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Romario

(Brazilian soccer superstar) "I'm older and better, like wine, no? I don't smoke. I don't drink and I run as much as I have to on the field of play. That's why I've scored so many goals this season at the age of National youth

cricket scores

Sports Reporter

Bogra. Nilphamari and Tangail advanced into the final round of the 20th National Youth Cricket Championship when they won their respective zonal finals at different venues across the country vesterday.

At Natore, Bogra recorded a hard-fought two-wicker win against Naogaon.

In a low-scoring affair. Bogra, chasing a modest Naogaon total of 135 runs, reached 139 for the loss of eight wickets in 38.2 overs with Kutub notching a fine 55.

At Kurigram, Nilphamari defeated Rangpur by 46 runs. Batting first after winning the toss. Nilphamari scored a fighting 183 for seven in the allotted 50 overs with Niaz making 60 and Wasim contrib-

uting 42. Rangpur, in their chase. were all out for 137 with five overs to spare. Pappu and Sakib scored 44 and 35 runs each, but that was not enough to avoid the defeat.

Raihan with three for 16 was the wrecker-in-chief among the Nilphamari bowlers.

Meanwhile, at Tangail the hosts won against their more colourful neighbours Mymensuigh by 64 runs.

Sent into bat, Tangail scored 181 before being all out in 45 overs. Sultan scored highest 43 runs for the winners followed by Sumon, who chipped in with

Mymensingh, in reply, were bundled out for 117 runs in 43.2 overs. Only Omar scored a deliani 38

Rakib and Sumon captured

two we kers apiece for Tangail. BRIEF SCORES

Venue: Natore NAOGAON: 135 all out in

42: Mintu 3/361

46 runs.

ban 3/16. Shafiq 2/22)

Venue Tangail

MYMENSINGH: 117 all out

Result: Tangail won by 64

m 43.2 overs (Omar 38: Sumon

2/14, Arif 2/48)

2/4, Rakib 2/19)

Jayawardene, the eighth man 46.1 overs (Rashed 30, Rubait .31: Nafis 4/11) BOGRA: 139 for 8 wickets in 38.2 overs (Kutub 55, Miran)

22: Polash 4/21) overs. Result: Bogra won by 2 wickets. Nilphamari vs Rangpur

Venue: Kurigram NJLPHAMARI:183 for 7 wickets in 50 overs (Niaz 60. Wasim

RANGPUR: 137 all out in 45 overs (Pappu 44, Sakib 35; Rat-Result: Nilphamari won by Tangail vs Mymensingh

by an unimpressive attack. TANGAIL: 181 all out in 45 overs (Sultan 43, Sumon 32, Azim 22: Arafat 4/38. Soliagh

both played for South Africa A. scored at a good rate before Bruyns was bowled by an through injury. inswinger from Pramodya Wickramasinghe for 89, made off play positively, and that is to be 156 balls with 13 fours.

Watson skied leg-spinner Chandana to long off after making 81 off 158 balls. He hit said

Tushar's ton steers Khulna

Monjurul Islam bagged three 3/80, 4/100, 5/122, 6/137, GREEN DELTA NAT'L for 47 runs.

CRICKET LEAGUE khuhia v Dhaka Metro

century guided hosts Khulna to ever, emerged group champions a comfortable three-wicket win with 26 points. Barisal and last over Dhaka Metropolis in their year's runners up Sylhet fin-Green Delta National Cricket ished third and fourth with 17 League one-day match at the and 15 points. Jessore Stadium vesterday.

scored 106 not out as the home fied for the second leg from the side, chasing a commanding other section with 32 and 30 Dhaka Metropolis total of 202 in 50 overs, reached home in Dhaka earned 18 and six

After Khulna lost their top tour batsmen with the score on 34. Imran featured in two important partnerships. He began sore Stadium while Biman by putting on 71 runs for the face Dhaka Metropolis at the fifth wicket with Rashedul (17) Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. wicket stand worth 69 runs with lower-order Niaz Morshed who made 21.

