

Sport

Newcastle end Ba move after failed medical

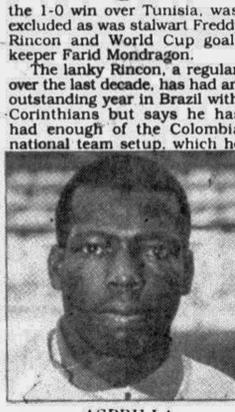
LONDON, Dec 24 (Reuters/Internet): English premier league soccer club Newcastle United on Thursday cancelled plans for the \$2 million purchase of Frenchman Ibrahim Ba after the AC Milan striker failed a medical.

Rojas regains WBA belt

JAGOYA, Japan, Dec 24: Veteran Venezuelan Jesus Rojas dethroned World Boxing Association (WBA) super-flyweight champion Satoshi Iida by unanimous decision here Wednesday to lift his second career world crown, reports AFP.

Colombia bring back Asprilla

BOGOTA, Dec 24 (Reuters/Internet): Colombia's Faustino Asprilla, the controversial striker axed by his country during the World Cup, was recalled to the national team on Wednesday.



ASPRILLA says is too disorganised.

the 1-0 win over Tunisia, was excluded as was stalwart Freddy Rincon and World Cup goalkeeper Fred Mondragon.

The lanky Rincon, a regular over the last decade, has had an outstanding year in Brazil with Corinthians but says he has had enough of the Colombia national team setup, which he

Putting troubles to rest when it matters

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 24 (Reuters/Internet): Less than two years ago the hero of Corinthians' Brazilian championship victory was a regular cocaine user who was looking at the end of his soccer career.

Dinei, full name Claudio Alexandre Pires, was given a 120-match ban after traces of cocaine were found in a dope test while he was playing for Coritiba in 1996.

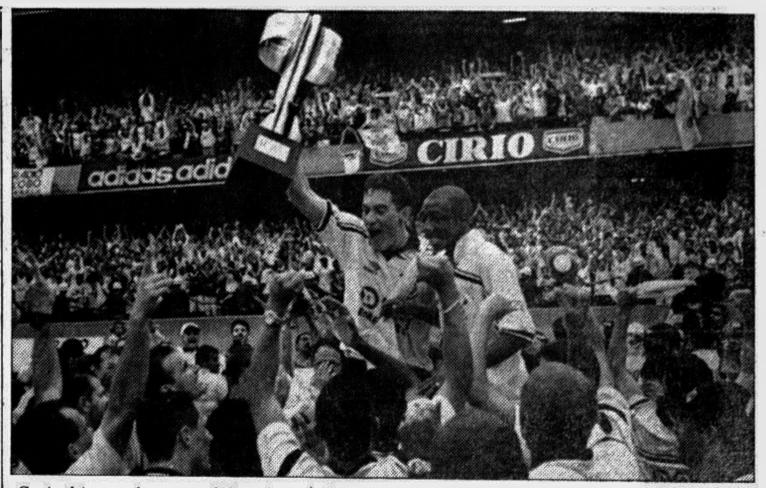
five years ago, then suffered a major scare when he was feared to have contracted dengue fever. It turned out to be a severe bout of flu.

PFA hits back at Elton's remarks

LONDON, Dec 24: The Professional Footballers Association (PFA) has hit back at Elton John's claims that Premiership players are lazy and overpaid, reports Xinhua.

Ognjenovic set to join Madrid giants

MADRID, Dec 24 (Reuters/Internet): Red Star Belgrade's Yugoslav international midfielder Ognjenovic is set to move to Real Madrid, according to Spanish media reports on Wednesday.



Corinthians players celebrating with the Brazilian soccer championship trophy after beating Cruzeiro 2-0 in the final in Sao Paulo on December 23.

Luxemburgo bids bye with a bang Corinthians rule Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 24: Corinthians won the Brazilian championship on Wednesday, beating Cruzeiro 2-0 in the third and final leg of the final to claim the title for the second time in their history, reports Reuters.

to accommodate a children's Christmas television special. Marcelinho Carioca, back in the team after a tiff with coach Vanderley Luxemburgo last month, scored the second in the 83rd minute. Both goals were set up by halftime substitute Dinei.

three bookings. The first half saw only one decent chance at each end before Corinthians took control after the break.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Friday 25th December (All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme).

era signals a new German identity, and Kevin Connolly looks at the battle brewing over the French coupe.

