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### ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS



Steve Waugh

(Australia cricket captain) "I haven't played a lot of Test cricket against India so it would be nice to do well against them.

#### Nat'l Cricket

### Dull Dhaka v spirited Sylhet

Sports Reporter

Leaders Sylhet will take on Dhaka at home in one of the three matches today as fifth round of the National Cricket League begins at different venues across the country.

Sylhet, who beat Rajshahi and Khulna and also earned four points on first leads against Chittagong and Barisal, have got the highest collection of 12 points on completion of the fourth round of the six-team meet. On the other hand, the pre-tournament favourites Dhaka managed to collect only two points by virtue of their first innings lead against Rajshahi in their previous match in Faridpur.

Sylhet will miss the service of their key paceman Hasibul Hossain. The right-arm bowler pulled out of the match due to academic reason.

Chasers Chittagong, who are trailing Sylhet by two points, will meet Rajshahi at the Brahmanbaria Stadium.

Chittagong are in good spirit following their two successive wins against Dhaka and Barisal while Rajshai, who have tallied only two, failed to

earn any point from their last three matches. The other match between

Khulna and Barisal will start at the Khulna Stadium. Khulna have four points while Barisal earned two points

so far in four outings.

#### Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 8: Shajadpur Tana Krira Sangstha emerged champions in the Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Smriti Gold-Cup football tournament played yesterday at Shazadpur School ground.

The winners defeated Pottazia Jubo Sangha by 2-1 goals in the final.

Sohag and Zamil netted one goal each for the winner. Jubo Sangha reduced the margin. The State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Syeed distributed the prizes among the winners. A total of eight teams will take part in the tournament.

### andard Chartered Bank School Chess Tournament-1 With December to 18th December 98



Bangladesh Chess Federation general secretary Syed Sujauddin Ahmed speaking at a press briefing at the NSC conference room yesterday. - Star photo

## Wheels within wheels

The Australian prince of

pace was well established in in-

ternational ranks when he fi-

nally had a chance to face the

Indian maestro and now cap-

tain -- in a one-off Test in New

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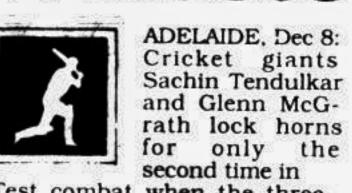
innings after he had made 10 in

the first before being trapped by

McGrath had the better of

out) and Perth (114).

Delhi in October, 1996.



Test combat when the threematch Australia-India series opens at Adelaide Oval Friday, reports AFP.

India's Tendulkar, 26, and Australian speedster McGrath, three years his senior, face off in a titanic contest that could determine the outcome of the first Test clash between the countries in Australia for eight

Tendulkar vies with Australian captain Steve Waugh and the West Indies' Brian Lara as the current top world batsman -- a position well earned on the back of 21 Test centuries from 71 elite level games and another 24 in one-day internationals.

McGrath, a veteran of 56 appearances on the ultimate stage, is sitting on 258 Test wickets -the third best by an Australian paceman -- and may well overtake Craig McDermott (291) and the legendary Dennis Lillee (355) over the next few years. He was still a year away

from a first-class debut, when the boy wonder from the subcontinent flexed his muscles with Mohammad Azharuddin's 1991-92 side. Watching on television, Mc-Grath gasped in awe as the then 18-year-old right-hander starred for his team in a fivematch series, hitting India's

best aggregate (368 runs) for the

side's second highest average

(46) as he fashioned memorable

centuries in Sydney (146 noi

GLENN McGRATH leg-spinner Peter McIntyre. India, though, won the game by a comfortable seven wickets -- a result which still irks the fiercely competitive McGrath. When the sides next met, in the sub-continent early last

year, McGrath was sidelined with injury. Tendulkar punished an undermanned Australian attack with 446 runs in three Tests at an average of 111.50 -- by far the best on either side -- crafting an unbeaten 155 in Madras. 177 in Bangalore and 79 in Cal-

He new comes to Australia with a marvellous average of 58.86 from nine Tests against the world's unofficial best Test

side and undisputed top one-day outfit. The Adelaide Oval pitch is expected to favour top-class batsmen early, dispensing few favours to fast bowlers and providing spin over the last couple

of days. McGrath is no one-man band. He enjoys fiery support

rather than spin, which undid Tendulkar six of the eight times he was dismissed in the 91-92 series here.

to dislodge him. Tendulkar will have to contend with leg-spin wizard Shane Warne, keen to atone for humiliations handed out by Indian batsmen in five Tests in which they have clashed.

runs apiece. dulkar only once.

rations for this series. They achieved a morale boost when they beat New South Wales in a match which ended Sunday, but faltered badly Tuesday when they crashed by 164 runs to the Prime Minister's X1 in a oneday game in Canberra.

