

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT windsurfing or board-sailing or sailboarding is a water sport that combines elements of surfing and sailing. It was first developed in the USA in 1968 and, little wonder, since 1984 it has been included in the Olympic Games as part of the yachting events. The windsurfer stands on a board that is propelled and steered by means of a sail attached to a mast that is articulated at the foot. From 1992 men and women have to compete in separate categories. There are also annual board-sailing world championships. Windsurfers have achieved speeds in excess of 40 knots.

Can we not initiate an Olympic event that takes into account sailing, pulling by a line while walking on the bank and singing? *Orey shampaner naiya...*

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

### Competition-89

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on March 6, 1998

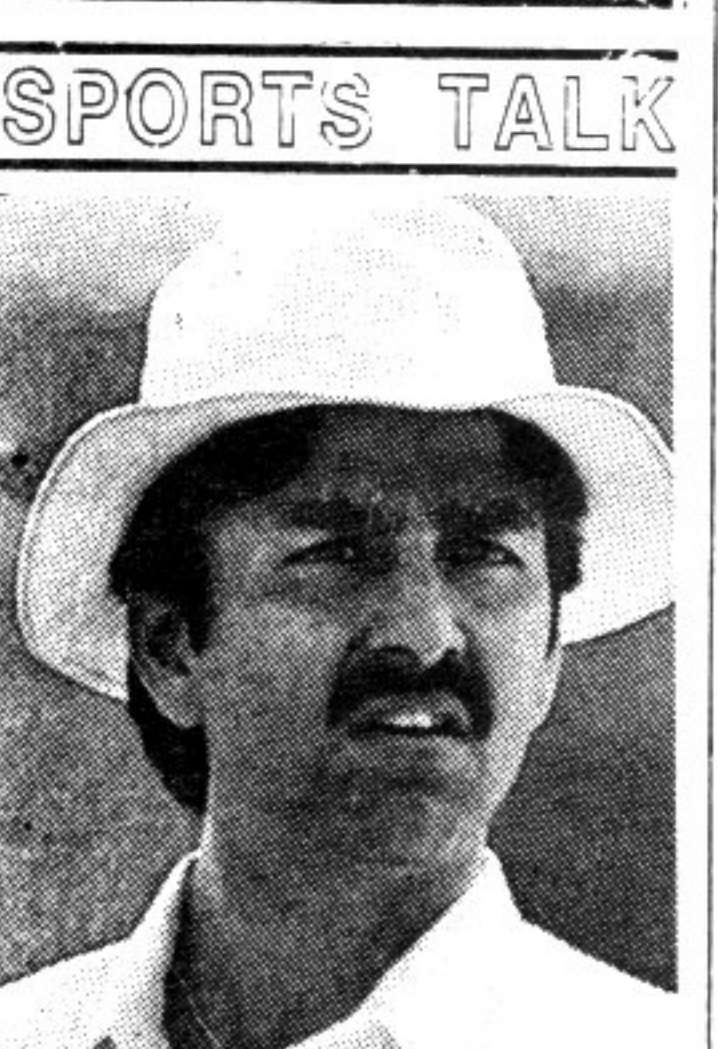
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- Which country became Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group 4 champions?  
Bangladesh UAE Bahrain
- What is Pat Symcox's highest score in Test cricket?  
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- Who won the Paris Open tennis tournament?  
Novotna Huber Pierce
- Who is the manager of Chelsea FC?  
Gullit Vialli Del Piero

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## SPORTS TALK



**Manoj Prabhakar**  
(Former India Test cricketer)  
"The entire system seems to be ganged up against me."

## Rahul, Rajesh recalled

**BOMBAY, Feb 25:** Controversial off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan and stylish batsman Rahul Dravid were recalled today when they were named in a 14-man Indian squad to play the first Test against Australia next month, reports Reuters.

Chauhan missed last month's Independence Cup in Bangladesh because of problems over his suspect bowling action. But he was cleared this week by the International Cricket Council, paving the way for a recall.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India had sent 32-year-old Chauhan to England where he got expert help from two ex-Test spinners, England's Fred Titmus and India's AS Prasanna, in a bid to correct his action.

