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Who became champions in the Keya Premier soccer?

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Sachin Tendulkar (Indian cricket captain) "I am not worried by what others say."

Notts not sure about Akhtar

LONDON, Jan 14: Nottinghamshire are re-examining their contract with controversial paceman Shoaib Akhtar after discovering his availability could be sharply reduced this summer because of commitments with Pakistan, reports Reuters.

"We signed up Akhtar last summer when Pakistan had one tour lined up during our English season," Mick Newell, Nottinghamshire assistant manager told BBC Radio on

Thursday. "We've now found out in the last two weeks that they've ac-. tually got four tours during our English cricket season.

"We need to be clear about how much cricket Shoaib is available to play for Notts because at the moment it doesn't appear very much," Newell said. But he insisted there were no hard feelings, saying: "It's not his fault. It's just the way the world of cricket works these

Meanwhile, Newell confirmed the club had contacted New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns who had indicated he would be available, although nothing had yet been decided. Newell denied the approach

to Cairns stemmed from the throwing controversy surrounding Akhtar.

Coaches' workshop

Azhar, Pranab off to Sri Lanka Sports Reporter Two local tennis coaches,

Ali Azhar Khan Suman and Pranab Kanti Ghosh, left for Sri Lanka yesterday to participate in the International Tennis Federation (ITF) South Asian I level two coaches' workshop to be held from January 19-30. Azhar who is a coach at the

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prolisthan (BKSP) and Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) coach Pranab were selected for the workshop by the BTF following an invitation from the Sri Lanka Tennis Association.

NOTICE

Due to some unavoidable reasons draw of the WHIZZ KID competition-125 could not be held last night. It will now be held on January 21. - Sports Editor

Column One McGrath's thorny ton

Sports Reporter

Matthew Wood (1), foamier Eng-A timely century land opener Bill Athey (9) and by Anthony McGra-Ben Smith (8) with the scoreth rescued Maryboard reading only 28. lebone Cricket Things turned from bad to Club on the first day of the threeworse when they lost Paul

day match against Bangladesh

Cricket Board President's

Eleven at the Rajshahi Stadium

A McGRATH ... 119 n.o

Yorkshireman, slammed an

unbeaten 119 as the tourists

overcame an early collapse to

reach 222 for seven before they

declared their innings 45 min-

That left the home side to

negotiate 10 hostile overs. By

stumps, they had slumped to 23

skipper Min Patel may have

rued his decision to bat as five

din Ahmed tore through the

top-order claiming the scalps of

with all its grace the other day

in this tourist resort of Galle.

But today, it slipped behind a

thick cover of marching clouds.

darkening Bangladesh's hopes

to stay in the race of the World

Rai Choudhury resembled the

true state at the Galle Interna-

tional Stadium, whose greenery

had gone under water due to

the Sri Lankan umpire who was

supposed to conduct the

Bangladesh-New Zealand

match, was not expecting rain

at this time of the season but

the emerald islands bathed in

This is the dry season here.

non-stop shower all the while.

The weather was fine even a

week before the tournament.

But suddenly the rain came

from no where. I think, this is

The wet season actually

Galle is however not the only

"It's a shame not to have a

starts in Sri Lanka from April

place that experienced rain.

Rain also reigned supreme in

match in such a spectacular

venue", said a reporter from

England, who is also attached

with the Cricinfo, a popular

FOREIGN

CHEERLEADER

Mehmood is the liaison offi-

LONDON, Jan 14

(Reuters/AP): Bri-

tain made a late

decision on Thurs-

day to allow for-

mer world heavy-

weight champion Mike Tyson

into the country to fight despite

For days, government offi-

cials have said Tyson's visit

MIKE TYSON

was due to fly in. Home Secre-

tary Jack Straw granted him

leave to be in the country until

January 30 — the day after his

bout against British champion

"In the special circumstances

Julius Francis in Manchester.

of this case it would be invi-

dious for an individual immi-

gration officer to weigh the

competing considerations in-

statement

volved." Straw said in a

"I have decided to give ... an

But just three days before he

was purely a matter for immi-

his conviction for rape.

gration officials.

cricket news host on the Inter-

and continues till November.

miracle," said Ashoka,

three other venues.