Khulna's hero hit a six and eight boundaries during his 122-ball knock.

Dhaka Metropolis skipper Khaled Mahmud raised some hopes for a win when he claimed three early wickers for only 28 runs. He eventually ended up with five for 41.

Earlier, the visitors, batting first, built their total around Pakistani middle-order Zahoor Elahi who hammered 38. Besides. Khaled Mahmud added 32 while Mofizul Islam and Sajjad Ahmed scored 29 runs each respectively.

Khulna spinner Niaz Morshed captured four wickets for 33 runs while left-arm seamer

Africa's fast bowlers on a pitch

without star fast bowler Allan

match of the tour against East-

have seldom been threatening.

from a stomach muscle injury.

pace and bounce.

against South Af-

Sports Reporter

Khulna, with their berth in Bowler the second leg assured, finished second in Group B with 24 Tushar Imran's unbeaten points. Dhaka Metropolis, how-

Fancied Bangladesh Biman Nuruzzaman c Saiful b K Mahmud The middle-order batsman and holders Chittagong qualipoints while Rajshahi and points respectively.

The second leg will start from January 2. Chittagong take on Khulna at the Jesand then shared in a sixth The longer version matches will be four-day affairs followed by the one-day games. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National Cricket League one-day match between Khulna and Dhaka Metropolis at the Jessore Stadium vesterday.

DHAKA METROPOLIS Ashraful run out Mehrab c Jamaluddin b Niaz Mofizul e Nahidul b Niaz Saliad c Jamaluddin b Manzarul Saiful e Manzarul b Niaz Halim Shah st Tuhin b Jamaluddin Elahi Ibw b Monjurul K Mahmud not out Neevamur c Tuhin b Monjurul 2 Masudur e Tuhin b Monjurul Shahin b Niaz Extras (lb-6, nb-5, w-18)

Total (all out in 47.3 overs) 202

Fall of wickets: 1/1. 2/68.

Tariqui Monjurul Jamaluddin KHULNA Nahidul e Rahul b K Mahmud Selim c Shahin b K Mahmud 13

7/184, 8/188, 9/201

Tushar not out Asadullah run out Rashed c Biplab b Masudur 17 Niaz b Shahin b K Mahmud 21 Jamaluddin b K Mahmud Rana not out Extras (lb-2, nb-1, w-12) Total (for 7 wkts in 46.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/7, 2/19.

4/34. 5/105, 6/174. OMRW Bowler Mehrab Elahi Ashraful 1 0 12 0 Result: Khulna won by

three wicket. Man-of-the-match: Tushar Imran (Khulna)

POINTS TABLE

Team 3-d	ayer	1-dayer	Tota
Biman	24	8	32
Chittagong	26	4	30
Rajshahi	12	6	18
Dhaka	0	6	6
Group B			
Dhaka Metro	20	6	20
Khulna	22	2	24
Barisal	11	6	17
Sylhet	7	8	15

Lean looking Lankans

game against KwaZulu-Natal in victims. Pietermaritzburg. If there is hope for the out-Nuwan Zoysa, another left- of-form Sri Lankan batsmen it Tuesday with several of their arm fast bowler, was struggling is that Pollock's frontline supkey players lacking form, re- with a right knee injury during port lacks experience, Mfuneko the KwaZulu-Natal match. Only Mahela Jayawardene of Muralitharan and South ing with Pollock has played in the touring team's batsmen has African captain Shaun Pol- only one Test. Makhaya Nimi been a consistent scorer and lock are on the verge of sig- and Nicky Boje have appeared

the tourists will face a search- nificant bowling milestones. in eight apiece. ing examination from South Muralitharan has taken 288 wickets in 57 Tests and is set which usually offers plenty of to become the second-fastest man in Test history to take South Africa. though, will be 300 wickets. Dennis Lillee of Australia cialist bowlers.

Donald, who has not recovered reached the landmark in 56 Sri Lanka won the first Richard Hadlee of New Zealand and Malcolm Marshall of ern Province inside two days West Indies, needed 81 but since then their bowlers matches.

