Jewel best sportsman of 1999

Jewel Rana, the SAF Games soccer gold medal winning captain of Bangladesh football team, has been named as the best sportsman for the year 1999 by Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA). reports UNB.

The association on Thursday also announced the names of six players of six discipline, one organiser, one coach and a sponsoring organisation for its annual sports awards for the year 1999 considering their contribution in the filed of sports in the domestic and international arena.

The awards are likely to be distributed in January next. The recipients are: Minhazul Abedin Namu (cricket). Alfaz Alimed (football), Mahbub Alam (athletics). Khurshid Alam (hockey). Sabrina Sultana (shooting). Dolly Akther (swimming). Saber Hossain Chowdhury (organiser). Hasanuzzaman Khan Habloo (coach) and Nitol Group (sponsor).

McEnroe blasts media

LONDON, Dec 8: John McEnroe, preparing to face old rival Bjorn Borg at the Seniors Tour tournament at the Albert Hall today, has blamed the media for the break-up of Boris Becker's marriage, reports Renters.

The three-time Wimbledon champion may not be the force he once was on the tennis court, but he continues to be the most outspoken ambassador of men's tennis.

with a glass of champagne because they've contributed to the break-up." McEnroe told a news conference on Thursday.

Becker announced this week that he and his wife Barbara had split just two weeks before their seventh wedding anniver-

McEnroe added: "How much money do they (the media) want to leave us alone? We'd all pay up to be left alone but I don't see any of them giving us our

The type of people who do past. that for a living will end up in a miserable place - their karma will get them eventually.

privacy.

The 41-year-old American also attacked the ATP Tour for driving players, including Borg. out of the game prematurely because of the punishing tour-

nament schedule. Borg virtually retired from mainstream tennis after his loss to McEnroe in the 1981 Wimbledon final as he felt burnt out chasing ranking

points on the Tour The travelling put me in an impossible situation in the last few years of my career when the ATP changed the ranking sv-tem, said McEnroe, a former number one and winner

seven grand slam singles titles They suddenly said you could play 30 tournaments but only your best 14 would count.

Zimbabwe

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2 0 17 Result: Zimbabwe won by one wicket. Man-of-the-match: Grant Flower.

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A spectator at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg, sitting under umbrellas, waiting for -AFP photo rain to stop vesterday.

Anand advances to qtrs

The media should go out came in the second game of the middlegame. fourth round.

> garia guarded his missiles and played a few games already scored a thumping victory over against other grandmasters. GM Alexie Dreev of Russia to level the score.

classical approach of winning vate his pieces and was strug- again was a draw. with white and drawing with gling for space soon after. A

fermer world champion GM, the other flank Anatoly Karpov of Russia in the

home preparation and Anand game lasted 34 moves. The outemerged with a slight but long- come of this match will now be form advantage, thanks to the decided in the tiebreaker on of Moldova drew with Internabishop pair.

Marieja fumbled soon and

than Anand broke for Anand to finish the rituals.

After a dismal performance on Wednesday. Topalov cashed early in the middlegame and it Grand Master Bartlomiej Ma- in on his chances in the Mos- looked as though he was facing cicja and became the first men's cow variation of the Semi Slav development problems. On his player to enter the quarterfinals defence with white pieces. 14" move. Shirov came up with of the world chess champion. Dreev did not shy away from an excellent Queen sacrifice ships 2000 on Thursday, re- the initial complications and it that made his position impregbecame more a matter of prepa- nable. The truce was signed in The breakthrough for Anand ration once the game entered 21 moves taking the match to

And on this front. Topalov GM Veselin Topalov of Bul- was clearly superior, having The game took a decisive

turn on the 12" move when Anand yet again stuck to the Dreev opened the center to actiprecise calculation helped In the Caro Kann defence. Topalov to dismantle the king-Anand played one of the main side and his Knights created a lines that he had used against chaotic situation for Dreev on

As the dust settled. Dreev found himself a Rook minus Until the 21 move it was and the rest was easy. The

Latvia-born allowed a piece sacrifice on the Grandmaster Alexei Shirov of a French defense and will 25 move that ripped open his played a solid defensive game to now have to play the tiebreaker.

