

Sport



Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram starts his walk back to the pavilion after scooping one to Phil Simmons on silly point off Carl Hooper in the first innings of the second Test at the Kensington Oval, Bridgetown on Sunday. Akram made 29. Basit Ali who made a gritty 92 not out, is at the non-striker's end. The West Indies won the Test by ten wickets Tuesday to clinch the 3-match series 2-0.

Pakistan beaten by ten wickets Windies underline supremacy

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 28: West Indies can claim the unofficial title of world cricket champions after trouncing Pakistan by 10 wickets with a day to spare in the second Test on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

lost a Test series since being beaten in New Zealand during early 1980, emphatically underlined their supremacy with what Richardson described as "a total team effort."

played back to a ball that bounced and was caught behind off the same bowler in his next over.

The victory gave Richie Richardson's West Indians a winning 2-0 lead in the three-match series, billed as a showdown between the two strongest Test sides but which has so far proved to be unexpectedly one-sided.

West Indies have now achieved 12 straight Test victories at Bridgetown's Kensington Oval where they have not lost since 1935 on what is traditionally the Caribbean's truest and fastest pitch.

Basit, eighth out, became Walsh's 200th Test victim when he was deceived by a slower delivery and went lbw.

Kasparov's arrogant assertion

BRUSSELS, Apr 28: World champion Garry Kasparov said on Tuesday legitimacy — and money — were on his side in his fight against the world chess body FIDE, reports Reuter.

And legitimacy, sorry, good or bad it is with Garry Kasparov and with Nigel Short, who is a legitimate challenge," he said.

both men from taking part in the next three-year championship title and nominating Dutchman Jan Timman and long-time champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia, both eliminated by Short, to play for the title instead.



Actor Ahmed Sharif (right) with Mahmood Koli on his right addressing a press conference convened yesterday at the NSC to announce the plans for a charity match at the Dhaka Stadium on April 30. The match to be a day night affair, will be played between film actors and actresses and the producers to raise funds for the Chalachitra Shilpi Krira and Kalyan Semity, a cultural skit is also on the card.

Painful warm-up for Smith

LONDON, Apr 28: England batsman Robin Smith had 18 stitches put in a head wound on Tuesday and then joked: "It's not a bad way of getting warmed up for Merv Hughes and the Australians," reports Reuter.

Smith, who can expect to receive plenty of short pitched bowling from Hughes and his fellow pacemen during this season's Ashes battle, was injured while fielding for Hampshire at Southampton.

After being released from hospital and sent home to rest, Smith said: "I don't remember much about the incident. I might have lost consciousness for a moment or two."

Holders Hampshire did not need Smith's batting as they eased past the students' total of 177 for seven with five overs to spare in a preliminary round tie of the 55 overs knock-out competition.

ATLANTA, Apr 28: Four-time defending champion Andre Agassi, who withdrew from the 300,000 US dollar AT and T challenge on Monday due to tendinitis in his right wrist, made a flying visit to the tournament on Tuesday to explain, reports Reuter.

Agassi came to Atlanta from his Las Vegas home for an examination by the tournament doctor, obligatory if he is to avoid a fine and an allocation of zero ranking points for pulling out of the tournament after the draw had been made.

Agassi's preparation for the French Open in late May was to include clay court tournaments in Hamburg and Rome. He said his participation in Hamburg now looked doubtful.

Agassi appeared to want to make amends for having skipped the Davis Cup tie in January when the United States was eliminated by Australia in the first round.

Zimbabwe face tough task HARARE, Apr 28: The former Yugoslav republic of Croatia makes in Davis Cup debut Friday, facing Zimbabwe in a Euro-African Group One tie, reports AP.

Wilander on winning trail

DULUTH, Ga, Apr 28: Mats Wilander, playing in his first ATP Tour event since June 1991, refused to describe it as a comeback, reports AP.

The 28-year-old Swede beat seventh-seeded Luis Herrera of Mexico 6-2, 6-3 in the first round of the \$300,000 AT and T Challenge on Tuesday.

Wilander, looking fit and eager, entertained no illusions. "It was a little surprising that I am playing so well," Wilander said.

He said he plans to play Team Tennis this summer for the New Jersey Stars but only "because the team is close to my home in Connecticut and because I wanted to play matches. It's better to play tennis to stay fit."

MADRID, Apr 28: Boris Becker was whistled and booed off court on Wednesday after Argentine Franco Davin defeated the world number four for the second time in two weeks in the first round of the Madrid Open tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Top-seeded Axel Finberg of Germany entered the quarter-finals of the Masters tournament in the International Tennis Federation Malaysian Satellite Circuit 1 tennis championship Wednesday after defeating South Korean Lee Jin-soo 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in a two-hour gruelling battle, reports AP.

Finberg will meet eighth seeded Frenchman Stephane Mathu in Thursday's quarter-finals.

Edberg allowed the young Spaniard just one advantage point in a totally one-sided first set.

