Records broken but no results

SYDNEY, Jan 6: Australia and the West Indies drew the third cricket Test on Wednesday but in the process created a couple of

memorable records and gave birth to a new star, reports Reuter. The match fizzled to a draw after the West Indies scored

606 in reply to Australia's first innings of 503 for nine de-It was the first time two

sides have scored over 500 in a first innings in any Test in Australia. Jimmy Adams was a disap-

pointed batsman, the West Indies innings ending with his total an unbeaten 77, just three runs short of his highest Test score.

Australia's second innings, which began in mid-afternoon, was little more than batting practice as openers Mark Taylor, not out 46, and David Boon, not out 63, pushed the score to 117 without loss at stumps. It was the highest opening

Test stand by Australia against any West Indies side at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Boon passed the 5,000 Test run mark and Taylor passed

3,000 runs. The West Indies, 1-0 down after losing Melbourne's second Test in the five Test series, will attempt to fight their way back in the fourth Test in Adelaide beginning on January

The Brisbane Test was

But the West Indies sounded a warning that with Brian Lara scoring 277 the result could have been different had they won the toss on a perfect batting wicket and fast outfield. Lara's hit was the highest

innings ever struck by a West Indian in a Test in Australia. The local media hailed his knock as one of the best ever at the Sydney Cricket Ground. "This was surely the great-

est innings played in Australia in a decade, perhaps longer.." said the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

Australian captain Allan Border has now won the toss and elected to bat on easy wickets in all three Tests.

Although the Australians amassed a big total, it took them nearly two days to get it, in contrast to the urn rate of the West Indies, who allowing for rain which cost over four hours of play in the match, needed just over one-and-ahalf days.

A chance to bat first, build a quick total and put Australia under pressure, could be the tonic the West Indies need in the series.

Border said his side had not pressed home its advantage

reports AP.

rookie.

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smooth skills.

to cheer him.

home," he said.

He's the hottest

new star in men's

tennis and he's

only 18-years-old.

Mark down the

Andrei Medvedev,

The precocious teen-ager

from Ukraine was the fastest

rising name on the ATP Tour

in 1992, soaring from 226 to

24th in just 12 months. Two

with the cool, composed char-

acter became the youngest

tournament winner on the

men's tour at just 17. He

ended up with three titles for

the year - the best ever for a

as a clay court specialist until

this week's Hopman Cup teams

veteran Thomas Muster, then

he beat Grand Slam Cup

champion Michael Stich of

the most knowledgeable in

tennis, immediately fell in love

with his all-around game and

Medvedev got a standing

ovation after his victory over Stich and hundreds of fans

stood outside the locker room

The crowd was wonderful.

Throughout the off-season

It felt like I was playing at

he's been working on his foot-

work, speed and volleying. All

three were to the fore as he

beat Stich in a 2-1 loss for the

Ukraine team on Tuesday

been playing only on the hard

courts and indoors and I am

getting used to it," he said.

"For three months I have

"I feel more confidence, I'm

Medvedev is already bored

He says his aim for the next

looking for my game and I

with dealing with media ques-

12 months is merely 'to stay

alive" and is less than enthusi-

astic about life on the men's

"It is hard to play, living in

hotels, and to me it's not very

much fun, he said. There is

think I can touch it already."

tions about his potential

The Australian fans, among

Germany in straight sets.

Medvedev had a reputation

First he thrashed Austrian

The towering youngster

years ago he was 1008th.

partly because of the weather and the balls used in the game.

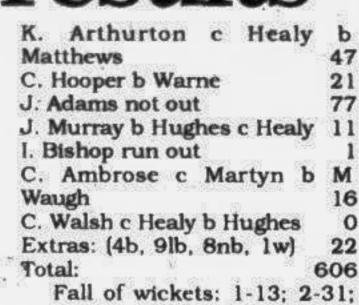
"Lara also playing the innings of his life did not help at all," he said. "He hit the ball so hard and often. For someone so young, it was just fantastic. His innings was in the grand finals of the best I have seen."

But Border said many of the red balls used during the tour were becoming soft and losing

probably play as well for the batsmen as in Sydney. "We have got a tremendous amount of talent in the team and are now in form."

SCOREBOARD

So reboard on the fifth and final day of the third cricket Test between Australia and the West Indies today:





West Indian batsman Jinny Adams (L) eludes Australian wicket-keeper Ian Healy (R) to be 77 not out at the end of the first innings on the final day of the drawn third Test in Sydney -AFP photo yesterday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

WEST INDIES: First innings

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Waugh 100, C Hooper three for

shape. He found no problems with the white balls used in day/night oven-day matches.

