

Pakistanis denied lead

PAISALAHAD, Pakistan, Jan 4: Sri Lanka medium-pacer Pramodaya Wickremasinghe wrecked Pakistan's hopes of a big first innings score in the third Test on Saturday with a five-wicket haul, reports Reuters.

The 20-year-old Wickremasinghe, who made his Test debut in the weather-spotted drawn second Test at Gujranwala two weeks ago, returned figures of five for 73 to earn Sri Lanka a first innings lead of 18.

By the close of the third day they had lost three second innings wickets in stretching that lead to 87.

Wickremasinghe, who had captured the wickets of openers Ramrez Raja and Shoaib Mohammad on Friday, played his part to the full as Pakistan subsided from 141 for two to 221 all out.

They lost their last five wickets between lunch and an early tea for 49 runs in 24.2 overs.

Wickremasinghe's victims included the prized wicket of Javed Miandad, who was dropped twice before being caught in the slips by Asanka Gurusinha for 14.

In the absence of experienced fast bowler Ramesh Ratnayake, troubled by a pulled groin muscle, Wickremasinghe

and his fellow medium-pacers Kapila Wijegunawardene and vice-captain Gurusinha all bowled admirably.

Wijegunawardene, also playing his second Test, took three for 47 and Gurusinha two for 18.

When Sri Lanka batted a second time, they faced some hostile bowling from Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

Opener Chandika Hathurusinghe was twice hit on the neck by deliveries from Akram before he was caught at slip off a rising ball from Waqar for 20.

Waqar also accounted for Hathurusinghe's opening partner Roshan Mahanama for eight.

The Test resumes on Monday after a rest day.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today.

Sri Lanka first innings 240 (S. Jayasuriya 81 not out, R. Mahanama 58; Waqar Younis four for 87.)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 117 for two)

Ramrez Raja lbw 63
b Wickremasinghe
Shoaib Mohammad lbw 30
b Wickremasinghe
Zahid Fazal lbw 13
b Wijegunawardene
Javed Miandad c Gurusinha b Wickremasinghe 14

Salmi Malik c Tillakaratne	4
b Gurusinha	
Imran Khan b	22
Wijegunawardene	
Wasim Akram lbw	13
b Gurusinha	
Moin Khan lbw	3
b Wickremasinghe	
Waqar Younis lbw	6
b Wickremasinghe	
Salmi Jaffer not out	8
Anqib Javed c sub (Atapattu)	10
b Wijegunawardene	
Extras (lb-8 nb-26 w-1)	35
Total	221
Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-110, 3-141, 4-146, 5-162, 6-186, 7-196, 8-197, 9-205.	
Bowling: O M R W	
Hathurusinghe	13 2 40 0
Wijegunawardene	31.3 13 47 3
Wickremasinghe	32 9 73 5
Anurasi	10 2 38 0
Gurusinha	15 9 19 2
Ranasinghe	3 2 2 0
Hathurusinghe	2 0 4 0
SRI LANKA	
First innings	
Mahanama lbw	8
b Waqar Younis	
Hathurusinghe c Zahid Fazal	20
b Waqar Younis	
Gurusinha lbw b Anqib Javed	14
Aravinda De Silva not out	18
Wijegunawardene not out	1
Extras (lb-1 nb-6)	7
Total (three wickets)	68
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-43, 3-67	
Bowling (to date): O M R W	
Wasim Akram	7 1 25 0
Waqar Younis	9 2 30 2
Salmi Jaffer	4 1 11 0
Anqib Javed	2 1 1 1



Jakob Hlasek (L) and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland proudly hold the Hopman Cup mixed pairs tennis trophy after beating Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova and Karel Novacek in the final in Perth, Australia Jan 3.

Switzerland's cup of joy

PERTH, Jan 4: Switzerland took just over two hours to charge to their first Hopman Cup triumph in a dramatic final against Czechoslovakia here Friday night, reports AFP.

Czech-born Jakob Hlasek and Bulgarian-born Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere romped to straight sets victories to establish an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the mixed teams event at the Burswood Superdome.