Sri Lanka will put a lot of ticularly effective against South McKenzie and Boeta Dippenaar faith in their world-class off- Africa, taking 58 wickets in scored centuries as they

spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, eight matches against them. who has been lightly used on

DURBAN. South were both rested when Sri wickets and is set to join Don-Africa. Dec 24: Sri Lanka played their final warm- ald (308) as the only other Lanka go into the up match, a rain-hit drawn South African to notch 200

Ngam, who will open the bowl-

South Africa, though, have experienced all-rounders in Jacques Kallis and Lance Klusener to back up the spe-

South Africa won a threematches but the next best, match series against New Zealand 2-0 and had the better of a rain-hit drawn third Test.

During the New Zealand se-Muralitharan has been par- ries, young batsmen Neil stepped into gaps vacated by Pollock, who will be cap- the disgraced Hansie Cronje, taining South Africa for the first the retired Jonty Rhodes and Muralitharan and left-arm time in a Test match in his the suspended Herschelle opening bowler Chaminda Vaas home town, has taken 198 Test Gibbs.

KCA emerge V-Day cricket champs

Sports Reporter Kalabagan Cricket Academy (KCA) won the first Inter Sports-WECCA Victory Day under-13 cricket tournament with a ninewicket thrashing of Discovery in

the final at the Kalabagan Krira Chakra ground vesterday. The tiny tots of Kalabagan made a mockery of the contest when they, chasing a modest 10 Discovery total of 91 for eight 106 | rattled up 93 for the loss of only

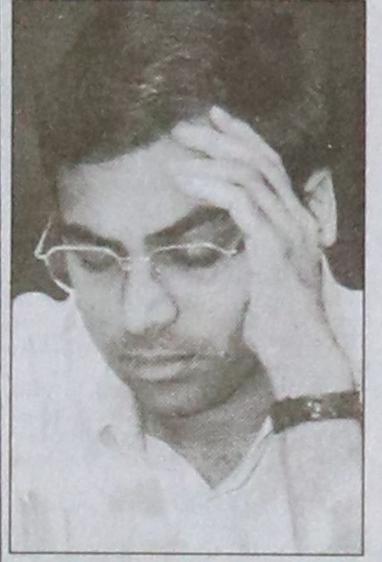
one wicket. Babu was adjudged man-ofthe-final

KCA advanced into the final defeating their B team by six wickets in the first semifinal Discovery on the other hand defeated Dhaka Metropolis by 21-runs

Saber Hossain Chowdhury. president of the Bangladesh 5 Cricket Board, witnessed the O I final and gave away prizes.

Anand pockets world crown

TEHRAN. Dec 24: Indian Grand Master Vishwanathan Anand captured the FIDE world chess title here Sunday with a decisive win over his Russianborn Spanish rival Alexei Shirov. reports AFP.



VISHWANATHAN ANAND

the 41st move to give Anand. playing white, an insurmountable 3.5 to 0.5 points lead and the 660,000-dollar prize. He will be formally awarded the crown on Wednesday.

Anand, currently third in the world rankings, was the prematch favourite after the world's top two Grand Masters. Garri Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik, opted to skip the FIDE tournament.

Kramnik has hinted he might take on the FIDE champion after beating Kasparov, the former undisputed world champion and his one-time mentor, in the rival Brain Games Championship in Lon-

Neither player is recognised w the World Chess Federation

Black Caps on their guard

WELLINGTON. Dec 24: New Zealand must be wary of the bitten biting back in the one-off Test match against Zumbabwe starting at Wellington's Basin Reserve on Boxing Day, reports | Boxing Day, reports AFP.

