

# India win series against England

**MADRAS, Feb 15:** The revival of India's batting and their traditional spin bowling strength have been the keys to their Test series win over England, reports Reuter.

That is the verdict of manager Ajit Wadekar whose team took an impregnable 2-0 lead after a record innings and 22-run victory in the second Test on Monday.

It was India's biggest win over England in 80 Tests spanning 61 years.

England, resuming at 231 for eight, still 43 runs short of making India bat again, were polished off in 36 minutes play.

England resistance gave way in the day's sixth over when Chris Lewis, who was 108 overnight, was caught and bowled by leg spinner Anil Kumble for 117.

Lewis, whose defiant century on his 25th birthday Sunday thwarted India's victory bid in four days, hit 15 boundaries and a six in his maiden Test hundred.

Left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju then had last man Devon Malcolm snapped up at silly point by substitute Woorkeri Raman as some 15,000 delighted home fans burst crackers to celebrate the win.

Phil Tufnell, whose previous best Test score was eight, remained unbeaten on 22 after having shared a defiant 55-run stand for the ninth wicket with Lewis.

Kumble was India's most successful bowler with six for 64, but teenage Sachin Tendulkar won the man-of-the-match award for a brilliant 165 in India's mammoth 560 for

six declared and snapping up two catches in England's second innings.

India's victory march around the ground was done on bicycles, presented to the team members by a local manufacturer.

The win followed an eight-wicket success in Calcutta led by captain Mohammad Azharuddin with an innings of 182.

"The key has been that the batsmen have clicked, starting from Calcutta and Azharuddin's sterling role," said Wadekar, who beat England at home and away as Indian captain in the 1970s.

"The last two years that has not been happening. One batsman would make runs while none of the others contributed," he added.

In those two years, India have capitulated repeatedly, in Australia and South Africa. But this time Sachin Tendulkar made 165 and Navjot Sidhu 106 as India's batsmen banished those memories.

"Sidhu played a wonderful role here as sheet anchor. He really applied himself, while Sachin played extremely well," said Wadekar.

"He looked a natural and showed great maturity. He is run-hungry yet plays for the team."

India's spinners have taken 34 of the 39 English wickets to fall to bowlers and Wadekar said: "For a long time we did not put our faith in spin which is our traditional winning attack. It is good to see them, I am tired of watching medium-pacers."

"The wicket took spin a lot earlier than expected and winning the toss was very important. But while some English batsmen batted well, others still seemed to fear the

spin. I think they could have batted better."

Alec Stewart, who was leading England for the first time, agreed.

"We did not get enough runs and did not bat as well as we should have done. It was not what I wanted from my first game," he said.

There has been criticism of umpire Ratu Rathore's four lb decisions against England and suggestions some Indian batsmen illegally scuffed the wicket.

"The wicket did more as the game went on but I'm satisfied it was normal wear and tear," Stewart said. "I think the umpires did the best they were capable of."

Coach Keith Fletcher added: "We have no complaints about the pitches. You can't blame them for producing turning wickets. Our pitches at home are too bland and it is difficult to come here and learn the technique to play spin in five weeks."

"But if we had played to potential we could have drawn both games," he added.

Fletcher said there were "some bright spots" in the batting of Graeme Hick and Neil Fairbrother in the first innings and Chris Lewis in the second, while Richard Blakely had also kept well on his debut.

Tour captain Graham Gooch, who had to withdraw because of sickness before this match, said: "We are not playing to potential our all-round cricket has not been up to standard. They have batted exceptionally well and, with big scores behind them, have bowled well."

The two teams now go to Bombay for the final Test starting on Friday.

"Obviously we are disap-

pointed at losing the series but we still have a lot of pride," Gooch said.

