Aussies dance to Lara's tune

SYDNEY, Jan 5: West Indian cricketer Brian Lara completed one of

the all-time great innings at the Sydney Cricket Ground in the third Test against Australia on Tuesday, reports AP.

The 23-year-old hit 38 fours to turn his maiden Test century into a remarkable 277, the third highest score by any batsman in Tests against Australia.

He remained in complete control of the bowling throughout his 474 minutes at the crease.

He was finally run out having registered the fourth highest maiden century in Test history and the fourth highest Test score by a West Indian.

The young lefthander's dominance steered the West Indies to 488-5 at stumps on the fourth day in reply to Australia's 503 for nine declared. With only one day of play remaining Wednesday, the match looks destined for a

When bad light stopped play 48 minutes before scheduled stumps, Carl Hooper was on seven and Jimy Adams on five.

captain Richie Richardson, who scored his 15th Test century Tuesday, Lara put on 293 for the third wicket in only 303 minutes. Their stand, after coming together with the team battling at 31-2, was a record for that wicket in Australia by the West Indies and the highest for the third wicket at the Sydney ground. The West Indian captain,

stranded on 94 overnight, was kept off the field because of rain for 90 minutes on Tuesday morning, but he managed to score the required six runs just before lunch. It was his eighth century

against Australia - a record for West Indian batsmen. When he was out hooking a

Merv Hughes ball to Shane Warne at fine leg, it gave a Australia a glimpse of hope. But Richardson's loss seemed to spur Lara on and he surged to 200 in just 266 balls from 338 minutes at the crease. Lara hit spinner Shane

Warne off his pads for four and whipped off his helmet and held both it and his bat high for a few minutes to loud ap-Slow start for Ivanisevic

the Association of Tennis

Professionals (ATP) world

ranking championship, the

played outdoors for three

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off may best," the lanky

Ivanisevic said after his 71-

minute victory over his some-

time practice partner on the

lenge to top seed Stefan

Edberg and third seed Boris

Becker saying: "I can only get

"Henrik is a very dangerous player so I was relieved to get

past him. It was nice being

first on Centre Court," he

striving to regain the world

number one slot from

Smooth sail for

top seeds

seeded Con-chita Martinez and

second-seeded Magdalena

Maleeva both scored straight

setvictories Tuesday in the

second round of the dirs

150,000 Australian Women's

hardcourt championships at

the Milton Tennis Centre, re-

ports AP. Spaniard Martinez downed

Li Fang of China 6-3, 6-1 to ad-

vance to the round of 16, while

Maleeva, from Bulgaria,

downed Nicole Muns-

Jagerman of the Netherlands

Maleeva, 17, received

treatment for an injury to her

right ankle and said she was

looking forward to a rest day

Martinez said she had not

"It's difficult to play after at

Two other seeded players -

played a competitive match for

two months and found it hard

break, she said. "It's hard to

No 6 Andrea Strnadova of the

Czech Republic and No 6 Firin

Nanne Dalhmann -- were

to adjust to the Brisbane heat.

6-2, 6-2.

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get into a rhythm.

BRISBANE, Jan 5: Top-

Edberg, a Swede, who is

much, much better."

He gave a thinly-vetled chal-

ATP Tour.

added.

"This is the first time I've

first ever held is the Gulf

5: Following a

slow start, Goran

He wasted no time charging past Viv Richard's previous highest score in Australia by a

by Damien Martyn's throw as he scrambled back to the crease having set off for a single after nudging the ball wide of cover when Hooper sent



BRIAN LARA... a glorious 277 for a maiden Test ton

When he reached 227 in only his fifth Test, Lara had overtaken the previous highest score by a West Indian against Australia - 226 by Gordon Greenidge in Bridgetowl in

124 with Keith Arthurton who was caught behind from off spinner Greg Matthews' bowling for 47. Lara was finally out, beaten

American Jim Courier, and

Becker, are scheduled to play

their first matches Tuesday

Along the way he put on

him back. Healy took Martyn's return and removed the balls with Lara a few inches out of his ground.

Lara is the 24th batsman to convert a maiden century into a double century, but only Gry Sobers with 365, Lawrence Rowe with 302 and Viv Richards with 291 have scored more in a Test innings for the West Indies.

