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Competition-71

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, June 13, '97

- Who lifted the Independence Cup cricket title?

Pakistan	Sri Lanka	India
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- Who won the European Cup football title?

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- Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the Independence Cup?

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- Who became champion in the 23rd national chess tourney?

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SPORTS TALK

Ashes series begins today

BIRMINGHAM, June 4 (Reuters): Only two weeks ago, optimistic Englishmen were able to back their country's cricket team at odds of 7 to 1 to win back the Ashes from Australia over the course of six Tests this summer.

Such has been the contrast in mood and fortune between the teams since then that on the eve of the first Test at Edgbaston starting on Thursday, book-

all, the poor form of captain and opening batsman Mark Taylor.

Taylor's predecessors Ian and Greg Chappell, and Allan Border, are among those who have said that he should stand down in deference to the Australian tradition of choosing the best 11 players and then selecting a captain.

In four first-class innings on tour, Taylor has totalled only 98 runs and it is 11 Test matches and 18 months since he last reached 50 in a Test.

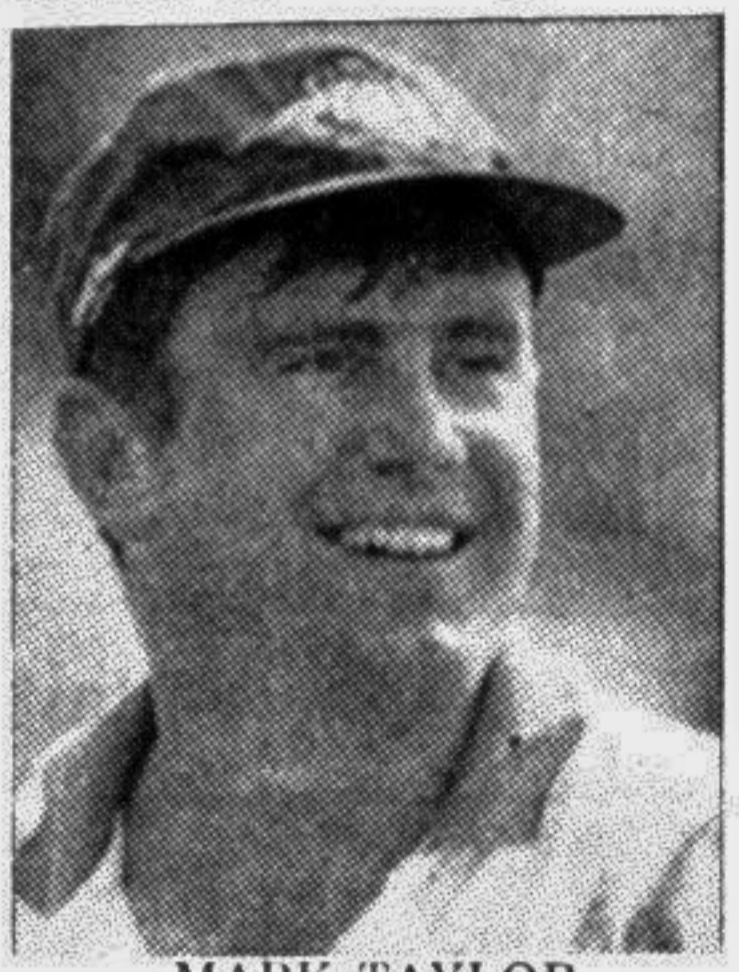
Fast bowlers Jason Gillespie, Brendon Julian and Andy Bichel have suffered injuries. But Steve and Mark Waugh, Matthew Elliott, Justin Langer, Greg Blewett and Michael Bevan have all made runs despite the limited opportunities offered.

Shane Warne, the world's best spin bowler, claims to have been holding something back so far, despite taking seven wickets against Derbyshire on Monday.

The touring team's batting is so strong that England's best hope appears to lie in low-scoring matches, which is what Edgbaston pitches have produced for the last two Tests, and for Warwickshire's two county championship matches.

Mark Butcher's 153 for England A there in April is the only big century on the ground so far this season and effectively earned him his Test debut in this game as Michael Atherton's opening partner, ahead of local man Nick Knight.

Rain and possibly thunderstorms are forecast for the second and third day and after close study of the pitch, England decided to leave out their second slow bowler, left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell.



