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Sourav Ganguly aims to stick around for four or five more years, in the hope of leading India to the forefront of international cricket, and would subsequently love to coach the Indian team, according to an interview published in Reader's Digest magazine. It also quotes him as saying that Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara and Steve Waugh are his favourite

When asked about his mentor, Ganguly mentions his father, while also admitting that he was a huge fan of Pete Sampras, who retired last year after winning a record 14 Grand Slam tennis titles. And Kolkata's favourite son also springs a surprise when he rates the victory over Adelaide in December 2003 -- "They were a special side, a strong team - indeed the best" -- ahead of the remarkable come-from-behind heroics at Eden Gardens in March

Ganguly's ascent to the captaincy after making his Test debut in 1996 -he had been a peripheral part of the tour to Australia four years earlier -was meteoric, and he admits in the interview that he has no immediate plans to make way for the younger

Naomi will carry it too

REUTERS, Athens

Supermodel Naomi Campbell is among 100 celebrity torch-bearers due to carry the Olympic flame on its final stage of a round-the-world journey to the Athens Olympic stadium this week, organisers said on Tuesday.

Pop stars, opera singers, sculptors and businessmen will bear the torch in the shape of an olive leaf from the ancient Marathon site to the port of Piraeus, on to an altar at the Acropolis and finally to the main stadium, they said.

The inclusion of modern style icons such as Campbell and Nicolas Hayek, father of the Swatch watch, is a nod to modernity in a Games steeped in symbols of antiquity, as the Olympics return to their ancient birthplace.

Former US Olympic athletics hero Carl Lewis is also due to hold the emblem of the Games aloft for a short stage of its 53 km (33 mile) journey, which begins on Wednesday and ends with the lighting of the flame of the 49th Olympiad on Friday.

The identity of the person awarded that honour -- the last of some 12,000 who have borne the Olympic flame Games, remains a secret

U-19s 202-8

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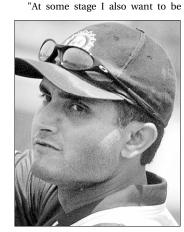
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"I have not even thought of retire-

"I want to play for another four, five years. I want to take Indian cricket forward and concentrate on more wins



SOURAV GANGULY

involved with the game, may be as a coach," he adds.

"I have been lucky to have a good team under me, with lots of talented young match-winners like [Virender] Sehwag, Zaheer [Khan], Dravid. [VVS] Laxman's arrived as a player and

ICC CHAMPIONS

TROPHY

Pakistan cricket captain Inzamamul

Hag has expressed supreme confi-

dence in his side's ability to win the

Videocon Trophy in Amstelveen, as

well as the Champions Trophy in

in one-dayers didn't mean that they

could not be overwhelmed. But to do

that, he warned, Pakistan had to pick up

Dawn quoted Inzamam as saying: "I

think of only victory. I believe the team

is well-balanced and if it performs to

potential, it can win." He said that the

team had its sights set on beating the

"For this target to be achieved we

have to improve our fielding, which is

now showing some improvement. We

He said that Australia's domination

CRICINFO, undated

Inzy sees only victory

there's Yuvrai Singh and Harbhajan [Singh]. Anil Kumble has bowled a way I have never seen before.

Ganguly also doesn't run shy of taking some of the credit for the team's

"Because when you are captain, you have a lot to do both on and off the field," he says. He is also effusive in his praise of Dravid -- "He is a very good player and he is a good human being" who made his debut in that same

Lord's Test eight years ago. Ganguly and John Wright have earned many plaudits in recent years for fast-tracking talent into the team, and ignoring the pernicious state-wise bias that used to be an endemic part of Indian cricket.

"There is no quota system," says Ganguly emphatically when asked

"I've been captain for four years. I've not seen any of that. I don't know whether it existed when I got back into the team. But today it doesn't."

He also talks at length about how fatherhood has changed him -- "Previously, you did things for yourself and your wife ... When you have a little girl you do everything for her" -- and reveals how pictures of the goddess Kali and his wife and daughter can be found on his hotel-room table when-

are good in two other departments;

He was satisfied with the team

selected for both tournaments, and

said that, contrary to some suggestions,

he had the final say in selection matters.