#### from new-ball partner Damien Fleming, who outperformed McGrath by 18 wickets to 14 in the just-completed three-Test series against Pakistan. Waugh knows it was pace,

But if the speed battery fail

Rated the game's top slow bowler, with 343 Test wickets at an average of 25.52, Warne has been treated with particular severity by Indians with just 11 wickets at a cost of almost 70

Warne has trapped Ten-India have had mixed prepa-

# Success breeds success

have identified potential

throughout a wide range of

tralians compete more interna-

tionally has made a big differ-

much internationally as other

countries -- mainly because of

the distance that separates us

from the rest of the world," he

said. "Increased international

competition and training

Committee has also handed out

22 million dollars (14 million

USI in bonus payments for

tant. It takes away the pressure

of who's going to pay the food

time to pay her way to three

Olympics, said professionalism

amateur," said the woman

whose party pranks got her

thrown out of the 1964 Tokyo

Olympics but who two weeks

"The money is really impor-

Fraser, who worked part-

"It was always difficult as an

Coates pointed out that his

camps are giving us an edge.'

medal-winning athletes.

has transformed sport.

bill," he said.

He also believes the fact Aus-

"We never used to compete as

sports," he said.

SYDNEY, Dec 8 (AFP): Davis Cup captain John Newcombe and swimming legend Dawn Fraser believe Australia's incredible sporting achievements in 1999 are a case of success breeding success.

Australia's win in the Davis Cup men's team tennis final over France in Nice on Sunday capped a vintage year for Australia who now claim that no nation on earth can boast such success per head of population.

With 18 million people to choose from, Australia won World Cups at cricket, rugby union and its tennis equivalent, the Davis Cup. "Things have just happened

to click together, and maybe it was a little bit of a snowball cffect," Newcombe said Tuesday from France. "Winning can be catching,

agreed Fraser, the only swimmer to win gold medals at three successive Olympics -- 1956. 1960 and 1964.

"It just shows the current strength of our sportsmen and women.

And she predicted more success at the Olympic Games in Sydney next September.

"Winning is a tremendous boost for all those athletes preparing for the Olympics.

John Coates, president of the Australian National Olympic Committee, believes much of the success can be traced to the creation of the Australian Institutes of Sport for elite athletes after Australia failed to win a single gold medal at the

1976 Montreal Olympics. "Since then the sports institutes and academies, who enjoy the expertise of more than 80 foreign-born coaches, have made a major contribution," he

Coates estimated Australia would win 59 medals next year. including about 20 golds.

The Australian government spent 62 million dollars (38 million US) in 1990 paying for coaching and competition expenses for about 1,500 athletes in 20 sports and will spend as much next year.

However, that was boosted by a 140 million dollar (90 million) 'Olympic' grant spread over six years and funding will fall away to about 25 million dollars (16 million US) in 2001.

On top of that another 25 million dollars a year from the public and private sector goes

into running the sports instigreatest woman swimmer. Australia has also benefited Geoff Strang, director of from the remarkable camasports management at the Ausraderie between the different

tralian Sports Commission sports. which distributes federal gov-When Steve Waugh and his ernment funds, believes the latcricketers won the cricket est achievements outshine the World Cup in England in June success of the golden 50s. they received inspirational "Once our sporting achievemessages from champions like ments were confined largely to swimmer Kieren Perkins. tennis, swimming, cricket and Waugh sent a message to rugby. In the last 20 years we

John Eales and his Wallabies when they reached the World Cup rugby final against France in Wales in November. The sentiment helped gal-