Although Ashoka De Silva.

heavy overnight downpour.

The grim face of coach Dipu

Youth Cricket Championship.

After winning the toss, MCC

Right-arm seamer Shafiud-

utes before close of play.

wickets fell for 67 runs.

for two.

McGrath, the right-handed

vesterday.

addition of another 39 runs. However, it was number four

McGrath who showed nerves of Coming in to the crease with

Nixon and Barry Hyam with the

MCC reeling at 12 for two in the 10th over. McGrath watched helplessly as wickets tumbled at regular intervals. But it was when former Australian Test cricketer Tony Dodemaide arrived in the 48th over that the visitors showed a turnaround from 93 for six.

The pair put on 115 runs for the seventh wicket, helping MCC cross the two-hundred mark. The stand was dominated by McGrath.

The vital partnership came to an end in the 76th over when Dodemaide was out on 27, holing out to Al-Shahriar off the bowling of Naimur Rahman. The MCC score was then 208. They added another 14 runs

before declaring innings. In his 305-ball innings, Mc-Grath sent off-spinner Fahim Muntasir twice over the rope. His knock contained 14 bound-

Shaffuddin Ahmed finished the day with four for 46 from his 17 overs. Off-spinners Fahim Muntasir and Naimur Rahman meanwhile captured one wicket each conceding 46 and 22 runs respectively.

LIFE IN LANKA

Al-Amin from Galle, Sri Lanka

physical instructor of a

Colombo college knows a little

about Bangla language. But the

middle-aged Muslim with a

conspicuous moustache has

turned into the cheerleader of a

team that is painfully missing

any support from their own

High Commission in Sri Lanka.

sitting with the cricketers, who

were singing in unison a Bangla

song at the dressing room of the

join in the chorus by beating

the handles of his chair as if he

knew the language well. "I don't

know what they are singing. But

RAIN VENUE

ground in Sri Lanka. The pic-

turesque venue with an impos-

ing fort in the front and a roar-

ing sea at the back however

holds a dubious distinction of

was in 1999 between Sri Lanka

and Australia. And that too was

utation, the venue, 117km from

Colombo, is a spectator's de-

that it bears the memories of a

brave Lankan struggle against

the then occupied force. The

fort, built by the French, tops

The capacity of the stadium

is only 15,000, but, unlike the

Britain grants Tyson entry

instruction to grant Mr Tyson

leave to enter the UK until Jan-

uary 30, for the purposes of the

welcomed the decision and is-

sued a statement from the

volatile American who had

made clear he would fly to

Britain on Sunday whether or

"I am'very pleased that this

not he had official permission.

ordeal has been resolved.

Tyson said in the statement. "I

am looking forward to travel-

ling to England and fighting in

cis is just the next hurdle in my

quest to reclaim the heavy-

heavyweight champion will

earn an estimated 560,000 dol-

lars - his biggest payday by far.

Tyson reportedly will get 12

on Britain's Sky Television.

said he was not surprised by all

any kind of scrutiny on Mike

Tyson, that's just the way it is,"

he said. I'm hated worldwide.

but not by the common people

in the United States in 1992 and

sentenced to six years in jail. He

then served another term for at-

tacking two elderly motorists

and was freed eight months ago.

right to enter the country sur-

faced Tuesday when several

London mayoral candidates.

including actress Glenda Jack-

son, raised objections to his

one convicted of a crime which

carries a sentence of 12 months

or more in Britain should not

be allowed into the country un-

less they could demonstrate

"strong compassionate reasons"

British rules state that any-

criminal record.

Controversy over Tyson's

Tyson was convicted of rape

but by the authoritarians."

Tyson, speaking Thursday

"Anytime anybody can get

"My fight with Julius Fran-

The 35-year-old British

front of my British fans.

weight championships."

million dollars.

the problems.

Tyson's handlers in the US

scheduled contest.

the list of tourist-attractions.

light as well as a player's.