MARK TAYLOR

makers will offer no better than 3 to 1.

Home victories in each of the three one-day internationals — all by the same emphatic margin of six wickets — began to alter the perceived balance between unofficial world champions Australia and England, who are ranked no higher than sixth.

It has been swung further by Australia's injury problems, a failure to win either of their first-class matches and, above



MIKE ATHERTON

TEAMS

England: Mike Atherton (captain), Mark Butcher, Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, John Crawley, Mark Ealham, Adam Holoake, Darren Gough, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Devon Malcolm.

Australia: Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Elliott, Greg Blewett, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Michael Bevan, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprovicz, Glenn McGrath.

Jagmohan plans to scrutinise Manoj's story

NEW DELHI, June 4: Indian cricket chiefs are to investigate allegations of bribery and match-fixing levelled by former international Manoj Prabhakar, a senior official said today, reports AP.

Indian cricket board secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya said the betting scandal will be "studied and discussed" at the board's next working committee meeting in August.

"I hope these allegations are not true, but we are keen to study and discuss the matter," said Dalmiya, who next month takes over as head of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the world governing body.

Prabhakar, in a magazine article, alleged he had been offered 72,000 dollars by an unnamed teammate to ensure India lost to arch-rivals Pakistan in a limited-overs tournament in Sri Lanka in 1994.

Prabhakar, who said he was promised substantial money by the Outlook magazine for the revelation, also hinted that India's defeat by England in the World Cup semifinal in 1987 may have been fixed.

Meanwhile, a senior federal government official debunked claims by former manager Ajit Wadekar that he had ordered players hotel phones to be tapped without their knowledge in 1993 to find out whether they were involved in betting.

"It's not true, you have to take Wadekar's claim with a pinch of salt," said Delhi Telecommunications chief S Rajagopalan. The question of tapping telephone lines does not arise as it is strictly barred by law.

"You cannot barge into someone's privacy so easily, the telephone department will never allow it. Let Wadekar clarify how he did it. Only then will the whole thing be believable."

Holders laid to rest

PARIS, June 4: What next? The two defending champions became the latest victims Tuesday of the wildest, most unpredictable French Open in memory, reports AP.

Five-time women's winner Steffi Graf, her career suddenly in crisis, tumbled out in the quarterfinals in an error-filled 6-1, 6-4 loss to 11th-seeded Amanda Coetzer.

It was Graf's third loss this time to the South African, who stopped her in the fourth round of the Australian Open and dealt her the worst loss of her career — 6-0, 6-1 in Berlin last month.

"It's just the state I'm in at the moment," Graf said. "I don't seem to have any self-confidence when I go out there.... It will take some time to get over this one."

Tuesday's defeat marked the first time since 1986 that Graf has failed to reach at least the semifinals at the French Open, and the first time since 1985 she has lost so early in consecutive Grand Slams.

The loss also means Graf will drop to No. 3 in next week's WTA Tour rankings, the first time since March 1987 that she is not among the top two. Monica Seles, who overcame Mary

Joe-Fernandez in three sets, will move from No. 3 to No. 2.

Graf's ouster ruled out the possibility of a showdown in the final against Martina Hingis, the 16-year-old Swiss star who replaced her as No. 1 in March.

Hingis, playing her best match of the tournament, overwhelmed sixth-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-2, 6-2, and showed she's fully recovered from the knee injury she suffered falling off a horse six weeks ago.

Hingis' semifinal opponent will be Seles, who recovered from a poor start to beat Fernandez, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

The other women's semifinal on Thursday will pit Coetzer against No. 9 Iva Majoli, who struggled to a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 win over her doubles partner, Ruxandra Dragomir.

Chaos continued to rock the men's tournament, with the distinct possibility of two unseeded players meeting in the final for the first time at Roland Garros.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the defending champion and No. 3 seed, had said it would, take a miracle to retain his title. He didn't get it.

Kafelnikov's reign ended when Gustavo Kuerten, the 66th-ranked Brazilian, continued his amazing run by winning 6-2, 5-7, 6-6, 6-0, 6-4. He's the first Brazilian man to reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam.

Belgium's Filip Dewulf, ranked No. 122, became the first qualifier in the Open era to make the French semis when he beat Magnus Norman — conqueror of Pete Sampras — 6-2, 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-3.