I had my sights set on the 365," Lara said. "When I got to 265 I started counting down. I thought I could end the day on 300 plus and head for 365 to-

morrow." Lara, 23, said he would not let the big score spoil him. "When I got back to the

dressing room the coach said "Remember, your next innings starts at zero." - Richardson said watching

Lara's batting from the other end of the wicket was "breathtaking." "It was the finest innings

have ever seen," said Richardson, who still does not rule out the possibility of going for a win on Wednesday's last "We will try to build up a

handy lead in the first session and then see what we can do to the Australians in the final two," he said. However, on the perfect

batting wicket, Richardson's win scenario is very optimistic. Rain and bad light caused nearly two hours of play to be lost on Tuesday.

Australia lead the five-Test series 1-0.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth

day of the third cricket Test between Australia and the West Indies today.

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	K Arthurton c Healy	
11	b Matthews	47
30.7	C Hooper not out	7
	J Adams not out	5
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	w-1)	18
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Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-31 :3-324:4-448: 5-481 To bat: J Murray, I Bishop, C Ambrose, C Walsh.

Bowling	0	M	R	W
McDermott	25	1	99	1
Hughes	12	0	59	1
Matthews	43	10	128	2
S. Waugh	11	1	43	0
Warne	32	4	97	0
Border	14	1	41	0
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Several events and prize

DU athletes to the fore. Sports Reporter

Not unexpectedly athletes of the Dhaka University dominated the opening day of the two-day annual inter-universities athletics championships at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) playground in the city yesterday.

Dhaka athletes topped the medals table with a haul of seven golds, two silvers and three bronzes followed by Rajshahi with five golds, nine silvers and four bronzes. Chitta-gong had secured two golds, two silvers and as many bronzes to lie in third place.



FEROZA BEGUM 4 golds credit while the hosts BUET had managed only a couple of bronzes for all their toils on the first day. Shahjalal University and Bangladesh Agricultural University were yet to open their accounts.

The highlights of the day's event were the performances of the country's fastest woman Feroza Begum who won four golds for Dhaka University. Not only did she canter to an easy 100m sprint gold, the girl from Mymenshingh also proved too much of a challenge for her rivals in the 200m and the 100m hurdles as well as the women's high jump.

Earlier in the morning BUET Vice Chancellor Dr M Shah-jahan formally inaugurated the meet, being participated by seven universities of the country.

The other gold medallists yesterday were Mehdi Hasan (200m sprint), Sanjay Kumar Jotdar (110m hurdles), Farhad Hossain (400m low hurdles). Samar Ranjan Kar (800m sprint), Abdul Ahad (Hammer throw), Md Shahanuddin (triple jump), Usman Cant (high jump). Ajmal Hossain (10,000m), Jyotsna Afroze (women's javelin) and Nelly Jasmine (women's shot put).

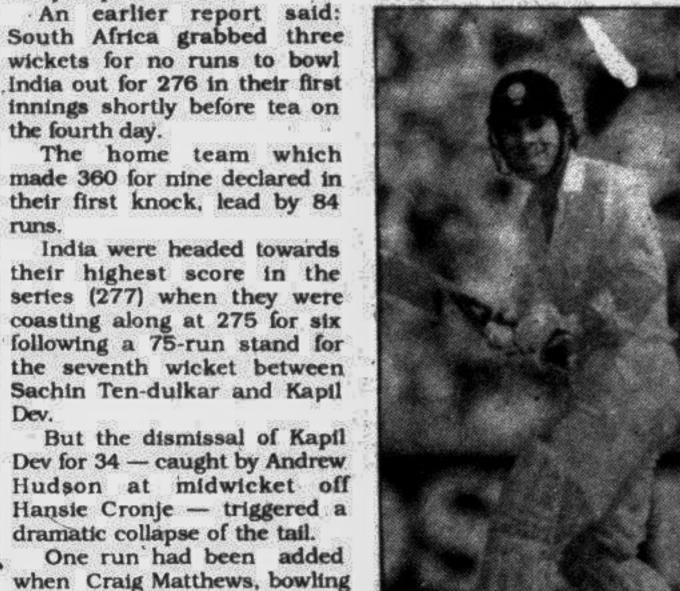
giving ceremony will be held

Indians squander solid start most successful bowler with CAPE TOWN, Jan



three for 32, while Alan 5: South Africa Donald, Brian McMillan and were 48 for two Hansie Cronje took two in their second wickets each. innings at the SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth close on the fou-

rth day of the fourth and final day of the fourth and final cricket Test against India cricket Test between India today, reports Reuter.



