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Can Caribbeans break the jinx?

New Zealand are the only Test pla ving country ag ainst whom the

indies do not hold a rubber presently. Barring the one-off Test against the Lankans in Sri Lanka (which was abandoned due to rain). Windies have clamoured all Test playing nations (except Zimbabwe, whom they have not met in Tests) more than once texcept South Africa, whom they have face only once on home soil and beat in style). New Zealand is also the last Test team to which the Windies lost a rubber in 1979-80 in the three-match rubber which the Kiwis won 1-0 (2 drawn).

Windies gained Test status in 1928 and the Kiwis the following year. However, it was in 1951-52 that the two teams faced each other in Tests. The present article offers a quick look into the annals of Tests played between the two teams in the wake of the forthcoming three-match rubber in Kiwi land. Among all the rubbers played between the two countries, only the 1971-72 series was held in the Windies.

1951-52 series: The first rubber between the tvo teams invoived two match s. The first Test was held at Lancaster Park, Christchurch from Friday 8 to Tuesday 12 February 1952. The two captains were B Sutcliffe for New Zealand and Jeffrey Goddard for the Windies. The umpires were MF Pengelly and B Vine. The Windies won by five wickets. The match was a low-scoring affair: New Zealand scored 236 and 139, while Windies 287 and 142/5. No centuries were scored by batsmen on either side. The top scores for New Zealand were 45 each by VJ Scott and B Sutcliffe in the first innings, while for the Windies. Sir Frank Worrell top scored with 71 in the first in nings and also remained un beaten on 62, the top score in the next Windies innings. The bowlers of both sides, how ever, set their marks. For New Zealand, TB Buritt took 5/69 and 2/37, while for Windles Sonny Ramadhin, the Trinidadian spinner, took 5/86 and

4/39. The second Test at the Eden Park, Auckland; was drawn. Windies amassed a colossal 546/6 declared (dec) to which the Kiwis followed on at 160 and in the third innings and finished the match at 17/1. The main features of the were 99 from Alian Rae, and tons from Jeffery Stolimeyer (152). Sir Frank Worrell (100) and Civde Walcoltt (115). Windies thus clinched the two

match Rubber 1-0 (1 drawn) 1955-56 series: This Rul ber consisted of four matches. Decisions were reached in each match. The end result went in favour of the Windies. 3-1, in the first Test at Carisbrook, Dunedin, Windies won by an innings and 71 runs New Zealand, batting first. were bundled out for a meagre 77. Again, it was Ramdhin. who played the pivotal role. taking 6/23 and following up with 3/58 in the next innings Windies responded with 353 with a ton from Everton Weekes (123). The Kiwis were then again bundled on l for 208. in the second Test at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, Windies again prevailed this time by an innings and 64 runs. Weekes again scored a ton (103) in Windies' total of 386. New Zealand followed on at 158 and minaged to get only 164 in the next. Again. the destroyer was Ramadhin who took 5/46 and in the sec ond innings another spinner this time from Jamaica, Valentime took 5/32 in the second Kiwi innings. The third Test at the Basin reserve. Wellington. also went in favour of the tourists this time by nine wickets. Windies scored 404 and 13/1 with Weekes registering a third consecutive ton [156] in the first innings. New Zealand managed 208 in both innings. Atkinson of the Windies took 5/66 in the sec ond Kiwi innings. The fourth Test at the Eden Park, Auckland, went in favour of the hosts who registered their first Test victory against the Windies by 190 runs. New Zealand batting first, scored 255 and 157/9 dec. while the Windies followed on at 145 and were bundled out for a meagre 77 in the third innings. The most successful Kiwi bowier, H B Cave, took 4/22 and 4/21. For the Windies, D T Dewdney took 5/21 and 0/22 and D St E Atkinson took 0/45 and 7/53. 1968-69 series: This three-

match Rubber ended 1-1 (1 drawn). In the first Test at the Eden Park, Auckland, Windies won by 5 wickets. The Kiwis batting first, scored 323 and 297/8 dec. while Windles scored 276 and 348/5. B.R. Taylor for the Kiwis, scored 124 in the first innings, while for Windies. Carew got a ton By Asrarul Islam Chowdhury

(109) in the first innings and S M Nurse in the second (168). New Zealand restored parity in the second Test at the Basin Reserve. Wellington, winning by six wickets. Windies batting first, scored 297 and 148. The Kiwis scored 282 and 166/4. R C Metz took 6/69 and 2/44 for the Kiwis, while for Windies, R M Edwards took 5/84 in the first Kiwi innings. The third Test at Lancaster Park. Christchurch was drawn. Windies batted first and amassed 417 with S'M Nurse registering his second ton of the rubber (258). New Zealand followed on at 217 and then concluded the match at 367/6. Again, the Kiwi bowler, R C Motz took 5 wickets, this time however, conceding 113 runs.

