# SPORTS TALK



Steffi Graf

(World number one tennis

want to reach absolute perfection. And I think I can reach it. But I know that I can't be number one for

## Sports

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

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Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m.

Dec 23, 1995) Which is the highest individual score in an one day international'

Who are the current Bijoy Dibash cricket champion?

Abahani Brothers How many teams will compete in the '96 European soccer championships finals?

New Zealand Test all-Rounder Chris

Las Vegas | Los Angeles | Dallas

Cairns is the son of Test paceman Cairns Vance The 1984 Summer Olympics was

held in

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Acme Div II

## cricket

Sports Reporter Ganderia Cricketers, Nirman Eleven and Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha won their respective matches in the

cricket league on Thursday. The following are the brief scores of the three matches: Ganderia Cricketers: 232

Acme Second Division

for 8 in 40 overs (Bulbul 80, Mamun 63: Nazib 2/34) Mill Barrack CC: 123 in 34.1 overs (Mohammad Ali

50: Partha 3/19. Debu 3/22) Result: Ganderia won by 109 runs.

Amariyoti Club: 192 for 9 in 40 overs (Hasan 50, Babu 27 not out) Dhanmondi Progoti : 194

for 4 in 35.2 overs (Dipu 69, Munna 50) Result: Dhanmandi Progoti

won by 6 wickets. Evergreen SC: 193 for 9 in 40 overs (Mahmud 52

Ashique 40; Ferose 3/42) Nirman Eleven: 197 for 7 in 39.2 overs (Babu 67 Khokon 51)

Result: Nirman won by 3 wickets.

#### Div I cricket from today

Sports Reporter

Surjo Tarun Club will face Bangladesh Boys Club on the opening day of the First Division cricket league match this morning at the City Club ground, Mirpur.

A total of ten teams will take part in the league which will be held in two phases. In the first phase, all ten teams will face each other in 45over a side match. The top six teams of the first phase will qualify for the super league while the remaining four teams are scheduled to play in the relegation league. All the matches of the super and relegation league will be of 50 over.

The ten teams of the First Division league sponsored by Karnafuli Limited are: Surjo Tarun Club, Sadharan Bima KS, City Club, Ajax SC, Bangladesh Railway, Gopibagh Friends Association, Dhanmondi Club. Lalmatia Club. Khelaghar Samaj Kallyan Sangha and Bangladesh Boys

### Faridpur soccer

FARIDPUR, Dec 21: Sadar thana football team clinched the Primary and Mass Education Gold Cup, today, reports

The winners defeated Alfadanga thana by a solitary goal in the final match held at the local stadium here.

## Column One AKC, Bagan begin well

Sports Reporter

Premier newcomers out brought about cries for improvement in both batting ABAHANI KC: 243 in

49.4 overs (Akram Khan 70.

Imran Hamid Partha 55.

Jahangir Talukder Dulu 38:

Tasrigul Islam Totam 4/42)

CLUB: 210 for 7 in 50 overs

(Syed Monir 79 not out.

Kiron 40; EH Moni 2/43.

9 in 50 overs (Shahid Say-

eed 60. Saiful Islam 40 not

out. Amim Abbas 36, Nurul

Abedin 33, Sayeed Ali 3/40)

overs Jashimuddin 23.

Amim Abbas 3/21. Effee

the right foot when they

posted a comfortable 33-run

victory against promotees

Dhaka Wanderers at the

Dhanmondi outfit was

booked for a not-so-convinc-

ing 243 runs with two balls

from their stipulated 50

overs to spare before they

restricted their opponents to

210 for seven in the remain-

century from skipper Akram

Khan and another from

swashbuckling makeshift

opener Imran Hamid Partha

provided the backbone to an

otherwise dismal batting per-

formance from Abahani, for

whom being bowled out by

the traditional yet lowly Moti-

iheel side and then, in re-

turn, failing to bowl the

record-breaking World Series

win over Sri Lanka at the

Sydney Cricket Ground today.

Kumara Dharmasena over

mid-off to the fence to clinch a

five-wicket victory as Australia

made 257 for five — the highest

total by any side batting second

in 86 one-day matches at the

Taylor was top scorer with

90. Mark Waugh made 55

and Ricky Ponting 56 to leave

Australia unbeaten after three

effort batting second in Syd-

ney was 242-7 in beating Sri

ously lost one and won one

match in the World Series.

made 255-9 from their 50

overs, based on a scintillating

75 by veteran Aravinda de

Silva and 62 from Hashan

Tillekeratne kept the

De Silva was subsequently

scoreboard ticking over while

wickets fell and hit his runs

off 67 balls to set Australia

given an extra run after the

innings by the scorers after

Ponting held the ball in his

right hand and touched the

fence after chasing a drive.

