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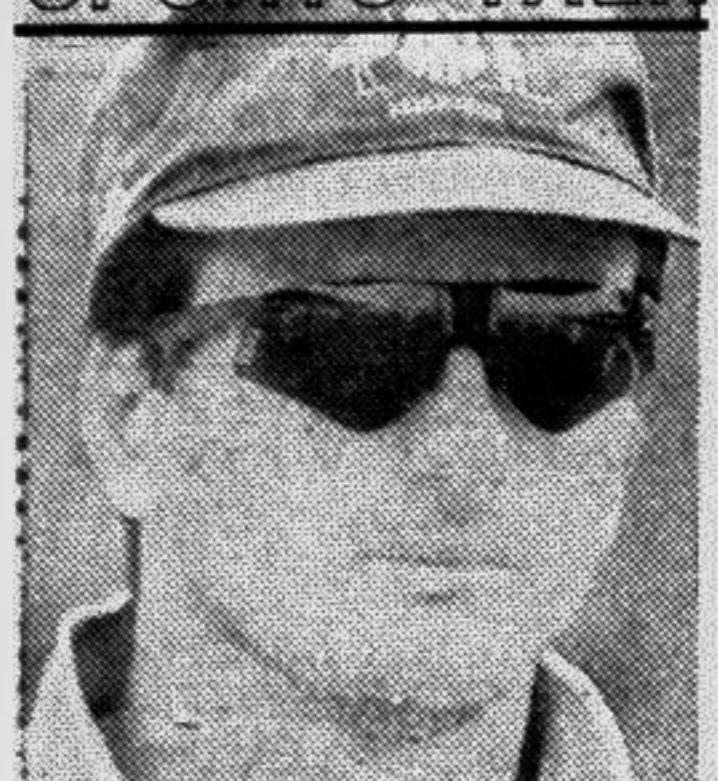
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- 1 Who will lead Brazil in the France World Cup? Beto Ronaldo Dunga 2 What is the name of the mascot of France '98? Panda Footix Chicken 3 The ball to be used in this year's World Cup is called Tricolour Guestra Astra 4 Which country in the World Cup will be captained by the son and coached by the father? Finland Italy Spain 5 How many times IWM Rani Hamid has won the national women's chess title? 10 9 11

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SPORTS TALK



Steve Waugh (Australia's one-day cricket team captain)

"When you play for Australia you are desperate to win all the time because there are stakes in the wings waiting to go."

Div I basketball

Rangers Club and The Greg's Club won their respective matches in the Purabi Insurance First Division basketball league at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB. In the first match, Rangers beat Shurid Sangha by 76-35 points after leading the first half 33-20. Masud caged 18 and Babu 16 points for the winners while Theo and Richard 10 points each for the losers. In the second match, The Greys defeated Shaon Club by 83-60 points. The Greys led the first half 53-24. Faisal scored 24 and Riku 14 for the winners while Mushtaq scored 12 points for the losers.