"It is quite an honour to play for your country and there should not be any problem lifting ourselves for the rest of the tour. We have got to try and be positive."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fifth day's play of the second cricket Test between India and England at the Chepauk here Monday:

**INDIA:** 1st innings 560-6 declared (N S Sidhu 106, S R Tendulkar 165, P K Amre 78, K Dev 66 not out).

**ENGLAND:** 1st innings 286 (A J Stewart 74, N H Fairbrother 83, V Raju 4-103, R K Chauhan 3-69).

**ENGLAND:** 2nd innings (overnight 231-8). Smith c Amre b Kumble 56; Stewart lbw b Kapil 0; Hick c Tendulkar b Kapil 0; Gatting lbw b Raju 19; Fairbrother c Prabhakar b Kumble 9; Blakely b Kumble 6; Lewis c and b Kumble 117; Salisbury b Kumble 12; Jarvis c Tendulkar b Kumble 2; Tufnell not out 22; Malcolm c sub (Raman) b Raju 0; Extras: (b 4, lb 5) 9.

Total: 252

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-12; 3-71; 4-82; 5-88; 6-99; 7-172; 8-186; 9-241.

**BOWLING:** O M R W Prabhakar 3 2 4 0 Kapil 11 5 36 2 Raju 23.1 3 76 2 Chauhan 21 4 59 0 Kumble 21 7 64 6 Tendulkar 2 1 4 0

Overs: 81.1  
Batting time: 308 minutes  
Result: India won by an innings and 22 runs.



Sachin Tendulkar receiving the man-of-the-match trophy for his sparkling 165 in the mammoth Indian first innings total of 560 for six declared against England in the second Test at Madras which concluded yesterday.

# Old still gold, feels Botham

**PERTH, Feb 15:** Champion all-rounder Ian Botham believes the "old guard" of Australian and English cricket is best equipped to do battle for the Ashes this year, reports AP.

Botham is hoping his name will be read out alongside banished batsman David Gower and fellow veteran Allan Lamb when the England side is named to do battle with Australia this northern hemisphere summer.

And Botham, in an interview Monday, said it would be in Australia's best interests to include veteran Terry Alderman in the Ashes squad.

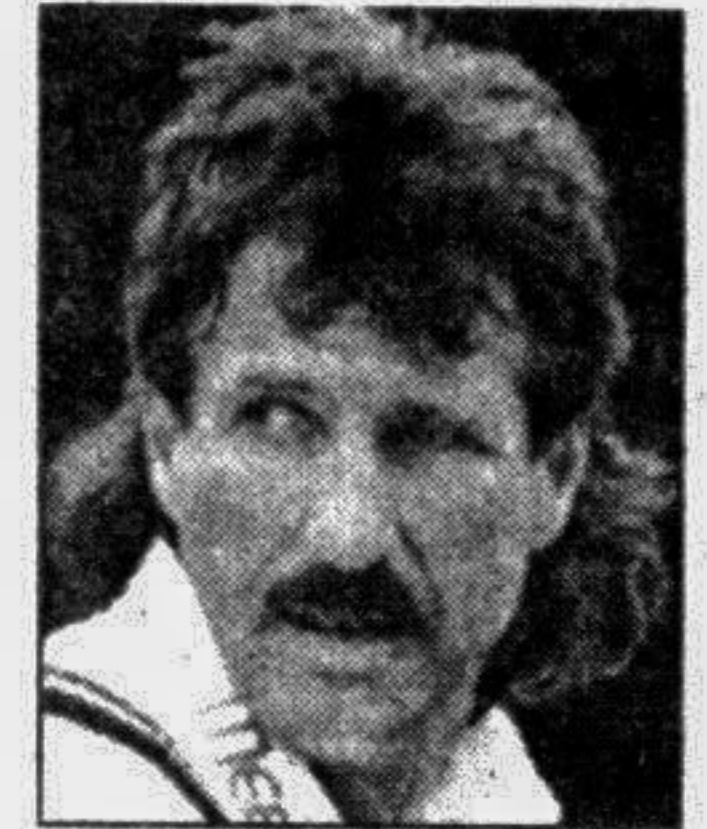
Botham, one of crickets greatest all-rounders, believes the Australian selectors must choose a squad of players who have proved themselves in English conditions if they are to win the series.

England is no place to experiment, said Botham. The selectors should take a horse-for-courses attitude when picking players and for that reason Terry Alderman must be included.

He might be a bit old but he

has shown that he can be a destructive bowler in England before.

