Botafogo fans go wild

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 19: Jubilant Botafogo fans invaded the tarmac at a Rio de Janeiro airport on Monday and jumped on the the wings of the jet aircraft bringing home the newly-crowned Brazilian champions, reports Reuter.

An estimated 2,000 fans congregated at the city's second most important airport in the early hours of the morning to welcome back their team from Sao Paulo. where they had won the Brazilian Championship final against Santos on Sunday evening.

As the plane appeared in the sky, the fans burst out of the terminal on to the tarmac. As soon as it pulled in, several leapt on to the wings and began waving at the players inside.

There were no other flights using the airport at the time.

The team were taken on top of a fire engine to the club's headquarters where more delirious fans were waiting.

Striker Tulio, the tournament's leading scorer with 23 goals, dangled a large dead fish - Santos come from a port city and are nicknamed "the fish" - in front of him.

Celebrations lasted a night and blocked one of the city's most important streets in typical Brazilian style.

Botafogo drew 1-1 with Santos in the second leg of the final on Sunday to win the tie 3-2 on aggregate and claim the Brazilian Championship for the first time.

Italy's historic match-fixing!

ROME, Dec 19: A group of football historians has ac cused Italy of match-fixing in the 1934 World Cup, reports

The International Federa tion of Football history and statistics claims it has proof that the Italian federation bribed Greek Football Federa tion officials to cancel a qualifying match in Athens, the Italian news agency ANSA said.

Italy, who had won the home match 4-0, wanted to avoid a tiring trip to Athens and duly went on to win the 1934 World Cup which they successfully defended four years later.

Alfredo Poege, president of the International Federation of Football History and Statistics, said Italian newspapers reported 60 years ago that Greece called the match off because they knew they had no chance.

However, Andonios Mivakis, one of the Greek players who later became national coach, told the statisticians Italy bought the match

Venables can call the shots

LONDON, Dec 19: England soccer manager Terry Venables has been given a free hand to write his own warmup programme for next year's European Championship finals on home group, reports Reuter.

"We have decided to go simply for what Terry wants and not look at it commercially at all," England commercial manager Trevor Phillips said on Monday.

"We're not looking for major gates, just the right teams, not entertainment value but the practical experience the coach wants."

Already Euro '96 qualifiers Turkey, Bulgaria and Russia, plus Hungary. have made approaches to play England in the New Year and Croatia are scheduled to visit Wembley on April 24.

"A lot of countries want to play us in the build-up," said

Hosts England have been drawn in the same group as Netherlands, Scotland and Switzerland for the finals, which start on June 8.

The England-Scotland clash at Wembley on June 15. the first between the neighbouring rivals in seven years. is already a 76,000 sell-out.

"All the tickets for the England V Scotland game are sold," Alec McGivan, Euro '96 media relations manager.

"They have been on sale since October last year and with people knowing England were to play at Wembley it was inevitable that these games would prove more

popular than other venues." The Scots will receive fewer than 10,000 tickets for the match against England.

"Seven thousand tickets were kept back for the visiting nation, as is the allocation for every match," McGivan

"There is some scope for a marginal increase but would only be a couple of thousand more, if that."

Windies abysmal as ever

Dec 19: Australia dealt a further blow to West Indies morale today by inflicting a third successive defeat on the Caribbean side

Reuter. Australia won an enthralling match by 24 runs despite a vastly improved performance by the tourists in cold and blustery conditions at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

in the World Series limited-

overs competition, reports

In reply to Australia's 249 for six from their allotted 50 overs. West Indies subsided to 225 all out in 49.1 overs and are still searching for their first win in the triangular competition which also features Sri Lanka.

Despite the defeat, the West Indies batsmen at least showed glimpses of form after their dismal display in losing by 121 runs against Australia in Adelaide on Sun-

Shavnarine Chanderpaul, promoted to number three in the batting order, led the resistance with a fine 73, his highest score in a one-day international.

