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On Sachin Tendulkar.

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Rating chess Kabir tames Taibur

Syed Rihul Kabir of Titus Club and Nazrana Khan Eya of Dhaka University jointly lead the points table of the Third Prime Bank International Rating Chess Tournament securing 4.5 points after the fifth round of matches at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

Kabir beat leader Taibur Rahman of Leonine Chess Club while Eya beat Sk Nasir Ahmed of Bangladesh Ansars.

Taibur and Shawkat Hossain Fallah of Ansars are in joint second position collecting four points each.

Syed Mahfuzur Rahman and Sk Nasir, Kazi Mahmud of Anushilan and Shaifque Ahmed of Nakhilpara are in third position jointly with 3.5 points at the end of the day's round.

In the fifth round matches, Fallah beat Saifuddin Lavlu, Kazi beat Amir Hossain, Imon beat Moniruzzaman Khan and Shaifque beat Kazi Taherul Islam.

The sixth round starts today at 2:30 pm.

V-Day hockey

Bangladesh Hockey Federation Trainers earned an exciting 2-1 victory over Bangladesh Army Red in the Shaheed Salimullah Cup Victory Day hockey tournament at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The match was locked 1-1 during the first half.

Tulim put the Trainers ahead in the 8th minute from a penalty corner while Abu Salam of Army restored parity in the 14th minute.

Khokon scored the match-winner in the 37th minute.

Biman back on top

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Chittagong v Biman

Bangladesh Biman regained the lead in Group A when they defeated Chittagong by four wickets in a one-day match of the Green Delta National Cricket League at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

Equal on points with the defending champions after their drawn three-day match, Biman grabbed two crucial away points when they, chasing a fighting Chittagong total of 222 for nine, rattled up 223 for six in 43.4 overs.

Biman rode on the combined effort of Bangladesh's debut Test heroes -- Habibul Bashar and Ammul Islam -- after young right-arm seamer Sharif set the course with a five-wicket burst.

Sharif, the new pace find in the National League this year, claimed five for 32 in his share of 10 overs to restrict Chittagong to an attainable target.

Azam scored highest 70 for the port city followed by a gritty 30 from Enamul Hoque. Azam hammered six fours and a six in his 105-ball knock.

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Biman got off to a shaky chase. But with Bashar hammering a fine 55 off 82 balls and Ammul with 35, playing the supporting role at the other end, the national airlines never looked troubled thereafter.

Hasanuzzaman and Sanwar produced 58 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket. Hasan scored a fluent 39 not out off 33 balls that included three fours while Sanwar remained unbeaten on 25.

With this win Biman raised their tally to 20 points at the end of their fourth round campaign. Chittagong, on the other hand, remained glued to their previous collection of 18 points.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National Cricket League one-day match between Chittagong and Biman at the Comilla Stadium yesterday:

CHITTAGONG

S Mehmud run out	2
Nafis c Atar b Sharif	5
Ehsanul c Aminul b Sharif	90
Azam c Atar b Sharif	70
Akram c Atar b Sharif	10
Enamul b Sharif	0
Rezaul c Atar b Jahangir	7
S Mehmud	10
Akram	0.1
Mortuza not out	14
Sajal c Faruque b Imran	5

BIMAN

Javed c Enamul b Sajal	16
Faruque c S Mehmud b Sajal	19
Habibul b b S Mehmud	55
Imran c S b Sabbir	33
Aminul b Enamul	16
Hasanuzzaman c Mortuza b Anis	7
Sanwar not out	39
Atar not out	25
Extras: (lb-2, nb-4, w-7)	13
Total: (For 6 wks in 48.1 overs)	223
Fall of wickets: 1/37, 2/39, 3/93, 4/126, 5/147, 6/165	

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Anis	10	0	42	1
Sajal	9	0	48	2
Ehsanul	5	0	20	0
Sabbir	5	0	24	1
Enamul	9	0	46	1
S Mehmud	10	0	41	1
Akram	0.1	0	4	0

Result: Biman won by four wickets.