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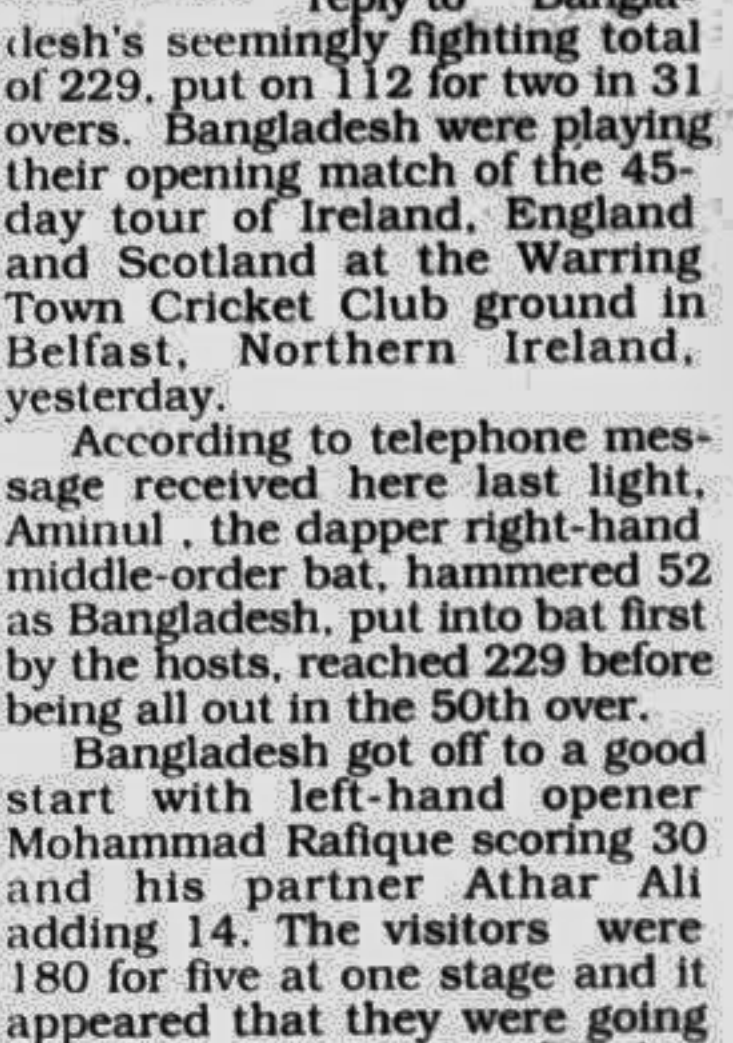
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Ireland-Bangladesh clash at warring Anybody's match with 19 to go

Sports Reporter Vice-captain Aminul Islam's half-century might prove to be decisive as Ireland, in reply to Bangladesh's seemingly fighting total of 229, put on 112 for 31 overs. Bangladesh were playing their opening match of the 45-day tour of Ireland, England and Scotland at the Warring Town Cricket Club ground in Belfast, Northern Ireland, yesterday. According to telephone message received here last night, Aminul, the dapper right-hand middle-order bat, hammered 52 as Bangladesh, put into bat first by the hosts, reached 229 before being all out in the 50th over. Bangladesh got off to a good start with left-hand opener Mohammad Rafique scoring 30 and his partner Athar Ali adding 14. The visitors were 180 for five at one stage and it appeared that they were going for a big total. But they failed to capitalise on their fine beginning and lost four quick wickets for the addition of nine runs, making it look all too ominous at 189 for nine. However, an unbeaten 33 from number nine saviour of a bats-

