Australia's outgoing captain

"We thought Corretja would

"We're prepared - they can

Newcombe said the Austra-

"You'd think it counts to

But he warned: "Once you

get out into the battle all that

can be torn up - strange things

happen in Davis Cup. We feel

there's probably more pressure

on the Spanish team than on

tion to beat on clay, especially

when they're playing at home.

But the clay is not a problem.

We're prepared. I think the

court in Nice last year was a

Duarte insisted he had picked

the right players for the right

match and would not go further

than that regarding Corretja.

Spanish captain Javier

"We thought the best players

Corretja said the decision

"I don't think about it. I'll go

"He knows he likes making

And as things stand, the sub

Rafter, who missed last

T've done the work and I'm

Woodforde, who is retiring at

"For me it's a great opportu-

nity to finish my career with a

victory for Australia. There's no

ing to go out with a bang.

little bit slower."

"Spain is a very difficult na-

lians would draw on last year's

experience of beating France in

Nice - likewise on slow clay.

John Newcombe said he had

been surprised to see Corretja

only playing the doubles.

Kapil among top tax defaulters

NEW DELHI, Dec 7: Already reeling from a match-fixing scandal. Indian cricket is set to take another beating when income tax officials publish a list of players and officials who have defaulted on their returns. reports AFP.

According to a report in the Stastesman newspaper on Thursday, former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who was banned for life on Tuesday for fixing matches, will feature near the top of the defaulters' list. along with former captain and coach Kapil Dev.

Kapil Dev was exonerated from all match-fixing charges by two reports compiled by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBH and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Players Ajay Sharma, Ajay Jadeja and Manoj Prabhakar. who were punished Tuesday for consorting with bookies, will also feature on the income tax department's list.

*Under the prevailing circumstances, the report is most likely to be given to the Ministry of Finance sometime next

filed their regular tax returns."

would also be listed as tax

percent of the concealed income

could be imposed if guilt is es-

tablished, the newspaper said.

Shane still

ill at ease

Warne admitted Thursday it

was unlikely he would return to

the Australian cricket team for

the Boxing Day fourth Test

against the West Indies, reports

The leg-spinner said he was

now aiming to return for the

one-day series with the West

Indies and Zimbabwe beginning

back for the fourth Test against

Boxing Day. I might wake up

tomorrow and suddenly I've got

full movement and no pain in

my finger." Warne told ABC

probably be the one-day series."

from past experience not to

right you should give yourself

an extra couple of weeks and

make sure you are 110 per-

couple of weeks then I won't

ord-holder was confident about

reclaiming his place despite the

national side having strolled to

a 2-0 series lead against the

thing to anyone," he said. "I

think the last 10 years, what I

have been able to achieve on

and off the field, has been

would quickly regain his form.

Warne was also confident he

"Last year through England

"That has been the most

Border thought

of something

more severe

dian captain Mohammad Azha-

day banned for life by the In-

dian Cricket Board after admit-

ting fixing three one-day inter-

seems as though he is, then he

is lucky not to be in jail." Bor-

. If you did that in the nor-

Border, now an national se-

sector, said he had nothing per-

sonal against Azharuddin.

whom he played against many

climes during his 156 Test

Tike Mohammad Azharud-

How they (Azharuddin, Ajay

Sharma, Ajay Jadeja and Manoj

not a severe punishment be-

din as a fellow and to see him

involved is shattering," he said.

mal walk of life, in a normal

business practice then you

in county cricket and the start

of this season, my form was as

good as it's ever been," he said.

frustrating thing because I was

fit and doing everything well."

"I don't have to prove any-

West Indies in his absence.

"But I think my aim will

Warne said he had learnt

"Generally when you are

"If I'm not right in the next

Australia's Test wicket rec-

MCG on December 26.

rush back too early.

cent," he said.

pretty good."

beline but

nationals.

the clink.

match career.

KILOW "

allyway.

der told ABC radio.

Warne has been sidelined for

MELBOURNE, Dec 7: Shane

eral months ago.

the official said.

evaders.

AFP.

October.