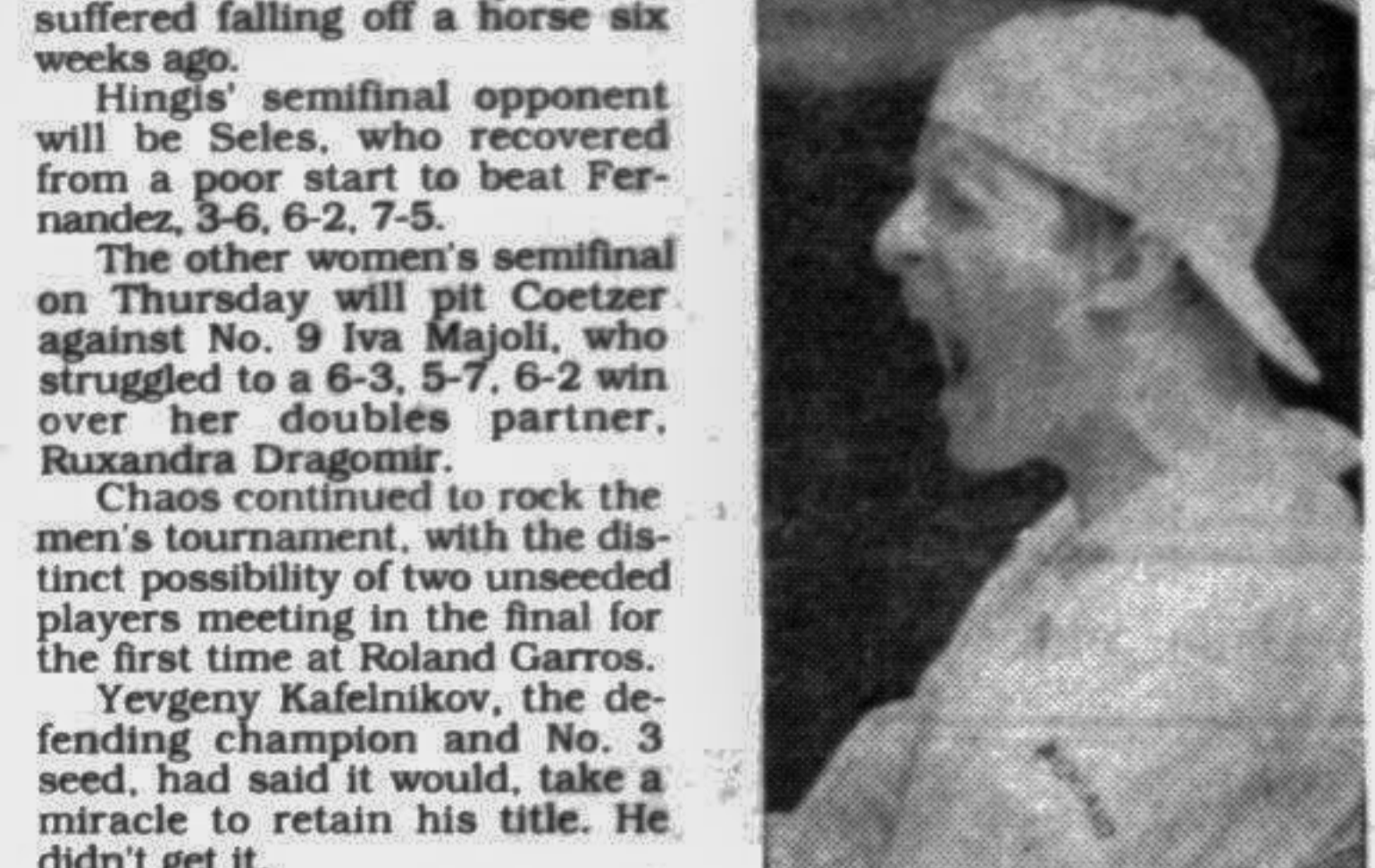
Kuerten and Dewulf will meet in one semifinal, guaranteeing at least one unseeded player in the final.

The other semifinal berth will be decided Wednesday when No. 16 Sergi Bruguera — the lowest seed — faces Morocco's Hicham Arazi, and Patrick Rafter plays Galo Blanco.

