Cricket

Ajit Agarkar and the rest of the

underrated India pace attack were

the architects of a four wicket victory

over Sri Lanka here at The Oval on

Sunday -- a result that sent Sourav

Ganguly's side into the outright lead

for 44) and Zaheer Khan (three for

48) strangled the life out of the Sri

Lankan innings after captain Sanath

Jayasuriya marked his 33rd birthday

their second win in 48 hours than

they should have done before

finishing on 203 for six with 28 balls

to spare in reply to Sri Lanka's 202

49 but the real heroes of the innings

were Yuvraj Singh (31) and Mohammad Kaif (38 not out), who

put on a decisive 42 for the sixth

beat England by six wickets at Lord's

on Saturday and the 20-year-old found himself involved in his second

recovery mission of the weekend.

Yuvraj's 64 not out helped India

Appropriately, Agarkar (seven

For Sri Lanka, Mahela Jayawar-

"I think we played very well," said

"Playing back-to-back one

"But we always knew we could

Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore

take wickets and our form and

said: "After we play England (at

Headingley on Tuesday) we will be

at halfway and if we lose that one it

Sri Lanka lost to England by 44

"But I can't fault our team for

Vaas' endeavour was bevond

He had Ganguly plumb lbw to

runs in Thursday's tournament

effort and if they can improve slightly

in key areas we can turn things

doubt, the left-arm quick manfully

leading the Sri Lankan attack with

leave India 17 for one in the third

over and then had Virender Sehwag

will be very difficult to come back."

fitness have improved recently."

Ganguly. "It was not an easy pitch to

bat on," he added in a reference to

ot out) was on the field at the finish.

dene top scored with 62 in a total

that never gave the bowlers enough

runs to realistically defend.

the pacey Oval wicket.

dayers is not too easy.

opener at Trent Bridge.

two for 38.

around," Whatmore added.

Sachin Tendulkar top scored with

But India made harder work of

Man-of-the-match Agarkar (three

of the triangular series table.

by winning the toss.

AFP, London

## ACB won't say Agarkar inspires India anything now

AFP, Melbourne

Australia's cricket tour of Pakistan remains in doubt with the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) saying it is too early to react to reports Australia will play Pakistan at a neutral venue later this year.

Australia's scheduled tour of Pakistan has been under threat because of security fears after New Zealand cancelled its tour in May following a bomb blast which killed 11 people outside the team hotel.

That risk was escalated by the increased tensions between Pakistan and India over the disputed Kashmir region.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has released a statement confirming Australia's tour in October would be played outside

But PCB director Brigadier Munawwar Rana later dismissed the statement, saying a decision was weeks away and that no formal talks with the ACB last week

## Hoggard could be dropped

AFP, London

England could drop Matthew Hoggard for their next NatWest match after the fast bowler's rocky start to the triangular one-day series, coach Duncan Fletche

In England's opening two matches of the tournament, against Sri Lanka and India, Yorkshire quick Hoggard's combined 18.5 overs have yielded just one wicket for 111

Now ahead of Tuesday's match, against Sri Lanka, Hoggard may be removed from the firing line even though the game is being played on his home ground of Headingley.

## **Cruyff speaking**

'total football' began to take control. However to his dismay he feels Brazil's style of play that took them to a record fifth World Cup is destroy-

ing the beautiful game. "Brazil deserved their win but they aren't a team. They play anti-football and only took advantage of the mistakes of their opponents,"

added Cruvff. "The first goal wasn't down to the brilliance of Ronaldo but as a consequence of the errors by the German

defence and Kahn. "Despite winning the name of the Brazilian coach won't go down in history because he was scared of

Cruyff added: "They (Brazil) have set the standard for the rest of the

World with their anti-football, I hope that the Netherlands don't follow this The former Barcelona coach did

however, find time to issue some words of praise - to Germany and South Korea coach Guus Hiddink. "Germany are a good team with

Oliver Kahn and a good mentality. The collectiveness of the Germans was good however they lack a strong personality like Franz Beckenbauer or Gerd Mueller,

"We should rejoice at the performances of Turkey and South Korea. Guus Hiddink deserved a gold medal for nothing more than the extraordinary way he represented



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been hell -- became more confident and settled in, the team's results improved and Brazil went into the World Cup with an unbeaten seven-

trying to turn his squad into a family, instilled a team spirit rarely seen in

mishooking he was caught off Dilhara Fernando by Vaas at fine

But as long as Tendulkar was at the crease an Indian victory looked assured.

