A tragic way

Brazilian footballer Cleonicio dos

Santos Silva died here on Monday

after being shot in the head, said

was gunned down on Sunday as he

drove through one of the city's

poorer neighbourhoods, said wit-

times, once in the head.

Redknapp

in trouble

AFP. London

Santos Silva was shot three

Tottenham midfielder Jamie

Redknapp is facing a three-match ban

Redknapp was cautioned by

referee Graham Poll. who has subse-

quently reviewed the incident and

submitted his report to the FA in the

light of the incident which came in

the Australian international, has 14

The FA could also come under

pressure to apply the same criteria to

Redknapp's Spurs' team-mate, the

England striker Jermain Defoe, who

committed just as bad a foul on David

their fouls - Redknapp for the fifth time

this season which brings an automatic

Both players were only booked for

Weir in the same match on Saturday.

Redknapp, who has apologised to

Spurs' 1-0 win at Goodison Park.

days to respond to the charge.

on Everton midfielder Tim Cahill.

The 28-year-old midfielder, who played for Zurich in Switzerland,

to die

AFP, Rio de Janeiro



## Challenge Cup hockey meet

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

Bangladesh will meet India in the last group match of the Under-21 Challenge Cup hockey tournament today at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium at

wins over Myanmar, Afghanistan and Oman while Bangladesh had struggled in their last match against Oman to score 2-0 victory. Earlier Oman and Myanmar meet in the

othermatch at BKSP at 9am. The final will be take place at the same

## Zvonareva

AFP, Filderstadt

**AFP,** Bangalore

**NDIA** 2004-0

neer said.

compatriot Elena Likhovtseva.

Sugiyama exited the tournament on Monday and Zyonareva, seeded six here, suffered the same fate with 13 double faults contributing to her

India's Anil

Kumble hopes to

claim his 400th

wicket on home

turf when the

first Test against

Australia starts

Wednesday -

but preferably

not on the open-

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ley's

first

lady

The veteran

ing day itself.

leg-spinner is three wickets away

from becoming the second Indian

after Kapil Dev and the ninth in Test

history to achieve the bowlers

version of climbing Mount Everest.

of my home crowd." the 33-year-old

Bangalore-based software engi-

the first day because I want India to

"It would be great to get it in front

"But hopefully it will not come on

o n

here

## Laxman wants to do it again

REUTERS, Bangalore



India's Vangion Wednesday.

be a challenging series," Laxman

told Reuters on Tuesday. "I'm looking forward to making a major

emerged as a key player during the last two series between the sides and his contribution will have added importance for the hosts in the four-Test series following injury to Sachin

previous tour in 2001, sparking an Indian comeback to win the second Test in Kolkata after being asked to follow on. India clinched the series

averaged 83.83 in that series.

The bone-dry turf at the

Chinnaswamy Stadium, described

by Australian coach John Buchanan

as "terrible", is expected to favour

Kumble and his spin twin Harbhaian

lot of spin." Kumble said. "We have

always done very well at home. It is

important to start well and the first

landmark, you want it out of the way

as fast as possible. I don't want to

"It is a slow wicket that will take a

'When you come so close to a

"But for India's sake I hope we

Kumble took his 300th wicket on

the same ground three years ago

against England, but had to endure

an agonising wait till last man

Matthew Hoggard came to the

crease to take the solitary wicket he

The 84-Test veteran was over-

bowlers to help India force a 1-1 away draw in 2003-04, hitting two hundreds while making 494 runs at an average of 82.33 in four Tests. His career average from 53 Tests is

Asked whether he saw himself playing a lead role in Tendulkar's absence due to an elbow injury, he said: "Yes. I play every match

"I would like to concentrate on the process and not think too much about the result."

Australia's stand-in captain Adam Gilchrist acknowledged Laxman's threat when asked about Tendulkar's absence.

said with a smile, but then added: "The game's better with him.

