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TICK THE CORRECT ANSWERS Competition closes at 8 pm on Dec 26, 1997

In which group have Brazil been drawn for France '98? How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to 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?

SCHOOL ADDRESS

PHONE: (IF ANY)



CLASS ROLL NO.



Waqar Younis (Pakistan fast bowler)

"I don't listen to motivation tapes or whatever, Instead, I listen to myself. And my inner self keeps saying. 'Waqar you're the best'. That does the trick." On how he motivates himself

on the rare occasion when his rhythm is not right.

Rajshahi lift kabadi title

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 22: Hosts Rajshahi clinched the divisional kabadi championship defeating Bogra by 22-20 points in the final held at the local stadium here today.

Zafar Imam, the secretary o Rajshahi Divisional Sports Association, witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed

prizes. Nat'l age group tennis from today

Sports Reporter The final leg of the Elite Paint national age-group tennis circuit begins at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna this

morning. A total of 38 boys and girls will take part in the meet which is divided into two age groups under-14 and under-18.

Indian selectors heave a sigh of relief

Column Une Sachin's men stun SL

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Lanka were reduced to 30 for

three after being put in.

He had Jayasuriya caught in India bounced back today from the gully off a drive with the their Sharjah score on five, Marvan Atapattu caught behind and Aravinda shambles to humble Sri Lanka, picked up at short midwicket. cruising to a seven-wicket Robin then took over, his victory in the first of three oneday internationals, reports gentle medium pace proving

22: Sachin Ten-

dulkar's new-look

Tendulkar, whose leadership

has come under renewed

scrutiny after his side was

whitewashed in the Sharjah

Champions' Trophy, played a

key role in a no-nonsense win

which never looked in doubt

after the world champions

new players in his line-up,

played a pivotal role with a pro-

fessional 82 not out off 86 balls

up by a flurry of late boundaries

after victory was assured, took

him past 1,000 runs in one-day

the-match award, however, by

all-rounder Robin Singh, who

cleaned up the bottom half of

the Sri Lankan order with ca-

Tendulkar said: "Recently

reer-best figures of five for 22.

we've not had a good time. It's

very important that we get sup-

port and that we stick together

Ranatunga said: "We played

very badly - we didn't bat well

and we didn't bowl or field well.

come back, we've done it before,

The hero of the match, how-

Mohanty, with only a hand-

ever, was Indian medium-fast

ful of international appear-

ances behind him, brought into

seamer Debashish Mohanty.

to come back and win 2-1."

Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna

"But we're good enough to

He was beaten to the man-of-

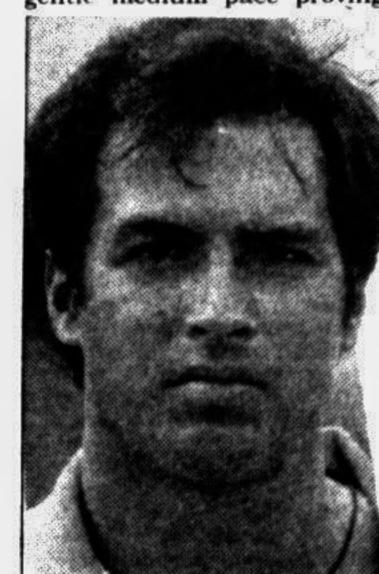
internationals for the season.

The Indian captain, with six

His innings, only brightened

slumped to 172 for nine.

on a slow, low pitch.



R SINGH ... player-of-match

perfect on a slow wicket more suited to limited shots and good placement than bold stroke-

The only real resistance came from number three Roshan Mahanama, who scored 68 before falling to Robin in the final overs, brilliantly caught in the covers by Ajay Jadeja.

Jadeja, however, soon assumed the villain's role at the start of India's reply when he ended up with Saurav Ganguly at the same end of the pitch after a horrendous mix-up.

the side after opening bowler Jadeja's run-out was soon followed by Ganguly playing Venkatesh Prasad was axed. He promptly laid the down the wrong line to pace groundwork with three top-orbowler Chaminda Vaas, the ball clipping his off stump to reduce der wickets, including the scalps of Sanath Jayasuriya India to 26 for two.