However, one short of fifty, he was caught behind off Zoysa.

Following a prolonged appeal Tendulkar was sent on his way by a nod from South African umpire Dave

He faced 70 balls including one

SRI LANKA: 202 for 8 in 50 overs (M Jayawardene 62. S Jayasuriya 36; A Agarkar 3-44, Zaheer Khan 3-48)

Ganguly Ibw b Vaas Sehwag c Jayasuriya b Vaas Mongia c Vaas b D Fernando Tendulkar c K'tharana b Zoysa Dravid b Chandana Yuvraj c sub b D Fernando



An ecstatic Sourav Ganguly (L) is being congratulated by Yuvraj Singh after the former took the wicket of Naveed Nawaz at The Oval in London June 30.

six and three fours but Sri Lanka now had an outside chance of a But it was not to be as Yuvraj and

Kaif kept their cool. Earlier India's seamers maintained a disciplined line and length to reel off three successive maidens.

Sri Lanka scoring just six runs in five overs from the 16th to the 20th. India's next match sees them take on England at the Riverside, Durham, on Thursday,

SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard of the NatWest

(12) caught by Jayasuriya at mid-off, triangular series one-day interna-Dinesh Mongia made 33, adding tional between India and Sri Lanka 71 in 86 balls with Tendulkar before

Agarkar not out Extras: (lb-2, w-9, nb-7) Total: (For 6 wkts in 45.2 overs)203 Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-26, 3-97, 4-113.5-135.6-195

Bowler	0	M	R	٧
Vaas	10	1	38	2
Zoysa	10	0	46	•
D Fernando	10	0	53	2
B Fernando	3	0	11	(
Chandana	10	1	46	•
Jayasuriya	2	0	5	(
Arnold	0.2	0	2	(
Result: India won by 4 wickets.				

## Man-of-the-match: Ajit Agarkar.

## **Chris Guile**

Cricket

ndia now 26 for two.

AFP, St George's

Opener Chris Gayle blew apart New Zealand's bowlers, scoring 204 as the West Indies scored 394 for five

in their first innings of the second Test match on Sunday Gavle smashed 29 fours and two sixes in an innings that lasted two minutes over eight hours and included 332 balls. West Indies were 21 runs ahead of New Zealand

at the close. His innings ended with six overs to go when he got the finest of edges to a Shane Bond ball and was

caught behind by Robbie Hart. On a flat wicket in boiling sunshine, the hard-hitting Jamaican started the day on 23 and tore through a New Zealand bowling attack that could do little other than watch his shots scream past them

on their way to the Queen's Park boundary. Sunday's innings was a careerbest for the 22-year-old, whose only previous century was 175 against Zimbabwe last year. Hitting the ball so hard that at least one fielder suffered a hand injury, Gayle delighted the 8,000-strong crowd watching a Test match in Grenada

for the first time West Indies overhauled New Zealand's first innings total shortly before the close and will be aiming to build a lead on the fourth day and try to bowl out the tourists on the last

Gayle has entrenched himself as

the West Indies opening batsman in one-day matches but his Test place seemed less secure until Sunday. He scored two half-centuries in the one-day series against New Zealand and 73 in the first Test, which the West Indies won by 204

On Sunday he only gave two clear chances, when Mark Richardson dropped him at mid-on after he had walloped pace bowler Shane Bond for a straight six. He was also dropped at cover on 199.

At lunch he was 88 not out, taking part in a 100-run partnership with Ramnaresh Sarwan, who ran himself out for 39 taking on veteran fielder Chris Harris with the score on

Gayle was then joined by Brian Lara, who batted brightly to score 48, including seven fours, until he presented Scott Styris with his debut Test wicket to add to the debut Test century he scored on Saturday, edging an out-swinger to the wicketkeeper with the score on 204.

Styris took the shine off his own performance when he dropped Gayle on 199.

scored 17 when New Zealand took the new ball and he stood no chance with a viciously fast delivery from Shane Bond that trapped him lea before wicket. Gayle was 137 not

scoring more than 500 was looking distant but Gayle and Shivnarine Chanderpaul then put together a sparkling partnership of 142 in the last session as New Zealand's

bowlers wilted under the sun and Gayle's merciless batting.

