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1 Who won the three-nation cricket tournament held in South Africa recently?

India South Africa Zimbabwe

2 How many Tests will Sri Lanka play in their New Zealand tour?

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3 Who is the top-ranked woman tennis player at the moment?

Steffi Hingis Monica

4 Who lifted the boys' singles title in the BEXIMCO junior tennis championships?

Danai Mahadevan Phomphon

5 The BCB XI team touring Pakistan is skipped by

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SPORTS TALK



Steffi Graf

(World No 1 tennis player)
"Not even people who in the beginning were against my father are saying what kind of justice is there in Germany."
About the proceedings in her father's tax evasion case.

Annual athletics

GAZIPUR, Mar 5: The annual athletics competition of Kazimuddin High School was held on Tuesday at the school playground, reports BSS.

WTTC sports conclude

MYMENSINGH, Mar 5: Annual sports meet of Women Teachers Training College concluded here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Kingston Test begins today



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 5: West Indies cricket captain Courtney Walsh is hoping for positive things in the five Test series against India which opens at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica, on Thursday, reports AFP.

The 34-year-old Walsh, who was recovering from a nagging hamstring injury sustained to-



COURTNEY WALSH

wards the final Test against Australia in Perth last month, is feeling refreshed and ready to do battle after proving his fitness in the weekend's four-day, first-class match between Jamaica and India.

"I am hoping that West Indies can make a positive start against the Indians and dominate the series because we didn't do as well as we would have

liked in Australia," he said. "Australia would have been a learning experience and would have served us well. It is now up to the players to show people what they have learned, how good they are, and try to dominate."

West Indies lost the five-Test Sir Frank Worrell Trophy series 3-2 and were beaten 2-0 by Pakistan in the World Series Cup finals.

Walsh remarked, "In a home series, it's always easy because you can call on players a lot quicker than when you are on tour."

The fast bowler from Jamaica was expecting a tough series against the Indians.

"I saw a bit of them in England when they were on tour last year and I have been following their progress in the newspapers. They have a pretty good all-round team and they bat fairly deep. It's good, young team."

Walsh has taken 328 wickets in 87 Tests — 48 short of the West Indies record set by the present West Indies coach Malcolm Marshall at 377.

"I am not really thinking about the record at this time. It would be nice to have a series win against India and also dominate the series," he reasoned.

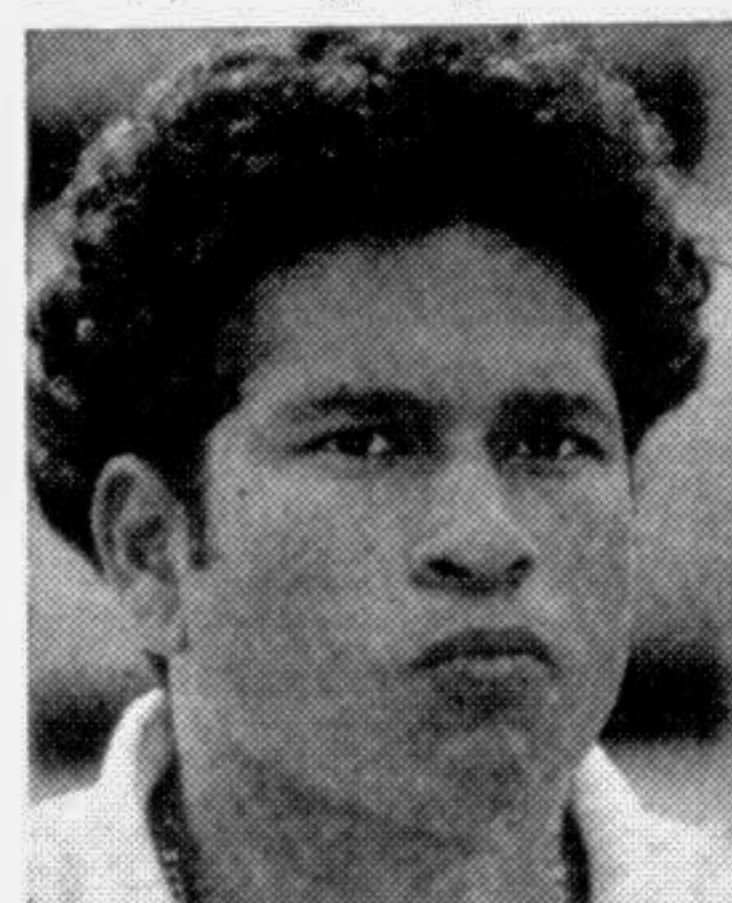
"Obviously you set yourself targets but I can get 350 wickets by the end of the Indian series. I will be very happy."

