

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?

Lille 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?

Linu Tumpa Zulekha

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SPORTS TALK



Fabio Capello

"We played wonderfully tonight. It's difficult to recall a derby like this."

After thrashing arch rivals Inter 5-0 in the Italian Cup quarterfinal first leg.

Williams next meets Hingis

SYDNEY, Jan 11: America's Venus Williams advanced today into a second round bout with Martina Hingis in the Sydney International tournament, which is set to be a testing ground for tennis' teenage stars, reports AFP.

Williams, currently ranked 22, is aiming to knock Hingis from her number one spot this year and predicts that her 16-year-old sister and hitting partner Serena, ranked 99, will crack the top ten.

She will meet the Swiss number one after playing only a single set in the tournament, Romanian Roxandra Dragomir was forced out with an injury in their first-round match today.

"I wasn't playing what I consider good. And it was the first match of the season so I really would have wanted to get a little bit more practice," Williams told reporters after winning the set.

Hingis, who had a bye in the Sydney tournament's first round, last met 17-year-old Williams at the US Open final where she beat her 6-0, 6-4.

"In that match I did a lot of mistakes, things that weren't called for, basically out of control, and she took advantage of me playing so badly," Williams said.

But Williams, who stands out here with her athletic 1.8-metre frame and beaded hair, has put a brave face on meeting the number-one seed so soon in the competition.

"This title is hers, I suppose, and she is going to want to defend it ... so I am going to have to be ready," she said of the 1997 title-holder.

If Williams upsets Hingis, also aged 17, she will be on course for a semifinal showdown against Romanian fourth seed Irina Spirea.

Munich air crash anniversary

MANCHESTER, England, Jan 11: A memorial service will take place at Manchester Cathedral on February 6 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Munich air crash where 23 people, including eight Manchester United players, died, reports AFP.

The following day, before Manchester United's game against Bolton at Old Trafford, a one-minute silence will be observed at 1504 GMT, which was the time of the disaster.

Wreaths will then be laid in the centre circle before the match kicks off at 1515.

Survivors, relatives of those bereaved and representatives of the United and Bolton 1958 FA Cup final teams will be guests at the match.



SAURAV SANS FRAGRANCE: Saurav Ganguly, Indian cricket's man-of-1997 seems to have lost his golden touch. After hinting a return to form with a short burst of aggression the southpaw from Bengal made yet another early exit yesterday. Pakistanis have a cause to celebrate.

— Star photo

Tourists lost in Murali maze



KANDY, Sri Lanka, Jan 11: Zimbabwean batsmen crashed to an eight wicket defeat against Sri Lanka Sunday in their first Test, reports AP.

But the visitors earned some respect by capturing the prized wicket of Sanath Jayasuriya and number three bat Roshan Mahanama without conceding a run.

A 15,000 strong crowd raced onto the field moments after Sri Lanka posted the victory as opener Marvan Atapattu landed the winning runs, a pulled stroke to the boundary off paceman Bryan Strang. Zimbabwe had a lead of just nine runs.

The victory marked the first time the home side won a Test at the venue after losing four previous matches and drawing two. It was only the 10th Sri Lankan Test victory in 80 outings, and the third over Zimbabwe in six encounters.

Jayasuriya was adjudged leg-before in the second ball. Mahanama was bowled two balls later.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was player-of-the-match for a harvest of 12 wickets for 117 runs which made his only the second Sri Lankan to take 10 wickets in a match after paceman Chaminda Vaas who achieved the feat against New Zealand at Napier in 1994-95.

Zimbabwe started the day at 289 for seven, still needing 40 runs to make Sri Lanka bat again.

Paul Strang made certain the home team needed to bat for victory when he launched an attack against Muralitharan by hitting the bowler for two fours, one to the mid-off boundary and the other back-cut to the

fence, in one over.

But he fell to the same bowler, caught bat-pad by substitute fielder Russell Arnold with his score on 33, having lost his overnight partner Heath Streak for 13 in the second over of the day.

Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga praised Zimbabwe's batsmen for their performance in the second innings in the face of a 329 deficit.

"We bowled very well to get them out for 140, but I thought

Zimbabwe on Sunday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 469 for nine declared (M Atapattu 223, A de Silva 75)

ZIMBABWE: First innings 140 (G Rennie 53; M Muralitharan 5-23)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 289 for 7)

Rennie lbw b Muralitharan 24

G Flower b De Silva 38

Goodwin b Muralitharan 70

Whitall b Muralitharan 14

A Flower c Mahanama 67

b Muralitharan 40

Campbell lbw b Vaas 0

Wishart b Muralitharan 33

P Strang c sub (Arnold) 1

b Muralitharan 1

Streak c Kaluwitharana 13

b Pushpakumara 15

B Strang not out 15

Huckle lbw b Muralitharan 0

Extras (b-5, w-11, nb-8) 24

Total: (All out in 126.5 overs) 338

Fall of wickets: 1-68; 2-68; 3-

103; 4-185; 5-261; 6-261; 7-271;

8-297; 9-334; 10-338

Bowling: O M R W

Vaas 24 3 65 1

Pushpakumara 19 2 64 1

Muralitharan 42.5 13 94 7

A de Silva 13 5 25 1

Silva 11 2 35 0

Jayasuriya 16 0 38 0

Atapattu 1 0 1 0

SRILANKA: Second innings

Jayasuriya lbw b Streak 0

Atapattu not out 6

Mahanama b Streak 0

A de Silva not out 4

Extras 0

Total: (For two wickets in 15 overs) 10

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0.

Bowling: O M R W

Streak 1 0 4 2

B Strang 0.5 0 6 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Muttiah Muralitharan.

Next Match: From January 14 in Colombo.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the fifth and final day of the first Test between Sri Lanka and

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