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Notice

Due to Eid holidays draw of WHIZZ KID Competition-141 could not be held on December 29. It will now be held on January 5, 2001. -Sports Editor



Vishwanathan Anand

(Indian Grand Master) "It's something that I have been chasing for a long time." After winning the world chess crown.

Competition 141

✓ Tick the Correct Answers Post to Chr Daily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm Jan 5, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

IJ Who was named world footballer-of-the-year? Rivaldo Ronaldo Zidane

. Who won the Davis Cup? Spain Australia USA Which club clinched J-League

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the Karachi Test? Ybuhana Saglain

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Redgrave knighted

LONDON, Dec 30: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II today bestowed royal honours on Olympic hero Steve Redgrave and Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, reports AFP.

They were among hundreds of people who were granted knighthoods and lesser honours in the Queen's New Year's Honour list. Three months after Britain's

most successful Olympic Games in decades, sportsmen picked up the lion's share of the accolades.

Oarsman Redgrave, who is the only athlete in an endurance event to have won gold in five different Olympic Games. becomes a Knight of the British Empire and will be addressed as Sir Steve Redgrave.

Denise Lewis, the British competitor who won gold in the women's heptathlon at this year's Sydney games, is honoured with the next highest accolade. Order of the British Empire (OBE).

donathan Edwards, the Olympic triple jump champion. was made a commander of the British Empire (CBE).

Italian jockey Frankie Dettori and Schmeichel, formerly with soccer team Manchester Unned were among several non-British people to be recognised in the list.

They were granted the title Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE). Their awards, though, are honorary. because they are not British

German thug faces trial in May

SAINT-OMER, France, Dec 30: A German football fan accused of an attack which left a French policeman with brain damage will go on trial in this northern French town in May, a day report to said on Thurs- break, giving the tourists a day, reports AFP.

Booters face Balkan test Millennium Cup groupings done

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will get a rare be represented by a combined opportunity to rub shoulders university team, all participants against pre-tournament favour- will be sending their national ite and European football pow- squads. erhouse Yugoslavia in the Millennium Cup to be held in India event will be staged in three from January 10 to 25. The All-different locations. Bangladesh Indian Football Federation and the home side play their (AIFF) confirmed the first-ever robin matches in the south Salas would be the star attracmeeting against the full- Indian resort of Cochin. strength Balkan side on Friday.

the 16-team meet, the biggest football carnival India has ever staged. Bangladesh following a goodwill gesture of AIFF presi- group will qualify for the quarprobably the toughest group held in Goa and Calcutta. along with Yugoslavia. Bosnia

next few days to formally invite Stadium. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to attend the opening ceremony event will be released on Januas the chief guest.

Besides, Group A will serve rivalry between two Balkan

in Group B along with Uruguay. Iceland and Indonesia.

mania and includes Cameroon. Jordan and Hong Kong. While Chile feature in Group D with Uzbekistan, Japan and Bah-

Except for Japan, which will

The Group C games will be Initially not considered in held in Goa while the Group D fixtures will be staged in Cal-

Two top finishers from each team only two weeks back. dent Privaranjan Das Munshi, terfinals. Two will be played in however, have been pencilled in Cochin and the others will be

both the semifinals and the The Indian football chief is grand finale on January 25 at charges. expected in Dhaka within the the 120,000-seater Salt Lake

The event comes as a pleas- camp later. as a backdrop for an emotional ant surprise for Bangladesh. who were rather preparing for a Football Federation (BFF) will nations when Yugoslavia take less significant Rovers Cup as finalise the list of 20 players on Bosnia in a preliminary part of their buildup for the and five officials during a 2002 World Cup qualifiers in meeting today. India are comfortably placed Saudi Arabia in February next

The enormity of the event Group C is headed by Ro- that will feature big names like slavia. Bosnia and Iraq. Chile. Uruguay, Cameroon and Euro 2000 dark horse Yugosla- Iceland and India. via would definitely be a precious learning experience for oon, Jordan and Hong Kong.

whether Yugoslavia's brilliant playmaker Sinisa Miliajlovic. who plays for Italian champions Lazio, will be taking a break The first round of the mega from the Serie A. But the organisers anticipate that devastating Chilean partnership of Ivan Zamorano and Marcelo tion of the showpiece event.

