

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT, while playing on the Centre Court of Wimbledon in 1975, Margaret Court lost her dress — all the fastenings on her dress came undone. Simultaneously the elastic on her pants gave way. Luckily a lady at hand was able to repair the damage with a handful of safety pins.

Now, safety-pins were invented around 2000BC when someone bent a straight pin double and made the point tuck under a hook on a slot to hold it in place. In those days it was made of bronze.

Till 1849, no one could think of how to fit a spring to make it stay in place. Then came the American inventor, Walter Hunt, who added a circular twist where the bend came in. The modern day safety-pin was born.

Sorry? Oh! You were actually more interested in what happened to Margaret Court. You are a true lover of the sport.

SPORTS TALK



Sunil Gavaskar

(Legendary Indian batsman)

"Well everybody is asking that question. Let me answer it the other way. Kenya, UAE, Holland and New Zealand ... they will not win the World Cup."

When asked who he thinks will win the Wills World Cup '96.

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✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.

Feb 2, 1996)

1. The fielder opposite to mid-wicket across the pitch	Leg slip	Cover	Long-off
2. Borts:	Berker	Brown	Boca
3. Australian Open Tennis Championship 1996 is hosted by the city of	Sydney	Canberra	Melbourne
4. The World Cup Cricket 1996 opening ceremony will be held in	Lahore	Calcutta	Colombia
5. Mohammedan SC are currently taking part in the	IFA Shield	Merdeka	Ashish-Jabbar

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Jack wants Terry's job

LONDON, Jan 29: Jack Charlton, who resigned last month as the manager of Ireland, said on Sunday he would be willing to replace Terry Venables as the England coach if the Football Association asked him, reports Reuter.

Charlton, 60, a member of England's 1966 World Cup winning team, told the Sunday Express that if the English FA asked for his help, he could not refuse to give it.

"If they came in and said the job is yours if you want it, as an Englishman you would not be able to say no," said Charlton, who won 35 England caps.

Under Charlton's guidance, Ireland reached the World Cup finals for the first time in 1990, a feat they repeated in 1994. He also took them to the finals of the European Championships for the first time in 1988.

Venables has said he will quit as England boss after this summer's European Championships because of pressing legal commitments.

Many of his possible replacements have said they are not interested in the job.

Charlton's chances though would also appear to be

When he applied for the vacant England job in the 1980s, the FA never replied to his application.



Ndayi Kalenga (C) of Zaire evades a sliding tackle from Ghana's Afo Dodoo (R) as his teammate Yves Essende (L) runs with the ball during their African Nations' Cup quarterfinals match at Port Elizabeth, South Africa on Jan 28. Ghana won the match 1-0. — AFP/UNB photo

African Nations' Cup

Tunisia, Ghana thru' to semis



JOHANNESBURG

G, Jan 29: Tunisia and Ghana, who both had tense uninspiring victories at the African Nations' Cup on Sunday, completed the semifinal line-up, reports AFP.

Tunisia beat Gabon 4-1 on penalties in Durban after being deadlocked at 1-1 following extra time, and Ghana edged out a very physical Zaire 1-0 at Port Elizabeth.

Tunisia, who carry North African hopes following quarter-final defeats for both Egypt and Algeria, now face Zambia in Wednesday afternoon's semifinal in Durban. Ghana meet hosts South Africa at Johannesburg on Wednesday evening.

Ghana have doubts over the fitness of captain Abedi Pele, who twisted his ankle during the last 10 minutes, although Brazilian coach Ismail Kurtz was optimistic he would recover.

Neither match was a classic in footballing terms, but both were memorable as hard-fought battles.

Anthony Yeboah scored the winner as Ghana edged out 10-man Zaire, who seemed determined to kick Ghana off the pitch.

But the Leeds United striker had the last laugh following his 23rd minute goal, shortly after defender Nzelu Lembi was sent off in a culmination of Zaire's rough-house tactics.

Lembi headed a ball near the centre circle and as he came down he kicked Pele with a "kung-fu" style in the back and was immediately dismissed.

Zaire's dismissal was the third of the tournament after Burkina Faso keeper Hassane Kamagaté and Mozambique keeper Rui Alves.

Mallam Yahaya floated the ball into the box, and Pele got to the by-line before cutting the ball back. Yeboah darted into the six-yard box and, at full-stretch, just got his left foot to the ball to guide it home.

Meanwhile it was Tunisian keeper Chokri El Ouairer who performed late heroics as they beat Gabon 4-1 on penalties.

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