SPORTS TALK



agencies.

Ahmed.

second innings, 291 runs

Akram, 11, and Mushtag

the Pakistan cricket selec-

tors. Over the past couple of

weeks he has made that

istan team during their Aus-

tralian tour last month, ljaz

responded with a superb

IJAZ ... 103

dumped for three tours by

for the series against Sri

Lanka and two one-day tour-

naments in Sharjah this year.

chance impressively since

for his injured brother-in-law

"There was a lot of pres-

of the team for eight

said to myself I was going to

Boris

American Todd Martin, who in the past has let his temper

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

will meet Goran Ivanisevic for

the fast indoor surface, bat-

tled back 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6

to reach Sunday's final and

earn a shot at the top prize of

1.625 million dollars at the 6

In the second semifinal

Ivanisevic of Croatia was able

to use his big serve to the full

to score a 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

victory over Russian Yevgeny

Becker, who last month

won the ATP Tour World

Championships, was unable

to serve with the same power

and accuracy as in his previ-

ous matches to the disap-

The German, who lives

just, a short drive from the

Olympic arena, managed to

break Martin's serve to take a

6-5 lead in the first set. He

clinched the 51-minute set

in the next game with a

But Martin fought back to

win the second set and then

kept Becker under pressure

key-break of serve to lead 5-4 in the third set and sealed it

When the fourth set went

to a tie break, Martin kept

his cool to take it 7-4 and

make sure of his place in the

tendency to lose his temper

get the better of him in his

final set against Kafelnikov,

Apex Foam

soccer

Kishore Mohammedans won

their respective matches in

the Apex Foam Kishore Foot-

ball tournament at the Ganak-

toly Idgah ground yesterday.

Sonali Sporting Club beat Ru-

pali Kishore Sangha by 3-0

goals after dominating the

Javed one for the winners.

In the day's first match.

Kamal scored twice and

In the day's other match,

Kishore Mohammedans de-

feated Sonar Sohaga Sporting

Club by 3-1 goals in the tie-

breaker at the same venue.

reports UNB.

first half by 2-0.

Sonali Sporting Club and

Ivanisevic almost let his

in front of 11,000 crowd.

backhand volley.

in the next game.

pointment of his home fans.

Kafelnikov.

million-dollar tournament.

Martin, serving strongly on

the trophy, reports Reuter.

do it, so now that big pres-

the national selectors

All this after being

Ijaz, 27, was overlooked

But he has grabbed his

century.

Salim Malik.

months," Ijaz said.

Called up to join the Pak-

point in emphatic style.

Andy Roberts

(Great West Indian fast bowler and now team coach.) This is not an era of fast bowlers. Our fast bowling has started to decline after Courtney Walsh and Curtly

Ambrose — these are the last

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That wives of soccer fans and golfing widows everywhere should make Mrs George Chuvalo their patron saint. Who is she? Remember the Canadian heavyweight boxer George. Well, she is his prettier half. In August 1970 she leapt

into the ring twice to stop the fight between her husband George and the American George Foreman, who was giving him a ferocious battering.

Chuvalo's eyes were getting bloodshot, he had the glazed look and he was spitting blood. By the third round she re-

ally felt she had seen enough, thanks to her insistence, the fight was in fact ended. She had earlier intervened in a contest against Joe Frazier.



(The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-17 V Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Dec 15, 1995) 1. Who is the highest run accumulator in Test cricket?

Miandad Gavasker What is the official name of the sixth cricket World Cup? Benson & Hedges Rothmans

Who is the current French Open singles (men's) champion? Bruguera Muster Sampras Brazilian footballer Bebeto plays club football in Helland Italy

The 1997 ICC Trophy cricket tournament will be held in Malaysia Fiji Island

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Skating rally

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

Organised by the Dhaka Metropolitan Skating Club, the rally will start at 7:00 am from the national children's park (Shishu Park) and terminate at the Jatiya Press

All skaters and their guardians and well-wishers are requested to join the The American made another

7 cities seek 2004 Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec 10: Seven cities have so far formally applied to host the 2004 Olympic Games and three more are expected to join the contest shortly, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said at the weekend, reports Reuter.

In its weekly information bulletin, the IOC named the seven as Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Istanbul, Rio de Janeiro, Seville, Rome and St Petersburg.

