

N Korean, Sino women reach soccer WC

GUANGZHOU, China, Dec 13: North Korea and China became the first two teams to qualify for the 1999 women's World Cup soccer, scoring victories over Japan and Taiwan Friday in the semifinals of the Asian championship, reports AP.

Liu Ailing scored four goals, three in the first half, and Sun Wen and Sun Qingmeng had two each for China as they routed archrivals Taiwan 10-0.

Kim Kum-Sil scored North Korea's lone goal in the 10th minute as North Korea surprised Japan 3-0.

Japan and Taiwan still have a chance to qualify for the third quadrennial women's championship, meeting on Sunday in the tournament's third-place game with the winners advancing to the 16-team World Cup in the United States.

The Americans are the only other team guaranteed a place so far in the World Cup, tentatively scheduled for June 19-July 10, 1999 in seven American metropolitan areas.

Bora on road to Nigeria?

LAGOS, Nigeria, Dec 13: The Nigerian Football Association has selected recently sacked Mexican national team coach Bora Milutinovic to lead the Super Eagles at the 1998 World Cup, but is awaiting government approval, sources have told The Associated Press.

Speaking on condition they not be identified said that after two days of deliberations, the association had settled on Milutinovic, but nothing will be final until Gen. Sani Abacha, the country's authoritarian ruler, announces it.

If approved, Milutinovic would be Nigeria's fourth coach in 20 months. The Olympic champions have been without a manager since Frenchman Philippe Troussier left last August.

The sources attending the deliberations said Dutch coach Jo Bonfrere was initially favored, but the association feared Abacha would not accept him. Bonfrere coached Nigeria to its Atlanta Olympic victory but then quit shortly afterward.

Milutinovic was fired as coach of Mexico in November, less than a month after helping his team clinch a World Cup berth, the first nation to assure itself of a berth in CONCACAF.

He coached Mexico to the quarterfinals in 1986, Costa Rica to the second round in 1990 and the United States to the second round in 1994.

Also in contention for the Nigeria job was Australian coach Terry Venables, the former England manager, who guided Australia's unsuccessful World Cup qualifying campaign.

Venables is under contract with Australia until next July, but the soccer federation had said it would allow him time off to lead the Nigerians through the World Cup competition.

Mandela grateful to tennis stars

CAPE TOWN, Dec 13: President Nelson Mandela Thursday night thanked international tennis stars for refusing to play in South Africa during the apartheid era, despite being offered large sums of money to do so, reports AFP.

Mandela was speaking at a banquet in Somerset West near Cape Town honouring 10 players taking part in the Nelson Mandela Tribute tournament starting today.

The players, Boris Becker, Andre Agassi, Richard Krajicek, Todd Martin, Leander Paes, Malivi Washington, Wayne Ferreira, Marcos Ondruska, Amanda Coetzer and Iva Majoli, have all declined appearance money and agreed that proceeds should go to Mandela's children's fund.

Easy win for England

Sports Reporter



Adam Holoivake's dream start as skipper continued as England defeated West Indies by four wickets in the four-nation Champions' Trophy tournament at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Needing to score a modest 198 for victory on a placid pitch, the Englishmen reached their target with 25 balls to spare.

AFP adds: Carl Hooper scored an unbeaten 100 as the West Indies recovered from a horrific start.

Seamer Dougie Brown pushed the West Indies on the back foot with two wickets from the first three deliveries of the innings, including the important one of Brian Lara.

Brown clean bowled Philo Wallace first ball, beat Lara outside the off-stump with the



HOOPER ... 100 n.o

second, before trapping him leg before off the third with one that swung in sharply.

Hooper, who walked in at zero for two, held his end up for the rest of the innings, reaching

his fifth one-day century with a single to square leg off the final delivery.

The West Indies, who won the toss and elected to bat as they had done during the 43-run win over Pakistan on Friday, lost four wickets for 77 runs by the 23rd over.

