BRISBANE, Australia, Dec 22: West Indies, chasing Australia XI's first innings 323 for seven declared, were 37 without loss at close of play on the first day of their three-day tour match at the Gabba today, reports Reuter.

Scores: Australia XI 323 for seven declared (Greg Blewett 115); West Indies 37 for no wicket.

Rain the spoil-sport

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, Dec 22: Heavy overnight rain led to the third and final day of England's game against the South African Tertiary Institutions XI at the Jan Smuts stadium today being abandoned with out a ball being bowled, reports Reuter.

The match ended as

Scores: S A Tertiary Institutions XI 269 for eight de-(Nic Pothas 147 Nicky Boje 51, Mark Ilott 6-89): England 186 for two (Alec Stewart 89 not out. Mike Atherton 50).

Fresh scandal in French soccer

PARIS. Dec 22: Two new doping cases emerged Thursday to rock French football, already hit by drugs bans for three top class players in recent months, reports AFP.

The French Football Federation (FFF) confirmed to cases at a meeting of its federal council without naming the players concerned. Both play for First Division clubs.

FFF president Claude Simonet said he did not wish to over-dramatise the situation, but admitted: "These two new cases which have come to our notice are very worrying."

One of the latest cases reportedly concerns a player with one of the country's top clubs.

Simonet said the players had not taken performance enhancing substances, and said the affair was part of a broader phenomenon afflicting society. But he conceded that players had to set an example to the public and particularly the young.

"The products are of the kind one can buy very easily in different nocturnal establishments in France and elsewhere," he said.

The FFF has set up a working committee to discuss the problem.

Earlier this season, Bordeaux reserve goalkeeper Franck Fontan and former Mulhouse striker Stephane Paille were banned for two months for taking banned stimulants.

Monaco keeper Fabien Barthez also faces a ban after testing positive in doping tests following a match with champion Nantes in October.

Becker's no to Atlanta

HAMBURG, Dec 22: Reigning Olympic doubles tennis champion Boris Becker said Thursday he won't defend his title at the Summer Games in Atlanta next year, reports AP.

"I will definitely not play at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Neither in singles nor doubles. I have personal reasons," Becker told SAT television at their Hamburg studios.

The three-time Wimbledon champion who turns 28 Friday, was taping the interview in advance for a show entitled "Boris Becker Personally." which the commercial TV station plans to air late Friday evening.

Becker won the Olympic doubles championship at the 1992 Barcelona Games with countryman Michael Stich sharing the honor.

"With Wimbledon and the US Open. I would be travelling eight weeks in a row. Becker said of the Olympics. "I can't do that."

Becker has said in the past while he still enjoys playing tennis, he relishes the time spent with his wife Barbara and son Noah Gabriel, who was born Jan

Ranked No. 4 in the world. Becker is also the current ATP world champion after defeating world No. 1 Pete Sampras in the finals in

Frankfurt last month. Becker said he had a long talk with his co-champion partner Stich last week. "If I would have played in Atlanta. then only together with him and I would have gladly done

"What Michael does now. he will have to say himself.

Becker said. Stich is still recovering from a serious ankle injury he suffered why playing at a tournament in Austria preceding the ATP championships. He has said he hopes to be ready for the Australian Open next month

Biman take-off smoothly

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES **GULSHAN YOUTH CLUB:**

177 for 6 in 50 overs Ashok Malhotra 56, Rabbu 32: Anis 3/28) BANGLADESH BIMAN

180 for no loss in 35.5

overs (Athar Ali 102 not out, Nasir Khan 66 not out) VICTORIA SC: 180 on 43.5 overs (Adil 61 Rajendar Singh 55, Visal Singh 31; Saleh 2/25.