Three runs were credited to

hit a blistering 24 from 26

balls, including 14 off one

over by paceman Michael

Kasprowicz, before edging

Opener Sanath Jayasuriya

De Silva at the time.

5.12 runs per over to win.

Lanka in 1984-85.

Tillekeratne.

Australia's previous best

Sri Lanka, who had previ-

matches in the competition.

Man of the match Mark

Bevan lofted off-spinner

reports AFP.

SCG.

21: Michael

Bevan slammed

a four with two

balls to spare to

give Australia a

An almost customary half-

ing 50 overs.

Put into bat first, the

Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

2/9. Zakir 2/30)

**ESKATON SS: 97 in 31.2** 

Joint title hold-

ers Abahani

Krira Chakra

started Their

campaign on

Premiership

KALABAGAN KC: 258 for

Dulu 2/45)

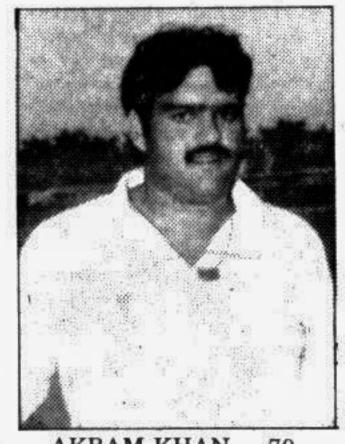
DHAKA WANDERERS

and bowling departments. Akram, who also skippers the national team, hit five boundaries and one over the top for his 83-ball 70 while Partha clubbed as many as ten fours in his blitzkrieg innings of 55 off only 44 deliv-

The two apart, tailenders Jahangir Talukdar Dulu and Rakib Hassan Bappi helped take the Abahani score bevond the 200 mark with healthy contributions of 38 and 23 respectively.

For Wanderers, Tasrigul Islam Totam was most successful with the leather picking up four Abahani wickets - all national team batsmen - giving away 42

runs in his nine overs. When their turn came, Wanderers did well to play the full 50 overs with almost all their batsmen getting off to a start. Syed Monirul Huq was impressive with his 86ball unbeaten knock of 79



AKRAM KHAN ... 70 while opener AZS Kiron made 40.

Aussies boutez en avant

Gurusinha made 38, in-

cluding four fours, but fell to

spinner Michael Bevan's fifth

ball, cutting to Waugh at

the ball superbly and scam-

pered between wickets

although four batsmen were

run out and they were twice

failed to take a wicket from

10 overs while Kasprowicz

took one for 51 and all

Leg spinner Shane Warne

short.

The Sri Lankans placed

Pacer Dulu and left-arm spinner Enamul Huq Moni claimed two wickets apiece.

Meanwhile, Kalabagan Krira Chakra began their Premier Division cricket league campaign with a bang when they outplayed Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by a massive 161 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Electing to bat in the morning, Kalabagan, who were third in the Premier league last year, piled up 258 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs and bundled out their Eskaton counterparts in 31.2 overs with only 97 on the

Almost all the Kalabagan top order batsmen were on song against a weak Eskaton

Pakistani batsman Shahid Sayeed fired 60 off 57 balls while his compatriot Amim Abbas added 36 off only 23 balls. Among others Saiful Islam was not out on 44 which came from 50 deliveries while skipper Faruque Ahmed and opener Nurul Abedin Nobel scored 30 and 33 runs respectively.

In reply, Eskaton could not match the might of their giant opponents. Seamers Zakir Hasan and Amim Abbas together took five wickets.

Amim bagged three wickets conceding only 21 runs while Zakir earned two wickets giving away 30 runs. Off spinner Saidul Islam Effee was also effective in the slog overs as he got two wickets in 4.2 overs conceding nine

Only three Eskaton batsmen — Jashimuddin (23), Liton (18) and Sayed Ali (13) - were successful in reaching double figures.

Javasuriya c Healy

Gurusinha c M Waugh

De Silva c and b Lee

Ranatunga run out

Tillekeratne c Lee

Dharmasena run out

b McGrath

b McGrath

b Beven

#### SAF snippets

MADRAS, Dec 21: India won the gold defeating Pak istan 85-66 (ht 38-34) in their last round robin league match of the SAF Games Basketball Championship here today, report agencies.

