

Australian batsman Mark Waugh, who is really enjoying his new role as an opener, sweeps during his run-a-ball knock of 83 in the fifth and final one-day international against New Zealand in Auckland yesterday. Australia won the match by three runs to clinch the series 3-2. —AFP photo

## Aussies win a cliff-hanger

AUCKLAND, Mar 28: Australia finished a long southern hemisphere summer of cricket Sunday with a dramatic three-run victory over New Zealand in the deciding one-day international, reports AP.

Without a trophy all summer after losses to the West Indies in the Test series and the World Series competition, and after an unsatisfying 1-1 draw in the Test series in New Zealand, Australia claimed a 3-2 victory in the one-day matches after New Zealand just failed to reach their target.

After Australia made 232-8, the New Zealanders battled hard but fell agonizingly short, scoring 229-8 from their 50 overs in front of 41,000 fans at Eden Park.

The Australians very nearly blew their 2-0 lead in the series as ninth-wicket pair Gavin Larsen (33 not out) and Chris Pringle (22 not out) raced on 54 in only 28 minutes.

But Australia got home when Pringle could not smash the last ball of the match from Merv Hughes for a six to win the game.

England and the Ashes series are now the focus for Australia, but almost every member of the 13-man squad is struggling with niggling injuries.

Tim May (knee), Steve Waugh (broken finger), Dean Jones (suspected broken finger), Shane Warne (thumb), Hughes (knee) and captain Allan Border (hamstring) all require a break.

The Australians began the summer with the first Test in Brisbane in late November, but Border said the forthcoming three-week break should refresh the squad for the defence of the Ashes.

"The toll of this summer probably reached a peak here but I'm happy with the way the guys stuck at it," Border said. "Everyone here needs a total break but once we get to England, it doesn't take you long to get back into it."

"There's something about an Australian team in England

that brings the best out in you."

The 17-man party to England will be announced next Friday but Border said he felt the latter part of the New Zealand tour had answered the difficult questions surrounding Mark Waugh and Dean Jones.

Waugh has been an enigma for much of his Test career while Jones has been on the outer since touring Sri Lanka last August, missing the series against the West Indies and the early part of this tour.

Waugh passed 50 in four of his five innings here while Jones added much-needed spark to the lineup when he arrived, prompting Border to reaffirm his faith in both.

Waugh provided the basis of Australia's total Sunday with a run-a-ball knock of 83, backed by solid contributions from David Boon (40) and brother Steve Waugh (39).

Crowe said his side was always struggling but was pleased they had come so close to winning the series.

"It was an outstanding effort to keep the game going but the Australians deserved their series win," Crowe said.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day cricket international between New Zealand and Australia here today:

**AUSTRALIA:**  
Taylor c and b Morrison 1  
M. Waugh c Greatbatch b Latham 83  
Jones run out 25  
Boon c Patel b Latham 40  
Waugh b Latham 39  
Border c Patel b Latham 1  
Haley c Crowe b Pringle 17  
Dodemaide c Crowe b Latham 0  
Hughes not out 12  
Reiffel not out 2  
Extras: (1 b, 5 lb, 5 w, 1 nb) 12  
Total: (8 wks, 50 overs) 232  
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-71; 3-145; 4-178; 5-213; 7-213; 8-215.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Morrison 8 0 41 1  
Wilson 7 0 36 0  
Pringle 9 0 52 1  
Larsen 10 1 32 0  
Patel 6 0 33 0  
Latham 10 1 32 5

**NEW ZEALAND:**  
Latham c M Waugh b Hughes 22  
Greatbatch c Border b S Waugh 68  
Jones st Healy b May 2  
Crowe lbw b May 11  
Rutherford run out 6  
Blain run out 8  
Wilson c Border b Dodemaide 21  
Patel c M Waugh b S Waugh 8  
Larsen not out 33  
Pringle not out 22  
Extras: (19 lb, 8 w, 1 nb) 28  
Total: (8 wks, 50 overs) 229  
Fall of wickets: 1-50; 2-67; 3-97; 4-114; 5-136; 6-139; 7-168; 8-175.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Hughes 10 0 46 1  
Dodemaide 10 1 39 1  
Reiffel 10 0 49 0  
May 10 0 40 2  
S Waugh 8 1 27 2  
M Waugh 2 0 9 0