Dhaka Metro mauled

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Sylhet v Dhaka Metro

The star-studded Dhaka Metropolis suffered a stunning 62-run defeat against hosts Sylhet in a one-day match of the Green Delta National Cricket League at Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The tourists, who are being considered as to have the best batting line-up among the eight teams in the League, ended up with the most forgettable experience on their maiden trip outside Dhaka.

Having conceded four points in the three-day encounter against the last year's runners-up only the day before, Dhaka saw their much-vaunted batting line-up for a paltry 80 while chasing a modest Sylhet total of 142 for eight in 50 overs.

It was one of those rare days when players like Mehrib Hossain, young sensation Ashrafat,

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Al-Shahriar, former national captain Khaled Mahmud, discarded national all-rounder Neeyamur Rashid and even a free-scoring Pakistani Zahoor Elahi failed to chase a simple target.

Flown in the city a few days back, Zahoor had a nightmare of a debut in the National League when the former Pakistani Test cap returned for a duck.

It was also an emotional bout between Zahoor and Sylhet captain Hasibul Hossain after the infamous 'bat throwing episode' in the Premier League last year. The unsporting Pakistani had tainted cricket when he threw his bat at Hasibul in total disgust after being dismissed by the tall right-arm seamer in a crucial match between Kalabagan and Abahani.

Hasibul, who is yet to fully recover from that blow at his knee, did not get the wicket of Zahoor this time, but he started the Dhaka Metro rot by dismissing Ashrafat with the first

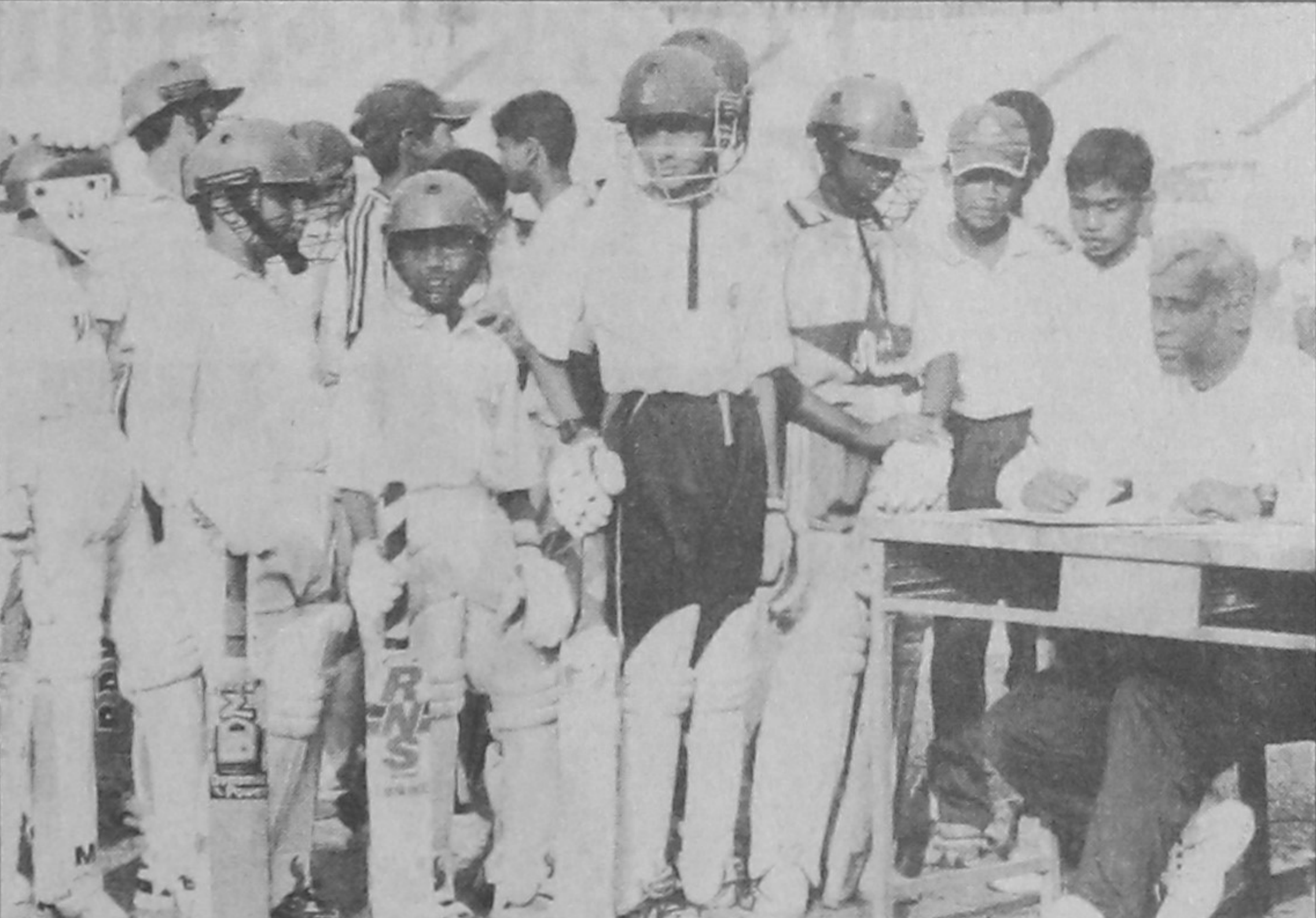
SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National Cricket League One-day match between Sylhet and Dhaka Metropolis at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:

