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Ivan Lendl (former American tennis

perstar) "My world is not wrapped fround tennis, that's a misconception. I treat tennis as a job which also happens to be my hobby."

No Euro '96 for Overmars

AMSTERDAM, Dec 23 Ajax's speedy Dutch winger Marc Overmars will miss the European Championships in England next June because of a knee injury, his club an nounced Friday, reports AP.

Ajax spokesman Dave Endt said Overmars; one of Ajax's key players, will need between six and eight months to recover from the knee ligament injury suffered Wednesday. "No way, there's no way he

will play," said Endt.

Overmars got hurt **Wednesday during a national** league match against De Graafschap of Doetinchem when the left winger collided with De Graafschap's Rob Mattai on an icy field. Overmars fell and ripped

the front ligament of his left knee.

Endt said Overmars is likely to undergo surgery in the next few weeks to repair the ligament.

The Dutch team is scheduled to face Scotland Switzerland, and England on June 10, 13, and 18 respectively, in Group A matches.

Overmars will also sit out Ajax's defence of the Champions' League title. The Dutch club/meets Borussia Dortmund of Germany in the quarterfinal in March.

Becker's maniac fan convicted

MUNICH, Germany, Dec 23: A man who threatened to kill tennis star Boris Becker and his family in a bizarre extortion case was convicted by a Munich court Friday and given a suspended two-year sentence, reports AP.

Michael Jung, 29, was also ordered to immediately start psychiatric treatment.

The prosecutors had requested a four-year sentence but presiding judge Norbert Schmitt accepted the defendant's statement that he never intended to carry out his threats.

The court found Jung guilty of cailing Beckers' manager, Axel Meyer-Woelden, a dozen times between March 1994 and February 1995 and threatening to kill Becker. his wife Barbara and their son

in a "great massacre." Jung wanted Meyer-Woelden to manipulate the state lottery in such a way that his combination of numbers would win the jackpot. Jung never explained how he thought Becker's manager

could influence the public drawing. 7 A builder who worked as an animator and a tennis teacher, Jung said he needed the money to pay off debts and help young tennis play-



The indomitable Bangladeshi shooters — Saiful Alam Rinky (C), Asbab Ali (R) and Firoz Hussain pose after clinching the team gold in the air rifles category of the SAF Games shooting competition yesterday. Rinky also won the individual gold of the event. - Star photo (by fax) from Enamul Hag in Madras.

Bangladesh's finest hour

MADRAS, Dec 23: The to capture the spotlight. mercurial Mahbub Alam's proud performance in winning the 200 metres sprint helped hoist the Bangladesh bi-colour for the first time at the imposing Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium today, reports

The enviable victory not only glorified the country but also enabled Mahbub to have a measure of sweet revenge against the Sri Lankan who dislodged Bangladesh from the coveted 100 metres gold. Mahbub's majestic win

greatly compensated Bimal Chandra Tarafdar's loss of the fastest man crown in the 100 metres. With the crack of the

starter pistol in the air, Mahbub came out of the blocks like a Royal Bengal Tiger and maintained the lead till he crossed the touchline in style in 21.22 secs for the gold. He faced stiff challenge

from the Sri Lankan duo of Sugath Tillekeratane and Chintaka de Souza and Indian Anand Natarajan. But the cool and confident Mahbub who ran with precision weathered every obstruction in his way to the victory.

Sugath Tillekeratane, who won the 400 metres hurdles yesterday in a record time, gave the 22-year-old Mahbub a tough time running the distance neck and neck with him from the 170 metres. But Mahbub, a sailor in the aboad in a cobra quick stride after the win could not speak with 1677 points.

Sugath took 21.25 secs for the silver and Anand Nataraian got the bronze in 21.30

Chintaka de Souza, who became the fastest man of South Asia with a record shattering performance, finished fourth in 21.32 secs.



Ace Bangladesh sprinter Golam Ambia became fifth in 21.66 secs.

It was not clear as to why the judges took at least 15 minutes to give the decision on the event. The race was very close no doubt but it can never be described absolutely as a photo-finish considering the timing the two runners were quite different.

A joyous Mahbub, who be-Bangladesh Navy, surged came very emotion-charged Dharhasiri got the bronze

when this reporter asked him for his comment. Very politely he said, "I don't know what to so say. I am yery happy to earn a gold for my country."

A former renowned sprinter and coach of the Bangladesh athletics team Shah Alam said, "I expected Mahbub to get a medal, but his golden success has made me very happy when the country needed gold medals."

Meanwhile. Bangladesh shooters, led by Saiful Alam Chowdhury Rinky, made a clean sweep of all the medals in the air pistol (60 shots) event of the shooting competition at the Veerapuram Range here today.