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on January 11.

ond phase with two defeats. Juventus exited in the first week. the Statesman quoted phase and Inter Milan lost in an income tax official as saving. the preliminary rounds in a The income tax department dismal showing from the Serie and CBI carried out a series of A contingent.

raids across the country on The 1999 winners Manplayers and board officials sevchester United top Group A after ending their dismal away "Those who were raided and record with a 1-0 win at Sturin investigated have concealed Graz on Wednesday for two major chunks of their income. wins from two second phase assets and investments. In matches. some cases, they have not even

PARIS, Dec 7(AFP):

European Cham-

pions League ac-

tion ended the

big teams still on

CHAMPIONS year 2000 with

course for the quarter-finals

but with a couple of unexpected

gate crashers threatening to

victory at Deportivo La Coruna

on Wednesday means they can

dream of repeating their 1994

glory with the final due to be

played at their own San Siro

matches left before the top two

teams from each of the four

Milan have become torch-

bearers for Italy after their

compatriots failed to live up to

Italian champions Lazio,

humiliated by Leeds 1-0 on

their own pitch on Tuesday, are

bottom of Group D of the sec-

their star-studded billing.

knockout stages.

There are four second phase

AC Milan's 1-0 Group B

upset the established order.

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Fabien Barthez in goal looks the year 2000: to have made them a much GROUPA better proposition for the title Remaining fixtures: The Statesman said team than last year when they fell to physiotherapist Ali Irani and Real Madrid in the quarterseveal members of the Board of

Cricket Control in India (BCCI) Valencia, last year's run- Valencia (Spa) v Manchester ners-up, are tucked in second United (Eng) spot behind United and are Tuesday February 20 Heavy penalties of up to 300 they are not one-season won-

Galatasaray, the UEFA Cup and European Super Cup with AC Milan in Group B to prominence on the continent.

Turkey reached the Euro- Tuesday March 13 pean Championship quarterfinals for the first time during Sturm Graz (Aut) the summer to show that both Valencia (Spa) v Panathinaikos at club and nation level the (Gre) country is on the up and up.

Group C has proved an in- GROUP B teresting pool with Bayern Munich, last year's semi-finalists. Wednesday Feb 14 topping the table with four Galatasaray (Tur) v Deportivo

They left it late however on AC Milan (Ita) v Paris Saint Tuesday when Arsenal surren- Germain (Fra) dered a two-goal lead before Tuesday Febuary 20 drawing 2-2 at Highburg.

six weeks since breaking his Arsenal looked to be in con- Galatasaray (Tur) finger while playing for Victoria in a Sheffield Shield match in but the 1999 finalists fought Milan (Ita) back superbly to boost their Wednesday March 7 His original goal was to be the last eight whilst denting the Paris Saint Germain (Fra) the West Indies, starting at the Gunners' hopes. The first ever meeting be- (Ita) "I'm not ruling myself out for

tween the two clubs started 25 could not have come at a better minutes late due to a security time alert but Arsenal were quickly

minutes before Nigerian attacking football on Tuesday. Nwankwo Kanu doubled Arse-

drive early in the second half. Bayern hauled themselves back into the game through Michael Tarnat and Mehmet

Lyon, second in Group C. look set to gatecrash the party of Europe's traditional nations

should they go through. groups go into the quarter-final fired in two goals for Lyon in a 3-0 thrashing of Spartak Moscow on Tuesday night to rip up their domestic form book.

> Steve Marlet opened the scoring on two minutes, then Anderson netted on 31 and 42 minutes to give them hope of qualifying for next year's quar-

different face in the French championship. Languishing in minth spot, they haven't won at 9 and a morale-boosting win early

End of an enthralling year

Defending champions Real African tour against a Nicky Madrid top Group D with Oppenheimer XI at Randjes French international Thierry maximum points, including a 4-Henry slotted home his 10th 1 blitzing of Belgian rivals Angoal of the season after four derlecht in a one-sided fiesta of

Madrid may have lost last | 64.5 overs in a one-day match nal's tally with a blistering low week's World Chib Championship match against Argentina's | heimer's private ground north Boca Juniors but the Spaniards | of Johannesburg are not letting up in this competition they have won a record eight times.