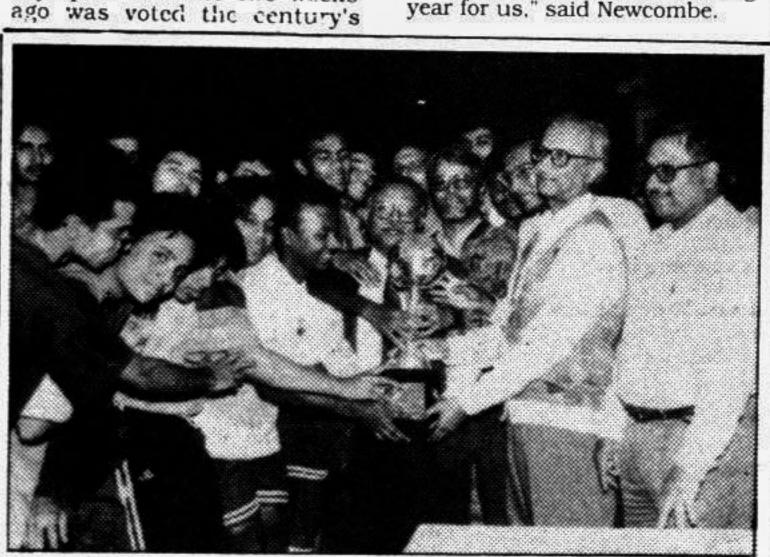
vanise the Wallabies, who went on to win rugby's premier prize. Members of Australia's triumphant Davis Cup team watched the deeds of Waugh and

"I know our boys all got a tremendous thrill from those World Cup wins," said Newcombe.

In 1999 Australia also won world crowns in rugby league, nctball, women's field hockey, under-23 basketball, men's archery, three-day equestrian event, women's lawn bowls and -- so very nearly -- under-17 soccer where they lost the final on penalties to Brazil.

It also boasts the world's top women's golfer in Karrie Webb. a swarm of swimming champions in Susie O'Neill, Michael Klim, Ian Thorpe and Grant Hackett, and surfing world champions Mark Ochiluppo and Layne Beachley.

"I guess it's been a winning year for us," said Newcombe.



Vice-Chancellor of BUET Prof Nooruddin Ahmed handing over the winners' trophy to the members of Nazrul Islam Hall team, who won the eight-team inter-hall football tournament beating Sher-e-Bangla Hall 2-1 in the final at the university ground on December 7.

#### Damal semis start today

Sports Reporter Dhaka Wanderes Club will take on Lalmatia Club in the first semifinal of the 19th Damal Smriti Cricket Tournament at the Bangabandhu Na-

tional Stadium today. The other semifinal between Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Dhanmondi Club will be held at the same venue tomorrow.

Eighteen teams, split into six groups, took part in the first round. The group champions then advanced to the second

round. Dhaka Wanderers Club emerged Group X champions with a superior run-rate over Dhanmondi Club and Young Pegasus. Dhanmondi also became runners-up with a better run-rate.

On the other hand, Khelaghar won their both Group Y matches against Lalmatia and Young Cricketers to clinch top spot while Lalmatia moved to the last four beating Young

#### StanChart chess starts tomorrow

Sports Reporter The Standard Chartered Bank School Chess tournament begins at the NSC room tomor-

The multinational bank will replace Bata as the sponsor of the nine-round Swiss League meet, being organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF). Bata shoe had been sponsoring the low-budget tourney for the last couple of years.

The Federation has estimated a budget of Taka 80,000 and the StanChart will provide the entire amount.

Sixty students including six from Calcutta have already confirmed their entries while another 40 students are expected to join the tournament that concludes on December 19. BCF general secretary Syed Sujauddin Ahmed revealed those at a press conference yesterday.

Setu Venkateswaran, the Chief Executive of StanChart in Bangladesh, was also present in the briefing.

Play will be held from 10 am Players finishing up to 10th position will receive cash awards.

#### Six more cricketers called up

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday invited six more cricketers to join the residential camp of national youth team for the World Youth Cup. scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka from January 10.

The camp, involving 30 cricketers, began at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan in Savar yesterday. Joy Bose (PWD SC), Ranjan

(Young Ones), Papan (BKSP) Abul Basnar (Tejgaon CA), Sajal and Russel of Uttara Sporting Club-- have been asked to report at the BCB office along with their gears by 5pm today.

Pencilled into Group B along with India, New Zealand and Holland, Bangladesh will face their close neighbours in their first match on January 12. The other two matches against New Zealand and Holland will be held on January 14 and 16.