"It has been the Laxmans and Dravids who have done it. So we

in the Kolkata Test in 2001 and a match-winning 233 in the second Test in Adelaide late last year

when the off-spinner took a stagger-

ing 32 wickets in three Tests to

Bhaiii. we have had a lot of success

better prepared this time to tackle

spin. After all, they won 3-0 in Sri

series on Indian soil since 1969, lost

five of the last seven Tests they have

Australia, who have not won a

Kumble was certain Australian

leg-spinner Shane Warne, who has

struggled in India in the past, will

bag the six wickets he needs to

overtake Sri Lankan Muttiah

Muralitharan's world record tally of

"It is great to bowl in tandem with

"But I think the Australians will be

fashion India's 2-1 win.

together." Kumble said

Lanka earlier this year.

played here.

Sirajganj Stadium, Meherpur beat Chuadanga 4-3 in tiebreaker at the Meherpur Stadium, Dhaka defeated Kishoreganj 2-0 at the Jamalpur Stadium, Narasingdi beat Comilla 3earned hard fought 2-1 victory over Bagerhat at the Borguna Stadium and Chittagong beat Noakhali 6-3 in tiebreaker at the Feni Stadium to book seats into the second round.

## Fundamentalists

ened of dire consequences. Last month, authorities had to defer a wrestling competition for women following threats from another group of fanatics.

Thankfully, the second day's matches of the tournament were held without any untoward incident at the Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalanur

victory over Narayanganj.

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identical 2-1 margins.

### Pool catches fire

winning the 200m individual medley gold. She clocked 2:49.96sec in her favourite event, bettering the previ-

Khatun finished third at 2:55.89sec.

Another ace BJMC swimmer

Federation president and Chief of Naval Staff Shah Iqbal Mujtaba declared the four-day meet open where 600 swimmers from 45 teams are taking part for 50 gold medals.



after being charged with serious foul play by the Football Association (FA) on Monday following his horror tackle

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger poses with fight attendents from Emirates Airlines in front of Arsenal's new stadium in London on October 5. Arsenal's new 60,000-seater ground at Ashburton Grove, which is scheduled to open for the 2006-07 season, will be known as the Emirates Stadium for the next 15 years after they agreed a 100 million pound deal with Emirates Airlines. The Gunners have been at their Highbury ground, which now has a capacity of only 38,500, since 1913.

## From Highbury to Emirates

Football

Arsenal's new 60,000-seater ground at Ashburton Grove which is scheduled to open for the 2006-07 season will be known as the Emirates Stadium for the next 15 years after they agreed a 100 million pound deal with Emirates Airlines.

The company will also be the Gunners' shirt sponsor for eight years starting in the 2006-07 Premiership season when the English champions start life at their new 400 million pound ground.

**®**UEFA CUP

Top seeds Lazio of Italy drew last

year's semi-finalists Villarreal,

English Premiership side

Middlesbrough and the experienced

Partizan Belgrade in the UEFA Cup

other team drawn in Group E but

they were not expected to be in the

running for the three qualifying slots

second-tier club competition as for

the first time they employed a group

system instead of the straight home-

Eight groups of five were drawn

with the sides playing four games

each, two at home and two away

based on a complex UEFA grading

The top three teams from each

group go through to join the eight

teams placing third in the existing

Champions League groups as the

competition returns to direct knock-

Group A also looked like being a

tough battle with Fevenooord of the

Netherlands. Schalke 04 of

Germany. FC Basel of Switzerland.

Hearts of Scotland and Ferencyaros

Former winners Newcastle are in

with Sporting Lisbon. French outfit

of Hungary being pooled together.

and away knockout format.

It was new territory for Europe's

Greek minnows Egaleo were the

draw made here on Tuesday.

into the last 32

system.

capacity of only 38,500, since 1913. The agreement was signed

Tuesday at Highbury by Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood and Maurice Flanagan. Emirates vicechairman and group president. Keith Edelman, managing director of Arsenal, said: "The sheer size

and scale of this deal is an amazing opportunity for Arsenal. We are delighted to have Emirates as our partner and sponsor. Emirates are currently shirt sponsors of Arsenal's London rivals

Chelsea, but that deal expires at the end of the current season. Emirates Airlines chairman