With Gayle gone, Chanderpaul sweet 51 not out, including seven

On a gruelling day for bowlers, real threat, taking three for 88 from 24 overs, while spinner Daniel Vettori toiled hard to record figures of none for 103 from 34 overs.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between New Zealand and the West Indies at the Queen's Park on Sunday: **NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 373

(S Styris 107, M Richardson 95, N Astle 69; P Collins 4-68, C Hooper 2-44. C Cuffy 2-76) WEST INDIES: First innings Gayle c Hart b Bond

Hinds b Bond Sarwan run out (Harris/Vettori) 39 48 Lara c Hart b Styris 17 Hooper Ibw b Bond Chanderpaul not out 51 Jacobs not out Extras: (lb-4, b-1, nb-13, w-5) Total: (For 5 wkts in 118 overs) 394 Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-128, 3-204,

4-246			
Bowler	0	M	R
Bond	24	5	88
Butler	17	4	66
Styris	22	3	77
Vettori	34	7	103
Astle	6	2	15
Harris	15	4	40
Umpires:	Rudi Koe	etze	n (Sou

Africa) and Sr Venkataraghavan (India)

#### be disciplined when they want to be," he said. "Everybody knows that "We played with vibrancy, friend-

team into all-out attack in their first FROM PAGE 13 four games, and then tightening them up for the later matches. "In the beginning, we needed to

revive the image of a winning Brazil mistake again. by using our attacking strength and that was when we imposed the respect that we didn't have in the qualifiers," he said. Scolari also paid tribute to his

defence, which was seen as a possible weakness, especially before the quarter-final against England.
"The defence, which everybody criticised so much, is the best in the

world because not only do our players work together, but they also have good technical ability," he said. He suggested that his historymaking team could be an example

to be followed by the politicians back "We showed that Brazilians can

Inter Milan ace Ronaldo, 25, vowed he had to do something so his pride

and joy would never make the same While others would have opted for a short back and sides, he went

for something a little more extreme. And because he did not have much hair to play with in the first place, Ronaldo was forced to go for a style that resembles a complete opposite of England manager Sven Goran Eriksson.

Ronaldo said: "Why did I have my crazy haircut? I'll tell you. I called home and Milene said Ronald had shouting 'It's Daddy, Daddy.

that cannot happen again. I have to do something to make it impossible."

## **World Sports** Journalists' Day

SPORTS REPORTER

Today is World Sports Journalists

Day.

The day will be observed in 142 coun-Bangladesh along with 142 coun-

tries in a befitting manner. The Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) has arranged a day-long programme

It begins with a rally at 7 am today. State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will attend the function as the chief guest. Golam Quddus Chowdhury, the executive director of Transcom Beverage Limited, is the special guest.

Seniors sports writers Ziaul Haque and Ikramuzzaman will be accorded a reception at the NSC auditorium at 3pm.

Later sports journalists, sports-men and organisers will get together at a local hotel in the evening. Minister for Fisheries and Livestock and Mayor of Dhaka City

Corporation Sadek Hossain is

Chess stars off to Europe

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar and Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib left for Europe last night to take part in two international competitions.

They are scheduled to play in the Paris International Chess Championship from July 6-14. Also they will compete in the ZMD Open of Dresdner Schach festival in Dresden,

The nine-day festival starts on July

Bangladesh Biman has provided free air tickets while Zia has been given additional financial support from

## Two ESPN Star Sports officials in city

SPORTS REPORTER

Two officials from ESPN Software India Private Limited, a sister concern of ESPN Star Sports, arrived in the capital yesterday to reconnoiter the Bangabandhu National Stadium and MAAziz Stadium in Chittagong. ESPN Star Sports, who have won

the right to telecast all the international matches held in Bangladesh for next five years, will be providing coverage of the home series against West Indies in November and December Raymond Hume, the director of

cricket and Indian production, and Kaushik Basu, producer of production operations, spent the afternoon at the ig bowl. They are scheduled to go to

Chittagong today along with Bangladesh Cricket Board director and secretary electronic media Ahmed Sajjadul Alam.

#### Oh no! FROM PAGE 13

"Kahn opens the gate for Brazil's fifth World Cup title," their headline read. In a commentary, the Frankfurt newspaper insisted that Germany were the better team even though Brazil had several brilliant individual performers. "Brazil is the world champion

Germany has the best team in the world," the FAZ wrote. "It sounds like a contradiction

But the question was what happens when two different football empires square off in the final. Germany were beaten by two Ronaldo goals But Germany proved that as a team they knew how to stay even with Brazil. Bild. continental Europe's best-

selling newspaper with more than four million copies sold each day, put the blame for the loss squarely "Kahn's tragic mistake," read its front page, of the man it had

praised with a series of giant page one pictures and headlines for the last four weeks.
"The football god must be
Brazilian after all," Bild added. "We

were so close."

