Korir, the half-marathon record holder. was another two seconds further back in third place.

Helen Kimaiyo made it a Kenyan double by winning the women's 6.2 km race in 20 min 24 sec.

Akram tears Kiwis apart 94 balls for his 46. Pakistan WELLINGTON. finished their 49 overs - the Dec 26: World

match was reduced by one one-day cham over because of rain - on 158 pions Pakistan erushed New Ze-New Zealand collapsed after aland in the first captain Martin Crowe was of three one-day internationals today, crushing to a 50-run caught after scoring 28, and

victory thanks to a career-best

live-wicket haul from pace

bowler Wasim Akram, reports

to win, New Zealand's batsmen

were destroyed by Pakistan's

pace trio of Akram, Aaqib

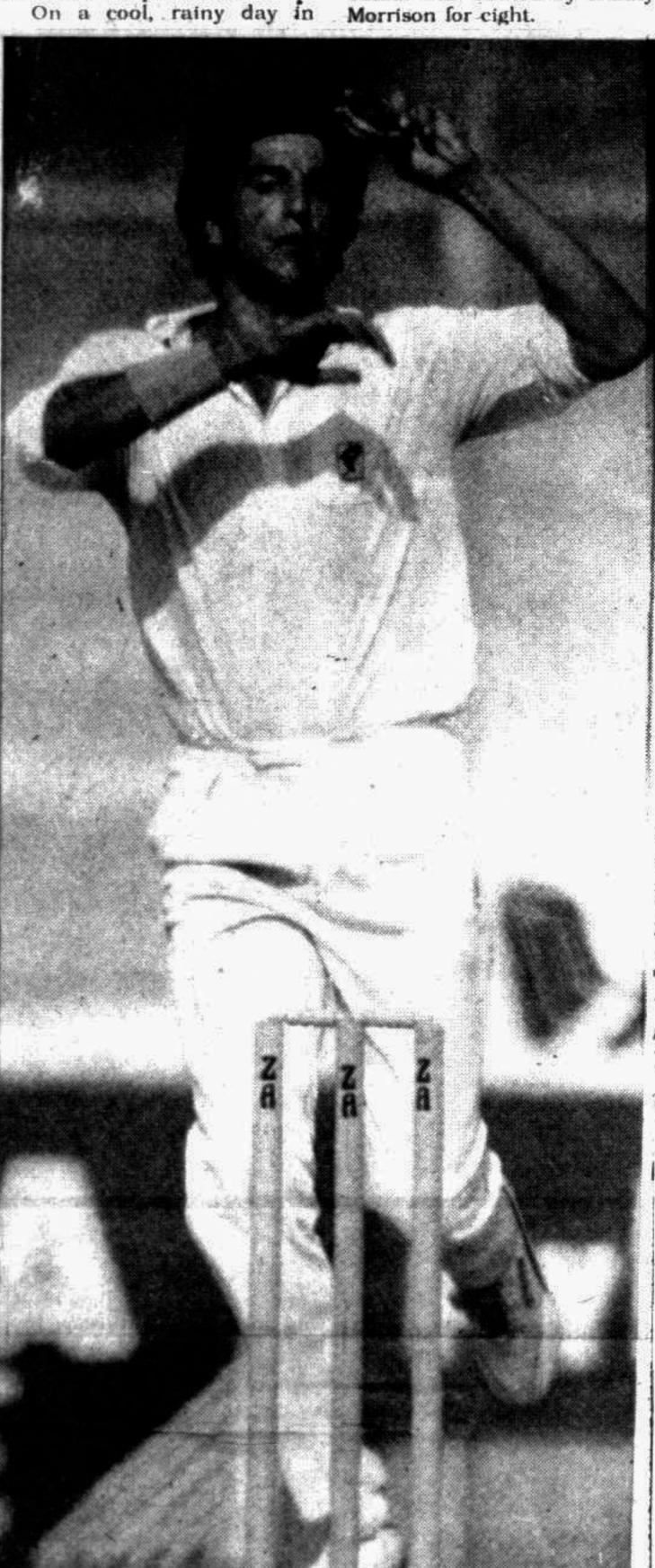
Javed and Wagar Younis.