At the completion of the Indian series in May, West Indies will play host to Sri Lanka for the first time for two Tests and

one limited-over international in June. This should give Walsh more time to accomplish the feat.

"Time will tell how long I can go on," he said. "It's one tour at a time for me as long as I am enjoying the game and doing the job for myself as well as the team."

With the West Indies first-class championship extended to 10 series of matches and Sri Lanka coming this year, he will



TENDULKAR

not return to Gloucestershire for this year's English county championship.

"I have told the authorities at Gloucestershire about my feeling and they were quite happy to go along with my suggestions and recommendations, so I will miss this season and have a full season in 1998," he said.

Test for the two?



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 5: India's cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar, has stressed that the Test series against the West Indies, which begins here on Thursday, would be decided by just two men, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old player said that those who were suggesting the series was going to be the Lara vs Tendulkar show, were mistaken.

Tendulkar, who like Brian Lara, is considered to be one of the finest batsmen in the world said, "It is not just me or Lara."

The Indian batsman added, "Lara is one of the greatest players in the world. I have great regard for him and his ability as a batsman and I am hoping that he gets into form... but after the series when we are on our way home."

India will play five Tests, the first starting at Sabina Park in Kingston on Thursday, and four limited-over internationals on a tour which will last just over two months.

"It's not going to be easy cricket. The West Indies are one of the top sides in the world," Tendulkar added.

"Our team is very young. We have eight guys who have not played even 10 Test matches, so it's going to take some time for them to come good."

Tendulkar, who has scored 3,328 runs in 48 Tests continued, "The last tour of South Africa was a very good experience by playing tough cricket. Now that we are in the West Indies the guys are definitely prepared for that."

The gifted right-handed

batsman, who has captained India in seven Tests and 24 limited-over internationals since being appointed last year, said previous captain Mohamud Azharuddin has been the perfect source of inspiration for him.

He said, "Azharuddin has been good to me and the team



BRIAN LARA

with his advice, and I expect lots of runs from him on this tour. It is very important for us that his form continues."

"The youngsters are there and it is important that they play around the senior members. People like Azhar has big roles to play."

On their last tour here in 1989, India were beaten 3-0 in the Test series and 5-0 in the limited-over internationals.

Krajicek starts well

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Mar 5: Dutchman Richard Krajicek opened the ABN AMRO for this year's tennis tournament Tuesday with an easy victory over Czech Martin Damm, 6-4, 6-2, reports AP.

The Wimbledon champion, seeded No. 2 and ranked No. 7 on the ATP Tour, slammed 19 aces and numerous confident forehands past Damm, without conceding a single break point in the match.

He also won every one of points his first-serve points.

Third-seeded Swede Thomas Enqvist had more difficulty with his Czech opponent, Bohdan Ulihrach, but eventually came through 7-5, 6-7 (7-4) 6-2.

Krajicek aside, it was a miserable day for the Dutch. First, German Martin Sinner 6-3, 6-4 beat home favourite and No. 6 seed Paul Haarhuis 6-3, 6-4.

The fourth-seeded Jan Siemerink emulated Krajicek by avoiding a single break point against Czech Daniel Vacek, but lost two tiebreakers to go down 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2).

In unseeded play, Belgian Johan van Herck ousted Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch, 6-4, 6-2 and German David Prinosil eliminated Slovakian Karol Kucera, 6-2, 2-6 6-3.

Monthly pair bridge contest

MA Manna Miah and Rezaul Huq secured top position while RH Siddiqui and Mahmudul Hasan Tutul were runners-up in the monthly pair bridge competition organised by the Officers' Club on Monday, reports BSS.

Newcastle suffer setback



LONDON, Mar 5: The two favourites to win the UEFA Cup — Inter Milan and French leaders AS Monaco — each scored precious away goals Tuesday to advance their cause in first-leg, quarterfinal games, reports AP.

Danish side Brondby, look-

ing more and more like a contender, also got the valuable away goal in a 1-0 win at Tenerife.

Substitute Maurizio Ganz scored 15 minutes from the end to give Inter a 1-1 draw at Belgian side Anderlecht, and Brazilian Anderson DaSilva scored in the 59th for Monaco in 1-0 win at English side Newcastle. Brondby won on a 29th minute goal by Ebbe Sand.

