

Aggression is Lara's theme

SYDNEY, Jan 4: A record unbroken partnership by Brian Lara and Richie Richardson helped the West Indies keep Australia at bay on a rain-affected third day of the third Test on Monday, reports Reuter.

mid-wicket to a standing ovation from the 15,000 crowd when Lara feached his century. Lara's century was hit off 125 balls in two hours and 50 minutes. He struck 15 fours,

still ideal for batting despite the rain showed how painstaking Australia had been in amassing their total almost two days after winning the toss. Lara later discounted suggestions that the West Indies best hope was a draw. "One this wicket I'm looking forward to a double century," he said. "We are still in the game... if we get past their total fast we can put them (Australia) under pressure."



BRIAN LARA... 121 n.o.

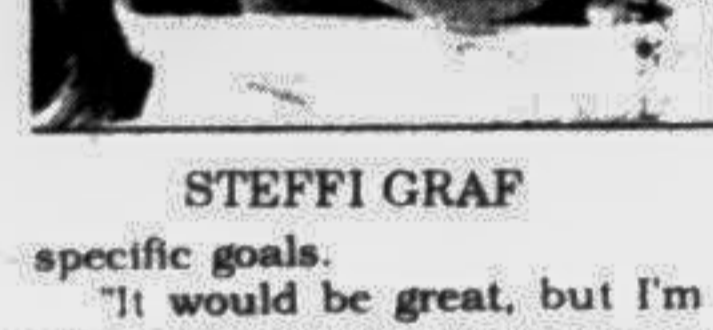
while Richardson weighed in with 11. Haynes edged a delivery from spinner Greg Matthews through his legs and on to the stumps. Phil Simmons was out on the second day for three. From the start, Lara and Richardson pushed the score along with sweet hooks and drives, taking advantage of the lightning fast outfield. Their display on a wicket

Lara and Richardson came together in the first session when West Indies lost Haynes (22) just after the start Monday with the team in trouble at 31-2. They will build on a record 217-run partnership when play resumes Tuesday. Their marathon stand established a third-wicket partnership record for any Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground, surpassing Australian batsmen Joe Darling and Jack Worrall's 193 against England in 1897-98.

Lara struck 121 — his maiden Test century — and Richardson 94. The partnership was achieved at just over one run a minute. Richardson was playing strongly and the rain denied him the chance of the six runs required for his century. Lara's unbeaten 121 was also faultless. The two batsmen embraced

Open and sidelined her for almost three months. At 23, the German has won each of the Grand Slam championships at least twice and has nothing left to achieve in terms of titles. "But my motivation is still strong, I'm working very hard," she said. Graf says regaining her No. 1 spot from Seles is not her priority. She denies setting

not looking at it at the moment," she said of the No. 1 spot. "I've own everything that's possible — but I still need to satisfy myself." Graf said the Hopman Cup teams event, in which she and Stich will face the Ukraine team of Andrey Medvedev and Natalia Medvedeva in the quarterfinals Tuesday, is the ideal way to start a new year and prepare for the Australian Open. "It is a perfect way to start practising. You get the best possible preparation and the matches that you need," she said. Ironically, the Hopman Cup is one of the few titles to elude her. She and Patrick Kuhenner were beaten in the semifinals four years ago and the illness robbed her and Boris Becker of the chance of victory last year. She and Stich practiced together at the US Open last year but never have played mixed doubles together. The Hopman Cup features a unique format of men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles. "I like Michael and I'm sure we'll have a lot of fun," she said.



STEFFI GRAF

Spanish siblings sack Swiss

PERTH, Jan 4: Brother-sister combination Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Emilio Sanchez scored hard-fought singles victories Monday, lifting Spain past defending champions Switzerland in the quarterfinals of the Hopman Cup tennis tournament at the Burswood Superdome, reports AP. Sanchez Vicario downed Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere 1-6, 6-0, 6-3 and her older brother then fought back from the brink to defeat Claudio Mezzadri 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, (7-5).

McEnroe and Pam Shriver of the United States in the final three years ago. Monday's victory reversed a semifinal loss to Switzerland last year. Spain is seeded third this year and Switzerland eighth. Sanchez Vicario made a disastrous start against Maleeva-Fragniere, but recovered to win 12 of the last 15 games as her powerful groundstrokes put her in total command. The little Spaniard is more willing than in previous years to come to the net — and her aggression paid dividends against a less adventurous opponent. "It is good that I now have the ability to very my game if one tactic is not working," she said. She also beat Maleeva-Fragniere in the semifinals of the 1992 US Open.