1971-72 Series: This was the only Rubber between the two teams to be held in the Caribbean. New Zealand holds an enviable record in this respect as the rubber ended 0-0 (all five drawn) and are thus the only Test-playing nation whom Windies have not been able to defeat on home soil. In the first Test at Sabina Park Jamaica. Windies amassed 508/4 dec and 218/3 dec. New Zealand in response scored 386 and 236/6. The Test was significant in the sense that Lawrence Rowe, the opening bat from Barbados, made his debut and scored 214 and 100 n.o. the highest runs in Test history by any one on debut. Glen Turner scored 223 in the first and M



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G Burgess 101 in the second Kiwi innings, while for Windies Roy Fredericks scored 163 in the first innings. In the second Test at the Queen's Park Oval Trinidad, the Kiwis scored 348 and 288/3 dec white, the Windies 341 and 121/5. For New Zealand, B E Congdon scored 166 n.o. in the first innings, while his compatriot. B R Taylor, took 4/41 and 3/26. In the third Test at Kensington Oval. barbados. Windies were bundled out for 133 in the first innings and then managed to score:564/8 in the mext one The Kiwis scored 422. Both Chartie Davis (183) and Sir

Carfield Sobers (142) scored

tons in the second Windies innings. For the Kiwis. Congdon again hit a ton (126) with his compatriot B F Hast ings (105). In the fourth Test at Bourda, Guvana, Windies scored 365/7 dec and 86 for no loss. The Kiwi tally was 543/3 dec. The gifted Guyanese left hander, Alvin Kallicharran, scored 100 n. o. while for the Kiwis. It was Turner with 259 and T W Jarvis with 182. In the fifth Test at Trinidad. Windies scored 368 and 194, while the Klwis 162 and 253/7. Again Kallicharran scored a ton (101), in the first Caribbean innings. For the Kiwis, B R Taylor took 3/74 and 5/41. while the Trinidadian spinner. Inshan Ali took 5/59 and 2/99 for Windies.

1979-80 Series: This threematch rubber was the first and last the Kiwis have won against Windies (1-0, 2 drawn) and also the last Windies have lost to any nation since then. The one man who made the difference was the great Sir Richard Hadlee. New Zealand won the first Test at Carisbrook. Dunedin by a whisker. Windies were bundled out for only 140 and 212 thanks to Sir Hadlee's 5/34 and 6/68. Desmond Havnes, the last survivor of that series today, offered exemplary resistance topscoring with 55 and 105. New Zealand scored 249 in their first innings. Needing only 103 to win in the fourth innings. Windies lifted the game to send the



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Kiwis reeling at 73/8 at one stage thanks to 3/24 from Holding and 4/36 from Garner Although the ninth wicket fell at 100, the Caribbean magic did not last long as southpows Troup and Boock hit four runs to register a victory on "unlucky" 13 February by a solitary wicket. The next two Tests ended in draws, in the second Test at Lancaster Park Christchurch, Windies scored 228 and 447/5 dec. Havnes [122] Lawrence Rowe [100] and Collis-King (100 n.o.) each bit tons in the second innings. white Gordon Greenidge 19 and 97) just missed a ton on both innings. For the Kiwis Geoffery Howarth scored 147

and Sir Hadlee 103. In the third Test at the Eden Park. Auckland, Windies scored 220 and 264/9 dec. while the Kiwis managed 305 and 73/4 Bruce Edgar hit 127 for the Kiwis in the first innings, while "Big Bird" Joel Garner took 6/56 and 1/17 for Windies.