Germany's Schalke also got a good start with a 2-0 win at home over Spain's Valencia on goals by defender Thomas Linke and Belgian forward Marc Wilmots. The second legs will be played March 18.

In Brussels, Ganz collected his key goal when Anderlecht goalkeeper Geert De Vlieger half-fumbled the ball, setting up an easy chance.

Anderlecht took the lead in the 27th minute when Romanian Tibor Selymes sent a cross to the centre, where midfielder Bruno Versavel met it with a

cracking left-foot half-volley from 25 metres, giving goalie Gianluca Pagliuca no chance.

Inter, who have been playing well lately in Italy, did not look like the dominant team in the match and will be happy to go home with an away goal.

In Gelsenkirchen, Germany, Schalke took a big step toward reaching their first European semifinal in 27 years, delighting a capacity crowd of 56,824.

Linke got the first goal in the 44th minute on a powerful header that got in behind Valencia goalkeeper Jorge Bartaal, making a rare appearance for banned Andoni Zubizarreta.

In a sloppy second half, Jiri Nemec picked up a through ball on the right and sent a perfect cross for Wilmots to tap into the net in the 82nd minute for the final goal.

In Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain, Sand's goal from just a meter (yard) out makes the Danish the favourites in the second leg.



Monaco's John Collins (L) congratulates teammate Brazilian Sonny Anderson after the Brazilian scored against Newcastle United in a UEFA Cup quarterfinal first leg clash in England on Mar 4.

Cairns may miss Indian tour

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Mar 5: All-rounder Chris Cairns is likely to miss the New Zealand cricket team's visit to India later this year, reports AP.

New Zealand coach Steve Rixon said Wednesday that he wants Cairns to undergo an operation to repair an ankle injury immediately after New Zealand's Test and one-day series against Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka's tour ends with a one-dayer in Wellington on March 27, while New Zealand's opening game in the Independence Cup quadrangular limited-over competition in India is against Pakistan on May 9 at either Cochin or New Delhi.

Cairns faces a six-week recuperation period after the operation, which gives him little chance of being fit to play in India.

Cairns suffered the injury while competing in Gavin Larsen's testimonial match in Wellington shortly before the second Test against England last month.

He bowled ineffectively in that Test, and the third Test and in the first one-day international against England on February 20. He has not bowled since.

Cairns has been named as a specialist batsman in the New Zealand side for the Test series against Sri Lanka, which starts in Dunedin on Friday.

A recent set of X-rays has revealed that Cairns has chipped some bone in his ankle. New Zealand team physiotherapist Mark Plummer said the bone needed to be surgically removed, followed by a rehabilitation period of six weeks.

Sanchez stuns Agassi

WASHINGTON, Mar 5: American Andre Agassi became the latest upset victim in the first round of the \$28,000 US dollars Scottsdale tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports Xinhua.

Unseeded Javier Sanchez of Spain took just 69 minutes to upset fifth-seed Agassi 6-3, 6-2.

"It's a pretty big win for me," said Sanchez, the world's No. 37 ranked player.

Sanchez took the first set, reeling off the last four games, including a pair of service breaks.

He went up 4-2 in the second with a crucial break in the sixth game and held on to wrap up the victory.

Bangabandhu cricket

COMILLA, Mar 5: The final match of the Bangabandhu Memorial Gold Cup cricket tournament was held at the Chuddagram Latifunnesa College playground Tuesday, reports UNB.

Jammura Eleven clinched the title defeating Bakrabud Sangsha by nine wickets.

Sixteen local teams participated in the tournament.

Petersburg gets presidential push

MOSCOW, Mar 5: Climaxing an all-out public push by Russia to land the 2004 Olympics, President Boris Yeltsin has made a last-minute appeal to IOC chief Juan Antonio Samaranch on St Petersburg's behalf, reports AP.

In a letter released by the Kremlin press service on Tuesday, Yeltsin asked Samaranch to use his influence to ensure "an impartial choice" when the finalists are named on Friday by the International Olympic Committee.

But he made it clear he thinks Russia's second-largest city — the "pearl of Russia," as he called it — should be one of the four or five cities that make the cut ahead of September's final selection.

"St Petersburg's bid is the bid of all Russia," he said. "The will and the potential of the country and its people guarantee success of the Games."

The letter's release came a day after Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin told Samaranch in a phone call that an IOC evaluation giving bad grades to St Petersburg contained "many mistakes and inadequacies." He said that obtaining the Games is "very important for St Petersburg and Russia."