Emilio Sanchez was twice within two shots of defeat against Mezzadri, a late replacement for Jakob Hlasek and ranked only 98th in the world. Mezzadri led 5-4 and was 15-30 on Sanchez's serve in the 10th game of the final set and also led 5-4 in the tiebreaker. Both times Sanchez served superbly to get out of trouble. "I hope the rest of the year is not like that," Sanchez said. "Those matches are very good for you mentally — if you win them." The tournament is sponsored by Pepsi. It offers a first prize of \$105,000 and continues through Friday night. It is one of a series of leadup events before the Australian Open Jan 18-31 at the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

Gavaskar wishes Border many more runs

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: India's Sunil Gavaskar sent a congratulatory message to Australian captain Allan Border on Sunday for crossing the 10,000-run mark in Test cricket, reports AFP.

Gavaskar, whose world record of 10,122 is 69 ahead of Border, wished the Australian many more runs. "It was getting a bit lonely out there," said Gavaskar in his message from Cape Town where his television commentary on the current fourth Test between India and South Africa. "I also faxed to Border the rules for joining the club," Gavaskar said.

"The restrictions are of height (five feet and 10 inches) and strokes (Border does not play the reverse sweep)." The short-statured Gavaskar, who is four inches shorter than Border's five feet nine inches, retired from Test cricket in 1987. He has also scored a record 34 Test centuries.

Indian juniors shame seniors

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: A superb century by T Jabbar helped the Indian Under-19 cricket team to record yet another victory on the current tour of South Africa, reports PTI. They beat Nata Colts by 53 runs yesterday to keep up their impressive run of successes.

Batting first, the Indians hit up 292 for the loss of six wickets in 55 overs. Jabbar, one of the most outstanding batsmen in the team and the most consistent, hit up 123 fine runs before he was bowled by Handman. Useful contributions also came from Arun Kumar 52, M Joglekar 41 and P Dharmani 38. The successful Natal bowlers were McKenzie 3 for 65 and Handman 2 for 62.

Lendl in doubt for NSW Open

SYDNEY, Jan 4: Ivan Lendl continues to be troubled by a groin strain and is in doubt for next week's New South Wales (NSW) tennis Open, tournament officials said here Monday, reports AFP. The world No. 8 withdrew from last weekend's exhibition tournament at coach Tony Roche's resort north of here and will advise NSW Open tournament officials of his availability on Thursday. Lendl was forced to withdraw from the recent Grand Slam Cup in Munich with the injury and has been undergoing subsequent daily treatment at his Connecticut home.

Div II handball Sports Reporter

Kurmitola Apollo, Purbachal Parishad, Old Ideals and Nawabpur sporting were the four winners in the Sunball Second Division handball league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Kurmitola beat Badda Samaj Kalyan Sangsad 20-14. The winners led the first half 8-5.

Jasim topscored with six goals yet ended up on the losing side. Enamul and Rezaul scored five each for the winners. Purbachal Parishad edged past Farashganj Sporting Club 7-6 in another match of the day. The winners trailed the first half 2-4.

Old Ideals outclassed Anirban Sangsad 30-5 with Suman alone netting 19 goals. The winners led the first half 19-2.

Nawabpur Sporting Club trounced Sachetan Goshthi 22-10 with Dulal topscoring with 16. The winners led the first half 10-6.

Indians battle against torrid pace

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: Allan Donald delved deep into his reserves of pace and power today and effectively made sure South Africa would win their Test cricket series against India, reports Reuter.

The touring team, trailing 1-0 in the rubber, were 161 for five at the close of a soporific third day of the fourth and final Test, the follow-on just saved but still 199 behind South Africa's first innings of 360 for 10 declared.

After Manoj Prabhakar, in a rare Indian display of patient, disciplined batting, and Sanjay Manjrekar had played comfortably for nearly four slow hours, Donald tore into the touring side with the second new ball. Prabhakar had already been dislodged, by Omar Henry for 62, and Donald then triggered the fall of three wickets in seven overs, dismissing Praveen Amre (6) and Manjrekar (46) himself while pace partner Brian McMillan accounted for Mohammad Azharuddin (70).



M PRABHAKAR... 62 nine, with nightwatchman Venkat Raju two.

It was an unexpectedly exciting finish to a day which had achieved the difficult feat of being even more boring than the dull display of the previous two days. Only 148 runs were scored on a slow but even-paced pitch against a four-man attack that toiled in 35 degree centigrade heat for six hours, making Donald's late display even more remarkable. Donald took the second new ball with India safely inside the last hour, having reached the relative prosperity of 138 for two.

up to Andrew Hudson at short leg. Hudson had "caught" Manjrekar nearly four hours earlier but off his helmet. The South Africans appeared astounded when umpire Karl Liebenberg, in accordance with law 32.2, rejected the appeal. McMillan then got in on the act as Azharuddin meekly edged to wicketkeeper Dave Richardson.