Rinky clinched the gold with an individual points tally of 679.7 and Feroz Hossain bagged the silver scoring 673.9 points while Syed Asbab Ali took the bronze with 671.6 points. The Bangladesh trio also

won the team event gold establishing a new mark with 1731 points. The old record of 1727 points was set by Saiful Alam, Fazle Rabbi Elahi and Syed AA Foyez in Dhaka SAF Games.

The silver in the team event was captured by the Indian threesome M N Ray Kumar, Charan Singh and Palangappa Tambukuttira with 1699 points while the Lankan trio UM Premalal, DB Rajansinghe and UND

UEFA, FIFA's united stand



ZURICH, Dec they see fit." 23: Soccer's world and European governing

bodies teamed up with the official players' union Friday in a defiant statement to the European Union that UEFA is entitled to maintain restrictions on the number of foreigners clubs can field in

its competitions, report

agencies. Meanwhile, the English Premier league lifted restrictions on the number of players from European Union countries that each club can

League chief executive Rick Parry said: "We have today advised our clubs that. with immediate effect, the restrictions which govern foreign players can no longer be applied to citizens of the European Union. Clubs are therefore free to play as many European Union nationals as

Manchester City are now set to include four foreign players in their side to face Chelsea at Maine Road on Saturday.

Parry, speaking after a meeting of the league's legal working party, said: "The legal advice we have received makes clear that rules which attempt to limit the number of EU nationals are unenforceable in the light of the Bosman judgement.

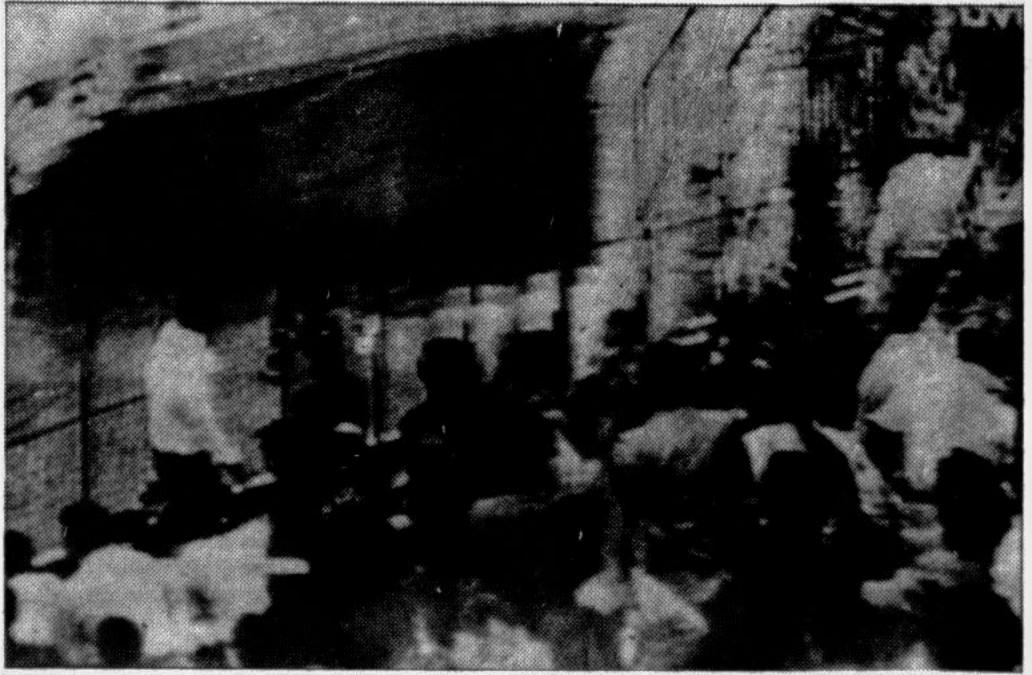
"We have accepted that advice and are now in the process of informing our clubs of that position."

Clubs in the Champions' League, Cup Winners and UEFA Cup competitions can only field three non-national players plus two more who have been playing in the country for at least five years. But the EU announced a week ago that the restrictions amounted to a restraint of trade and therefore illegal.

UEFA and FIFA, in a joint statement Friday following a meeting in Zurich, said the restrictions would be maintained at least for the rest of the season because changes now would affect the balance of the competitions.

"Both UEFA and FIFA are convinced that the judgment allows the possibility for a limitation on the number of non-selectable players to continue in the European club competitions, in which teams represent not only themselves but also their countries," the statement said.

"UEFA and FIFA agree that it is in the interests of countinuity and fairness in every sporting competition that the regulations are not changed during the course of the competition. Both UEFA and FIFA will be giving detailed consideration to the impact of the judgement on next season's events."