\_azio in group of death

Dinamo Tblisi in Group D while

Scottish giants Rangers, who

needed a penalty-shoot out to

defeat Maritimo in the last round go

up against Auxerre of France, AK

Graz of Austria, Amica Wronki of

Feyenoord (NED)

Schalke 04 (GFR)

FC Basel (SWI)

Hearts (SCO)

Group B

Parma (ITA)

Besiktas (TUR)

Steaua Bucharest (ROM)

Standard Liège (BEL)

Group C

FC Bruges (BEL)

Zaragoza (SPA)

Utrecht (NED)

Dniepropetrovsk (UKR)

Austria Vienna (AUT)

Group D

Newcastle (ENG)

Sporting Lisbon (POR)

Sochaux (FRA)

Panionios (GRE)

Dinamo Tbilisi (GEO)

Lazio (ITA)

hird in their Champions League group.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum hopes the tie-up will boost the popularity of the sport in the United Arab Emirates still further.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to sponsor such a major new stadium and club, and represents a win-win partnership for both Emirates and Arsenal," Sheikh Ahmed said.

Football League level through an agreement with the Professional Game Match Official Limited (PGMOL) which runs until 2007

Poland and Alkmaar of the

The other group top seeds were

Middlesbrough (ENG)

Partizan Belgrade (SEM)

Egaleo (GRE)

Rangers (SCO)

Auxerre (FRA)

Graz AK (AUT)

Amica Wronki (POL)

Group G

Stuttgart (GER)

Benfica (POR)

Dinamo Zagreb (CRO)

Heerenveen (NED)

Beveren (BEL)

Group H

AEK Athens (GRE)

Lille (FRA)

Sevilla (SPA)

Alemannia Aachen (ALL)

Zenit (RUS)

Parma of Italy, FC Bruges of

Belgium, Stuttgart of Germany and

Netherlands in Group E.

AEK Athens of Greece

The draw made on Tuesday for the group stages of the UEFA Cup:

one-match suspension. That caution would usually be Emirates also sponsor match referees at Premiership and

sufficient for the FA to deem that Poll had dealt with the issues, leaving further action unnecessary.

### **Edmilson out** for six months

AFP, Barcelona

Barcelona's Brazilian international midfield defender Edmilson underwent surgery Monday on a cruciate ligament in his right knee which has ruled him out of action for six months, club doctor Jordi Ardevol

confirmed. Edmilson picked up the injury four minutes into Sunday's 1-0 win against Numancia which pushed the Catalan side to the top of the

Primera Liga. He becomes the third Barcelona player to suffer such a knee injury after defenders Thiago Motta and Gabri, leading to an enquiry whether

it is a coincidence or related to the new pitch laid at the Nou Camp. World Cup-winning Edmilson

Lyon for 12 million euros last July.

### Lanka look

Also back in the squad are express pacer Shoaib Akhtar and all-rounder . Abdul Razzag who were both rested during Pakistan's three-wicket win over Zimbabwe on Sunday. Pakistan will persist with Younis

Khan as wicketkeeper to include one extra batsman as regular keeper Moin Khan has still to recover from flu and fever.

"We know Sri Lanka is a tough side but after two good games against Zimbabwe we are welltuned and hope the guys raise their level and give us the one more win to qualify for the final," said

Inzamam admitted Muralitharan's absence would help Pakistan. "His absence would give us

advantage but having said that we know Sri Lanka have recently beaten South Africa without Muralitharan," he said. **TEAMS** PAKISTAN (from): Inzamamul Haq

(capt), Yasir Hameed, Salman Butt Shahid Afridi, Bazid Khan, Younis Khan, Shoaib Malik, Yousuf Youhana, Misbahul Haq, Abdul

Razzaq, Moin Khan, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Rana Naveedul Hassan, Rao Iftikhar. SRI LANKA (from): Marvan Atapattu (captain), Mahela Javawar-dene. Sanath Javasuriva. Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Saman Jayantha, Avishka

Gunawar-dane, Chaminda Vaas, Upul Chandana, Farveez Maharoof, Nuwan Zoysa, Dilhara Fernando, Kaushal Lokuarachchi, Thilina Kandamby, Rangana Herath. Umpires: Mark Benson (Eng-

land) and Asad Rauf (Pakistan).