Edberg never achieved. He also managed to break the Swede's service to level the set at 2-2, but that was about the end of his resistance

Jansher shows why he's the best

NEW YORK, Apr 28: World champion Jansher Khan gave New York squash fans a demonstration of his awesome power as he blasted into the semifinals of the Tournament of Champions on Tuesday night, reports Reuter.

The 23-year-old Pakistani destroyed England's Paul Johnson 15-5, 15-5, 15-4 in just 35 minutes.

Johnson, a 20-year-old qualifier playing in his first major quarter-final, was a lamb to the slaughter as Jansher decided he wanted an early night.

The blond, pony-tailed Englishman earned great cheers for each of the handful of points he managed to score.

Jansher now plays fourth seed Brett Martin in tonight's semifinals — one of three Australians in the last four.

Rodney, the third seed and former world champion, crushed fellow-Aussie Rodney Eyles 15-7, 15-11, 15-13 and now meets world number two Chris Dittmar, who defeated fifth seed Peter Marshall of England 15-6, 6-15, 15-7, 15-3.

Seles cruises HAMBURG, Germany, Apr 28: World Number one Monica Seles beat Swedish qualifier Maria Strandlund 6-2, 6-2 on Tuesday in her first match after a nine-week break due to illness, reports Reuter.

Seles took 64 minutes to eliminate Strandlund in the first round of the Hamburg 3,75,000 women's tennis tournament, but was still critical of her game because she made a few unforced errors.

Becker to try his luck on grass LONDON, Apr 28: Boris Becker, who has been struggling to shake off mediocre form as well as a virus, has added his name to the lineup for the \$1,600,000 Queen's Club grass court tennis tournament in London June 7-13, reports AP.

The German, who is ranked fourth in the world and has won the Queen's Club event three times, has lost in the early rounds of two successive clay court tournaments after a lengthy layoff.

Edberg moves up, Becker doesn't

— attributes which proved more than enough to see off the unhappy, slow-moving German.

This was the Madrid crowd's second consecutive unrewarding experience with Becker, who turned up for last

and Edberg cruised through to a second-round meeting with his compatriot Jonas Svensson.

Fifth seed Emilio Sanchez gave his home crowd a cheer when he comfortably disposed of Frenchman Olivier Delatier 6-1, 6-1.

Third seed Sergi Bruguera of Spain, winner of the rain-delayed Monte Carlo tournament on Monday, plays his first round match today.

ITF's decision LONDON, Apr 28: The International Tennis Federation has proposed reducing matches from best-of-five sets to best-of-three for the early rounds at future Olympic Games, reports AP.

Many competitors complained about playing grueling, five-set matches in the heat and humidity of Barcelona last summer. The weather conditions are expected to be just as draining in Atlanta in 1996.

The ITF, in the May issue of its monthly news bulletin, cited a proposal to reduce singles and doubles matches to best-of-three for all rounds except the semifinals, finals and third-place playoffs.

The proposal, which already has the backing of the international Olympic Committee, will be voted on at the annual ITF meeting in Vancouver in mid-September.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

A crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1 Emulate Hepburn, 4 Arm bones, 9 Bikini top, 12 Card game, 13 Margaret, 14 Ewe's mate, 15 News, 17 Fine Day, 18 Lucky number, 19 Reach, 21 Seaside shelter, 24 Lake formed by Hoover Dam, 25 Hockey star Bobby, 26 Spanish queen, 28 Ceremonies, 31 Wild ox, 33 It's before school or style, 35 French composer, 36 TV's "It to Beaver", 38 Played the first card, 40 Nigerian, 41 Hamlet or Borge, 43 Red goatfish, 45 diplomacy, 47 Compass reading, 48 Granada gold, 49 Abusive verbal attack, 54 Actor Carrillo, 55 Greene, of "Bonanza", 56 Labor org., 57 Tail, 58 Obliterate, 59 Printer's measures, 1 Church vestment, 2 The heart, 3 In addition, 4 Female water spirit, 5 Tenor Pavarotti, 6 New Deal org., 7 State of India, 8 Long-haired bird dog, 9 Sheep of Asia, 10 Rajah's bride, 11 TV sitcom, 16 Gardner memoirs, 20 Gate or light-lead-in, 21 Heat source of yore, 22 English composer, 23 Kind of carpeting, 27 "— in the Family", 29 River in Germany, 30 Santa's laundry woe, 32 Of grand-parents, 34 Humbles, 37 Make possible, 39 Scottish seaport, 42 Baseball boo-boo, 44 Bandleader Brown, 45 Senator Robert of Kansas, 46 City on the Oka, 50 — pro nobis, 51 Hot rocks?, 52 Continued loud noise, 53 Goddess of dawn.

CRYPTOQUIP

A cryptogram puzzle. The text is: H X M K M O Y A V M Y U O B U J O Y O I Y T Y S Z Q V H E Y A K T O B S T E V O I Y S J M B T Q X J U A K Z Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN FACED WITH TOO MANY DIFFICULT EXAMS, EXHAUSTED STUDENTS TURNED TESTY. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals P. 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.