Hooper and Phil Simmons (29) put on 66 for the fifth wicket, but none of the other batsmen offered resistance against the steady English attack.

England's new-look team under Adam Holoivake put up an impressive display in the field, conceding just two extras during the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first innings in the Champions' Trophy one-day international between West Indies and England at the Sharjah Stadium on Saturday:

WEST INDIES				
Wallace b Brown	0			
S Williams c Hooper b Headley	22			
Lara lbw b D Brown	0			
Hooper not out	100			
Chanderpaul lbw b Ealham	16			
Simmons c Croft b A Holoivake	29			
D Williams run out (Stewart)	4			
Lewis b M Fleming	13			
Rose not out	11			
Extras: (nb-2)	2			
Total: (for 7 wks in 50 overs)	197			
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0; 3-50; 4-77; 5-143; 6-151; 7-181				
Did not bat: C Walsh, M Dillon				
Bowling				
Brown	7	1	28	2
Headley	7	1	24	1
Ealham	10	1	28	1
Croft	10	0	40	0
A Holoivake	8	0	41	1
Fleming	8	1	36	1
(incomplete)				

Inter-Auxerre friendly Dec 30

PALERMO, Sicily, Dec 13: Ronaldo is set to be the star attraction here on December 30, when the Brazilian ace turns out for Inter Milan in their friendly against French club Auxerre, reports AFP.

Ronaldo, currently with Brazil at the Confederations Cup in Saudi Arabia, will miss Inter's last two Serie A matches of the year.

But Inter confirmed on Friday that the 21-year-old will play in Palermo. The match is part of the deal which brought Nigerian international defender Taribo West to Inter from Auxerre last summer.

— AP/UNB photo

Tasmania's solid start



DAVENPORT, Australia, Dec 13: South Africa, building for the opening Boxing Day cricket Test against Australia, were thwarted by belligerent Tasmanian batting on the opening day of their four-day match here today, reports AFP.

Kick-started by a free-flowing opening partnership between Dene Hills and Jamie Cox, Tasmania gave the Proteas little joy in the field finishing the opening day at 278 for three of 90 overs.

At the close, Shaun Young was not out 61 and captain and former Test No. 3 David Boon was on 23.

As part of the South African Test preparation, bowlers Pat Symcox and Shaun Pollock were rested. Into the side came Makhaya Ntini, the 20-year-old black fast bowler, for his first class debut for his country.

But all South Africa's frontline batsmen have been selected, with captain Hansie Cronje anxious that they get a good long time in the middle as they switch their attention from the one-dayers to the first Test against Mark Taylor's Australians.

Allan Donald and Ntini, the opening pair, found Hills and Cox in expansive form. With about half the runs coming in boundaries, they put on 95 by

lunch and accelerated further after the break.

The aggressive Hills had life when a slash at Donald skimmed the tips of Jacques Kallis' fingers and flashed through to the boundary when he was on 59.

But it wasn't costly. Shortly afterwards he aimed a big drive at Kallis and was bowled for 68, which included 11 fours. He and Cox had put on 134 in 152 minutes.

Cox, who was trying to keep the scoring moving, then failed to get on top of a cut off Kallis and was well caught by Donald in the gully for 73, including ten fours.

The normally aggressive Shaun Young had even more trouble than Scott Mason in breaking his duck, though this had less to do with nerves than his accuracy in picking out fieldsmen in what were now much more defensive placings.

It took him 47 minutes, plus the tea break, to trouble the scorer.

Debutant Mason's innings ended when left-arm spinner Paul Adams trapped him leg before for 28.

By then Young was finally underway and, in the last hour, he started pulling and cutting powerfully. The time he took to go from one to 50 was less than twice as long as he needed to open his account.

With Boon mainly nudging and only occasionally opening

out, he turned the final hour into the most productive session since Hills and Cox were in full cry.