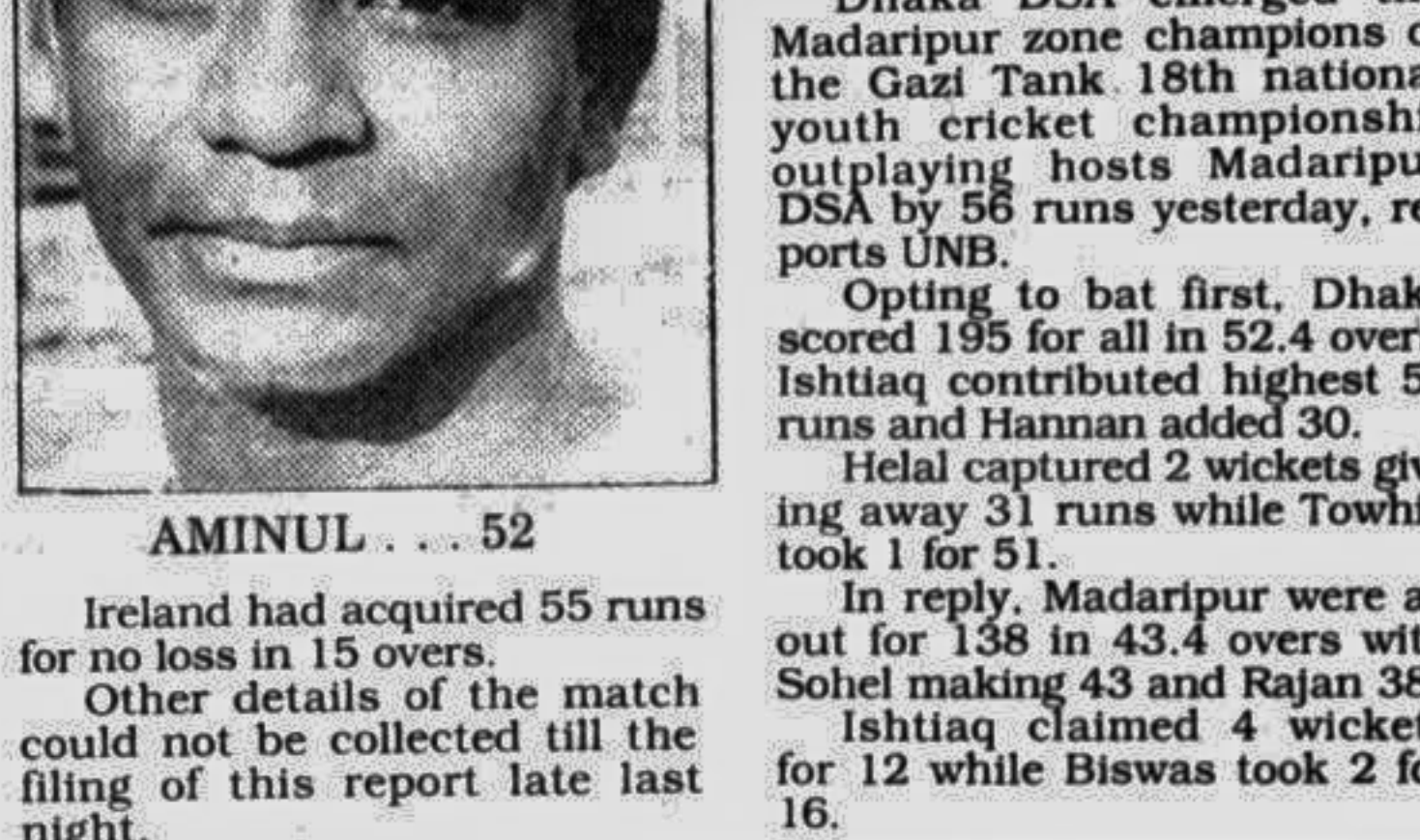


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Nat'l youth cricket Dhaka emerge zonal champs

Sports Reporter Dhaka DSA emerged the Madaripur zone champions of the Gazi Tank 18th national youth cricket championship outplaying hosts Madaripur DSA by 55 runs yesterday, reports UNB. Opting to bat first, Dhaka scored 195 for all in 52.4 overs. Ishiaq contributed highest 53 runs and Hannan added 30. Helal captured two wickets giving away 31 runs while Towhid took 1 for 51. In reply, Madaripur were all out for 138 in 43.4 overs with Sohel making 43 and Rajan 38. Ishiaq claimed 4 wickets for 12 while Biswas took 2 for 16.



