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SPORTS TALK Martina Hingis Swiss tennis player 'It's better for me to have my mother as coach.'



Vasquez keeps his belt PALM SPRINGS, California, Dec 8: Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico pummeled Bernardo Mendoza of Chile into submission on Saturday to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title, reports Reuter.



West Indies beleaguered batsman Brian Lara cuts a Tom Moody delivery to point region while umpire Daryll Hair looks on during the second World Series tie against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

Warne compounds WI's woes

SYDNEY, Dec 8: Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne claimed five wickets in 15 deliveries in his best performance in a limited-over international to send West Indies crashing to an eight-wicket defeat today, reports Reuter.

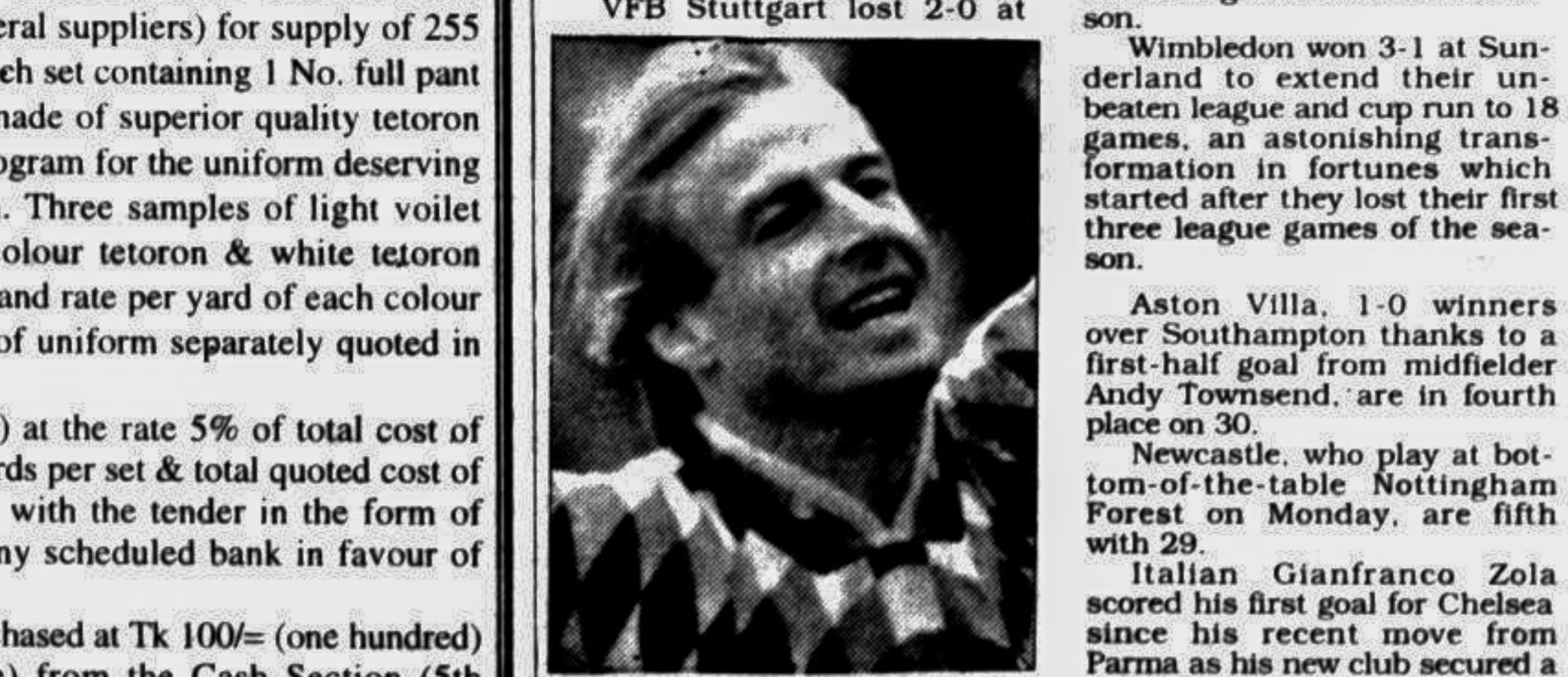
Brian Lara added to West Indies' woes with another batting failure on a dismal day for the tourists after their collapse in the world series competition at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The Victoria captain was twice denied a hat-trick as he hastened West Indies to their demise on a slow wicket of variable bounce.