They can't expect favours from Boon, he's much more interested in using this match to reinvigorate Tasmania's ailing Sheffield Shield campaign than helping South Africa prepare for the Test.

Boon, who was delighted with his batsmen, made that clear when he said, "From a patriotic point of view, as far as the greater picture is concerned, if we can nullify a bit of their ideal preparation, well, that would be good."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the four-day cricket match between Tasmania and South Africa at Davenport Oval on Saturday:

TASMANIA: First innings				
Hills b Kallis	68			
Cox c Donald b Kallis	73			
Mason lbw b Adams	28			
Young not out	61			
Boon not out	25			
Extras	27			
Total: (for 3 wks in 90 overs)	278			
Fall of wickets: 1-134; 2-155; 3-195				

Bowling				
Donald	18	3	70	0
Ntini	13	2	47	0
McMillan	5	0	28	0
Kluseiner	15	4	36	0
Adams	16	1	31	1
Kallis	14	3	36	2
Cronje	9	4	24	0

Windies-Pakistan scoreboard

Scoreboard of the Champions' Trophy limited-overs match between Pakistan and West Indies in Sharjah on Friday:

WEST INDIES: 275 for seven in 50 overs (Lara 88, Williams 77; Wallace 32; Saqlain 3/35, Akram 3/62, Afridi 1/57)

PAKISTAN:

Sohail c Lewis b Rose	17
Afridi run out	67
Anwar c Lara b Dillon	22
Ijaz c Hooper b Lewis	12
Inzamam run out	33
Sarfraz lbw b Simmons	25
Akram c Chanderpaul b Walsh	22
Moin run out	8
Mehmood c Simmons b Walsh	4
Saqlain not out	2
Waqar c Wallace b Hooper	1
Extras: (lb-8, w-7, nb-4)	19
Total: (all out in 46 overs)	232
Fall of wickets: 1-24; 2-91; 3-124; 4-135; 5-178; 6-204; 7-222; 8-229; 9-230.	

Bowling				
Walsh	8	0	14	2
Rose	6	0	47	1
Dillon	8	0	45	1
Hooper	9	0	56	1
Lewis	8	1	31	1
Simmons	7	0	31	1

Result: West Indies won by 43 runs.

Man-of-the-match Brian Lara.

Q'land-Kiwi one-dayer tied

BRISBANE, Dec 13: Queenslanders Geoff Foley and Brendan Creevey took eight runs off the final over Saturday to secure a tie in their limited-overs match against New Zealand at the Gabba, reports AP.

New Zealand made 266 for five and Queensland lost six wickets in reaching the same total.

All-rounder Foley and pinch-hitter Creevey rescued Queensland with an 80-run stand in 65 balls. Foley made 49 and Creevey 44.

For the Kiwis, Matthew Horne played a dazzling innings of 102 in 111 balls and put on 182 with captain Stephen Fleming, who remained unbeaten on 95.

It was an important innings for Fleming, who struggled in the previous international against South Africa on a suspect Hobart pitch following his 61 in 79 balls against Australia in Adelaide.

Fleming deserved a century but ran out of time.

Queensland bowlers, with the exception of Creevey, who took three of the five wickets to fall, showed their inexperience.

Nathan Aspinall was in delightfully early touch and particularly savage on comeback paceman Greg Rowell, hitting 21 from 24 balls before being caught behind as Creevey's first wicket.

The 26-year-old gained all but one of his runs from boundaries and was largely responsible for Rowell's disappointing six overs which returned 0-34 before he was replaced by Scott Prestwidge.

New Zealand's players will go home for Christmas, while the Australian Test series against South Africa takes centre stage, and will return for the second half of the tri-series.