S TENDULKAR ... 73 and South Africa at the Newlands here today:

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Total:

Extras: (lb7, w3, nb1)

Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-129; 3-138; 4-144; 5-153; 6-200; 7-275; 8-276; 9-276. Bowling: Donald

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Bowling: Prabhakar 6 12 2. Srinath Kumble Raju

England settle for a draw initially, with Gooch setting Singh, dropped by Hick in FARIDABAD,



India, Jan 5: England's opening tour match in India against champions Delhi en-

ded in a draw on Tuesday with the batsmen in trouble against spin and most bowlers out of tune, reports Reuter. England's day started poorly

from the other end, trapped

Kiran More leg before and had

Anil Kumble snapped up at

short leg by Hudson in the

catch to remove Sachin Ten-

dulkar who made 73 - his fifth

Test half century in 21

Hudson then took his third

space of five deliveries.

and did not get much better. Delhi skipper Kirti Azad with six wickets for 30, skittled the side out well before lunch for a first innings total of 194, 92 behind.

Despite two early strikes from Paul Jarvis, who had both Delhi openers caught by Graham Hick at slip, the Delhi batsmen swiftly took their side's second innings total to 140 for two before declaring at England were set to score

230 in 30 overs after Test hopeful Ajay Sharma and Banteo Singh put on 117 in 103 minutes, Sharma hitting sixes off both Hick and Tufnell. He ended unbeaten on 61 and

mid-innings, ending on 50. The tourists went for runs

Gooch now needs two more tons

LONDON, Jan 5: England cricket captain Graham Gooch will have to score more runs than he thought to reach the milestone of one hundred first class centuries, reports Reuter.

One of the 99 hundreds credited to him so far does not count because it was scored during the 1982 rebel English tour of South Africa.

A spokesman for the Test and County Cricket Board said on Tuesday the tour was not recognised by the International Cricket Council so the score would not stand.

Gooch, 39, hopes to join a select band of 22 cricketers who scored 100 or more centuries in their careers during England's current tour of India and Shri Lanka.

the pace. But he was bowled for 28 by a Feroz Ghyas cutter that kept low and the other batsmen struggled.

Alex Stewart top-edged Ghyas and was caught behind for one, then Mike Atherton, first-innings top-scorer with 59, edged spinner Maninder Singh and was also caught behind for 18. The day finished with the

visitors 63 for three. Paul Jarvis' bowling was a bright spot in the England performance.

"I am pleased with Jarvis bowling a good line and length and striking a rhythm so early on the tour," Gooch said.

Martinez top seed

for Australian hard court tennis

BRISBANE, Jan 5: Conchita

Martinez of Spain, ranked eighth in the world, heads the entries for the dlrs 1,50,000 Danone Australian women's hard court championships starting Monday at the Milton Tennis Centre, reports AP.

Martinez has a bye in the first round of the 56-woman tournament. She will face Joannette Kruger of South Africa or Fang Li of China in the second round.

Second-seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, ranked 20th in the world, will play either Nicole Muns-Jagerman of the Netherlands or Claudia Porwik of Germany in the round of 32.

Defending champion Nicole Provis of Australia is unable to play because she is representing her country in the Hopman Cup teams event in Perth, but last year's runnerup- Rachel McQuillan of

Australia- is the seventh seed



function of the inter-universities athletics competitions at the BUET playground yesterday.

Courier is not taking part in Ivanisevic of Crothe Gulf tournament. atia seeded seco-Edberg was originally nd, descated Dutch qualifier scheduled to play the first Henrik-Jan Davids in straight

match in the tournament. . sets on the opening day In two minor upsets on the Monday of the dirs 450,000 opening day, Frenchmen Qater Open Tennis Tourna-Thierry Champion, ranked ment, reports AP. number 98 in the world, was Ivanisevic failed to produce toppled by wild card entry the firepower which has made Andrej Marinov of Russia While him such a performer in the Frenchman Stephane Simian world in the opening games. outlasted Czech Martin Damm But he managed to churn out a 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 who is ranked 15 comfortable 6-2, 6-4 victory in

places above him. front of a capacity Centre Court Merinov pulled off an excelcrowd and enter the last 16 of lent 6-4, 7-5 triumph over the Frenchman.

