

## Here comes super balls!

TOKYO, Dec 4: The balls to be used in next year's World Cup finals are going to be a nightmare for goalkeepers, many of the star strikers who will be taking part have warned, reports AFP.

The Adidas makers say they have developed a "revolutionary" new process which makes the ball travel straighter and faster than any other used.

England star David Beckham is among those who have already tested it and he said: "The Tricolore is different to any other ball I have used, its faster and its sharper. I think in World Cup '98 it is going to be harder for 'keepers to save this ball."

Italy's Alessandro del Piero added in a special video release to accompany the launch of the official World Cup ball that he also foresees more goals, the Asian launch is to be carried out in Tokyo on Thursday.

He said: "I think the Tricolore moves much faster, with more speed and control, you are able to do what you want with your feet, to be more creative, the ball follows your directions better and so you're more likely to score."

Adidas say the synthetic foam used on the World Cup ball "creates the most playable ball ever."

Company research manager Otto Dobrounig said the foam on the football panels was "a tight regular polyurethane matrix composed of gas filled individually closed micro-balloons which return energy equally to ball's 32 panels."

"The foam has a very tight density and makes the ball more responsive than ever and the flight more accurate."

Like all FIFA approved balls, the latest one has been through testing at a Swiss government laboratory. It was fired at a steel plate at 50 kilometers (30 miles) an hour 4,800 times.

## Duplicate bridge

The two-day pair duplicate bridge competition of Dhaka Club begins at the club premises today, reports BSS.

The meet being organised as part of the club's Victory Day celebrations, will start at 4 pm.

Besides, a team event will also be held on December 10.

## Saurav, Sachin rule the day



BOMBAY, Dec 4: Saurav Ganguly and skipper Sachin Tendulkar plundered sparkling centuries today as India piled up a huge first innings total of 512 in the final Test against Sri Lanka here, reports AFP.

Sanath Jayasuriya then smashed 50 off 44 balls as Sri Lanka replied with 66 for one from 15 overs by close of the second day's play on the easy-paced Wankhede Stadium wicket.

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over after tea when an intended sweep against off-spinner Dharmasena was taken by the wicketkeeper.

Tendulkar was bowled in the next over by Ravindra Pushpakumara, who also trapped Mohammad Azharuddin leg-before for naught and uprooted Anil Kumble's middle stump to finish with three for 108.

The Indian captain, who failed in the first two Tests, smashed 20 boundaries and three sixes in his 14th Test century before a delighted home crowd.

The pair put on 81 runs before lunch, before smashing 143 in a rousing afternoon session against the limited Sri Lankan attack.

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Srinath not out 15  
Prasad run out 3  
Extras: (b-3, lb-15, nb-6, w-4) 28  
Total: 512  
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-55; 3-215; 4-471; 5-475; 6-476; 7-481; 8-487; 9-502

Bowling O M R W  
Vase 26 4 86 0  
Wickremasinghe 31.1 10 76 2  
Pushpakumara 28 5 108 3  
Dharmasena 48 12 144 3  
Ranatunga 17 7 35 1

TENDULKAR... 148  
Jayasuriya 11 2 45 0  
SRI LANKA: First innings  
Jayasuriya c Azharuddin b Kumble 50  
Atapattu not out 15  
Dharmasena not out 0  
Extras: (nb-1) 1  
Total: (for one wicket) 66  
Fall of wicket: 1-65

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### BRIEF SCORES

GOPIBAGH FA: 227 for nine in 45 overs (Rizvi 57, Setu 30, Ripon 25, Masud 4/46)  
DHANMONDI CLUB: 228 for five in 44.2 overs (Aslam 69, Masud 56, Mohammad 23 n.o.; Dulu 1/22)  
Result: Dhanmondi Club won by five wickets.

A brilliant all-round performance by Masud Raihan enabled Dhanmondi Club to post a five-wicket victory over Gopibagh Friends Association in a First Division cricket league engagement at the City Club ground yesterday.

Masud grabbed four wickets for 44 and then scored a dashing 56 off 70 deliveries as Dhanmondi Club overcame the Gopibagh Club of 227.

Masud, who came to bat at number three with Dhanmondi fairly placed on 57 for one in 15.2 overs, added 87 runs for the second wicket along with opener Mohammad Aslam who top-scored with 69 off 100 balls.

Besides, Mohammad (23 n.o.) and Lipu (19) were the other notable run-getters for the winners.

Earlier, Gopibagh, after electing to bat, amassed the total losing nine wickets in 45 overs with one-down Asim Rizvi of Pakistan hammering highest 57.

## Football to jive with N'Dour beat

DAKAR, Dec 4: Youssou N'Dour, Senegalese poor boy crowned king of the traditional Mbalakh rhythm at home, has the World Cup to thank for thrusting him into the international spotlight, reports AFP.

His song, "La cour des grands" (which FIFA, football's world governing body, has translated as "The beauty of the world at play") has been selected as the football competition's official anthem and he will sing it together with Belgian pop Star Axelle Red.

"La cour des grands" will be premiered at the December 4 World Cup finals draw in Marseille, France.

Brought up in the slums of Medina, a district of Dakar, N'Dour, a singer since the age of 13 now finds himself the world stage of pop.

It took great willpower and parental disobedience to make the journey.

Behind his stark metallic voice that is beginning to captivate audiences outside Senegal lies a simple, spontaneous and generous personality, like those of his compatriot fellow singers, Baba Maal and Omar Pene.

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## Symcox antics vex Aussies



SYDNEY, Dec 4: South African spinner Pat Symcox endured a barrage of garbage hurled by fans before he trashed Australia in a 67-run limited overs victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday, reports AP.

Umpires were forced to hold up play for five minutes — and held a conference with a police officer — early in Australia's innings after Symcox was the target of debris thrown from the stands near the third-man boundary.

South African captain Hansie Cronje told the umpires he would have to lead his side off the ground if fans continued to throw hard objects such as golf balls and bottles.

In Pakistan and India we walked off three times because of stones and rocks being thrown on the field," Cronje said. "I told the umpires we had to be consistent. We can't just walk off in Pakistan and not walk off here."

Cronje said two golf balls were thrown on the field while Jacques Kallis was hit by a tennis ball "filled with water."

Symcox, who led South Africa to 200 all out off the final ball of their innings with an unbeaten 27, grabbed a career best 28 as Australia crumbled to 133 off 38 overs.

"I wasn't too happy about it down there," Symcox said of the crowd trouble.

Australia's revamped lineup, with five players dropped from their successful Test team, was cruising at 61 for one in the 17th over before the crash came. It was the first match of the triangular World Series Cup also featuring New Zealand.

Mark Waugh and Greg Blewett added 55 runs for the second wicket before Blewett fell to paceman Allan Donald, attempting a pull from the crease which looped out to Jonny Rhodes at midwicket.

Symcox, then ripped out the experienced twins Mark and Steve Waugh with his off spinners.

Steve Waugh (1) was given out leg before wicket to a ball that looked to be turning too much, but there was no doubt about his brother's dismissal.

Symcox spun a ball wickedly between bat and pad to bowl the opening batsman for 45.

Adam Gilchrist, a shock selection ahead of veteran wick-

etkeeper Ian Healy, fell for four to part-time spinner Daryll Cullinan before Symcox rounded up the last two recognised batsmen, having Ian Harvey caught in the deep for four and Michael Bevan stumped for 16.

Shane Warne and Paul Reifel took the score from 92 for seven to 122 before Warne, who hit a six off Symcox, was out leg before wicket to Cullinan for 17.

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