Maleeva-Fragniere whipped Helena Sukova 6-2, 6-4 in 70 minutes in the women's singles.

Hlasek then overcame Karel Novacek in a men's singles rubber in which the Czech came desperately close to forfeiting because of misconduct.

Hlasek won 6-4, 6-4 in exactly an hour.

In the mixed doubles, which became a virtual exhibition match, the Czechs gained some consolation by winning a pro-set 8-4.

The Swiss pair collected 140,000 Australian dollars (150,700 US) for their victory, while the Czechs received a purse of 80,000 dollars (60,400 US).

Novacek initially became angry early in the opening set, throwing his racket several times after he had lost points, but it was not until the third throwing incident that umpire Jeff Hall warned him for unsportsmanlike conduct.

In the fifth game of the second set, an angry Novacek was

warned again and penalised one point by the umpire after slamming the ball high into the sponsors' boxes.

Despite the two warnings, Novacek threw his racket again in the eighth and 10th games and also immediately before he shook hands with Hlasek at the end of the rubber.

A third warning from Hall would mean an automatic default, but the umpire took no further action.

When asked at the post-tournament media conference why he had lost his temper, Novacek said: "Maybe I was not that much happy with my game. I could have been frustrated."

"Something maybe wrong. I hope I will find out the reason, maybe my body is a little bit tired."

Sukova said: "When we got here things were going against US we got bad umpires... We got them again and again. We also got a bad hotel room."

"The only thing here that was not against us was the ball boys."

Maleeva-Fragniere said Novacek's behaviour could perhaps be explained by fatigue.

"Perhaps it was a case of someone with mental exhaustion. This has often happened on tour. I think he should take time off."

"But McEnroe has shown much worse (behaviour on court)."

Hlasek said people should

not overreact to Novacek's tantrums. "If you play for a team, you feel responsible for several guys."

Hlasek said he hoped the Swiss victory would mean a lot for the Swiss people and the juniors in the country.

A highly determined Maleeva-Fragniere overcame Sukova in convincing style, winning in two sets in 70 minutes.

The taller Czech player struck trouble in the third game of the opening set, dropping her serve.

Sukova fought back immediately to break Maleeva-Fragniere's service in the fourth game but then dropped her own service again in the next.

The set was decided in 34 minutes after the Swiss player broke Sukova again in the seventh game and held her own service game.

In a closely contested second set, play went with service until the seventh game when Maleeva-Fragniere broke through for a 4-3 lead.

Play continued with service, with the Swiss player completing her victory in great style with an ace in the 10th game.

Hlasek always had the measure of Novacek in the men's singles, breaking his opponent's service in the fifth and eighth games of the opening set.

In the second set, Novacek lost his service in the fifth game and Hlasek went on to win the match.

Pioneer soccer results

Sports Reporter

Six matches of the 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league were held yesterday at three different city venues.

At the Outer Stadium, Golam Mustafia Lanc Kishoc Sangha outplayed Azimpur Heroes Club by two goals to one.

Diddar and Mintu scored for the winners while Afabur Rahman reduced the margin for the losers.

Selim and Shukhur of Azimpur Heroes were shown the yellow card.

In the other match at the same venue, Fire Service and Civil Defence SC (Dr) edged past Khwaje Dewan Juba Samaj 1-0.

Mid Abdul Karim scored the all-important goal for the winners.

Shaheen Khan and Md Mohsin of Fire Service and Md Naim of Khwaje Dewan invited the yellow card from the referee for boisterous play.

At the Dhooqphola ground, Aganagar PMS outplayed Muradpur Ekota XI by a solitary goal.

The other match at the venue, between Abakash Turun Sangha and Swarup KC, ended in a goalless draw.

Mid Javed of Abakash received a yellow card.

In the first match at the Jagannath University College ground, Maniknagar Umyan Samity beat Shatalad Saranjik-O-Sangakritik Sangha by two goals to nil.

Ilieu and Badal Lal scored for the winners.

Badal Lal of Maniknagar was shown the yellow card.

In the other match at the venue, Mokim Bazar Kirta Chakra edged past Pardogair Kirta Sangha 1-0.

