

## Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-86

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 9, 1998

1 Who is the Australia cricket coach?

Lillee Marsh Simpson

2 Who is the Argentina soccer coach?

Passarella Venables Cruyff

3 Which county will Lara lead next year?

Essex Durham Warwickshire

4 Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league?

Nadim Saeed Kazmi

5 Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships?

Liu Tumpa Zulekha

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## SPORTS TALK



Ian Healy

(Australia's No 1 wicket-keeper)

"I doubt if I'll play any more one-day internationals, though I'll always be available."

After not being included in the limited-over side.

## Seeds sail

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 7: Second seed Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania and fourth seed Ai Sugiyama of Japan overcame slow starts to post second round wins at the Australian women's hardcourt tennis championship Wednesday, reports AP.

But top seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the United States had less trouble in beating compatriot Corina Morariu 6-4, 6-2 in her rain-affected second round match.

Schultz-McCarthy will face Venezuela's Maria Vento in the quarterfinals. Vento beat seventh-seeded Elena Likhovtseva of Russia on Tuesday.

Dragomir beat Magdalena Grzybowska of Poland 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, while Sugiyama defeated Australia's Catherine Barclay 7-6 (7-4), 6-1. Also in the second round, Shi-Ting Wang of Taiwan mastered the gusting winds to beat Australia's Rachel McQuillan 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The win gave Wang, 24, revenge for a first-round loss to McMillan in this tournament last year.

Strong winds earlier in the day made conditions difficult, but Wang was able to handle them against McQuillan. Australia's highest-ranked woman at No. 48 in the world.

Wang, with a world ranking of 68 and six WTA singles titles to her credit, said she went into the match buoyed by advice from her father and coach Wenchih.

Wang next faces Dragomir in the quarterfinals.

In other matches Sarah Pitkowska of France beat Denisa Chladkova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 7-5 and next faces Sugiyama, while South Africa's Marlaan G. Swardt beat Jana Kandarr of Germany 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

## Yevgeny misses it again

MELBOURNE, Jan 7: Russia's world No. 5 tennis player Yevgeny Kafelnikov withdrew from the Australian Open on Wednesday to miss the event for the second year running, reports AP.

Kafelnikov pulled out of this week's ATP tournament in Qatar because of a knee injury.

He also suffered slight facial burns when fireworks exploded near him during a New Year's celebration with friends in Frankfurt.

Kafelnikov withdrew from last year's Australian Open after fracturing his right hand while working out at a Melbourne gym the week before the Grand Slam tournament of the year.

The man voted "the world's sexiest athlete" by a US magazine has been trying instead to dampen the expectations of his legion of fans.

"I think there's weeks when I'm going to have good weeks, but I lost about 29 times last

## Marvan's marvellous 2nd

KANDY, Jan 7 (Reuters, AP, AFP): Opener Marvan Atapattu hit his second Test century to pilot Sri Lanka to a solid 265 for four wickets at the close of the opening day of the first Test against Zimbabwe today.

The stylish right-hander faced 276 balls and struck 16 boundaries in his unbeaten 129 which settled the home side after fast bowler Heath Streak took two quick wickets in the morning session.

Streak had Sanath Jayasuriya leg before wicket for six. He then forced Roshan Mahanama to fend at a sharp, rising delivery and Zimbabwe captain Alastair Campbell held a difficult catch in the slips. Mahanama made seven.

De Silva continued his sparkling form of 1997 to hit an impeccable 75 which included one six and nine fours, before he mistimed a drive and was caught in the covers.

Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga played a short cameo innings of 27 with a six and two fours, adding 53 with Atapattu for the fourth wicket before being bowled around his legs by off-spinner Andy Whittle.

At close of play Hashan Tillakaratne was 11 not out.

Earlier Sri Lanka, with their powerful batting line-up, elected to bat after winning the toss.

"It is a good pitch to bat and

we are confident of a good score," said Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga after calling the coin right.

The match is being played at Asigiriya Stadium in the temple town of Kandy in central Sri Lanka.

The home side has made three changes in the team that drew the third and final Test against India in Bombay last month.

Zimbabwe gave 25-year-old right hand batsman Murray Goodwin his first Test cap while Sri Lanka opted for the left-arm spin of Jayantha Silva and left out Kumara Dharmasena. Wicket-keeper Romesh Kaluwitharana has been recalled, strengthening the batting line and off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan is also back in the side after an injury kept him out in Mumbai.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the first day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at the Asigiriya Stadium on Wednesday:

SRI LANKA: First innings Jayasuriya lbw Streak 6 Atapattu not out 129 Mahanama c Campbell b Streak 7 De Silva c Whittle b Huckle 75 Ranatunga b Whittle 27 Tillakaratne not out 11 Extras: (lb-1, nb-9) 10 Total: (For 4 wickets) 265

To bat: Romesh Kaluwitharana, Chaminda Vaas, Ravinda Pushpakumara, Muttiah Muralitharan, Jayantha Silva. Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-33; 3-173; 4-226.

Bowling O M R W Streak 24 8 58 2 B Strang 21 4 65 0 P Strang 20 6 69 0 Whittle 14 2 31 1 Huckle 11 2 41 1

ATAPATTU ... 129 no.

## Richie rates Shane high



SYDNEY, Jan 7: Shane Warne can double his existing tally and create a new record by taking 600 Test wickets before the end of his career, according to former Australia Test captain Richie Benaud, reports Reuters.

Benaud, who took 248 Test wickets between 1952 and 1964, said Warne was easily capable of eclipsing the world record of 434 wickets, held by retired Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev.

"If he [Warne] goes on for as long as I did, he will play for another six years, when he'll be 34 and if you do your sums, that's another 300 wickets, giving him 600," said the 67-year-old television commentator, who captained Australia 28 times.

Leg-spinner Warne claimed his 300th Test wicket — becoming the 13th bowler in history to achieve the feat — in the second Test against South Africa on Monday.

Warne has played 63 Tests for Australia, the same number as Benaud, another leg-spinner, since making his debut against India in January 1992.

"Shane's got 300 wickets, I got 248 — he is a much better bowler than I was," Benaud was quoted as saying in the Australian newspaper today.

In reaching the milestone, Warne completed match figures of 11 for 109 against South Africa, the decisive perfor-

mance in Australia's crushing win by an innings and 21 runs from four days at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Warne, who boasts a Test average of 23.56, won praise from another former Australia Test leg-spinner, Kerry O'Keeffe.

"He simply bowls the best leg-breaks that have ever been bowled," O'Keeffe told the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

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