1986-87 Series: This was

last time the two teams met in a rubber. It resulted in a 1-1 [1 drawn) draw. The first Test at the Basin Reserve, Wellington ended in a draw. New Zealand scored 228 and 386/5 dec. while Windies 345 and 50/2. John Wright, scored 138 and Martin Crowe 119, for the Kiwis in the second innings while Des Haynes scored 121 in the first innings for the Caribbeans. Joel Garner took 5/51 and 2/72 for Windies. Windies won the second Test at the Eden Park, Auckland by 10 wickets. The scores were Windies 418/9 dec and 16 for no loss and the Kiwis 157 and 273. Greenidge scored 213 for Windies, while Crowe 104 in the second Kiwi innings. Sir Hadiee took five expensive wickets for 105 runs, while for Windies, Marshall took 4/43 and 2/71 and the current skipper. Walsh. 1/34 and 5/73. New Zealand restored parity in the third Test at Lancaster Park. Christchurch through a five-wieket victory. Windies were bundled out for 100 and 264, thanks again to Sir Hadiee's 6/50 and 3/101 New Zealand scored 332 and 33/5, with Garner taking 4/79 and 1/3 and Walsh 1/78 and 3/16 for Windies.

The last rubber among the two teams 'highlighted' the excellence of some quality players. For the Kiwis, we have seen gifted miavers in Sir Hadiee and Martin Crowe, and diligent players in Ken Rutherford and Ian Smith. For Windies, we have seen the rise of two charismatic players in the present skipper. Courtney Andrew "Walsh" and Richie Richardson. This article was written just after the first one day, which Windies won on a better run average. At present, New Zealand are handicapped by the suspension of three key players. Matthew Hart. Stephen Flemming and Dion Naash. Moreover, the Windies have not managed to win a rubber against the Kiwis in 39 years, since the 1955-56 series. Besides this statistical drought West Windies will not lack in enthusiasm because youngsters like Adams. Williams, Chanderpaul and Caffy will be eager to cement

their positions in the current team. So let's wait and see how the forthcoming rubber turns out to be "Cricket, lovely cricket" is gloriously uncer-

tain, isn't it?

For 'em winter never comes

"Good English teams still

visit America and you'd be sur

prised how much crieket ex-

pats still play over there," said

Madley "Nowadays they are

mostly West Indians (Caribbean

Afro-Americans) living in New

York and I saw tots of then

playing at Randali's Island in

in a frame labeled, "1870, par

of the best belonging to W G

Grace that comes up, every

one present may very well bow

down as William Gilbert Grace

a huge Victorian folk hero with

a beard, be strode the game

like a colossus, He was the fa

ther of cricket in its golder

They didn't think so, only we

do with hindsight, and I think

the cricketers of today are

"Of course, we used to wir

'Yes, and they didn't play

Top-priced lot is expected

to be a watereoier by Si

Robert Ponsonby Staples de

picting Grace leaning on the

pavilion tence at Lord's and

chatting to top-hatted men-

bers of MCC before strolling

out on the sacred turf at the

still for up to 8,000 pounds

at Lord's because a label on the

back says so and they must

have had a clear out before the

The Cohen collection is ex-

Cohen started collecting as

pected to make up to 150,000

the 1920s. He played cricket

and eventually became chief

dental officer in Birmingham

the industrial heart of England

He died last summer at age 90

His collection is the most in-

pounds (dirs 235,500)

museum was created there

The picture is expected to

"Astonishingly it was once

headquarters of the game

(dirs 12.500)

'Madiev said

in those days, remarked Peter

Armold, the firm's watercolo:

for money." Madiev added

"Was there a golden age"

age - that is, up to 1914.

better."-said Madiev

specialisi

There is a brass belt buckle

north Manhattan last vear.



(AP): It's winter in England, chilly and very wel, and cricket is sus pended until so-

DELL, INSTRUME

But Thursday brings a cheerful reminder of days in the sun and it will be thermos flasks and sandwiches as usual

Enthusiasts for the summe: game especially those with cash to spare, will troops to London's bond Street for a sale oi crickei memorabilia cel tected by Hal Cohen, a dentist

We have had cricket sales before and we enjoy seeing the puvers in front of the rostrum unscrewing their flasks and unwrapping their sandwiches. said Richard Madley, a direc tor of Philips auctioneers

There are 623 tots of paint tigs, books, memorial plates dishes and jugs cigarette cards, postcards, medals and porcelain figures in the saic They recall famous names like Aitred Mynn - bern 1807 and known as Alfred the Great and also Lion of Kent - and other tegendary figures George Gunn. Gffbert Jessop. Victor Trumper, George Hirst Wilfred Rhodes, Percy Fender Jack Hobbs, Harold Larwood Don Bradman and many, many

Not torgetting K 5 Ramii sinhji. Maharajah Jam Sahib of nawanagar whose elegan style, Indian origin and delightful title captured the nation's imagination 100 years ago. There are four copies of his 1897 Jubilee Book of Cricket" in the sale.

