

Woodies wait for Sydney

NICE, France, Dec 6 (Reuters): Mark Woodforde is keen to bow out of the Davis Cup on a winning note...



Titi Camara of Liverpool attempts a bi-cycle kick against Sheffield Wednesday during their Premiership clash at Anfield on December 5.

European soccer scene

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PRIMERA LIGA Real Madrid suffered their worst home defeat for 25 years, losing 5-1 to Real Zaragoza...

BUNDESLIGA German First Division leaders Bayern Munich were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Borussia Dortmund...

PREMIERSHIP Australian winger Harry Kewell was accused of 'diving' after an injury time penalty earned Leeds a 1-0 victory at Derby...

SERIE A French defender Vincent Candelli's winner four minutes from time gave AS Roma a 3-2 victory over Lecce...

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION French First Division leaders Monaco extended their unbeaten run to eight games when they beat struggling Racing Lens 2-0...

ECB seeks Botham LONDON, Dec 6: Ian Botham could be appointed England's fourth selector after a meeting in London this week...

Real, Chelsea's test in Europe PARIS, Dec 6: With their domestic form going from bad to worse Spain's Real Madrid and England's Chelsea know that this year's European Champions League sees them drinking in the last chance saloon...

Under-age booters FIGC starts investigation MILAN, Dec 6: The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) confirmed on Wednesday they have launched an investigation into an influx of school age players from Africa and South America into Italian lower division and amateur clubs...

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAH, Dec 6: Jagarata Sangha and Mirer Chalk Sporting Club won their respective matches in the 5th Bishreshtha Captain Jahangir Smriti Cricket tournament played today at Rajshahi Railway ground...

Draw structure for WC 2002

TOKYO, Dec 6 (AFP): Structure of the draw for the qualifying round of the 2002 World Cup, which will be made here tomorrow, in order which it will be made (Draw begins at 7:00 pm or midday GMT): ASIA First round comprises ten groups of four teams...



Guatemala, Panama, Belize and Nicaragua to be drawn into two groups of three teams, with winners going straight to semi-final stage.

Seeds: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Kenya. EUROPE Nine groups - four of five teams, five with six. Winners of each group qualify directly for finals...



Brazilian soccer legend Pele displays a mega-size credit card, with a World Cup image on it, during its launching ceremony in Tokyo yesterday.

Pele for South Africa

TOKYO, Dec 6: Brazilian football legend Pele today reaffirmed his support for South Africa's bid to host the World Cup in 2006 and urged his own country to pull out of the running to help its chances of success...

2002 World Cup Japan wants more tickets

TOKYO, Dec 6: Japan on Thursday rejected an initial offer of 750,000 tickets from football's world governing body FIFA for the 2002 World Cup finals...

Real, Chelsea's test in Europe

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Real host Norway's Rosenborg in Group C while in Pool D Chelsea visit Italian giants Lazio.

I've finally seen this team playing without fear again. But Chelsea - ahead of Lazio on goal difference at the top of pool D - fared well in their previous trip to Italy in this year's competition...

European Champions League sees them drinking in the last chance saloon, reports AFP. Both made winning starts to their second phase pools but both have tricky fixtures to negotiate tomorrow in the second round of games in Groups C and D.

The London side have been hugely impressive in the Champions League this season. Two of their three French World Cup winners - Marcel Desailly and Didier Deschamps - are aiming for the unprecedented feat of winning the top club prize in Europe with three different clubs.

Marseille's Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli, another team-mate of Deschamps and Vialli in that victorious Juventus team in 1996, did not fly out with his team-mates, saying he was in Italy for family reasons.

Clash of combatants From page 6 I am looking forward to bowling to Tendulkar on Australian wickets. I am better prepared now.

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Real president Lorenzo Sanz could not bring himself to watch the second half - he was said to be suffering from flu and stomach problems.

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Gates passes away NEW YORK, Dec 6: William 'Pop' Gates, a former player-coach with the Harlem Globetrotters who was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame for his play in the pre-NBA days, has died of heart failure. He was 82, reports AP.

Gates, who was inducted in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1989, suffered from arthritis in recent years.

AC Milan's German international Oliver Bierhoff (R) is under pressure from Massimo Ficcano of Fiorentina during their Serie A fixture in Florence on December 5.

Miller drafted SYDNEY, Dec 6: Australia have recalled versatile bowler Colin Miller for the first cricket Test against India starting in Adelaide on Friday, reports Reuters.

SQUAD Steve Waugh (captain), Greg Blewett, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Michael Kasprovecz, Justin Langer, Glenn McGrath, Colin Miller, Michael Slater, Ricky Ponting, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh (12th man to be named).

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