It was McMillan's second wicket, having had Ajay Jadeja caught at point in the morning for 19. The catcher, Peter Kirsten, had dropped him off the same bowler — nine runs earlier. In an unusually poor catching display Prabhakar was also missed, by Henry off a return catch, when 33. It was the only blemish on a determined, watchful innings which was the first half-century by an Indian opener since Ravi Shastri made 206 in Sydney a year earlier. As Prabhakar normally bats at number eight for India and was combining opening the bowling with opening the batting it was a damning reflection on the current state of Indian upper-order batting.

England 154 for 5 against Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan 4: England floundered at 154 for 5 Monday in the first innings of their tour-opener after dismissing national champions, Delhi, for 286, report AP.

Captain Graham Gooch, who is looking for his 100th first class century, began the run-chase briskly to make 24 in 46 deliveries with five fours. He was caught by Maninder Singh while trying to cover drive Vivek Razdan.

Singh and Atul Wassan steadied the innings, punished Lewis and entertained the sparse crowd by adding 61 runs in just 70 balls.

Delhi skipper Kirti Azad's vicious off-breaks and cutters rattled England's batting backbone, claiming Mike Atherton (59), Mike Gatting (25) and Paul Jarvis (1).

Gatting, back in the team after a 2 1/2 year ban for taking part in a rebel tour of South Africa, played a strokeful innings. His best shot was a six off Singh over mid-off fence.

Tufnell replaced Lewis and promptly trapped Wassan leg before wicket. Wassan's 30 included five boundaries and a six. Singh made 26 with five hits to the fence. He then nicked Malcolm, who was wicket-less on Sunday, to Graeme Hick at first slip.

Azad finished with figures of 3 wickets for 8 runs in 7.1 overs on the second day of the three-day match being played at Nahar Singh Stadium in Faridabad, an industrial suburb of New Delhi. Atherton, playing Azad defensively, lobbed the ball straight to Hitesh Sharma at forward short-leg. His patient 166-ball knock contained five boundaries.

England's bowlers, Chris Lewis and Jarvis, finished with three wickets apiece. Off-spinner Phil Tufnell took two. The first two wickets Monday were claimed by Jarvis, who forced KP Bhaskar

Scoreboard on the third day of the fourth and final cricket Test between South Africa and India today: SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 360 for nine declared (J Rhodes 86, B McMillan 52, D Cullinan 46) INDIA: First innings (overnight 13 for no wicket) A Jadeja c Kirsten B McMillan M Prabhakar c Wessels b Henry S Manjrekar c Hudson b Donald P Amre c McMillan b Donald S Tendulkar not out 9 M Azharuddin c Richardson b McMillan V Raju not out 2 Extras: (Lb-6, W-3, nb-1) 10 Total: (Five wickets) 161 Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-129; 3-138; 4-144; 5-153 To bat: Kapil Dev, K More, A Kumble, J Srinath

Bowling: O M R W Donald 24 10 37 2 McMillan 24 6 25 2 Matthews 18 6 25 0 Cronje 10 4 7 0 Henry 21 5 42 1

Return of rink's regina

BERLIN, Jan 4: Two-time Olympic figure skating champion Katarina Witt said Monday she hopes to make a comeback in the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer, reports AP. "I am the sort of person who needs a big mountain in front of me to climb," the 27-year-old Witt said on the ARD television network.

The East German skater won the Gold in Sarajevo in 1984 and again in Calgary in 1988. She gave up her amateur career after the Games in Canada, and since then has appeared in professional ice-skating shows that are highly popular in the United States.

Witt said she is seeking a change in her competitive status that would let her compete in the Olympics, assuming she makes the German team. Witt said she has missed the thrill of competing. "The desire to rally compete again has been there for a long time," she said. Witt said she didn't see her move as a true comeback, because she has never hung up her skates. "It's not like I didn't do anything (on ice) for 10 years and chose a new profession. I've been on the ice a lot. I'm not



KATRINA WITT

an outsider," she told ARD. ARD said legendary coach Jutta Mueller would guide Witt in her comeback try. Witt was one of the best-known products of Communist East Germany's sports machine. Even after the Berlin Wall opened, she staunchly defended the system that honed her skating skills.

S African rugby legend dies

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: Danie Craven, a former Springbok captain and the longtime head of South African rugby, died Monday from a heart attack at his home outside Cape Town. He was 82, reports AP.

Craven, who held three doctorates and was called "Doc," had been in poor health since a fall last year. He died after realizing a goal that dominated the final years of his life — South Africa's return to international rugby. Banned for eight years because of apartheid, South Africa last year hosted New Zealand and Australia, then toured France and England.

Anti-apartheid groups have criticized the South African Rugby Football Union for what they call the slow pace of bringing non-whites into the sport. The African National Congress, the nation's leading black group, called Craven an inspiration and visionary.