Pakistan claimed the silver while the bronze went to

Sri Lanka. India's Nirupama and Manisha Malhotra proved true to their seedings when they overwhelmed Sril Lanka 2-0 to win the first gold for India in the women's tennis team event.

Tika Bahadur Dogati of Nepal won the men's marathon and Satya Bhama of India won the women's version of the event.

Hosts India, desperate to regain the coveted gold, were expected to face a stiff challenge from reigning champion Pakistan in the men's volleyball championship beginning at the Indoor Stadium here tomorrow.

Pakistan made mincemeat of hapless Nepal, scoring 22 goals without reply in their first outing in the five-team round robin of the hockey event.

Pakistanis — fielding their first eleven - mangled the Nepalese. Kamran Ashraf. who opened the floodgates for Pakistan, accounted for eight goals, while Mohd Shahbaz (Jr) netted a hattrick. Naved Alam. Asif and Aleem had a pair each, while Danish Kaleem, Shahbaz Ahmed (Sr), Tahir Zaman, Rana Mujahid and Mohd Nadeem scored one apiece.

Earlier, India scoring once in each half, downed Sri Lanka for full three points.

400 - metre hurdles (women) — gold: KK Asha (India), silver: Kamal B Siddi (Sri Lanka) and bronze: Yamuna Jayalath (Sri Lanka).

800 metre (men) — gold: Rajbir Singh (India), silver: Tissa Ratnayeka (Sri Lanka) and bronze: Lalithbadona Ratnaveke (Sri Lanka).

Shot put (women) — gold: Amardeep Kaur (India), silver: Harbans Kaur (India) and bronze: Zeenat Parveen (Pakistan)

#### Insight into Shahbaz

MADRAS, Dec 21: The world's best inside-forward and Pakistan hockey captain, Shahbaz Ahmed has made up his mind to retire after next vear's Atlanta Olympics. where he hopes to fulfill his dream of guiding his team to the gold medal and create history, reports PTI.

"An Olympic gold under my stewardship would mean history and I will be the only captain to help win the Champion's Trophy, World Cup and Qlympic golds for Pakistan," the 30-year-old bespectacled Shahbaz declared with confidence.

Shahbaz, who had decided to call it a day after leading his country to a memorable World Cup title in Sydney but was persuaded to change his decision by Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, "I do not want to play after Atlanta. I want to be out of

hockey. Shahbaz, father of a twoyear-old daughter, Asiha. said. "after my marriage in 1991. I had not spent even a month at a stretch with my family. It might look a bit awkward to say that I am home-sick. But the fact is I cannot take more hockey now."

On the proposed series in a neutral country. Shahbaz was of the opinion that it should be played only in India and Pakistan and only then would there be improvement of friendship between these countries.

#### Packer packs up SYDNEY, Dec 21: Aus-

tralia's richest man, media baron Kerry Packer, has resigned from the committee charged with organising the Sydney Olympics in the year 2000, statements released by Packer and the state government said today, reports Reuter.

A committee member since November, 1993. Packer had attracted media and political criticism earlier this year for not attending enough meetings.

Packer had written to the committee this week saying he would not be able to attend enough of the 14-member board's meetings next year to justify keeping his position

#### A three-way race

ternational Football Federation. FIFA, on Wednesday named a German, an Italian and a Liberian as the three finalists for the title of worldplayer-of-the-year, reports Reuter.



Bangladesh striker Mizan (in front) sprints after the ball during an offersive at the Maldives goal in yesterday's SAF Games soccer encounter at the Nehru Stadium in - Star photo by Enamul Haq Madras.

## Diego says only, doesn't



BUENOS AIRES. Dec 21: Diego Maradona has changed his mind and decided to stay with

Argentina's Boca Juniors next season even though his old adversary Carlos Bilardo will be the new coach, reports Reuter.

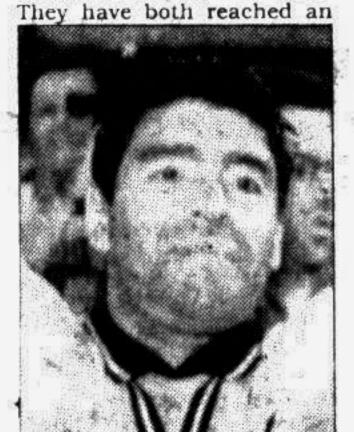
Boca's new chairman Mauricio Macri said on Wednesday Maradona and former Argentine national coach Bilardo had agreed to work together. Last week Maradona

vowed to walk out on Boca and his 9 million dollars contract if they took on Bilardo with whom he had blazing public rows when they were with Spanish First Division Sevilla. But Macri, a car magnate

elected Boca chairman this month just as the club dropped from the top of the league, said differences had

been overcome.