English side Leeds look like further gatecrashers in the competition. They are in second spot in Group D after Alan Brazilian Sonny Anderson Smith struck a priceless 80thminute winner for a 1-0 victory over Italy's Lazio on Tuesday.

Smith struck after being set up by a delightful backheel from his Australian strike partner Mark Viduka, who was a thorn in the side of the Italian champions throughout.

Leeds manager David Lyon have showed a much O'Leary was the toast of England the next day giving evidence that his voung side. which many believe may domitheir Cerland stadium since nate English football in years to beating Lens 3-0 on September come, may just have matured

REMAINING FIXTURES

PARIS. Dec 7 (AFP): Euro- Tuesday March 13 pean Champions League fix- AC Milan (Ita) v Deportivo La tures after the last matches for Corogne (Spa)

Wednesday February 14 Sturm Graz (Aut) v Panathinaikos (Gre)

shaping up nicely in proving Manchester United (Eng) v Valencia (Spa)

Panathmaikos (Gre) v Sturm Graz (Aut) Wednesday March 7 Champions, are level on points Panathinaikos (Gre) v Manchester United (Eng)

continue Turkey's ever greater Sturm Graz (Aut) v Valencia (Spa) Manchester United (Eng) v

> Remaining fixtures: La Corogne (Spa)

Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) v (Spa)

trol of their Group C encounter Paris Saint Germain (Fra) v AC own chances of qualifying for Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) v Galatasaray (Tur) v AC Milan

Paris Saint Germain (Fra) v

Galatasaray (Tur)

GROUP C Remaining fixtures: Tuesday February 13 Bayern Munich (Ger) v Spartak Moscow (Rus) Lyon (Fra) v Arsenal (Eng)

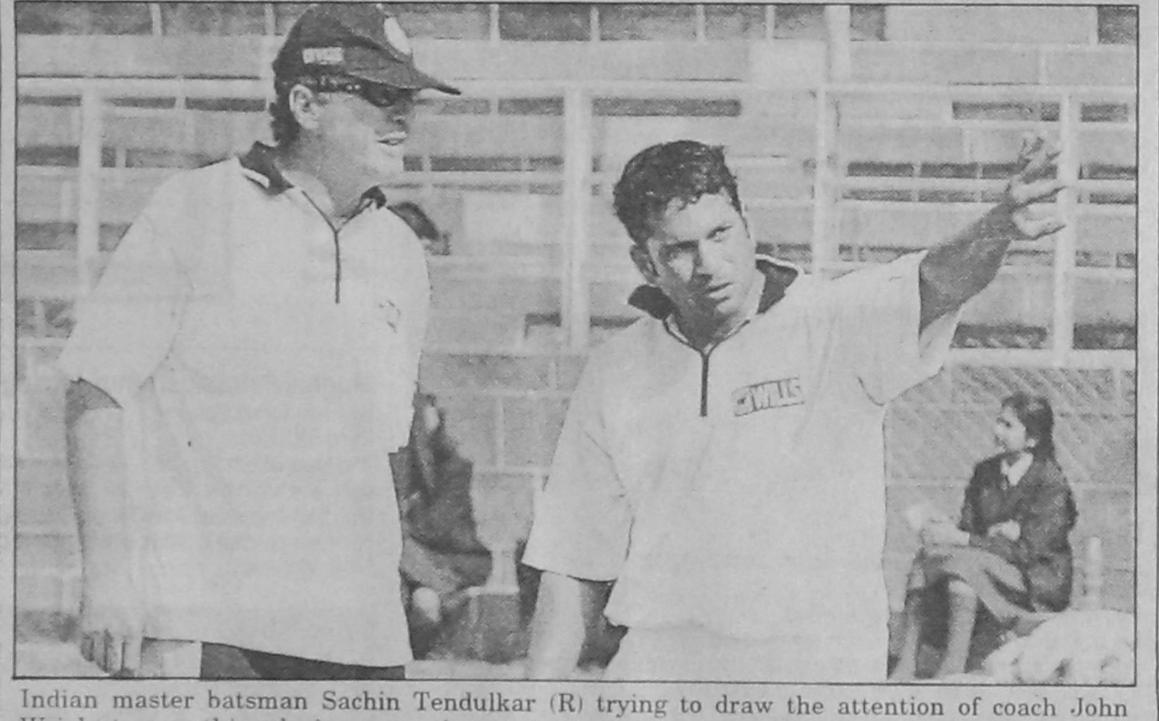
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ow (Rus) Lyon (Fra) v Bayern Munich Gert Wednesday March 14 Bayern Munich (Ger) v Arsenal