Alderman took 83 wickets



IAN BOTHAM

In his previous 12 Tests in England but is struggling to maintain a place in the West Australian (state) team due to indifferent form.

The 37-year-old Botham, a veteran of 102 Tests that have produced 383 wickets and 5,200 runs, wants to be on the English side when the first coin is tossed at Manchester in June.

There are three bright

young players who are very keen to play against the Aussies this summer, said Botham.

Allan Lamb, David Gower and a chap called Botham want to have another crack at Australia because to us that is the pinnacle of Test cricket.

All three players were overlooked for England's current series against India.

Botham fired a broadside toward the England selectors over the controversy caused by Gower's omission and the subsequent petition to have him reinstated.

It was a disgrace the way they treated Gower because in the last Test against Pakistan before this tour he did everything that was asked of him with the bat, said Botham. To be told he has an attitude problem was unbelievable.

Graham Gooch (England captain) should have sorted the problem out because it is the cricket we are playing in India that has suffered.

Botham watched the early matches of the series in India before coming to Australia for a six-week speaking tour with former West Indies captain Vir Richards.

# Azhar wants a clean sweep

**MADRAS, Feb 15:** Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, basking in a 2-0 lead over England after an

innings victory in the second Test here today, wants to make it a clean sweep in the three-match series, reports AFP.

"Of course we will go for a win in the third Test," a delighted Azharuddin said after India took 36 minutes on the fifth day to complete the for-

that is a very important development," Azharuddin said.

"But both these wins have not come easily to us and it will be even more difficult to continue winning."

"We lost in the past because our chief asset the batting, failed to click. Now everyone is getting into the groove."

England's acting captain Alec Stewart said it was a "disappointing result."

"I am not making any excuses, but losing the toss was very vital and then we spoil

our country. But we have got to put individual potential together to build a good score."

"The problem is we don't get to see many turning wickets in England. But I must add that India is perfectly justified to prepare wickets to suit their players," Gooch said.

England's manager Keith Fletcher said practising on artificial turners back home before embarking on the tour was not enough because "it is nothing like batting in the middle."

# Fear is the key

**MADRAS, Feb 15:** Chris Lewis, who marked his 25th birthday on Sunday with a sparkling maiden Test century against India in the second Test, said he had to attack to survive, reports Reuter.

"I had to attack. The wicket was deteriorating and if you stay there trying to occupy the crease you get out—that is what happened to me in the first innings," said Lewis.

The lithe all-rounder, who has struggled to produce the Test runs his natural talent has always promised, cracked his hundred off just 112 balls, going to the century with a towering six off left-arm spinner Venkat Raju.

"I got to 90 attacking and playing shots. I decided I had to play the same way," he said.

Lewis went in with England at 88 for five and still 186 short of making India bat again. At the close of the fourth day they were 231 for eight.

"When I came in it felt as if the game was over which took the pressure off me," he said.

Lewis did not field for much of the Indian innings after suffering muscle spasms in his thigh early on the first day but he said: "With the adrenaline pumping I have not really felt the injury while batting."

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble, who took five wickets in succession before being held up by Lewis, said: "He batted very well."

It was Kumble's second five-wicket haul in only his eighth Test, following his six for 53 in Johannesburg late last year.

"The pitch was more helpful here but I'd rate the two performances about the same," he said.

"But it is nice to do well at home."

# Bashabo High win schools v ball Sports Reporter

Bashabo Girls High School have won the first ever Dhaka Metropolitan schools volleyball title for girls.

Bashabo School beat Viquarunnessa Noon Girls High School by three sets to two in the final at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

Bashabo girls bagged the first two sets 15-9, 15-7 only to see Viquarunnessa Noon School winning the next two sets 15-12, 17-15.

Bashabo School won the fifth and final set 15-12 to clinch the title.

Dhannondt Govt Girls High School finished third in this four-team meet beating South Breez School 8-15, 15-7, 15-10 and 15-8 in the third place deciding play-off.

Selma Akhter of Bashabo was adjudged the best player.

The Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF), the organisers of the girls volleyball, distributed eight balls among the participating schools.

The BVF president Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman witnessed the final match as chief guest and gave away the prizes.