**Result:** Australia won by three runs.

**Australia won the series 3-2.**



ROD LATHAM... 32 for 5

The Australians were cruising at 145-2 at one stage but part-time medium-pacer Rod Latham wiped out any thoughts of a 250-plus total with career best figures of 32-5 from 10 overs.

New Zealand lost the key wicket of Martin Crowe for only 11 and entered the last 10 overs at 158-6 with 75 runs still required, virtually a repeat of the chase it successfully managed in Hamilton on Saturday.

## Kenyans settle score with Skah

AMOREBIETA, Spain, Mar 28: William Sigel led four teammates home on Sunday as the remarkable Kenyan cross country team took sweet revenge on Morocco's former world champion Khalid Skah, reports Reuter.

Kenyans took the first five places in the men's race, with Skah well beaten in sixth place.

Skah won the 10,000 metres gold medal at last year's Barcelona Olympics ahead of Kenya's Richard Chelimo in controversial circumstances.

He was initially disqualified for receiving illegal assistance from a teammate during the race but was reinstated on appeal.

Kenya briefly considered boycotting the remainder of the Games in protest.

They have never forgotten,

or forgiven Skah, who further fuelled their ire by claiming he was obstructed by the Kenyans in last year's Cross Country Championship, won by John Ngugi.

"We have been planning our revenge for what Skah did in Barcelona," second-placed Dominic Kirui said. "Today we just ran the right race for all of us."

Conditions could not have been better for the Kenyans, who won the team title in all four races on Sunday.

The course, 19 kms from the Basque industrial Port of Bilbao, was fast and well grassed and the spring conditions pleasantly warm.

As planned, Dominic Kirui and Ismael Kirui — the brother of Chelimo who was not selected by the Kenyans — set the pace with Sigel coming through strongly in the final metres to win in 32 minutes 51 seconds over the 11.75 km course.

Sigel, the Kenyan national champion, has not been beaten this season.

Portugal's Albertina Dias was the only athlete to break the Kenyan individual monopoly, winning an excellent senior women's race in 20 minutes flat.

But the Kenyans still won the women's team title and showed they are set to dominate cross country for years with sweeping victories in the junior races.

Sixteen-year-old Gladys Ondeyo won the junior women's race with Kenyans also taking the next three places.

And Phillip Mosima, 17, took the junior men's event in identical fashion with Kenyans filling second, third and fourth positions.

Pauline Konga in seventh position was the best-placed Kenyan in the women's senior race in a field regarded by the competitors as the toughest ever assembled.

It was his third defence of the title in France. After a warmup first round, Cantales scored repeatedly with solid lefts and rights through the next few. He was quicker and stronger, controlling the action throughout.

However, Adams was tough. He hurt Cantales in the sixth and eighth round with combinations and delivered a slight cut over Cantales' eyebrow by the end of the fight.

However, Cantales maintained the pressure and scored heavily in the ninth and tenth rounds. A crushing left to the jaw was the final blow that helped Cantales win.

## A day of upsets at Houston

HOUSTON, Mar 28: Upsets were the order of the day at the 375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston tennis tournament as top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and fourth-seeded Czech Jana Novotna were ousted on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Sabatini, who had crushed her first two opponents here, fell to third-seeded Spaniard Conchita Martinez 6-3, 6-3 in the first semifinal.

In today's final, Martinez faces unseeded German Sabine Hack, who fought off eight match points to beat Novotna

in a three hour and nine minute marathon 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (11-9).

Martinez gained confidence from the outset as she broke Sabatini's first serve and lost just two points in the first two games.

Sabatini broke back to get to 3-3, but Martinez lifted her game and ran off the next three games.