NEW DELHI, Dec position. Soon Macieja's king hold Grandmaster Boris Gel-8. Indian Grand was dancing to Anand's time fand of Israel in a Queens Master Viswana- and it took another 10 moves. Gambit accepted game with black pieces.

tiebreaker.

Grand Master Michael Adams of England too will have to sweat it out on Friday. His second game with Russian Grandmaster Peter Svidler was hard fought, but the end result

Adams sidestepping from famous lines did not help and Svidler maintained an equilibrium right through the game. In the women's section.

Grand Master Ekaterina Kovalevaskava of Russia entered the semifinals with a draw against International Master Peng Zhaoqin of the Netherlands.

Almira Scripchenko Lautier tional Master Alisa Marie of Spaniard Yugoslavia from the white side

Rain rules at Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 8 Rain prevented any play on the first day of the third and final Test between South Africa and New Zealand at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg on Friday, reports AFP. South Africa lead the series

After several inspections on a day of showers interspersed with spells of sunshine, play was called off at 4:15 pm (1215

Marlon put into work directly

HOBART, Australia, Dec 8 West Indies will throw jetlagged debutant Marlon Samuels in at the deep end in the four-day tour cricket match against Australia A which starts here Saturday, reports AFP.

The uncapped 20-year-old batsman arrived here Friday on a separate flight from his teammates, having travelled straight from Jamaica on Tuesday as a replacement for injured Shivnarine Chanderpaul Samuels didn't even know what match was on Saturday.

just that he was very tired. Captain Jimmy Adams quickly informed him that he would be playing - and that he

Test in Adelaide next week "He's very talented and this is an excellent time for someone Gelfand sacrificed a pawn like him to be thrown in." Adams said Friday.

The match is vital for the beleaguered West Indians collectively and the Australia A players individually.

Adams said the match, following two heavy Test defeats. had come at just the right time. "It's very important," he said. We want as much time in the middle as we can get.

"To win would be nice, but we want to win with good performances as a lead-in to Adelaide."

The West Indies later named misfiring batsman Brian Lara in their team, but also included Courtney Brown in the 12 should the champion batsman not be fully fit in the morning.

While the Windies are seeking momentum and rehabilitation, the Australians want to catch the selectors' eyes.

Captain Damien Martyn said selection in the A side was a reward for players' hard work and good form.

"The selectors have shown that by saving these are the guys we are looking to in the tuture to play Test cricket," he

Martyn and Western Australian teammate Simon Katich are vying for the injured Steve Waugh's spot in Adelaide.

Martyn also emphasised his side's determination to gel as cam and continue the West

Indian misery. "We want to win and help the main guys out by keeping the Windies as down as we can," he said. "We don't want to

give them a sniff." SQUADS

AUSTRALIA A: Damien Martyn (captain), Simon Katich. Jamie Cox. Jimmy Maher, Martin Love. Brad Hodge, Brad Haddin, Andy Bichel, Mathew Inness, Don Nash, Brad Ol-

WEST INDIES: Jimmy Adams (captain), Sherwin Camphell. Daren Ganga, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Marlon Samuels. Ridley Jacobs. Marlon Black. Colin Stewart, Kerry Jeremy. Courtney Walsh. Couriney Brown.

Trist won't renew deal

UNDATED. Dec 8 (Internet report): New Zealand cricket coach David Trist has rejected an offer to stay beyond the end of his current contract, which expires in July. Operations manager John

Reid admitted that Trist submitted a letter of resignation following New Zealand's 2-0 Test series victory over Zimbabwe in September. "Ideally we would like David

to continue through to the next World Cup (in 2003) but we SYDNEY, Dec 8 (AFP): No entirely respect his decision not to seek a renewal of his con-Trist will be in charge for the

Kiwis upcoming series against Sri Lanka and Pakistan. "David Trist is a players"

coach. He has quietly set about estimated 47.8 million dollars | reinforcing team protocols and providing the positive leader-Norman takes top honours ship that has seen the New Zealand team continue to develop as a competitive unit. added Reid.