Ivanisevic began splendidly, breaking Davids in the opening game and then holding his own serve for 2-0 lead in just 10 minutes. The match then went serve with serve until Ivanisevic served out the first set in a mere 32 minutes. The Dutch qualifier tight-

ened his game in the second set and nearly went 2-0 before his opponent salvaged a break point with a service winner followed by a winning second

lvanisevic began berating himself for the lapse in concentration, throwing his



G IVANISEVIC racket to the ground and kicking the tennis ball into the VIP

lvanisevic then regained his composure and did not let Davids off the book, breaking his service in the seventh game and finishing off the set with a series of powerful shots. He killed off Davids with his eighth ace.

Ivanisevic now faces Russian Andrei Dihovskiy who defeated Italy's Claududio Pistolesi 6-3. 6-2 in a late game.



Heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe (R) puts 18-year-old Jerrpaine Perry in a head lock after he gave Perry a ticket to his upcoming title fight to be held in New York on Jan 4. - AFP photo

Ho beats Devening

WELLINGTON, Jan 5: Fourth-seeded Tommy Ho of the United States defeated eountryman Brian Devening 6-0, 6-4 Tuesday in a first-round match in the dirs 50,000 BP Challenger tennis tournament, reports AP.

Ho, a 19-year-old Winter Haven, Fla, resident, will play Fernon Wibier of the Netherlands in the second round of the 32-man ATP tournament. Wibier advanced Tuesday with a 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (7-3) victory over American Brian Dunn.

In other matches Tuesday, at the Renouf Centre, Canadian Sebastien Laureau beat New Zealander Rene Moller 6-1, 6-2 and lucky loser Peter Moraing, replacing the injured Mario Tabares of Cuba in the main draw, downed James Greenhalgh of New Zealand 6-1, 6-4.

Bowe really cares

NEW YORK, Jan 5: Riddick Bowe scored a knockout with a group of local youths on Monday when the New Yorkborn heavyweight champion handed out free tickets for next months' title defence against Michael Dokes at Madison Square Garden, reports Reuter.

about the kids and that you can bring things back to the neighbourhood," said 12-yearold William Miller clutching one of 200 tickets worth 10,000 dollar that Bowe purchased for the February 6 bout. Miller was part of a group of about 20 children from the Brownsville Rec Centre and the man to man youth pro-

"It shows that he cares

"This lets the kids know we do care," Bowe said. "Kids are our tomorrow and if we don't show that we care, tomorrow nay never get here."

gramme from the Brooklyn

neighbourhood in which Bowe

grew up.

Bowe said he wanted to make his first title defence of the heavyweight crown he won from Evander Holyfield accessible to children from his old neighbourhood.

portant," Maltk Lacey, 14, said. The children pressed against Bowe, clamouring for autographs and photos and the champion appeared happy to "I know the kids look up at

me and emulate what I do or I

say so I have to do things that

are positive," Bowe said."

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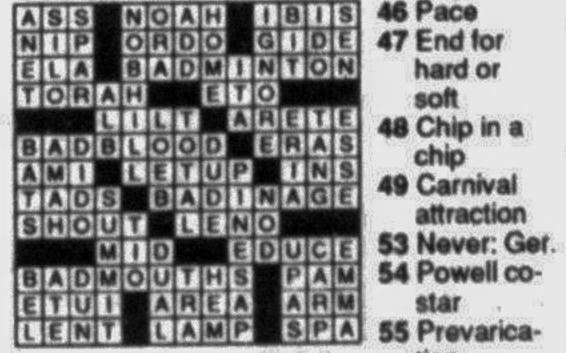
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CRYPTOQUIP

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SMNFQMS VFQGQF TGEWME'I RYC WGEEUGAM: CFD. TFE MCMI ZGNM Yesterday's Cryptoquip:ALTHOUGH MY FRIEND GOT FIRED FROM THE CONCRETE FACTORY, HE HAS NO HARD FEELINGS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals Y

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.