

Column One DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That competitive dives can be done in one of four positions: the layout or straight position, in which the body is not bent at the hips or the knees; the pike, in which the body is bent at the hips but the knees are straight; the tuck, in which the body is compactly bunched with the diver clasping the shins close to the chest; and the free position, used for twist dives, in which the diver may use any or all of the other positions.

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-58

Table with 5 questions and answers for the Whizz Kid competition. Questions include who won the Sharjah Champions Trophy, who currently holds the WBA heavyweight title, and which country will stage the 2002 World Cup football final.

SPORTS TALK

Profile of David John Richardson, a South African wicketkeeper. Text describes his skills as a keeper and batsman, noting that he is hard to work sometimes but mostly in the game and so you can enjoy it.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Sylhet Public Works Division, Sylhet Tender Notice No. E/M 23/1996-97 (Second Call). Details tenders for construction of a Tea Industry Labour Welfare Centre at Khan Tea Estate in Goainghat thana of Sylhet district.



The victorious French Davis Cup team (L to R), Cedric Pioline, Guy Forget, Yannick Noah (captain), Guillaume Raoux and Arnaud Boetsch, hold the cup after beating Sweden at the Malmomassan Stadium on Dec 1. France won the series 3-2.

Boetsch wins a cliff-hanger France fetch Davis Cup

MALMO, Sweden. Dec 2: Beating the Americans five years ago was very special for the French. Beating hosts Sweden after two nerve-sapping, five-set marathons Sunday - that will go down in Davis Cup history was magic, reports AP. 'It's just unbelievable! It was my dream to win as a player,' said French hero Arnaud Boetsch after outlasting Swedish reserve Nicklas Kulti in a 4-hour, 47-minute thriller 7-6 (7-2), 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-8 for the 3-2 clinching point Sunday.

3 Americans skip Grand Slam Cup

BONN, Dec 2. World number one Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Todd Martin have all withdrawn injured from this week's season-ending Grand Slam Cup, the richest event in the tennis calendar, organisers said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Dope dilemma

MALMO, Sweden. Dec 2. Swedish tennis player Mats Wilander and Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic, who both failed drug tests at the 1995 French Open, could see their case drag on in court for three years, ITF chairman Brian Tobin said on Sunday, reports AP.

Sacchi tenders his resignation

ROME, Dec 2. Italy's embattled soccer coach Arrigo Sacchi has resigned for a new job at AC Milan, ending months of speculation about his future, officials said today, reports Reuter. Italian Soccer Federation (FIGC) special commissioner Raffaele Pagnozzi said Sacchi called him shortly before midnight on Sunday to advise him of his decision.

He tested his ankle twice in practice, the last time Sunday morning, but I wasn't 100 per cent fit, said Edberg, who received several gifts during a post-match ceremony, including the highest award from the Swedish Tennis Association.