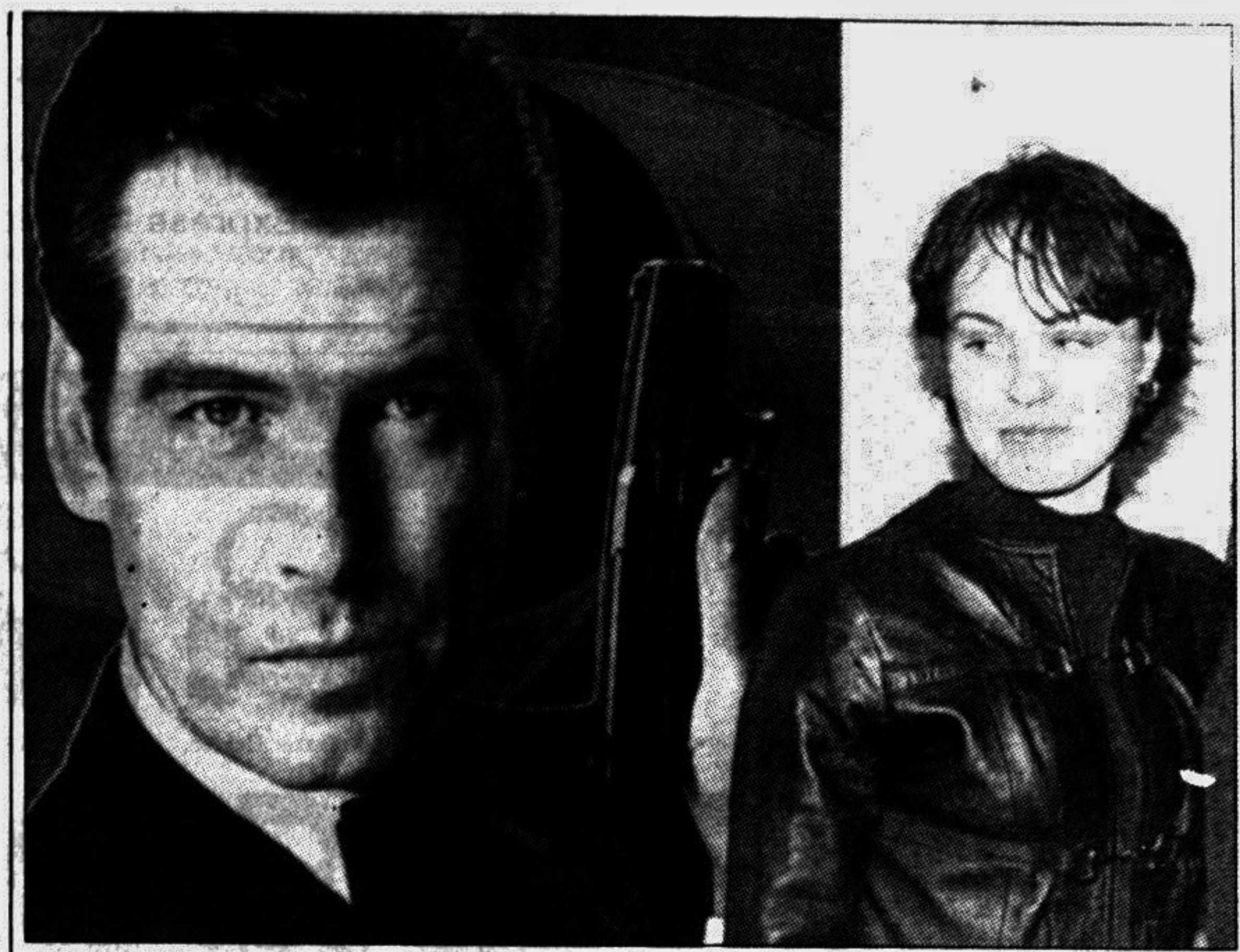
Charlton booter gets the sack

LONDON, Dec 13: English First Division Charlton said today they had sacked defender Jamie Stuart after he tested positive for cocaine and marijuana, reports Reuters.

Manager Alan Curshley said Charlton were terminating Stuart's contract "to protect the good name of the club."

