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 Competition closes 8 pm, July 11, '97

1 Who is the third fastest server in men's tennis circuit at the moment?  
 Rusedski Rosset Krajcek

2 How many warm-up matches will Bangladesh play before the World Cup in 1999?  
 Four Three Six

3 How many matches has Shahbaz played for Pakistan?  
 219 220 221

4 What is the position of Bangladesh in FIFA rankings for June?  
 137 138 139

5 Who lifted CUTE Premier handball league title?  
 Ansars Menjis BDR

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# Sachin's judgement day



CALCUTTA, June 27: Struggling Sachin Tendulkar's record as Indian captain will come under the microscope "at length" here Saturday, a national selector said today, amid speculation he could be axed, reports AFP.

The selector, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "We are concerned about the track record of the team, and the captaincy issue will be discussed at length."

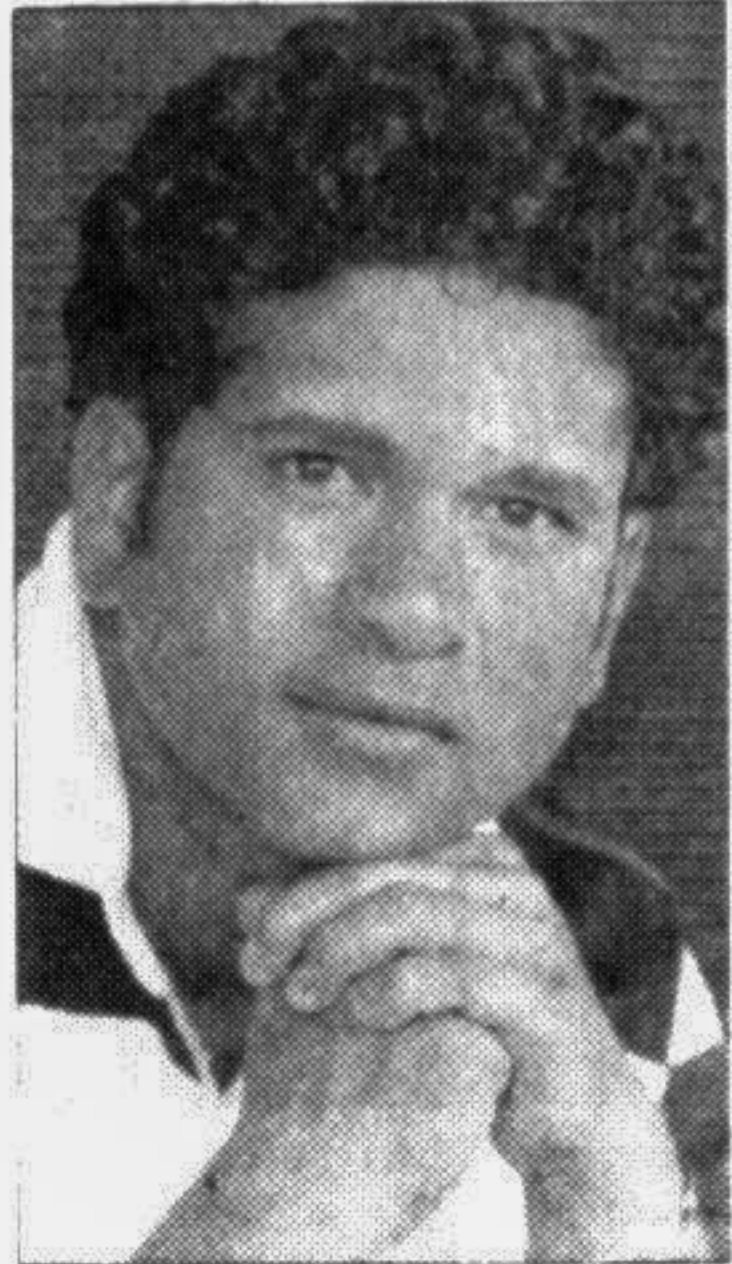
A selection meeting is being held in Bombay on Saturday to pick a preliminary squad of up to 22 players for the tour of Sri Lanka beginning next month.

Tendulkar, one of the best batsmen in the world, became captain in August last year, replacing Mohammad Azharuddin after India's failure to reach the World Cup final and their Test series defeat in England.

Tendulkar began with a dream one-off Test victory against Australia in New Delhi and a 2-1 win over the visiting South Africans.

But since then, he has failed

to inspire his Test side, which went on to lose Test and one-day series in South Africa and



SACHIN TENDULKAR

West Indies.

The team also failed to reach the finals of the Independence Cup — a four-nation tournament including Pakistan, winners Sri Lanka and New Zealand — in May.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, outgoing secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the new head of the International Cricket Council (ICC), said Tendulkar would not take part in Saturday's selection meeting.