### Faruque, Athar for Sylhet

Sports Reporter Former national captain Faruque Ahmed is likely to play for Sylhet in the National

Cricket League. Although Barisal was planning to get the services of the experienced right-hand batsman, Faruque appeared to have changed his mind at the last moment following a successful discussion with the officials of Sylhet.

Sylhet, who are currently leading the 6-team National League, have also reportedly roped in former national opener Athar Ali Khan.

It was however learnt that both the stalwarts will miss the vital home match of Sylhet against a star-studded Dhaka. If everything goes according to plan Faruque and Athar will appear in Sylhet's next match against fellow title contenders Chittagong.

### M'singh soccer

MYMENSINGH, Dec 8: A brilliant hattrick by Sohel helped Al Helal Club to earn an impressive 3-0 goals victory over Provati Sena in the inaugural match of the Beg Tyre First Division football league at the local stadium today, reports Vice Chancellor of the

sponsorship.

Agricultural University Dr Mohammed Hossain inaugu-21.2 overs. In the other match, JPC beat rated the league. Golden Sunshine by 15 runs. Beg Tyre sponsored the The winners scored 148 for six league and this is the first time in 25 overs after electing to batthe league is being held with

In reply, Golden Sunshine A total of ten teams are takmanaged 133 runs losing seven ing part in the league. wickets in their 25 overs.

## Second Test from today

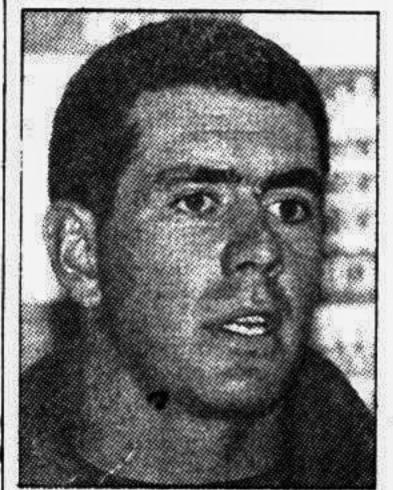


PORT ELIZABETH. Dec 8 (Reuters): Surprisingly. even England's harshest critics

have not written the team off ahead of the second cricket Test against South Africa at St George's Park to-The reason is simple: They

were so badly outplayed during their innings defeat in the first Test at the Wanderers that supporters, management and the players themselves believe it to be irrelevant.

If they had competed, and lost, then a different story could be told. Instead, they were so ruthlessly dispatched as to make a judgement on their form impossible. They weren't there long enough.



HANSIE CRONJE

Even the notoriously merciless English press admitted that pitch and weather conditions conspired against England and have refrained from predicting a similarly one-sided contest again, although headline writers have daggers poised should England be humiliated again.

South Africa, meanwhile, are working overtime to ensure that momentum is not only maintained but increased in a

bid to emulate last season's 5-0 whitewash of the touring West

Indians. "We must look at ourselves. our weaknesses, and concentrate on improving. Like (golfer) Ernie Els we must play the course and not be distracted by the opposition. We don't want to shoot par, or enough to win by one shot, we want to win with a course record," captain Hansie Cronje said on Wednesday.

"Our fourth seamer was exposed a little in the first Test. You can't expect Hansie Cronje to fill Jacques Kallis' boots. We must work on that," Cronje

said. If the hosts do make a change then either David Terbrugge, who played four Tests against the West Indies, or Port Elizabeth local boy Mornantau Hayward will play in place of a batsman, probably Jonty Rhodes, or World Cup

hero Lance Klusener. All -rounder Kallis, playing once again as a specialist batsman, is expected to be fit enough to bowl by the time the third Test begins on December 26.

England, too, are expected to make at least one change with the unfortunate Scotsman Gavin Hamilton in real danger of being tossed onto England's record 'one-Test-wonder' scrap heap after his batting pair and 15 wicketless overs two weeks

Paceman Chris Silverwood is the front runner for the number eight berth provided he passes a late fitness test on a troublesome heel.

Should England opt once again for as much batting ability as possible then quasi all-rounder Alex Tudor, who "is getting better and better the more he bowls on tour" according to coach Duncan Fletcher, may be preferred.