The right-handed Dravid was a surprise omission from the team which played the one-day series against Sri Lanka last year and last month's Independence Cup.

Selectors who said he was more suited to Test cricket faced widespread criticism and protests from angry supporters in Dravid's southern hometown of Bangalore.

Australia, led by Mark Taylor, began their three-Test tour in Bombay on Tuesday. The first Test starts in Madras on March 6.

**INDIAN SQUAD:** Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Navjot Sidhu, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Saurav Ganguly, Nayan Mongia, Hrishikesh Kanitkar, VVS Laxman, Anil Kumble, Rajesh Chauhan, Venkatesh Prasad, Javagal Srinath, Harvinder Singh, Debashish Mohanty.



Saifuddin Loulu (L) pondering over his next move against Shabana Parveen Nipa during the fifth round of the fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

## Three Rs on top after five

Sports Reporter

National champion Enamul Hossain Rajib returned to winning ways in the Fourth United Insurance International Masters' Chess Tournament with a hard-fought victory over Hasiul Hasan Hanif at the NSC chess room yesterday.

On the fifth day of the 11-round Swiss league, sixth seeded Rajib, playing with white pieces, made a Queen's Gambit opening against his local counterpart and won the board after a marathon spell of 102 moves which took more than five and a half hours.

Rajib, with his fourth win in five matches, joined two Indians — IM RB Ramesh and Raktim Banarjee, at the top of the table with each having four and a half points. In the fifth round, Ramesh seeded second in the tourney, tamed his compatriot PDS Girinath while Raktim held top seed Vietnamese IM Nguyen Anh Dung.

Playing with white pieces, Ramesh took 43 moves to neutralise the Sicilian defence of Girinath while the Raktim-Nguyen match ended after only

14 moves.

Nguyen, with his second successive draw, remained in the second spot along with two locals Rezaul Haque and Arifuzzaman Sikdar.

In the day's round, Rezaul, who adopted French defence with his black pieces, overcame Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu after



34 moves while Arifuzzaman defeated Khandakar Aminul Islam.

IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, the leading Bangladesh player in the meet who was beaten by Indian Raktim Banarjee in the previous round, was back as a winner yesterday at the expense

of Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu.

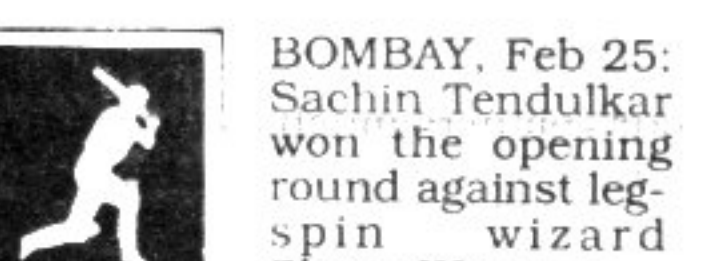
Playing with white pieces, Reefat broke the Sicilian defence of Tipu after 55 moves to raise his tally to three and a half points, equal to Abdullah-Al-Rakib, Amir Hossain and Girinath. Rakib beat Shafiqul Islam while Amir drew with Abul Kashem Bhuiyan.

In the day's other matches, Ali Amjad Mintu defeated To-fazzal Hossain, Saifuddin Lovlu beat Shabana Parveen Nipa, Monir Hossain outplayed Afroza Khanum Babby, Nazmul out-mastered Mainuddin, Kajal outdid Mahbub, Ruhul over-powered Bobby, Imron crushed IWM Rani Hamid while Pallab won his board against Mehdi Hasan Parag.

The sixth round will begin at the same venue today at 2:30 pm.

Leading players (after five rounds): 4.5 points — IM Ramesh, Rajib and Raktim; 4 points — IM Nguyen Anh Dung, Rezaul Haque and Arifuzzaman Sikdar; 3.5 points — IM Reefat, PDS Girinath, Rakib and Amir Hossain.