Sidhu put on 68, opting for sen-sible ones and two rather than

When Sidhu top edged off spinner Muttiah Muralitharan to short fine leg, Mohammad Azharuddin joined Tendulkar to put on undefeated 79.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the first oneday match between India and Srí Lanka on Monday: SRI LANKA Jayasuriya c Jadeja b Mohanty Atapattu c Mongia b Mohanty Mahanama c Jadeja b Robin Aravinda c Chauhan b Mohanty Ranatunga c Robin b Ganguly Kaluwitharana c Bahutule b Robin Dharmasena c Bahutule b Robin Chandana Ibw b Robin Vaas not out Muralitharan b Robin Sanjeeva not out Extras: (lb-9, nb-2, w-6) Total: for 9 wickets in 45 overs Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-22; 3-30, 4-92; 5-133; 6-152; 7-156; 8-161; 9-167.

Bowling Srinath Mohanty Chauhan 30 Ganguly Robin Bahutule INDIA Ganguly b Vaas Jadeja run out

Sidhu c Atapattu b Muralitharan Tendulkar not out Azharuddin not out Extras: (lb-1, w-6, nb-1) Total: (2 wkts in 37.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-26; 3-94 Did not bat: R Singh, N Mongia. J Srinath, R Chauhan, D Mohanty, S Bahutule

Bowling Vaas Sanjeeva Muralitharan Dharmasena Jayasuriya Chandana 3 0 20 Result: India won by seven

wickets. Man-of-match: Robin Singh (India).

score more heavily than anyone

else every time the West Indies

fastbowler of yesteryear, the

West Indies team maintained a

good spirit despite the Pakistan

humiliation.

According to the fearsome

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, Ripon3/16)

Result: Gopibagh FA won by 133 runs.

Gopibagh Friends Association thrashed Gulshan Youth Club by 133 runs in a First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.

Electing to bat first, Gopibagh amassed 234 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs with opener Ripon scoring highest 56 off 87 balls. Rosel (41), Shyamol (38 n.o.) and Rizvi (37) were the other notable contributors.

In reply, Gulshan Youth were bundled out for a meagre 101 in 29.2 overs. Gopibagh's Shyamol captured four wickets for 32 while Ripon took three for only 16 runs from seven overs.

McGrath to go through fitness test

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

McGrath is recovering from a muscle strain but was named in a squad of 13 players for the match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

He will be required to undergo centre wicket practice over two days to confirm his re-

Australia will welcome back captain Mark Taylor and wicketkeeper Ian Healy, the two experienced players who were dropped for the first stage of the tri-series limited overs competition.

South Africa finishes a four day match against Australia A on Monday before preparing for the Test.

AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Elliott, Ricky Ponting, Mark Waugh, Greg Blewett, Steve Waugh, Ian Healy, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Simon Cook, Michael Kasprowicz, Glenn McGrath, Andy Bichel.

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.

Cullinan has struggled to play the leg-spinner in previous matches between the two countries. They play the first Test of a three-match series in Melbourne starting Friday. Australia A finished at 1-122

in their second innings when captains called a halt before the scheduled close. Cullinan finished with a fine

83 Monday before given out lbw to leg-spinner Stuart MacGill. It was a dubious decision, as the ball hit him outside off stump as he went a long way

forward, but failed to offer a

MacGill troubled New Zealand's batsmen before the recent Test series and is considered a heir apparent to Warne in the full Test team.

Cullinan's innings was the cornerstone of South Africa's second innings of 220 for seven declared. He scored 50 runs in boundaries, with 11 fours and a

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 yes-

terday. After a goalless first half of the Group B clash, Jahangir put Narayanganj ahead with a field goal in the 58th minute while Monir sealed the match through a penalty corner ten

minutes later. A total of 21 teams split into two-group for the first round, are taking part in the week long meet.

