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1 In which group have Brazil been drawn for France '98? A B C

2 How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to date?

3 Who is the national soccer coach of Saudi Arabia?

4 Who were Bangladesh's opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final?

5 How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league?

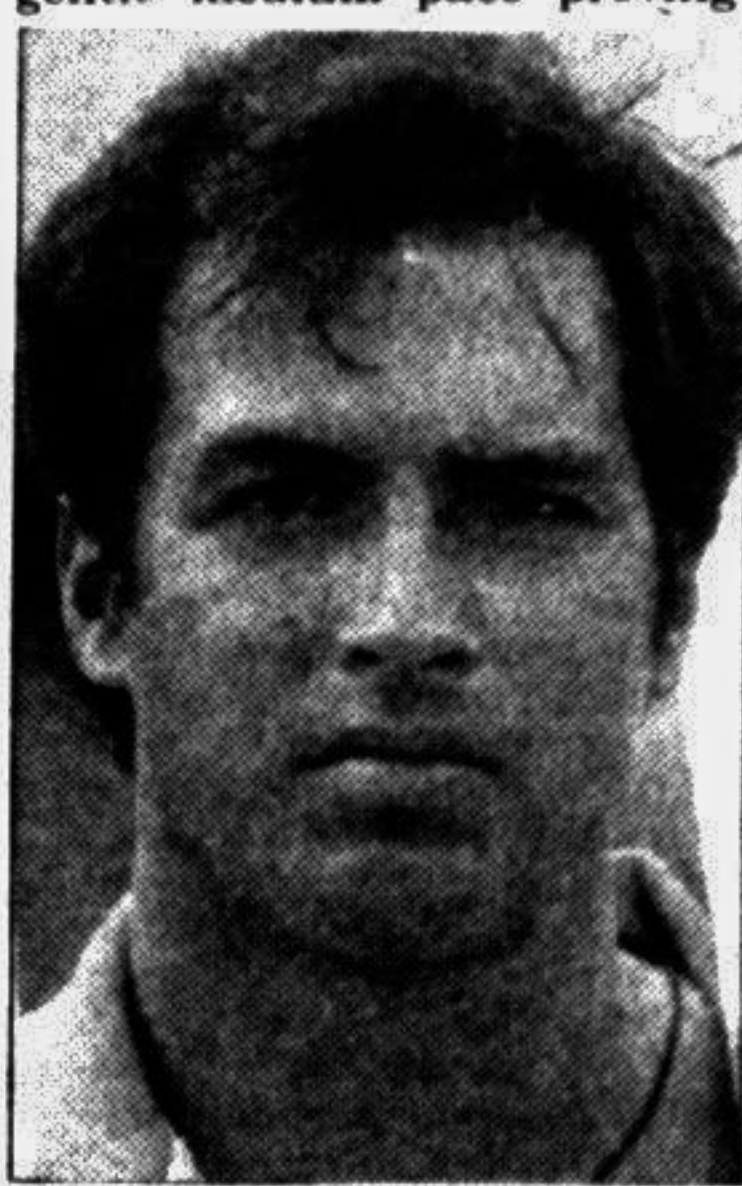
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Indian selectors heave a sigh of relief Sachin's men stun SL



GUWAHATI, Dec 22: Sachin Tendulkar's new-look India bounced back today from their Sharjah shambles to humble Sri Lanka, cruising to a seven-wicket victory in the first of three one-day internationals, reports AFP.



R SINGH... player-of-match perfect on a slow wicket more suited to limited shots and good placement than bold stroke play.

But Tendulkar and Navjot Sidhu put on 68, opting for sensible ones and two rather than fireworks. When Sidhu too edged off spinner Muttiah Muralitharan to short line leg, Mohammad Azharuddin joined Tendulkar to put on undefeated 79.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the first one-day match between India and Sri Lanka on Monday: SRI LANKA 88

Captaincy cliché costs Lara

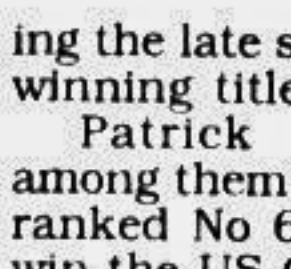


UNDATED, Dec 22: If star West Indies batsman Brian Lara has not been himself at the crease lately, it might be because his mind is on taking over the captaincy of the team for England's tour of the Caribbean which begins next month.

threatened to tear apart the team once regarded as the world's best. Marshall, however, denied that Walsh and Lara did not get on and scoffed at reports that they don't even speak.

score more heavily than anyone else every time the West Indies bat. According to the fearsome fastbowler of yesteryear, the West Indies team maintained a good spirit despite the Pakistan humiliation.