Zimbabwe prepared for the Christmas morning to declare Test with a dismal display in 3 the three-day tour match was untroubled at training against Canterbury when they 5 were bundled out for 150 in squad began preparations for 54 reply to the home side's 330 for five declared after being put

into the Test without seasoned tyn will not get another chance batsman Grant Flower, who tractured his right index finger while fielding. Also on the injured list is Dirk Viljoen, with a excellent performance in last tractured little finger. The tourists were hampered laide.

in the Christchurch match by having three top players ill with influenza - captain and fast bowling spearhead Heath Streak. Alistair Campbell and Stuart Carlisle - while Andy Flower was in Zimbabwe on compassionate leave.

Zimbabwe coach Carl lower back problem. Rackemann said with the squad now down to 14, they had a lot of work to do to finalise their starting 11, although the 'fluridden trio and Andy Flower will all play.

Batting does not pose Rackemann with as many problems as his bowling attack. Zimbabwe's recent tour of India was highlighted by some great batting from the Flower brothers. Campbell and Trevor Madondo, while the Christchurch match showed the emergence of Dong Marillier as a definite prospect to make his debut.

"The biggest problem we face is to put out a balanced side. Rackemann said. "With Grant Flower out that poses some difficulty because he has been in lantastic form. On the bowling front Henry

Olonga was the pick of the Zimbabwe bowlers in Christchurch and will play, according 10 Rackemann, while legspinner Brian Murphy was also a certainty.



The Spaniard resigned on India's Pak tour on? KARACI. Dec 24 given a go-ahead, they have ered as a conditioning camp for

(Internet report): approached us." India has indi-Dawn reported quoting highly until Dec 11. placed sources in the Pakistan

ground yesterday

Cricket Board (PCB) on Satur- Nov 15 had refused permission team's tour was conveyed by AC Muttiah, president of the Board cross border terrorism, a claim

respart Lt Gen Taugir Zia on Saturday afternoon, revealed sidered as a goodwill tour, the newspaper. Muttiah is reported to have promised to send a proposed itinerary for two Tests, five oneday internationals and one

tour-day series on Dec 27. "We will officially announce the arrival of the Indians on Wednesday when we get the proposed itinerary." Dawn's

sources revealed. "Nevertheless, we still consider the Indian tour as on because we have been contacted by someone who is a very responsible and senior official of the Indian board.

"The BCCI never wrote to us that the series has been cancelled. Their stand was clear that they have not been given permission by the government. And now since they have been

Pakistan had however ancated to send its nounced the cancellation of the to be a training camp for the cricket team to series earlier this week saving it New Zealand tour. But now we

to its cricket managers to send The assurance of Indian the team to Pakistan alleging that Pakistan was patronising of Control for Cricket in India which has been vehemently (BCCI) to his Pakistani coun- denied by Islamabad. "The Indian tour will be con-

The India government on

similar to the one of last year be a real problem for India as Tests, an Asian Test Champion- the first Test at Mumbai beship match and the triangular tween Feb 27 and March 3. The one-day series, sources said. Australians are scheduled to

paper said. "Uma Bharti told Muttiali to immediately submit a request for a short tour to Pakistan for official approval." Zia admitted that he has also been informed of India's tour by Pakistan's Foreign

ministry that the India govern- for a four- Test series which permission to its cricket board to send the team to Pakistan."

ment is contemplating giving ended in a 0-0 stalemate. In He said the training camp a three-match one-day internascheduled to start from Jan 2 tional series which Pakistan

the Indian series. "It was previously supposed

Pakistan for a sh- bad waited for any positive re- will consider it as a time-up for at Test series on Jan 8. The sponse from across the border the crunch series against India." Zia said. "But let's see if TransWorld International (TWI) can meet

their requirements in the given time. TWI requires a minimum of 10 days to import and install their equipment," the PCB director operations Brig Munawar Rana said. Time factor doesn't seem to

when we visited India for two they are due to face Australia in Muttiah contacted Zia after Lind in Mumbin on Feb 14 on a being instructed by Uma Bharti seven-week tour for three Tests (the Indian sports minister) the and five one-day internationals. According to the original itinerary comprising three Tests, two four- dayers and five one-dayers, the Indians were

India last toured Pakistan in "Yes, I have been told by the 1989-90 under Kris Srikkanth 1997. Sachin Tendulkar skippered the Indian team here for in Lahore would now be consid- won 2-1.