Sports Reporter

The month-long cricket coaching programmes for the under-15 cricketers, organised Faridpur and Mymensingh -

will be held at the Betar Angan and Comilla Stadium under the supervision of Sohag and Jocky while Babul Pal Babla will be in charge of the coaching in Mymensingh which will be held at the Mukul Niketan School

Faridpur will be conducted by Tuhin and Bablu.



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. - AP/UNB photo

Confederations Cup Brazil's

Socceroos taught a lesson



RIYADH, Dec 22: Brazil's deadly striking duo Ronaldo and Romario bagged a hattrick apiece as world champions Brazil demolished 10 man Australia

6-0 in the Confederations Cup final on Sunday, reports AFP. The South Americans gave notice of their awesome attacking power ahead of next year's

World Cup in a match that degenerated into a one-sided exhibition after the first half. The Socceroos, despite failing to make the World Cup finals, had lost only once under

Sunday in 18 matches but they never looked like improving that record. As early as the fourth minute the shaven-headed Ronaldo stormed down the left flank and crossed for Romario, unmarked, to head goalwards --only for Mark Bosnich in the Australian goal to fling himself

coach Terry Venables prior to

somehow keep the ball out. It was all Brazil as the South Americans, who had drawn 0-0 with Australia earlier in the tournament, completely destabilised Terry Venables' men with their quick passing and

left and with the help of the post

movement. Bosnich again came to Australia's rescue in the 12th minute, foiling Atletico Madrid playmaker Juninho with a plunging save to his right after fired in a fierce low volley. The inevitable breakthrough

came three minutes later. Ronaldo showed his strength to shrug off two defenders and played in Denilson down the

The 21-year-old midfielder. who will become the most expensive player in the world

AWARD WINNERS RIYADH, Dec 22 (Xinhua): Following are the list of award winners at the Confederations Cup in Riyadh on Sunday: Tournament's best player: Denilson (Brazil) Runner-up: Romario (Brazil)

Third place: Vladmir Scimer (Czech Republic) Top goalscorer: Romario Best player-of-the-final

Dunga (Brazil) Fairplay award: South Alrica.

when he joins Spanish First Division side Real Betis for 34.8 million dollars next year. waltzed to the byline and cut the ball back for the unmarked Ronaldo to sidefoot high into the net from six yards, Australia then suffered a

second blow, this time self-inflicted, when Viduka was redcarded by Thai referee Pirom Un Prasert for a late, knee-high tackle on Cafu after 24 minutes The 10 men were quickly

made to pay. Juninho lobbed the ball over the top and as the



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 Biano (C) joins in the fun. - AP/UNB photo

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

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 Ronaldo, fed again by Jun-

and seven minutes before half-

time Romario made it three

inho, whistled a 25-yarder inches over just four minutes into the second half as Brazil resumed cruise control. Ronaldo turned provider af-

ter 53 minutes when he flicked a header on to Romario, who fooled his marker by feinting to head the ball before chesting down and firing low past Bosnich for his second and Brazil's fourth.

The South Americans were utterly rampant and within six minutes Ronaldo completed his hattrick after a superb 49-yard through-ball by Brazil captain Dunga. The rampaging striker took it on his chest and beat Bosnich right-footed from 15

After 75 minutes it was 6-0. though this time the goal had less merit to it. Ronaldo dribbled through and appeared to dive when confronted by Bosnich. The referee pointed to the spot and Romario duly completed his own hattrick and Australia's misery.

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.

In the 20-over-a-side affairs, Success Sporting Club posted a three-wicket victory over Commit Sporting Club while Khela Niye Katha outplayed Lichu Bagan Ekadash by 120

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. He played for Durham for two seasons and spent 11 years at Edgbaston until his retirement in 1959.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals W

The American, 26, is the only player who has captured two Grand Slams in a single season - Wimbledon and the Australian Open. With his victory in the season-ending Elite Eight tournament, Sampras has collected a total of eight ti-

His superiority on any surface except clay in the French Open earned him the name of the best player in the past 25.