Meanwhile, the second Intradist inter-district volleyball championships for men and women will now begin from February 18, instead of today, February 16 as was initially scheduled.

Sixteen men's and eleven women's teams will participate in the meet.



YES THAT'S AZHAR: Cares and condemnations that may have contributed to the receding hairline of the Indian skipper are certainly not there as the jubilant, victorious captain gives his reaction to the Sky TV crew yesterday in Madras. In the middle is England's stand-in skipper Alec Stewart.

malities of their second crashing Test win in succession.

"We've had some hard times in Australia and South Africa over the last two years, so this victory streak has to be continued," he said.

India's success against England followed two miserable seasons where they were routed 4-0 in Australia last year and lost both the Test and one-day series on their path-breaking tour of South Africa earlier this season.

"Our victories in the first two Tests have revived interest in the game in the country and

things by batting badly in the second innings."

"I was satisfied with the wicket even though it had a few holes and the umpires did their job to the best of their abilities."

Graham Gooch, who missed the match because of an upset stomach, blamed the batsmen for the defeat.

"You need to bat well collectively as a union. I am afraid we did not do that" said the 39-year-old captain, but added that England were not finished yet. "Even though we lost the series, we still have a lot of pride and honour playing for

"We play on bland wickets in England, but I am not making excuses. If we had played to our potential we would have gone 0-0 for the final Test in Bombay," Fletcher said.

"We have got to learn to play under pressure."

Asked why England was not grooming younger players like India did with Sachin Tendulkar, Fletcher quipped: "If we had a player of Tendulkar's talent, he would have played for England at 18."