Moreover, the tournament might be an acid test for new Hungarian coach George Cottan, taking over the national

Training at the Bangladesh Krira Shikka Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar resumed on Friday after a short break for Eid. But Calcutta though will host Cottan had to endure his share of problems to discipline his 24

He was surprised to find only three players accompany-The fixture of the colourful ing him to the lone sports institute. The rest including assistant coach Bablu joined the

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh

GROUPS

Group A: Bangladesh, Yugo-Group B: India. Uruguay.

Group C: Romania, Camer-Group D: Chile, Uzbekistan,

It was not yet confirmed Japan and Bahrain.



MURALI MILESTONE: Sri Lanka off-spinner Muralitharan (3rd from L) is the toast of his teammates after he captured his 300th Test wicket yesterday.

Lankans defy Proteas



South Africa at Kingsmead on Saturday despite being put under pressure in the rain-shortened match, reports

Sri Lanka were 149 for six 98 balls. when bad light stopped play

Muralitharan reached 300 Boeta Dippenaar at short leg. wickets in Tests on the way to taking six for 39 as he benefited bowler Makhaya Ntini. who innings 140 for 7 declared

Boje took two quick wickets as him caught behind in a crucial improbable victory but a lifeless puch and a dogged innings by batted together for 31 overs Tillekeratne Dilshan (28 not before Arnold mistimed a hook ont) foiled the home side.

WELLINGTON.

Dec 30: The one-

off cricket Test

between New

Zealand and Zim-

babwe dwindled

Africa. Dec 30: Sri Sanath Jayasuriya for 26. Sri Kaluwitharana hit a full toss to in the 25th over. With his wickets standing. eighth ball he had Kumar Sangakkara stumped and with his 21st delivery he had anchor batsman Marvan Atapattu caught behind for 20 made off

eight overs early. They had scorer in six out of eight com- Muralitharan 5/122) been set to make 345 to win in pleted innings on the tour. pushed the first ball he received Lankan off-spinner Muttiah from Boje dangerously close to

Pollock brought back fast from South Africa's attacking bowled several bouncers to (Kirsten 34. B Dippenaar 22: Javawardene, hitting him on Muralitharan 6/39) Left-arm spin bowler Nicky the right forearm before having South Africa pushed for an breakthrough for South Africa Russel Arnold and Dilshan 2/35) against Shaun Pollock and was Cape Town.

Despite the loss of skipper , caught at square leg. Romesh Lanka seemed to be in no dan- mid-on and Sri Lanka went into ger until Boje was brought on the last hour with only four

BRIEF SCORES

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 420 (G Kirsten 180. D Cullinan 59. L Klusener 50. N Mahela Jayawardene, top Boje 32; D Fernando 5/98, M

SRI LANKA: First innings 216 (M Jayawardene 98. Sangakkara 74: S Pollock 3/40. N Boje 2/44. M Ngam 2/59) SOUTH AFRICA: Second

SRI LANKA: Second innings

149 for 6 (R Arnold 30, T Dilshan 28: Boje 2/30, Pollock

Result: Match drawn. Second Test: January 2-6.

Kiwis, Zim settle for draw

PARIS. Dec 30: Michel Platini was named the greatest French player of the century in a poll published in Tuesday's edition of France Football magazine, reports Reuters. A panel of former players as-

Midfielder Platini scored 41 goals in 72 internationals, more than any other player, was skipper on 50 occasions and led France to the 1984 European title. He also won two Italian titled and a European Cup winners medal with Juventus.

panel of former coaches.

Board picks three teams

Marsh's men arrive on Jan 5

the fourth day. Australia will now push for a 5-0 series clean sweep in the fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground, which begins next

Tuesday. The tourists lost the opening two Tests in Brisbane and Perth inside three days and last week's third Adelaide Test by five wickets early on the fifth

Invincible

Australia

tralia completed one of their

biggest victories over the West Indies Friday, winning the

fourth Test by 352 runs at the

Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Australians swept to an

unprecedented 14th straight

Test win when they dismissed

the hapless tourists for 109

some 45 minutes after lunch on

reports AFP.