Spartak Moscow (Rus) v Lyon (Fra) GROUP D

Remaining fixtures: Tuesday February 13 Leeds (Eng) v Anderlecht (Bel) Real Madrid (Spa) v Lazio (Ita) Wednesday February 21 Anderlecht (Bel) v Leeds (Eng) Lazio Rome (Ita) v Real Madrid

Tuesday March 6 Lazio (Ita) v Anderlecht (Bel) , Real Madrid (Spa) v Leeds (Eng) Wednesday March 14 Anderlecht (Bel) v Real Madrid (Spa) Leeds (Eng) v Lazio (Ita)



Wright to something during a practice session in Jodhpur yesterday. India take on Zimbabwe in the third match of the five-game one-day international series here today. The hosts are leading the series 2-0. Channel i will show the match live from 9:30am (BST).-AFP photo

WI continue to wobble

SYDNEY. Dec 7: Former Inruddin got off lightly for his role as they went down by four in cricket's match-fixing scanwickets to the Prime Minister's ficult thing I found today." dal. Australian Icon Allan Bor-XI in a one-day game here on der said Thursday, reports AFP. Thursday, reports AFP

Border, Test cricket's leading Despite 97 from opening run scorer, said if Azharuddin batsman Daren Ganga and 59 had committed his crime in not out by skipper Jimmy Adanother walk of life he would be ams, the West Indies were unable to dismiss enough PM's XI Azharuddin. 38 was Tues- players and their score of 230 WEST INDIES was overtaken in the penultimate over.

In reply to the Windies 230 for three, the PM's XI made 233 "If he is guilty, which it for six.

The tourists' injury woes, Extras: (lb-4; w-5; nb-2) with five players unable to play Thursday, were highlighted by team coach Roger Harper and 3-179 fielding coach. Englishman Bowler Julian Fountain, having to take the field for part of the game.

would find yourself ten years in In contrast, PM's XI skipper Swain Adam Gilchrist improved his Marsh chances of captaining the Aus- Hodge tralian Test team in Adelaide Higgs with an untroubled display in Gilchrist guiding the invitational team to PRIME MINISTER'S XI:

Gilchrist, who contributed a Maher e Browne b Black typically big-hitting 31 in Hodge b Black

Prabhakar, who were also banned) let themselves get involved in this, I just don't keeping." he said. Border said the life ban was

Campbell Ibw h Swain Ganga e Clingeleffer b Nash 97 Hinds c Love b Hodge 15 Adams not out 59 Jacobs not out Total: (For 3 wkts in 50 overs)

230 Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-112, OMRW Inness 0 52 0 Nash 10 0 54 36 0 30 2.1 0 14

opening the innings. later put Love c Hinds b Stuart forward his view that a wicket- McQuire run out (sub) keeper could captain the Aus- Higgs not out tralian Test side. "The hardest part I found Nash not out about captaining today was not Extras (nb-5; w-10; lb-5; b-1)

That may sound a bit weird but whenever I've fielded in a 3-54, 4-158, 5-184, 6-205 cause at 38 Azhar is finished game and not kept I've found it Bowler very hard to judge angles and Walsh

ANBERRA. Dec field positions and then to know got no better how the bowlers are bowling. what lines they're bowling if I've dies on their got the right field. "That's just personally for

me because I've grown up as a

'keeper. That was the most dif-SCOREBOARD Scorecard in the one-day tour cricket match between an