"We have reached an agreement with Bilardo. And I can also announce Diego Maradona will stay with Boca.



DIEGO MARADONA

agreement and say they'll have no problem working together," he told a news conference.

Maradona was banned for 15 months and fined 15,000 dollars for taking a cocktail of performance-enhancing drugs at the 1994 World Cup

· He resumed his playing career in September and had helped lift Boca to a six-point lead in the league by mid-November.

Then he started missing training and Boca's winning run ended. Velez Sarsfield won the title last weekend. 9

Maradona, hero of Ari gentina's 1986 World Cur victory, demanded that Macri appointed him or one of his allies as coach to replace Silvio Marzolini.

Macri stuck by Bilardo. who told the news conference he had talked with Maradona this week. "We have known each other for 15 years and I believe we understand each other." Bilardo

#### Tulio up to his old tricks around elegantly in their and 10th in 11 internationals



zil. Dec 21: Irrepressible striker Tulio scored twice as Brazil beat Colombia 3-1 on

Wednesday but he was once again engulfed in controversy after appearing to use his arm in setting up the goal that turned the match. reports Reuter.

The teams were level 1-1 in the friendly international with eight minutes left when Colombia goalkeeper Miguel Calero missed a high cross. The ball fell to Tulio who appeared to use his arm as he passed it to substitute Carlinhos, who stabbed the ball into an empty net to put Brazil

The prolific-scoring Tulio had equalised for Brazil in the 48th minute, wiping out Oscar Pareja's first half goal for Colombia. Tulio grabbed his second goal of the game,

১। ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা'র সদর দপ্তর কোথায় ?

২। যুক্তরা**ট্রে মোট অঙ্গ** রাজ্যের সংখ্যা কত?

উত্তৰ প্ৰিক ৪৯টি

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this year, three minutes from the end. Earlier this year Tulio

scored one of the most controversial goals in soccer history when he equalised for Brazil in the 80th minute of a Copa America quarterfinal against Argentina after appearing to use his arm to control the ball. On that occasion, Brazil

held on for a 2-2 draw before winning a penalty shootout, sparking Argentine fury. Tulio scored another dis-

puted goal on Sunday as his club Botafogo drew 1-1 with Santos to win the Brazilian Championship. He later admitted he was offside. Wednesday's result was

hard on Colombia, which dominated the first half. Despite missing goal-

keeper Rene Higuita, captain Carlos Valderrama and striker Faustino Asprilla, Colombia stroked the ball usual style, but the new-look side was more dangerous than some of their previous Strikers Ruben Dario Her

nandez and Walter Escobar both had shots stopped by goalkeeper Carlos Germano before Pareja's 32nd minute goal, when he picked the ball up in midfield and scored with a low, powerful shot from 25 metres.

The world champions, who had thrown together a makeshift side using only home-based players, came to life in the second half after Tulio sneaked in between two defenders to score with a

Colombia looked as if they would escape with a draw until Carlinhos' hotly disputed goal. Tulio's second goal was scored from close range three minutes from time as the Colombia del fence lost concentration.

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### নিয়মাবলী

ঢাকা জেলা ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা (ভিওএ) ফ্যান ক্লাব

প্রথম, শ্বিতীয় এবং তৃতীয় পুরস্কার যথাক্রমে ঃ ঢাকা– হংকং– ঢাকা, ঢাকা– করাচী– ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা– কঠিমন্তু – ঢাকা বিমান টিকেট। এই পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হবে বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইশ-এর সৌজন্য প্রতিযোগিতার নিয়মাবলীঃ

্য। ভিওএ'র শ্রোভা এবং ফ্যান ক্লাব সদস্যসহ বাংলাদেশে অবস্থানকারী যে কোন ব্যক্তি এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন

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ত। ঢাকাস্থ মার্কিন দৃতাবাদের কর্মীবৃন্দ্ তাদের পরিবারবর্গ এবং ঢাকা জেলা ভিওএ ফ্যান ক্লাবের কর্মকর্তাবৃন্দ এবং তাদের পরিবারবর্ণের কেউ এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন না।

পুরণকৃত ফরমটি (ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়) ' ঢাকা জেলা ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা ফ্যান ক্লাব, ১৬/১, নয়াপণ্টন, ঢাকা - ১০০০' এই ঠিকানার আগামী ১৫ই জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৬ তারিখের মধ্যে ডাক্যোণে পৌছাতে হবে সেরাসরি

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#### Glenn McGrath. Mahanama run out Pothas puzzles England

MARK TAYLOR ... m-o-m

West Indies have lost all

their three matches as the

competition takes a break for

the second Test between Sri

Lanka and Australia, starting

SCOREBOARD

Series limited overs match

between Australia and Sri

Lanka at the Sydney Cricket

Scoreboard in the World

rounder Shane Lee 1-40.

in Melbourne next week.