West Indies' hopes of ending their losing streak effectively disappeared in the 41st over when Chanderpaul skied a return catch to left-arm wrist spinner Michael Bevan to become the fifth wicket to fall with the total on 166.

Australia captain Mark Taylor and all-rounder Stuart Law earlier hammered halfcenturies in a vital fourthwicket partnership worth 118 runs to pave the way for their side's big total.

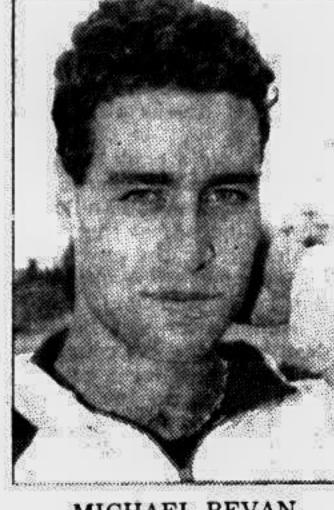
Australia have won both their World Series matches to date while Sri Lanka are also unbeaten after winning their opening match against the West Indies on Friday.

Law, who came to the wicket with his side precariously poised on 46 for three, steadied the innings with a fine 74 from just 86 balls.

Law was stumped by wick-

etkeeper Courtney Browne in the 36th over after straying momentarily out of his crease in attempting to sweep a ball from off-spinner Carl Hooper.

Opener Taylor, who played an anchor role in scoring 63 from 90 balls, followed Law back to the pavilion one over



MICHAEL BEVAN

later when his attempted straight drive off medium pacer Phil Simmons popped gently to Hooper at gully.

Bevan, batting at number six, launched a late assault to raise the scoring rate over the final overs with an unbeaten 44 from 41 balls.

He followed his fine effort with the bat by taking two for 31 from eight overs to earn the man-of-the-match award. Bevan and wicketkeeper

Ian Healy, who made 34 combined to add 68 runs in an unbroken seventh-wicket stand which dramatically lifted Australia's run-rate late in the innings.

West-Indies captain Richie Richardson, who described his side's form leading up to Tuesday's match as the worst in his memory, was pleased with aspects of the performance after Australia won the toss and elected to bat. "We are getting better but

there is still a lot of work to be done," Richardson told reporters.

Australia next face Sri Lanka in a day-night match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday, while the West Indies will aim to regain form with a three-day match against an Australian XI that start's Friday in Brisbane.

We're looking forward to a three-day match and getting some more time in the middle for the batsmen." Richardson said.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Series limited-overs match between Australia and West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today: AUSTRALIA:

Taylor c Hooper b Simmons Slater c Richardson b Ambrose M Waugh run out Ponting c Browne b Walsh Law st Browne b Hooper M. Bevan not out Lee c Chanderpaul b Ambrose Healy not out Extras: (lb-4, w-2, nb-2) Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs) 249 Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-39; 3-46; 4-164; 5-172; 6-181.

Bowling: Ambrose Walsh 0 40 Cummins 0 31 Simmons Harper 46 Hooper 0 60 WEST INDIES: Campbell c Ponting b Kasprowicz 2

Williams lbw b Lee Chanderpaul c and b Bevan Simmons c McDermott b M Waugh 24 Hooper c Healy b Bevan Richardson c Law b McDermott Harper st Healy b Warne Browne run out Cummins not out Ambrose b McDermott Walsh c Healy b Warne Extras: (lb-9, w-1, nb-2) Total: (all out, 49.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-84;

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3-125; 4-147; 5-166; 6-177; 7-209; 8-213; 9-224. Bowling: M McDermott Kasprowicz Lee

31 Result: Australia won by 24

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Man-of-the-match: Michael Bevan (Australia)

Edberg eying coaching dream of victory at Roland slipped out of the top 20 in



Dec 19: Former world number one Stefan Edberg said

Monday he would retire from professional tennis next year and take up coaching, reports Reuter.