He placed faith in Shahid Afridi's ability

to perform, and acknowledged that his

past record was unimpressive. But

Inzamam did add that this would be

Afridi's last chance. He said that Afridi

would be used as a sixth bowler, and

shifted up and down the batting order

defended Moin Khan's presence in the

squad. "We need wins to build players'

confidence. Therefore I prefer senior

players as they can cope better with

players might not play on until the next

World Cup, but refused to name them --

and then said that he himself would

"I want to continue playing until I

Inzamam then hinted that some

Besides Afridi's inclusion, Inzamam

according to the situation.

ssure situations.

play as long as he was happy.

am satisfied with my performance.

bowling and batting.

Muralitharan also has a superb

haul of 111 wickets in 17 matches at the SSC ground but his form has been

"Muralitharan was unimpressive at Galle, which was quite unusual, but we hope to see him taking wickets very soon," said Atapattu. "It's not possible for someone to just come on

Romesh Kaluwitharana, Ian Daniel.

A modern day tragedy major ally and source of consolation.

REUTERS, Athens



Olympics.

By Eugene Sheffer

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from drugs and he loved her almost to death -it's a Romeo and

Juliet tragedy updated for the 2004 Athens A lovers' tiff prompted Greek Olympic judoka Eleni Ioannou to jump

off the balcony of the flat she shared with her boyfriend on Saturday, six days before the Games' opening ceremony. Guilt drove Giorgos Chri-sostomidis to a copycat jump two days later. Both

are in hospital fighting for their lives after the three-story fall. According to Apogevmatini daily which ran the story under a headline of "They are fighting death for their love,"

the couple had been living together for more than one and a half years. The young man, who lost his father at a young age and was raised by his grandparents, was a drug addict until he met Joannou, who supported him and

got him into de-tox. As a former drug addict, he had trouble getting a job, with Ioannou his

"The fact that she had helped him escape drugs had made him love her

pathologically," wrote daily Eleftheros

"As he told police in his statement, the prospect of a short time apart -- as she was going into the Olympic Village with all the other athletes -- upset him, and his insecurity led him to fear he would lose her."

"They had a verbal fight, and he slapped her. She slapped him back in nic, then run off to the balcony and jumped," Eleftheros Typos added.

"She got through a tough preparation period, there was also pressure from her relationship, and that is how we got here. I ask all Greeks to make a wish for her," Ioannou's coach Giorgos Boutakis was quoted in Kathimerini daily as saying. Ioannou has been in intensive care since.

"After Eleni's fall, the world went out from under his feet," Apogevmatini quoted friends of the boyfriend as

According to Eleftheros Typos, he was racked with guilt and thought himself responsible for her injury.

The AKTEL School Basketball

Gibbs boosts

match in trying to win," he said.

his chances after a fine show.

"We are more upbeat after the result as we drew the match comfortably," said Smith, who took over as captain from Pollock after last year's

South Africa have won one of their previous two Tests at the Colombo venue, in 1993, and drew the other on their last tour in 2000

record at the ground having won 11 of 24 matches and lost six with seven

worrying Atapattu.

and take five wickets every time."

follow the Tests.

Smith (capt), Mark Boucher, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Rudolph, Jacques Kallis, Martin Van Jaarsveld, Boeta Dippenaar, Shaun Pollock, Nicky Boje, Mornantau Hayward, Lance Klusener, Makhava Ntini, Andre Nel, Robin Peterson, Andrew

At the age of 44, when most sprinters have long ago swapped spikes for slippers, Ottev will run both the 100 and

Slovenia, the base of her coach and her adopted home, rather than her native

Navratilova and Ottey may have advanced age for their sports.

Cyclist Jeannie Longo of France is also in one of the most grueling Olympic sports but still competing at the age

staying power is weightlifter Kunjurani Devi. Considered the grand old lady of her sport in India at the age of 36, she will be the oldest woman weightlifter at The assistant police commander

competes in the 48 kg category. She has battled back from a doping ban and is rated one of India's best medal hopes.

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win in the competition.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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GHNN XJV ERQONK? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN GOING OUTSIDE TO TEND YOUR GARDEN, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR A WEEDING GOWN. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Basketball Federation and sponsored by TM International (BD) Limited, will begin on August 28 at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium.

Interested schools have been asked to send their entries to the federation office by August 19.

Smith, on the other hand, fancied

Seamer Shaun Pollock picked up four wickets in the first innings, leftarm spinner Nicky Boje got a five-for in the second and batsmen Jacques Rudolph, Jacques Kallis and Smith himself were all among the runs in the first Test.