Australian Prime Minister's XI and the West Indies at Manuka Oval on Thursday

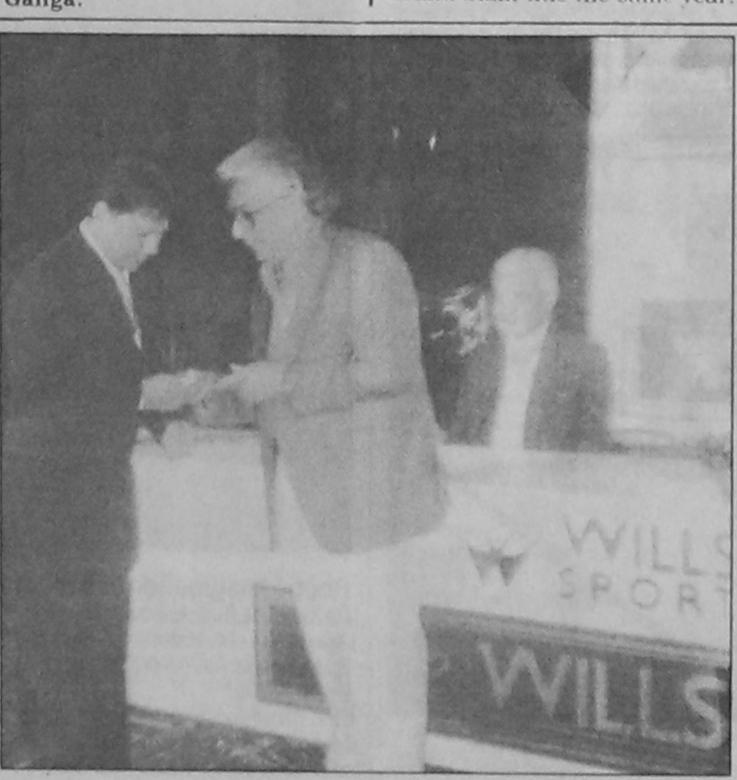
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Gilchrist e Hinds b Stuart

56 57 49 Clingeleffer c and b Walsh Total (For 6 wkts in 48 3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-35, OMRW 9.3 3 36

10 2 53 Stuart Jeremy 8 0 40 Adams Result: PM'S XI won by 4 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Daren



Bangladesh golfer Iqbal B Chowdhury receiving the trophy for the Day's Best Nett in the Wills Cup from the executive director of Indian Tobacco Company at the Tollygani Club in Calcutta on December 2.

SL practise batting

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 7 Sri Lankan batsmen hit form in the first match of their South fontein Thursday, reports AFP

Four Sri Lankans made half centuries as the tourists hammered 296 for five declared in at mining magnate Oppen-The Oppenheimer XI were

80 for no wicket when bad light stopped play after 10.4 overs in their reply, with South African one-day international opening batsman Andrew Hall slamming an unbeaten 61 off 41 balls

The Sri Lankan batsmen made use of ideal conditions on a good batting pitch with an immaculately manicured out-

The Oppenheimer XI had a credible bowling attack which included South African one-day international players Victor Mpitsang and Hall and South Africa A players Charl Langeveldt. Justin Kemp and Bustin Ontong.

Skipper Sanath Javasuriya and Marvan Atapattu set the tone for the Sri Lankans in an pening partnership worth 123 before Atapattu was caught behind off Langeveldt for 52.

- Jayasuriya followed in the next over when he skied a catch to deep point off Zander Bruyn atter making 66 off 71 balls with ten fours and two sixes.

Mahela Javawardene and Russell Arnold both passed the 50 mark before Javasuriya declared. The match, a traditional

opening game for tours of South Africa, allows the touring team the choice of innings and there is no compulsory declaration or limits to overs Only 45 minutes of play was

possible in the Oppenheimer XI innings. Hall hammered some short-pitched bowling, particularly from fast bowler Dilhara Fernando, whose two overs cost 26 runs. Hall hit nine fours and six

and also benefited from four overthrows.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard in the oneday match between a Nicky Oppenheimer XI and the touring Sri Lankans at Randjesfontein, north of Johannesburg, on Thursday:

SRI LANKA Atapattu c Pothas b Kemp J'suriva e Ontong b De Bruyn S'kara e Pothas b Langeveldt J'wardene c Bruvns b De Bruvn 72 Arnold retired out Dilshan not out Kitharana e Oppenheimer b Koortzen Extras: (1b-4, nb-8, w-3) Total: (For 6 wkts deel in 64.5 overs). Fall of wickets: 1-123. 2-127. 3-164. 4-250. 5-286 Did not bat: W. Vaas. G.