MELBOURNE. Dec 30: Aus-

Impressive 19-year-old Marlon Samuels followed up his unbeaten 60 in the first innings with another topscoring 46 before he was the last wicket to fall caught in the outfield going for his half-century off the bowling of Colin Miller.

He was the shining beacon as his senior teammates again showed a lack of application and fortitude against the remorseless Australian attack, spearheaded by paceman Jason Gillespie.

Gillespie took the first six wickets to fall and finished with 6-40 off 17 overs.

BRIEF SCORES Brief scores of the fourth

cricket Test between Australia and West Indies: AUSTRALIA: First innings

364 (S Waugh 121 not out. A Gilchrist 37: M Dillon 4-76) WEST INDIES: First innings 165 (M Samuels 60 not out, F Jacobs 42: A Bichel 5-60. J

Gillespie 3-48) AUSTRALIA: Second innings 262/5 declared (J Langer 80. M Waugh 78 not out: Adams 2-43) WEST INDIES: Second in-

nings 109 all out (M Samuels 46. R Jacobs 23. M Dillon 15: J Gillespie 6/40. C Miller 3/40) Result: Australia won by 352 runs and lead series 4-0.

Man-of-the-match: Steve Waugh. Fifth Test: January 2-6, Sydney.

Inter recruit Romario

ROME, Dec 30: Struggling Inter Milan will opt for experience and are to sign Brazilian veteran Romario, Corriere dello Sport reported on Saturday savs AFP.

Despite being just a month shy of his 35th birthday Romarie, nicknamed "Baxinho" (little one), has been in effervescent form this season with Vasco de Gama, where his contract runs out Sunday.

He and Inter have agreed a deal worth around 1.8 million dollars through to June with a 3.7 million-dollar inducement on offer should he stay around for the 2001-2002 season, according to Corriere dello Sport.

Always Lothar!

BERLIN. Dec 30: Lothar Matthaeus is Germany's top player-of-the-pastdecade, according to a poll released on Friday, reports Reuters.

The 39-year-old libero, who ended his international career after extending his world record to 150 caps at Euro 2000, won 21 per cent of the votes in the poll conducted by sports market researchers Sport+Markt AG institute.

Former Germany striker and current national team coach Rudi Voeller came second on seven per cent ahead of fellow striker Juergen Klinsmann. now retired, who took third place with six per cent of the 1.001 votes.

All top three players were members of Germany's 1990 World Cup-winning squad captained by Matthaeus.

Platini above

sembled by the influential magazine gave former French captain Platini 143 points to 121 for current World Player of the Year Zinedine Zidane and 88 for 1950s star Raymond Kopa.

Aime Jacquet, who guided

France to their 1998 World Cup triumph, was named coach of the century by the magazine's

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Cricket Board pupils will feature in a couple of Khaled Masood (captain). (BCB) yesterday three-day, a four-day and four Shahriar Hossain. Rafigul Isannounced three one-day matches in different lam. Nasirul Alam. Rajin Saleh. selec- parts of the country.

with a three-day match against. Absanullah Hassan. Hasibul monwealth Bank Cricket Acad- BCB Under-21 at the BKSP in Savar on January 7. Young offspinner Sabbir Khan will lead the youth team.

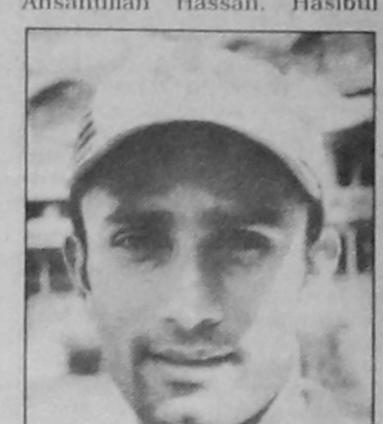
Their second match, also a three-dayer, commences in Rajshahi against the BCB President's Eleven on January 12. National vice-captain and local hero Khaled Masood will lead the team both in the threeday fixture and the ensuing one-day match at the southern headquarters of the country. However, few new faces with better credentials in the instant version of cricket will come in for the one-day match.