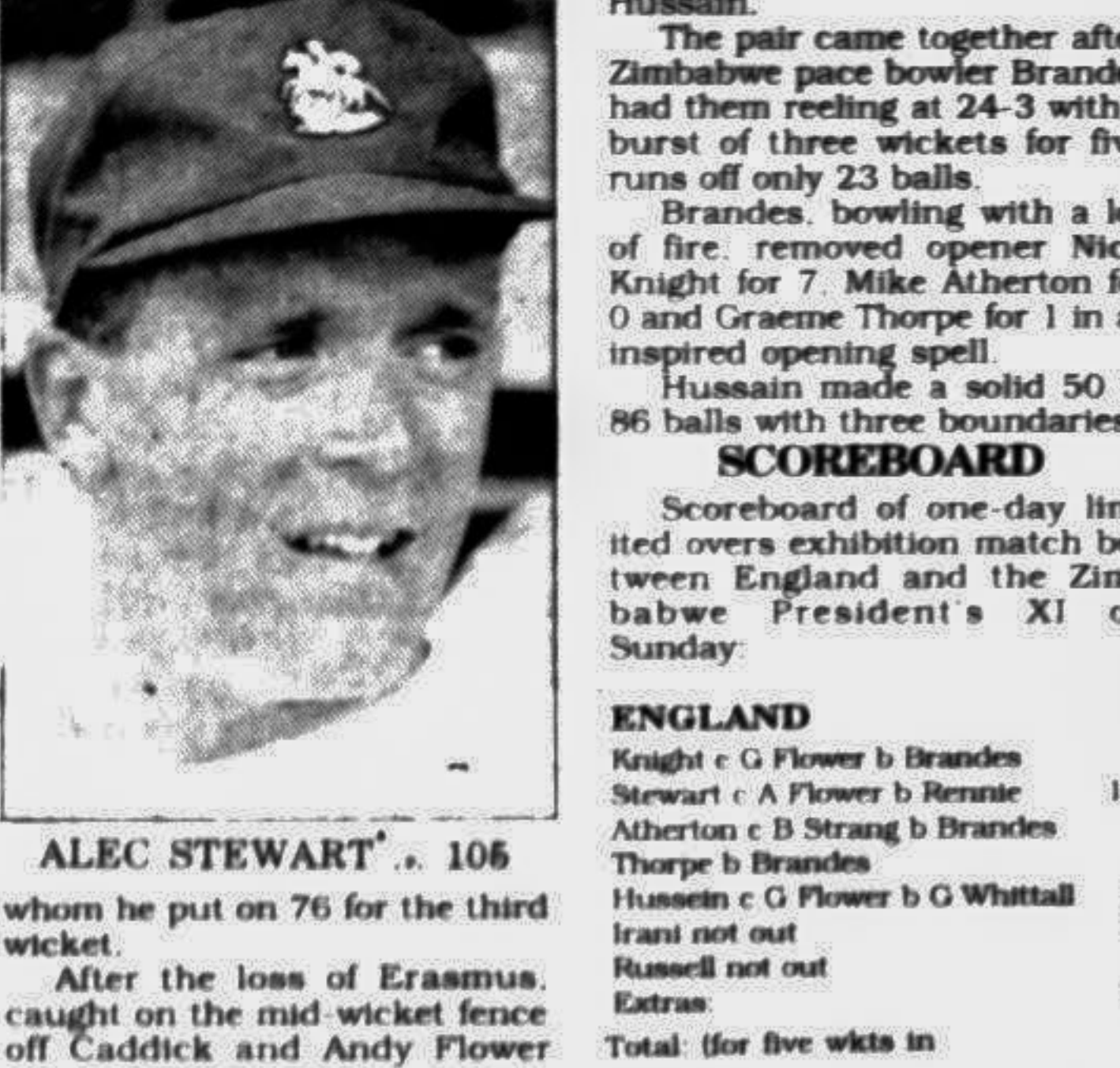
Zimbabwe President's XI outplay England

Stewart's ton goes awry

HARARE, Dec 2: A Zimbabwe President's XI beat England by five wickets with 25 balls to spare in a one-day international at Harare Sports Club on Sunday, reports AP.

Chasing a modest 212 to win, the President's XI fielding nine test players, reached their target in the 46th over when Craig Evans hit Andrew Caddick over his head for a big six.

Ironically it was one of the two players without a Zimbabwean Test cap, Danie Erasmus, who provided the impetus with an aggressive 67 which included five fours and four sixes - three of them off the helpless Phil Tufnell.



ALEC STEWART, 106

when he put on 76 for the third wicket.

After the loss of Erasmus, caught on the mid-wicket fence off Caddick and Andy Flower

Table showing cricket statistics for Zimbabwe President's XI vs England, including bowling figures for G Flower, Erasmus, Thorpe, and Caddick.

Table showing a scorecard for the one-day international match between Zimbabwe and England, listing batsmen and bowlers with their runs and wickets.

European soccer scene

LONDON, Dec 2. The status quo was maintained at the top by Italian's Vicenza, Spain's Real Madrid and PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands as they kept the lead intact in their respective leagues, reports Reuter.

But in France it was changed at the weekend, when Paris Saint-Germain seized the lead in their First Division league table.

Rovers Cup soccer Bagan, JCT bow out

MUMBAI, Dec 2: Thirteen times champions Mohun Bagan, Calcutta IFA Shield and Durand Cup winners Jagjit Cotton and Textiles (JCT), Phagwara, crashed out of the 96th Rovers Cup tournament today when they were held to goalless draws by Churchill Brothers, Goa and Air India here, reports PTI.

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NETHERLANDS

Ajax Amsterdam's miserable league season continued when the defending champions were held 1-1 after Groningen's Dean Gorre scored a late equaliser.

ENGLAND

ian Rush with his first goal of the season and Brian Deane scored in the first 10 minutes as Leeds United stunned Chelsea's European aristocrats 2-0 in the English Premier league on Sunday.

SPAIN

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FRANCE

Paris Saint-Germain snatched back the lead from Monaco when they came from behind to beat lowly Caen 3-1 away.

ITALY

Vicenza coach Francesco Guidolin watched his side draw 1-1 to restore their historic one-point lead over Internazionale at the top of Serie A - and then warned about the threat of relegation.