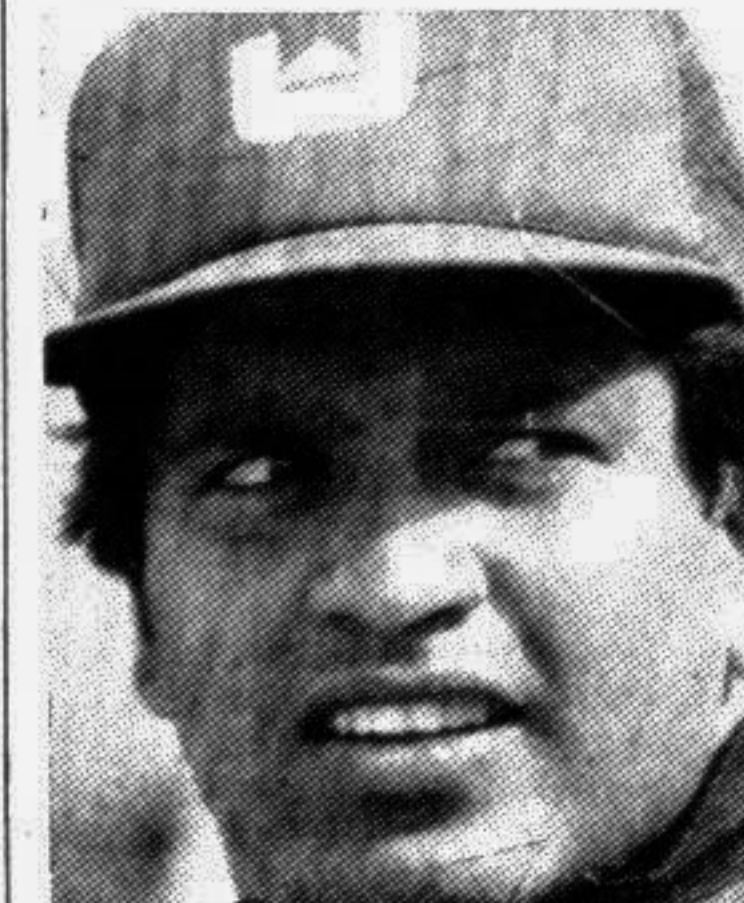
At a time of profound social and economic problems in Russia, St Petersburg faces long odds to beat out such favourites as Rome and Athens, Greece.

Lankans ready to rule



WELLINGTON, Mar 5: The Sri Lankan cricket team head into Friday's first Test against New Zealand with every confidence of winning, despite their lack of match practice on tour, reports Reuter.

The Kiwis are in disarray after captain Lee Germon was unceremoniously dumped following their one-day series



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

draw and 2-0 Test series loss against England.

The home side's new skipper is Stephen Fleming at 23 New Zealand's youngest-ever Test captain, and the one-day World Cup holders believe the change may unsettle their opponents.

"I think they will take a little time (to get used to it) and I hope

we can capitalise on the weaknesses they have," Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga told Reuters in a telephone interview today.

"We haven't had any good cricket, only two days on tour, so that's not ideal preparation for a Test match. But the boys are very keen, they are very confident," he said.

Rain conspired to rob the tourists of a vital warm-up match against New Zealand A this week, and their only game here so far has been a two-day non-first class game against provincial side Northern Districts, which they drew.

But New Zealand's form this summer has hardly got the Sri Lankans quaking in their shoes.

The thrashing by England in the recent Test series exposed an inconsistent batting line-up and ordinary bowling attack.

In contrast Sri Lanka have batsmen of proven international class such as Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tillekaratne, and old hand Ranatunga himself.

"I think we have a very good all-round side, we have a very strong batting line-up and most of the top batsman have been getting a lot of runs back home," Ranatunga said. "And the bowling has also been very good."