But apart from the 'rain' rep-

The unique thing of Galle is

The last Test match it hosted

Galle is the most beautiful

the rhythm is nice." he said.

He took only a moment to

Galle Stadium.

being a spoilsport.

rained off.

The sprightly islander was

Jan 14: The sun was shining cer of Bangladesh team. The

MCC new-ball bowler Neil Killeen sent a chill down the Bangladesh spine with five fiery overs.

Opener Sajid Hasan (4) was first to go being clean bowled in the 4th ball of the innings while one-down Al-Shahriar (5) trudged off to pavilion in the 7th over edging to wicketkeeper



SHAFIUDDIN ... 4/46

Paul Nixon. Opener Azam Iqbal was batting on 11 while Naimur Rahman was unbeaten on 1 at close.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between visiting MCC and BCB President's Eleven at the Rajshahi

Stadium yesterday:

MCC: First innings M Wood c Mushfig b Shafiuddin Bill Athey c Azam b Shafiuddin Ben Smith c Fahim b Shafiuddin A McGrath not out P Nixon c Shaheen b Fahim 18 (See page 10)

Dhaka Stadium, it never gives

one the feelings of being in a

KIDS THE LANKAN

KEY

Sri Lanka's succession in in-

ternational cricket is their

And the presence of couple of

strong school-base infrastruc-

hundred students at Galle Sta-

dium during the rained-off

match between Bangladesh and

New Zealand was a testimony of

to the ground on their own.

Rather the kids had been

brought by the Sri Lankan

Cricket Board in a bid to buck

them up by giving them the op-

portunity to see competitive

from villages some 20km away

from Galle", said Jayananda

Warnaweera, the secretary of

the Galle International Sta-

transport, lunch and other re-

freshments. And their only job

for them because they have to

return without watching the

match which certainly could

have been a refreshing experi-

ence for them". Jayananda. a

things whenever an interna-

tional match is played here",

"We always arrange these

Fight promoter Frank War-

In a 67-page submission to

ren said: "I am pleased it has

been sorted out and I take my

hat off to the immigration de-

immigration officials Warren

is thought to have argued that to

bar Tyson would hit the north-

ern city of Manchester hard.

television deals made.

Thousands of tickets have been

sold for the fight and lucrative

former Sri Lanka Test player.

was to see the match.

said Jayananda.

dium and Southern Province.

"These students have come

"We have provided them with

"It is certainly disappointing

They however did not come

Many feel that the secret of

prison.

matches.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 14: Al Rasid Club beat Primary Cricket Training Centre by 20 runs in the fifth Birshrastha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti tournament at local Railway

In reply, Primary managed 138 for nine losing all-wickets. Sohag Smriti Sangha defeated Nowhata Sporting Club by 53 runs in the other match of the day.

Nowhata won the toss and

In reply, Nowhata bundled out for 95 in 12.4 overs.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 14: The condition of Argentinian football legend Diego Maradona's heart has deteriorated 62 percent from its former level, top cardiologist Carlos Alvarez

Red radio station, reports AFP. Alvarez, who described his patient's condition as "severe and grave" was frank about the state of health of the former player, admitted to a Uruguayan clinic last week | GMT, well before the normal with a life-threatening condi-

His pessimistic prognosis was backed up by Maradona's personal physician Alfredo Cahe, who said: "Honestly, I was expecting a cardiac dilation but it's a lot more than I expected

Adding that Maradona was shocked at the seriousness of his condition Cahe said: "When I saw the state of his heart I

could not believe my eyes. The physician said the only solution was for his patient to undergo a complete change in lifestyle, in particular a strict

Meanwhile, reports in Toronto suggested the player might be treated in Canada where his brother Lalo - also a player lives.

SA 155/6

PRETORIA, Jan 14: South Africa were 155 for six at close of play on the first day of the fifth and final cricket Test against England at Centurion



England paceman Darren Gough (not in picture) gets South African opener Gary Kirsten squared up at - AFP photo Pretoria yesterday.