programmed to tour Pakistan

between Dec 26 and Feb 8

Waugh feeling great

Waugh says his the other side." buttock injury has almost healed, enabling him to resume

playing against the West Indies Wangh will wait until

himself a certain starter but he Sunday as the Australian its 14th consecutive Test win. The 35-year-old Waugh completed a searching workout. Moreover, the tourists go all but ensuring Damien Mar-

> at Test level. Martyn will make way for Waugh's return despite his week's third Test win in Ade-

But explosive fast bowler Brett Lee has been ruled out of the remainder of the series. Lee will miss the Boxing Day Test and the fifth Test in Sydney from January 2 after Aus- win. tralian team medical officials decided against risking his in Adelaide while Wangh for two bowling posts.

underwent tests after arriving was still plenty to play for in four fast bowlers even though with the Australian squad but Melbourne. he could not prove he had overcome the bone sfress which forced him out of the third Test in Adelaide. Waugh wants to test his in-

jury at training Monday but he is almost certain he will be fit for the 15th anniversary of his Test debut. "I haven't made a final decision, but unless anything goes

radically wrong tomorrow. I'll be playing," Waugh said Sunday. "I went through a pretty strennous workout out there. There were no negative feelings but I want to make sure so I'm

morrow morning. "It's a bit embarrassing, guess, talking about that part of the anatomy. It's a bit strange people taking notice of

"But I think it's feeling pretty good, as good as before. It gets

a bit fatigued at this stage, I so the guys want to maintain a Dec 24: Austra- need to get a bit of strength high standard, so the complalian skipper Steve back in it. It feels as good as cency factor doesn't come into

> Waugh first felt the injury in the days before the second Test



STEVE WAUGH

watched on television but the The Windies are almost cer-The 24-year-old pace bowler returning skipper said there tain to maintain their policy of

> We've got a good opportunity to 5-0 in a series." Waugh said. "And spots are up for grabs, rupted.

a six-month lay-off if the probin Perth but he played through lem developed into a stress the match to lead Australia to a fracture, won't play Test cricket in the fourth Test starting here world record 12th consecutive again until at least the Indian tour in February.

Lee, who faced the threat of

"I'm very confident I'll be back for the Carlton one-day series (next month)." The West Indies trained

Sunday, watching carefully as Brian Lara returned to the nets after his mishap Saturday. Lara was struck above the left eve while batting and was then taken to hospital for x-

rays, but captain Jimmy Adams said the left-hander was fine. Lara will need be needed to defuse a renewed campaign by the Australians, whose winning streak almost ended when Lara belted 182 the first innings in

Adelaide.

Both squads have yet to settle on their final teams, with Australia considering paceman Andrew Bichel and spinners They wrapped up the series Colin Miller and Stuart MacGill

sole spinner Mahendra Na-"There is a lot at stake. gamootoo is fit to play.

Showers have been forecast win 14 in a row and the West for Boxing Day but weather Indies have never been beaten watchers were confident the Test would be largely uninter-

ABSORBING STATS

MELBOURNE. Dec 24 (Reuters): Statistics of total Test matches played by Australia and West Indies ahead of the fourth Test starting at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Tuesday. Australian Test matches:

Won Lost Drawn 263 177 168 Tied Lost Drawn Played 129 367 138 Tied Australia West Indies Drawn 21 40

Tied Played 610 West Indies Test matches:

going to give it another go to-Australia v West Indies: Played Australia v West Indies at Melbourne Cricket Ground: Drawn Played West Indies Australia