Andrew Flintoff's dicey back means he, too, will play as a batsman only while the spinning duties are likely to be left in the hands of part-timer Michael Vaughan after a lacklustre performance from Phil Tufnell against KwaZulu Natal. At least England can take some comfort from the pitch which, though well grassed, is

hard and dry unlike the damp 'greentop' provided for the first "We certainly hope it pro-vides a fairer surface," Fletcher said. "I was concerned about heads dropping after the first Test but the guys really haven't

got down. We're still confident we can compete and get back into the series. Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock, who shared 19 wickets at the Wanderers, aim to make

this tour one of the longest and loneliest in England's history. TEAMS



NASSER HUSSAIN Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain). Jonty Rhodes, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Allan Donald, Paul Adams, Mornantau Hayward.

David Terbrugge. ENGLAND (from): Mark Butcher, Michael Atherton, Nasser Hussain (captain). Michael Vaughan, Alec Stewart, Chris Adams, Andrew Flintoff, Chris Silverwood, Andy Caddick, Darren Gough, Alan Mullaly, Alex Tudor, P'11 Tufnell.



Australian Prime Minister John Howard (R) talks to Indian cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar before the start of the match between India and the Prime Minister's XI at

# IOC chief could've quit!

Reuters before this weekend's

key meeting on IOC reforms.

Samaranch said he would have

quit the job he has held since

1980 if between just 20 and 25

members had voted against him

tion at the disposal of the ses-

sion, that means that if a great

number of members of the IOC

were not happy or pleased with

what I was doing as president, I

had to leave. But it was not the

bers voting. If 20 to 25 people

had been against, it was enough

that I had to think that it was

The IOC meeting this week-

end will decide on some 50 rec-

ommendations aimed at

cleaning up the organisation,

including a ban on visits by

members to bidding cities in fu-

debate on the issue since the

perks of being an IOC member.

visits are one of the major

under fire from some of the

media again. On Tuesday, the

Wall Street Journal newspaper,

which lands on the breakfast

tables of the leading executives

with Olympic sponsors, ran a

huge story on what it headlined

"the president's Francoist Past"

There is likely to be a fierce

The IOC president has been

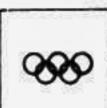
the right moment to leave."

There were around 89 mem-

case," Samaranch said.

"When I am putting my posi-

between 22 and 27 per cent.



LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec 8: Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch, under flre for most of 1999 over a corruption scandal, has admitted he might have quit earlier this

Canberra on December 7.

tee (IOC) had turned against him, reports Reuters. The 79-year-old Spaniard faced several calls to resign after some IOC members were accused of breaking Olympic rules on taking gifts from Salt Lake City when it was bidding to host the 2002 Winter Games - the biggest corruption scandal in

year if just a quarter of the In-

ternational Olympic Commit-

Olympic history. Samaranch called for a vote of confidence in his leadership at a meeting of all IOC members in Lausanne in March, and won it with ease - 86 votes to two with one abstention.

#### Rajshahi cricket From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 8: A sparkling 86 by Ratan Kumar Das steered Five Star Cricket Club to a 136-run victory over Balia Pukur Life Eleven in the Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Cricket tournament at the Railway ground today. Put in to bat, Five Star piled

up a huge 224 for three in their

Samaranch is said to have stipulated 25 overs. While rebeen annoyed by the article but he is in no mood to quit now as plying, Balia Pukur were rehe prepares to push through the stricted to a paltry 88 all out in

in Spain.

recommendations. He hopes this weekend will draw a line under the scandal and is adamant that he will

complete his mandate until 2001 when a new president will be elected. "At the beginning of the crisis I felt I had responsibility.

For that reason I put my position as president of the IOC at the disposal of the members of the IOC because they elected

The result was astonishing even for me. It was an overwhelming majority.

"For me, the election was very important. I understood that the majority of the IOC supported me not only as a president but as a leader to run the solution of the crisis we were facing. Now we are before the

last step this weekend. "If nothing happens - I am quite an old man at 79 - I am healthy now and I will run until the session in 2001.

V-Day kabadi Bangladesh Kabadi Federation has arranged a "Victory Day Kabadi tournament" that will begin in the capital on December 13, reports

Interested teams have been asked to send their entry by Sunday with an entry fee of Tk 100 together with a team list of 12 players.

Top two teams of the league basis meet will play the final on Friday (Dec 17).

#### College sports conclude

The 40th annual sports competition of Dhaka Residential Model College concluded at the college playground on Monday, says a press release.

Education Minister A S H K Sadique attended the closing ceremony of the four-day meet as the chief guest and gave away prizes.