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venues.

West Indies and Australia

boycotted their World Cup

matches in Colombo last year

because of fears of suicide

bombings by Tamil Tiger guer-

rillas who are fighting govern-

ment forces in the island's

lice would provide extra secu-

rity at the hotels of visiting

teams and officials and match

desh teams have already arri-

ved here and the Indian team is

Guardiola makes

MADRID, July 12: Spanish

international midfielder Josep

Guardiola said on Friday that

he would stay with Barcelona.

ending speculation that he

might move to Italian club

Catalan club last season, has

agreed to a four-year contract,

which includes a buy-out clause

worth 15 billion pesetas (100

unior system before making

his first team debut in 1990.

The 26-year-old player had

Guardiola, captain of the

Parma, reports Reuter.

million dollars).

up his mind

expected on Sunday.

The Pakistan and Bangla-

Official sources said the po-

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

### Competition-74

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, July 25, '97				from the squad to play in the Pepsi Asia Cup and two-Test se- ries with Sri Lanka, Tendulkar
1	Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?			thought the constant shuffling of teams after every major tournament robbed it of conti-
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(Brazilian star striker)

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Ali Sports

kabaddi

Model High School reached the

semifinals of the 7th Ali Sports

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beating holders Dolairpar High

School by 79-71 points with six

first half by 44-26 points in the

day's lone match played at the

Maniknagar Model High

School vs Rajarbagh Police

Lines High School & College (4

pm). Bangladesh Rifles School

& College vs Haider Ali High

'Coaches start

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 12:

dancing'

Brazil's so-called "dance of the

coaches" has got off to an excep-

tionally quick start with the

first victim falling less than

one week after the start of the

Brazilian championship, re-

Carbone took charge of his first

lowing the dismissal of his pre-

decessor Hugo de Leon Thursday

after his team were beaten 4-1

by Palmeiras in their first game

last Saturday and then held 1-1 on Wednesday by a Cruzeriro

team which played the last half

hour with nine men after hav-

fore Vasco da Gama and Bota-

fogo had even played a game in

Janeiro club were relegated

from the Brazilian champi-

onship last year but saved last

month when the Brazilian

Football Confederation (CBF),

despite widespread criticism,

ian championship without

Fluminense but if they are rele-

gated again this year then they

really will have to go to the Sec-

ond Division," said Carbone,

who became the club's fourth

The "dance of the coaches" is

the popular term giving to the

constant chopping and chang-

ing of coaches by Brazilian

way to go to match Guarani,

who employed 10 different

coaches last year. This led to

president Beto Zini earning the

nickname "the exterminator of

Fluminense still have a long

"You can't imagine a Brazil-

decided to reinstate them.

De Leon was dismissed be-

The cash-strapped Rio de

De Leon was shown the door

training session on Friday fol

Fluminense's new coach

School (5 pm).

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afternoon.

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Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

The winners dominated the

Sunday's matches:

lonas yesterday, reports UNB.

Sharmin Textile Mills

scoring tables in 1998.

"You will see. Ronaldo and

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SPORTS

tournament robbed it of contimuity for build up to a series or a major one-day tournaments. Sampras won the Wimcome when Indian cricket bledon? board and selectors should con-

sider the views of the captain and manager. 3 Which nation clinched the The skipper should get a team of his choice as it is his head, which is on the chopping block each time there is a re-Who became champions in verse, Tendulkar, who is here to the World Youth Soccer Cup? attend the International Colombia Argentina Cricket Council sponsored first

LONDON, July 12

(Agencies): India's

cricket captain,

Sachin Tendulkar

Friday expressed

resentment over

too frequent shuffling of team

particularly in season mids-

tream saying it reflected on

over omission of left-handed

batsman, Vinod Kambli and

wicketkeeper, Nayan Mongia

Tendulkar said time had

Expressing his unhappiness

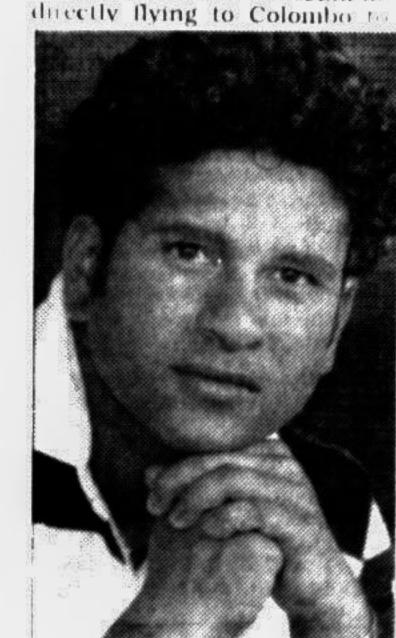
players form and morale.

ever captains' conference, said. Who won this year's Green However, the Indian skipper denied that he had described Delta First Division hockey the selected team as a B-grade one and said he had no intention of leading the players into any collision course with the Name ..... selectors.