The Spaniard maintained her momentum the rest of the way as she broke Sabatini to open the second set on the way to an insurmountable 5-1 lead.

"Today's match was one of her best matches ever," said an

impressed Sabatini, ranked fifth in the world.

"She took control of the match from the beginning. I felt like I was always defending myself from the baseline," Martinez recorded 27 winners to Sabatini's eight and converted on 15 of 18 net approaches compared to just 13 of 25 for Sabatini.

Martinez played despite an injured right hand, which had nearly forced her to pull out of the tournament earlier in the week.

Novotna seemed on the verge of a straight sets win when she built a commanding 6-1 lead in the second-set tie-break.

## Crowe fancies to Aussies retain Ashes

AUCKLAND, Mar 28: New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe said Sunday he expects Australia to retain the Ashes when it begins its tour of England in April, reports AP.

New Zealand lost 2-0 to England 12 months ago but drew the recent series against Allan Border's side here, coming back to level the series after being thrashed by an innings and 85 runs in the first Test.

Crowe's side gave a much better account of itself against Australia but the master batsman said he felt Australia would retain the Ashes because of its greater ability to fight back from difficult situations.

"I fancy Australia," Crowe said. "I think they have what it takes to win when the chips are slightly down."

"England, when they get down, tend to stay down for a bit longer."

Crowe said Australia still needed a third strike bowler to support Merv Hughes and Craig McDermott but should start the series as favourite.

The Australians have agonised over their batting lineup for the past months. Crowe said he would retain David Boon as an opener, rather than moving him back to No. 3.

"Mark Taylor and David Boon has a nice ring to it and I would like to see Mark Waugh and Dean Jones without a doubt," Crowe said. "Jones is too dangerous to leave home."

The Australian touring squad for England will be announced next Friday.

## Indonesia need one game more

JAKARTA, Mar 28: Indonesia took a 2-1 lead over the Philippines after winning the doubles in their Davis Cup tennis Asia/Oceania Zone Group One first round tie today, reports Reuter.

Scores:  
Suharyadi/Bonit Wiryawan beat Felix Barrientos/Robert Angelo 7-6 (10-8), 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 4-6, 6-3.

Because of rain, the two reverse singles will be played tomorrow.

**Luxembourg lead**

ESCH-SUR-ALZETTE, Luxembourg, Mar 28: Luxembourg held a 2-1 edge over Kenya going into Sunday's final matches of their Europe-Africa zone 1 Davis Cup qualifier after the home team scored a straight set doubles win, reports AP.

Johny Goudenbour and Alberto Paris beat Eno Polo and Paul Wekesa 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 late Saturday at the International Tennis Center here.

On Friday, Goudenbour beat Polo 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) but Kenya hit back when Wekesa edged Bruck 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3 in a marathon match.

The reverse singles are set for later Sunday.

## Italy brush Brazil aside

MODENA, Italy, Mar 28: Omar Comporese and Diego Nargiso outlasted Cassio Motta and Fernando Rocca 7-6 (9-7), 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 10-8 in doubles Saturday, completing Italy's sweep of Brazil and sending it to the quarterfinals of the Davis Cup World Group, reports AP.

The victory earned Italy a berth against Australia in July, who beat the United States earlier in the day.

On Friday, Nargiso and Comporese defeated Jaime Oncinas and Luiz Mattiar in opening singles.

## Canizales retains IBF crown

EVIAN, France, Mar 28: American Orlando Canizales successfully defended the IBF bantamweight title for the 11th consecutive time stopping another American, Clarence Adams, in the 11th round, reports AP.

Canizales, 28, from Laredo, Texas, is approaching the record of 15 defences in the division by American Manuel Ortiz between 1942 and 1947. Canizales is now 34-1-1 with 25 KOs. Adams suffered his first loss after 26 wins and a draw. Adams, 18, is from Carmine, Illinois.

It was his third defence of the title in France. After a warmup first round, Cantales scored repeatedly with solid lefts and rights through the next few. He was quicker and stronger, controlling the action throughout.