"I thought it was best to announce my decision now. Everyone keeps asking when I'm quitting. It will be in a vear's time, whether I'm ranked second or 100 in the world," Edberg told reporters in a telephone news conference.

Edberg, 29, said he would quit after the Stockholm Open in his native Sweden next November.

In a professional career dating back to 1983, Edberg has won six Grand Slam singles titles - two each at Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the US Open.

His best result at the French Open was runner-up in 1989 and Edberg said he had not relinquished his Obviously, winning in

Paris is what I desire most of all, it's the one title I don't have and the tournament that has proved the most difficult for me to win," he said.

From 1985 to 1994 Edberg finished every year in the top 10 world rankings. including two years as world number one in 1990 and 1991. He has amassed more the 19 million dollars in prize money

In 1987 he won the Australian and US Open doubles titles with fellow Swede Anders Jarryd and he became a member of Sweden's successful Davis Cup squad in

Edberg won the Olympic tennis gold medal in 1984. when the sport was an exhibition event, and the bronze medal in singles and doubles in Seoul four years later when it became a full Olympic

But this year Edberg has

the world and he admitted on Monday that he had problems motivating himself.

"You look at things differently when you're father." said Edberg whose daughter Emilie was born in 1993. "It's not as important to go out on the court any more."

Edberg said it had become harder to find the form that once took him to the top. When you start to lose matches you shouldn't lose, then it's time to think the situation over," he said.

The modest, quiet Swede, talking from his farm in southern Sweden where he is spending Christmas with his wife and daughter, said he would concentrate on a coaching career once he had given up playing profession-

He said he would plough more than 300,000 dollars of his winning back into the game in the form of a trust fund for young Swedish play-



Jason Lee (R) of Nottingham Forest and Manchester City's Alan Keraghan are locked in an aerial duel during an English Premiership clash at Mine Road, Manchester on Dec 18. The match ended 1-1. - AFP UNB photo | from Dollar

yesterday.

in a fresh attempt to get out of prison while public prosethat the family evaded millions of dollars in taxes, reports Reuter.

A Mannheim judge ruled

daughters' finances since early in her career, was detained last August. He made the new request to be released at a hearing last Fri-

The German star, believed to have lifetime earnings of more than 100 million marks (70 million dollars), has already deposited 20 million marks (14 million dollars) to cover taxes investigators believe may have been evaded.

Prosecutors have so far seen no need to arrest her. But they argued against Peter Graf's release, saying he would not be in jail unless it were necessary.

Graf's lawyer Steffen Ufer had seemed confident after last week's hearing in Mannheim that he would be freed this week in time for Christ-

A new-look Italian Open

ROME, Dec 19: Everything is going up at the Italian Open — the prize money, the ticket prices and a new stadium, reports AP.

Unveiling the 1996 edition of the clay court classic, organisers announced Monday they expected stronger than ever women's and men's fields, including the longawaitad return of Steffi Graf. Greeting them will be a

new Centre Court complex. now under construction at the former site at the Foro Italico and expanded to seat an additional 2,000 spectators, raising the capacity to 10,200 seats.

to rest other ideas of building a new tennis centre elsewhere in Rome. The complex could host the tennis event in the Olympics if Rome wins its bid to stage the Games in 2004, said tennis federation president Paolo Galgani. Prize money has been in-

Ticket prices will be hiked between 6 per cent and 12 per cent

The No. 1 ranked Graf, absent from Rome for years. heads the list of expected women's players. She stayed away after a leading Italian newspaper called her "ugly. touching off a German media campaign against the Italian