Graf, who missed three months this year with a knee injury, played one of the shakiest matches of her Grand Slam career in losing to Coetzer. She was a shadow of the player who has won 21 Grand Slam titles and is considered possibly the



STEFFI GRAF



YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

tiende and belief in my shots," she said.

Graf seemed to get a break when rain stopped play with Coetzer leading 3-1 in the second set. Even though she played better when play resumed 45 minutes later, she still never though she would win.

"Even during the break, I did not find a positive attitude," Graf said. "Even when I should be a bit more confident, I wasn't."

Asked how a player of her status could be so lacking in confidence, Graf shook her head.

"I wish I knew that right now," she said. "I don't know, I have no idea at the moment."

Graf gave little credit to Coetzer, who although she stands only 5-foot-2 (1.57m), dictated the match, keeping Graf pinned behind the baseline with deep, topspin strokes.

"I think my game is a little bit deceiving," Coetzer said.

SL get the nod at last!

BRIDGETOWN, Jun 4: Sri Lankan cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga said here on Tuesday, that he was upset that his side did not play enough five-day Test cricket, reports AFP.

He made his complaints to reporters at Barbados' international airport, where he and his team were awaiting a connecting flight to Port-of-Spain, the site for the solitary limited overs international on Friday.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people do not give us enough Test cricket, this is the first time we have come to the West Indies to play a Test match after 16 years," Ranatunga said.

The 33-year-old Ranatunga added: "It's not mainly our fault. Whatever Test matches we have been given we have not done badly. It's up to the (Sri Lanka) board to decide. The players are very keen to get whatever experience they can."

Sri Lanka were given Test status in 1982 and has played only one Test against the West Indies in Colombo four years ago. There will be two in this series in St. John's June 13 to 17 and at Test cricket's latest venue in Kingston, June 20 to 24.

Meanwhile, Floyd Reifer, the leading batsman in this year's

Red Stripe Cup championship, was named in the West Indies 13-man squad for the sole limited overs international.

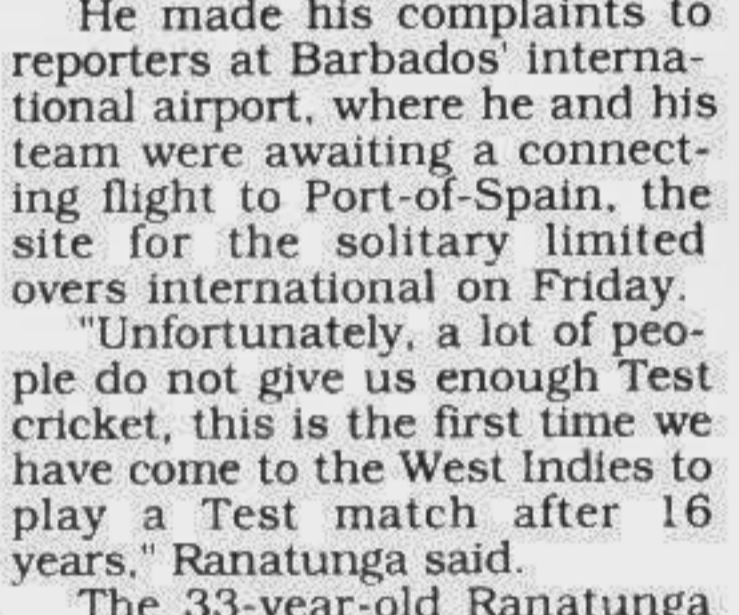
There are three other changes to the one-day squad which was chosen for the final two of our matches against India earlier this year.

Junior Murray, the Windwards captain and wicket-keeper/batsman, returns following his double-century in the final round of Red Stripe Cup matches in his native Grenada.

Laurie Williams, the Jamaica all-rounder, has been given another chance after playing in last year's home series against New Zealand.

Also included is Dinanath Ramnarine, the uncapped Trinidad and Tobago leg-spinner who was chosen in the squad the first two matches in the Indian series but did not play.

Left-hand batsman Jimmy Adams, wicketkeeper Courtney Browne, his fast bowling Barbados teammate Otis Gibson, and Jamaica opening batsman Leon Garrick are the four players omitted from the side.