THEY FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT: The green and red Bangladesh flag flying with venom as the small contingent of Bangladesh supporters celebrate the national soccer team's triumphant display against Nepal at the Nehru Stadium yesterday. - TV photo

SAF snippets

From Al-Amin

MADRAS. Dec 23: A rare jubilation gripped the Bangladeshi contingent residing in the SAF Games village on Friday when the news of our first gold in the regional bonanza reached from the shooting range 30 kilometres

Officials and athletes from all the venues rushed to the village to congratulate Mohd Nasiruddin, who won the gold in the free pistol prone

Working journalists, who had just then arrived at the main press centre, also set for the spot for comments from the glorious shooter.

"I can not express my joy in words. But I'm extremely happy for that I captured the first gold for my beloved nation," said a beaming Nasiruddin amidst a host of officials and athletes at the

"It is the finest moment of my life," said Nasiruddin for whom it was the first major success in any international

Besides, Nasiruddin, who himself was not confident of winning the gold and had earlier told a photographer not to come on the day. added "After a good start tried my utmost to cling on to the lead. Thanks to the almighty for I finally made it. A businessman by profes-

sion. Nasiruddin further added that the gold will be an inspiration for others to bring more laurels for the nation.

When asked what was his finest moment after winning the gold the handsome Nasiruddin said "When the national anthem was on and the flag proudly flittering high above every other nation's."

Special stamp on v'ball's centennial

Bangladesh Post Office will issue a commemorative postage stamp valued at Taka six tomorrow on the occasion of Volleyball Centennial 1895-1995, reports BSS. A first day cover of Taka

six will also be issued and a special cancellor will be used.

The stamp and the first day cover will be sold from all head post offices including four GPOs from tomorrow.

Germon grills bowlers

WELLINGTON, Dec 23: New Zealand cricket captain Lee Germon pointed the finger at his bowlers as he discussed his team's 54-runone-day defeat by Pakistan at the Basin Reserve, reports Reuter.

New Zealand were bowled out for 207 when chasing a formidable 261 for four on Wednesday to go 2-1 down in the four-match series.

While some of the batting was again a major disappointment, in ideal batting conditions, Germon said the bowlers didn't play their part

In patches, the Kiwis bowled tidily enough, but when the heat went on the closing stages of Pakistan's innings, it wasn't good enough.

With 10 overs left in their innings, Pakistan were 183 for three and managed to pick up another 78 runs, Salim Malik and captain Wasim Akram hammered 49 off the last five overs, bowled by senior fast-medium pair Danny Morrison and Chris Cairns.

Cairns was the most expensive New Zealand bowler, his 10 overs costing 62. while Morrison went for 59.

Cairns did have one slice of bad luck, Akram being dropped on the mid- wicket boundary by Dipack Patel on eight, the ball bouncing over the boundary rope for six. Akram went on to blaze 36 not out off just 15 balls. "We've still got a bit work

to do at the death, bowling wise," Germon said on Wednesday night. "That's been the case in our last three matches. Even allowing for Pakistan

scoring about 25 more runs than they should have, New Zealand's batsmen had a strong chance of victory when they set off in pursuit of 262. New Zealand coach Glenn

Turner hinted the New Zealand selectors - Mike Shrimpton, Rick Pickard and himself - might stick with the same 11 from the first three one-day matches for the decider at Auckland. However that could de-

pend on the state of the Eden Park pitch. The two squad members not used so far are fast-medium Dion Nash and leg-spinner Greg Loveridge.

Pakistan had a day off on Thursday, with one final workout at Eden Park on Friday.

Bangladesh move into SAF soccer semis

MADRAS, Dec 23 Bangladesh moved into the semifinals of the football competition of the seventh SAF Games as Group B champions beating holders Nepal 2-1 at the Jawharlal Nehru Stadium here this evening, reports

Bangladesh led the first half 2-0. Rakib Hossain and Manun

Hossain Joarder scored for Bangladesh in the 15th and 27th minutes. Bangladesh drew goalless

with Maldives on December 21 and Nepal beat Maldives 1-0 on December 20 to qualify for the semifinals with two points as Group B runners-

HOCKEY

Meanwhile, sheer bad luck robbed Bangladesh of a memorable victory against the mighty Pakistan when they had to concede a 2-3 defeat to the world champions in the SAF hockey competition at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here today.

The match was tied 1-1 in the first half.

Bangladesh drew the early blood scoring through Mohammed Sadek in the 4th minute and added second by Mohammed Musa Mian, in the 57th minute. Pakistan had all their goals

through penalties which gave and insight into the complexion and texture of the match. On the other hand, Bangladesh were denied a sure penalty by the Sri Lankan umpire in the 33rd minute of the match.

after the Indian opened up a cut in his face in the second

Tuk Bahadur Thapa was an impressive winner, also over Nepal pugilist, Prakash Thapaamagar."