Hunter hopeful

RALEIGH, North Carolina. Dec 8: World shot put cham-Premier League football stars | pion CJ Hunter said he was "unbelievably confident" he Mark Bosnich all make the top | would be cleared of charges 10, with earnings in excess of that he took the banned steroid nandrolone, reports Reuters.

"It is going to be almost fifth place with 7.0 million dol- comical," said Hunter, husband lars despite an on-off season of triple Olympic champion while fellow Davis Cup star Marion Jones, when asked Lleyton Hewitt rocketed up the about a still unscheduled US The International Amateur

Athletic Federation (IAAF) au-Slipping out of the top 50 normced at the Sydney Games were 500ce motorcycle cham- that Hunter had tested positive pion Mick Doohan and former for nandrolone at a meeting in Hunter, who did not compete

QJ Jimpson's attorney rate a mention, reflecting the Johnnie Cochran will represent huge gap in carnings potential hun in the appeals process. Hunter said on Thursday.



Australian Lleyton Hewitt (R) listening to some words of wisdom from coach John Newcombe during a break during the opening match of the Davis Cup final at Barcelona yesterday.

-AFP photo Duarte takes big gamble

the Davis Cup.

Duarte benched his number in three Davis Cup matches - world's dominant team on the one player. Alex Corretja. for all this year and all on clay. Friday's opening singles against pion Australia in favour of 20- viously they're trying to keep Corretja is being saved for Sat- lian captain John Newcombe urday's doubles and, probably, said after Thursday's draw, "It for Sunday's reverse singles.

Corretia is 3-0 this season in not a bad tactic. Davis Cup matches - all on hours would be too much.

matched against Lleyton Hewitt than on us." in the opening singles match Rafter in the second. In Saturday's doubles. Corretja teams

substitute Corretja for either lian Open. Ferrero or Costa.

Duarte, who is also Corretja's day, it would be great," Corretja personal coach. "The idea behind it is that we want to put that it's better for our team to Costa out on court because we put out Juan Carlos and Albert believe he's the best to face another time on Sunday, I will put on me so far,

Hewitt. ... And we believe Fer- perfectly understand and I will Spain. Dec 8 (AP): rero is the best to face Rafter in agree. If he's proven Rafter's first match.'

Javier three Spaniards. Hewitt is 2-1 Duarte will be a against Costa, but the Spaniard '67, national hero. If he's wrong, beat the 19-year-old Aussie in Spain will remain the biggest four sets on clay at this year's out at 14.000-seat Palau Sant tennis power never to have won French Open. Ferrero is 1-0 Jordi, where a dusty, red-clay

"I didn't think they'd leave defending and 27-time cham- Corretja out on Day 1, but obvear-old Juan Carlos Ferrero. him fresh for doubles." Austratook us a bit by surprise. It's attending in his native city.

"We're certainly not counting clay. But Duarte figured three on that being an advantage to possible five-set matches in 48 us. However, we do feel that there's probably a little more Instead. Albert Costa was pressure on the Spanish team

Newcombe, along with coach Friday, with Ferrero against Pat Tony Roche, is retiring after this

Corretja made no protest dewith Joan Balcells against San- spite being the world's No. 8don Stolle and Mark Woodforde. ranked player and fresh from Sunday's reverse singles has last week's prestigious Masters Hewitt vs. Ferrero in the first Cup in Lisbon, where he beat match and Rafter vs. Costa in Hewitt in three sets. He's 0-2 in the final match. Team captains his other matches against can change the lineup for Sun- Hewitt, including a 6-0, 6-0, 6day, and Duarte is expected to 1 defeat in this year's Austra-"If I can help winning on

"It's a coach's decision," said Saturday and winning on Sunsaid. "But if the captains believe

Spain lost in Australia in its In truth, little separates the only two previous. Davis finals - both on grass in 1965 and

The final is a three-day sellagainst Rafter and is unbeaten court has been tailored to the slow surface.

> King Juan Carlos and members of the royal family are expected. with International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch also

> If Corretja faces Hewitt on Sunday, a fiery match could result. The two have been calling each other names since Corretja last week said the Australian's chest-thumping behavior is "juvenile"

> "He (Hewitt) knows he's provocative with other players." Corretja said. "It's nothing new. Maybe I'm the first to say it. If we do face (each other), it's going to be a big war to play against each other because of the Davis Cup and our personal situation.