Americans, who play base ball in summer are represented too. Among the books is the 'American Crieket Annual 1890." price 50 cents. But most of the cricketers in it were expatriates.

MCC, which stands for Marylehone Cricket Club, ruling body of the worldwide game, first sent a team to the United States in the last years of the 19th century

Lot 308 is the official score

book souventr of a tour to portant from a single owner to Philadelphia by the Cambridge reach the block for more than and Oxford Eleven in 1895.

> Cohen lived in a modest three-bedroom house next to the rugby ground in the Birmingham suburb of Mosciev "His diningroom had cri-

eket books from floor to cei hing and about 20 cricket paintings on one wall," said Madiev

"There was cricket almost everywhere but Eva his wife insisted on a cricket-free zone in the drawing-room," the director said

There are many volumes in the sale of cricket's most famous book, the Wisden al manac, named after its first editor John Wisden, first pullished in 1864 and annually eyer since. Fans spend their lives trying to acquire a full set A first edition in the sale although badly damaged, is still estimated at up to 2,000 pounds (dirs 3.140).

Madley said his firm offered a complete run of Wisden last April for 20,000 pounds fdirs 31,400) but couldn't sell it be cause collectors only want cer tain volumes to fill gaps

When we split it up the total realized was 25,000 pounds idirs 39,250)," he said

The catalog for this said has gone like not cakes. It's sta pounds (dirs 9.40) now and next year it will be worth three times that," he said

Who will come to the sale? 'Lovers of the game who are fascinated by its history, not necessarily former players." Madiev said. "The major collectors are in

England and Australia but there is interest from France and Italy because they like images like this painting of a boy holding a cricket bat." he said "I expect to sell everything

- I'm taking no prisoners. Madley said. Phillips intends to enjoy the sale day and ensure its cus-

tomers do, too It will serve drinks all day and tea and cucumber sandwiches at teatime

Can politics be kept out of sport?

By Derek Ingram

Is sport today a national unifier or a divider? A tool to used or misused in international diplomacy? A victim or a beneficiary of the market economy? Gemini News Service reports on a new book that outlines the complex forces at work today behind global sport.

politics out of sport." was the futile L cry which used to go up from those who opposed the cutting of sporting links with apartheid South Africa.

The sentiment was as futile as another much older cry: "Keep politics out of religion."

The truth is, international sport has often been part of the diplomatic fabric. German dictator Adolf Hitler used it to glorify fascism at the 1936 Olympic Games: communist East Germany used it to acquire legitimacy as a sovereign state: Canada rejected Taiwan's Olympic team for the 1976 Games because it did not represent the real China.

The United States, the Soviet Union and Cuba sput huge investment into athletics to get to the top of the gold medal podium.

On another level, sport was the launching pad for diplomatic initiatives, such as the "ping-pong diplomacy" used to open a dialogue between the US and communist China in 1971. when a table-tennis team was sent to Beijing by President Richard Nixon. A new book, Sport and

International Politics*, by Barrie, Houlihan of Britain's Statiordshire University, says that in the wake of the Soviet collapse, for many states at tempting to gain international recognition "the journey towards a seat at the United Nations begins with an application for membership of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or one of the main international sports fed-Houlinan's book covers

many aspects of the global sporting scene and chronicles the huge changes wrought by commercialisation and especially by the dependence on TV and business sponsorship.

Some of the figures are startling. For the .1990-199 Enmand cricket tour of Australia only 30 (per cent of the total net moome was from gate receipts, the rest coming from business. In 1992, the Wimbledon tennis champi onships raised 70 per cent of their revenues through TV fees compared to a less than 20 pcr



IOC comes from its seven per cent share of the TV rights for the Games, in 1992 the BBC showed 1.600 nours of sport nearly 20 per cent of its entire programme output. And sports sponsorship in Britain grew trem £2.5 million in 1971 to £240 million in 1991, As a result, he points out.

morrey has become a deciding Jactor in the way international Sport is staged. "As sport has become a

source of profit in its own · right. turough the sports goods business or through the marketing of TV rights, corpo rate interests have become more aware of the need to pro tect that source of problemso they will also attende to fully ence major organisers such as the IOC over the tocation of Games and the selection of Business is increasingly in

introduction of the tie-break in tennis and changes to the scoring system in squash. There was discussion wi-

thin the international Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) about now to adjust the rules for the 1994 World Cup to make the game more patatable to a USintelevision audience and therefore to advertisers. The choice of an American

1996 Olympics and then Sydney in 2000 keeps the Games in the rich world. South Africa will bid for the 2004 Games, but will find itself pit ted against China · Meantime. The Common

venue again. Atlanta, for the

wealth Games moves in 1996 to Malaysia - only the second of the 16 Games held since 1980-to be staged in a developing country. The first was in Jamaica in 1966.