Ground Thursday.

Sri Lanka:



PIETERMARITZ BURG. South Africa, Dec 21: not out from

Transvaal's 22year-old opener Nic Pothas held up England's progress after Mark flott had blown away the SA Tertiary Institutions XI top-order with four early wickets, reports Reuter

When bad light stopped play on the opening day of their three-day match at the Jan Smuts Stadium in Pietermaritzburg, the students had recovered from 23 for five to 253 for six.

Pothas, studying for his Bachelor of Commerce at the Rand Afrikanas University went in at number five and added 85 for the lifth wicket with Mark Davis who made a solid 44 before being caught behind by Jack Russell off

It was England's only success after lunch as Pothas then joined forces with Nicky Boje, called up this week to the South African squad for the last two Tests, and added an unbroken partnership of 145. Boje was 33 not out at the close.

Pothas, dropped at back-

way to his maiden first-class hundred which came off 158 balls in 202 minutes.

reeling on 23.for five.

delayed for half an hour because of the England bus breaking down on the way from their hotel in Durban But once play got going llott quickly made up for lost

He quickly removed Andrew Wessels and Martin van Jaarsveld and after Peter Martin had Gerhardus Liebender caught behind by Jack Russell for 12. Hott snapped up the wickets of Nizaan Adams and Vaughan

Vaas run out called for running "one Wickremasinghe not out Muralidharan not out Extras: (b-2, lb-11, w-5, Total: (for 9 wkts, 50 overs) 255 Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-32; 3-111; 4-134; 5-173; 6-175; 7-203; 8-239; 9-253. Bowling

Kaluwirthana b Kasprowicz 0

10 McGrath Kasprowicz Warne 31 Waugh 0 20 Bevan AUSTRALIA: Taylor run out Slater c Kaluwirthana b Vaas M Waugh run out 55 Ponting c Muralidharan b Dharmasena Law run out Bevan not out Lee not out Extras (lb-13, w-4) 17

Total (for five wickets, 49.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-131: 3-192: 4-212: 5-239 OM RW Bowling:

Wickremasinghe 7 0 24 0 Vaas 9 0 50 Gurusinha 2 0 12 0 A Ranatunga 1 0 12 0 Muralidharan 10 0 52 0 Dharmasena 8.4 0 41 1 8 0 35 0 Jayasuriya 4 0 18 0 De Silva

Australia won by five wick-Man of the match: Mark Taylor (Australia)

ward square-leg by substitute fielder Devon Malcolm on 86. mixed dogged defence with aggressive outbursts which saw him hit 13 fours plus a huge six off left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth on his

By the time the light drew in he had faced 208 balls and struck another five bound-

Earlier, llott had threatened to make a mockery of the match as he took four wickets in 25 balls to have the students, who chose to bat after winning the toss,

The start of the match was

Wandrag in the same over. After lunch llott sent back Davis but by close of play his figures had less of an impressive look about them -22-6-77-5 SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the first

Tertiary Institutions XI and England on Wednesday: TERTIARY INSTITU-

day of the three-day match

between the South African

TIONS XI: First innings

Wessels c Smith b llott

Liebendberg c Russell

September

b Martin Van Jaarsveld b Ilott Adams c Russell b llott 141 Pothas not out Wandrag c Smith b llott 44 Davis c Russell b llott Boje not out Extras: (lb-2; nb-3; w-1) Total: (for six wickets) 253

To bat : Horan, Albanie, J

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-19;

3-23: 4-23: 5-23: 6-108 Bowling (to date) O M R W 22 6 77 5 11 5 33 Martin 5 0 19 0 Gallian 16 4 50 0 Watkinson 24 3 65 0 Illingworth 5 0 7 0 ZURICH, Dec 21: The In-

The three are: German international Juergen Klinsmann of Bayern Munich, Paolo Maldini of AC Milan and Italy, and AC Milan's Liberian striker George Weah.