SYLHET

Parvez c Shaheen b K Mahmud	4
Kabi c Talha b Neeyamur	4
Tushar c Biplob b Neeyamur	7

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TENDULKARS OF TOMORROW! Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has yesterday started a talent-hunting programme designed to build the country as a strong cricketing nation. As part of that mission, an age-group camp has been opened at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Here a number of budding cricketers are seen reporting to coach Nazmul Abedin Fahim yesterday morning.

Barisal exact revenge

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Barisal v Khulna

Hosts Barisal brought Khulna down to earth with an emphatic 96-run defeat in their Group B Green Delta National Cricket League limited-overs game at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium yesterday.

On Sunday, the visitors earned a crushing nine-wicket victory in their three-day match.

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other notable Barisal run-getters.

In reply, telling spells by Al-Amin, Ashfaq Ali and Shahneez Kabir saw Khulna bundled out for a paltry 75 with 22 overs still remaining in their innings.

Right-arm seamer Al-Amin took four for 30 while his new-ball partner Ashfaq and spinner Shahneez grabbed three wickets each.

For the visitors, Mr Sundries contributed highest 23 while

POINTS TABLE

Group A	Team	3-day	50-over	Total
	Biman	14	6	20
	Chittagong	16	2	18
	Rajshahi	12	2	14
	Dhaka	0	6	6
Group B	Team	3-day	50-over	Total
	Khulna	16	0	16
	Dhaka Metro	8	6	14
	Sylhet	7	6	13
	Barisal	7	4	11

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Tariq excels for visitors

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Dhaka v Rajshahi

Tariqul Islam's all-round performance inspired Rajshahi for a comprehensive seven-wicket win over hosts Dhaka in their Group A Green Delta National Cricket League limited-overs clash at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday.

With his off-spinners, Tariq bagged three for 27 as the home side were shot out for 142 in 47 overs.

The right handed middle-order batsman remained unbeaten on 35 to propel the tourists in reaching the target off 29.2 overs.

After Rajshahi lost their third wicket on 85, Tariqul joined Anisur Rahman. The pair put on 58 runs for the unbroken fourth-wicket. The result ensured the home side crumbled to their second win in four outings.

Anisur was the top-scorer with 45 not out off 57 balls. He hammered five fours while Tariqul's knock contained three boundaries.

One-down Nuruzzaman added 24 off 45 balls with a quartet of fours.

Earlier, electing to bat, Dhaka were all out for 142 in 47 overs with Fahim Muntasir making highest 35.

Tariqul's fellow off-spinner Alamgir took three wickets for 24 runs.

Having won the three-day match between the sides on Sunday by 57 runs, Rajshahi moved into third position in the group after they raised their tally to 14 points. On the other hand, Dhaka remained at the bottom of the with only six points.