By finishing as No 1 on the ATP Tour rankings for the fifth consecutive year, Sampras has tied the record of fellow American Jimmy Connors in the 70's. Since the inception of the

13 players have ever been No 1 and only nine have ever finished the year No 1. Sampras swapped the No 1 ranking with Andre Agassi and Thomas Muster early in 1996, but regained it on April 15 and

ranking system in 1973, only

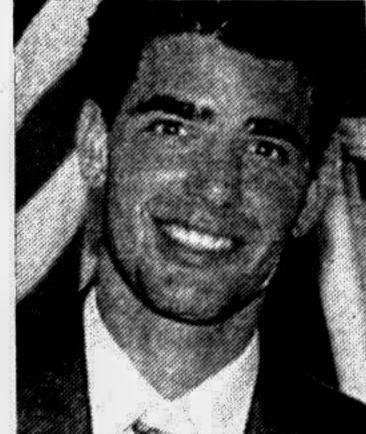
has held it since. Throughout the season, there were few players who dominated and many lowerranked newcomers rose through the ranks by beating the established stars and reaching the late stages of events and winning titles.

among them. He began the year ranked No 62, but went on to win the US Open, his first major title. The Australian has finished the year at No 2.

year in Stockholm on home soil, Bjorkman has shot to No 4 in the world. The 25-year-old Swede also

made a great achievement at the end of the year, leading Sweden Davis Cup.

best returns in tennis, his breakthrough has helped him shake off a reputation of being



PETE SAMPRAS

mainly a successful doubles Last year, Bjorkman had a

Patrick Rafter, 24, was

Swede Jonas Bjorkman began the year ranked No 69. After winning his third title of the

to beat the United States for the The Swede has one of the



West Indies coach Malcolm Marshall recently told remedia glare. porters in England that the long

debate about the captaincy issue has affected Lara. But he argued that it was only natural. "I don't think Brian's batting problems during the last few weeks have been technical," Marshall said, "The whole captaincy issue is affecting him and he has spoken to me about it a couple of times. When you

22: If star West In-

dies batsman

Brian Lara has

not been himself

at the crease

lately, it might be

over the captaincy of the team

know you are close to becoming captain, I think it would affect anybody." The world's most exciting batsman, holder of both Test and first-class record scores, has been struggling for runs as he tries to show the selectors that he is the man to take over

the reins of a team in sharp de-Captain Courtney Walsh, by contrast, is bowling as well as he has ever done in his life. The 35-year-old Jamaican was the top wicket-taker in Pakistan. and in Sharjah has been the most potent new-ball force in the tournament. And if the West Indies could have beaten England's one-day specialists in the Champions' Trophy final,

Walsh might get a stay of execu-Walsh looked certain to be axed in the wake of the 3-0 Test whitewash by Pakistan, but the West Indies have bounced back

somewhat in Sharjah. But that leaves Lara, for whom the last few months especially have been a curious, even tortured, existence, caught in the middle of a saga that has

ever, denied that Walsh and Lara did not get on and scoffed at reports that they don't even

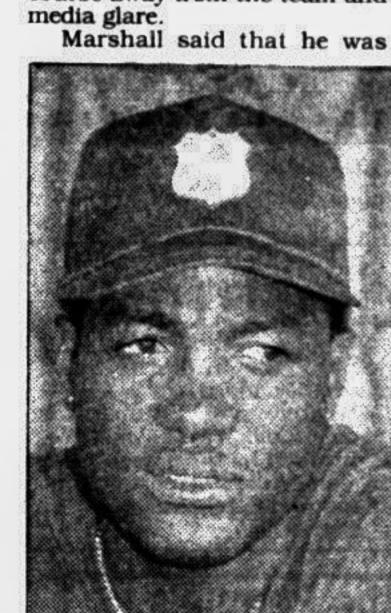
Captaincy cliche costs Lara

threatened to tear apart the

team once regarded as the

world's best. Marshall, how-

because his mind is on taking Lara, though, had been keeping a deliberately low profile for England's tour of the during the last 10 days in Caribbean which begins next Sharjah, spending virtually all his leisure time on the golf course away from the team and Marshall said that he was



West Indies," he added, "and there is no way he would not play against England in the Test series even if he was not made captain. He is not that sort of person."