Heartbeat 9:00 Peak Practice 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 11:00 Heartbeat 12:00 Peak Practice 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 Newhart 2:00 Brittas Empire 2:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 3:00 The Wonder Years 3:30 Mr. Belvedere 4:00 Nanny & the Professor 4:30 World News 5:00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea

12:00 Zee Countdown 12:30 The Dream Merchant 1:00 Vision Beyond 1:30 BQC 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Zee Face To Face 3:30 Hum Zaamen 3:00 Zee News: Hindi 3:30 Beech Shahr 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)



3:30 Comedy: Ace Ventura... When Nature Calls 9:30 Comedy: Earth Girls Are Easy 11:30 Comedy: Jingle All The Way 1:30 Xmas Special: Santa Claus 1985 PG 3:30 Comedy: Erk The Viking 4:00 Action: Die Hard 1:15 7:30 Comedy: Trapped in Paradise 1:50 UK Top Ten 10:00 Friday Night: All Stars: That Thing You Do! PG 12:00 Friday Fury: Stormy 5:15 2:15 Film Club - Heartbreakers 18 4:30 World Cinema: UNE Epoque Formidable 15 6:00 Family: Ernest Saves Christmas

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7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 9:30 Aalaap 10:00 All Time Hits 10:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha 11:00 Dil Ki Nazar Se 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 Coca-Cola: World Premiere 12:30 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 1:30 Bajaj Music Box 2:00 Daily Soap: Sizzlers 3:00 Bagpiper: Jharokha 4:00 House of Choice 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 All Time Hits 5:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha 6:00 B & W Gems 6:30 Music News 6:45 Coca-Cola: World Premiere 7:30 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 8:00 Coca-Cola: World Premiere 8:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha 9:00 Bajaj Music Box 9:30 Sham-e-Gajal 10:00 Pop Busters 10:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha 11:00 Hindi Film 1:30 Jharokha

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of the Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 For The Uninitiated 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Short Film 8:45 The News 8:50 This Morning's Business 9:00 Series: I & K Reporter 9:30 Nayna 10:00 Serial: Arakshita 10:30 Serial: Tarang 11:30 Serial: Yaug 12:30 Serial: Aurat 1:30 Serial: Aparajita 1:30 Serial: Ithaas 2:00 Serial: Waqt Ki Raftaar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Serial: Rop Suhane 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Serial: Ujala 4:00 Tea Time Monoranger 4:30 Alladin Aur Jadu Ka Chirag 5:00 Qawwal: 545 Rasoi Se 6:00 Sadi Sath 6:30 Panjabi Darpan 7:05 Special 7:30 Tap Top Topi 8:20 Chitrahaar 9:00 Samachar 9:30 News 10:00 Hindi Feature Film

7:30 Jeevan Mulya 8:00 Risipriyat 8:30 Yaadon Ki Baraat 9:00 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Pop Year Kalendar 11:00 Pop Popri 11:30 Bhanwar 12:30 Movers & Shakers 12:50 Yeh Sadi Nahi Ho Sakti 1:00 Chamakari 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 3:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:30 World

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal (B/W Yaadon) 6:30 Zee News 6:50 Jhalak: Trailers 7:30 Jagan 8:00 Jr. Hoilers: Choti Choti Batein 8:30 Liberty-1 To 10:00 Aj Tak News Up-Date 10:30 Road Watch 11:00 Jharokha (Trailer Show) 11:05 Journeys To Art 11:30 Feature Film in English

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Chitrahar (meet the film star) 10:30 Asian AM 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Suravi (Renuka Sahani) 11:45 Gul Gulshan Gulshan (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 TBA 1:00 Hindi Film 10:00 Hindi Film (Rpt) (Underrun Closed)

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Perils of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink The Little 10:00 Flinstone Kids 10:30 Riche Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captain Planet 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Pix 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocodile 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 3:00 Sky Commanders 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flinstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Crocodile 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 7:45 Whats a Cartoon Show 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

7:00 Drama Serial 7:30 Drama Serial 8:00 Sur Chobi 8:30 Wanderland 9:00 Magazines Prog. 9:30 Alif Laila 10:00 Bangla Film Serial: Kaku: Kazzak & Kobori 11:30 Indian programme 5:00 Ramadan (Iftar) 6:00 Ruposhi Bangla 7:00 Nil Pori 7:30 Abas Charney 8:00 Computer Round Up 8:30 Motamot 9:00 Magazine prog. Polin 9:30 Film: Jisas 4:00 Ramadan 1:00 Closed Down

OUR CHOICE... Footnote To Murder on Star Plus Dec 25th at 1:30 tonight... Comedy on Star Movies Jingle All the Way 11:30 today