A RANATUNGA



JIMMY ADAMS

SQUAD

Courtney Walsh (captain), Brian Lara, Stuart Williams, Junior Murray, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Carl Hopper, Roland Holder, Floyd Reifer, Laurie Williams, Curtly Ambrose, Franklyn Rose, Mervyn Dillon, Dinanath Ramnarine.

Simpson joins 'em

LONDON, June 4: Bobby Simpson has become the third former Australian Test captain to call on Mark Taylor to step down as skipper for the first Test against England starting at Edgbaston today, reports Reuter.

"Mark Taylor shouldn't even be thinking of playing," Simpson wrote in Wednesday's Daily Mail.

"I know Taylor is admired for his leadership, but that can't compensate for what is not just a bad run of form but a basic flaw in his technique."

"Even so close to the Test, I still can't believe I will see him going out to bat."

Beginning of the end?

PARIS, June 4: A new era in women's tennis may have dawned at the French Open with cheerful Martina Hingis taking over from troubled Steffi Graf as the new Paris queen.

Swiss teenager Hingis still has two hurdles to clear but the kind of form she displayed to crush Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and advance to the last four makes her the clear favourite to succeed five-time champion Graf.

The once almost unbeatable German, who was ousted from the top spot by Hingis last March, saw her bete noire, South African Amanda Coetzer, slam the door on her on Tuesday.

For the first time in more than a decade, she will not be in the semifinals in the French capital.

Graf, who blamed her shock defeat on a lack of confidence, will drop one place to third in the next women's rankings, her lowest position since March, 1987.

Hingis could meanwhile underline her dominance by winning her second Grand Slam title of the year after the Australian Open.

Only six weeks after undergoing minor knee surgery following a riding accident, the world number one showed she was back at her brilliant best on Tuesday by outclassing Sanchez-Vicario, twice a winner here and a finalist the last two years.

Hingis, playing her first tournament since she fell off her horse, said she had turned down an offer by Olympic show jumping champion Pierre Durand of France, who had invited her for a ride this week.

"I've got things to worry about," said the cheerful 16-year-old, wearing her trademark, permanent smile. "I had said before coming here that the real test would be in the first week. I'm playing better and better. I feel confident."

Hingis, who survived a scare in the second round, struggling for over two hours before moving past little-known Italian Gloria Pizzichini, now faces American Monica Seles on Thursday for a place in Saturday's final.

Former teenage wonder Seles, seeded third this year, has attracted little attention since the start of the tournament but nevertheless stayed on course



MARTINA HINGIS



AMANDA COETZER

for a fourth triumph after winning on the Paris clay three times in a row from 1990 to 1992.

If Hingis has won her three previous encounters with Seles, and looks a safe bet, the other semifinal, between ninth seed Iva Majoli of Croatia and Coetzer, the 11th seed, promises to be a hard-fought affair.

Coetzer boosted her confidence by knocking out Graf in straight sets on Tuesday, recording her third win over the German this season.

Majoli earned her first appearance in a Grand Slam semifinal after winning a gruelling, three-set battle against her doubles partner, unseeded Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir.

The Croat seems to have more weapons in her arsenal than pocket-sized Coetzer, who is brave and consistent from the baseline but lacks power.

Asked if she thought Coetzer could win the tournament, Graf said: "Probably not."

Nobody asked her if she thought Hingis could win. Everybody knew the answer.

Semifinals line-up:

- 1-Martina Hingis (Switzerland) v 3-Monica Seles (US)
- 9-Iva Majoli (Croatia) v 11-Amanda Coetzer (South Africa).

FIFA on the French fence

ZURICH, June 4: (AP) FIFA expressed disappointment Saturday at the French government's insistence of perimeter fencing around the fields in the 1998 World Cup stadiums, saying it treats fans like "animals" or "prisoners."

"If these fences stay, I'll be sad," said FIFA President Joao Havelange. "The spectators don't deserve that. They are not animals we put in a cage to restrain their movement."

FIFA General Secretary Sepp Blatter said after three days of FIFA meetings that the soccer body must abide by the decision of the host government authorities on fan barriers.

"It is not only a question of image and security, but a question of respect for the spectators, not to be treated like prisoners," said Blatter. "But the French government has taken its decision, and we're not going to discuss the matter with the French any more."

FIFA will, however, back any efforts on the part of the French football federation and the French organising committee to persuade the government to change its stance, a spokesman said.