Set the modest total of 159

Reuter.

the home team was dismissed Pakistan, on a brief tour of New Zealand which includes three one-day games and a single Test match, started badly on a greasy Basin Reserve

wicket when opener Aamir Sohail was bowled by Danny Morrison for eight.



WASTM AKRAM ...career-best five wickets for 19

Wellington that was perfect for the Pakistani scam attack. Akram returned figures of five for 19 from nine overs, the best one-day bowling figures he has recorded. He was backed up by fellow paceman Aagib Javed, with three for 27

from his 10 overs. Earlier, Pakistan's batting appeared tentative against a modest New Zealand bowling attack made up mainly of gen-

tle medium pacers. Opener Rameez Raja stuttered to 50 in 100 balls and

captain Javed Miandad faced

Rameez and Salim Malik put on a painstaking 43 before Malik was athletically run out by spin bowler Dipak Patel for 25 in the 20th over with just 57 runs on the board.

Rameez and Miandad nursed the score gingerly through to 116 before Rameez was bowled by Chris Harris after completing his half cen-

Four wickets then fell for seven runs as Pakistan's middle order tried to pick up the run rate, but New Zealand's medium pacers stuck to their

task with accurate, it inoffen-

sive bowling. Harris finished with three for 24 and the Pakistani total looked reasonably comfortable

for New Zealand to reach. But openers Mark Greatbatch and Rod Latham were soon back in the pavilion, stunned by Akram's sheer speed. Andrew Jones lasted just three balls before he was caught behind by Rashid Latif from Akram's bowling.

At 19 for three, Crowe and Ken Rutherford looked comfortable, taking the score through to 60 before the New Zealand captain was caught in the covers by Sohatl.

Crowe, apparently astonished at his dismissal, had to be urged by the umpire to

Rutherford scored 18 before falling to Aaqib, and from then on the result was incvitable. Akram's return to the attack saw him collect two more wickets and New Zealand's fate was sealed when bowler Danny Morrison was run out attempting a foolhardy single in the 40th over.

The two teams meet again in Napier on Monday and Auckland on December 30 before a Test match in Hamilton on January 2.

The first "third umpire" to appear in New Zealand was not called into action today. Veteran umpire Brian Aldridge, sealed off in a room high above the ground and armed with television replays to settle any controversial run out decisions, was not needed.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first oneday international between Pakistan and New Zealand to-

PAKISTAN:

Ramcez Raja b Harris Aamir Sohail b Morrison Salim Malik run out Javed Miandad c and b Morrison Inzamamul-Haq c Jones b Watson Astf Mujtaba c Patel b Harris 0 Wasim Akram c Morrison b Harris Rashid Latif c Latham b Watson Wagar Younis not out Mushtag Ahmed not out Extras: (4 b, 3 lb, 1 nb, 3 w) 11 Total: (for eight wickets, 49

overs) Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-57; 3-116; 4-117; 5-119; 6-123; 7-152; 8-153 BOWLING: W Watson Dipak Patel G Larsen 10 C Harris R Latham NEW ZEALAND:

R Latham b Akram M Greatbatch c Wagar b Akram A Jones c Latif b Akram M Crowe c Sohail b Aagib K Rutherford b Aaqib C Harris b Aagib D Patel c Inzamam b Mushtag

A Parore e Malik b Akram G Larsen c Latif b Akram D Morrison run out W Watson not out Extras: (8 lb, 6 w, 3 nb) Total: (all out, 39.3 overs) 108

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-10; 3-19; 4-60; 5-73; 6-74; 7-77; 8-97; 9-106; 10-108 Bowling: O M Akram Younis Aaqib 27 Mushtag 20

Sohail 20 Result: Pakistan won by 50

Man-of-the-match: Wasim

The 111-yacht international fleet gets off to a smooth start under clear blue skies and 15 knot-winds in the 48th annual yacht race from Sydney to Hobart yesterday. American Maxi Kiaola is the record holder in this event having taken two

days 14 hours 36 minutes and 56 seconds.