Hewitt, who has toned down his cheerleading the last two years, seems confident.

I'm not really worried about it. he said. The had to deal with a lot of things in such a short career already." he said. "I. think I've dealt with most of the pressure and stuff that's been

DAVIS CUP NOTEBOOK

There will be one policeman for Carlos Ferrero chewing on his would put her in a tough spot every 14 Davis Cup faus at- racket. tending the three-day final.

Partially, that's because the historic weekend," a smaller Llelyton Hewitt's girlfriend Spanish royal family will be headline said. sitting in the VIP box at Palan In addition to regular cover- ager who just finished playing Sant Jordi cheering along with age. AS also published a 16- in the Fed Cup - the women's 14.000 other partisan Span- page pullout section with eve- version of the Davis - is on iards. But it's also because ten- rything you need to know about hand nis - though a minority sport - the Davis Cup, including the has always had a solid following life and history of St. Louis- win, the Belgian said. in the best tennis country never born Dwight Filley Davis. to have won the cup.

The light for tennis' top team daily Sport, with a front page Friday's first singles with Albert prize is being billed as one of urging "A Por Ella" (Let's Go For Costa facing Lleyton Hewitt. the biggest events to hit this It), is also publishing the daily. Mike Morrissey of Britain Mediterranean metropolis since program. the 92 Olympics with Spain vs. 27-time winner Australia.

Barcelona, soccer is No. 2.

- Marca and AS - dedicated Manuel Orantes. their Friday front pages to tenms. and the next half-dozen Carlos Ferraro has been it's on everyone lips.

Even taxi drivers talk of pics. winning the "ensaladera," which in Spanish means "the big is just my friend." Ferrero said, times that much. ... The home salad bowl" and, of course, re- "I have a Spanish girlfriend and team no longer has the advanters to the 101-year-old two- this has been very difficult for tage in the Davis Cup. Visiting tiered silver cup. "We'll eat them up" said are just friends."

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Pais dedicated four pages of beugh was infamous a few For three days in the home coverage on Friday to tennis years ago at Wimbledon when with an analysis by former he was accosted by hot-Two of Spain's sports dailies Spanish Davis Cup player tempered American Jeff Ta-LOVE: Spanish player Juan cheating.

Davis Cup gets a lukewarm his relationship with Yugoslav- day final and has a crew of reception in some quarters with born Australian tennis star about 160, 20 more than it American Pete Sampras saving Jelena Dokic. Dokic and Fer- used in the Sydney Olympics. he won't play again until the rero were widely reported to ... The official website is format is changed, in Barcelona have struck up more than a www.daviscup.com. ... The top friendship at the Sydney Olym- tickets are 45,000 pesetas (dlrs "She is not my girlfriend, she being scalped for two and three

both of us. I want to repeat we teams have won five of the last

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He said he did not expect in last year's final in France.

BARCELONA. Dec 8 (AP): picture of singles player Juan her to attend the final, which

Spain's ready to live an or Spain on Ferrero's behalf. Kim Chisters, the Belgian teen-

of rooting for either or Australia

"And I'm sure he's going to

LOBS: Bruno Rebeuh The Barcelona-based sports worked as the chair umpire in worked the second singles with Even the serious daily El Ferrero playing Pat Rafter. Rerango, who accused him of

Spanish television TVE is inside pages as well. While the swamped with questions about using 17 cameras for the three-

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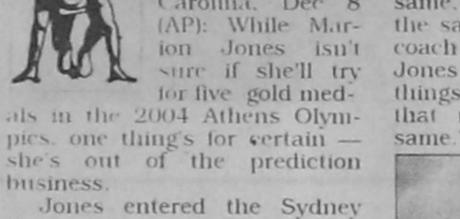
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BIM RQFJ LQ MJJH. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CHEF GOES AWAY FOR A VACATION, HE'LL ALWAYS TRAVEL ON THE GRAVY TRAIN. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals E

