

Sport

Column One SPORTS TALK



Andy Roberts (Great West Indian fast bowler and now team coach.)

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That wives of soccer fans and golfing widows everywhere should make Mrs George Chuvalo their patron saint...

In August 1970 she leapt into the ring twice to stop the fight between her husband George and the American George Foreman...

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-17

- 1. Who is the highest run accumulator in Test cricket? 2. What is the official name of the sixth cricket World Cup?...

Skating rally

A skating rally will be held in the capital on the occasion of the Independence Day on December 16, reports BSS.

7 cities seek 2004 Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec 10: Seven cities have so far formally applied to host the 2004 Olympic Games...

Ijaz hits imperious ton



CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Dec 10: A century of rare quality by Ijaz Ahmed...



Ijaz had a point to prove to the Pakistan cricket selectors. Over the past couple of weeks he has made that point in emphatic style.

sure is off me." Ijaz's latest century today lifted his test average to a respectable 35.

That innings set up a victory and the one here, with help from Inzamamul Haq, could well do the same.

Ijaz struck 13 fours and two sixes in his 213-ball innings and looked a class above any other batsman in this match.

Mushtaq may yet be the key to the outcome of the match. The pitch is showing few signs of wear...

SCOREBOARD Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes Pakistan and New Zealand players.



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Rain rescues Windies

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Dec 10: West Indies were given a boost ahead of this week's World Series Cup opener...

West Indies had been comprehensively outplayed in their only first-class fixture before the start of the three-team limited overs World Series tournament...

However, they were stranded on 69 for two after 20 overs when the umpires finally abandoned play after a succession of downpours.

Nicol dumps Daniel

BOMBAY, Dec 10: Sixth seed Peter Nicol of Scotland swept aside Englishman Daniel Meddings...

The 22-year-old, ranked eighth in the world after climbing 36 places in 15 months, is the only player to have beaten six-time world champion Jansher Khan...

Nicol's quarter-final opponent will be France's Julien Bonetat, who rallied after trailing twice to pull off a 5-15, 15-7, 15-17, 15-9, 15-13 victory over Ireland's Derek Ryan...

Kamal passes away

CALCUTTA, Dec 10: Noted sports commentator, Kamal Bhattacharya, died after a heart attack at a private nursing home at Salt Lake today, reports PTI.

V-Day badminton

Agrani Bank Victory Day Open badminton tournament under-16 organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation will begin here on December 23, reports UNB.



Manchester United's David Beckham controls his body to volley past Sheffield Wednesday custodian (R) as defender Des Walker tries his level best to stymie him during their English Premier league tie at Old Trafford on Dec 9.

Newcastle lose the pace

LONDON, Dec 10: Romanian international Petrescu sent leaders Newcastle to only their second English Premier league defeat of the season...

Newcastle, whose only previous defeat was at Southampton three months ago, had their lead cut by one point to four after second-placed Manchester United snatched a 2-2 draw against Sheffield Wednesday at Old Trafford.

Les Ferdinand cleared the dead-ball kick but succeeded only in finding Petrescu on the edge of the area and the Romanian chipped the ball home, leaving Srnicek to pick it out of the back of the net for his first touch.

Dull pitch denies result

PAARL, South Africa, Dec 10: England and South African provincial side Boland took the remarkable decision to abandon their four-day match on the third day on Saturday as the lifeless pitch left little possibility of a result, reports Reuter.

The funeral paced pitch denied both batsmen and bowlers any chance of a competitive game. Boland, responding to England's first innings 402 for eight declared, resumed in the morning on 129 for four wickets...

first-class status of the match and protect Jack Russell's career-best 129 not out in the first innings and they made 33 for two before the match was finally abandoned as a draw.

again they lost Robin Smith, who top-edged a long hop to fine leg to depart for a single, and Iloft, batting at number three, edged spinner Claude Henderson to slip on eight.

Todd baffles Boris' fans

MUNICH, Dec 10: Boris Becker's hopes of enjoying a pre-Christmas party in his home town by winning the Grand Slam Cup were dashed in Saturday's semifinals by American Todd Martin...

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when he was given a warning for swearing. Serving for the match at 5-4, the fiery Croat got involved in a row with the umpire about a line call which gave Kafelnikov a 3-0 lead...

"I couldn't say I fought less today than in Frankfurt or at other events. I was really hot," he said. "There are, of course, players who slip into the draw, who feel they have a chance of making more money in just one week than over all the year."

"This makes their ambition. For me it doesn't make any difference... I have had an excellent year. The best since 1991. I would have loved to have won in my home town and gave everything I had. But it just wasn't to be."

Martin said he felt a certain amount of guilt that he was earning so much and said he would give some of his prize money to charity.

In a way I do feel guilty. I don't think I deserve this much money," he said. "I think we are all making a ridiculous amount of money this week."

Bhattacharya's body was brought to the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) office in the afternoon to enable people to pay their last respects before being cremated.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Includes categories like Gabsors, gesting, way, as a town, etc.

Cryptquip puzzle grid and clues. Includes categories like Cryptquip, L R C Y T X M G Q Y T R, etc.

The Cryptquip 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.