Stuart, a former England under-21 player, was tested at Charlton's training ground on November 17. The club was informed of the results by the Football Association (FA) last Thursday and the following day he admitted taking the substances.

He is the fifth Charlton player to fail a drugs test. Teenager Jay Notley was allowed to resume his career with the club last March after being suspended for four months for taking cocaine, cannabis and ecstasy.



ASSASSINS ... women tennis' number one player Martina Hingis stands beside a James Bond poster at the Swiss premiere of the latest film 'Tomorrow Never Dies' in Zurich on Dec 11.

— AP/UNB photo

Brits carve a niche

Eves' World Cup roundup



NEW DELHI, Dec 13 (AP/AF): An unbeaten century by Debbie Hockley fashioned New Zealand's over-whelming victory over Sri Lanka today in the Women's Cricket World Cup.

After setting a formidable target of 237 for victory, New Zealanders dismissed Sri Lanka for 71 in the northern city of Chandigarh.

Sri Lankans put up a dismal batting performance with only opener V Ratnayake (17) and R Silva (19) reaching double figures. Five players got out without scoring.

Medium-pace bowler Kelley Brown and off-spinner Catherine Campbell claimed two wickets apiece. There were two run-outs.

Sri Lanka bowlers also performed badly giving 38 extras. Hockley (100 not out) and Katrina Withers (57 not out) plundered the bowling, putting on 110 runs for the unbeaten fourth wicket.

The Kiwis piled up 236 for

three in 50 overs.

On Friday England created history by piling up a record 376 against Pakistan on their way to a 230-run win in the southern Indian city of Vijaywada.

Batting first, English opener Janet Brittin scored a scintillating 138 while Helm Plimmer notched up 83 before she was stumped by Asma Farzan off Kiran Baluch.

Barbara Daniels, who joined Brittin, struck 17 boundaries and a huge six over mid-wicket. Daniels and Brittin added 203 runs for the second wicket.

Sue Metcalfe (35) and Daniels (142) were still at the crease at the end of the English innings.

England's 376 for two is the highest score ever in the women's World Cup. Replying Pakistan could notch up only 146 for three.

In another match in Madras, Ireland humbled Denmark by nine wickets in a rain-shortened match.

Set 57 in the reduced 23 overs, Irish openers Nikki

Squire (21 not out) and Catriona Beggs (13) put on 46 runs in 16.4 overs for the first wicket stand.

Irish captain Miriam Grealey, batting third, was in aggressive mood and led her team to the target in 19.1 overs.

Earlier Denmark, electing to bat, were restricted to 56 for seven in 23 overs due to a sparkling bowling display from Barbara McDonald, who took three wickets for 12 and Ade Spence, who claimed two wickets for 10.

Only Fette Philipsen managed to reach double figures with 10.

The match, which started three hours late owing to a wet outfield and reduced to 33 overs, was interrupted by rain with Denmark on 21 for one after 8.3 overs. Play was resumed after 84 minutes with 10 more overs reduced from each side's innings.

Denmark on Wednesday had cruised to an eight-wicket victory over Pakistan, while a soggy outfield washed out another match between Australia and Ireland.

Three-times champions Australia crushed South Africa by 10 wickets in the southern city of Bangalore.

Australia hit 166 for no loss in 21.1 overs. Spurred on by a swashbuckling 95 by skipper Belinda Clarke, whose 90-minute performance was marked by 10 boundaries.

Earlier, South Africa had posted 163 with help from careful knock by Linda Oliver (51) and Helen Davies (29).

It was South Africa's second defeat after losing to England by seven runs in a rain-curtailed match.

Eleven national teams are in India for the three-week tournament, the sixth edition of the Cup. The teams are: Australia, Denmark, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Netherlands, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies.

Banishovski no more

BAKU, Dec 13: Former Soviet striker Anatoli Banishovski died Tuesday aged just 50 in his native Azerbaijan following a long illness, reports AFP.