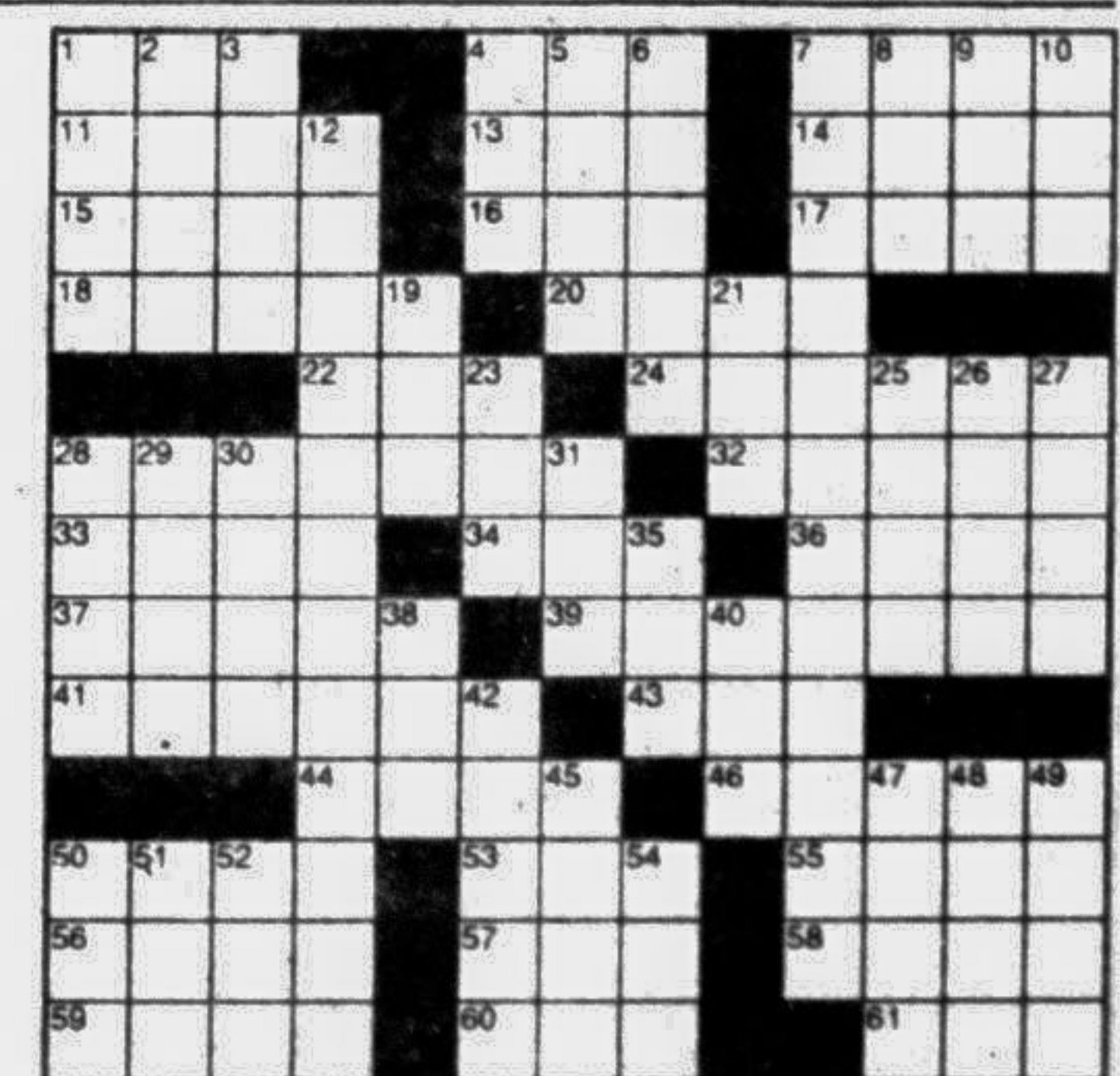
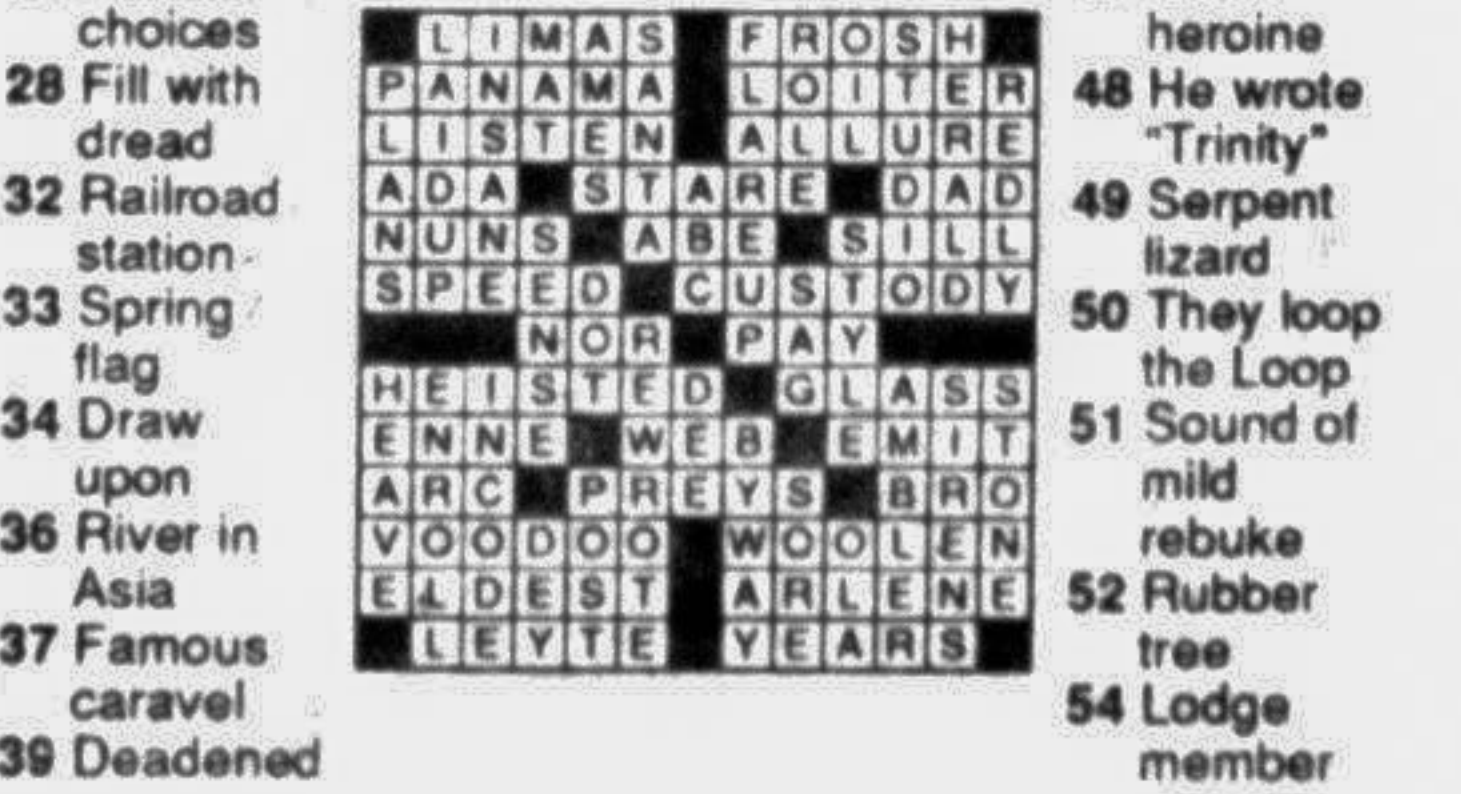
England now travel to the western city of Bombay where the third Test starts at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday.