However, Adams was tough. He hurt Canizales in the sixth and eighth round with combinations and delivered a slight cut over Canizales' eyebrow by the end of the fight.

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## Switzerland follow US tracks

LONDON, Mar 28: Last year's finalists the United States and Switzerland fell at the first hurdle of the 1993 Davis Cup this weekend, suffering against upbeat outsiders Australia and India, reports Reuter.

Australia unceremoniously dumped the American trophy holders 4-1, failing in a clean sweep only in the final "dead" reverse singles match.

India's Leander Paes, ranked 202 in the world and veteran Ramesh Krishnan, 222, worked harder in Calcutta's stifling heat, to overcome Switzerland's Marc Rosset and Jakob Hlasek, both ranked in the top 40, by three matches to two.

The United States sent a second-string team to Australia with Brad Gilbert, David

Tom Gorman.

Absent in Melbourne were world number one Jim Courier, Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi and the man who would be captain, the legendary John McEnroe.

The top names refused to play because they did not want to break from the lucrative tournament circuit. But a number of them also indicated they would like McEnroe, a passionate Davis Cup supporter, as their captain.

"I said before the match started, I was disappointed at the American team that was sent down, I think the competition deserves better," Australian captain Neale Fraser said.

While the American squad in Australia closed ranks and praised Gorman's captaincy, Gorman continued to defend the top players rights not to play Davis Cup for their country.

"Their schedule is very full," he said. "Some players just aren't available for certain matches."

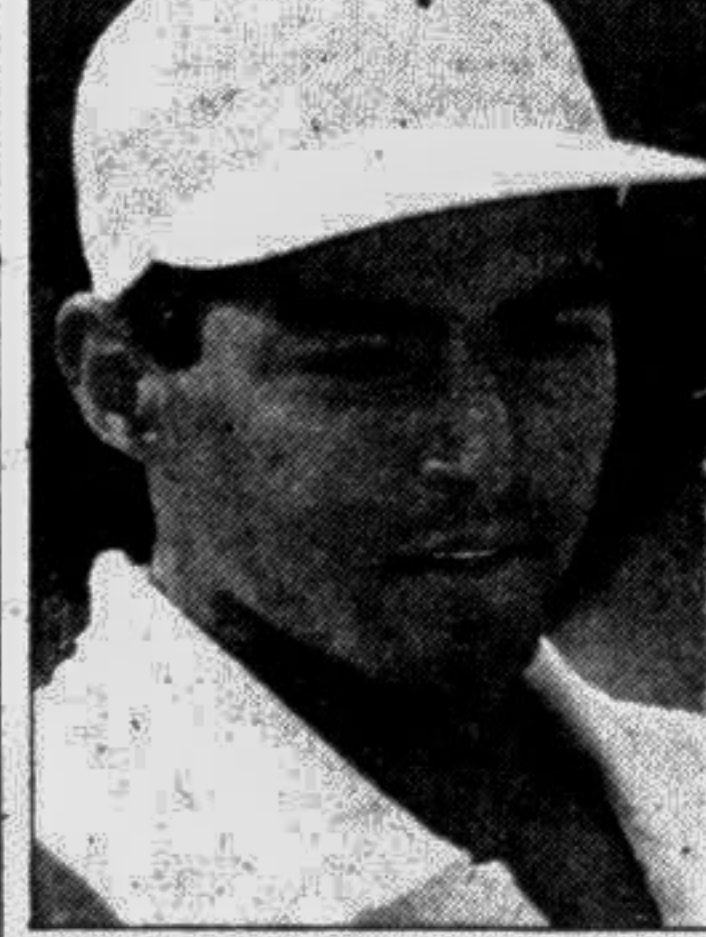
J. Howard Frazer, president of the US Tennis Association, said he was proud of the team brought to Australia.

"We brought the number two doubles team in the world, unfortunately Australia had the number one team," he said.