Tourists made to toil

PIETERMARITZB URG. South Africa, Dec 24: Sri Lanka's cricketers were made to toil in the field on the final day as their rain-hit three-

day match against KwaZulu-Natal ended in a draw Saturday, reports AFP. KwaZulu-Natal made 299 for five after Sri Lanka declared at their overnight total of 257 for eight. The match was effectively doomed to end in a draw after

first day because of rain. Bad light ended play early on the two remaining days. A first wicket stand of 168 between Mark Bruyns and Doug Watson set the provincial side up for a significant total but there was a middle order

no play was possible on the

fell for 50. comfort for the Sri Lankans babwe captain Heath Streak are ahead of the first Test against a sign of a more positive ap-South Africa which starts in preach to be taken by the tour-Durban Tuesday. bowler was part-timer Mahela on Tuesday.

used. Jayawardene, who has been the team's only consistent batsman, bowled tidy offspinners to take two for 27 in eight Nuwan Zoysa, expected to

be one of Sri Lanka's strike bowlers in the Tests, sent down only 7.3 overs and although he stayed on the field he seemed to be struggling with a right knee injury. With Sri Lanka resting

Chaminda Vaas and Muttiah Muralitharan, two of their main Test strike bowlers. Bruyns and Watson were seldom troubled The two openers, who have

Jon Kent was the victim of a poor decision when he was given out by television umpire Wilf Diedricks. Kent drove Chandana into the shin pads of Tillerkeratne Dilshan at silly point and the ball rebounded into the gloves of wicketkeeper

Romesh Kaluwitharana. The decision was referred to Diedricks, who gave Kent out although replays clearly showed that the ball bounced a metre in front of Dilshan before hitting his shin pads.

Hadlee takes it positively

CHRISTCHURCH. Dec 24 (Internet report): New Zealand collapse in which five wickets tricket selection convenor Sir Richard Hadlee is hopeful that There was scarcely any recent comments made by Zimists in the Boxing Day Test at Their most successful the Basin Reserve in Wellington

> Hadlee, chairman of the national selection panel for the first time in games at home. believes that from a New Zealand point of view the Test is there to be won.

> He says it represents a chance to the side that went down 2-0 to South Africa earlier this month to regain some confidence and self-belief before the harder challenges of the summer.

The Test was a chance for

the Black Caps to get back into

some winning habits.

welcomed

Hadlee said he noted comments from Streak that the Test represented the best opportunity to beat New Zealand with several key bowlers missing "That suggests he is going to

"It looks like we will have a good Test on our hands," he W. Diedricks (RSA)

SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard on the third day of the three-day match between KwaZulu-Natal and the touring Sri Lankans at the Alexandra Oval Saturday:

SRI LANKA: First innings Atapattu e Mall b Gilder Jayasuriya e Kent b Gilder Sangakkara e Stewart b Adam Javawardene b Bodi Arnold c Amia b Gilder Dilshan e Bruyns b Kent Kahiwitharana c Wingfield b Bodi 40 Chandana e Stewart b Wingfield Zovsa not out Wiekramasinghe not out Extras: (w-2, nb-14)

Total, (For eight wkts in 64.2 overs) 257 Did not bat: R. Fernando Fall of wkts: 1-11: 2-27; 3-27: 4-46: 5-180: 6-210: 7-228: 8-230

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Bowler:

Bodi	14	1	53	2
KwaZ	ulu-Nata	il:	First	in-
nings				
Bruyns b	Wickrama	singh	c	89
Valson c	Javawarde	enc		
Chanda	na			81
Mall st Ka	luwithara	na		
Jayawai	dene			3.1
Kent e Ka	hiwitharai	1a		
Chanda	na			1
Imla c Di	ishan b Ja	iyawa	rdene	0
Stewart r	iot out			41
Vingfield	not out			38
Extras: (b	-6. lb-2. n	b-71		15
fotal: (For	5 wkts in	84.3	overs)	299
	of wkts:			
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7.3 3 20

14 2 56

28 4 109

3-203: 4-217: 5-218

Bowler:

Dilshan

Fernando

Chandana

Zovsa

Arnold 4 1 11 Javasuriva 8 1 27 Javawardene Did not bat: G. Bodi. G. Gilder, S. Adam. L. Dladla. Result: Match drawn. Umpires: D. Orchard. M. Garjar (both RSA). TV umpire:

Wickramasinglie 11 4 33