The three expected to put in official bids by January 10 are Lille in France, the Puerto Rican capital of San Juan and Stockholm.

IOC sources said that there had been no sign that Beijing, which lost to Sydney in the contest for the 2000 Games, would be trying again

for 2004. The United States in hosting the 1996 Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

Column One Ijaz hits imperious ton

CHRISTCHURC ljaz's latest century today H. New Zealand. lifted his test average to a re-Dec 10: A censpectable 35 tury of rare liaz's silky 103 was his quality by Ijaz fourth century in Tests and his first against a country ond in successive Tests.

helped Pakistan into a other than Australia. It fol-

position of control of the lowed his 137 in the third

one-off Test against New Test against Australia at Syd-

Zealand on Sunday, report ney That innings set up a vic-At the close of play on the tory and the one here, with third day. Pakistan were 369 help from Inzamamul Haq. for seven wickets in their could well do the same.

Ijaz and Inzamam broke a ahead of New Zealand. Wasim 30-year-old record as they put on 140 runs for the secwere at the ond wicket, surpassing the 114 against New Zealand set Ijaz had a point to prove to by Mohammed Ilyas and Saced Ahmed at Rawalpindi

ljaz struck 13 fours and two sixes in his 213-ball in nings and looked a class above any other batsman in this match. He played good deliveries with a straight bat and walloped the wayward ones to the boundary.

He fell when he tried to run a ball from Dion Nash backward-point but deflected the ball to wicketkeeper Lee

Inzamam was out with the score on 195 when he at tempted to off-drive Nash for his 14th boundary and edged the ball to Stephen Fleming at first slip. His 82 came off 141 balls and he should have gone on to a century.

Inzamam took the attack to the bowlers after a duck in the first innings. He played all his shots, including a sublime hooked six off Chris Cairns. Rameez Raja chipped in

with 62 before he was lbw to Danny Morrison, the bowler's 150th Test wicket. It was Rameez's 21st Test half-century and topped his first innings 54.

Salim Malik scored 21 off 22 balls before he nudged a Morrison lifter outside offstump to Germon as he attempted to withdraw his bat. Basit Ali missed a straight Cairns one to be lbw for a duck and Rashid Latif added arriving in Australia as cover 39.

Pakistan started the day on 138 for one wicket, with ljaz on 54 and Inzamam on sure on me because I was out 52.

On a pitch that is getting flatter and truer by the day. "But I was positive and New Zealand's bowlers toiled honestly but without fire.

Pakistan's leg-spinner

Todd baffles Boris' fans

when he was given a warning

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, and he

was warned for an obscenity.

destroy his form, managed to

focus on his shots again, sav-

ing break points against him

and powering down some

lightening serves to clinch

The huge amount of money

at stake in Munich has always

produced a great deal of

controversy. Martin is as-

sured a cheque of 812,500

dollars for reaching the final.

Becker boycotted the tour-

nament in its first year in

1990 saying it was "perverse"

The German, who is now

managed by the event's origi-

nal chief, has since changed

his mind, but he said on Sat-

urday that the millions of of-

to play for so much cash.

his place in the final.

But Lanisevic, who so often

for swearing.

Mushtag may yet be the key to the outcome of the match The pitch is showing few signs of wear but is expected to take some turn as the

SCOREBOARD

game progresses.

Scoreboard at the close of play on the third day of the Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Christchurch on Sunday

PAKISTAN: First innings 208 (Aamir Sohel 88: Rameez Raja 54: Chris Cairns

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 286 (Chris Cairns 76: Roger Twose 59; Wasim

Akram 5-53). PAKISTAN: Second in-

nings Sohall b Patel Rameez lbw b Morrison ljaz c Germon b Nash Inzamam c Fleming b Nash Malik c Germon b Morrison Basit Ibw b Cairns



INZAMAM ... 82 Latif c Germon b Cairns

Akram not out Mushtag not out Extras: (lb-6; b-5; w-4; nb-5) 20 Total: (for seven wickets Fall of wickets: 1-55; 2-

195; 3-224; 4-260; 5-265; 6-339; 7-363. To bat: Waquar Younis.