Juergen's double delight

BONN, Dec 8: Juergen Klinsmann scored his 100th goal in the German Championship on Saturday to earn Bayern Munich the unofficial title of Bundesliga half-way stage champions in a 1-0 win at Borussia Moenchengladbach, report agencies.

However Romanian Ion Vladioiu put Cologne ahead in the 45th minute from a free-kick by his compatriot Dorinel Munteanu before Dortmund hit back in the second period.



Arminia Bielefeld to goals by Lutseppe Reina and Markus Breittkreutz.

ARSenal's GREAT ESCAPE ACT Meanwhile, in England,

Shafiq lifts ACME-BBSF snooker title

Mohammad Shafiq of Pakistan became champion of the ACME-BBSF President Cup snooker championship beating Athasit Mahitthi of Thailand 7-5 (23-74, 21-65 (59), 62-47, 39-40, 17-75 (46), 1-77 (69), 45-56, 68-17, 91-25, 87-34, 75-34 and 60-28 at the Gulshan Club yesterday, says a press release.

Wei Jizhong, secretary general of the Chinese Olympic Committee, dismissed claims in the British territory that it would carry on at Olympic and Asian Games as Hong Kong.

We said Hong Kong will have a new anthem, a new flag and a new name which China will decide.

African TT Nigerian takes men's title

NAIROBI, Dec 8: Nigeria's Kassem Nosiru used his vast experience to beat hard charging Ashraf Sobhi of Egypt 3-1 in the men's singles final of the 12th African Table Tennis Championships here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Nigeria also won the mixed doubles while Egypt, also winners of the men's and women's team events last Thursday, also won the women's singles, men's doubles and the women's doubles events.

Former Africa Table Tennis Federation (ATTF) president George Segun said the biannual championships to be held in Mauritius in 1988 were growing in status.

Axel too good for Jose

VIENNA, Dec 8: Germany's Axel Schulz outlasted Cuba's Jose Ribalta to win a heavy-weight bout Saturday against a bigger, but slower and older opponent, reports AP.

Nicol serves a stunner

BOMBAY, Dec 8: Title-holder Peter Nicol beat top seed Rodney Eyles 13-15, 15-10, 7-15, 17-15, 15-13 in a dramatically fluctuating Mahindra International final here on Saturday - perhaps the finest match on the PSA Tour this year, reports AFP.

It was one of the finest matches anywhere at any time with the hard-working world number three from Scotland needing an hour and forty minutes to quell the brilliance of the world number two from Australia in this 105,000-dollar event.

Despite this Eyles saved three game points before losing the fourth game with a penalty stroke following a mistimed forehand volley.

The Aussie attacked so well in the middle part of the match that he had the Scot defending for long periods but he tired when he was within sight of the prize.

MUNICH, Germany, Dec 8: Boris Becker has a chance to pick up one of the thickest pay packets of his career when he takes on defending champion Goran Ivanisevic in today's Grand Slam Cup final - 1.875 million US dollars, reports Reuter.



Becker, who booked his place in the final after a straight-sets defeat of Britain's Tim Henman, was guaranteed 250,000 dollars for just turning up at the richest tournament in the game because he had won a Grand Slam this year the Australian Open.

The winner of Sunday's match is guaranteed 1.625 million dollars. Ivanisevic has a chance to boost his earnings from five appearances in Munich to an astonishing 4.425 million dollars.

Nicol, who has now won ten matches in a row and two successive titles in Bombay, said: 'I don't seem to be able to put a foot wrong here.'

England's Chris Walker, who was disqualified for failing to turn up on time on Monday, has been given an official warning by the PSA.

However, he has been given his computer points for the match he failed to play against Zarak Jahan and the association has also altered its rules to give tournament directors more discretion in future to avoid having to default a player.

Boris, Goran set to clash

rackets to play a point to the delight of the crowd.

The action then became serious again and Ivanisevic effectively clinched the match with another break in the next game to lead 5-4 and then served out for the match after two hours and 21 minutes.

The Briton who doubled his earnings for the year by reaching the last four, put up an admirable display in front of 11,000 German fans. But it was not enough to stop an in-form Becker winning 7-6, 6-3, 6-1.

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Crossword puzzle by Eugene Sheffer with clues and a grid.

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