Mid Ishaque scored the decider in the 15th minute of the second half.

Ishaque, Bablu and Ziaur Rahman of Mokim Bazar and Abu Syed Masud of Pardogair were shown the yellow card.

Meanwhile, all fixtures against Zila Juba Kalyan Parishad of the Group-A (West zone) and Bishabo Janapriya Sangha of the Group-B (East zone) will remain suspended from today until further notice, said a Pioneer football league committee circular yesterday.

Besides, a press release issued by Md Shabbir Hossain, secretary, Pioneer league committee, called upon all teams of the league to be present at the ground before the scheduled start.

TODAY'S MATCHES

KR Boys SC vs Azimpur Kishore Sangha (1.45 pm Outer Stadium)

Lalbagh Turun Sangha vs Mukta Bhangra Turun Sangha (3 pm Outer Stadium)

Kaligaj Pall Umyan Samity vs Mukti Khelaghar Ashar (1.45 pm Jagannath College)

Eastern Football Club vs Nawabpur SC (3 pm Jagannath College)

Mugdipara Sunjay Kalyan KC vs Minsur SC (3 pm Dhooqphola).

Chinese paddlers clinch series

GRANTHAM, England, Jan 4: China won their table tennis series against England here on Thursday night after notching up their second 4-2 victory in as many days, reports AFP.

In a contest that lasted over four hours China deserved their success, establishing an invincible 4-1 lead in the seven-match series.

England's consolation came from Alan Cooke, who overpowered the previously unbeaten Xie Chaofin, and Chen Xinhua.

The standard of play was the highest seen on the tour - with three of the six games decided in third sets.

Despite the defeat, England captain Don Parker said, "I think we have shown that we can give the world's strongest table tennis nation a run for their money."

Indian copra-trader supplies ice-cream for Barcelona Olympics

NEW DELHI, Jan 4: An Indian copra-trader has won a contract to provide thousands of coconut shell ice-cream cups for confectionery sellers at the July Barcelona Olympics, the Press Trust of India reported Saturday, reports AFP.

The trader, K R Stancel, chosen because his nuts were the right size, has employed thousands of artisans to fashion the 155,000 cups in two sizes in his palm-fringed yard in the southern state of Kerala, PTI said.

The agency added that after being chosen by the Spanish firm Camerex S A Stancel's yard was visited by an European community delegation to check the quality of the product, which is being sold at 10 nuts, or cups, a dollar.

Ivanisevic doubtful

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 4: Croatian left-hander Goran Ivanisevic's elbow heavily strapped, said Friday he may be forced to pull out of the 182,500 US dollar Australian men's Hardcourt championships here, reports AFP.

Top-seeded Ivanisevic qualified for a match-up with American Bryan Shelton by beating doubles partner Switzerland's Marc Rosset 6-4, 7-6 (7/4).

But he later said he could forfeit tonight's match, giving Shelton direct passage into Sunday's final.

"I have to look forward past this tournament," said the world 16th ranked Ivanisevic, who will be playing in the Australian Open in 10 days time.

He said he must have strained the elbow late Thursday when he paired with Rosset for a straight sets quarter-final win over Sweden's Stefan Edberg and Australia's John Fitzgerald.

"This morning I woke up and I couldn't eat, I couldn't even hold a knife," Ivanisevic said.

He planned to test the injury in a doubles semi-final late Friday but he seemed likely to have to withdraw from the match with Shelton.



Action from yesterday's Pioneer soccer league match between Fire Service and Khwaje Dewan Juba Sangha at the Outer Stadium.

New US body seeks to revive the original spirit behind Olympianism

SPRINGFIELD, Jan 4: While money, politics and professionalism have dominated recent Olympic Games, a new organization with an unusual concept is trying to revive the original Olympic ideal of goodwill through athletics, reports AP.

It's called the Institute for International Sport, and it's already brought Catholic and Protestant youngsters together in Northern Ireland, introduced basketball and other sports to a tiny African country and dusted off such as ethics and sportsmanship.

