

Sport

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.



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

McEnroe blasts media

LONDON, Dec 8: John McEnroe, preparing to face 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 Reuters.

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.

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Anand advances to qtrs

NEW DELHI, Dec 8: Indian Grand Master Viswanathan Anand broke through the defenses of Polish Grand Master Bartlomiej Macieja and became the first men's player to enter the quarterfinals of the world chess championships 2000 on Thursday, reports AP.

position. Soon Macieja's king was dancing to Anand's tune and it took another 10 moves for Anand to finish the rituals.

hold Grandmaster Boris Gelfand of Israel in a Queens Gambit accepted game with black pieces.

Jones doesn't predict

RALEIGH, North Carolina, Dec 8 (AP): While Marion Jones isn't sure if she'll try for five gold medals in the 2004 Athens Olympics, one thing is for certain — she's out of the prediction business.

dogs still jump up on me the same, my step kids still give me the same type of hugs and my coach still treats me the same," Jones said.

days before Jones won gold in the 2000 Olympics, but the US Olympic committee has been criticised for hiding Hunter's positive drug tests.



MARION JONES

Norman tops earners' list

SYDNEY, Dec 8 (AFP): No Australian sportsman gets close to Greg Norman when it comes to making money.

Norman takes top honours for the fourth consecutive year with his nearest rival, basketballer Luc Longley, well down the earnings scale with 11.4 million dollars.

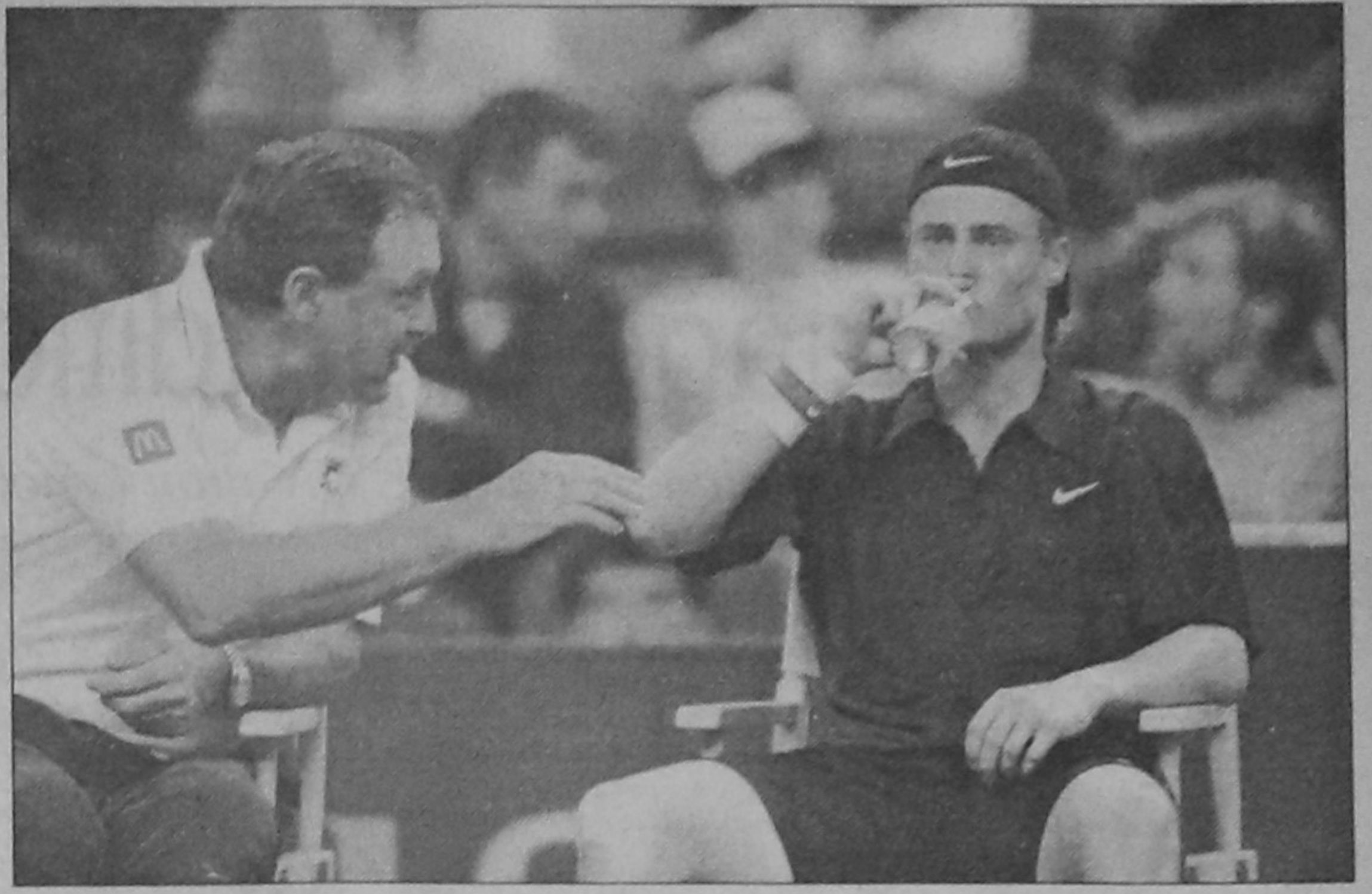
Rain rules at Johannesburg

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.

Marlon put into work directly

HOBART, Australia, Dec 8: West Indies will throw jellied 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.



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

BARCELONA, Dec 8 (AP): Spain, Dec 8 (AP): If he's proven right, Spanish captain Javier Duarte will be a national hero.

Hewitt... And we believe Ferrero is the best to face Rafter in Rafter's first match."

perfectly understand and I will agree."

DAVIS CUP NOTEBOOK

BARCELONA, Dec 8 (AP): There will be one policeman for every 14 Davis Cup fans attending the three-day final.

picture of singles player Juan Carlos Ferrero chewing on his racket.

her to attend the final, which would put her in a tough spot of rooting for either Australia or Spain on Ferrero's behalf.

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.

Hunter hopeful

RALEIGH, North Carolina, Dec 8: World shot put champion CJ Hunter said he was "unbelievably confident" he would be cleared of charges that he took the banned steroid nandrolone, reports Reuters.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Cryptogram puzzle with a grid and clues. Clues include: LBJ WOQUPML PM, WJJOPFR HPMYQZUIR JH, GJYIZMJ BPM GZMPFJMM, BIM RQFJ LQ MJJH, Yesterday's Cryptogram: IF A CHEF GOES AWAY FOR A VACATION, HE'LL ALWAYS TRAVEL ON THE GRAVY TRAIN.