Master Ziaur Rahman drew with fellow IM Reefat-bin-Satta in fourth round of the second Asian men's chess championship in Udoypur, India yesterday. The draw raised both play-

ers' tallies to two points each. Third seed and Chinese Grand Master Xu Jun is in the lead with three and a half

Meanwhile, in the eighth Asian women's championship, Bangladesh national champion Rani Hamid defeated Malaysian Siti Zulaika in the fourth round and Tanima Parveen drew with Indian Saheli Dhar.

Rani has earned two points from four matches while Tanima is only half a point behind the veteran player.

ground today

Winning the toss, Primary invited Al Rasid to bat. Al Rasid collected 158 for 8 in stipulated 23 overs. Rank 52. was the top scorer for the win-

invited Sohag Smriti to bat. Sohag collected 148 for seven in stipulated 23 overs.

Diego's heart half eaten?

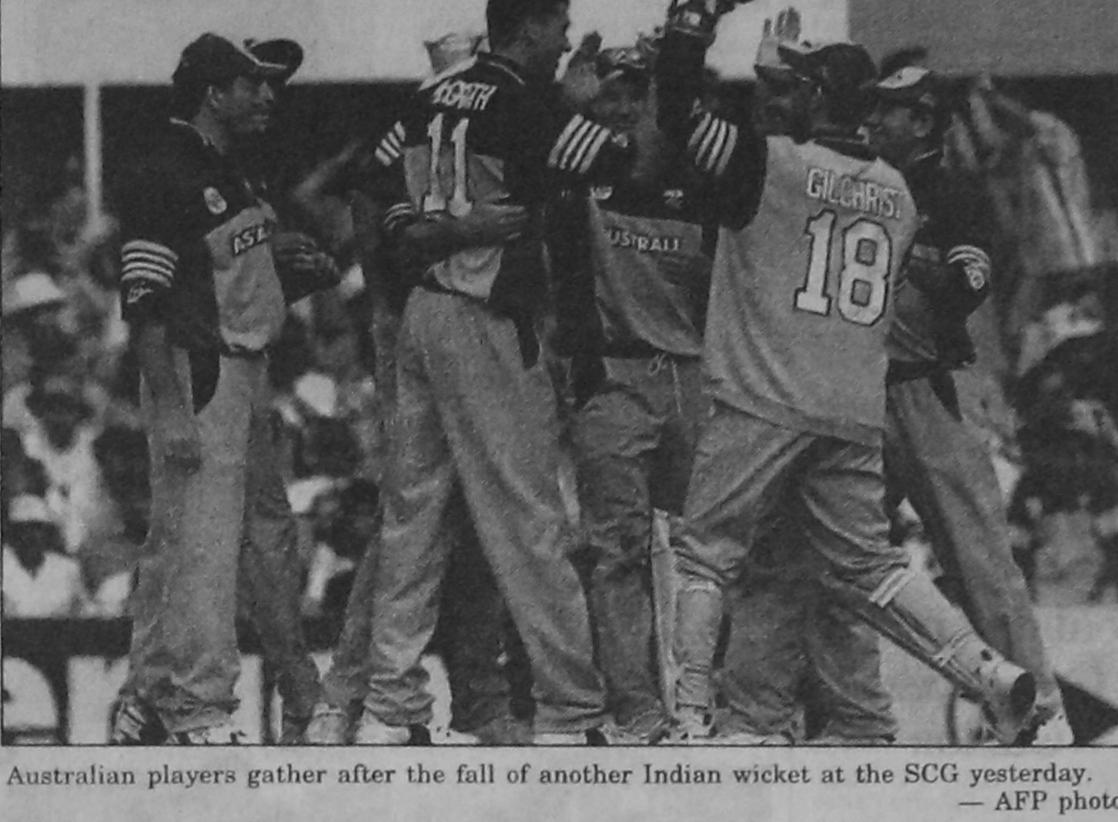
said here on Thursday on La

tion subsequently linked to a cocaine overdose.

Maradona's state of health has improved since - he was reported to be playing with a football on Thursday - but Alvarez pulled no punches when describing the condition of the 39year-old, rated by many as second only to Pele in the list of all-time great players.

and that worries me.'