Bild also praised coach Rudi Voeller, who took over the team two years ago after three humbling defeats in Euro 2000, and predicted Germany would win the 2006 tournament at home. "Thanks Rudi, you made foot-

ball fun to watch again," Bild added. "Keep your heads up lads, now we'll just have to win it in 2006." Tĥe Berliner Morgenpost said in a commentary that the "aesthetic team" from Brazil had beaten the

"pragmatic" side.

"In all honesty, we are disappointed," the Morgenpost said. "We've been dragged through the deserts of no success for years and we had hoped our pragmatism would prevail over the aesthetes of Brazil." Berlin's Der Tagesspiegel wrote

its sports front page "Ronaldo masters Kahn". "The dancers from Brazil won. Der Tagesspiegel wrote in a com-

mentary. "Germany would have been worthy champions as well. Perhaps the Dutch, French and Spanish would disagree. They are probably relieved the worstpossible-accident was avoided Germany winning the World Cup? "That would have been a horri-

# Battle of Britain on cards?

Tennis

AFP, London

The battling and brash figure of controversial Australian Lleyton Hewitt looks like being the only player capable of stopping Britain putting an end to its miserable 66year long wait for a men's champion at Wimbledon.

In this topsy-turvy championship, where only two of the top sixteen men's seeds have made it into the second week, it seems only the 21-year-old Hewitt, top seed and world number one, has the armoury to quell the seemingly irresistible surge of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski towards a Battle of Britain in next Sunday's final.

The decimation of the seeds, which has seen seven-time champion Pete Sampras, fellow American legend Andre Agassi as well as former US Open champion Marat Safin all departing before the Centre Court grass has had a chance to get too bare, means it is the worst showing by the top sixteen seeds at a Grand Slam in the Open

predicting that if Hewitt blows his chance, then it will be the year of

nament because so much has happened," said fourth seed Henman who beat respected grasscourter Wayne Ferreira to reach the

again and being ready for my next opponent," added the Briton who was a controversial winner over the South African who claimed he was robbed of a great chance of victory by a controversial overrule in the third set tie-break of his four set, third round defeat on Saturday.

"I have had some tough losses here but I have always said that one day I believe I will win this tourna-

Henman, who is seeded to face

the quarterfinals. Although all the top contenders are keen to play down their chances, there are respected

It has also led to many here and I think that will suit Hewitt's

"It's good to be alive in this tour-

"It's a question of almost starting

"If I lose next week, it won't alter that belief," added Henman, three times a semifinalist in the last four

Hewitt in the last four, faces Switzerland's unheralded Michel Kratochvil on Monday for a place in

figures in the game who believe that the title is there for Hewitt's taking. "The courts seem to be slower

Kafelnikov, another of the seeds to suffer a first week exit. "They are not as fast as they

used to be and that will have a big effect on the serve-volleyers." Rusedski, seeded 23, is in the bottom half of the draw where the

highest remaining seed is

Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti who's a Rusedski, whose best performance here was a quarter-final spot in 1997, is expected to ease past Belgium's Xavier Malisse before coming up against either Mark

Dutchman Richard Krajicek, the champion in 1996. "I'm taking it one match at a time. can't get too far ahead of myself because this tournament has been a little crazy with all the upsets, said Rusedski.

Philippoussis of Australia or

"I know there is a lot of expectation on both Tim and myself, but I've been in the background and I don't mind that."

in the more comfortable half of the draw and should he get as far as the semi-finals, he could face David Nalbandian of Argentina, Lapentti, Frenchman Arnaud Clement or big serving Aussie Wayne Arthurs.

ever semifinalist, before burning out

from her life experiences when out

on court, and would fight to win one

of the two Grand Slam titles which

in her long career, but must first get

She revealed how she draws

# **Wobbly Williams**

Tennis

England Club.