Headed by No. 1 Pete

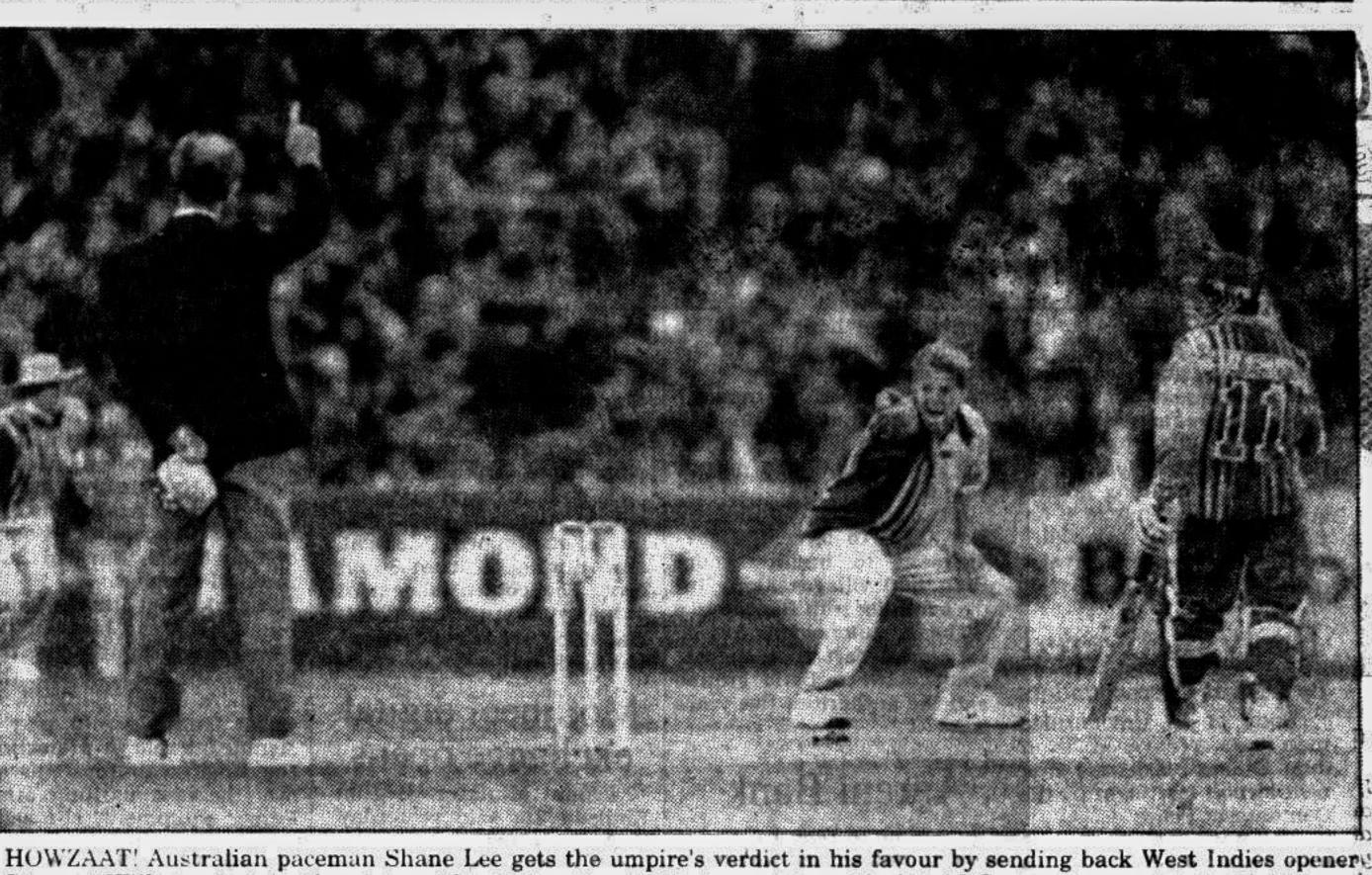
Takehara's crown

TOKYO, Dec 19: Shinji Takehara of Japan won the World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight boxing title today when he outpointed defending champion Jorge Castro of Argentina, reports Reuter

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Stewart Williams (not in the picture) leg before for 44 during a triangular World Series Cup match in Melbourne! - AFP UNB photo

No way out for Peter

STUTTGART, Dec 19: The father of German tennis star Steffi Graf failed on Monday cutors investigate allegations

that Peter Graf should stay in prison in case he fled or altered evidence during the investigation.