> The Indian captain said, the selectors as well as the board do not follow the practice of consultation with the captain and team manager on the selection of the team as is being done increasingly in other Test-play

Tendulkar, however, said

the team did have a promising potential Tendulkar said he would be



**TENDULKAR** 

join the team. He refused to be drawn out when asked if merit had been the main criteria in the selection of the team. "Every time I come up with an honest comment, I am misunderstood. So I don't want to be drawn into any fresh controversy.

Asked to comment on reports that the selectors were contesting his claim to the leadership in view of dismal record, Tendulkar said, "I have no idea whether my captainship

is at stake. I always try to perform to the best of my abil-

ity and will continue to do so. In New Delhi, the Hindu daily said: "If Tendulkar is unhappy with the team he should assert himself and refuse to

lead a mediocre outfit. "In succumbing to pressure, he is only jeopardising his own career for, should his team fare badly in Sri Lanka, it's his head that will be on the chopping block and not the selectors who will be free to continue with their manipulations."

Selection board chairman Ramakant Desai said on Thursday that "there could be a dispute over one or two players for the tour but said he thought Tendulkar might have been misquoted.

The Hindustan Times, meanwhile, said: "Tendulkar ... needs to be given a team of his own linking

"His preference for Kambli, for instance, should have been headed, not because Kambli is his schoolfriend, but because the dashing left-hander played well enough in the Independence Cup.

"Azharuddin, on the other hand, is yet to regain his earlier touch. What is more, his present attacking style is not always successful

"If the choice was between the two, the younger player should have received the nod."

Azharuddin made way for Tendulkar as captain of the side in August last year and was dropped in May. He was recalled for the trip to Colombo despite not playing any representative cricket for two months.

# Kapil curses present ploy



the selection process "rubbish" reports AFP. "It is ironical that some of

here. "How can the selectors who have no experience of Test

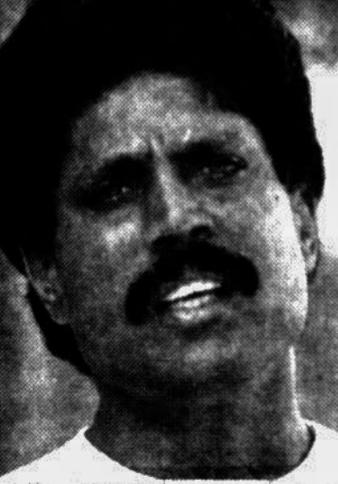
matches, its tensions, pressures

and stakes sit and decide the destiny of the players. Is it faire?" Dev said. "There is total lack of coordination between the captain

and the selectors. Dev said: "The chairman is saying one thing and the captain has something else to say. tween the captain and the selectors, how can one expect coordination on the field.

"The captain should have more say in the selection of the

The former skipper said India's method of zonal representation in the team - each selec-



"We should get out of this zonal system business. The country's interests come first Why should a player who deserves to be capped suffers just because there is a barter system in the selection committee? "This way we are killing the

interests of the players and not promoting them. There should be only three national selectors with enough Test playing experience," he said.

The selection row is the second scandal to hit the Indian team in recent months following allegations by former Test player Manoj Prabhakar that an unnamed teammate offered him money to lose a match. The allegations are currently under investigation. Dev. who lead India to their

only World Cup victory in 1983 said there was no "match-fixing" during his time. will like the committee

probing these allegations to get to the bottom of the whole issue and I am confident that it is not impossible to unmask the dirty game of betting and fixing matches, if it exists.

### Full points for Jatrabari

Sports Reporter

Two first half goals by Paban and Anis saw Jatrabari Krira Chakra earn full points against Deepali Jubo Sangha in their Third Division football Super league match held at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Paban put the winners ahead in the 28th minute and Anis doubled the margin ten minutes later.

In another engagement Matuail Udayan Sangha recorded a 2-1 victory over Rayerbazar Athletics Club.

Ripon and Khokon scored one goal apiece for Matuail while Ashraf netted Rayerbazar's goal.