## Shane sizzles in Sachin heat



**BOMBAY, Feb 25:** Sachin Tendulkar won the opening round against leg-spin wizard Shane Warne today with a sparkling double century that flattered the touring Australians here, reports AFP.

The 24-year-old struck a career-best 204 not out as Bombay, replying to Australia's first innings score of 305-8, piled up 410 for six declared in the three-day tour opener at the Brabourne Stadium.

The tourists, tired after chasing leather for most of the day, suffered further setbacks when they were reduced to 36 for three in their second knock by close of the second day's play.

Lanky seamer Abey Kuruvilla, ignored for next month's first Test, took two wicket and Paras Mhambrey one to leave the Australians in danger of suffering an embarrassing defeat.

Tendulkar, playing fluently



**TENDULKAR ... 204 N.O.**  
around the slow wicket, hit 25 boundaries and two sixes in a stunning tune-up for the three-Test series.

The long-awaited tussle be-

tween India's premier batsman and the greatest leg-spinner of modern times, which drew some 15,000 home fans, was a no-contest.

As Tendulkar piled up his highest first-class score, surpassing the 179 he made against the West Indies in Nagpur in 1994, Warne returned unflattering figures of 0-11 from 16 overs.

Warne, bowling for the first time since the Adelaide Test against South Africa in January, was hammered for 23 runs in his first two overs by 19-year-old opener Amit Pagnis, who provided the early flourish with 50 off 60 balls.

Then Tendulkar took over, Warne's third delivery to him was smashed over mid-wicket for six, and two more boundaries in his next over.

Warne conceded 50 runs in five of his first six overs as Bombay dominated the two-hour morning session with 135 runs from 26 overs for the loss of three wickets.

Another 131 runs followed in the post-lunch session as Tendulkar raced to his century off 90 balls with 15 boundaries and a six.

Tendulkar, who reached his 200 midway through the final session, added 152 for the fifth wicket with Anil Mazumdar (42) and a quickfire 97 for the sixth with Rajesh Sutar (45 off 43 balls).

Former Test batsman Sanjay Manjrekar, however, missed out on a big score in his farewell appearance, being run out for 39.

### SCOREBOARD

Second day's scoreboard in the three-day match between the touring Australians and Bombay at the Brabourne Stadium on Wednesday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 305-8 declared (in Slater 98, R

Ponting 53, R Pawar 3-59)

**BOMBAY:** First innings

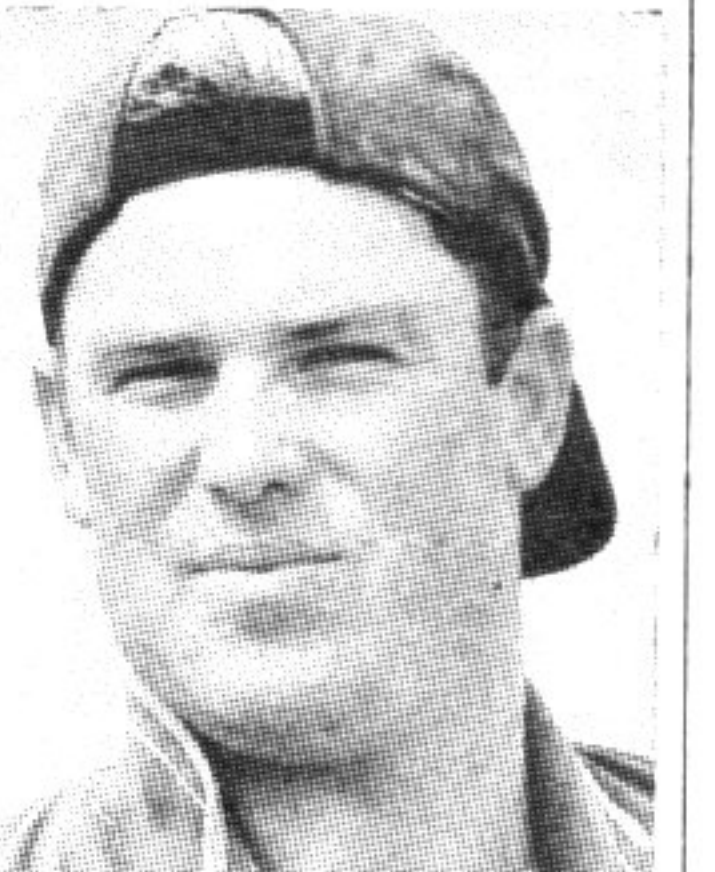
Pagnis	c Healy b Wilson	0
Kulkarni	c Warner b Dale	0
Manjrekar	run out	39
Tendulkar	not out	204
Kambli	b Robertson	10
Mazumdar	c Healy b Wilson	42
Sutar	c Ponting b Blewett	45
Extras	(b-1, lb-5, nb-14)	20
Total	(for 6 wickets declared)	410

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-10; 2-71; 3-126; 4-161; 5-313; 6-410

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Reiffel	15	1	65	0
Dale	10	4	38	1
Warne	16	1	111	0
Tourists	10	0	62	2
Robertson	15	0	96	1
Blewett	5.1	1	23	1
Lehmann	4	0	25	0

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings

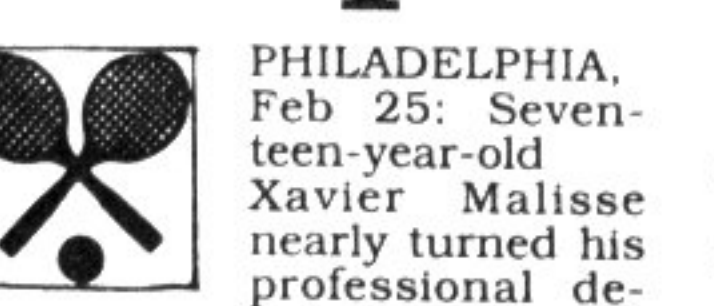
Taylor	c Kulkarni b Mhambrey	1
Slater	lbw b Kuruvilla	4
Blewett	not out	4
Robertson	by Kuruvilla	1
Ponting	not out	22
Extras	(nb-4)	4
Total	(for three wickets in 9 overs)	36



**WARNE ... 111/0**  
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-11; 3-12

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Kuruvilla	5	0	34	2
Mhambrey	4	2	2	1

## Sampras survives a scare



**PHILADELPHIA, Feb 25:** Seventeen-year-old Xavier Malisse nearly turned his professional debut into one of tennis' all-time upsets, pushing Pete Sampras, the world's No 1-ranked player, to three sets before Sampras prevailed 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 Tuesday night in the Adva-ta Championships, reports AP.

Malisse, from Belgium, was ranked 851st on the ATP Tour coming into his first tour match. He made the main draw as a wild card after qualifying last weekend. Malisse broke Sampras' serve in the first game, then seized the first by taking 12 of 13 points in the final three games.

"I didn't care if it was Sampras or a junior match," said Malisse, who will turn 18 in July. "I had to play my game and go for it. I wasn't playing against No 1. I was just playing my game."

Malisse fought off break points in the third and fifth games of the third set to hold serve, taking a 5-4 lead. Sampras needed to hold serve in the 10th game to avoid a major upset. Malisse won a long rally to make it 30-all, then twice took Sampras to duce. Sampras held on to make it 5-5.

Sampras finally broke Malisse's serve at love in the 11th game. With Sampras serving for the match, Malisse survived one match point as Sampras netted a forehand. But Malisse's next service return was long, and Sampras finally put him away with a running drop volley.

Before the match I had nothing to lose; match point was the same as the first point," Malisse said. "It makes me feel a little bit bad because I was so close to winning, but I'm 17 and I'll learn from it."

Sampras, 26, was returning to the site of his first tour victory in 1990. Malisse's 1 hour, 36-minute debut impressed

him.

"I got off to a bad start and let him into the match," said Sampras. "He was swinging from the hip, and once he won the first set, he was loosened up. He came up with some unbelievable shots that really surprised me. He's going to be around; you'll see a lot of him."

Sampras, the defending Adva-ta champion and a three-time winner of the event, looked vulnerable coming into the tournament. Longtime rival Andre Agassi, who slipped to 141st in the rankings last year, beat him in the final of the Sybase Open in San Jose, California. And Karol Kucera upset him in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open last month.

Sampras' reign over men's tennis is nearing the longest domination in the sport's history. By finishing as the No 1 player last year for the fifth consecutive season, he tied Jimmy Connors (1974-78) in that accomplishment.

## Bangladesh to take part in India tourney

**MUMBAI, Feb 25:** The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is planning to host a three-nation limited overs cricket tournament, involving Kenya and Bangladesh along with the hosts in May, reports PTI.

The secretary of BCCI JY Lele yesterday said that this tournament would help prepare the Indian team for the forthcoming 1999 World Cup to be held in England.

The Indian team would consist of some established players along with a few youngsters so that the selectors would get more opportunity to assess the talent among the youngsters to prepare the team for the World Cup, Lele said.

The established cricketers would have a good opportunity for exposure in view of the on-going Aussie tour of India and the triangular tournaments featuring India, Australia and Zimbabwe, the Sharjah Cup in April followed by the ICC knockout in October-November as well as other commitments, he said in a statement.

During the matches against established cricketing nations the selectors may not have an opportunity to field upcoming talent and hence the board is planning to host the triangular tournament, Lele said.

However, another triangular cricket tournament involving Bangladesh, India and world champions Sri Lanka is also scheduled to be held in Singapore sometime in May.

## Apu abases East End

A brilliant hat-trick by Alauddin Apu enabled BRTC Sporting Club to post their first victory in their second Super League engagement of the First Division football beating East End Club by 4-2 goals at Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The day's lone soccer tie was locked in 2-2 goals during the first half.

Apu scored the third hat-trick in the First Division league netting in the 11th, 74th and 89th minutes while Sudhir scored the other goal in the 44th minute.

Santosh and Liaquat scored one each for the losers in the 16th and 19th minutes.

With this facile victory, BRTC, who drew goalless with the league leaders Badda Jagarani on Friday, maintained their third position in the league securing 32 points from 20 outings while East End remained at 26 points, playing 20 matches.

Mirpur Chalanika Krira Chakra dominated the table, taining 37 points while Badda Jagarani followed them with 35 points, also playing 20 matches each.

**Yellow cards:** Nurul Islam (BRTC), Mohsin (East End). **BRTC SC:** Jamal (Shamim), Malek, Litu, Aminul, Mitu, Apu, Hemayet, Basu (Sudhir), Liton, Nurul Islam and Munna (Sangram).

**EAST END CLUB:** Nadim (Mohsin), Badal, Nasir, Palash (Litu), Santosh, Selim, Liaquat, Azad, Ratan, Rabi and Khokon (Monir).

**Referee:** Golam Mustafa.

## Dravid to lead Board XI

**MUMBAI, Feb 25:** Rahul Dravid, India's most consistent batsman in recent years, has been named to lead the Board President's XI to take on the visiting Australian cricketers in the tournaments' second three-day match at Vishakhapatnam from March 1-3, reports PTI.

The national cricket selectors, who met here yesterday to pick the team, named keeper Syed Saba Karim as his deputy.

Interestingly, pacemen Venkatesh Prasad and Abey Kuruvilla — who were part of the new ball attack in the last Test match played by India against Sri Lanka in Mumbai — have also been included in the line-up.

The squad also contains junior world cupper Harbhajan Singh, the Punjab off-spinner, and JP Yadav, the Uttar Pradesh batsman who was one of the standbys for the India A team's ongoing tour to Pakistan.

### TEAM

Rahul Dravid (capt, Karnataka), S Saba Karim (vice-capt, Bengal), Sadagopan Ramesh (IN), JP Yadav (UP), Amay Khurasia (MP), VVS Laxman (Hyderabad), Hrishikesh Kanitkar (Maharashtra), Harbhajan Singh (Punjab), Rahul Sanghi (Delhi), Abey Kuruvilla (Mumbai), Venka Pratap (Hyderabad), Venkatesh Prasad (Karnataka), Akash Chopra (Delhi) and Jyoti Yadav (UP).

### TODAY'S MATCHES

**Janakantha Premier Cricket Super League:** Mohammedam SC vs Biman (Dhaka Stadium)

**Premier Division Football Super League:** Abahani KC vs Brothers Union (Mirpur Stadium, 5 pm)

**Premier Division Football Relegation League:** VMC Fakirpool vs Victoria SC (Mirpur Stadium, 3 pm)

**First Division Football Relegation League:** Shantinagar Club vs Police AC (Army Stadium 3 pm)

## Lamba's death to haunt players

### MSC-Biman S-League opener

Sports Reporter

The Janakantha Premier Division Cricket Super League begins today at the Dhaka Stadium after an unscheduled two-day lay-off following the tragic demise of former Indian Test player Raman Lamba.

Cricketing activities in the country came to a grinding halt when Raman Lamba died in a city hospital last Monday after sustaining a severe injury on the head during the last match of the first phase between Mohammedans and Abahani three days earlier. The elegant Delhi-based right-hander, who was struck by the ball while fielding without a helmet at forward-short leg for Abahani, went into deep coma afterwards. Lamba was formally declared dead on Monday afternoon after attending doctors with his family's consent, switched off the artificial life-support system.

Although the cricketing fraternity is yet to recover from the shock of the untimely death of an infant terrible, weather permitting, the inaugural match of the six-team Super league between league leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club and Bangladesh Biman will "kick off" at 9 am.

Mohammedans, who conceded a 20-run defeat to their

arch-rivals on that fateful Friday, will try to put behind them the incubus when they resume their campaign against the national airline outfit.

Mohammedans finished atop the table along with Abahani, both having collected 18 points, on completion of their 11 first phase engagements.

On the other hand, no-hop-ers Biman made a squeaky pas-



sage into the Super League by virtue of having a better run-rate after finishing at par with lowly-rated Wari Club. With only 12 points the bank, Biman will have to win all their five Super League encounters to even come into contention of winning the coveted title.

But, with Brothers Union and Kalabagan Krira Chakra,

whose spectacular late-rallies brought both Mohammedans and Abahani down to earth, closely following the table leaders with 16 points, the title race remains wide open.

### FIXTURE

Date	Match
Feb 26:	Mohammedan vs Biman
Feb 27:	Abahani vs Surjo Tarun
Feb 28:	Kalabagan vs Brothers
March 1:	Mohammedan vs Surjo Tarun
March 2:	Abahani vs Brothers
March 3:	Kalabagan vs Biman
March 4:	Mohammedan vs Brothers
March 5:	Abahani vs Kalabagan
March 6:	Surjo Tarun vs Biman
March 7:	Mohammedan vs Kalabagan
March 8:	Abahani vs Biman
March 9:	Brothers vs Surjo Tarun
March 10:	Kalabagan vs Surjo Tarun
March 11:	Brothers vs Biman
March 12:	Mohammedan vs Abahani

## Delhi bids bye to Lamba

Star Sports Monitor



Indian cricket selectors observed one-minute silence in memory of Raman Lamba yesterday before finalising team for the first Test against Australia.

On Tuesday afternoon Delhi's cricketing fraternity turned up in large numbers as it bid its final adieu to one of its most prolific batsmen, Raman Lamba, at the Nigambodh Ghat.

In his final journey, Lamba had his Sonnet Club cap on, a symbolism which might have been lost on the sizable gathering as the body was consigned to the flames. The former Test cricketer, who was declared dead at a Dhaka hospital on Monday, following a head injury sustained in a match earlier, had remained fiercely loyal to his club throughout his career.

Raman Lamba's elder brother, Rajesh, lit the pyre on a rainy, cold, windy afternoon, surrounded by sobbing relatives, friends and cricketers. Raman's Irish wife, Kim, and his father were among those present at the cremation.