Bangladesh Biman and holders Chittagong are ahead of them with 20 and 18 points respectively.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National Cricket League one-day match between Dhaka and Rajshahi at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday:

DHAKA

Haron c Kalim b Aminul jr	21
Sadek c Kalim b Alamgir	0
Rashedul c Anisur b Alamgir	3
Sarwar c Omar b Tariqul	14
Sajjad run out	2
Mazharul c b Tariqul	0
Fahim c Kalim b Alamgir	35
Saiful c Kalim b Tariqul	6
Biplob b Rezwanaul	11
Bikash c Nuruzzaman b Imran	11
Zakir not out	13
Extras: (lb-7, nb-8, w-11)	26
Total: (All out in 47 overs)	142
Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/20, 3/34, 4/48, 5/50, 6/52, 7/67, 8/100, 9/120	

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Aminul jr	9	3	26	1
Alamgir	10	0	24	3
Nuruzzaman	10	2	27	0
Tariqul	9	1	27	3
Rezwanaul	5	1	19	1
Imran	4	0	12	1

RAJSHAH

Omar retired hurt	2
Mustadir c Saiful b Zakir	0
Nuruzzaman c Sarwar b Saiful	24
Anisur not out	45
Nadim b Rashedul	13
Tariqul not out	35
Extras: (lb-2, nb-11, w-11)	24
Total: (For 3 wks in 29.2 overs)	143
Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/62, 3/85	

Did not bat: Rezwanaul Islam, Mohammad Kalim, Imran Parvez, Alam and Aminul Islam junior.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Bikash	7	0	22	0
Zakir	6	1	33	1
Saiful	5	1	20	1
Rashedul	6	0	33	1
Biplob	3	0	14	0
Fahim	2	0	16	0
Sarwar	0.2	0	3	0

Result: Rajshahi won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Tariqul Islam (Rajshahi).

PCB sticks with Moin

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec 11: Wicketkeeper Moin Khan is to be retained as Pakistan cricket captain until the team's tour to England in May, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said today, reports Reuters.

The chairman of the PCB Tauqir Zia said the cricket managers were satisfied with the way the wicketkeeper had handled the team.

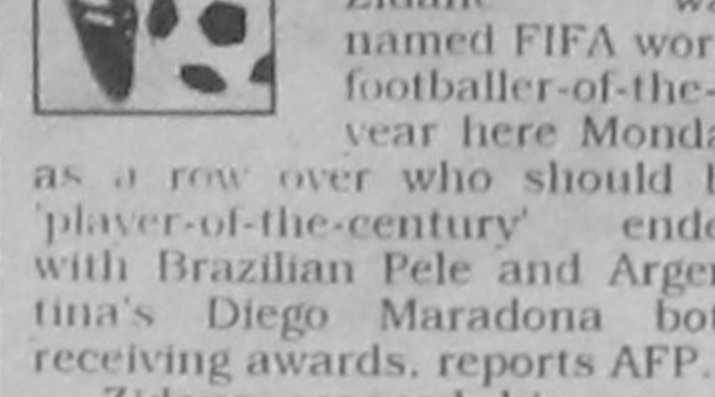
"Of course, there is always room for improvement and I am sure with Moin being a fighter and a keen learner, he will quickly master the art of marshalling his troops and take the right decisions at the right time," the PCB boss said.

Moin, 29, was initially appointed captain until the home series against England which concludes today.

The fresh six-month contract says Moin will now captain the team during a further five Tests, including two against England, and over 20 one-day internationals that also include triangular one-day competitions in Sharjah in April and in England.

Golden honour Zidane's

FIFA play safe over Pele-Maradona choice



ROME, Dec 11: French midfielder Zinedine Zidane was named FIFA world footballer-of-the-year here Monday

as a row over who should be 'player-of-the-century' ended with Brazilian Pele and Argentina's Diego Maradona both receiving awards, reports AFP.

Zidane scooped his second world footballer-of-the-year crown in three years ahead of the most expensive footballer on the planet, Portugal's Luis Figo, and last year's winner Rivaldo.

The prize gave Zidane something to smile about after an unhappy past couple of months, which saw him banned for five matches by UEFA for headbutting an opponent during a Champions League match.

However, the glittering displays of France's victorious Euro 2000 campaign were enough to land him the crown.