"The (red) balls seem to be losing their shape and firmness very quickly," said Border, conceding that players may be becoming fussier than in the past.

He said one ball in the third Test lost its shape after a couple of hits. West Indies captain Richie

Richardson agreed. "When the tour stated I thought the balls were losing shape and getting soft," he said. . Both said no complaints had

been officially lodged On the third Test overall,

Border said: "I think day three was the killer for us," referring to intermittent drizzle that lost more than four hours of play on day three and four. "In the wet conditions the

ball got soaked. It was like a bar of soap for our bowlers," Border added. . With honours about even in

the third Test, both sides felt they could win in Adelaide and in the last Test in Perth, starting on January 30. "I am not concerned about

any areas of our game," said Border. "I am looking to win the series, without question." Richardson said, "We are

going to do whatever it takes to win the series." He believed the wickets in Adelaide and Perth would

rious on court but is a joker

off-court. He speaks good

English and is happy to trade

banter with journalists at press

to accuse Stich of being cocky.

I, didn't like the way he be-

haved on court," said

Medvedev, after Stich laughed

ironically at a couple of win-

ning shots by his young oppo-

family of tennis players and

was taught to play by his

mother, who attends most of

even when I didn't want to."

he joked. 'I learned in a pram

Medvedev comes from a

"My mother put me into it,

His sister, Natalia Medve-

He's also confident enough

"I have respect for him, but

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series 1-0 First Test, Brisbane, drawn.

Second Test Melbourne, Australia won by 139 runs Fourth Test, Adelaide, January 23 to 27 Fifth Test, Perth, January

30 to February 3.

Jones recalled

SYDNEY, Jan 6: Dean Jones will return to the Australian squad for the World Series Cup one-day cricket match against the West Indies in Brisbane on Sunday, reports AP.

Jones was left out of the Australian 12 for the last two Tests in Melbourne and Sydney but was included Wednesday in the squad for the rest of the World Series matches.

The Australian selectors named the same one-day team that beat the West Indies in Melbourne on Dec 15, with the exception of batsman Damien

Captain Allan Border, who missed the last four one-day matches because of a hamstring injury, returns in place of Martyn.

Mery Hughes and Shane Warne, who played in the drawn third Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground that ended Wednesday, have been left out of the one-day side.

The Australian squad: Allan Border (captain), Mark Taylor, David Boon, Ian Healy, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Tim May, Greg Matthews, Paul Reiffel, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Mike Whitney.

Rosset pulls out, Lendl doubtful

MELBOURNE, Jan 6 Olympic tennis champion Marc Rosset has pulled out of the Australian Open and Ivan Lendl appears doubtful, tour nament organisers said Wednesday, reports AP.

Tournament director Colin Stubs said Rosset, of Switzerland, pulled out with a throat infection that forced him to withdraw from the Qatar open this week. The Australian Open begins Jan. 18 at Melbourne's National Tennis Centre.

Lendl has been bothered by a groin injury that has forced him to miss practice time in preparing for the first Grand Slam tournament of the year.

"This would probably be his worst lead-up to the event," Stubs said. "Ivan places a strong emphasis on Grand Slam events but he's going to come into this one with no match practice at all."

Morales, Blair honoured

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Jan 6: Swimmer Pablo Morales and speed skater Bonnie Blair were named the 1992 recipients of the US Olympic Committee's sportsman and sportswoman of the year awards, it was announced yesterday, reports Reuter.

Morales, who won two Olympic gold medals in Barcelona after coming out of retirement, beat hurdler Kevin Young and wrestler Bruce Baumgartner to claim the men's award. Blair, who added two

Calgary, barely edged figure skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi by three points in the closest balloting since the award was established in 1974. After failing to make the 1988 US Olympic team by 03 of a second, Morales retired from swimming in order to attend law school. But he returned to the pool in 1991 and completed his golden come-

back in Barcelona where he triumphed in both the 100-

metre butterfly and as a mem-

ber of the 4x100 metre med-

ley relay team.

Albertville golds four years af-

ter her gold medal triumph in

Blair, who took gold in the 500 metres at Calgary, won over both 500 and 1,000 metres at Albertville.

Stone medals for Winter Olympians!

OSLO, Jan 6: Winners at the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics will get medals made mostly of stone, organisers said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The grey, disc-shaped stone medals will be about 10 cm (four inches) across.