But Frazer also said he anticipated that McEnroe's name would come up when Gorman's year-to-year appointment is discussed at the end of the year.

"I have the greatest respect and the greatest admiration for John and he would be a superb captain... of course he is a contender," Frazer said.

Gorman, captain for the last eight years, has won the Cup two of the last three years. But his post comes up for consideration at the end of the year after the US have played their relegation match in September, alongside Switzerland, to defend their position in the world group of the 16 top



LEANDER PAES

Wheaton, Richey Reneberg and Jim Grabb defending the title on unaccustomed grass against a fired-up home squad of Mark Woodforde, Wally Masur and Todd Woodbridge.

Their ignominious exit was in sharp contrast to last December's victory over Switzerland amid great patriotic fervour at Fort Worth in Texas and raised questions about the future of non-playing captain

tennis nations.

Swiss non-playing captain Dimitri Strudla joined in the applause after 31-year-old Krishnan beat Hlasek with guile and grace to win India's deciding match 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday.

"I think Krishnan excelled himself in all departments of the game. There was nothing wrong with Hlasek's game and, except for the crowd noise, he should not feel sore because he lost to Ramesh's better performance," he said.

Indian non-playing captain Naresh Kumar could barely contain himself.

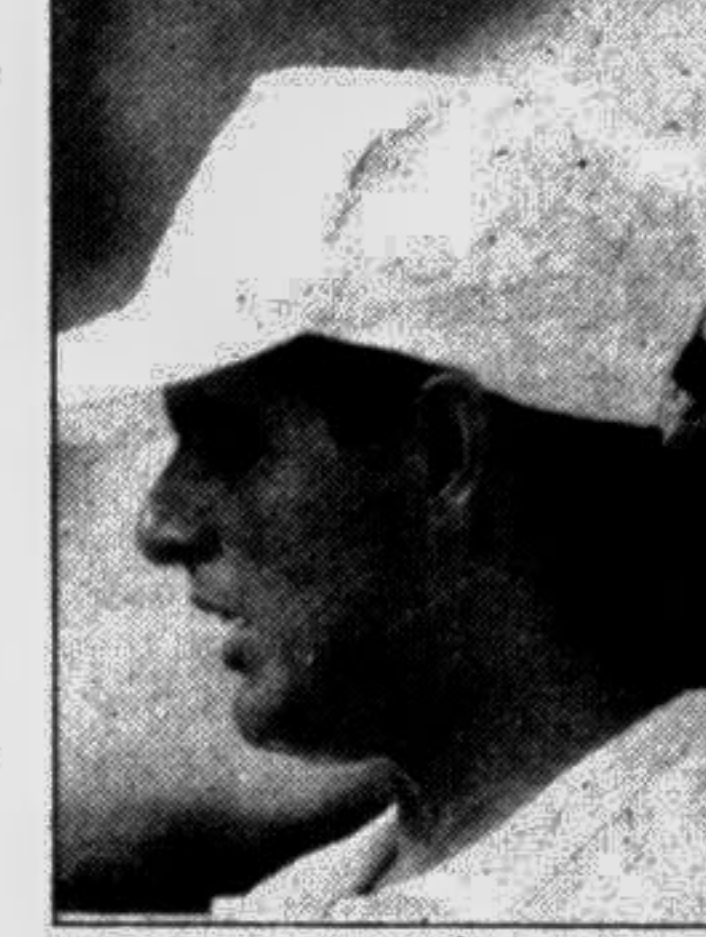
"It's a great day for Indian tennis. It's so heartening to see Ramesh get back his lost glory and turn on his grass court magic again with so much confidence," he said.

Rosset's defeat of Paes, who beat Hlasek in the opening

rubber and joined Krishnan to win the doubles against the Swiss pair, failed to dent the mood only adding to the tension of the final match.

France, Germany, Sweden, Italy and Czechoslovakia are all through to the quarter-finals, staying true to form and winning their ties easily.

Spain lead the Netherlands 2-1 in the last finely-poised tie in Barcelona.