Sri Lanka otherwise have a good

A five-match one-day series will

SRI LANKA (from): Marvan Atapattu (capt), Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Farveez Maharoof, Lasith Malinga, Muttiah Muralitharan, Nuwan Zoysa, Thilan Samaraweera, Rangana Herath,

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme

Olympic grannies

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Sprinter Ottey has run at every summer Olympics since Moscow in 1980. winning a silver with the Jamaican relay team last time around. In Athens, she will become the first female track and field athlete to take part in seven Olym-

But this time she will run for

much of the media marveling at their ability to battle the march of time. But there are less well-known women also turning in top-level performances at an At 37, Brigitte McMahon of Switzer-

land is defending her Olympic title in the triathlon, where most athletes peak around their late 20s. McMahon comes to Athens having had two daughters since Sydney to add to a son born in

A gold medal-winner at the Atlanta

Games in 1996, Longo has won 13 world titles and claimed her 48th national crown in June to qualify for Athens. She will compete in both the individual time trial and the road race events. Another competitor admired for her

they will think all Asian women are up nicknamed "big sister" by teammates

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Surat scored the quickest goal of the competition when he shot the winners ahead in the opening 60 seconds but Wasim levelled the score from a penalty in the 20th minute.

Mamun again put the Chandpur side into lead netting in the 56th minute while Surat's second goal came one minute later. Mamum sealed victory in the 63rd minute.

Najirpara increased their tally to four points from three outings while Kararchar were yet to open their account from four matches.

Ganguly eying coaching | School b'ball | World on Fergie's shoulders



Manchester United suffered plenty by finishing last season well behind unbeaten Premiership winners Arsenal, a relatively poor performance they are likely to rue again ahead of their first foray into this season's Champions League.

United, one of a handful of European giants uncharacteristically involved in third round qualifying Wednesday, go into their first leg encounter away to Dinamo Bucharest wishing they did not have to be there at

A combination of injuries, suspensions, and Olympics-tied players has left United manager Alex Ferguson fretting, his woes coming only days after a 3-1 defeat to Arsenal in the season's curtain-raising Community

"It is the worst start we have had. It is a killer for us in trying to give players enough rest," Ferguson admitted ahead of the clash.

Failure to get past the Romanians could further hamper United, who last vear failed to make the quarter-finals after being eliminated by eventual winners FC Porto.

will do so without a host of first team Ruud van Nistelrooy, who had to

Spanish international striker Luis

Enrique Martinez has retired from

Spain, scoring 12 goals, said he could

no longer attain the level of fitness

championships, one with Real Madrid

and two with Barcelona. He also

Chelsea have won an appeal against the

three-game ban handed out to striker

Mateja Kezman, the Football

suspension and no extra punishment

would be invoked in the case of another

sending-off this season," the FA said on

runners-up, maintained Kezman was

wrongfully dismissed for violent con-

duct during a pre-season friendly

against AS Roma on July 29 in the

faced a three-match ban from August 17

which would have seen him miss the

Premiership matches against

Birmingham, Crystal Palace and

Eindhoven last month for approxi-

mately five million pounds (9.3m

Kezman joined Chelsea from PSV

The 25-year-old Serbian striker had

Chelsea, last season's Premiership

"He will therefore not serve any

Association (FA) said Monday.

needed to play at a high level.

played for Sporting Gijon.

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its website.

Kezman has

Luis Enrique, who won 62 caps for

He won three Spanish League

Luis Enrique

ends career

football at the age of 34.

AFP, Madrid

And as Ferguson approaches the

first hurdle in this year's campaign, he

undergo a hernia operation, is out of both legs against Dinamo, leaving a gaping hole in a front line that will also be shorn of Frenchman Louis Saha, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, and Liam Miller.

Wes Brown is also injured while fellow defender Gabriel Heinze of Argentina, is joining Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo at the Olympics in

forward who could have stepped in most emergencies, is suspended alongside England defender Rio Ferdinand. Even some of the players who are

available to Ferguson are not completely match fit. "You take Mikael Silvestre, Gary

Neville and Phil Neville - they have only

had five days training. That is not enough," added Ferguson. It is a scenario which could boost Dinamo's hopes of securing a good first leg result ahead of the return leg at Old

Trafford on August 24. Dinamo owe their presence in this stage of the competition to two 1-0 wins over Slovakian outfit Zilina, during which Ionel Danciulescu scored twice.

But while ex-United star Lou Macari feels Dinamo should not to be taken lightly, he feels United have the class to overpower the Romanians.