FIFA has long pushed for the removal of perimeter fencing, blaming them for the deaths in tragedies such as those at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England, in 1989 and again at Guatemala City last year.

At the 1994 World Cup in Dallas, local law enforcement authorities initially refused to remove a fence that surrounded the field at the Cotton Bowl. FIFA and World Cup organisers insisted the fence be removed and a compromise was later struck that resulted in the fence being dismantled on one side of the field.

On other matters, Blatter said the FIFA Executive Committee decided Saturday that it would accelerate the introduction of professional referees in hopes of reducing the risk of attempted bribery in key matches.

Blatter said that only a few national associations currently pay their referees, and FIFA has been seeking a solution after a series of recent cases in which game officials have either hinted they could be bribed or

actually taken money from one side or the other.

He said he hoped that FIFA will have found a solution within three years, but that the current system would continue at least through the 1998 World Cup.

The World Youth Championships in 1999, a tournament of players under age 20, was awarded to Nigeria on condition that all necessary requirements are fulfilled well ahead of time.

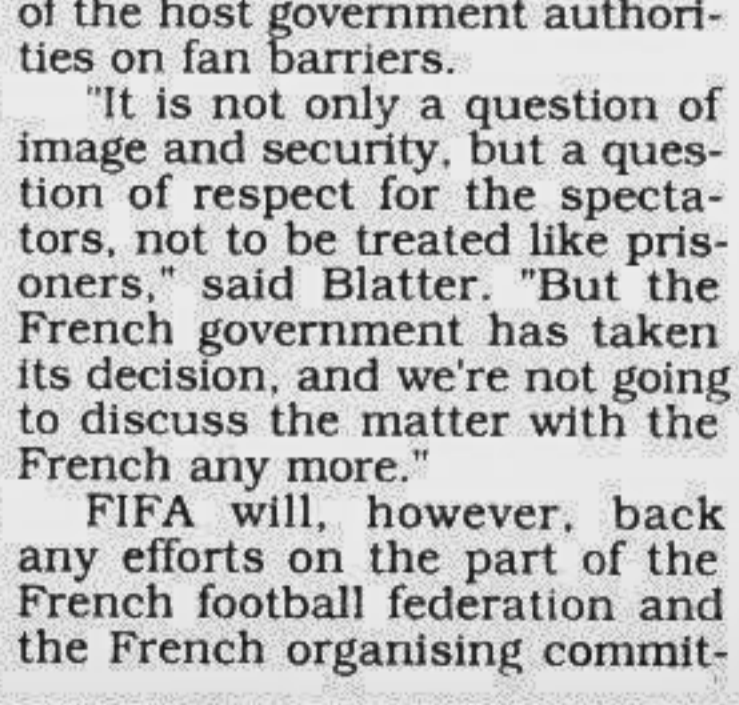
The 2001 youth finals were allocated to Argentina.

A group of specialists will study the calendar possibilities for a new world club championship, that would be similar to the European or other continental cup championships.

The basic format would be a tournament of eight teams, including the six continental club champions, the host country champion club and the winners of the most recent Toyota Cup, which pits the Copa Libertadores champion against the European Champions Cup winner.

It would be held in July every two years, starting in 1999.