Pioline moves up in S Australian Open

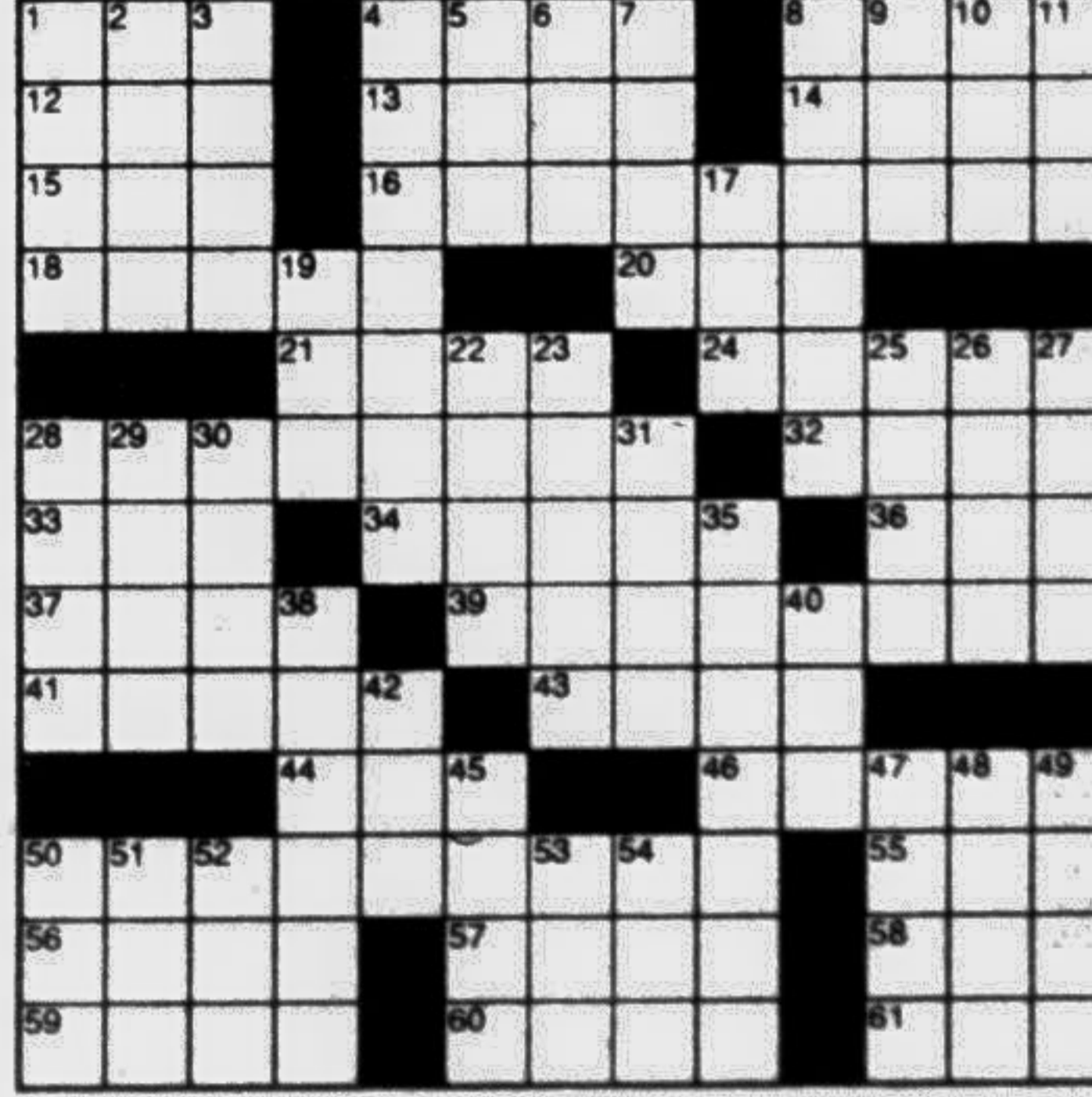
ADELAIDE, Jan 4: Fourth-seeded Cedric Pioline of France beat Australia's Sandon Stolle 6-3, 6-2 Monday in the opening round of the \$185,000 South Australian Open men's tennis tournament, reports AP. Pioline, a 23-year-old Paris resident, had little trouble with Stolle, the Miami-based son of former Australian tennis great Fred Stolle. In other matches Monday, Derrick Rostagno of the United States upset fifth-seeded Magnus Larsson of Sweden 6-3, 6-4, Nicklas Kulti of Sweden defeated Sixth-seeded mark Woodforde of Australia 6-4, 7-6, (7-4), American Jonathan Stark beat Australian Todd Woodbridge 6-2, 6-2 and Todd Martin of the United States defeated countryman Bryan Shelton 6-3, 6-7 (7-9), 6-4.



Action from yesterday's Sunball Second Division handball league encounter between Nawabpur SC and Sachetan Goshthi at the Outer Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals H 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.