## Sahara Cup from Sept 13

NEW DELHI, July 12: Archrivals India and Pakistan revive their duelling at Canada for the second year running when they clash over a fivematch series for the Sahara Cup 'friendship' cricket series at the Toronto Cricket and Curling Club ground from September 13 to 21, reports PTI.

Both the teams, which will strive to establish their supremacy in the Asia Cup which gets under way at Colombo on July 14, will square up at the neutral venue with India hoping to reverse the 2-3 series loss they suffered in the inaugural 'friendship' series

The series approved both by the world body (ICC) and the Canadian Association, will be part of the growing number of clashes between India and Pakistan of late. It will be a prelude to India travelling to Pakistan for the first time since 1989 for a three-match series. Players will turn out in

white clothing and the red cherry will be used. A bigger crowd of expatriates is expected this year and the seating capacity has also been raised.

Schedule: September 13, September 14, September 17, September 20 and September

The matches, scheduled to start at 1855 hours, will be telecast live by ESPN.

Former Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev. gave away prizes to winners of a Sahara Cup '96 contest at a function got up here last evening.

### Edmundo signs for Fiorentina

FLORENCE, Italy, July 12: Italian club Fiorentina said on Friday they had signed Brazilian striker Edmundo to form the world's most potent striker force Halongside / Angentine Gabriel Batistuta, reports Reuter.

"We have hired the Brazilian international centre-forward Edmundo, a player of crystalline class and a lion-like temper," Fiorentina chairman Vittorio Cecchi Gori told re-

"They say he's imaginative and unpredictable and that's what soccer is all about. He and Batistuta together, in the future, could give life to the strongest attack in the world."

Italian news agencies said Fiorentina paid 8.0 billion lire (4.7 million dollars) for the mercurial Edmundo, adding he had signed a four-year contract but would arrive in Italy only in December after completing his duties with Brazilian club Vasco da Gama.

Meanwhile, Batistuta was reported on Friday to have said he would return from holiday in Buenos Aires a few days after Fiorentina begin their pre-season training on Sunday. Batistuta is reported to be

sick and unhappy because o uncertainty over his future. He has been linked with Spain's Real Madrid and Barcelona, who have baulked at

Fiorentina's 23.8 million dollar price tag. Cecchi Gori played down reports of a row with Batistuta. Italy's top scorer in the 1995-96

season, and appeared to confirm that the player would remain in Florence. "As far as the Argentine champion is concerned, I know

he has asked to return a few days later. That's not a problem," the media mogul said.



## Rains' dress rehearsal?

COLOMBO, July 12: Rain is likely to cast a pall over the four-nation Asia Cup tourna-

ment opening here Monday and prospects for play may hinge on ground drying equipment brought in by organisers, reports AFP. Meteorologists said the

southwest monsoon would last throughout the month and there could be at least three millimetres of rain every day.

### New rule for foreigners in Spain

MADRID, July 12: The number of non-European Union players on the pitch is restricted for leading clubs, according to an agreement signed by the Spanish Soccer Federa-

tion and the Spanish Players' Association on Friday, reports Xinhua. The agreement said clubs will be allowed to register six 'foreign' players and have four

on the pitch at any one time. Clubs and fans denounce that Spain's talented junior players are not getting enough opportunities to play at top

dFereign' players in Spanish football are mainly from eastern European and South America. More than two hundred are playing in the first and Second Divisions of Spain league.

Average rainfall in July is 126 millimetres (5.04 inches) but 209 millimetres (8.3 inches) were recorded last July.

Sri Lanka cricket board chief executive Dhamikka Ranatunga said fingers were crossed for good weather but the board had acquired a new "super sucker" drying machine for use after heavy rains.

The machine was in action Friday at the Premadasa Stadium, the venue of the first match between Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Ranatunga said worries over

the weather had led organisers to allow a reserve day for each match in the tournament between Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the hosts. Ranatunga, the elder brother of Sri Lankan Skipper Arjuna

Ranatunga, said Sri Lanka had imported 10 additional covers from India to protect grounds from rain. Amid fears of evening rains, the board has not scheduled any

day-night matches, which are generally more popular than purely daytime encounters, Ranatunga said. Rain is not the only worry

on the minds of organisers: visiting teams will be protected by the elite Ministers' Security Division (MSD) of the police amid fears of Tamil guerilla

said he could earn twice as much playing in Italy. "We have had very lengthy discussions with the MSD on this," cricket board chief Upali

But Guardiola has always the Has been with since he was 13. He was born locally and played in Barcelona's youth and Dharmadasa said. "We will pro-

## T Fixed games suit 'em?

vide very tight security to the

visiting teams as we have done

JAKARTA, July 12: Donetsk retai-

ned the lead after the seventh round of the World Cities chess championship in Jakarta on Friday but in circumstances which had the Ukrainians' rivals crying foul, reports Reuter.

