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Column One

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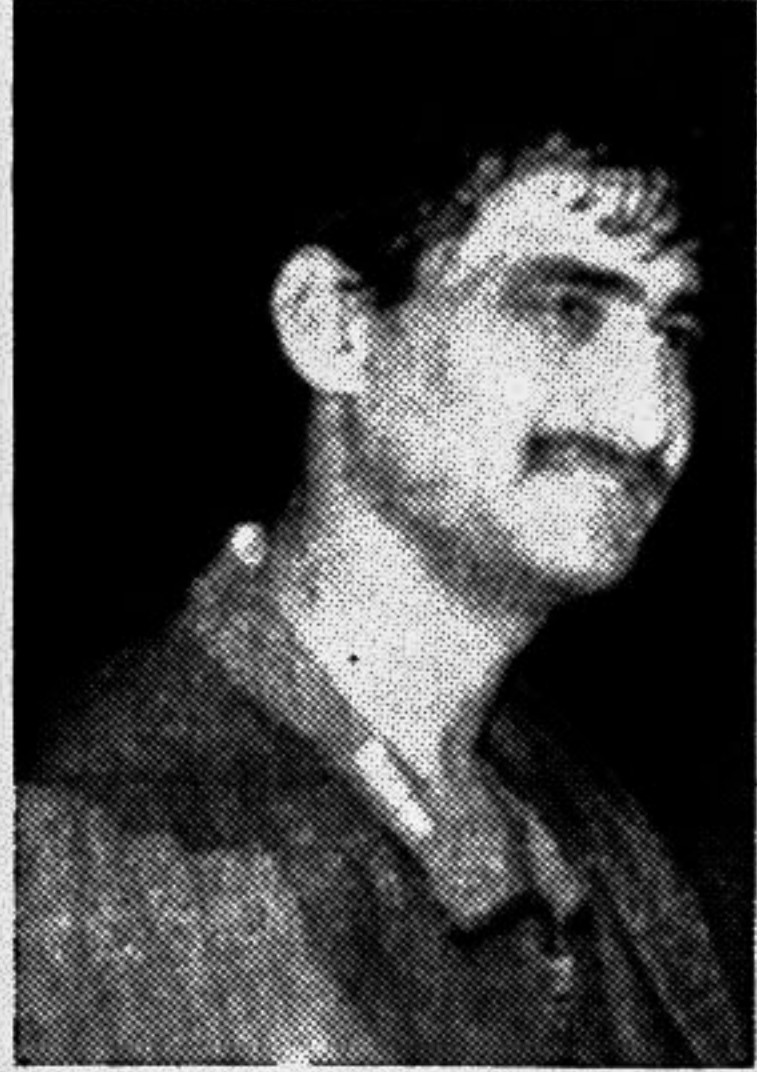
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Competition closes at 8 pm, on Dec 12, '97

Competition questions and answers table with 5 questions about the Chase Championships and World Cup.

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EN-VITS SPORTS TALK



Jansher Khan (Champion Pakistani squash player) 'I am very tired. I am going back home to rest.'

Asian women's soccer championship on

GUANGZHOU, China, Dec 5: China is seeking its sixth straight win at the 11th Asian women's soccer championship...

Battlelines drawn across France

MARSEILLE, Dec 5 (AFP): A minefield awaits the world's footballing super powers following Thursday's draw for the 1998 World Cup in France...



one. A win for Aime Jacquet's side, who with only six months to go are still trying to find an on-form striker, would set up a quarterfinal battle with Italy.

In the too half of the draw an all-South America struggle is on the cards for the seminal, between defending champions Brazil...

A point not lost on French organising president Michael Platini 'Group D with Nigeria, Spain, Bulgaria and Paraguay is a real killer.'

Norway, whose 4-2 win in Oslo in May was Brazil's only defeat since their 1994 World Cup triumph, will be keen to make amends for their disappointing showing in USA '94...

Holland drew old rivals Belgium, whom they beat twice in qualifying. South Korea and Mexico while European champions Germany were drawn against the United States, Yugoslavia and Iran.

Germany coach Bert Vogts attempted to hide the smile on his face after the draw, tactfully saying: 'The United States, Yugoslavia and Iran are good sides. We know them well and know what lies ahead of us.'



Former German soccer great Franz Beckenbauer is all smiles as he picks a ball during the France '98 draw in Marseille on Dec 4.

GROUPINGS

Table of World Cup groupings (A-H) with dates, venues, matches, and times.

Minnows fear none

MARSEILLE, Dec 5: Japan and South Korea, the co-hosts of the 2002 World Cup, said they had no fear of the soccer giants they will face at next year's France '98 edition.

Argentina, without Diego Maradona for the first time in the 1978 finals, face three newcomers - Japan, Jamaica and Croatia.