Banishovski, who suffered from diabetes, scored 40 goals in an illustrious career for the Soviets, who were twice European Championship runners-up in the 1960s and 1970s as well as World Cup semifinalists in 1966 losing to Germany.

The Daily Star TV Guide

Sunday 14th December

(All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change.)

BTV

3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 3:10 Recitation from the Bible 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:20 Mazarini 3:25 National TV Debate 4:00 News 5:00 Open University 5:50 Mafu O Manus 6:00 Chalmers Judda: Presented by Bangladesh Army 7:00 The News 7:10 A Special Programme on the National Immunisation Week 7:25 Special Programme 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Package: Pariprekshita 9:00 Film Show 10:00 The News 10:30 Selected Programme 11:30 The News 11:35 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World Headlines 6:05 Weekend World: The Dream Machine 7:00 BBC World Headlines 7:05 Weekend World: BBC World Debate 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Hard Talk 8:00pm BBC World Headlines 6:05 Weekend World: BBC World Debate 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 Dateline London 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 World Living: Holiday 8:00 BBC World Headlines 8:05 Weekend World: Horizon 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: Top Gear 12:00pm BBC World Headlines 12:05 Weekend World: The Dream Machine 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Panorama 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 Weekend World: BBC World Debate 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Focus: Science World 4:00 BBC World News/World Business Reports/24 hrs

CHANNEL V

6:00am Freestyle 6:30 Turn On T [V] 7:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:30 Turn On T [V] 11:00 BPL Oye! 12:00noon Winner Mangla Hai 12:30 Liberty First Day First Show 1:00 Videom Flashback 2:00 Udam Singh 2:30 Turn On T [V] 4:30 VJ Hour Special 5:30 Turn On T [V] 6:00pm Simply South 7:00 Rexona Deo Out There 7:30 The Indian Top 10 8:30 Mailbu Jammin VJ Sophia 9:00 Channel (v) Presents the 1997 Billboard Music Awards 11:30 Turn On T [V] 2:30 Turn

on T [V] 3:30 Pepsi-Chinese

Top-20 5:30 Turn On T [V]

STAR PLUS

6:30am Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Tara Rum Pum 9:30 Chandrakanta 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Maal Hai To Tai Hai 11:30 Amul India Show 12:00noon Post Card From Pakistan 12:30 India Business Week 1:00 Living On The Edge 1:30 Good Food Guide 2:00 The Road Show 2:30 Art Festival Film Hindi Film Tunnu Ki Tina 5:00 Dress Circle 5:30 Chandrakanta 6:30pm Maneka's Ark 7:00 Amul India Show 7:30 Priya Tendulkar Show 8:30 Bakermar's Coo La La 09:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 10:00 A Question of Answers 10:30 Star News Sunday 11:30 Janata Ki Adalat 12:00 Special Session 12:30 India Business Week 1:00 Star News Sunday 2:00 BBC Documentary: All Our Children 3:00 Movie Classic: The Stranger 5:00 Burke's Law

STAR MOVIES

7:30pm Family: Lucky Luke - Daisy Town PG (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 Family: George Balanchine's The Nutcracker 11:00 The Bhaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Thriller: Till Death Us Do Part 1:30 Comedy: The Mask 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Action: Rambo III 15:30 Comedy: Memoirs of an Invisible Man 15:30 Classic: Seance on a Wet Afternoon PG 9:30 The Bhaskar Ghose Show 10:00 Family:

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II

12 (Hindi Subtitles) 12:00 Film

Club Island 15:20 Thriller: Till Death Us Do Part 18:40 Action: Extreme Prejudice 18:45 Action: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II 12 (Arabic Subtitles)

STAR SPORTS

12:30 Golf: Omega Tour 1997 Asian PGA Tour Show 1:30 Table Tennis Swedish Open Finals 3:30 1997/98 UEFA Champions League - #5 5:3