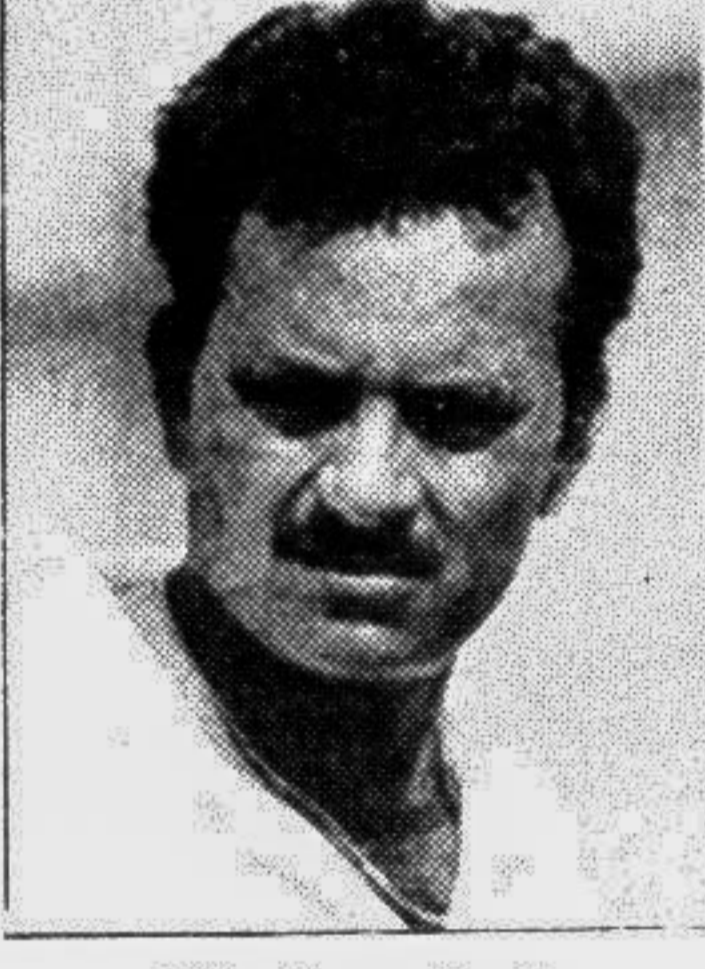
"We will find the dates," Blatter said.



SEPP BLATTER



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(Indian cricket team manager)

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Italian booters raise protest

MILAN, Italy, June 4: Italian professional players on Tuesday voiced their opposition to the use of more players from countries outside the EU bloc, which is being sought by Italian First Division clubs, reports AP.

Sergio Campana, president of the professional players association (AIC), said a violation of the original agreement, allowing clubs to sign up to three non-European players, could lead to strikes and other forms of protests by Italian players.

Italian clubs, which have been allowed to sign an unlimited number of EU players under the so-called Bosman rule, have been pressing for signing up to five players from outside the EC bloc.

Under present rules Italian clubs can already make a team of all foreigners. What else should we grant," Campana said following a four-hour meeting with Italy's top soccer officials — federation president Luciano Nizzola and league president Franco Carraro.

Army judo

The Air Defence Artillery clinched the title of the first judo competition of the Bangladesh Army which concluded at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday, with three gold, two silver and five bronze medals at their credit, reports BSS.

The Bogra area became runners-up with two gold, three silver and one bronze medals.

Madam Lal

(Indian cricket team manager)

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THURSDAY 5th JUNE
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV
3:00 Opening Announcement Al-Quran, Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 News Re-telecast of selected programme from TV Archive 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 TV Cuching 4:45 Cartoon: Shazzam 5:25 National Television School Debate 6:30 Sor Goal 6:50 Religion and Life 7:00 The News 7:25 Sandha Malatee 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Arabian Nights 9:00 Package Programme 10:00 The News 10:25 Switch 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Friday's programme summary 11:40 Close down

BBC
6:00am BBC World News 6:30 Time Out: Holiday 7:00 BBC World News in World Business Report/Asia Today 7:24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: The Money

CHANNEL V
6:30am The Ticket 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:00am Rewind VJ Sophia 1:00 By Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by Frame 2:30 Liberty First Day First Show 3:00 BPL Oye 4:00 Rexona Deo Out There 4:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 6:00pm Rewind VJ Sophia 7:00 By Demand VJ Trey 8:00 The Vibe 9:00 Videocon Flashback 9:30 Toofan TV 10:00 Liberty First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry VJ Sophia 1:00 Haysah 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 Sigaw Mania 5:30 Speak Easy

STAR PLUS
6:30am Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Nine To Five 10:00 Mollie Katzen's Cooking Cooks 10:30 Holiday Special

STAR MOVIES
7:30am Family: Last Battle For The Universe PG 9:30 Family: The Whitching of Ben Wagner PG 11:30 Comedy: Just Like A Woman 15:30 Romance: Danielle Steel's Changes PG (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Classic: Lorna Doone 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Comedy: Maybe This Time 15:30 Story: The Goodbye Bird (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Romance:

STAR SPORTS
7:00am English Cricket 97 Telly's Challenge 9:15 Derbyshire Vs Australia 12:30 International Motorsports News 1:30 European Tour 1997 2:30 Deutsche Bank Open Highlights 2:30 Marlboro Asia Road Racing

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PTV
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