Park. Pretoria today, reports



Symonds carries Australia



SYDNEY, Jan 14: Australia crushed India by five wickets in a triseries limitedovers match today that finished more than an hour early because of the

tourists' woeful batting display. reports Reuters. Batting first on a Sydney Cricket Ground pitch dampened by rain. the Indians were all out in 36.3 overs for a pitiful 100 —

their fifth-lowest total in 428 one-day internationals. Australia bowlers Glenn McGrath and man-of-thematch Andrew Symonds took four wickets each while the Lee brothers Brett and Shane

grabbed one apiece. The world champions lost five wickets in pursuit of victory but still coasted past their target to reach 101 for five with

23.1 overs to spare. The Indian team, who have lost all three of their matches to date in the series that includes Pakistan, were booed and jeered by the sell-out crowd of 39.000 who had expected a closer con-

But the match was as good as over almost as soon as it began. It was officially over at 1012 closing time of 1115 GMT.

McGrath, who finished with the superb figures of four for eight from 10 accurate overs. claimed the vital wickets of Sachin Tendulkar (one), Saurav Ganguly (five) and Venkat Laxman (two) in his first spell to effectively end India's chances of a decent total.

Brett Lee, bowling first Ganguly e Gilchrist b McGrath change, then picked up Devang Ghandi for six before his older brother Shane got Robin Singh All-rounder Symonds

claimed Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble in successive deliveries to reduce the tourists to 74 for seven in the 28th over

Dravid, one of only three

players to make double figures. top scored for India with 22. although his contribution was still 10 less than the 32 sundries given away by the Australians.

Sensing a quick kill, Australian captain Steve Waugh recalled McGrath to the attack and the lanky paceman responded by dismissing Samir Dighe with the final ball of his 10th over to finish with four victims at a cost of two apiece.

man of the match, benefited from a second spell, cleaning up Nikhil Chopra and Venkatesh Prasad, also in successive balls, to finish with 4-11 from 3.3 overs. Australia lost opener Mark

Waugh, lbw to Javagal Srinath for three, and vice-captain Ricky Ponting to Prasad for a duck before the total had climbed to 30.

took three catches during the Indian innings, set the Australlans on course with a typically aggressive 37 before falling to Srinath.

The Indian paceman also picked up Michael Bevan (two) and Steve Waugh (four) to finish with four for 30 from his 10 overs but his efforts went unrewarded as Symonds (28 not out) and Damien Martyn (13 not out) steered Australia to their second win of the series.

COREBOARD

S eboard in the tri-series limited-overs match between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday: INDIA

Tendulkar c Gilchrist b McGrath Laxman b McGrath Dravid Ibw b Symonds Gandhi e Bevan b B Lee R Singh c Martyn b S Lee Dighe c Martyn b McGrath Kumble c Gilchrist b Symonds Chopra lbw b Symonds Srinath not out Prasad b Symonds

Extras: (lb-14, w-15, nb-3) Total: (All out in 36.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-6: 2-9: 3-18: 4-29: 5-71: 6-74: 7-74: 8-82: 9-100: 10-100

Bowler: McGrath Fleming S Lee Symonds 3.3 0 AUSTRALIA M Waugh Ibw b Srinath Gilchrist c Dravid b Srinath Ponting c Laxman b Prasad Bevan c Kumble b Srinath S Waugh Ibw b Srinath Martyn not out Symonds not out

Extras: (nb-5, w-2, lb-7) Total: (For five wickets in 26.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-29; 3-56; 4-56; 5-59 Did not bat: S Lee, D Flem-

ing, B Lee, G McGrath Bowler: Srinath Prasad Ganguly Singh,

Kumble Result : Australia won by five wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Andrew Symonds.

STANDINGS Pakistan

Australia India REMAINING MATCHES Jan 16: Australia v Pakistan. Melbourne.

Jan 21: Pakistan v India. Hobart Jan 23: Australia v Pakistan. Melbourne.

Jan 25: India v Pakistan.

Jan 26: Australia v India. Jan 28: Pakistan v India. Perth.

Jan 30: Australia v India.