Using an aggressive left hook and launching into his opponent for punches he walked into quite a few him-



But his series of right-left combinations opened up a bad cut on his right cheek Forcing the Nepalese to retire after the second round. Thapa entered the semis.

Pakistan, who swept nine of the 12 golds at Dhaka, put both of their boxers on view into the semifinals while Sri Lanka had four of their five men in the last four. Pakistan's Abdul Khaliq

scored the first knockout of the competitions when he floored Wijaratne (Sri Lanka) in the first round in the ban-

Kirtane 6-4, 6-4, thirty minutes later, he was back on court with India's number on Nirupama Vaidyanathan in the mixed doubles to win against Natin Kartane and Sai

Jayaalakshmi 6-1, 7-6 (7-2). Vaidyanathan won all the four events she participated, the women's team event, the singles, doubles, and the mixed doubles. The Nirupama-Minisha Malhotra duo beat Janaki K and Arati Pon-

nappa in a closely fought match 3-6, 6-3 6-1. Earlier in the day Prihlad Srinath shocked Mahesh Bhupathi 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, in a match which lasted for nearly

SWIMMING

two hours.

India again dominated the pool today reaping all the four swimming gold at the Velachery Aquatic Complex

The Sri Lankans and Pakistanis garnered some medals but the Bangladesh swimmers cut sorry figure in all the events.

Sebastian Xavier, who won a gold in the 4x100 metre freestyle relay, turned out to be the highest gold winners with a haul of five. Earlier, Xavier won three individual golds and one in the team event.

India won the gold in the relay setting up new record in the event clocking 3m 42.26 secs. Pakistan timed 3m 46.81 seconds to take the silver. The Sri Lankan quartet got the bronze with



A jubilant Mamun Joardar (L) is flanked by his teammate Arman (No 13) after scoring goal number two for Bangladesh in yesterday's SAF Games soccer encounter with Nepal. - TV photo

Pakistan's international Tahir Zaman converted all the penalties for his country.

VOLLEYBALL

Bangladesh beat Nepal in straight 3-0 sets in the volleyball competition at the Indoor Stadium.

Bangladesh needed 58 minutes to dispose of the Nepalese 15-3, 15-6, 15-8. Bangladesh play India in the next match on December 25. Earlier Pakistan beat Sr Lanka 15-4, 15-10, 15-13.

BOXING

Superheavy gold medalist in the '93 Dhaka Games Raj Kumar Sangwan and Tuk Bahadur Thapa (welter) gave a flying start to Indian medal hopes while Pakistan and Sri Lankan boxers were to the fore on the opening day, at the Montfort Indoor Hall today.

In the day's last bout, Sangwan used a straight left and jabs to telling effect and later came up with a series of combination punches to outbox Nepal's Suraj Dangol, the referee stopping the contest

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tamweight category... Khaliq, a gold medalist at

the last Games, sent a vicious right to Wijaratne's face to end the bout in just two minute 27 secs. Flyweight Ali Mohammed

Gumbrani was the other impressive Pakistani winner, over Bhutan's Chandra Bhadur.

TENNIS

India's domination in tennis continued with their men and women winning the four events, all against their compatriots, on the fifth day. The hosts thereby won all

the seven golds at stake.

Though top seed Mahesh Bhupathi of India lost the singles final to Prihlad Srinath in the morning, he had some consolation winning the men's doubles and mixed doubles, taking his gold tally to three. He, along with Sri-

event vesterday. Partnering. Gaurav Natekar. Bhupathi demolished the right-left combination of Asif Ismail and Nithin

nath, had won the gold for

India in the men's team

3m 47.00 secs. Bangladesh four some finished fourth with a time of 3m 59.98 secs.

Kluivert in trouble

AMSTERDAM, Dec 23: Dutch national team midfielder Patrick Kluivert will be charged with involuntary manslaughter for his part in a fatal car crash, a spokesman for Amsterdam Public Prosecutor's Office announced Fri-

day, reports AP. Kluivert, who plays for European Club champions Ajax. faces a maximum year in jail. 10,000 guilder (6,211 dollar) fine and five-year driving ban if he is found guilty, said

spokesman Nico Schaar. Schaar declined to say whether prosecutors would seek the maximum sentence.

In September, the 19year-old Kluivert was involved in a late night traffic accident in Amsterdam when his car

collided with another vehicle. The driver of the other car was killed and his passenger was seriously injured.

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QO ZK V L B B E B . Saturday's Cryptoquip: PARKING ATTENDANT

JUST RAKED UP A FAT RAISE FOR DOING A BANG-UP

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.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals G