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Column One SPORTS TALK



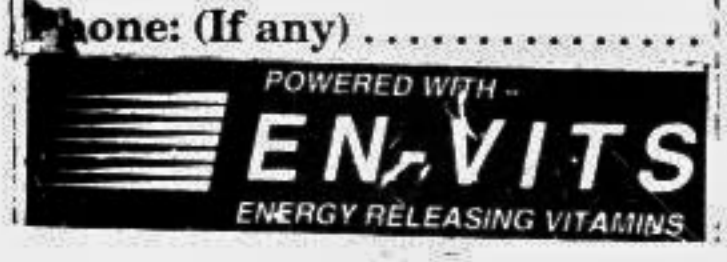
Pele (Football's living legend) "You don't find another Beethoven, you have only one Michelangelo. In music you have only one Frank Sinatra and in football you have only one Pele."

The Brazilian said of himself with a broad grin

Boost sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-93

- 1 Who is leading Warwickshire county this season? Donald Lara Akram

Name: Roll No: School Address:



Sajjad lifts nat'l junior snooker title

Syed M. Sajjad of Dhaka Club became champion of the third Ashok Leyland national junior snooker championship defeating Jason Salgado of Chittagong Catholic Club...

Aussies amble into final



SHARJAH, Apr 22: Tom Moody and Michael Bevan hit sparkling half-centuries to give Australia a five-wicket win over New Zealand in the Sharjah Coca-Cola Cup here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Moody made 63 off 74 balls and left-hander Bevan 57 off 64 as Australia overtook New Zealand's 255-5 with 13 balls to spare at the Sharjah Cricket Ground.

Australia's third successive win in the preliminary league ensured their place in Friday's final even before their last match against India today. New Zealand ended the league with one win from four matches, but can still advance to the final on a superior run-rate if Australia defeat India.



MOODY ... p-o-m ball may have guided before carrying to wicketkeeper Adam Parore.

Mark Waugh, who made an unbeaten 34 off 28 balls, and Adam Gilchrist took the set-back in their stride to lift Australia past the winning post. Earlier, Nathan Astle and Chris Cairns struck half-centuries as New Zealand piled up their highest score in the tournament after electing to take first strike in the day-night international.

bowled by Shane Warne. Harris and Adam Parore flayed the attack in the slog overs, smashing 30 runs off the last 14 deliveries. Warne, nursing a shoulder injury, went for 56 runs from his 10 overs. Harvey was the most successful bowler with 2-59 from 10.

New Zealand left out Matthew Horne and Shayne O'Connor to bring back all-rounder Nash and batsman Lorne Horne.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the match between Australia and New Zealand at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium Tuesday. NEW ZEALAND: 259 for five (N Astle 78, C Cairns 56, I Harvey 2/59, A Dale 1/30)



Winners of the Transcom golf tournament.

Transcom golf held

Manzoor Ahmed became champion of the Transcom golf tournament held on Friday last at the Kurmitola Golf Club, says a press release.

OTHER RESULTS

Men's runner-up: Dong Houn Jeon Ladies' winner: Amench Is-pahani Ladies' runner-up: Yoo Eun Seo Best gross: Brig Masud Ali Khan Junior winner: Faisal Khan Senior winner: M Ali Hossain

Azzurries await Hamlet

PARMA, April 22 (AFP/Internet): Italians are ready to spend Wednesday night watching their national side take on Paraguay knowing it will be like watching "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark.

For the prince, better known as Roberto Baggio, has been dropped from the cast by national coach Cesare Maldini as he prepares for Italy's penultimate friendly before the World Cup finals start in June. Press and public opinion are all convinced that the hero of USA '94 deserves to be called up for France '98, having scored 16 goals and created many others this season for Bologna.

Maldini's good humour starts to wane when asked about his strikers, however, and evaporates altogether when it comes to Baggio. "Everyone wants Baggio to play? Who is this everyone?" he quizzed his audience on Monday. "There's no question over Baggio's ability... but he's got to do everything he can to make me notice him. And we are keeping an eye on him. But we're also keeping an eye on Gianfranco Zola, who's had a few problems recently."

Juventus' hero Alessandro Del Piero, currently enjoying the best season of his career, will be leading the charge up front. Maldini had nothing but praise for the 23-year-old who has now blossomed into a remarkable goalscorer - 20 so far in the Serie A and 10 more on cup duty - and also a leadership

liar if I said it wasn't a dream come true." He went on: "Clearly, things have changed a lot in the last year, especially in the last two or three months." But I haven't changed the way I play or the way I am with my teammates or the coaching staff, whether it's with Juventus or the national side. It's just that the results I've been able to achieve have changed other people's attitudes towards me. Now he needs to persuade people that, with or without Baggio, Italy has a match winner ready to take the stage at the World Cup finals.

Rajshahi v'ball from tomorrow

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 22: After a three-year recess the First Division volleyball league starts at the Rajshahi Stadium on April 24.