2/31. Arif 2/32) WARI CLUB: 181 for 4 in 43.4 overs (Mapatuna 87 not out. Moni 52)

Joydev 2/27. Mapatuna



An unbeaten century by national opener Athar Ali Khan combined with a useful 66 not

out by Pakistani batsman Nasir Khan enabled title contenders Bangladesh Biman to enjoy a smooth takeoff in the Premier Division cricket league when they recorded an emphatic 10wicket victory over Gulshan Youth at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

Chasing a moderate 178 to win in 50 overs, the national flag carrier outfit, who won the Bijoy Dibash trophy last week beating favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club reached 180 in the 36th over without losing a single wicket.

Athar Ali, the tall righthand batsman, faced 123 balls for his 102 studded with 10 fours and a huge sixer over long on. On the other hand Nasir Khan's 66 came from 92 balls inclusive of four boundaries.

Earlier in the morning. Gulshan Youth elected to bat after winning the toss. But the decision backfired after they were restricted to 177 for six in the stipulated 50

Former Indian Test cricketer Ashok Malhotra, the Gulshan skipper, was the highest scorer for his side with 56 off 71 balls while opener Shafayet Hossain Rabbu added 32 runs to their account. Biman's right-arm med-

ium-pacer Mizanur Rahman took three wickets in his 10over spell conceding 28 runs.

WARI WIN

In the day's other encounter. Wari Club registered a convincing six-wicket win over Victoria Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

Winning the toss. Victoria decided to bat first and were eventually bundled out in 43.5 overs with their scoreboard on 180 only. In reply,

ROME. Dec 22:

nen will be on

riot duty at Sa-

turday's eagerly

than

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More

1.000

awaited top-of-the-table clash

between Fiorentina and AC

Milan in Florence, reports

expected to order live tele-

vision coverage of the Serie A

game for the entire Tuscany

region, while the anticipated

2.000 Milan fans will be

come into the game just one

point ahead of Fiorentina.

with Parma a further point

away in third and with Juven-

tus fourth, five points behind

explosive fans are hoping that

their side can knock Milan

off the top of the table but

their shrewd coach Claudio

Ranieri dismisses talk of his

one of four sides - Milan, Ju-

ventus. Parma and Lazio," he

Ranieri insists that qualify-

"The title will be won by

side winning the title.

Fiorentina's notoriously

Milan.

Wari, who also beat the same opponents in the Shaheed Jewel-Mushtag Memorial cricket tournament semifinal last week, cruised to 181 for four in the 44th over.

Victoria, considered one of the giants in the local

from further humiliation. The pair took the score to 112 in 26.4 overs before Chawla was out caught by Sajib Das off Sri Lankan Karman Maoatuna.

After Adil departed in the 35th over with the score on 149 for five. Victoria lost



Biman's elegant national opener Athar Ali Khan (L) and his Pakistani partner Nasir Ali return to the pavilion after their awesome stand of 180 guided Biman to a thumping 10-wicket victory over Gulshan Youth during a Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Athar cracked a super 102 while Nasir hit 66. - Star photo

cricket area, suffered an early setback when opener Mehrab Hossain Ope edged the first ball to Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Shane Pieters off paceman Artful Islam.

Victoria sunk into deeper trouble in the fourth over when Al-Shariar Rokon (8) and Sajid Hasan (0) returned in the dressing room in successive deliveries from Wari's other pacer Joydev Bashak with the scoreboard on 15.

But a 97-run fourth wicket partnership between opener Adil Hasan (61) and Indian Rajendar Singh Chawlal (55) saved the Motifheel outfit

Top of table clash in Italy

Fiorentina's Argentine

striker Gabriel Batistuta has

also tried to play down the

significance of the game, say-

ing: 'We know our worth and

one match, even an impor-

tant one, won't make us lose

pinning their hopes on the

attacking combination of

Batistuta, Rui Costa and

cently. They were eliminated

ond Division Bologna and

have been held to home

league draws by Napoli and

out of Saturday's game

through injury. He will be

replaced by midfielder

Dejan Savicevic is ruled

Milan are likely to field a

classic 4-4-2 formation in

which the attack will be led

by Roberto Baggio and George

Weah, with Demoetrio Alber-

tini, Stefano Eranio and Mar-

cel Desailly joining Boban in

Milan central defender

Milan have been suffering

Fiorentina expect to be at

Cup is his priority.

our heads."