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,

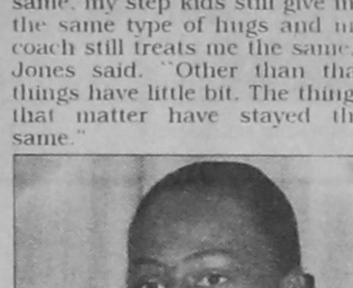
Jones doesn't predict RALEIGH. North dogs still jump up on me the days before dones won gold in



medals for herself. But Thursday night, prior to receiving an award from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina, Jones said she had learned a lesson about hype.

traordinary as possible." Jones' life has been far from ordinary since the Games ended in October. Between pre-Olympic hype and winning five

Immediately after the A Campbell e Dahiya b Zaheer 24 Games, Jones went on a media tour and hit the talk show cir- Jones has changed for the betcuit. Since then she has spent ter, the opposite can be said for no more than a few days in a her husband, world champion row at home, flying to one ap- shot putter CJ Hunter. pearance after another.



Games as one of the most talked about athletes, in part because she predicted five gold

Tve vowed not to make a prediction such as the five gold medals, especially not four years prior to the next Games." said Jones, who lives in nearby Apex. "But whatever I choose to do. I'll try and make it as ex-

medals, Jones attained a level of fame she never could have imagined.

Even at home Jones can't go the Sydney Games, but still was anywhere without being recog- in the news when it leaked out nized. Dinners, trips to the mall that he had failed four drug and even going to the movies tests in Europe over the sumhave become difficult because mer. so many people want to say

sure if she'll try Jones said. "Other than that drug tests. for five gold med- things have little bit. The things Hunter declined interview als in the 2004 Athens Olym- that matter have stayed the requests at the Make-A-Wish



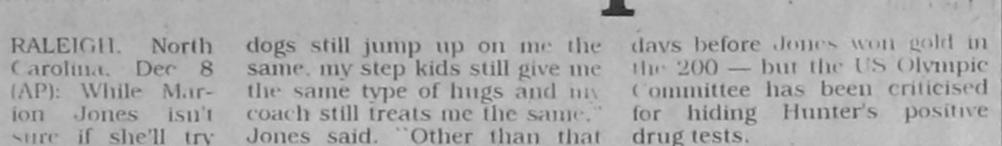
MARION JONES While public opinion on

Hunter did not compete in

Hunter denied the accusasomething or get an autograph. tions during an emotional press "It's difficult at times, but my conference in Sydney - two



Legendary American tennis player John McEnroe in action against Iranian Mansour Bahrami during their match in the Honda Challenge at the Royal Albert Hall in London on December 7. McEnroe won 6-3, 6-4. -AFP photo



dinner, but Jones was eager to defend her husband.

"Now it's really set in stone that it's going to be OK." Jones said. 'I can't go into the details. but I'm quite confident in the very near future that everything will be resolved and a lot of information is going to come out that a going to clear my

husband - name For now, Jones is concentrating on getting life back to normal. She started training again three weeks ago at North Carolina State and is already looking forward to the 2001 World Championships in Ed-

monton. . Jones wouldn't say if she would continue competing in five events, but did mention that she hasn't won a world championship in the 200, long jump and 1,600 relay.

Norman tops

to Greg Norman when it comes | tract," said Reid. to making money. According to Business Review Weekly's annual list of the country's top earning sportsmen. The Shark will make an

with his nearest rival, basketballer Luc Longley, well down million dollars.

50 highest paid athletes.

short of teammate Rafter.

for the fourth consecutive year

5.0 million dollars Tennis icon Pat Rafter takes list to 14th from 44th in 1999. hearing on the accusation. He falls several million dollars

in different sports.

Perhaps that will give you a little bit of a hint as to where Im leaning," Jones said. "There are still things out there that I want to accomplish."

earners' list Australian sportsman gets close

(25.8 million US) this year.

the earnings scale with 11.4 The list shows that if you want to make big bucks in sport, more specifically through sponsorship deals, then football or golf are the best options. accounting for 24 of Australia's

Harry Kewell, Mark Viduka and I

Australian cricket captain Mark | Oslo in July. Taylor, who both retired. Current cricket captain in Australia because of knee Steve Waugh, who has led his surgery, denied he had taken side to a world record 12 con- the steroid. secutive Test wins, does not