The Olympics have gotten "too big, too competitive, too commercial, too nationalistic," Wally Halas of the institute said. The modern Olympics were started 100 years ago to foster positive relationships between countries and athletes, and that need remains, he said.

The institute, a privately financed organization located at the University of Rhode Island, is trying "to help the world get better." Halas said. "We truly believe sports can do something."

Dan Doyle, former basketball coach at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn, created the institute in 1986 because of his lingering dissatisfaction

with the United States' decision to boycott the 1980 summer Olympic Games in Moscow. The boycott was to protest the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan.

The institute, financed by state and corporate donations, offers a graduate programme in international sports management. It also coordinates a programme called Sports Corps in which students work with young people through sports.

Recent envoys from the institute include Brian Gowdy, who spent six months teaching retarded children and adults in six Caribbean countries how to play soccer and volleyball, and Wendy Smith, a top lacrosse player who was assigned to work at the US Association for Blind Athletes in Colorado Springs.

The institute's most visible effort has been in Northern Ireland, where it has used sports to promote peace.

The programme picks teams of six Catholic and six Protestant teenagers, not so much for their athletic ability, but for their leadership qualities. The hope is that, as future leaders, they will have a deeper understanding of the religious conflict that has torn apart their country.

"These are the people who can change things for the better," Halas said.

A programme soccer and, soon, volleyball, is secondary to teamwork of a different kind. Each team of 12 not only practices together, but eats together, lives together in volunteer homes and attends seminars together to talk about world and local issues.

The programme runs about four months. New youngsters are picked each year, and each team tours the United States, playing games. Team members are assigned in pairs, one Catholic, one Protestant, to stay in volunteer homes.

"When you have a team, you form bonds," said Halas, a former basketball coach at Columbia University. "These kids will be forever bonded through an athletic experience."

The institute's Sports Corps introduced basketball to Burundi, a country in east central Africa with no gymnasiums, no organized sports and little money. The institute supplied basketballs, sneakers, baskets and coaches, and the programme has grown to the point that a team from Burundi toured the United States in November.

"Eventually, we'd like to have a programme on every continent," Halas said.

The institute also has held National Sportsmanship Days in the spring the past two years, asking grade schools,

high schools, colleges and universities to set time aside to discuss fair play, ethics and sportsmanship. Hundreds of schools have taken part.

The institute's most ambitious project is the first World Scholar-Athlete Games planned for early summer 1993 at Rhode Island. The institute is trying to raise \$3 million for the 10-day event.

Athletes from every state and 125 countries, all amateurs between the ages of 16 and 19 who have reached certain academic levels, will compete in soccer, basketball, volleyball and tennis.

The unusual twist is that scholar-athletes will be assigned randomly so that no country will play on the same team.

Lewis defence

LONDON, Jan 4: British and European heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis is set to defend his titles against Commonwealth champion Derek Williams, promoters announced here on Friday, reports AFP.

The three-title fight has been pencilled in for late March, but it could be sooner if a suitable opponent is not found to face Lewis in the 'night of the young heavyweights' in Las Vegas on February 1.

McQuillan, Provis in final

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 4: Rachel McQuillan and Nicole Provis lined up an all-Australian final in the 143,000 US dollar Australian women's Hardcourt championship at Milton Courts here with semi-final victories today, reports AFP.

The match Sunday will be the first time two Australian women have met in a world tour final since Evonne Coolidge beat Dianne Fromholtz in the United States indoor championship in October 1979.

This is great for Australian women's tennis whichever way the final turns out, McQuillan said after beating American Debbie Graham 7-5, 6-4 for a chance to win her first major career title, adding: "I won't feel so bad if I lose."

It will be McQuillan's fifth shot at a title, but for Provis, the match will be her first ever final on the international circuit with the Australian Open just around the corner.

The Victorian beat Bulgarian tennis prodigy Magdalena Maleeva today in a hard-fought 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 make her first major tournament final in an eight-year career.

Provis, 22, held serve only six times in a match that saw 20 service breaks, but her fitness was enough to carry her through.