The Delhi Chief Minister,

Sahib Singh Verma, and the former chief Executive Councilor of Delhi, Vijay Kumar Malhotra, were among those who attended the funeral apart from a number of cricketers, past and present, and officials. Notable among the cricketing personalities were Bishan Singh Bedi, Madan Lal, Salim Durrani, Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Sharma, Maninder Singh, Chetan Sharma, Yashpal Sharma, K P Bhaskar, Hari Gidwani, Sarkar Talwar, Rajen Mehra, Gyaneshwar Prasad, Suresh Luthra, Anil Jain, Mannohan Sood, Atul Wassan and the Sonnet Club coach, Tarak Sinha, who broke down at one stage during the funeral. The Irish Ambassador, Mr. Jim Flavin, was also among the gathering.

The Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) held a condolence meeting in the evening to mourn Lamba's death.

"He will be remembered as a martyr really. I don't have words to describe his great dedication," said Kapil Dev, unable to believe that Raman was no more.

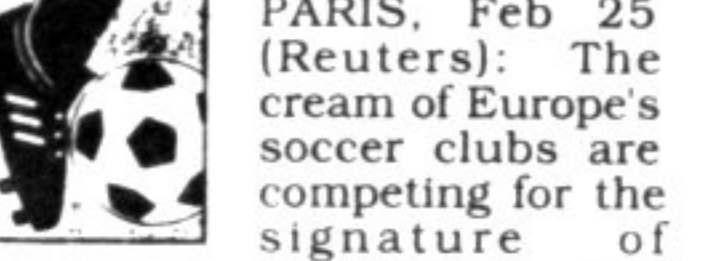
Kapil, after attending the

condolence meeting at the Ferozesh Kotla, said "I can't imagine he would have met an end like this. He was a soldier in every term and I had high respect for his commitment. He was a soldier who died while pursuing his greatest interest in life," Kapil added.

In Lamba's death, Kapil observed, there was a message for youngsters. "Please do not ignore protective equipment when it is available," Kapil also suggested that one of the dressing rooms at the Ferozeshah Kotla be named after Lamba as a respect for the late cricketer's contribution to Delhi cricket. "Cricketers like Lamba can never be forgotten," he said.

Former Indian skipper Bishan Singh Bedi wanted cricketing fraternity to honour Lamba by making efforts to regain its glory in domestic cricket. "Lamba strove to bring laurels to Delhi and the best way to pay respect to his soul would be to improve the set-up and come together and bring glory to the team. That would be the best way to pay our respect to Lamba," he said. (Source: The Hindu, Star News).

## Pires draws the line



**PARIS, Feb 25 (Reuters):** The cream of Europe's soccer clubs are competing for the signature of Robert Pires — but almost a bargain at today's prices.

Until now, Pires has resisted the temptation to move overseas, staying loyal to the team who signed him from Third Division Reims in 1992.

Metz president Carlo Molinari refused to let him go at the end of last season, a move his portage has had no reason to regret.

"This year, Metz have had the best season in their history and I realised I had made the right choice," he said.

The team from eastern France are currently joint league leaders with Marseille. Staying with Metz also allowed Pires to remain in the limelight at home, thus improving his chances of keeping his place in France manager Aime Jacquet's World Cup team.

But now he wants to move, "going abroad is one of the main aims of my career," he said.

Molinari can refuse to let me go, he's the boss. But there is a moral agreement between us that he'll release me if I want to go," he said.

A cross-channel move seems

likely, "in England players have more freedom, more space to express themselves."

If it isn't to be England, Italy seems the next most likely destination, strong rumours have circulated that Juventus had made one of the most serious offers.

By joining the Italian champions, Pires would play alongside compatriots Didier Deschamps, Zinedine Zidane and probably Alain Boghossian, who is expected to be transferred from Sampdoria.

The last time Juve hired a player from the Metz region of Lorraine, they had every reason to be satisfied — his name was Michel Platini.

"I would lie if I said I'm not interested in Juventus," Pires said.

"Pires could play for Juve. He is good enough," his French international team mate Zinedine Zidane said.

"He is strong, very strong. He is probably the best player in France right now," he told La Gazzetta Dello sport this week.

Auxerre's coach Guy Roux, one of the most experienced connoisseurs of French football, shares Zidane's views.

"There is no player like him in France at present," he said earlier this month.

It now seems very likely there will be one less.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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