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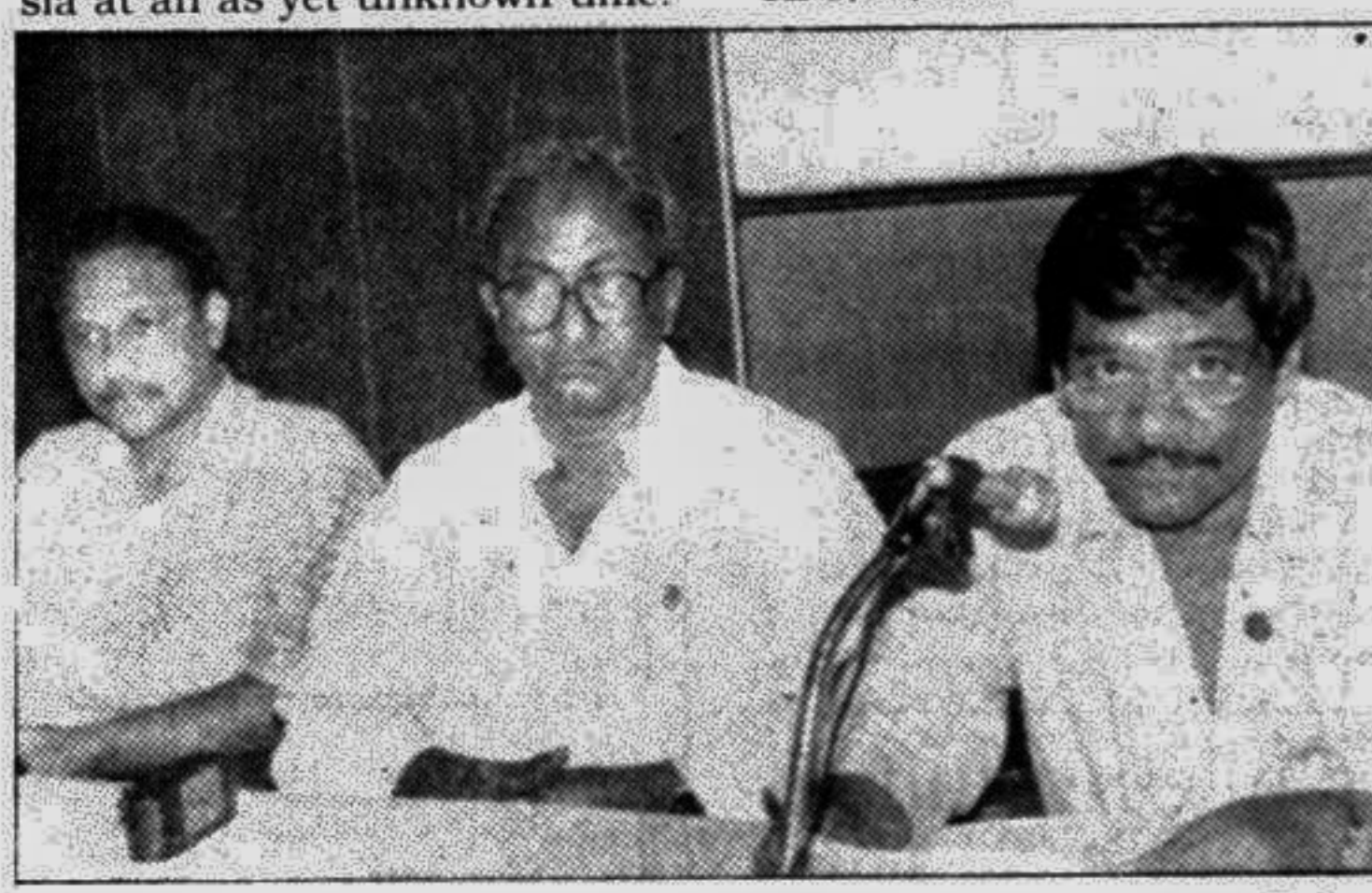
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Milk Vita jr athletics from today Children brave the heat

Sports Reporter training at the Mirpur Krira Palli under a Chinese coach as part of their preparation for the Commonwealth, Asian and SAF Games. Besides, he informed that two athletes, Delwar and Abdullah Al-Kafi, have been selected for the World Youth Games to be held in Russia at an as yet unknown time. Also, a boy and a girl athlete will take part in the world under-19 championships at Monaco next month. A total of Tk 3,55,000 has been estimated. The budget of the two-day long meet has been estimated as Tk 3,55,000, of which Milk Vita will provide Tk 1,50,000.



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ROLAND GARROS DIARY

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan PARIS, June 5: "Morning shows the net quite often. She was driven to the point of embarrassment by the former world number one."

Tomorrow, Sales will be up against another two-time champion and a tremendous fighter - Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. But age was on the side of Monica - four years younger than 26-year-old Sanchez and a lot slimmer and more shapely than before. The two had met 16 times since 1989 in different tournaments on different surfaces. Monica had an overwhelming edge over Sanchez with 14 wins - losing once in 1992 in Canadian Open and then at the Chase Championship last year. Monica with 41 singles titles was far ahead of Arantxa with 24. As I write these lines sitting at Court Central, the Spaniard Felix Mantilla and Carlos Moya are at each other's throat. These two are the seeded ones along with Alex Corretja to have made the semifinals here.