Bright Star Club will take on Colony Club while City Club meet Modern Boxing Club on the inaugural day. The league is being organised by the Rajshahi District Volleyball Society. A total of 12 teams in two groups will participate in the league. The teams are: Group A: Bright Star Club, Nabarun Sangha, Brothers Union, Green Star Club, Colony Club and United Sporting Club. Group B: Morning Star Club, Ambagan Club, Jagrata Sangha, Bandhan, Krira Chakra, Modern Boxing Club and City Club.

Age-group swimming

Sports Reporter An age-group women swimming course, organised by Bangladesh Women Sports Federation (BWSF), will begin at its swimming pool at the Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex in Dhanmondi from May 1. Participants have been asked to contact BWSF between 10 am and 5 pm any day before the course starts.

Worcester win a thriller

LONDON, Apr 22: Kent and Worcestershire, second and third respectively in last year's English county championship, raced to exciting last-over victories in the opening round of this season's campaign on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Collusion between the captains after rain substantially reduced playing time at Canterbury left Kent needing 252 in 60 overs to beat Middlesex. Alean Wells got them on the right track with 77 and England one-day specialist Matthew Fleming's unbeaten 40 finished Middlesex off with just a few balls to spare and four wickets in hand.

Hick and Vikram Solanki set the tone by taking 19 off the opening over. Earlier, Essex's Australian Stuart Law held them up by making 87.

Yorkshire did not need long to wrap up victory over Somerset on the final morning at Headingley. After the visitors had been reduced to 46 for 5 overnight, Craig White took four of the remaining five wickets. The weather ruined an intriguing game between Warwickshire, who are fancied to win the championship under new captain Brian Lara, and Durham, who have never finished higher than 16th.

Brown smashing a century off 72 balls for the home team. Derbyshire, one of three counties to win matches on Monday, lead the fledgling table with 24 points, one ahead of Yorkshire and Worcestershire.

There were also two matches in the 40-over competition, known as the Sunday League but increasingly played on different days of the week. Derbyshire failed to repeat their championship victory over Nottinghamshire. Losing this time by two wickets with two balls left, despite 89 from teenager Ian Blackwell.

Rain plays foul in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, Apr 22: The final of the Standard Bank triangular one-day series in Cape Town today was postponed for 24 hours due to heavy rain, reports Reuters.

The match between South Africa and Pakistan will now take place at Newlands tomorrow.

India 134/2 in 27.3 overs

Star Sports Monitor India were 134 for two in 27.3 overs against Australia in the last league match of the Sharjah Cup limited-over tournament yesterday. Australia made 284 for seven in 50 overs.

SCOREBOARD AUSTRALIA

Scorecard for Australia vs India match. Batting: G. Mongia 76, M. Waugh 76, S. Waugh 10, Lehmann 26, Prasad 5, Warne 7, Extras 11. Bowling: G. Mongia 11, M. Waugh 8, S. Waugh 10, Lehmann 26, Prasad 5, Warne 7, Extras 11.

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Chang tames a toughie

ORLANDO, Florida, Apr 22: Delgado, champion Michael Chang overcame a spirited challenge from Paraguay's Ramon Delgado on Tuesday and struggled into the second round of the US men's clay court championships, reports AP.

Earlier in the day, third-seeded Jim Courier beat wild-card qualifier Geoff Grant 6-1, 6-2, avoiding the first-round upsets that sidelined Vince Spadea and Wayne Black at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex outside Orlando.

swing things. I was hoping he would get a little bit tight and give me a few freebies, but he really didn't let up until the tiebreaker. Then I think he did get kind of tight."



MICHAEL CHANG

The victory improved Chang's 1998 match record to 10-5. The former French Open champion has seen his ranking fall to 12th in the world after finishing last year at third.

Courier, playing his first match since a five-set victory over Russia's Marat Safin clinched a memorable Davis Cup series earlier this month, needed only 59 minutes to advance. Spadea, seeded fourth, was upset by Australia's Andrew Ilie 6-4, 6-2 and Black, seeded sixth, was ousted by 20-year-old American Jan-Michael Gambill 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. Seventh-seeded grant Stafford of South Africa crushed past Belgium's Johan Van Herck 6-3, 6-1.

Courier was never threatened by Grant, racing to a 3-0 lead in the first set and winning 10 of the first 11 games. Grant, 28, who won the ATP challenger tournament in Mexico on Sunday, appeared listless and made Courier's task easier with numerous unforced errors.

Delgado, ranked 104th in the world, said his collapse was more a failure of tactics than nerve. "I think I took too many chances in the tiebreak," he said. "I was risking more than I did during the rest of the match."

Until the tiebreaker, Delgado had served and volleyed well, registering 12 aces, a surprisingly high figure on a slow surface against one of the game's fastest players.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution key at the bottom.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with the text: DBWIZDMH MFGG-IBN HCU B G : F Q I C W G V B W G I B N F Z W D Z N F U - I N B F V I C W G Z U Z C W . Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHAT WILL TERMITES LIKE BEST FOR THEIR BREAKFAST? OAKMEAL. Today's Cryptogram clue: I equals C.

The Daily Star TV Guide

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