### Australia begin FROM PAGE 13 Hansie Cronje's South Africa in

2000. **LIKELY TEAMS** 

Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Michael Clarke, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprowicz, Glenn McGrath. INDIA: Sourav Ganguly (captain), Akash Chopra, Virender Sehwag,

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West

## Sochaux. Panionios of Greece and Owen vows comeback

## Football

Michael Owen has vowed to

silence the critics calling for him

to be axed by England after a

troubled start to his career with

national side is under serious

threat for the first time since he

exploded on to the international

stage with one of the greatest

World Cup goals of all time

moving to Real -- where he is

only the fourth choice striker --

and the emergence of Jermain

have increased the chances that

the former Liverpool striker could

World Cup qualifiers against

Wales and Azerbaijan.

Owen's lack of matches since

against Argentina at France '98.

The 24-year-old's place in his

AFP, London

Real Madrid.

Sabura Khatun, back in the national circuit after a troubled last year, struck a new national record in the 400m freestyle. She clocked 5:25.57sec. The previous best was 5:35.34sec. Mamtaj Shirin of Ansars won the silver with a timing of 5:34.56sec while Merina Akhter of BJMC took the bronze.

finished second.

and my club," Owen said in a column for The Times newspa-

by the lack of support he had received in England given his record of goalscoring for his country -- 27 goals in 63 games being combined with a tendency

suggestions that he owed his place in Eriksson's side to the fact that he, like David Beckham, is one of the coach's alleged favour-"He selects me for what I can

do for the team and not for any other reason," Owen insisted. "I have probably spoken to him three times outside of England camps. No cosy meals, no cosy nights out. "His loyalty to certain players

But Owen insisted he still believed he deserved to be is being portrayed as a weak-Eriksson's line-up against Wales ness, but I think the country at Old Trafford on Saturday, and looked indecisive.

Owen was due to miss England's first training session for the Wales match on Tuesday but he said he was hopeful of

Provided he can prove his

t Each team મામિકાલ્યા હિંામિક, two at home and two away. The top three teams from each

group qualifies for the knockout phase which will also inlude the eight teams who finish

fitness. Eriksson is widely expected to keep faith with Owen and drop Defoe, who scored a superb goal in his full debut against Poland last month, back to the bench. Owen partnered Defoe in

Poland but one of them has to make way following the return to action of Wayne Rooney, who is an automatic choice after his outstanding displays at Euro

changes at the back and in midfield. Rio Ferdinand and Sol Campbell are expected to resume their 2002 World Cup

Frank Lampard and Nicky Butt will occupy three of the midfield spots but the troublesome berth on the left looks up for grabs with Owen Hargreaves, Phil Neville and Joe Cole among the con-

Action from yesterday's women's football tournament encounter between Khulna and Narayanganj at the Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

## Bangladesh India today

India booked final berth with comfortable

crashes out

Russian Vera Zvonareva became the second seed to crash out of the 650,000-dollar WTA event here Tuesday falling to a straight sets 6-3, 7-5 first round defeat against

Japanese eighth seed Ai

purappu Laxman savs he is seeking to play a pivotal role again against Australia in their home Test series starting

"It is going to

The wristy batsman has

Laxman hit 281 on Australia's

Laxman scored 503 runs and

Kumble not in a hurry

bat first on this wicket

Test is always crucial.

linger on with it.

22 Juggler's

equip-

ment

bat first.'

# according to the situation.

"It is not a disappointment," he

"But with due respect to Sachin, he hasn't been the one who has done the damage in the last two

have to get them. Rahul Dravid hit 180 to amass a record 376-run stand with Laxman

second round with a 4-1 victory over Gopalganj. shadowed by young Harbhajan on Australia's last tour here in 2001

Chittagong Division 12-0 while Khulna scored a comprehensive 7-0

## India turn

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clean sweep when Jui won the 200m butterfly gold with a timing of 3:06.07sec. Bithi Khatun of BKSP Earlier Bangladesh Swimming

> perhaps some people would prefer it if I was not available, but am as certain as ever that I can do a good job for my country

to strike when it matters most.

would be more worried if he started chopping and changing

AUSTRALIA: Adam Gilchrist (captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Simon Katich, Damien

Rahul Dravid, Venkatsai Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Parthiv Patel, Irfan Pathan, Zaheer Khan, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh.