Players and officials of Bashabo Girls High School who won the Dhaka Metropolitan schools volleyball championship for girls beating Viquarunnessa Noon School in a nail-biting five-setter at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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BEAUTY IN A TRANCE: Hungarian teenage chess prodigy Judit Polgar (L) looks absorbed in her match against former Soviet world champion Boris Spassky in Budapest on February 14.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: EQUESTRIAN WHO QUERIED ANOTHER ARROGANT WAS TOLD TO GET OFF HIS HIGH HORSE.  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals B  
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.

# Polgar clinches series

**BUDAPEST, Feb 15:** Hungarian teen-age chess whiz Judit Polgar, the world's top-ranked woman, on Sunday clinched victory over former world champion Boris Spassky by holding the Russian to a draw in the ninth game of their 10-game series, reports AP.

The draw gave the 16-year-old an unbeatable 5.5 points to Spassky's 3.5, with one game left Tuesday in which Polgar plays white.

"I feel very pleasant," the teen-ager told reporters in English at the Budapest hotel where the match is being played.

Polgar is the youngest of three chess-playing sisters who have all reached world rankings.

Spassky told reporters he has "to analyse just what went wrong in the match." Play lasted just over seven hours.

Spassky, who turned 56 on the eve of the dirs 200,000 match, opened with a King's Indian defence and seemed for much of the match to have a chance of winning.

After queens were exchanged, he even succeeded in gaining a second queen with his "a" pawn. But Polgar, who has played attacking chess throughout the match, out-smarted the veteran with skillful maneuvers of her knights, prompting Spassky to offer a draw after 56 moves.

US International Grandmaster Pal Benko, describing Polgar's play after Sunday's game, said: "She was very active compared to Spassky. But that's natural. Spassky is conservative because he's older."

"Judit behaves like a puppy that runs gaily out to the street not fearing that something could hit her," he said, adding: "At an older age, you learn that you can be hit."

Last year, Polgar became the youngest international Grandmaster ever, beating by one month the record of American chess legend Bobby Fischer.

Currently the best woman player and ranked 53rd against men, she is widely viewed as a potential contender for the world crown currently held by Garry Kasparov.

The Polgar-Spassky "battle of the sexes" is being staged by Yugoslav entrepreneur Jездimir Vasiljevic, chairman of Yugoskandic bank, who financed the Fischer-Spassky rematch won by the American last fall in Yugoslavia.

Vasiljevic is bidding to host the World Championship between Kasparov and British challenger Nigel Short in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Polgar will get dirs 110,000 of the purse for her win over Spassky, who takes dirs 90,000.

Spassky who lost his world crown to Fischer in 1972, had slipped into relative chess obscurity until his match against Fischer last fall. Although ranked at the bottom of the top 100 players in the world, Spassky became the first player to challenge Fischer in public in 20 years; and thus revived his flagging career.

# JU hall meet

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