He explained: "Yes, we have not called Sachin Tendulkar because a captain will have to be selected."

"Earlier, Sachin had been made captain until the West Indies tour and then his captaincy was reconfirmed until the Independence Cup."

The tour to Sri Lanka includes the Asia Cup one-day quadrangular tournament involving ICC champions Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, as well as two Tests.

The Indian squad will be whittled down to 14 players after a training camp at Bangalore at the start of July.

# Baggio's heart is bleeding



MILAN, June 27: Italian midfielder Roberto Baggio said Wednesday he was disappointed to be leaving

AC Milan, reports Reuter. Interviewed by Italy's Rai Television at Venice Airport on his return from a holiday in Argentina, the ponytailed World Cup star confirmed his generally expected departure but did not say what he planned to do next season.

Asked when he had realised that his days at Milan were over, Baggio replied: "When coach Fabio Capello rang me on the telephone. He confirmed a bit what was in the air."

"I was expecting it a bit... of course I'm disappointed a bit, breaking with the fans."

"In our business you have to come to terms with so many situations, even unthinkable ones perhaps."

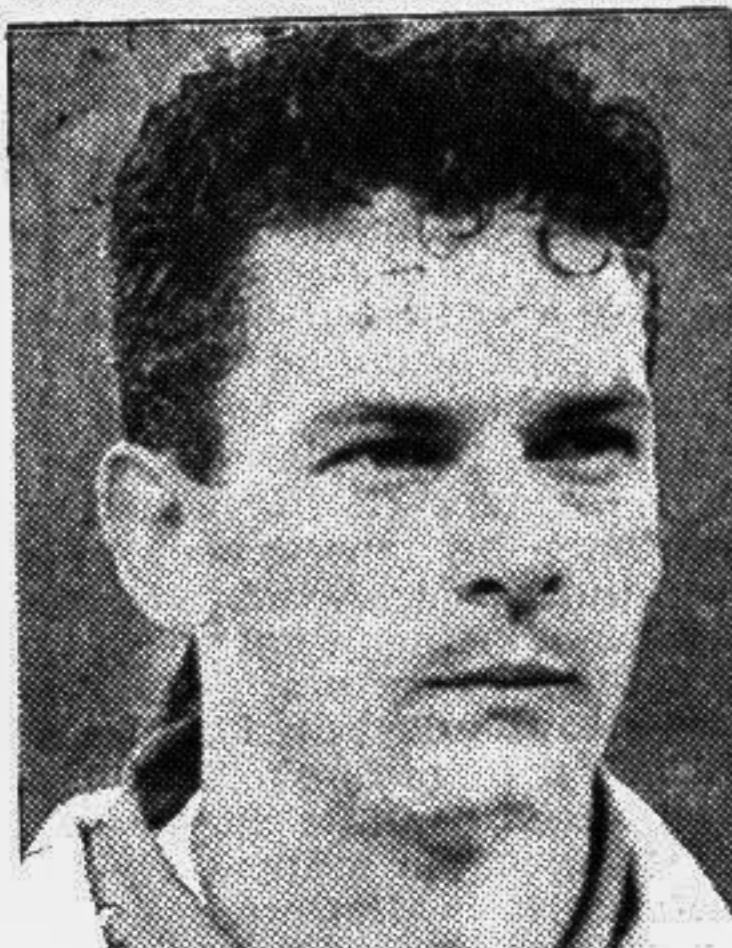
Italian newspapers reported earlier this week that Capello, returning after a season at Real Madrid, had told Baggio and Yugoslav forward Dejan Savicevic that there would be no place for them at the club next season.

Baggio, 30, joined Milan in 1995, weeks after helping Juventus to the league title at the end of his fifth season with the Turin club.

He repeated the feat under

Capello at Milan the following season but was left on the substitutes bench for much of Milan's disappointing last campaign, firstly by Uruguayan coach Oscar Totabarez and then by Arrigo Sacchi.

His relationship with former national boss Sacchi was strained and it seemed only a



ROBERTO BAGGIO

matter of time before he left the San Siro.

Baggio said on Wednesday no Milan official had contacted him to break the news, other than Capello.

"When they need you, they call you even at home. When

you are no longer any use, the telephone ceases to exist," he said.

Asked which club was closest to him now, Baggio replied with a laugh: "the nearest is Vicenza, because I live there."

Baggio has been linked in recent weeks to several clubs, including Napoli and Spain's Barcelona.

He has reportedly ruled out a move to Japan or the United States.

Vicenza, the club where he started his soccer career and where he played for three seasons, were last week sold at auction to British investment company Stellican.

Baggio, who missed a penalty with the last kick of the 1994 World Cup final to give the title to Brazil, has said he dearly wants to play in the finals in France next year.

He therefore needs regular first team football, which he would almost certainly get at either Napoli or Vicenza.