Francesco Baiano

Zvonimir Boban.

midfield.

ing for next season's UEFA - Alessandro Costacurta is sus-

Gora, Slovenia on Dec 21. Kjus won the event.

The perfect of Florence is full strength for the game,

escorted to and from the from indifferent from re-

League leaders Milan from the Italian Cup by Sec-

Torino.

their last five batsmen in next nine overs adding a further only 31 runs. Wari bowlers Ariful Islam,

Joydev Bashak, Saleh Ahmed and Mapatuna captured two wickets apiece. In reply, Wari reached

opener Moniruzzaman Moni (52) and Karman Mapatuna (87 not out).

Mapatuna faced 94 balls and slammed two sixes and ten boundaries while Moni hit four boundaries in his 90ball innings.

pended. He will be replaced

by left-back Paolo Maldini.

with Francesco Coco coming

ventus will hope to profit

from any slip by the leaders

when they face AS Roma in a

traditionally competitive fix-

del Piero, rested against In-

ternazionale last Sunday, to

partner Gianluca Vialli and

Fabrizio Ravanelli in attack

while Paulo Sousa, Didier De-

schamps and Vladimir Ju-

against Napoli last week, will

be without suspended striker

Marco Delvecchio but still

field Daniel Fonseca and Abel

Third-placed Parma will

probably recall Hristo Sto-

ichkov in place of suspended

Faustino Asprilla for their

as a late substitute in Parma's

1-1 draw with Bari last Sun-

day, joins Gianfranco Zola in

The Italian league pro-

gramme has been brought

forward by a day to avoid

playing on Christmas Eve.

Stoichkov, who came on

home clash with Vicenza.

Roma, 2-0 away winners

govic line up in midfield.

Balbo in attack.

Juventus recall Alessandro

In Turin, champions Ju-

in at full back.

their target in the 44th over thanks to an 80-run fourth wicket partnership between

> The commission - which comprises 11 members of parties from across the political spectrum in Baden Wurttemberg state — hoped to determine whether the state's tax authorities had allowed the Graf family to ben-

estimated 10 million in tax.

Mannheim court said it would hear a plea entered by Peter Grafs lawyers for his release on bail on December

August in connection with the alleged tax irregularities.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Dec 22: full points in the CJKP First solitary goal at the local sta-BSS.

Regency's Iranian recruit Mawjin Abdus Sattar scored in the 36th minute off a cross from his compatriot Jashini Mehedi.

Regency earned full six points from two outings.

Bebeto blitz sinks Real

MADRID. Dec 22: A firsthalf hattrick by Brazil's Bebeto gave Deportivo Coruna a 3.0 home win over Real Madrid on Thursday in the last Spanish league game before the New Year break, re-

Bebeto could have scored several more as he and Spanish international forward Javier Manjarin capitalised on a series of mistakes in the Real defence.

Real had veteran goalkeeper Paco Buyo to thank for not losing by a bigger

The result left Real seventh in the standings, 14 points adrift of leaders Atletico Madrid.

Lesse Kjus of Norway in action during the men's World Cup giant slalom in Kranska - AFP/UNB photo champions

WC cricket semis under lights

NEW DELHI, Dec 22: Both

semifinals of cricket's World

Cup next year are expected

to be played under flood-

lights, a senior Indian cricket

official said here today, re-

limited-overs tournament

with Pakistan and Sri Lanka

in February-March, is plan-

ning to hold seven of its 17

matches under lights, the of-

nals in Calcutta and Chandi-

garh on March 13 and 14,

and the two quarterfinals al-

lotted to the southern Indian

cities of Bangalore (March 9)

and Madras (March 11).

first week of January.

ary 27.