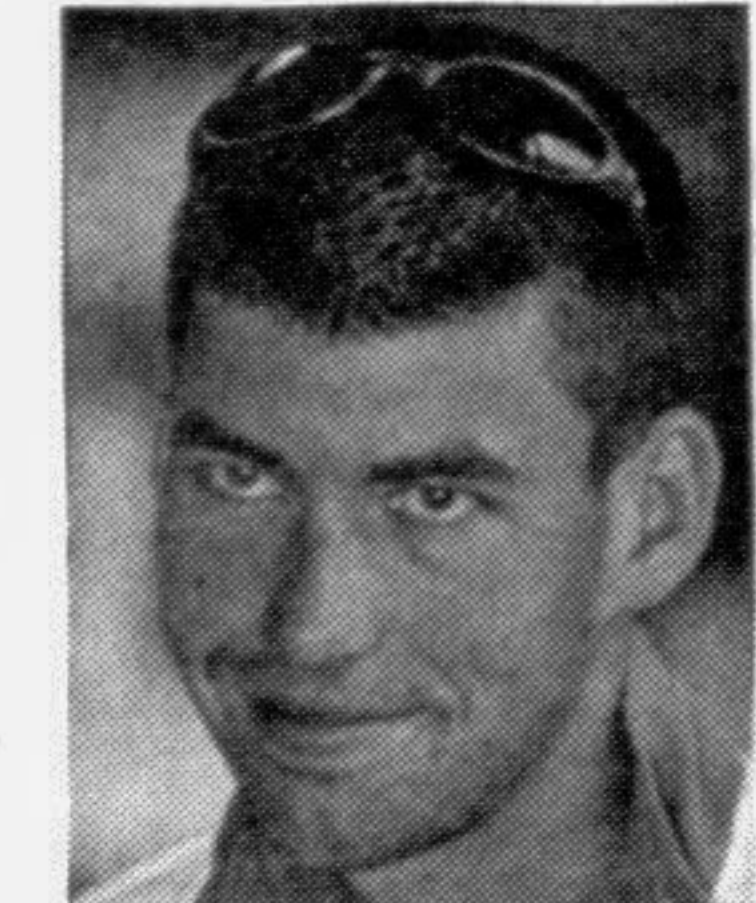
In one brief outing on tour so far, Sri Lanka strike bowler Chaminda Vaas has already given the New Zealanders cause for concern. He took six wickets for 22 runs against Northern Districts, including a hat-trick.

The tourists also rate un-

known 18-year-old Nuwan Zoysa highly and are eager to get him into the international arena.

Ranatunga plucked the tall, lanky fast bowler from the obscurity of schoolboy cricket eight months ago.

"He has a lot of potential. He has to get into the big league as soon as possible to get used to it because he has a lot of talent," Ranatunga said, hinting that Nuwan was likely to play in the



STEPHEN FLEMING

first Test. "It took like he has a very good chance of playing, but we haven't picked the side so far," he said.

New Zealand have already named their 18-year-old off-spinner Daniel Vettori, after a promising Test debut against England.

Mike's eyes on Aussies



WELLINGTON, Mar 5: England needs to step up a gear for this summer's Ashes series against an Australian side in ominous form, captain Mike Atherton said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.



MIKE ATHERTON

"They're a good side, they're a stronger side than we've played against this winter," Atherton said after a gruelling tour that saw England plumb to new depths against Zimbabwe before bouncing back to beat New Zealand.

Australia slaughtered South Africa by an innings and 196 runs in Johannesburg on Tuesday while England were limping to defeat in the fifth and final one-day international against New Zealand.

England coach David Lloyd said Australia had provided his team with a "role model" in the emphatic win, sealed by spinners Shane Warne and Michael Bevan after a mammoth batting partnership between Greg Blewett and Steve Waugh.

"They've punished them, and they've been strong and ruthless, and that's something that we'll be looking to aspire to... we're on the way, but we've still got a way to go," he told a news conference.

"They are a top side we aren't frightened of them. We respect them."

Atherton expected few changes to the side that won the Test series in New Zealand 2-0 and split the five one-dayers.

One of which was tied.

But Lloyd said in reply to questions that a recall for ex-

perienced batsmen like Graeme Hick and Robin Smith could not be ruled out.

"There will be obviously one player who I think a winter off will have done him a power of good, and that's Hick."

"There's nobody excluded. Nobody, and I hope people are itching to get in," he said.

England at least partially restored their fortunes in New Zealand after a 3-0 one-day drubbing by Zimbabwe which made Atherton's side a laughing stock back home.

Atherton, Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe all excelled with bat. But Nasser Hussain, Nick Knight and John Crawley failed to hit their straps.

Darren Gough and Robert

Croft were the pick of a bowling attack in which Dominic Cork failed to provide the expected penetration.

Assistant coach John Embury admitted lacking an outstanding match-winner, but praised the side for a "workman-like team effort."

"We're actually starting to build the nucleus of what is potentially a very good international team," he said.

Atherton, who started the New Zealand tour in dismal touch but scored a personal triumph with 94 not out and 118 in the final Test, was typically low-key about his own form.

"This winter was a challenge loss of form at the start. I think I overcame it," he said.

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Executive Engineer (R&H)

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