Indies) and Billy Bowden (New

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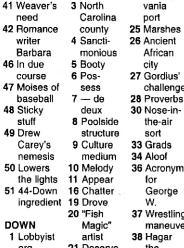
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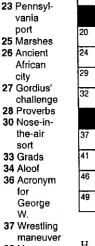
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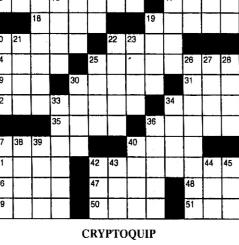


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BTHUELYO BSFUE UCDYUYE "WSSE WSL KSK. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE TENNIS SUPPLY STORE, ONE WOULD SUPPOSE THEY'RE

CONCERNED WITH NET SALES. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T

KTCK

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.

Waugh made his comment in a dossier analysing the strengths and weaknesses of India's batsmen ahead of the four-Test series against Australia which starts in

Former Australia captain Steve

Waugh says India skipper Sourav Ganguly is suspect against the short

Waugh's tips

REUTERS, Melbourne

Bangalore on Wednesday. The 39-year-old published his list of "the batsmen we must stop" in a column in Melbourne newspaper

the Herald Sun on Tuesday. Waugh said Ganguly was India's best player of spin but not so fond of the quick stuff. "(He) gets caught up with the short ball at his body and is unsure when to play the hook shot,"

said the former Australia captain. Ganguly would be under enormous pressure if he lost the first Test, Waugh added

Waugh also said that ego could

affect the concentration of

strokeplayer Virender Sehwag and Akash Chopra was uncertain against the short ball. Rahul Dravid has the greatest mental strength in world cricket, Waugh said, before adding: "(He is)

he's human" Waugh said Sachin Tendulkar, who is battling an elbow injury, could lose his edge if he engaged in onfield banter while Vangipurappu Laxman was not in top form, had poor footwork and played away from

due for a mediocre series to prove

his body outside the off-stump. Yuvraj Singh could struggle with nerves despite a confident swagger, added Test cricket's most capped

Waugh retired in January after a 1-1 draw in the four-Test series at home against India, who retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy after they had won 2-1 on their own soil in Throughout Waugh's celebrated

168-Test career, a Test series vic-

tory in India eluded him. Australia

have not won a series there since Bill Lawry's team triumphed 3-1 in Australia assistant coach Tim Neilsen said on Tuesday the team would use Waugh's dossier in their

### planning for the first Test. JFA Cup football

FROM PAGE 13 twice while Sumon and Raihan

scored one each for the winners. Ismail made the consolation goal for At the Rajbari Stadium, double strikes from Raiib and Sumon helped Narayanganj to reach the

In other matches, Sirajganj blanked Kurigram 4-0 at the 1 at the Laxmipur Stadium. Khulna

FROM PAGE 13 year after Islamic radicals threat-

## Bangladesh Ansar crushed

Australia are aiming to win their first Test series on Indian soil since 1969. India won the last two series played here in 1998 and 2001 by

ous national record by 1.35 sec-Laboni Akhter Jui of Bangladesh Ansar secured silver clocking 2:54.94sec and her teammate Lavli

Ansars however denied BJMC a

provided he recovers sufficiently from a back strain in time. "From things I have read

Owen admitted to being upset

"I have a record of scoring in big games and big tournaments. I am not a kid. I am an experienced international.' The striker also dismissed

Defoe as a rival for his position be dropped for the upcoming

being back in training by th end of

Eriksson will also be making

partnership in the centre of defence following Ferdinand's return from his eight-month suspension for missing a doping test and Campbell's recovery from an Achilles injury. In midfield, Eriksson has lost Steven Gerrard and Wayne Bridge to injury. David Beckham,