Malaysia is planning a bigger. Commonwealth Games than ever - part of government policy to build the country into a sporting as well as an economic tiger in Southeast Asia. As a multi-ethnic country it sees sport as a unifier and nation-builder. South Africa does the same.

This view is not universal. Houlihan's book raises questions about resentment towards the global spread of Western sport and the Western concept of competition.

Critics say that in West Africa soccer has been associated with inter-ethnic violence. Caribbeans are divided on the issue. One commentator wrote: "Cricket is a the game we love, for it is the only game we can play well, the only ac-tivity which gives us some international presuge. But it is the game, deep down, which we must hate - the game of the master."

The much loved and respected Caribbean writer C L R James argued otherwise. The game, he said, provided a focus for West Indian identity

in Australia sport has been a key force in the emergence of a national identity. Beating England at cricket was an inportant means of asserting Australian equality and vitality

Houlihan also points out that in Canada in the early 1970s then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau saw sport as a partial means of overcoming problems arising from strong provinces, dispersed populations and English-French cultural divisions. The govern ment invested in the sports Canada programme. Result: the Canadian share of Olympic and Commonwealth medals steadily rose.

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ingram was the founder of Gemini News Service and is now consultant editor. He is author of several books on the Commonwealth and was president of the Commonwealth Journalists Association from v1983 to 1990. in 1978 he recerved the Commonwealth Fress Union annual award.

Tomba leads Italy toward light

kisses the snow, He kisses his francee. He even kisses his dog. Alberto Tomba s colourtul post-race relebrations are an inspiration to italians who are teching the blues Especiatly as they happen

race after race after race

Sociologists suggest that Tomba's eight-race winning streak is helping Italians to survive the strains of a long political crisis, the fall of the tira and growing unempley

Tomba's latest triumph in a slaiom at Kitzbuehel. Austria drew a television audience of 7.8 million, a record for World Cup race in Italy

The sports daily La Gazzetta

delto Sport on Thursday ranked Tomba as the second most popular Italian athlete of the century, behind only the late eveling champion Fausto

The skier called "La Bomba (the Bomb) because of his power-packed charges be tween slaiom gates doesn't like sociological interpretations. He says pleasing Italian tans and winning races are part of his

And he loves the glory "I feel great, powerful, I'm self-confident. I love to be No 1. Tomba said in an interview with the Ifalian magazine Epoca this week Tomba has been virtually

umbeatable this season tie has won all six World

Cup statoms so far and two out of the tour giant slatoms, raisting his career World Cup vic tory total to 41. He is likely to beat his season best of nine victories, set in 1988 when he also captured two Olympic ti ties at Caigary . . . Some experts suggest that

Tomba may even capture his first World Cup overall title, a target believed almost un reachable for a skier who does not compete in the two lastest disciplines - downhill and super-giant staton By restricting himself to

slaioms and giant slaioms. Tomba cuts his potential points more than in half when you also consider that it makes ham aneligible for combined

Eight victories and a fourth place in a giant slatom at Tignes have given Tomba 650 points with 15 naces left, in cluding seven gate events, this

MILAN, Jan 26 IAPI: He next race is a statem in proved statem style were be-Wengen. Switzerland on hind the new explosion of lar wrought-from decorations.

Austrian Guenther Made: an ati-around skier is a distant second in the overall standings with 482 points white defend ing World Cup champion Kietil Andre Aamodt trails Tomba by 450 points, in fourth place

Bologna insists he's not think ing about the overall title and says his priority is to win a world title in Sierra Nevada. Spain, next month A three-time champion and

The 28-year-old from

a two-tume silver medalist at the Olympics. Tomba-has never won gold at the World Championship: . "It's time I filled the gap. I

keep the current torm and determination I can have high hopes to win a race at Sierra Neveda said Tomba, who wi' only start in slaion gian slatem in Spaul Some observers suggested

that a special diet harde summer training and an inBomba, who has simmed down to 91 deflograms 420 pounds) from a peak of 96 (212) a few years ago bome claimed that Toniba