BRIAN LARA

Marshall said personal criticism back home in the

Caribbean had also hurt Lara

and he has also struggled to

come to terms with the mental

burden of being expected to

25-25 singles record, this year,

than 70 match wins.

ground," Chang said.

the year at No 7.

game.

he leads the tour with more

player," Michael Chang once

said. "He is one of the few play-

ers who really has an all-court

volleys and is very solid off the

Open finalist from Spain, has

been the youngest player mov-

ing into the ATP Tour champi-

onships. Moya, 21, has finished

who dropped to No 3 after the

ATP Tour championships in

MARTINA HINGIS

American Michael Chang.

"He has a good serve, good

Carlos Moya, the Australian

"Jonas is a very talented

"But he loves to play for the

'very disappointed with his bat-"I hope that in 1998 I can lead a successful team and a championship-winning club."

"Pakistan is the hardest country in the world to tour but people back home still expect us to win everything, like we used to when Clive Lloyd was captain

and we beat England 5-0 in two Test series," he said. "But we had a good time in Sharjah and the players were very happy." Marshall conceded that England have played well in this tournament and suggested that the strategy of picking a one-day team separate and distinct from

the Test team was worth look-"I think we also should be picking a one-day specialist team for these events. But we came in Sharjah straight from the Pakistan Test tour and so we have had to make do with the 15 players that came across, after Curtly Ambrose went

home to have treatment for his shoulder injury." Meanwhile, on Saturday. Lara signed as the captain of Warwickshire for next county season, succeeding Tom

Munton. Lara played for Warwickshire in their treble-winning campaign three seasons ago and said: 'I can't wait for the opportunity to return to Edgbatson, the scene of such wonderful success for myself and the club in

Lara will be available for Warwickshire's first home championship game of the season on April 17 against Durham, the victims of his world-record 501 not out in

Source: The Express

(Trinidad)

Sampras & Hingis remained a class apart

sia jumped to finish the year at No 5 after beating Czech Petr Korda to claim the Kremlin Gustavo Kuerten, from Brazil, failed to win any tour-

nament after taking the French

Open. He finished the year at No

November, has another solid

year with five tournament

Yevgeni Kafelnikov of Rus-

In women's tennis, young generation stole the limelight and only Jana Novotna struck a blow for the older ones. WINNERS OF FOUR GRAND SLAMS

Men's singles — Pete Sampras

AUSTRALIAN OPEN:

(United States)

(United States)

US ÖPEN:

Hingis (Switzerland)

Women's singles - Martina Hingis (Switzerland) FRENCH OPEN: Men's singles — Gustavo Kuerten (Brazil) Women's singles — Iva Majoli Croatia) WIMBLEDON:

Men's singles — Pete Sampras

Women's singles — Martina

Men's singles — Patrick Rafter (Australia) Women's singles — Martina Hingis (Switzerland) ATP Tour championships winner — Pete Sampras (United States) Chase championships winners:

Jana Novotna (Czech Republic).

U-15 cricket coaching camp

by Lotus-Kamal Cricket Foundation, will begin in three district headquarters - Comilla. from January 1, 1998. In Comilia, the coaching

ground. The coaching programme in

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CRYPTOQUIP ZJKKGFN AUKRD NCPN CGPYNCAJY OGYY OPNGK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE FARMER WAS FURI-OUS AT THE FORGETFUL HEN FOR ALWAYS MIS-LAYING HER EGGS.

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 47 One of the words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to Kennedys locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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