Ataur Rahman OMRW BOWLING (to date): 22 478 2 Morrison 24 477 2 Nash 29 498 2 Cairns 24 861 Patel 24 7 44 0 Larsen Umpires: Steve Dunne (New Zealand), BC Cooray

(Sri Lanka); Third umpire:

David Quested (New Zealand).

fer had an influence on the

"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

"This makes their ambi-

tion. 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 every-

thing I had. But it just wasn't

Martin said he felt a cer-

tain amount of guilt that he

was earning so much and said

he would giving some of his

don't think I deserve this

much money," he said. "I

think we are all making a

ridiculous amount of money

"In a way I do feel guilty. I

prize money to charity.

form of some players.

over all the year."

to be."

this week."

Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia exults after beating

Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the semifinals of the

Grand Slam Cup in Munich on Saturday. Ivanisevic

won the battle of the big-hitters 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 and 6-4 and

AFP/UNB photo

will meet American Todd Martin in the final.

Rain rescues Windies

NEWCASTLE. Australia, Dec 10: West Indies were given a boost ahead of this week's World Series Cup opener when Courtney Walsh recovered from injury to bowl on the last day of their drawn game against New South Wales today, reports Reuter.

Paceman and vice-captain Walsh strained an ankle on Saturday but was able to bowl eight overs and take one for 23 as his team were spared an embarrassing defeat by rain on the fourth and final

West Indies had been comprehensively outplayed in their only first-class fixture before the start of the threeteam limited overs World Series tournament also involving Australia and Sri Lanka.

Below-strength New South Wales, missing four players on duty with Australia in the first Test against Sri Lanka began their second innings on the last day needing only 90 to win.

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

Heavy overnight rain delayed the start of play but local officials worsened the conditions by emptying the sodden covers near the pitch instead of near the boundary.

"New South Wales outplayed us and deserved to win but knowing that the weather was like they should have got 90 in 20 overs easily," West Indies coach Andy Roberts said later. West Indies, who launch the World Series Cup when they face Sri Lanka in Adelaide on Friday, struggled with the bat against New South Wales, scoring 238 and 159 in their two innings.

New South Wales made 308 in their first innings. bolstered by a maiden firstclass century from Richard.

Nicol dumps Daniel

BOMBAY, Dec 10: Sixth seed Peter Nicol of Scotland swept aside Englishman Daniel Meddings to reach the quarter-finals of the Mahindra Challenge squash tournament on Saturday. Nicol needed just 29 minutes to win 15-11, 15-4, 15-9 in the second-round contest between the two left-handers." reports Reuter.

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 of Pakistan in the past 10 months.

"I wouldn't call this victory a cakewalk," he said, "Daniel is a speedy customer and you don't pick points from him

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 in the tournament's best match.

The Frenchman's good court coverage tilted the game his way in a gruelling 62-minute encounter.

"Keeping the ball close to the wall and pushing my rival to the back of the court did the trick," he said.

Second seed Brett Martin scored an easy 15-13, 15-11, 15-7 win over fellow-Australian Byron Davis to earn a quarter-final meeting with England's Angus Kirkland who overcame South African Crain van Der Wath 15-8, 15-13, 15-7.

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.

He was 81 and is survived by his wife, son and daughter. Bhattacharya, who had enthralled listeners for several decades with his vivid descriptions of sports events. was ailing for some time.

Bhattacharya took up commentary in 1959 and gradually carved a niche for himself in the profession with his vast knowledge and flair. He covered international and national events during his long and illustrious career. He was also a member of the Bengal team which won the Ranji Trophy in 1939.

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

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.



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. The match ended in 2-2.

Newcastle lose the pace



national Dan Petrescu sent lea ders Newcastle to only their se-

cond English Premier league defeat of the season with his first goal for Chelsea on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Midfielder Petrescu, signed for 2.2 million pounds (3.37 million dollars) from Sheffield Wednesday last month, struck in the 42nd minute to give the London club their upset 1-0 victory at Stamford Bridge. Newcastle, whose only pre-

vious 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. The Sheffield team had

overturned an early Eric Cantona goal to lead 2-1 but the irrepressible Frenchman fired the equaliser with seven minutes left.