Elsewhere red-faced FIFA officials got themselves off the hook in the 'player-of-the-century' row by handing awards to both the legendary Pele and Argentina's enfant terrible Diego Maradona.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter had on Sunday moved to head off the potentially embarrassing scenario of three-time World Cup winner Pele being left empty-handed by announcing the decision to split up the awards.

The decision was taken amid reports that a cyber-blitz by Maradona fans had the self-

confessed cocaine addict leading with 78,000 votes ahead of Pele on 26,000.

FIFA originally planned to name only one player-of-the-century at Monday's dinner, with the winner being decided from a combination of votes from FIFA's website, the body's magazine and a grand jury.

But with Maradona reportedly way ahead the awards were split up into an 'Internet Player of the Century' and a 'FIFA Player of the Century', paving the way for both men to get an award.

In the women's category, the United States' Michelle Akers was crowned player-of-the-century, scuppering Chinese hopes that their star striker Sun Wen would be given the accolade.

LIST OF FIFA AWARD WINNERS

ROME, Dec 11 (AFP): Winners of FIFA awards to be presented at gala ceremony here Monday:

World footballer of the year: Zinedine Zidane (fr)

Footballer of the century (FIFA grand jury): Pele

Footballer of the century (FIFA Internet): Diego Maradona

Woman footballer of the century: Michelle Akers (USA)

Team of the century: Real Madrid (Spa) Team of the year: Holland

Fair play award: Lucas Radebe (Leeds United and Republic of South Africa)

In other awards, Spanish giants Real Madrid were named team-of-the-century, with their amazing record in Europe helping them to the crown. Madrid have won the European Cup eight times in the 11 final appearances.

Holland were named team-of-the-year while Leeds United's Lucas Radebe was given FIFA's fair play award for 2000.

Radebe received the award for his fight against racism in football.

Italian Antonio Mattarese, president of FIFA's security commission, said: "Radebe is not only an excellent player, but a great personality of the pitch and a man with a big heart for children all over the world."

The 31-year-old Radebe is generally known to put in a great deal of time working with children in the Soweto township, near Johannesburg.

England's famous feat



KARACHI, Dec 11: England clinched a historic series victory here Monday, snatching a stunning win with just minutes to spare in the third and final Test at the National Stadium, reports AFP.

Their six-wicket triumph makes them the first English side to win a Test series in Pakistan since 1962 and ends the hosts' unbeaten record in 34 encounters in this southern port city.

In the fading light the match looked more like a one-dayer as the tourists chased the target of 176 runs in 44 overs.

Graham Thorpe hit two fours and a two off off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq to take England home with 2.3 overs to spare, as Pakistani players appealed desperately against the light.

A small band of England supporters ran onto the field as Thorpe and winning captain

Nasser Hussain jumped around with glee.

Thorpe finished with 64 off 97 balls while Hussain remained not out on six.

Hussain said before the match that England was inspired, not daunted, by history, and predicted "something incredibly special" from his men.

"It's a stunning win for us and something we aspired for before the Test," Hussain said.

His bowlers created the chance by wrapping up Pakistan's second innings at 158, allowing just enough time for England's batsmen to seal the win in the afternoon.

At tea England reached 27.0, needing another 149 in a maximum of 36 overs with Michael Atherton on 21 and Marcus Trescothick on six.

But the innings began to look shaky as both Atherton and Trescothick holed out off Saqlain as they tried to boost the run rate.

Atherton, declared man-of-the-match for his high-class

124 in the first innings, missed a sweep and was caught by Saad Anwar for 26, while Trescothick was caught at deep mid-wicket by Inzamamul Haq for 24, including three boundaries and a six.

Alec Stewart went cheaply for five, becoming Saqlain's 18th wicket in the series, and at 65-3 England were in a fix whether to play for the draw or not.

Thorpe and Graeme Hick then took the total to 110-3 when the last 15 mandatory overs count began, despite Pakistani captain Moin Khan's best efforts to slow the match down.

Hick hit badly needed fours off Shahid Afridi and Waqar Younis to bring up England's 150 before he was bowled by the latter for 40.

But when England needed just 10 off the last three overs, the Pakistanis started hoping the heavens would open up this drought-hit city for the first

time since 1948.

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The victorious England cricketers pose with the Pepsi trophy after they won the Test series against Pakistan at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday. — AFP photo