Donetsk drew their match against Tashkent 2-2, the entire contest taking only 18 minutes. Two games between the

Ukrainians and the Uzbeks were agreed drawn after only 8 minutes, the remaining games took just 10 minutes longer. "It's disgraceful - of course

it was fixed," exclaimed an angry Einar Gausel, a member of the Oslo team which had been not on Donetsk's heels. "The match was disloyal to

### Effenberg fined VIERSEN, Germany, July

12: A German court on Friday found Borussia Moenchengladbach's controversial captain Stefan Effenberg and his wife guilty of assaulting a man outside their home, reports Reuter. The court fined the couple 390,000 marks (220,000 dollar)

for the attack on a 57-year-old metalworker last December. The former German interna

tional had denied the accusations that he and his wife had kicked and insulted the man.

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the spectators and the organisers," the Norwegian Grand Master continued. "In a 1992 team tournament

it was discussed that both teams should be forfeited after such a match but I think nothing was done. "The Jakarta organisers in-

dicated that no action would be taken against the two teams since nothing could be proven. "Typical Soviets," was one

organiser's comment, a reference to the common practice of prearranging draws in the era of the USSR. Another recalled that a simi-

lar match had been played between Russia and the Ukraine at the 1996 Chess Olympics, a result which helped give the silver medals to the Ukrainians. With Oslo losing narrowly to Moscow, Donetsk's 2-2 result

increased their lead to a point and they will be paired against an outgunned Rangoon team in the eighth round. The Ukrainians are now hot favourites to become the first

World Cities champion and win the 10,000 US dollars first prize. Donetsk's match overshad-

owed what was otherwise an exceptionally hard-fought round which saw Bandung's fine run come to an end at the hands of fellow Indonesians Depok Mar-

Ho Chi Minh City also kept their medal hopes alive with a narrow win over the surprising Filipino line-up from Mandaluyung.

The eighth round will be played on Sunday. Saturday is a rest day.

The World Cities championship concludes on Monday.

Higo leads

Sapporo golf SAPPORO, July 12: Overnight leader Kaori Higo shot a 4-under-par 68 Saturday

that gave her a three-stroke lead after two rounds in the Toyo Suisan Ladies Hokkaido, reports AP. Higo, in contention for her first title in two years and fifth overall, scattered six birdies and two bogeys over the 6,412-

yard (5,835-metre), par-72 Kosaido Sapporo Country club course. She started the trek with a one-shot lead. The round left Higo at 7-under 137, three shots ahead of

Ikuyo Shiotani's 140. Shiotani, the 1995 season's

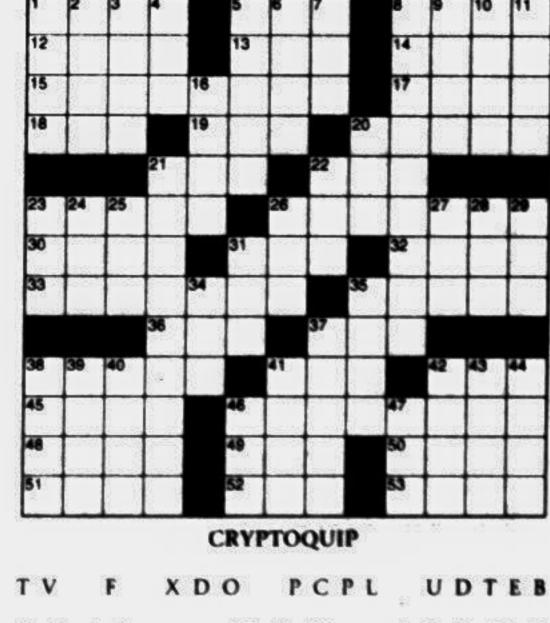
leading money winner, had a Another stroke back at 141

were Marnie McGuire of New Zealand, who shot a 69, and Keiko Arai, who carded a 71. South Korean Ku Ok-hee had

a 70 for 142. The 50 million yen (dlrs 442,000) event offers a top prize of 9 million yen (dlrs 79,600).

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer 1 Misfortunes chauns' 5 Proof abbr.