However, both clubs were in a financial straight-jacket last season and it remains to be seen whether either can, or are willing to pay his wages as well as the sizable transfer fee Milan are bound to demand.

Gianfranco Zola, who played at Napoli with Diego Maradona, has repeatedly encouraged Baggio to consider moving to the southern club.

# Pepsi denies accusation

BOMBAY, June 27: US-based Pepsi Foods Ltd here Thursday vehemently denied it had insulted the Indian flag in one of its advertisements, blaming the row on a police mix-up, reports AFP.

The denial came after police in the western city of Bombay accused the firm of depicting the Indian flag with a cricket ball at its centre instead of a wheel on a billboard.

But a spokesman for Pepsi said he was "shocked and outraged at any suggestion that Pepsi has been less than respectful to the Indian national flag."

Communications manager Deepak Jolly added the police were wrong in blaming the company, which had never used the Indian flag in its publicity campaigns.

He said the billboard at Bombay was "neither placed by Pepsi with its knowledge nor had it anything to do with Pepsi's business."

Jolly said the billboard was put up by a local company which was in charge of advertising during an international cricket tournament.

"The Pepsi group of companies shows enormous respect and empathy to all the countries and communities it operates in."

## WHIZZ KID-72 winner

**Sajedul Islam**  
 Rajdhani High School (Remember to bring your ID card and one passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on July 2 at 7.30 pm. Please collect it on time).

## WHIZZ KID-72 correct answers

1. How many countries will participate in the sixth Asia Cup cricket?  
 Ans: Four
2. The number of associate members in the International Cricket Council are  
 Ans: 23
3. Who has scored a double hat-trick in the Green Delta First Division hockey league?  
 Ans: Kamal
4. The Bangladesh vice-captain in the 6th Asia Cup is  
 Ans: Aminul
5. The new French Open champion is  
 Ans: Kuerten.



Brazilian striker Romario (R) about to be grounded after a collision with the Peruvian goalkeeper Miguel Miranda during their Copa America semifinal clash in Santa Cruz, Bolivia on June 26. Brazil blanked their opponents 7-0 to reach Sunday's final.

# Brazil burst into final



SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia, June 27: Brazil steamrolled Peru's inexperienced team 7-0 Thursday to reach the final of the Copa America, report agencies.

The ruthlessly efficient world champions were ahead after just two minutes and had taken a 4-0 lead by halftime in an embarrassingly one-sided contest.

Midfielder Leonardo, who scored two goals, was inspirational for Brazil, while striker Romario scored twice before limping off injured after appearing to pull a muscle. He is expected to miss Sunday's final.

Romario threatened to score nearly every time he touched the ball. But he pulled a muscle in his leg in the 65th minute and left the game. Because Brazil already had used all their substitutions, they finished the game with 10 men.

Peru will play Mexico in Saturday's third-place game in Oruro.

Ronaldo was the only let-down for Brazil, he got himself booked for a niggly off-the-ball challenge in the first half, missed an open goal early in the second and was eventually substituted. Their other goals came

from Denilson, Flavio Conceicao and Djalminha.

Peru, who are involved in the marathon South American World Cup qualifying tournament, had brought what was effectively their under-23 side to the competition to prevent their top players being overwhelmed by too many fixtures.

The experimental side had gone beyond all expectations by beating Uruguay and Argentina on their way to Thursday's semi-final but they had clearly bitten off more than they could chew in trying to take on the full-strength world champions.

Brazil, attempting to win the tournament for the first time outside their own country, face a stiffer task in Sunday's final when they play hosts Bolivia in La Paz, at 3,600 metres above sea level.

"It will be a clash of giants," said Brazil coach Mario Zagallo.

"We arrived here tired after our tour to Europe and we have achieved more than I have expected. I will leave here with my head held high as I always have done when I have been in charge of the yellow and green team."

Brazil, who have won all five games and scored 18 goals on their way to the final, were tough in the tackle, defended in

depth and lethal on the break.

Captain Dunga, the team's hard man, made his presence felt by committing his first foul after just 30 seconds and the first goal arrived in the second minute when Denilson beat the Peruvian defence to Cafu's cross to score.

Peru looked briefly threatening but their resistance effectively ended when Flavio Conceicao scored with a powerful 30-metre drive in the 28th minute. From then on it was a question of how many Brazil would score.

The third arrived eight minutes later when Dunga won one of many tackles in midfield and slipped the ball to his left to Romario, who scored with a shot which went between goalkeeper Miguel Miranda and the near post.

In the fourth minute of first half injury time, Leonardo headed in another Cafu cross.

Romario and Leonardo helped themselves to a second goal each in the first 15 minutes after halftime.

Peru bravely kept coming forward in search of a consolation but in doing so they left themselves dangerously exposed at the back and Djalminha scored a seventh eight minutes from time.

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