Wickramasinghe. Muralitharan. R. Fernando. Bowler M RW Mpitsang 11 2 Langeveldt Kemp Hall Ontong De Bruvn Koortzen NICKY OPPENHEIMER XI Bruvns not out Hall not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-6) Total: (For no loss in 10.4 overs) 80 Did not bat: J. Bryant. J Kemp. P. Koortzen. Z. de Bruvn, N. Pothas, J. Ontong, C. Langeveldt, P. Mpitsang, J Oppenheimer. Bowler Vaas

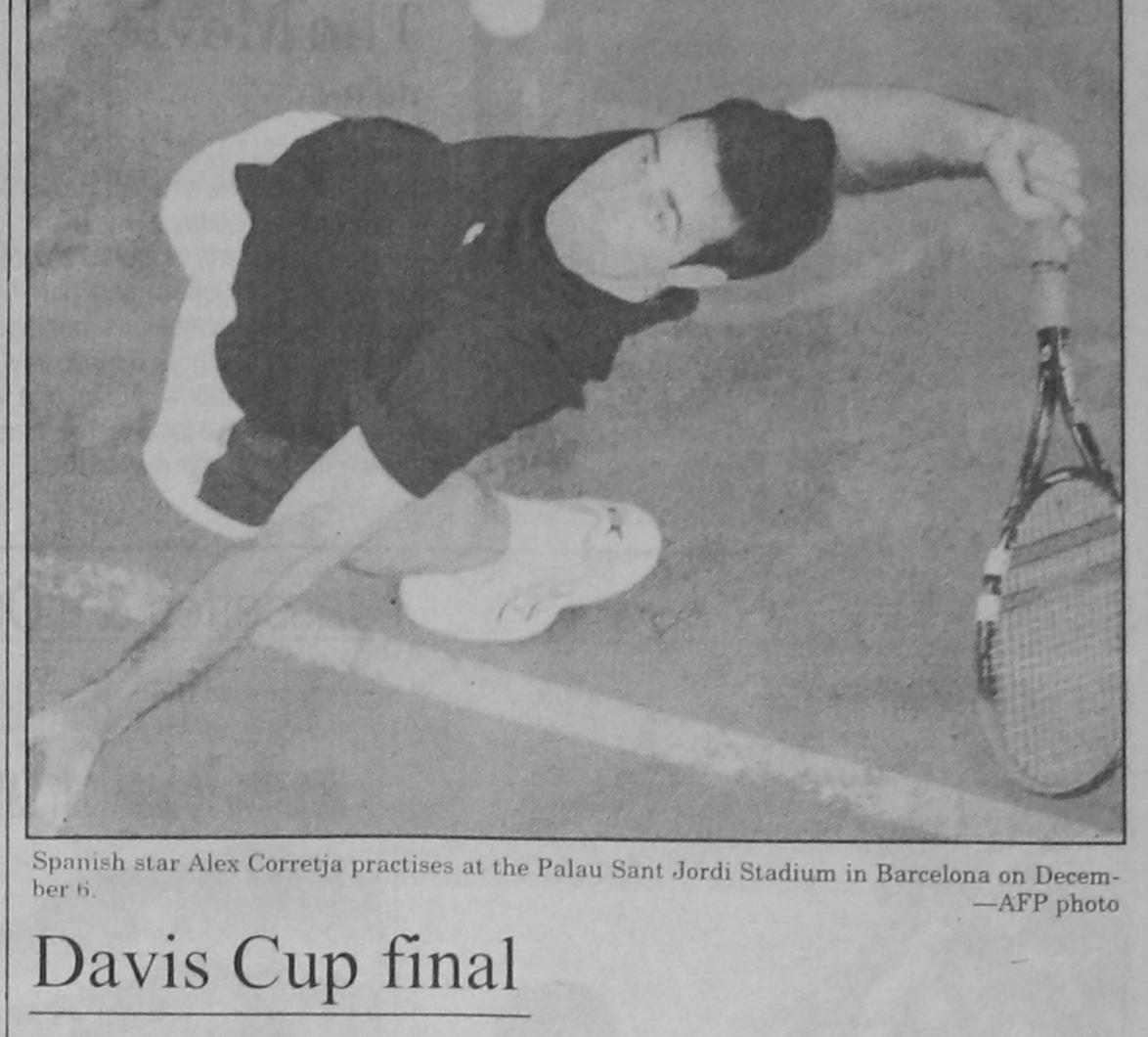
Fernando M'tharan Wsinghe 0.4 0 1 Result: Match drawn.