"Normally the teams at this stage are of a poor quality, but Dinamo aren't one of those sides that are in the competition to make up the numbers,' Macari, who watched Dinamo in both legs against Zilina, told United's

Macari pinpointed Danciulescu and Claudiu Iulian Niculescu as the two danger men, although Dinamo will have to do with their number two keeper following the sending-off of Cristian Munteanu for handball against



SIR ALEX FERGUSON

United will not be the only club from Europe's considered elite who have been forced into early Champions

League action Monaco, who stunned everybody last season by making it to the final before going out to FC Porto, have been thrown back into the fray against Gorica, who stunned FC Copenhagen 5-0 in their second qualifying round second leg to claim a spot.

Didier Deschamps' Monaco outfit should, by all accounts, prove up to the task on Wednesday although the former France international has

enough European experience to know it woujlud be unwise to take the Slovenians lightly

Monaco, who last season finished third in the French league, got their domestic campaign off on the right foot

with a 1-0 win over St Etienne. However despite the feelgood factor at the Principality, Deschamps knows he will have to return from Slovenia

with points in the bag. "It's a very important match, both in economic and sporting terms," he

"Prudence will be the order of the day, there will be a lot at stake. Ultimately it will be up to us to qualify for the Champions League," added Deschamps, who will look to avoid the fate of current French champions Lyon, eliminated by another Slovenian club, NK Maribor, at the

same stage in 1999. Real Madrid meanwhile finished a lowly fourth in the Spanish top flight last season and so also find themselves in relatively unfamiliar territory, travelling to Poland to face Wisla Krakow, who came through their last qualifying round 11-2 aggregate winners over WIT Georgia.

Italian giants Inter Milan are also on the road but face a trickier tie against Swiss side FC Basel, who just missed out on the quarter-finals two season ago.

Inter will be without 19-year-old Nigerian forward Obafemi Martins, who could miss both legs after straining knee ligaments in training.

Season over for Solskjaer

Football

AFP, London

Manchester United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is likely to miss another entire season due to a knee injury, the English Premiership club said Monday.

"Ole Gunnar Solskjaer underwent an

arthroscopy vesterday in Gothenburg (Sweden). This unfortunately confirmed persistent damage to the articular cartilage of his right knee," the club said on its website.

"He will undergo further treatment

but it is likely that Ole will miss the whole of this season.' Solskjaer had experienced pain in his knee during pre-season training. A similar knee injury forced the striker to

miss virtually all of last season. However this latest injury could seriously compromise the career of the player who famously scored United's injury-time winner in the 1999 Champions League final against Bayern

doubt over whether he would be offered an extension even without Monday's He missed five months of last season

after an operation to cure the same

current contract and there was some

Solskjaer, 31, is in the final year of his

problem but returned in February believing his injury nightmare was at an

But even towards the back end of the campaign there were murmurings that all was not well with the Norwegian, although the speculation was flatly denied by Ferguson, if not by Solskjaer who was strangely non-committal on

When he came on as a second-half substitute in the FA Cup final win over Millwall in May, it seemed Solskjaer's recovery was virtually complete. Instead, the man Ferguson had

sided midfield slot vacated by David Beckham felt more twinges of pain during pre-season training. He pulled out of last month's US tour the eve of departure and headed for Sweden for further tests, the outcome of

originally earmarked to fill the right-

Solskiaer, a virtual unknown when he joined United from Molde for 1.5 million pounds in 1996, described the time he spent rehabilitating last year

which have devastated the United

as the hardest of his entire career. He now faces a similar fight to get back on the field again and while he can take heart from Red Devils defender Wes Brown, who has battled back from two

Premiership star put behind bars

THE SUN, London

Shamed soccer star Lee Hughes was jailed for six years on Monday after a court heard how he killed a loving dad in a car smash following a booze session.

whose super-charged Mercedes had ploughed head-on into his tragic victim's Renault, then walked away from the scene like a Minutes earlier West Brom ace

The £15,000-a-week striker,

Prosecutors estimated he had downed at least six large Jack Daniel's whiskeys and Coke. The Sun can reveal he was chatting with two men who had

Hughes, 28, had left a nearby pub.

been blatantly snorting cocaine off a hand dryer in the gents' toilet. Millionaire Hughes lay low for 34 hours after last November's crash before surrendering himself

at Coventry police station. The delay meant any alcohol in his system would have cleared. But jurors at Coventry Crown

day to convict him of causing death by dangerous driving. Within an hour Premiership newboys West Brom announced they had sacked the disgraced dad

of two and terminated his contract.

