

Column One

Boost sports



LONDON, May 20: Australia's five-wicket thrashing at the hands of Worcestershire may have been just what the team needed, according to skipper Mark Taylor on Monday, reports AFP.

The Australians were skittled out for just 121 at Worcester on Sunday and now have just today's 50-overs fixture against David Boons Durham before they face England on Thursday in the first of three one-day internationals.

But Taylor was in relaxed and confident mood as the tour party set off for the north of England with the Australian captain planning to play in a charity golf event later in the day.

The Australians had looked vulnerable against Worcestershire's seamers, but Taylor insisted: "I think we are doing okay, although obviously our batting has to improve."

"Perhaps this result, and those conditions we encountered on Sunday, were just what we needed at this state of the tour to get our minds properly focused."

"Worcester has been a bad

place for Australian teams in recent times, with several sides losing here early in a tour, but we have then gone on to do well and I see no reason why that trend should not continue."

I think Mark Waugh and Michael Slater coming back into the side will obviously help our batting in the Texaco

Competition-70

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm,

May 30, '97

1 How many one-day

centuries has Sachin

Tendulkar scored so far?

10 12 14

2 How many one-day matches

did Saqlain Mushtaq play

to capture his 100th wicket?

50 52 59

3 Who won the Italian Open

ladies' tennis title?

Martinez Pieri Sanchez

4 Who scored the first hat-trick

in this year's Premier Division

hockey league?

Bikar Kamal Roni

5 Who clinched the national

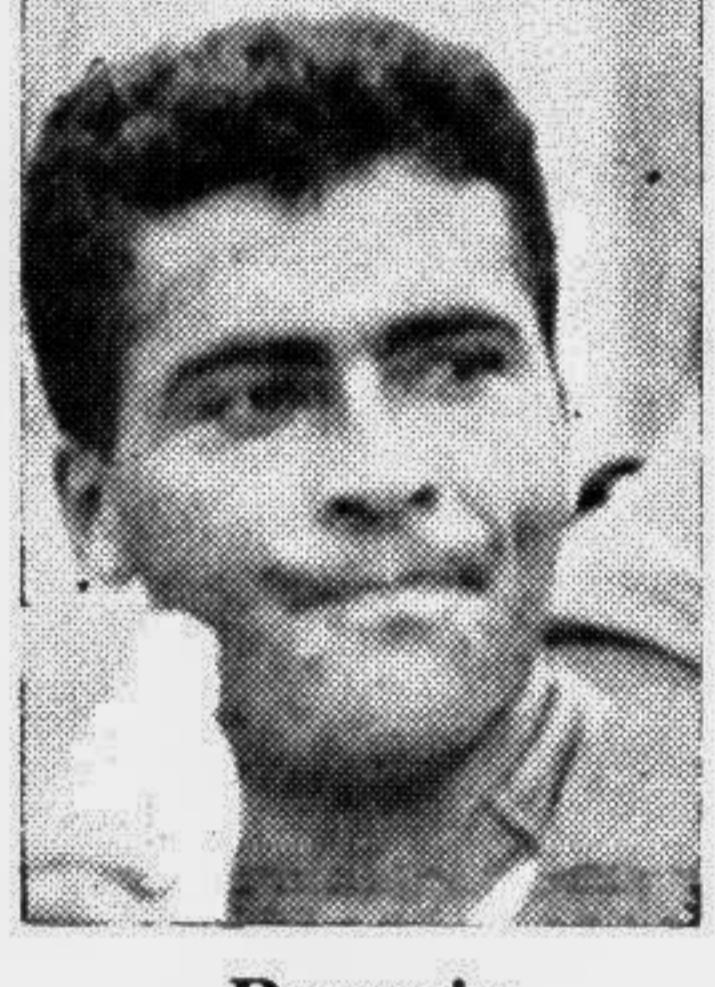
cricket championship title this

year?

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Romario

(Brazilian star soccer player)

"We're the best in the world

right now, and at the World Cup

we'll be at an ever higher level."

Said recently in Rio de Janeiro after being included in

the national squad.

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