Sister act Venus and Serena Williams may not have looked as convincing as usual as they advanced to Monday's final 16 at Wimbledon, but the American duo nevertheless remained on course for a final showdown at the All

Two-time defending champion Venus dropped a set against lowranked Canadian Maureen Drake, while Serena slipped and slided her way through two tie-breakers against another veteran Belgian Els Callens.

is back home, will be called upon to give them much needed tips over the weekend. Both face all-American clashes with Venus taking on Lisa Raymond,

the 16th seed, as Serena chal-

lenges in-form Chanda Rubin. In fact the USA dominate the women's fourth round with seven of the 16 players, equalling their previous best of two years ago.

that she has work to do despite winning her previous tie against Raymond, slayer of former Wimbledon champion Conchita

"My best match was my first match. The last two are a little bumpy. I'll be looking to sort things out. I want to be technically solid, and want to keep swinging and not have any glitches in my game," said 22-year-old Venus.

Serena, the second seed, could face a tough challenge from Rubin, ranked 27th in the world, who won the warm-up tournament at Eastbourne on grass just a week But Serena already seems to

have her eyes on a third Grand Slam

final with Venus, and her dream of

closing the gap on her older sister

who has four Grand Slams to her the finals over anyone else for sure. savs Serena of Venus who she lost to in the US Open last year but claimed the French Open just last

Meanwhile Australian Open champion Jennifer Capriati, the nird seed, is lurking.

38th in the world. The 26-year-old American, a two-time semifinalist here, has beaten 19-year-old Daniilidou, who

Capriati played Wimbledon for the first time at 15, the youngest

has eluded her. Seven-time Grand Slam champion Monica Seles is also still chasing the only title that has eluded her

with personal problems.

past grass-loving Thai Tamarine "I have a player who really likes to play on this surface. I have a good record against her. But again I think grass is Tami's best surface. Just

look forward to playing her Monday, said Seles. The American has won their last four meetings, and Tamarine was expecting a "tough, tough" match in her bid to reach her first Grand Slam

quarterfinal. Last year's runner-up Justine Henin, the Belgian sixth seed, plays Russian Elena Dementieva, the 12th seed, who she last beat at the same stage in straight sets at this year's Australian Open.

The match being dubbed the 'Battle of the Babes' between blonde Jelena Dokic, the Yugoslav seventh seed, and Slovak 12th seed Daniela Hantuchova, could go either way between the up and coming teens, the darlings of the tabloid press following the demise of

# As good as old

FROM PAGE 13 they once did, they have to commu-

of having referees and linesmen from all over the world officiating in the World Cup as some imagined nod to the democratisation of the world game.

women in suits to organise a coherent ticketing policy, there were few off-field dramas The hooligans thankfully stayed

This was always going to be a hosted, but no one thought it would provide quite the number of shocks

Senegal, playing in their firstever finals, beat world champions

eight-strong team of professionals --

including two doctors, a nutritionist

and a physiotherapist -- spent one

month effectively rebuilding the

This time, it worked. The muscu-

expected to reach the second round, but after a draw with Uruguay and a defeat to Denmark they were despatched with the worst record of any defending champion in history. Argentina also never got out of the starting gate. Victory against Nigeria, defeat to England and a

France were still heavily

favoured to do well and fully

While the first round provided the shocks, the fact some of the fancied countries were already out took the gloss off the second round and the flow of goals became a trickle.

The total of 161 goals is 10 less

draw with Sweden consigned them

to the departure lounge at Narita

than last time, and the average of 2.52 goals a game the second lowest ever. But so much for statistics. New stars like Senegal's Khalilou Fadiqa and El-Hadji Diouf, Japan's Junich Inamoto, Turkey's Ilhan Mansiz and Hasan Sas and South Korean Ahn

Jung-Hwan appeared even as the

likes of Gabriel Batistuta, Paolo

Maldini and Fernando Hierro

began Ronaldo's star had appeared

to be waning after he sleepwalked

through Brazil's 3-0 defeat to France

prior to the Paris final have never

really emerged, but it is accepted

that he suffered a fit before the

game and was not considered ready

to play until a last minute, and per-

There have been few come-

backs as dramatic or as romantic as

that of Ronaldo and even in the

immediate afterglow of victory he

took a moment to remember how

close he had been to a premature

before, was to play football again, to

run again and to score goals again.

This conquest, our fifth world title,

has crowned my struggle, my recov-

moment in my recovery," he said.

Ronaldo, watched by his family

"My big victory, as I have said

end to his career.

ery," he said.

haps ill-advised, change of heart.

But all that is history now.

The full details of what happened

in the finals four years ago.

**GOAL LESS REUTERS**, Yokohama

Italy in 1990.