Div III cricket

Prantik Krira Chakra and Anirban Sangha won their respective matches in the Metropolitan Danish Third Division super league at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB. At the T&T ground, Prantik defeated Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra by three wickets. Sent in to bat first, Russel KC were all out for 140 in 41.1 overs with Habib making 28 and Jewel 21. Shaon claimed three wickets for 21 runs while Nahid took three for 26. In reply, Prantik KC reached their target of 141 for seven in 34.2 overs with Rubel contributing 36 runs. Nasir took two wickets for 23 runs and Nasim two for 35. In the other match, Anirban Sangha outplayed CCS Blue by 64 runs at the city ground. Batting first, Anirban Sangha piled up 233 runs for all in stipulated 45 overs with Shomu making highest 45 runs. Chandan claimed four wickets for 46 runs while Apu took two for 25 and Rakib two for 46 runs. In reply, CCS Blue managed to score only 169 runs for 9 wickets in stipulated 45 overs. Ranjan made an unbeaten 35 runs. Shahid picked up four wickets giving away 27 runs.

Teddy caught in the act!

LONDON, June 5: English soccer authorities will investigate lurid newspaper reports that Manchester United's Teddy Sheringham spent two successive nights drinking and dancing at a night club on Portugal's Algarve, reports Reuters. Front-page photographs in two tabloid newspapers show Sheringham with a cigarette in his mouth and his arm around a woman. England coach Glenn Hoddle has told his players they were supposed to stay at home in the three days between leaving their World Cup training camp in La Manga, Spain, and assembling in their English base today. Last Sunday Hoddle unexpectedly dropped midfielder Paul Gascoigne from his final World Cup squad because of doubts about his fitness. Gascoigne later confessed he had been drunk the previous evening. The football association has confirmed it would investigate the reports. A spokesman said: "We want to establish the facts before we can comment."

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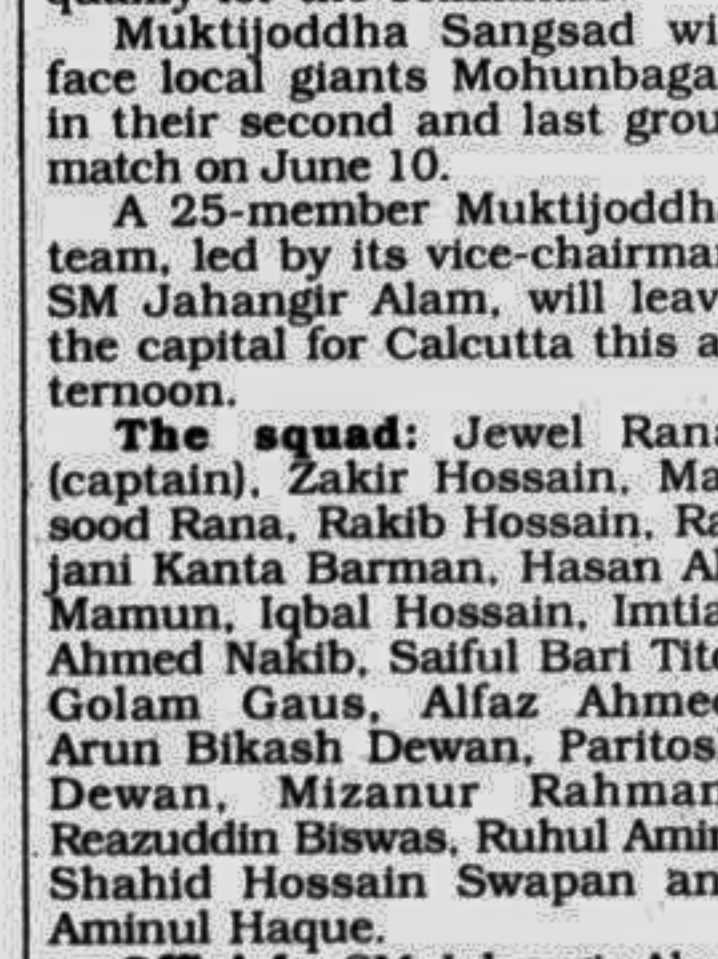
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Muktijoddha's Calcutta expo