South Korea got as good a draw as they could expect, lined up with Holland, Belgium and Mexico.

'In the end it makes no difference who you get because if you want to progress you have to beat the best in the world. You can't whine about it.'

'Raggae Boyz' plan to party

MARSEILLE, Dec 5 (AP): The Jamaican bobsled team made a conspicuous and spectacular debut at the Winter Olympics...

'We have a very good chance here,' said Carl Brown, one of the team coaches. 'We will surprise these teams. They haven't spent any time looking at the Jamaican team, but we have been looking at them.'

'We know nothing at all about Jamaica except that they have a Brazilian coach and play football well,' said coach Daniel Passarella, who was captain of the Argentine team that first won the title in 1978...

Argentina entered the championship as a 250-1 shot even before Thursday's draw at the Stade Velodrome.

Tests becoming obsolete?

Mayank Chhaya

Two lacklustre and drawn Test matches between India and Sri Lanka have brought into sharp focus the question whether the five-day cricket encounters have become an anachronism.

Often described as 'organised loafing', the tradition of the five-day game, which the purists among cricket lovers still defend valiantly, comes under strain every time a series fails to produce results.

Argentine coach Daniel Passarella said he respected the Japanese team, saying 'it's a kind of opponent which can cause you a headache if you do not play at your best.'

Another Asian team looking forward to an impressive first-round performance were Iran, who earned their second World Cup appearance following a sensational playoff victory against Australia.

Iran were drawn against two European superpowers, Germany and Yugoslavia, with their perennial political enemy, the United States, as fourth team in Group F.

But it was certainly not in the interest of the five-day game, a senior Mumbai-based cricket commentator said.

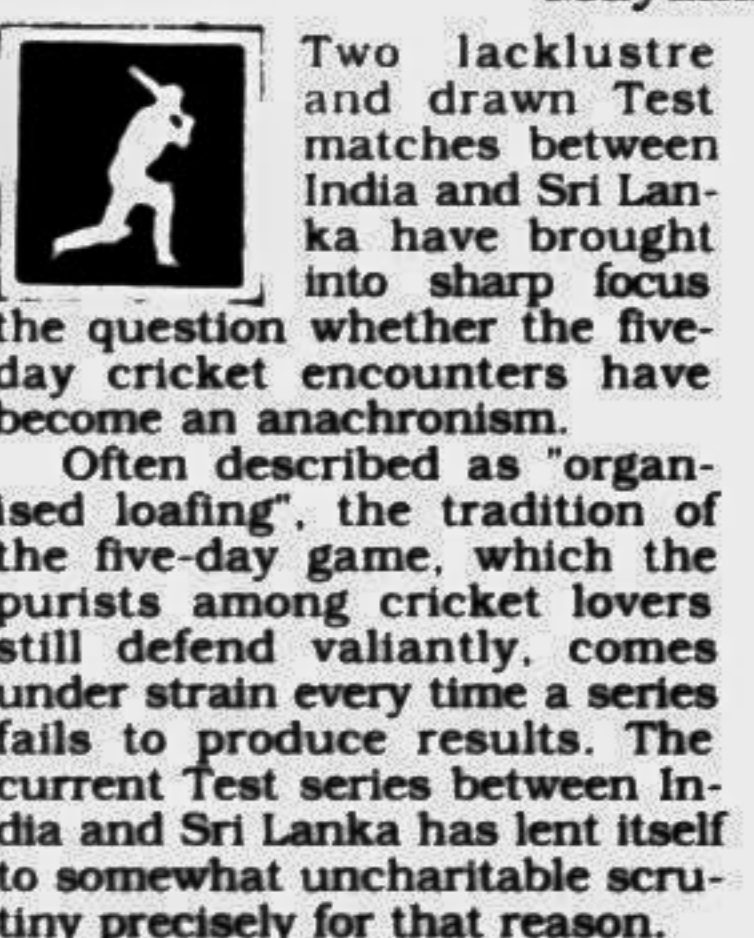
Even Ranjit Fernando, the Sri Lankan commentator, was quoted by Indian newspapers as saying that 'personally I do not appreciate the negative tactics the Lankans employed when they bowled the leg stump line'.

There are those who hold the Indians equally responsible. Former Indian captain Dilip Vengsarkar said since the Lankans had made their intentions clear the Indian players should have adapted themselves to the situation.

Beyond these finer details of the game for the ordinary spectator the Test series so far has been dull. Crowds at Chandigarh and Nagpur were disappointing, low.

The commentator particularly said it did not appear as if the Sri Lankans were playing to their much-talked-about plan to become world beaters in Test cricket by the turn of the century under 'Project 2000'.

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What the modernists find particularly galling is the first Test match at Chandigarh where the Sri Lankans played a painfully defensive game.

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The Daily Star TV Guide

Saturday 6th December (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change.)

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