They will be decorated with a border of gold, silver or bronze, metal Olympic rings and a metal picture depicting the event in which the medal "Lillehammer will be the

first time stones will be used in Olympic medals," said Rolf Nereng, a spokesman for the organisers. Most modern Olympians

have won medals made of solid metal or alloys, although medals at the 1992 Albertville Games were made mostly of Olympic rules stipulate

medals must include at least six grams of the appropriate

Swimming record BEIJING, Jan 6: German

Franziska Van Almsick set a world record in the women's 100-metre short-course freestyle race Wednesday at the Shanghai World Cup meet, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, reports AP.

The 16-year-old swimmer finished in 53.46 seconds, two-hundredths of a second faster than the previous mark set by Livia Copariu of Romania in 1988, the news agency said.

Steven moves up

WELLINGTON, Jan 6: Topseeded Brett Steven of New Zealand beat Canadian Sebastien Lareau 6-0, 7-5 Wednesday in the second round of the dlrs 50,000 BP Challenger tennis tournament, reports AP.

In a first-round match at the Renouf Centre, seventhseeded Roger Smitth of the Bahamas came back from a marathon tiebreak loss in the second set to beat New Zealander Alistair Hunt 6-3, 6-7 (9-11), 6-2.

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Graf, Stich given a scare



PERTH, Jan 6: Top-seeded German pair Michael Stich and Steffi Graf won through to the last four of

the Hopman Cup mixed teams tennis tournament on Tuesday, but not before an irrepressible Ukrainian teenager had given them a bad fright, reports

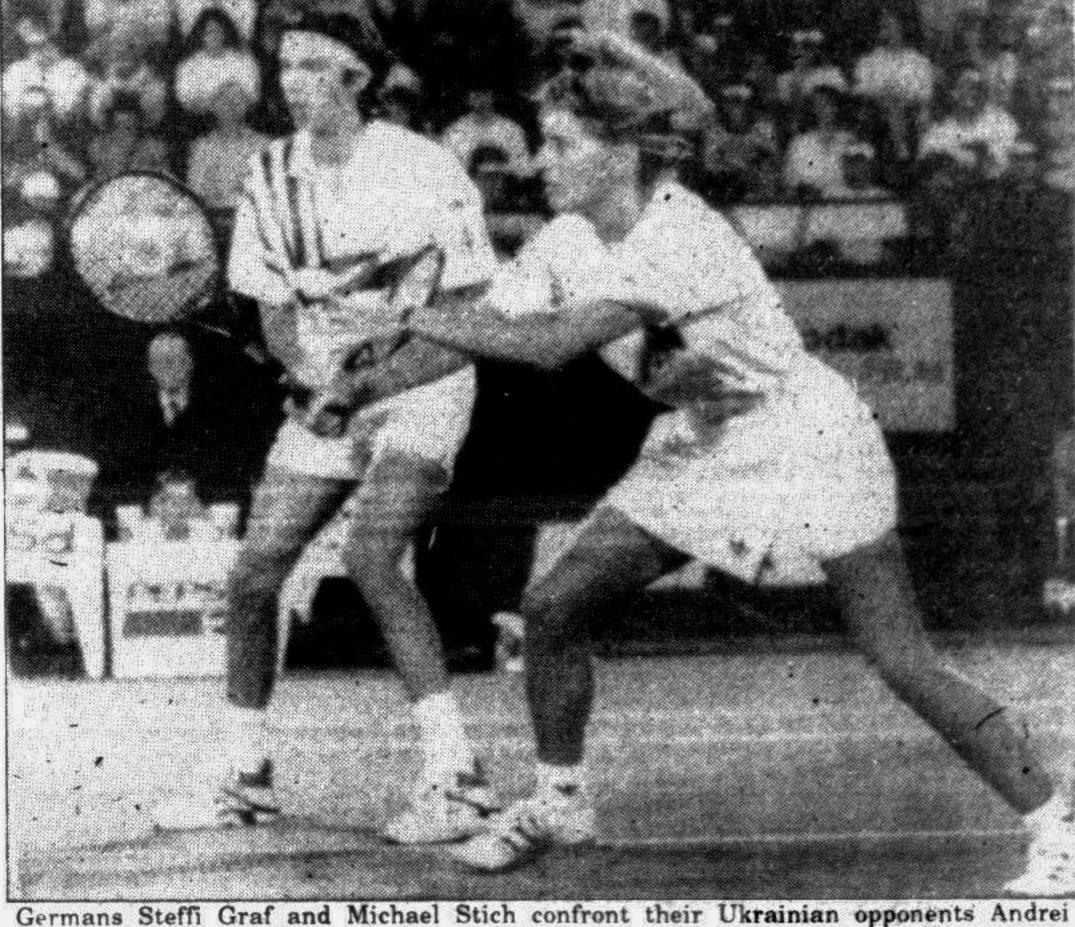
knowledged by both Stich and Graf as one of the game's future stars after his 7-5, 7-5

"He's a great player, he was serving well, and if he plays like that he is capable of beating a lot of players he was much better than me," Stich told reporters.