ENGLAND

Our aim at the start of the season was to avoid relegation from the First Division, said Guidolin, whose team is setting the pace in Serie A for the first time in their 94-year history.

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With 35 points from 15 games, Real go four clear of Barcelona, who play struggling Extremadura today.

River's roaring return

BUENOS AIRES. Dec 2: River Plate, beaten finalists in the Intercontinental Cup final against Juventus last Tuesday, returned to the top of the Argentine championship on Sunday with a 5-1 hammering of Ferro Carril Oeste, reports Reuter.

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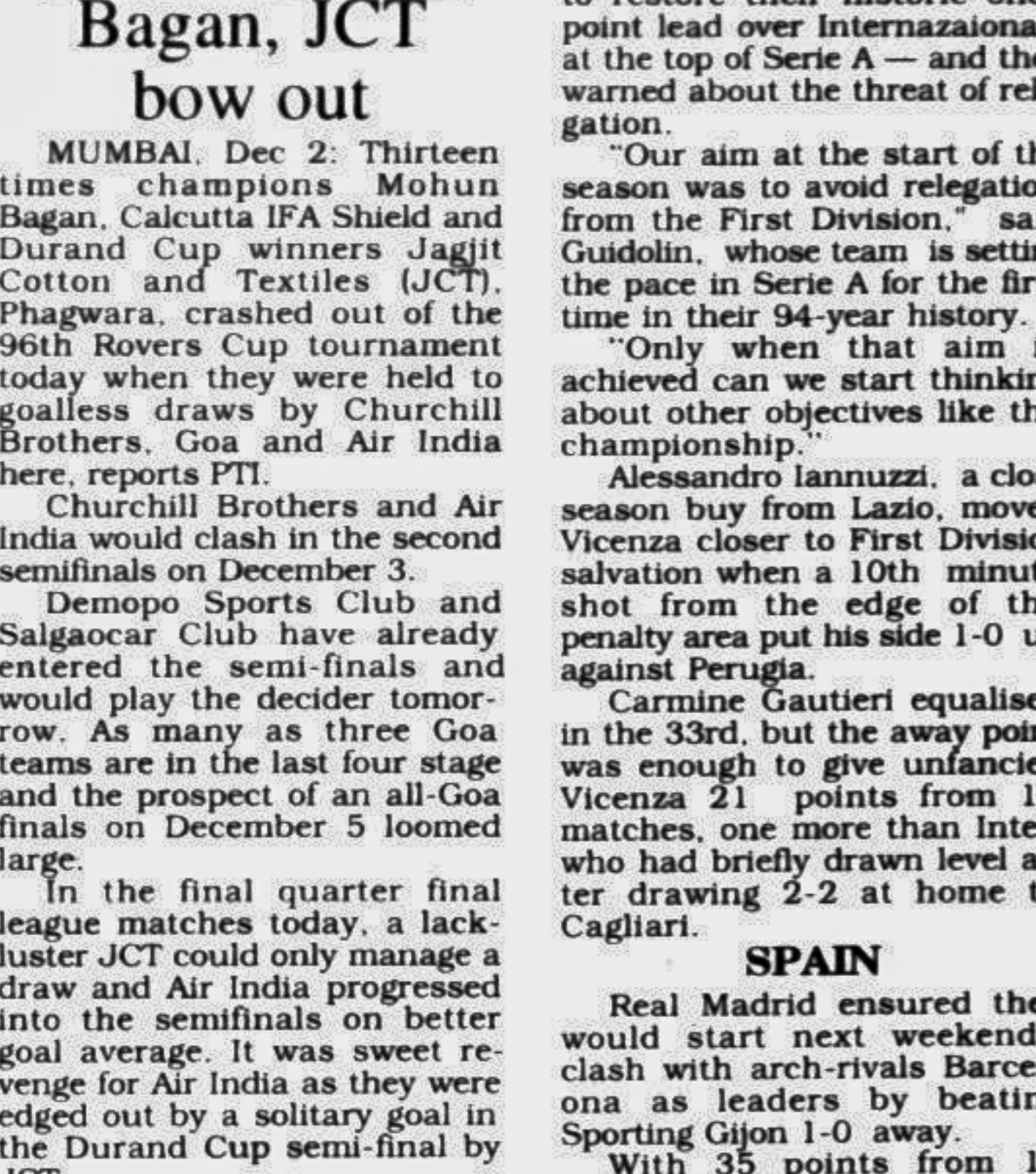
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