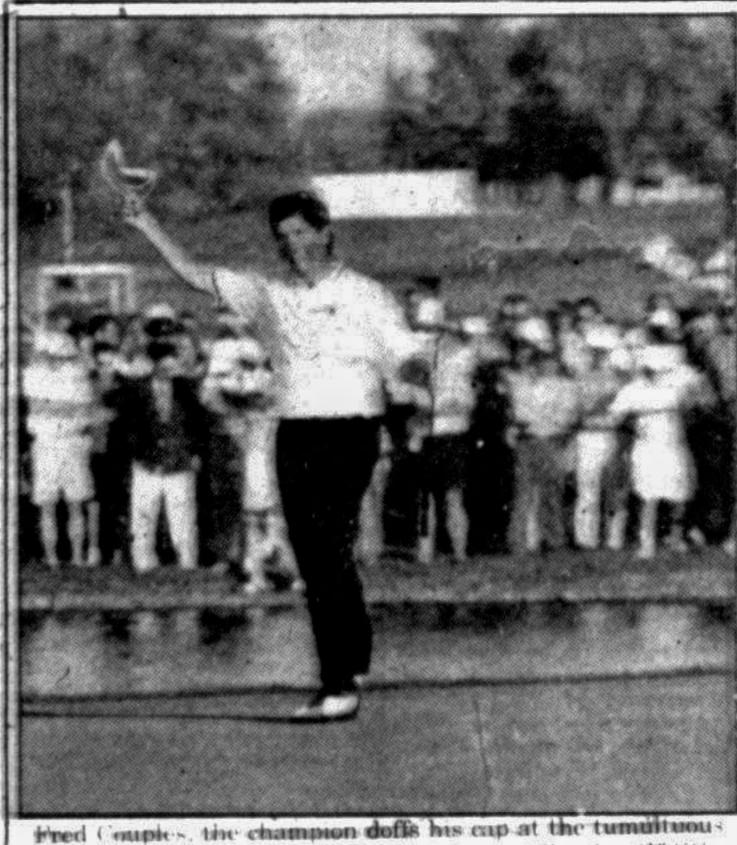
stored relation with his ti ancer former Miss Italy Martina Colombar Martina, a 19-year-old model, is again on hand to kiss

winning secret was his to

Alberto at the finish line. So. incidentali, is his white Siberian husky, Yukor "He's a great champton, and

hooks umbeatable this year. Colombari said in an interview with the magazine Fanorm. "Away from the ski slopes Alberto is a very normal per son We are a very norma-

Friends say Tomba likes to watch television and movies and visit triends in Bologua, tic has also developed a passion as a wme collector and has piled up 2,400 rare botties in the celiar of the tamily vilia Tomba re designed the re-



applause after claiming the Dubai Desert Classic golf title the first American to do so. Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, was the official carrier of the Besert Classic held at the Emirates Golf Club recently

dar himself, with candles and

Wine comes before Martina in the list of my great passions," he joked in a recent interview with Austrian televi-

Tomba was known as the man who called himself the messiah of skiing, who loved discos, who stuffed himself with home-made pasta, who chased women and joked that two girls are not enough for

But Tomba has matured become more professional and has a quiet way of life, accord ang to his triends.

the still loves driving fast in his Ferrari Testarossa, Lancia and Alia Romeo cars. But he has become more cautious after a collision with traffic poince in 1993

As Italian dailies are run ning short of superlatives for their front-page headlines about Tomba's triumphs. tormer Olympic champion Toni Sailer summed up Alberto's qualities in saying "He's the greatest not only because of his victories but for the charm he exerts on lans Athletes like Alberto are a

tortune for (Alpine) skiing Tomba is certainiy making his own fortune as well. He's said to pocket about dirs 6 milition a vear from commerci | sponsors and

in addition, he has been earning 25 million lire idirs 13,000) for each World Cup victory plus bonuses from his sponsor- - tood group Barilla auto giant Fiat. Fila sportswear and Rossignol skis

carababies r v

Most of Tomba's contracts run through 1997, when the World Championships will be held in the Malian resert of Sestriere, one of Tomba's 4avourite tracks.

But it's still uncertain if the Italian superstar will keep sking until then. Tomba, who has suggested this could be his last season, said he will make a tinal decision about his future at the end of March. "Right now I'm enjoying

success and the attention of the fans. Tomba's told Gazzetta dello Sport. "But I already know that difficult times are just around the corner "A second-place finish, after

so many wins, would be considered a disappointment. That's life

- Star photo