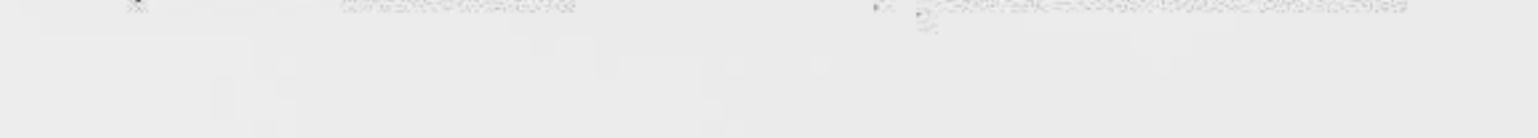
Sampras & Hingis remained a class apart



BEIJING, Dec 22 (Xinhua): American legend Pete Sampras still kept his domination in tennis court throughout the past season, but the foundation of the sport beneath him has started to shift.

mainly a successful doubles player. Last year, Bjorkman had a 25-25 singles record, this year, he leads the tour with more than 70 match wins.

November, has another solid year with five tournament wins. Yevgeni Kafelnikov of Russia jumped to finish the year at No 5 after beating Czech Petr Korda to claim the Kremlin Cup.



Div I cricket Gopibagh outclass Gulshan Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES Gopibagh FA: 234 for seven in 45 overs (Ripon 56, Rosel 41, Saiful 38 n.o., Rizvi 37, Sujon 3/25, Raju 2/37) GULSHAN YOUTH: 101 all out in 29.2 overs (Asad 24, Raju 22, Shyamol 4/32, Ripon 3/16) Result: Gopibagh FA won by 133 runs.



Brazil captain Dunga (R) holds the Confederations Cup trophy while ace marksman Romario (L) carries the Silver Ball (award for the second most outstanding player) and Golden Shoe (top goal scorer's award) during the tournament's prize distribution ceremony in Riyadh on Dec 21.

McGrath to go through fitness test

MELBOURNE, Dec 22: Australian selectors will give injured strike bowler Glenn McGrath every chance to prove his fitness for the first Test against South Africa starting Friday, reports AFP.

Confederations Cup Brazil's Soccerroos taught a lesson



RIYADH, Dec 22: Brazil's deadly striking duo Ronaldo and Romario bagged a hat-trick apiece as world champions Brazil demolished 10-man Australia 6-0 in the Confederations Cup final on Sunday reports AFP.

Australian defence dithered. Ronaldo stole in and with the outside of his right foot cheekily jabbed the ball past Bosnich into the net to make it 2-0 four minutes later.

Australia were under siege and seven minutes before half-time Romario made it three when he was allowed time in the six-yard box to chest down a cross in from the right flank before scuffing the ball into the net.

SA draw four-day match

BRISBANE, Dec 22: Daryll Cullinan prepared for his crucial tussle with star spinner Shane Warne as South Africa and Australia A played out a draw Monday, reports AP.



SUPERHEROES... Brazil's awesome striking duo Ronaldo (L) and Romario (R) in a jovial mood on completion of their combined blitzkrieg which saw Australia going down 0-6 in the final of the Confederations Cup in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Dec 21. Junior Bianco (C) joins in the fun.

Nat'l youth hockey Narayanganj win opener

Sports Reporter Narayanganj were off to a fine start in the first round of the Acme 16th national youth championship with a 2-0 victory over Manikganj in the inaugural match played at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. 1 Elevator. 2 Pronoun. 3 Act. 4 Act. 5 Act. 6 Act. 7 Act. 8 Act. 9 Act. 10 Act. 11 Act. 12 Act. 13 Act. 14 Act. 15 Act. 16 Act. 17 Act. 18 Act. 19 Act. 20 Act. 21 Act. 22 Act. 23 Act. 24 Act. 25 Act. 26 Act. 27 Act. 28 Act. 29 Act. 30 Act. 31 Act. 32 Act. 33 Act. 34 Act. 35 Act. 36 Act. 37 Act. 38 Act. 39 Act. 40 Act. 41 Act. 42 Act. 43 Act. 44 Act. 45 Act. 46 Act. 47 Act. 48 Act. 49 Act. 50 Act. 51 Act. 52 Act. 53 Act. 54 Act. 55 Act. 56 Act. 57 Act. 58 Act. 59 Act. 60 Act. 61 Act. 62 Act. 63 Act. 64 Act. 65 Act. 66 Act. 67 Act. 68 Act. 69 Act. 70 Act. 71 Act. 72 Act. 73 Act. 74 Act. 75 Act. 76 Act. 77 Act. 78 Act. 79 Act. 80 Act. 81 Act. 82 Act. 83 Act. 84 Act. 85 Act. 86 Act. 87 Act. 88 Act. 89 Act. 90 Act. 91 Act. 92 Act. 93 Act. 94 Act. 95 Act. 96 Act. 97 Act. 98 Act. 99 Act. 100 Act.

U-15 cricket coaching camp

Sports Reporter The month-long cricket coaching programmes for the under-15 cricketers, organised by Lotus-Kamal Cricket Foundation, will begin in three districts headquarters - Comilla, Faridpur and Mymensingh - from January 1, 1998.

Zia Smriti cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 22: Success Sporting Club and Khela Niye Katha Club won their respective matches of the 10th Shaheed Zia Smriti cricket tournament played at the local Government College ground here today.

Obituary

LONDON, Dec 22: Former England and Warwickshire wicketkeeper Dick Spooner, who played in seven Test matches, has died in Torbay Hospital, aged 77, reports AFP. A left-handed opening batsman, he scored 1,767 runs and claimed 73 victims when Warwickshire won the county championship in 1951.