RAMESH KRISHNAN

Gorman said his team had fought hard.

"The guys are very proud of what they did because they went down to the last point fighting," Gorman said.

He said he wanted to continue as captain.

"I have no idea whether there is a question mark over my future," he said. "It is not an issue in my mind. I'm just proud that I was reappointed for this year and I hope I'm a contender for 1994."

Woodforde put aside a night of celebrations to beat Gilbert in exactly two hours, serving an ace to clinch the win.

"We had chances in every match," Gilbert said. "I felt like the whole team tried hard. We lost, but we lost with dignity."

Wheatons win over Masur meant the US avoided their first 5-0 Davis Cup whitewash in almost 20 years.

The Americans also were the last defending champions to lose in the first round. The United States were beaten 3-2 by Argentina in Buenos Aires in 1983 after winning the Cup in 1982.

Australia now will play away to Italy in the quarterfinals.

## Haarhuis keeps Dutch dream alive

BARCELONA, Mar 28: Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands defeated Spain's Carlos Costa by three sets to two Sunday lifting the Netherlands to a 2-2 draw with one match to go in the first round of the Davis Cup, reports AP.

After going down in the first two sets 3-6, 4-6, Haarhuis fought back to win the final three 6-3, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

The overall winner will be decided in the game between Spain's Sergi Bruguera and Mark Koevermans later Sunday.

Spain had gone ahead when Emilio Sanchez Vicario and Sergio Casal defeated Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh on Saturday in the doubles competition, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.

On Friday, Haarhuis defeated Bruguera 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, and Costa was a four-set winner over Koevermans 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

## France denied a clean sweep

VIENNA, Austria, Mar 28: France and Austria split the reverse singles Sunday to give France a final 4-1 margin in the World Group Davis Cup first round match, reports AP.

Arnaud Boetsch beat Austrian Gilbert Schaller, 6-4, 6-2. Schaller replaced Alex Antonitsch late Sunday morning.

Horst Skoff defeated Guy Forget of France, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Both matches were reduced to best of three sets with the outcome already decided when Forget and Henri Leconte won the doubles on Saturday. That gave France an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

Austria's top player, Thomas Muster, was not on the home team after a dispute with the national tennis federation.

France meets India, a surprise winner over Switzerland, in the next round in July.

France won the Davis Cup in 1991 in a memorable upset of the United States. However, the French were eliminated in the quarter finals in 1992 by Switzerland who went on to lose to the United States in last year's final.

## Germany rout Russia 4-1

MOSCOW, Mar 28: Germany defeated Russia 4-1 on Sunday in a Davis Cup series after Michael Stich beat Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-3, 6-4, reports AP.

Russia's only win in the series was earned Sunday by Andrei Olkhovsky, who defeated Carl-Uwe Steeb 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

On Friday, Russia lost both singles, and also suffered a defeat in the doubles match Saturday.

## Thailand trounce Pakistan 5-0

BANGKOK, Mar 28: Thailand beat Pakistan 5-0 in their Davis Cup tennis Asia/Oceania Zone Group Two semifinal after winning both reverse singles on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Scores (Thailand first):  
Voraphol Thongkanchit beat Mohammed Khalique 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.  
Thanakorn Srichaphan beat Jamil Ahmed 6-4, 6-1.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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4 Postage or parking follower  
9 He gets slapped in old movies  
12 Blackbird  
13 Make amends  
14 One of the primates  
15 Facial cleanser  
17 Juan's aunt  
18 Film director  
19 Crude borax  
21 World Cup sport  
24 Green-land settlement  
25 G's address  
26 Blood relatives  
28 Silver ingots  
31 Depend  
33 Basketball fill  
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36 Mountains of Peru  
38 Entreat

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3 Trouble  
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6 Nail or hold  
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Saturday's Cryptquip: THE HARD-WORKING OWNER OF CANDY FACTORY IS TRYING TO MAKE A MINT.**

Today's Cryptquip clue: F equals C

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.