Sports Reporter Premier Division soccer champions Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra will take on Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting Club in their opening match of the McDowell Cup football tournament final round at Calcutta on June 8. Six teams have been split into two groups for the final round robin league. Two top finishers from each group will qualify for the semifinals. Muktijoddha Sangsad will face local giants Mohunbagan in their second and last group match on June 10. A 25-member Muktijoddha team, led by its vice-chairman SM Jahangir Alam, will leave the capital for Calcutta this afternoon. The squad: Jewel Rana (captain), Zakir Hossain, Masood Rana, Rakib Hossain, Rajani Kanta Barman, Hassan Al-Mamun, Iqbal Hossain, Intiaz Ahmed Nalib, Saiful Bari Tito, Golam Gaus, Alfaz Ahmed, Arun Bikash Dewan, Paritosh Dewan, Mizanur Rahman, Reazuddin Biswas, Ruhul Amin, Shahid Hossain Swapan and Aminul Haque. Officials: SM Jahangir Alam (manager), Kabir Ahmed, Abu Hasan Chowdhury (officials), Shaful Islam Manik (coach), Atiqur Rahman (assistant coach), Mujibur Rahman (caretaker) and Abdul Jabbar (helper).

Veteran Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario seemingly acknowledging the divine help after her victory in the French Open semifinals over American Lindsay Davenport at Paris on June 4. Sanchez-Vicario won 6-3, 7-6.



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An all-Spanish finale

PARIS, June 5: A stubborn Alex Corretja set up an all-Spanish final at the French Open 98 here at Roland Garros today. Corretja who beat the local hero Cedric Pioline 6-3, 6-2 in two hours and 21 minutes. Alex will now meet Carlos Moya in the final on Sunday. It was obviously a tired Pioline who had two very tough matches in the fourth and quarter-final against Safin and Arzi respectively. The French hero who will turn 29 on June 15 found the going very difficult against a 24-year-old opponent who had two rather easier matches in the previous rounds. Between the two Spaniards, Moya looked much better equipped than Corretja, though he had a tougher match earlier today. In the first semifinals King Carlos of Spain, as he will very soon be known in tennis circles, entered the second Grand Slam final of his career at the Roland Garros in the afternoon. In a tightly fought 4-setter he beat his friend and compatriot Felix Mantilla 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in two hours and 45 minutes. The 21-year-old unknown kid from Palma De Mallorca took the sport by surprise last year as he stroked into the finals of Australian Open only to be beaten by Pete Sampras. Since then he had not made much progress except winning four inconsequential titles. His friend, with hair dyed blond as a result of winning a bet at Hamburg, started off brilliantly by winning the first set, was soon up against a more determined opponent serving aces at 200 km per hour. The steady Carlos soon overpowered Mantilla and took the next three sets without batting an eyelid. A case of too many chiefs spoil the side. The situation in 1994 was just the same though. In fact it was Zagallo himself who was appointed amongst the staff of coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. Despite constant criticism from all quarters in Brazil, Parreira managed to quietly end the torrent of abuse to lift Brazil's fourth world title. And a team with the likes of Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos, Denilson and even without the injured Romario must surely have a strong chance of making it five titles. Germany, who fell 2-1 to Brazil in March, have an aging squad with Juergen Kohler, Thomas Helmer, Thomas Haessler, Andreas Moeller and Juergen Klinsmann all on or over 30. Lother Matthaeus, their World Cup winning captain of 1990, raised the average age when he was called into the squad in their 0-0 draw with Finland late last month. The 37-year-old was called up for his fifth World Cup finals because Matthias Sammer, their heroic sweeper in their successful Euro '96 campaign, failed to recover from recurring knee injuries. On a better note, Oliver Bierhoff, who top scored in Italy with 27 goals for Udinese this season, scored six in the qualifiers and his consistent strike rate must be a major trump card in France. Italy, who reached the 1994 final after just scraping through from their group and coming back from behind in later rounds, can never be discounted. They made things hard for themselves in qualifying but their strength in all departments must give them a good chance. The football purists will be hoping regardless of who wins France '98, the tournament will be remembered for its exciting football. Over the years, goals have dried up as organisation rather than inspiration has become the trend - just compare Brazil's champions in 1970 and 1994. What can be certain is that villains, heroes, controversies, sportsmanship, breathtaking skill, appalling defensive and refereeing errors, as well as the euphoria of a last minute winner will be on the menu for a feast of unforgettable entertainment.



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