These include the semifi-

India, which co-hosts the

ports AFP.

ficials said.

have plenty to prove in the fourth and final limitedovers cricket international against Pakistan at Eden Park on Saturday, reports AP.

All three have struggled for form throughout Pakistan's tour and will be keen to make amends as the Kiwis aim to level the four-game series at 2-2.

Young, Astle and Parore all need to perform well in this match to keep alive their hopes of making the New Zealand squad for the World Cup, which will be jointly hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka from mid-February.

Organisers are also likely to include three league Young has scored just 341 matches in India in the list of runs in his last 20 limitedday-night games to be subovers innings at an average of mitted to the International Cricket Council (ICC) in the Parore has passed 50 only

once in his past 15 innings -These are the West an unbeaten 61 against Sri Indies-Zimbabwe match at Lanka at Hamilton last sum-Hyderabad on February 16, India-West Indies at Gwalior Astle, after making a on February 21 and Indianmemorable century in the Australia in Bombay on Februone-day series in India re-

cently, has battled for runs The Eden Gardens in Calagainst the Pakistanis, with nis. cutta. which will also host scores of 5, 5 and 9. the opening ceremony on February 11, and the Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad already the No. 3 position in the lim- 37.

have floodlight facilities. The other five centres ited-overs team. a slot made have finalised deals to install lighting towers at their grounds, the official said.

None of the 16 matches allotted to Pakistan, including the final at Lahore on March 17, is likely to be played under lights, but Sri Lanka may hold one of its four matches at night.

No day-night match was played when India and Pakistan hosted the World Cup in 1987. But Australia set the trend in the last tournament in 1992.

Peter to give evidence on Jan 9

STUTTGART, Dec 22 Peter Graf, father of tennis star Steffi Graf, has been summoned to give evidence before a regional parliamentary commission on January 9 in connection with alleged tax evasion, reports AFP.

Commission president Peter Straub named the day after the body decided by majority to summon Peter Graf, who had previously said neither he nor his world number one-ranked daughter intended give evidence before it.

efit from a special tax regime.

Steffi Graf is believed to have earned some 180 million marks (120 million dollars) since she started out on the professional circuit in 1982, while only paying an

Earlier Thursday, a

He has been in jail since

Regency Sports Club earned Division football super league beating Shatadal Sangha by a dium here today, reports

points from their two super league matches while Shatadal failed to secure any

ports Reuter.

margin.

Deportivo, second to Real last season, moved up to eighth one point behind the

Pak-NZ final 1-dayer today



continuing injury woes. Astle has been opening. where the priority is to get

> keep the momentum going through the middle stages of an innings. New Zealand's one-day strategy under new coach

Glenn Turner has called for an aggressive approach to While the players get used

difficulties as they work through the learning process.

tion," Turner said Friday.

"But we've got our planning in place and I don't think we need to err too far from that, or else we'll end up chasing our tails. We're just trying to work things through."

Twose has been a success

He made two half-cen-Young, who has made his turies in the only Test at mark in Test cricket as an Christchurch, and in the one-

vacant by Martin Crowe's at the top of the order and

bat through the 50 overs, but Turner wants a more attacking start than Twose would

Turner and captain Lee Germon see Twose's value to the side in the middle order. where he can work the ball at run-a-ball rate and support

the big hitters: Stephen Fleming and Chris Cairns. "For the moment I've just got to continue to do the rele given to me by the manage

"It's something I'm com fortable doing. I've got a lot experience there and I'm certainly fitting into the side in that role at the moment.