Medvedev, took the 1991 Wimbledon champion to 5-5

pair of Korda and Novotna ear lier posted their new republic's first international success with a 2-1 win over the unseeded Australians Wally Masur and Nicole Provis.

The couple, teaming up for the first time since school days, clinched the tie in the mixed doubles 6-2, 7-6 after Provis had earlier cruised to victory in straight sets against



Medvedev and Natalia Medvedeva in their mixed doubles quarterfinal match of the Hopman Cup in Perth on January 5. Germany beat Ukraine to face France in the semifinals.

Andrei Medvedev served, volleyed and chassed brilliantly to beat Stich in straight sets and tie the quarter-final rubber at 1-1 after Graf had easily beaten Andrei's older sister Natalia in the opening women's singles.

But the experience and class of the German pair told in the deciding mixed doubles which they won 7-5, 6-3 for a showdown against fifth seeded France on Thursday.

In an earlier quarter-final the Czech republic pairing of Petr Korda Jana Novotną beat Australia 2-1 for a semifinal against third-seeded Spain on Wednesday.

But the day belonged to 18year-old Medvedev, tipped as a top 10 player after climbing 202 places to 24 in the world rankings last year and ac-

in the first set on service before breaking through in the 11th game when Stich doublefaulted on game point. He dropped the first ser-

vice of the second set but did not falter, breaking back to make it 1-1 and once again taking the match to service before breaking through at 5-5 after Stich had saved four break points in a marathon Graf met little opposition

from older sister Natalia in the opening women's singles, winning 6-2, 6-1 in only 42 min-Graf's forehand was awe-

some, striking 15 winners to outclass the 24th -ranked Ukrainian who had also lost her singles in the first-round tie against Australia. Th second-seeded Czech

Edberg looked in good form

Earlier, Olympic champion

and declared after the match:

"I feel I've got my hunger back

Marc Rosset, the fifth seed

here, withdrew from the

tournament with a sore throat.

He dropped out in the third

set after splitting sets with

Marcos Gorriz of Spain 5-7, 7-

Centre Court after two hours of

first Grand Slam event, later

Rosset walked off the

Novotna in the opening women's singles. Korda, the world number six, showing no signs of his

break from tennis after last months, Munich Grand Slam Cup, served superbly to beat Masur in straight sets to level the tie at 1-1 supporting an out-of-touch Novotna and securing a semifinal against Spain with a series of brilliant volleys and passing shots. Korda, 23, said afterwards

he had last partnered Novotna when they were 14-year-olds in the Czech junior championships. The 10th ranked Novotna

who had not played a tourna ment for nearly six weeks, was badly out of touch in her 6-1, 6-4 defeat by Provis, who had also beaten her in last year's Federation Cup.

Edberg, Becker win easy DOHA, Jan 6: Top strong service and is very dan-



seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden and Germany's No. 3 Becker handily their first matches on Tuesday to prog-

ress in the dlrs 450,000 Qater Open Tennis Tournament, reports AP. Edberg defeated German

Karsten Brasch 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) in a match lasting 109 minutes. Becker found the going a little tougher but managed to keep out the spirited Gary Muller of South Africa. Becker lost the first set 6,7

(5-7), but overcame Muller in the next two with scores of 6-2 and 6-0. Becker faces Stephane

Simian of Freanch in the second round.

Becker was generous to his opponent saying: "Muller has a

play, complaining of a throat virus. He also said he would not be competing in the Australian Open, the season's

> this month. Top prize in the tournament, sponsored by Cadillac and Mannai Corp, is dlrs

> > MPH

Holmes hopes to fight Foreman BILOXI, Mississippi, Jan 6:

Larry Holmes is hoping to fight George Foreman this year in what would effectively be an over 40 world heavyweight championship, reports AFP.

"I want old George Foreman and then we can retire together," said the 43 year old Holmes after outpointing Everett "Big Foot" Martin in 10 rounds. His .55th professional win earned him 30,000 dol-Foreman will be 45 in three

Both Holmes, world champion from 1978 to 1985, and Foreman, world champion from 1973-1974, took former world champion Evander Holyfield the distance last year.