Bottom-of-the-table Coventry demolished champions Blackburn with a stunning 5-0 home win, their first in the league since August 23. Brazilian Jurinhowhit his

first goal for Middlesbrough since his 4.75 million pounds (7.27 million dollars) transfer from Sao Paulo last month. His new club hit back powerfully to transform a 1-0 deficit into a 4-1 home victory against Manchester City in which England forward Nick Barmby scored twice.

The result lifted Middlesbrough from sixth to fourth

Romanian inter- land defender Tony Adams was sent off for a professional foul in the 54th minute of their goalless draw at Southampton.

Arsenal, Middlesbrough and fifth-placed Tottenham 1-0 home winners against Queen's Park Rangers - are level on 30 points but separated by goal difference. They are nine points off the pace.

Newcastle, held 3-3 by struggling Wimbledon last Sunday, had just substituted injured goalkeeper Shaka Hislop when Chelsea snatched the deciding goal.

Hislop suffered a thigh injury and manager Kevin Keegan opted to replace him with Czech Pavel Srinicek just as his side prepared to defend a free-kick by Dennis Wise. 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.

Cantona rediscovered his marksmanship in open play to salvage United's point, having scored twice from the perfalty spot in his nines games since returning from his worldwide ban on October 1.

The French striker thrust United ahead after 19 minutes but Sheffield Wednesday, dangerous on the counter-attack, stormed back through goals from Mark Bright and Guy Whittingham after 59 and

78 minutes respectively. However, Cantona had the

IONDON, Dec 10: behind Arsenal, whose Eng- final word when a centre by Gary Neville evaded the Wednesday defence and the Frenchman, standing on the penalty spot, volleyed into the far corner.

Defender David Busset's first league goal of the season five minutes before halftime gave Coventry the initiative against Blackburn but the real damage was done with a fourgoal burst between the 60th and 88th minutes.

Juninho's 75th minute strike sealed an emphatic fightback by Middlesbrough. who trailed to a goal after 16 minutes from Georgian midfielder Georgi Kinkladze, who has been playing an increasingly telling role with Manchester City.

However, City's revival four wins and a draw in their last five games after a depressingly poor start to the season

- came to a shuddering halt. Barmby equalised after 33 minutes, midfielder Philip Stamp put Middlesbrough ahead in the 54th minute and Barmby scored again 60 seconds later. Juninho was on target after Stamp produced a fierce 30-metre shot which goalkeeper Eike Immel could only scoop up invitingly for the Brazilian.

England marksman Teddy Sheringham's third minute goal was enough to give Tottenham victory over Queen's Park Rangers, and Stan Collymore fired Liverpool to their first win in eight league and Cup matches with a 61st minute strike for a 1-0 success at Bolton.

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 two sides will now play a one-day match on Sun-

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 and crawled their way, at less than two runs an over, to a total of 288 before they were all out at tea.

England batted a second time in order to preserve the

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.

It could hardly have been a

bigger contrast to the match on the same ground against the touring New Zealanders earlier this year which was called off early on the second day when the umpires decided the pitch was too dan-

Only discarded England all-rounder Phil DeFreitas. playing for Boland, offered a slight break in the tedium with a powerful 54 from 103 balls. Dropped when on 17 when he skied a simple catch to Mark llott at mid-off he then batted with a controlled mixture of defence and attack which brought him four fours and two sixes.

When England batted

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

. John Crawley, expected to replace Mark Ramprakash at number three in the third Test, made an unbeaten 18 as bowlers and fielders went through the motions to finish the day.

One certain absentee from Sunday's rearranged fixture is paceman Darren Gough, who now looks certain to miss the third Test starting in Durban on Thursday.

He was unable to take the field because of a hamstring strain and is running out of time to prove both fitness and form.

"It's looking very much as though we are not going to be able to risk Darren in Durban," said manager Ray Illingworth.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP QYTR X M G

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: YOU CAN SAY THAT PRACTICALLY ANY TRUMPET TEACHER IS SIMPLY A TUTOR.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals D 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.

ACROSS 1 Task 41 Some of an oboe 10 Malarial 4 Henry them a ingredient? 11 Foe of No 9 Pugilistic 16 Urge (on) ploy 12 Road map

17 Seek office 18 "Golly!" 21 Small 24 Put away 25 Berlin's "What'li

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