1992: Year of the Americans

Spectators applauding the 30th Davis Cup victory of the United Sta-

tes in Fort Worth last month didn't have far to look for the 1992 headlinemakers of men's tennis, reports AFP.

on the players' benches.

The American team of world number-one Jim Courier, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and John McEnroe had been described as tennis' answer to the Olympic basketball Dream

JIM COURIER

But although their 3-1 victory over modest Swizerland looked comfortable enough on paper — the American stars were made to fight all the way.

The Swiss, who had put holders France out of the event in the quarter- finals and who were making their first-ever appearance in the final, clearly hadn't read their script.

With the overall match score level at 1-1 after the first day's singles, Switzerland's big-serving duo of Marc Rosset and Jacob Hlasek came to within a whisker of pulling off a major upset when they took a two sets to love lead over Sampras and McEnroe in the doubles.

It was left to 33-year-old McEnroe to inspire Sampras and stage a remarkable revival, and then for Courier to hammer the final nail into the Swiss coffin by beating Hlasek.

The year was dominated by the 22-year-old Courier - a

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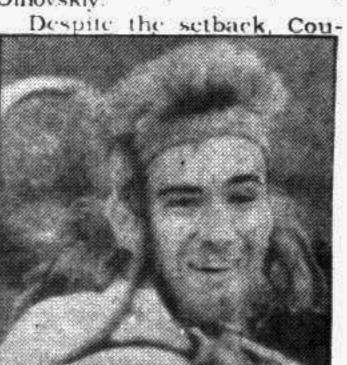
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notorious workaholic who is always looking to improve his hard-hitting game under the eye of craft Spanish coach Jose Higueras.

Courier notched up a 25match winning streak between April and June and got halfway to the elusive 'Grand Slam', dropping only two sets at the Most of them were sitting. Australian Open and one at the French Open.

But he was brought back to earth with a bang when he was stopped in the third-round at Wimbledon by little-known Russian qualifier Andrei Olhovskiv.



ANDRE AGASSI

rier kept working away at his game and remained the player to beat. He reached the semifinals at the United States Open and ended the season with five ATP titles. His overall record of 69 wins against 18 defeats was enough to keep him on top of the computer rankings.

The other American heroes were headed by Andre Agassi.

The flamboyant 22-year-old from Las Vegas, who had so often failed at the penultimate hurdles of the major events, at last won a Grand Slam title.

And he chose to do it at Wimbledon where he had not always been a favourite son. Agassi, whose eccentric

dress sense had previously led to brushes with the authoritics, boycotted the world's most famous tournament until his highly publicised and successful return in 1991.

This year he again delighted everyone with his swashbuck-

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ling brand of baseline power and adventurous strokeplay, and there was hardly a dry eye in the house when he came back to beat Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic 6-7 (8-10), 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in a thrilling final.

Immediately after his triumph an emotional Agassi admitted:

"There was a million things running through my mind at that moment. I was the Wimbledon champion. A Grand Slam winner. I thought of the years of people doubting me. And I thought of the people who had always believed in me. It was overwhelming."



JOHN McENROE In the semi-finals Agassi had beaten the player he most admired - John McEnroe.

The three-time Wimbledon champion, who early in the tournament treated a packed Centre-Court crowd to a nostalgic victory over Australia's former titleholder Pat Cash, proved he could still turn on the old magic and get upset at officials.

"Is that what the white stuff is for now... to tell you when the ball is out?" McEnroe yelled at one umpire after alleging he had seen chalk rise from a ball that had been called 'out.' McEnroe's remarkable sin-

gles run was not all. He astonished everybody when he put a rain-affected Wimbledon into a third week to complete a victory in the men's doubles title alongside Germany's Michael

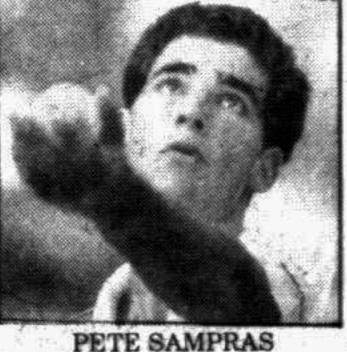
Unlike Connors, still going

nounced he would 'definitely' be quitting the tour at the end of the season. But after his successes at Wimbledon and some excellent

strong at 40, McEnroe an-

late-season performances, Mc-Enroe appeared to be having second thoughts.