Court took just 90 minutes vester-

Test for Asian women



TELEGRAPH, undated Asian women are starting to worry about the consequences of the Faria Alam affair following weekend revelations about the sexual exploits of the

Faria had affairs with two powerful

men at the Football Association its

former chief executive, Mark Palios

38-year-old Bangladeshi secretary.

and the England coach, Sven-Goran "White men consider us exotica and previously thought we were beyond reach because we went for arranged marriages," said Chila Burman, a well-known artist. "Now

Faria sold her story for at least £500,000. In the Sun today, the Faria saga continued. The paper has got hold of a preview of an interview with ITN. In the course of the TV interview,

she breaks down twice when discuss-

ing her feelings for Eriksson. Asked by the reporter, Fiona Foster, whether she was in love with Eriksson, she said: "If I wasn't then, I am now."

But asked if Eriksson loved her, she replied: "No. But it doesn't matter because I am sure he will go back to her (Nancy Dell'Olio, Eriksson's former Italian mistress) because she'll accept him back." In her interview on the previous

However, there are some indications that Nancy may make a million or two herself by writing a book about her

day, Faria had called Nancy a "drag

queen" and said Eriksson did not love

six years with Eriksson. Asked on ITN whether Faria thought her relationship with Eriksson had any future, she said: "Not really. I never try to think that way. I just tried to take each day as it came. I have not heard from him for some time more than a week has gone by. It's not very nice and it hurts. But you have to carry

on with your life.' Pressed again, "You really love him?", Faria asked for the cameras to stop and broke down sobbing. One woman columnist put the

knife into Faria today by depicting her

as a prostitute. In the Daily Mail, Amanda Platell, who was press officer to William Hague, the former Tory leader, wrote: "An exotic beauty briefly beds one rich and powerful man, then another, sells the stories of her bedroom escapades for a fortune -- and Faria Alam has the audacity to call it love. I'd call it a cheap trick from the most expensive of

women. A dirty weekend away with

Sven-Goran Eriksson, and she wants to

be his bride.' She had two sexual encounters with Palios and four with Eriksson, Platell pointed out, adding: "That works out at £83,000 per bedding. This is the new prostitution, the targeting of high-profile, weak, vain men by calculating young women."

Will Eriksson marry her, as Faria desperately hopes? Asian women have a distinctive

perspective. "Not a chance," said Burman. "He's had his way with her. He found her exotic and he hunted her. Now white

men will think all Asian women are like

While no Asian woman has condemned Faria in the terms used by Platell, many, especially from the older generation, are unhappy that traditional values are being eroded by the

A schoolteacher who has just

retired after working for 30 years in a

primary school, Jasbir Bagga, said it

passage of time.

was now commonplace for young Asian men and women to live together without getting married.

"The young have the same values as the English," she lamented. "They are not ashamed about it, they don't hide



FARIA ALAM

these things. If it's all right for the English, they say, why isn't it all right for us? However, there was a price to pay

"in the long run" if Asian women choose to live independent, westernised lives, said Bagga. "After 10 years, they may not have the stability they might otherwise have," she said.

"I don't approve of the kind of life this girl has chosen but I don't think there is anything we can do to stop it."

Whatever Bagga's personal prefer-

ences, more and more Asian women

do have independent lives, particularly in London. "At 38, and with two relationships that we know of, there is no way back for her to her Bangladeshi roots," said publisher Lucky Dissanayake. "She would not want to go back nor would

they want her back.'

"Asian women here face a choice in their twenties," according to Dissanayake. "If they don't get married, perhaps to someone chosen for you, and have two kids, there is no way back at the age of 38. Her story interested me because Asian women don't kiss and tell. But Faria lived a completely western life."

who employed Faria as a model in several fashion shows, had a kind "I want to defend these Asian girls," she said. "They should be

treated as British because that is what

One of the prominent social

hostesses of London, Surina Narula,

It is possible that sexually liberated British Asian women will replace the stereotype of old -- the docile girl forced into an unhappy arranged

plays and films.

"Faria Alam was not an innocent who was led to the slaughter," observed the Manchester-based novelist, Reshma Ruia, "Asian women have this image of being docile but as I describe in my novel (Something Black in the Lentil Soup), they can be quite manipulative."

marriage -- in contemporary novels,