The Board has decided to delay picking of the team for the four-day and three daynight matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

SQUADS

BCB Under-21: Sabbir Khan Rai Chowdhury. (captain). Nafis Iqbal. Nahidul Huq. Mohammad Ashraful. The famous Academy, being Hannan Sarkar, Rajin Saleh, Coach: Nazmul Abedin Fahim.

The Bangladesh tour, Marsh's highly talented three-day match in Rajshahi): Mushfigur Rahman, Fahim They will open their tour Muntasir. Mosaddek Hossain,



KHALED MASOOD

Hossain. Aminul Islam ir. and Anisur Rahman, Coach: Dipu

BCB President's Eleven (for one-day match in Rajshahi): Khaled Masood (captain), run by legendary wicketkeeper Mazharul Huq. Mohammad Shahriar Hossain, Rashedul Rodny Marsh, arrive in the city Salim (wicketkeeper). Sharif, Huq, Nasirul Alam, Mushfiqur on January 5. This will also be Manjurul Islam. Bikash Ranjan Rahman. Anisur Rahman Santhe first time for an Australian Das. Tariqul Islam. Taposh chay. Alok Kapali. Fahim side that is to play on Bangla- Kumar and Tushar Imran. Muntasir. Saiful Islam. Taposh Kumar and Rashedur Rahman. BCB President's Eleven (for Coach: Dipu Rai Chowdlmry:

WORLD CRICKET

(AFP/Reuters/AP): Former Indian cricket captain Mohanimad Azharuddin, banned for life after being accused of match-fixing, will challenge the decision in court, his lawyer said on Thursday.

SABBIR KHAN

desh soil against the home side.

During their three-week

Former federal law minister Hans Raj Bharadwaj, who is representing Azharuddin, said his client wanted him to contest the life ban imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI).

"The case is almost ready and will be filed soon." Bharadwaj said, adding it will be put before the Andhra Pradesh High Court in Azharuddin's home city of Hyderabad.

'NO PLAN TO

TOUR PAKISTAN The Indian government has no plans to review its decision to cancel a cricket tour of Pakistan, an external affairs ministry spokesman said on Satur-

"There is no proposal at present to review the decision regarding our cricket team visiting Pakistan," Raminder Singh Jassal told a news conference in New Delhi.

Last month the Indian government cancelled the tour scheduled from December to February because of political tensions with Pakistan over the disputed Himalayan state of Kashmir.

HIGH ON TURN-OUTS

Australia's demolition of the West Indies this summer is set to become the most financially successful Test series between the cricketing rivals for the last decade.

Despite the one-sided nature of the series crowd numbers are expected to surpass the West Indies' last two tours to Austra-

Just under 275,000 fans have attended the Tests in Brisbane, Perth. Adelaide and Melbourne, putting the series on track to topple the aggregate crowd figures of 359,000 set when the West Indies last toured here four years ago.

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was Saturday ruled out of the tional cricket. West Indies cricket team for the rest of the Australian tour.

Dillon will have ankle surgery in Melbourne on Tuesday. the same day the tourists begin their final Test against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground trying to avoid a 5-0 series whitewash. Tour manager Ricky Skerritt

said Dillon could no longer endure the pain in his left ankle. originally caused when he stepped on a bottle thrown onto the ground at the Gabba as he was fielding in the outfield in the first Brisbane Test late last month.

SAME AUSSIES

Australian selectors on Fri- health problems. day predictably kept the same He spent nearly a year in squad which comprehensively hospital with kidney failure and defeated the West Indies by 352 liver damage, suffered 12 carruns in the fourth cricket Test diac arrests and underwent 30 for next Tuesday's fifth Test in operations. Sydney

SQUAD: Stephen Waugh (captain). Adam Gilchrist (vicecaptain). Michael Slater. Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Stuart MacGill, Colin Miller, Jason Gillespie, Andrew Bichel, Glenn McGrath.