2002	161	64	2.52
1998	171	64	2.67
1994	141	52	2.71
1990	115	52	2.21
1986	132	52	2.54
1982	146	52	2.81
1978	102	38	2.68
1974	97	38	2.55
1970	95	32	2.97
1966	89	32	2.78
1962	89	32	2.78
1958	126	35	3.60
1954	140	26	5.38
1950	88	22	4.00
1938	84	18	4.67

sun as Germany kneeled to a healed Ronaldo in tears as Pele was in '58, carried off the field shoulderhigh by Cafu and his legendary team mates. With the landmark win, Brazil become the only nation to have lifted the symbol of pure victory

history yet again.

## Salute Scolari of egos often threatens to make them self-destruct.

caught by television cameras threatening a referee who had just sent him off, yelling at the official: "I'll wait for you outside, mate. Was this the end of the Beautiful

Game, Brazilians wondered.

Scolari packed his team with up to eight defensive players and, after they suffered a 2-1 defeat to Argentina in a World Cup qualifier, he berated the players for not doing enough time-wasting. As Brazil continued to struggle in

In his early days as Brazil coach,

the worst fears appeared to be

the qualifiers, he could have gone down in history as the man who was in charge when the country missed out on the World Cup for the first time. But as Scolari -- who said this week that his first three months had

The coach, who made a point of the Brazil camp, where the clashing

Captain Carl Hooper had only

At 246 for four, the prospect of

ship, union, participation and dedication to the cause," he said. He also proved he could dance It's for Ronald according to the music, sending his

rushed to the TV and kissed it, "But it wasn't me. It was Roberto Carlos! Can you imagine? "He's so ugly and I said to Milene

I don't like politics, but I think this is the way Brazil can improve."

a simple page one headline "Germany, What a shame". It added on

ble scenario for the cultural pessimists around the world," it added. 'The international press have been calling Germany the 'unbeatable

## Serena admitted that father Richard, who is also their coach but

Venus, the top seed, believes

nicate with their linesmen far more before making controversial deci-FIFA must also ditch their policy

Apart from refereeing and the never-ending failure of men and

away and the tournament was played out in a fantastic. often fanatical, atmosphere. World Cup with a difference, being the first in Asia and the first to be co-

France 1-0, allowing every other

team to dream.

stricken star.

World his oyster FROM PAGE 13 At the start of this year, he was taken end of his career and end up as the highest scorer in the tournament's. back to Brazil from Italy where an Even before his fitness problems

Ronaldo's goals helped Inter remain in the Italian title race until the final day of the season. But his dream of finally ending Inter's wait for their first Serie A title since 1989 ended at the venue

title to rivals Juventus. Despite the bitterness of yet another setback it was clear from his end of season form that Ronaldo was close to his best. At the World Cup the 25-year-old

proved that while he may still lack

the pace, and some of the grace,

where he had suffered that serious

ligament injury -- Rome's Olympic

Inter lost 4-2 to Lazio -- handing the

Ronaldo was in tears again as

from his pre-injury days, he is once again a striker to be feared. With eight goals in the tournament Ronaldo joins compatriot Pele as the third-highest scorer in World Cup history with 12 goals in the

At his young age, he could play in two more World Cups before the

"If anything, I'd rather play her in

She has not dropped a set so far and is favourite in her tie against Greece's Eleni Daniilidou, ranked

won her first WTA title this year at Hertogenbosch, twice in the past.

Russian Anna Kournikova.

announced their international retirements. Ronaldo, with his two-goal performance in the final and his eight in all, was undoubtedly the player of the tournament -- although

his strike partner Rivaldo ran him

German maestro Franz

Beckenbauer, among others, said the shocks were mainly the result of too many top players being too tired after playing too many games in Europe's domestic season. He might have a point. But at least the Germans go home secure in the knowledge that

despite losing the final, as hosts of

### 2006 finals they won't face another daunting qualifying cam-

The 2002 World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan finished with 161 goals in 64 matches for an average of 2.52 per game, the lowest average of any of the 17 tournaments except for Following is a list of goals and aver-

ages per game in all World Cup finals: Goals Games Average

1954	140	26	5.38		
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2002	161	64	2.52		
Samba					
Janiba					
FROM PAGE 13					
And with the historic victory only one					

## star shined in the land of the rising

including wife Milene and son on every continent where she Ronald, dedicated his comeback to travelled his physiotherapist Nilton Petrone Giants never die, and myths live "He never abandoned me at any forever. In a tournament of upsets, flux and profound change, the mythical Brazilians danced into How many of us can honestly say

## Australian Open winner Yevgeny

Despite his caution, Rusedski is