"Who knows? In time might move up the order, but I'm comfortable at No. 5 of

New Zealand are likely to field an unchanged team and Pakistan also are expected to name the same 11 starters.

mon (captain), Craig Spearman, Nathan Astle, Bryan Young, Stephen Fleming, Adam Parore, Roger Twose, Chris Cairns, Dipak Patel, Gavin Larsen, Danny Morri-

Selectors stick with Boon Healy, David Boon, Michael



22: Australia today recalled allrounder Steve Waugh and pace bowler Paul Re-

iffel for next week's second Test against Sri Lanka while remaining loyal to struggling veteran David Boon, reports Reuter. Waugh and Reiffel both re-

turn to the 12-man squad after missing Australia's crushing innings victory over the tourists in the first Test in Perth earlier this month because of injury. Boon, 34, a veteran of 105 Tests and the only Australian

batsman to fail in the first Test, has suffered a slump in form this year. In his last 18 Test innings, the stocky right-hander has scored only two halfcenturies, prompting media

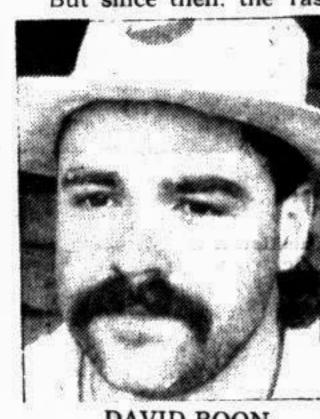
speculation about his Test fu-In the wake of his failure in Perth. Boon lost his place in Australia's limited overs side for the opening round of matches in the triangular World Series involving Sri Lanka and West Indies. Australia won all three matches

without him. Waugh has recovered from groin strain to return to Australia's middle order for the Test which starts next Tuesday in place of fellow all-

Reiffel, who was sidelined for the first Test because of a hamstring injury, regained his status as Australia's third seam bowler at the expense of Brendon Julian.

Boon began the recent three-Test series against Pakistan, won 2-1 by Australia, with a typically resolute 54 in the first Test in Brisbane last month.

But since then, the Tas-



DAVID BOON

manian has made Test scores of 34, 0, 16, 6 and 13.

Law, the Queensland captain, scored an unbeaten halfcentury against Sri Lanka on his Test debut in Perth before smashing 74 in the World Series clash with West Indies in Melbourne on Tuesday.

> TEAM Mark Taylor (captain). Ian

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec 22: Out-of-form Stan Collymore discovered Thursday he is also to be out-of-pocket after being told he is not en-

titled to a payout from his

record 8.5 million pound

800,000 dollars) of the fee but an FA Premier league

The board issued a state-

Nottingham Forest." But Collymore, who joined 100.000 pounds in Novem-

rounder Stuart Law.

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AUCKLAND, Dec 22: New Zealand batsmen Bryan Young, Nathan Astle and

to his demands. Turner accepts there might be some

He is reluctant to tinker with the batting lineup and particularly in-form lefthander Roger Twose - and is unlikely to make significant changes to his top

"There's always a tempta-

in the middle-order for New Zealand against the Pakista-

opener, has been slotted into dayers has scored 59, 10 and He has the ability to go in

PAKISTAN: Wasim Akram (captain), Aamir Sohail, Ramiz Raja, Ijaz Ahmed, u zamamul Haq, Salim Malik

Basit Ali, Rashid Lauf Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar You nis, Aaqib Javed.

Michael Slater, Shane Warne,

Kasprowicz, Craig McDer-

mott, Richy Ponting, Glenn

McGrath, Paul Reiffel,

transfer from Nottingham Forest to Liverpool in the close season, reports AFP. The England striker claimed he was entitled to five per cent or nearly half a million pounds (about

board ruled against him. ment saying they were "not persuaded Collymore was sold at the club's request, which is the requirement to trigger the 5 per cent of any transfer fee under the terms of the player's contract with

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প্রতিযোগিতার নিয়মাবলীঃ

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Adam Parore all

the scoreboard moving early, while Parore has been used at No. 5, where the key is to

ment," Twose said.

PROBABLE TEAMS NEW ZEALAND: Lee Ger-1