Martina, Lindsay enter Pan Pacific TOKYO, Dec 7: World num

ber one Martina Hingis of Switzerland will aim for her third straight and fourth overall title here at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament from January 30, reports AFP.

The 20-year-old Swiss, the winner here in 1997, 1999 and 2000, will be starting next year determined to win the Grand Slam titles she gave up this

Hingis is the only player on the WTA Tour in the past decade to have stayed top of the rankings while not winning a Grand Slam title the same year.



Hewitt heads Aussie charge

ding on the teen- the 19-year-old Adelaider. age shoulders of

Spain here on Friday, reports France's Cedric Pioline The Spaniards sprang a Carlos Ferrero in Friday's other added.

surprise when they elected to match-up before Corretja and leave Alex Corretja out of the Juan Balcells meet Mark singles line up - potentially a Woodforde and Sandon Stolle move to defuse the contretemps in Saturday's doubles. between Hewitt and Corretja. who have indulged in a war of Ferrero against Hewitt and have been there before. words all season.

opt to bring Corretja back on into the fray. Sunday for the reverse singles if the team have struggled in the first pair of singles clashes. something their opponents believe is more than likely. Hewitt will open the pro-

ceedings against Albert Costa.

his Roland Garros conqueror last summer. Hewitt said the Aussic squad were very confident of winning what would be their 28th title - closing in on the United States' record of 31 and that the French loss would

not be a factor. "It'll be at the back of my mind but tomorrow's a different

BARCELONA, Dec day. It's Davis Cup. If I go out 7: The hopes of a there and play my game I'm in nation will be ri- with a very good chance." said

"I always seem to do well Lleyton Hewitt wh- first up." added Hewitt, who play the first day. I guess Alex en Australia open their Davis explained he had learned from must be resting up for Lleyton Cup final defence against hosts his loss 12 months ago to on day three!" he joked. Pat Rafter will meet Juan bring on whoever they want." he

Sunday's reverse singles pit Costa against Rafter - unless However, the hosts may well the Spanish bring Corretja back

THE DRAW

Friday's opening singles Albert Costa (Spa) v Llevton Hewitt (Aus) followed by Juan Carlos Ferrero (Spa) v Pat Rafter (Aus).

Saturday doubles Alex Corretja/Juan Balcells (Spa) v Mark Woodforde/Sandon Stolle (Aus) Sunday's reverse singles

Juan Carlos (Spa) v Llevton Hewitt (Aus) Albert Costa (Spa) v Pat Rafter (Aus)

for Friday, the best players for that day are Costa and Ferrero, It's a technical question. We feel Costa is the man to take on Hewitt on Friday," said Duarte. had been made on Monday and he was unfazed by it. day by day, point by point. Everything is okay. My ambition is to be on this team and help." said Corretja, who added that the Spanish relished the pressure on them to win their maiden crown. provocations to other players but I don't have anything against him personally. It's Spain against Australia - not Corretja against Hewitt." plot will not now take place. year's win through injury, said he was prepared after the best part of three weeks practising on clay. looking forward to tomorrow. Davis Cup has always been one of the highest in my pecking order of tournaments. the end of the season, is look-

Davis Cup captains, Javier Duarte of Spain (L) and Australian John Newcombe, pose for photographs standing behind the Cup after the final's draw in Barcelona yesterday.

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better way to go out. I've always believed we have the goods and it's a great time for me." -AFP photo 25 26 27 28 | 29 | 30 47 48 49 50 |51 |52

CRYPTOQUIP

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CUPCMR HXCOBU TXCOM HXCAG. HDB Saturday's Cryptoquip: SERIOUS COOKS HAVE THE SKILLET TAKES TO ACHIEVE REAL

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals R The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.