Graf, who has managed his

The plan apparently puts

creased about 200,000 dollars, bringing total money for the men to 2.2 million dollars and the women to 926,000 dollars.

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Sampras, the men's list includes 17 of the 20 topranked players.

tries Corporation (BCIC) Club beat Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra by a solitary goal in ball super league match today at the Chittagong Stadium

cruit of BCIC, scored the goal in the 20th minute off a cross

Holding belittles Lara MELBOURNE. call during his career.



Dec 19: Former West Indies fast bowler Michael Holding believes batsman

Brian Lara should seek psychiatric help to sort out his career and personal problems, the Australia media reported today, says Reuter. Holding, a member of the

Jamaican Cricket Board, was quoted as saying Lara's reported threats to retire and his decision not to tour Australia with the West Indies suggested a troubles mind. "I think Brian Lara needs

psychiatric help. I put it as simply as that," Holding told Melbourne's Age newspaper. "He needs someone to sit down with him until he can realise what life is all about,

Until he can be helped to cope with what is going on around him, I just don't think Brian Lara can cope," Holding Holding, who came to Australia for a charity cricket match in Melbourne on Mon-

day, said the West Indies

Cricket Board of Control

(WICBC) had been lenient in its recent treatment of Lara. Lara, the world record holder for the highest individual score in Test and firstclass cricket, withdrew from the current tour after being fined for a breach of disci-

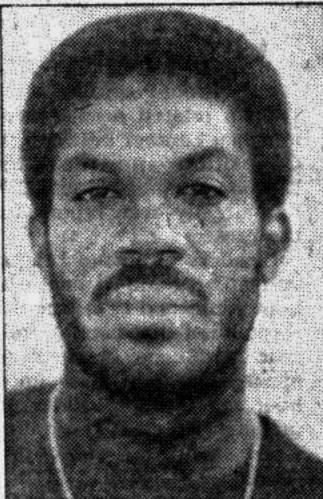
in England earlier this year. The WICBC fined Lara 10 per cent of his tour earnings as a penalty for his behaviour in England but has taken no further acting against him over his decision not to tour Australia.

pline during the Test series

"He's a great cricketer and a great batsman and certainly any team without Brian Lara

is going to be missing something, but I think Brian Lara brought this current situation upon himself," Holding said.

"I Think the board (WICBC) were very lenient upon him, as a matter of fact," said Holding, who added that he believed Lara



MICHAEL HOLDING

ought to have faced further punishment over his late withdrawal from the Australia tour, the Age reported. In Lara's absence, West

Indies have suffered a slump

in form in losing their last

three games on tour, culminating in a record limitedovers defeat on Sunday, After a defeat in the opening World Series match against Sri Lanka at the Adelaide Oval on Friday, West Indies were thrashed by a

two days later. West Indies captain Richie Richardson on Monday described his side's current form as the worst he can re-

record 121 runs by hosts

Australia on the same ground

But Holding said he was -more concerned about the? manner of the defeats rather than results, highlighting what he believed to be the effect of the Lara saga on, morale within the current

"I don't think they are a ; team at the moment. They are just a group of guys going. out on the field. I don't think they are a unit and that is a. problem," Holding said. "People don't mind losing but they do mind how you

field when you are playing. "I think people are upset with the way the West Indies team is playing, not just the" fact they are losing," he said. "

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Indonesia looks towards SEA Games '97

JAKARTA, Dec 19: Indonesia, which lost the Southeast Asian Games championship to Thailand recently, needs to invest at least 86 million dollars to wrest the title back in the next Games in 1997, the official Antara news agency said Tuesday, reports AP.

Antara quoted Minister of Youth and Sport Affairs Hayono Isman as saying that the country's sports programme needs a major boost if Indonesia is to succeed at the 19th Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), which will be] held in Jakarta in 1997.

He said he would submit a proposal on the sports development budget to President Suharto next April.



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