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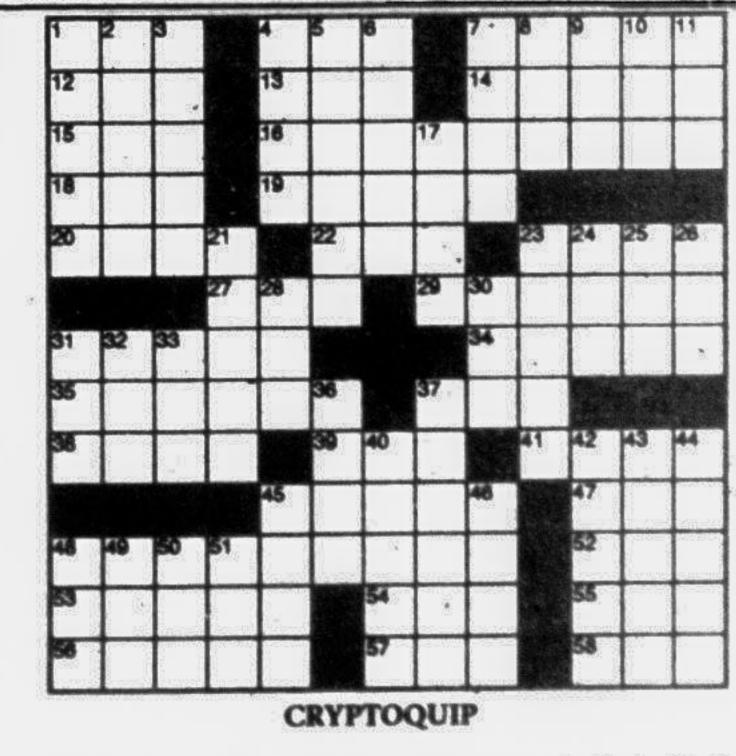
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals M

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.



of Germany in the men's singles quarterfinal match of the Hopman Cup in Perth on January 5. -AFP photo

Medvedev — new kid on the block PERTH. Jan 6: not much fun on the ATP Tour dev, who is three years older, and I would like to stay having is a top 50 player and was his partner in the Hopman Cup. Tour insiders tip Medvedev Medvedev looks deadly se-

as a potential Grand Slam tournament winner within 12 months, and he's already made the last 16 of the French Open before losing to eventual champion Jim Courier.

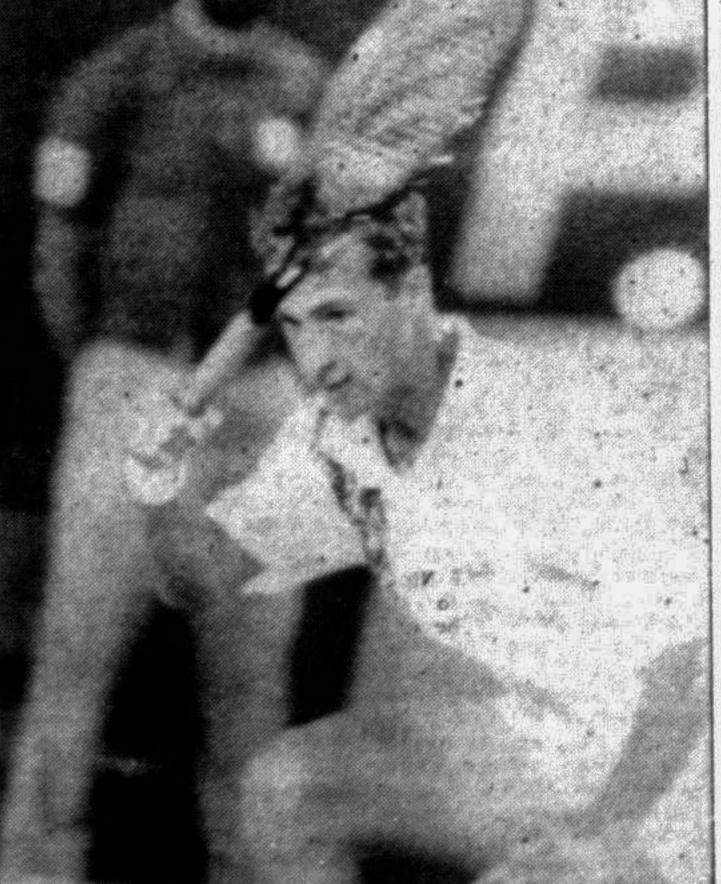
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gets the chance and he's ca-

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pable of beating a lot of the top Medvedev's second Grand Slam tournament will be the Australian Open starting Jan 18. He's looking forward to the challenge despite fears about

the heat in Melbourne. "I'm just looking forward to trying - to seeing what its like," he said.



Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine hits the ball to Michael Stich