Maleeva was definitely feeling the heat, said Provis, a 1988 French Open semi-finalist, seeded 14th in this tournament.

I could see that she was struggling towards the middle of the second set, but I was feeling fine, she said.

McQuillan, who was down

0-4 in the second set against the big hitting Graham, reeled off six straight games to snuff up the match in one hour, 28 minutes.

I did let it slip away there early in the second set - that's something I'll have to watch in the final," the 20-year-old Australian number one said.

McQuillan, the eighth seed here and ranked 36 in the world last met Provis on clay two years ago in the Luffhansa Cup, losing 0-6, 1-6.

Volkov in semis

WELLINGTON, Jan 4: Top-seed Alexander Volkov worked his way comfortably through to the semifinals of the 182,500 US dollar BP nationals here Friday, reports AFP.

The Commonwealth of Independent States player beat the unseeded Czechoslovak Libor Memecek 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals and will meet fourth-seeded Malvad Washington from the United States today.

Washington won his game by default when Italian Diego Nargiso, who had played well through the first and second rounds, twisted his ankle and had to leave the court in the second set.

The other semi-final will be played between eighth seed Lars Koslowski from Germany and the unseeded Jeff Tarango of the United States.

Tarango, another good performer this tournament, upset second seeded Dutchman Paul Haarhuis 7-6 (14/12), 6-3.

Koslowski reached the semis by beating local Kiwi favourite Kelly Evernden. After dropping the first set 3-6, the powerful German went on to take the next two easily, 6-1 6-2.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Soldiers, for short
 - 4 Sign of healing
 - 8 At the apex of
 - 12 "Born in the"
 - 13 Axis Powers VIP
 - 14 Hub
 - 15 Dali or Allende
 - 17 Neighborhood
 - 18 Pick a target
 - 19 They can't be choosers?
 - 21 Winning team
 - 24 Rimsky-Korsakov's "Le Coq"
 - 25 Bad actor
 - 26 Wall
 - 28 Refugee
 - 32 State with certainty
 - 34 S.J. Perelman's sine qua non
 - 36 Sennett of Hollywood
 - 37 Piano part
 - 39 Run up the phone
- DOWN**
- 61 Enjoy the buffet
 - 1 Astronaut
 - 2 "The Lady"
 - 44 Wisconsin city
 - 46 Added
 - 50 Yon maiden
 - 51 Capricorn
 - 52 Soup side-dish
 - 56 Emanation
 - 57 Genealogy chart
 - 58 Magnon man
 - 59 Singer
 - 60 "My"
 - 7 Filled with ennui
 - 8 Bit of word play
 - 9 Mitchell's acreage
 - 10 Through
 - 11 TV dinner
 - 16 Veggie
 - 20 Gunk
 - 21 Bloke
 - 22 Possess
 - 23 Spread seeds
 - 27 Tom Hanks movie
 - 29 Importance
 - 30 Computer screen image
 - 31 Terrier type
 - 33 New Jersey river
 - 35 Pitch
 - 38 Smoked salmon
 - 40 Kitchen gadget
 - 43 Piquant
 - 45 Greek letter
 - 46 Exodus king
 - 47 Beyond the baseline
 - 48 Token, e.g.
 - 49 Have the gumption
 - 53 Meadow
 - 54 Developmental stage
 - 55 Drunkard
- Solution time: 23 mins.**

PAL BULL PEAR
ERA ELIA ULNA
ELM SUNVALLEY
ROBOT ERS
RIAS TENSE
SUNDANCE SOLA
ETO LIONS RAT
PANS SUNLAMPS
SHOUT TAUT
FAN REBUS
SUNFLOWER ERE
INNE MINE LIE
BOAR EGAD ASP

Yesterday's answer 7-4

CRYPTOQUIP

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 S T J V L N, N L C K J E A T K Y C
 A J T H N P K G V H J Y V
 N H P J Y V J N.

Yesterday's Cryptquip: AFTER FIDO RUNS AWAY FROM HOME, WE USUALLY SHOUT "DOGGONE!"

Today's Cryptquip clue: T equals L.

The Cryptquip 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.