Tough task ahead of top guns in her way before the second Grand Slam titles, meets Aus-MELBOURNE, Jan



14: US. rivals Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras were drawn today for a possible semifinal meeting in the Australian Open, although both players will have to work hard in their

early matches to earn a showdown, reports Reuters. Top seed Agassi and Sampras, the third seed, were both placed in a powerful top half of the men's singles draw for the

Monday. In the women's singles, top seed and defending champion Martina Hingis also has few easy matches and will play Wimbledon semifinalist Mirjana Lucic of Croatia in the first round.

Hingis, who is bidding for a

season-opening Grand Slam

tournament which starts on

record fourth consecutive Australian title, has US Open champion and third seed Serena Williams as a likely semifinal opponent.

ment on Friday.

Philippoussis, a bookmakers' favourite in Melbourne, Agassi will likely then have to beat eighth seed Todd Martin in the quarterfinals in a rematch of last year's US Open final.

tralian Wayne Arthurs in the first round. The dominant force of men's

tennis for much of the 1990s. Sampras missed last year's Open after a hectic end to 1998 left him mentally and physically exhausted. Sampras fell from the top spot to number three by the end

of 1999, even though he beat

Agassi in the season-ending

ATP Tour world championships final in Hanover in November. Sampras's toughest tests before the semifinals will likely be a fourth round match against 14th seed Karol Kucera of Slovakia and then a quarterfinal against 1999 finalist and sixth

seed Thomas Enqvist of Swe-"That's the way it goes." Sampras said. 'You can't look that far ahead in today's game. It's tough for everybody."

Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia has a far easier time ahead in the bottom half of the men's draw, although he is yet to win a

The tournament's second seed will most likely face fifth seed Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil or Germany's Nicolas Kiefer. the fourth seed, in the semifi-

The women's draw is peppered with intriguing matchups, with second seed Lindsay Davenport of the United States likely to meet 1999 Open finalist Amelie Mauresmo in the semifinals.

Mauresmo is seeded seventh this year and is in the opposite half of the draw to Hingis, whose "half a man" description of the muscular Frenchwoman at last year's tournament set off a feud which is still simmering.

Friday.

Pete has high hopes MELBOURNE, Jan 14 (Reuters): Pete Sampras, plagued by

injuries last year, is hoping next week's Australian Open will see him become the first man to win 13 Grand Slam singles titles. Sampras saw his chance to

make the Grand Slam record books dashed at last year's US Open when he was forced to retire with a sore back. Achieving the feat in Australia would have a certain

symmetry, as he currently shares the record of 12 Grand Slam singles titles with Australian great Roy Emerson. "I was looking forward to the opportunity to may be do it at the US Open, it didn't happen

"I would certainly love to do it here - a lot of my heroes came from this country, the Lavers, Rosewalls, Emersons." "I have thought about it but

because of my back," said Sam-

pras at a media conference on

I'm treating it (the Australian Open) like I always do and if it happens great, if it doesn't I will hopefully do it some time this

Agassi finished 1999 ranked number one after a wonderful match this year. year in which he captured the French and US Open titles. He faces Argentine Mariano Puerta in the first round in Melbourne and has big-serving Australian Mark Philippoussis looming in the fourth round. nals. Philippoussis told reporters he was not thinking that far ahead. "All I know is I play a qualifler first-up. Please don't tell me anymore," said Philippoussis, who beat Sampras in the Colonial Classic warm-up tourna-

Davenport is in the same

quarter of the draw as Russian starlet Anna Kournikova but appears to have little standing

Even if he overcomes

Sampras, who is tied with Roy Emerson's record of 12

Symonds, who was named

Adam Gilchrist, who also

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week of the tournament.

In the top half of the wom-

en's draw. Hingis has 12th seed

Sandrine Testud as a potential

rival in the fourth round, fol-

lowed by a probable meeting

with sixth seed Barbara Schett

of Austria in the quarterfinals.

Venus withdrew from the Open

this week with tendinitis in her

wrist, will most likely meet

South Africa's Amanda Coetzer.

the eighth seed, in the quarter-

finals.

Williams, whose sister

Aussie Open draw