His remarkable performance in the Davis Cup, the failure of his campaign to take over Tom Gorman's job as 1993 team captain, and confirmation that his marriage with actress Tatum O'Neal was on the rocks, had the former world number-one hinting that



he might, after all, continue playing.

Pete Sampras, 21, didn't win a major title but he had the tour's best overall match record - winning 70 of his 88 encounters. The 1990 United States

'serve-and-volley' specialist, worked hard early in the season to improve his clay court game and it paid rich dividends. He surprised many by reaching the last eight at the French Open, a tournament in which two previous visits had ended in second-round dismissal, and by the end of the year he had won five titles, been a finalist at the United States Open, and was a serious

Open champion, a stylish

Marc Rosset's season peaked in the sultry heat of Barcelona where he defied all logic to win the Olympic gold

threat to Courier's status.

Klinsmann feels happier in France



MONTEVIDEO. Dec 26: When Juergen Klinsmann lett Italian giants inter Milan for

developed a sudden allergy to crowds or simply become tired of top-class soccer, writes Reuter. From playing in front of 70,000-plus crowds and pitting his skills against the finest

players in the world's richest and most glamourous champi onship, the German striker sometimes performs for as few as 2,000 fans in the principal-But Klinsmann says the move to the French league has given a new lease of life to his

career, which he felt had reached a crossroads after the emotional high of winning the World Cup with Germany in What may have appeared to observers as a big step back

wards, has revived Klinsmann's appetite for the game and reignited his goalscoring spark. Last season he managed just seven goals for inter, a disappointing total from one of the world's top strikers, but the 28 year old forward has already passed that total with

nine this season. And he has found that playing professional soccer in France is fun after the strict elub regime and close attention of the media in Italy. "Inter had a bad year last year," he told Reuters during Germany's two-match South

American tour. I could see the team was not working together and everyone was trying to find an excuse for himself. When I see everyone thinking of himself, I get unhappy

"It's a lot of fun playing in France because they like the technical way of playing.

There's a good philosophy of working for each other. They really enjoy playing, you can feel that, and that is why ! am doing so well. I'm very happy and I hope to show that

as well in the national team." No Sunday, he did just that, giving the Uruguayan defence a nightmare, going close to scoring twice, creating two other jelearcut chances and finally capping his performance with

Germany's fourth goal in a 4-1 As far as Klinsmann is concerned. Germany's poor run of results - draws against Austria and Mexico and a 3-1 defeat to

Brazil - will soon be forgotten. "We have lost (Andreas) Brehme and (Rudi) Voeller. But German football has always been able to substitute very important players."



JUERGEN KLINSMANN... happy away from rat race

Klinsmann, who scored 33 goals in his three seasons at Inter, said he had enjoyed his time in Italy but that his move to Monaco had eased the pressure on him, particularly from the media.

They (Italian soccer press) have to write a whole page every day about one club. It was ridiculous because they had to write stories even when there weren't stories. "Sometimes I was quoted in

the newspaper even when I hadn't spoken to them and the reporter would apologise to me the next day." Two years ago the articulate

Klinsmann, who speaks fluent

French, Italian and English.

nearly abandoned soccer. wasn't tired of playing soccer but that's how it appeared in the press. I just wanted to do something different like going to university. But I took my time, went on holiday and eventually decided

That's why I'm playing in France. I wanted to learn another language, to play in another country, to meet new people. I still have a lot of motivation.

to go on.

"By the time my contract finishes (in 1995), I will be financially secure for life. It's a wonderful situation. It doesn't mean that I don't think about the future but it means I don't have to worry about it the whole time."

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Ye sterday's Cryptoquip: ARE MORE MEN THAN WOMEN EMPLOYED AT THE SPRAWLING DAIRY? IT'S HALF AND HALF.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals H

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.