

SPORTS TALK



Venus Williams

(American tennis star)

"I don't fear anyone. If anything I fear myself the most because sometimes I can get a little crazy, make a lot of mistakes and play badly."

After winning the singles title in the Sydney Olympics.

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1	Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Fed Cup football?	Ran	Kauchan	Tanveer
2	Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?	Wasim	Wasim	Moin
3	Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?	Aminal	Abraim	Naimur
4	Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?	Armanitola	Biman	Mariners
5	Who was voted Germany's footballer-of-the-year in 2000?	Kahn	Samer	Bentler

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NZ-ZIM 1STODI SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of New Zealand's reply to Zimbabwe in the first of three one-day internationals at Harare on Wednesday:

ZIMBABWE: 183 for 8 in 50 overs
NEW ZEALAND

Nevin c P Strang b B Strang 1
Astle run out (P Strang) 10
Spearman c G Flower b P Strang 86
Twose not out 70
McMillan not out 7
Extras: (b-4; lb-3; w-3) 10
Total: (For 3 wickets in 405 overs) 184
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-14, 3-16

Bowler O M R W
Streak 8 0 38 0
B Strang 7 2 15 1
Mbanga 5 0 32 0
Viljoen 5 0 28 0
P Strang 8 0 33 1
G Flower 7.5 0 31 0

Result: New Zealand win by seven wickets and take 1-0 lead in three-match series.

Next match: September 30 at Bulawayo.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 28: Upashash Cricket Club moved into the final of the Friendly Cup cricket tournament, beating Zimma Nagar Cricket Club by 23 runs at the Upashash Cricket Club playground today.

Winning the toss, Upashash scored 140 for nine in the stipulated 25 overs.

In reply, Zimma Nagar Cricket Club were shot out for 117 in 22.2 overs.

Raducan

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to the silver spot as pointless. "Making me the Olympic vice-champion doesn't mean anything to me and I don't accept it. The Olympic champion is Andreea and the silver medal is Simona's. I don't understand why it is the little people who suffer for the mistakes of the big people," Olaru said.

Romania Olympic Committee chief Ion Tiriac vowed to resign following the case.

Tiriac, a successful businessman and former manager of tennis star Boris Becker, said he had no choice but to quit. He had earlier stated that any athlete testing positive for banned substances at the Olympics should be banned for life.

He also criticised the IOC's zero-tolerance drug stance as too inflexible.

"I believe in the IOC's fight against doping, but sooner or later we have to put our hands on our hearts... we have to be human enough that if we make a mistake, we admit it."

BD start on right foot

Sports Reporter

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