WARNE'S WISH

Recovering champion spin bowler Shane Warne wants to play for at least another few years after he was officially recognised Tuesday as Australia's most successful Test tralia at the start of the year. wicket-taker.

ing Day Test at the MCG on Fleming (captain), Roger Twose, Tuesday, Warne was presented Chris Cairns, Craig McMillan, with the ball he used to take his 356th wicket against New Zealand in Auckland last March Chris Martin, James Franklin, which pushed him past Dennis Lillee's Australian record.

Warne has missed the summer five-Test series against the West Indies after fracturing his bowling finger in a domestic Sheffield Shield game but the 31-year-old said he was determined to prolong a career which has already spanned 84

Warne sparked speculation rested after a battle on the pitch about his future following last year's World Cup triumph in cial of the Iranian football asso-England when he said he would ciation said Saturday, reports not rule out quitting interna- AFP.

HAWKE DEAD Former Australian Test fast bowler Neil Hawke has died

here after fighting a prolonged Hawke passed away at Mary Potter Hospice on Christmas Day after battling a series of health problems arising from an infection he suffered in 1980.

He was 61. In a statement his wife. Beverley, said her husband had showed courage in his fight for

Hawke suffered a staphylococcus infection after undergoing bowel surgery in July 1980. which left him with a raft of

CAIRNS, SINCLAIR BACK IN FOLD Chris Cairns and Mathew

Sinclair returned to the New Zealand one-day side Saturday when officials announced the team to play Zimbabwe in a three-match series starting at Taupo on Tuesday. A knee injury forced Cairns

out of recent Test series in

South Africa while Sinclair gets

another chance in the shortened version of the game after a bad introduction against Aus-SQUAD: Nathan Astle, Before the start of the Box- Mathew Sinclair. Stephen

Adam Parore, Chris Harris,

Brooke Walker. Scott Styris,

Rumble in Tehran

TEHRAN, Dec 30: Six players, three each from Iran's two top football teams, were arsparked rioting by fans, an offi-

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CRYPTOQUIP

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SHUCKS! Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe

Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE FORGETFUL FARMER KEEPS OMITTING TO PLANT HIS CORN.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

to an inegrable draw on the gave New Zealand the chance to first innings. final day Saturday with the set the tourists a final innings tourists shutting up shop when run chase. faced with a winning target of Streak was unbeaten on 19 301, reports AFP. and Trevor Madondo was not Zimbabwe never entertained out 74. his maiden test half the task of scoring seven runs Zimbabwe: an over and ended their second Chris Martin took the only NEW ZEALAND: First ininnings on 60 for two when nings 487-7 dec (C McMillan

stumps were drawn 13 overs alicad of schedule. The tourists lost Guy Whittall for six and Gavin Rennie for 37, leaving Stuart Carlisle at the crease on 16 and Alistair Campbell vet to open his account when the match ground to a halt.

New Zealand declared their

second innings closed on 153

for four an hour before the tea

minimum of 43 overs to score

their first test win over the

home side. Earlier in the day Zimbabwe cut short their first innings on 340 for six. having added 52 runs to their overnight score before captain Heath Streak

Zimbabwean first innings wicket to fall Saturday when he had debutant Dong Marillier 3) caught for 28 by wicketkeeper Adam Parore. The dismissal gave Martin his first five-wicket bag in just his fourth test. He had figures of five for 71

was in the field when he dropped a simple chance offered by Gavin Rennie in the 60/2 (G Rennie 37) second innings off legspinner Brooke Walker. New Zealand captain Ste- McMillan.

55 while Nathan Astle was unbeaten on 51, giving him a fine double for the match after he scored a Test-best 141 in the BRIEF SCORES

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Brief scores of the one-off Test between New Zealand and

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Flower 79. T Madondo 74; C Martin 5-71) NEW ZEALAND: Second inoff 32.5 overs. His only blemish nings 153/4 declared (S Fleming 55. N Astle 51 not out) ZIMBABWE: Second innings

Man-of-the-match: Craig

Result: Match drawn.

ZIMBABWE: First innings 340-6 dec (G Rennie 93, A

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