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ITYGO XDBBTUEM GNI "VDFI DH OGP LFHYP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MAGICIANS WHO SAW

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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# Foday's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals G

# 37 Caviar

## on July 11 lie on the ground after a collision.

### **NEW DELHI, July** 12: Former Indian captain, Kapil Dev, today blasted the country's cricket board for ruining young talent and called

the selectors who have never played Test should now be deciding the fate of budding players," Dev told a press conference

KAPIL DEV tor from the country's four - was against the national interest, as most often they push for players from their own

zones has a say in the selection

cials shouted anti-Kuwait slogans and sang nationalist "Iraq is steadfast, Kuwait is

they brought along with them, calling for Arab unity and criticising games without Baghdad. the ranks and no to sports that

what Iraq always seeks," said another. Iraq was not invited to the 7th Arab Games in Syria in 1992. But this time, the Arab League did not exclude Iraq

members, and Iraq has insisted it take part. "The games are one of the occasions which should have been a factor to unite the youths," Asel Tabra, head of the Iraq

team, said in a statement he read at the border. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia,

weeks.

visit the Iraqi team. "I am here to show solidarity and to congratulate you," said Raqiya Yaghi, who lives in Baghdad and is vacationing in

### Iraqis stuck on the border MASNAA, Lebanon, July 12: cards. But as the opening of the games drew closer Saturday, the Denied a chance to compete in the Arab world's biggest sports frustrated Iraqis began a boisevent, Iraqi athletes stuck at

the Lebanese border Saturday vented their anger at Kuwait and lamented the Arab divisions that have persisted since the 1991 Gulf War, reports AP. Lebanon has refused to give the Iraqis visas to avoid angering Kuwait, which has threat-

ened to boycott if Iraq takes The 100 Iraqi athletes, trainers and officials arrived Friday at the no man's land on the border after a 30-hour journey by bus from Baghdad through neighbouring Syria. They hoped to complete the twohour drive to Beirut to take part in the 8th Arab Games begin-

ning on Saturday and running through July 27. The team travelled overland since flights in or out of Iraq are banned by UN sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

what immigration officers have already told them - that no visas would be issued.

On Friday, they napped

The Iraqis have said they

will stay put until Lebanese au-

thorities confirm in writing

### trained, prayed and played Everton to talk to Ravanelli

LONDON, July 12: Everton manager Howard Kendall said on Friday that he hoped to talk to Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli this weekend about a move to the English Premier league club, reports Reuter.

believed to be around 7.5 million pounds (12.7 million dollars). The manager now wants to agree personal terms with the forward as soon as he could. "Hopefully he will travel to England as soon as possible, possibly over the weekend.

Kendall said Everton had

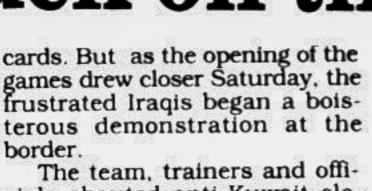
agreed a fee with Ravanelli's

present club Middlesbrough,

Kendall said on Everton's telephone service for fans. "I hope to agree a contract and he can join us. It is the first step having agreed a fee with Middlesbrough and been given permission to talk to the player. He is a character and a very good footballer."

Ravanelli, who has three years to run on his contract, has been expected to leave Middlesbrough ever since the club were relegated from the Premier league at the end of the season. The Italian striker had been linked with Everton's city rivals Liverpool but the move fell

through.



songs, praising Iraq and leader Saddam Hussein. scared," they shouted. The Iraqis unfurled banners

"Yes for sports which unite divide the Arabs," said one banner. "Solidarity and unity is

from its invitation to all 22

Lebanon's post-civil war reconstruction, have pressed Beirut to keep the Iragis out. Lebanon complied, even though tension with Iraq had eased recently with the dispatch of a trade

neighbouring Lebanon politically and militarily, could have easily pressured the Lebanese into granting the Iraqis visas, especially since Damascus' trade relations with Baghdad

financial pressures," the Iraqi newspaper Babil said in an editorial. A lone Lebanese woman drove an hour from the city of

Baalbek in eastern Lebanon to

team to Baghdad. Syria, which dominates

also have improved in recent But by allowing the Iraqis to cross their territory and taking hands-off position with Lebanon, the Syrians avoided openly angering the Iraqis or damaging good relations with

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. "It is a shame that the Lebanese government bends to

major contributors to

Some riders during the sixth stage of the Tourde France between Le Blanc and Marennes -AFP/UNB photo