

Sir sweats it out with pupils

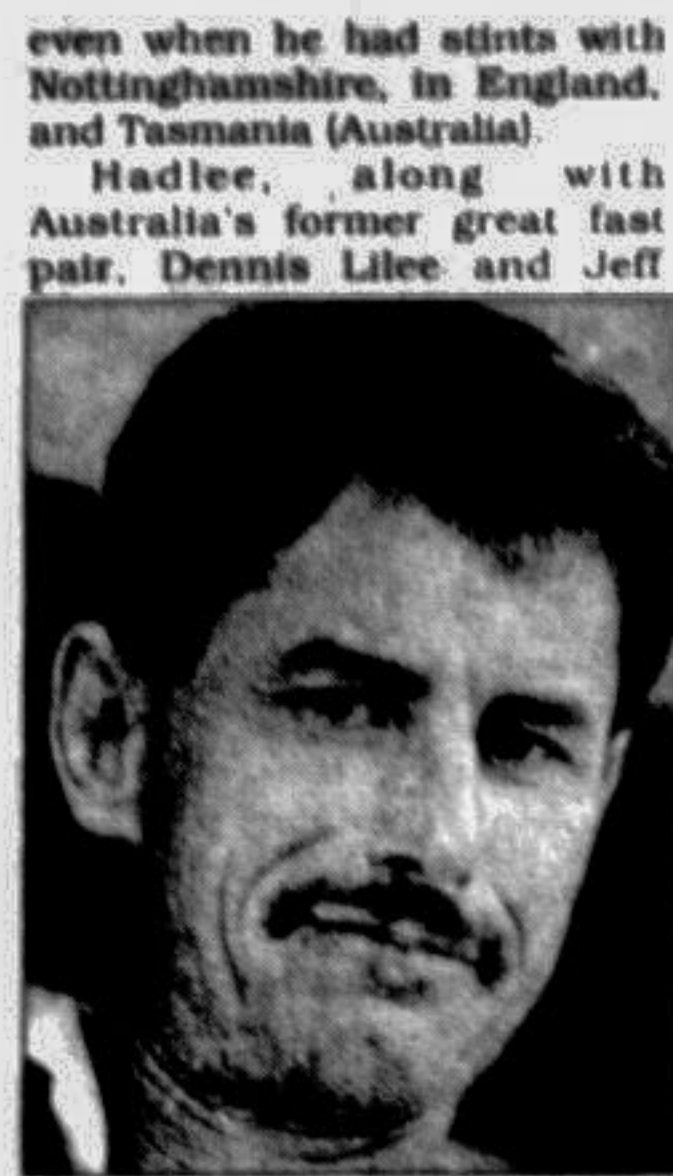
PERTH, Oct 18: Sir Richard Hadlee, the world's greatest Test wicket-taker, limbered up with the New Zealand touring squad in the WACA grounds nets here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The now retired Hadlee, 42, a fast bowler who captured 431 scalps in 86 Tests for New Zealand, also spent more than an hour overseeing the training of the pacemen in the squad — Danny Morrison, Will Watson, Chris Cairns, Murphy Su'a and Simon Doull.

Hadlee, who had heart surgery two years ago, was in surprisingly fine fettle as he bowled at reasonable pace, troubling many of the batsmen with his movement off the pitch.

He is keen to be in good shape for his brief return to the bowling crease in a match on Tuesday when he achieves a life-long ambition — bowling to New Zealand's top batsmen in a game.

This opportunity eluded him



SIR RICHARD HADLEE

Thomson, has accepted an invitation to play for an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a festival game at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, just north of

Perth.

The match launches the New Zealanders' three month Australian programme in which they contest a three-Test series and play the host nation and South Africa in a World Series one-day contest.

After his own stint of bowling, Hadlee took each of the New Zealand pacemen aside to help them with technical points.

Morrison (29 Tests) and Watson (16) are the only pace bowlers in the side to have appeared in more than 10 Tests.

Su'a has chalked up nine, Cairns seven and Doull one.

New Zealand coach Geoff Howarth put all players through two tough sessions at the nets on Sunday and plans a similar programme today.

"We have to get the work in early on the tour if we are going to be competitive," said the former New Zealand captain.

The tourists face their initial first-class match on Thursday when they meet Western Australia here in a four-day fixture.

Crowe for right end with wrong means

PERTH, Oct 18: New Zealand will need to use unorthodox tactics to defeat Australia in the upcoming three-Test cricket series. Kiwi captain Martin Crowe said Monday, reports AP.

New Zealand kept the Trans-Tasman Trophy with 1-1 home series draw against the Australians earlier this year, but faces a tough task retaining it.

Crowe piloted the Kiwis into the World Cup semifinals last year and was successful with unusual tactics that included opening the bowling with a spinner.

He said surprise would be a valuable weapon against the Australians.

"We are not the number one, or two, or three ranked side, so we have to play as a team and keep our options open," Crowe said.

"We need a contribution from everyone, because we don't have those real big stars to fire us along."

New Zealand will open their tour against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill on Tuesday before a four-day match against Western Australia, which starts on Thursday in Perth.

The three Tests will be played at Perth, Brisbane and Hobart — venues which have tended to produce outright results in recent years.

Crowe said he preferred to play on pitches that guarantee a result, rather than on those that allow teams to play for a draw.

"We want to carry on the work we did in the third Test (against Australia) in Auckland, when we tasted the feeling of winning."

The New Zealanders will be confronted by a former teammate for the tour-opening festival match at Lilac Hill.

Sir Richard Hadlee, who holds the world record for Test wickets at 431, will play for the Chairman's XI alongside former Australian stars Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson.

Howarth appointed NZ coach

PERTH, Oct 18: Geoff Howarth is New Zealand's most successful cricket captain of all-time.

Howarth led the New Zealand team in its glory days of the mid-1980s and has 11-Test victories to his name as skipper. He also scored six Test centuries, reports AP.

New Zealand had a 31-26-3 record in limited-overs matches under his leadership.

Now Howarth, at 42 newly-appointed as New Zealand coach, is approaching his first major tour with the goal of reviving the Kiwis' flagging fortunes on tour.

Apart from beating Test newcomers Zimbabwe 1-0 in a series late last year, New Zealand haven't won an overseas Test since beating England at Trent Bridge back in 1986.

The Kiwis held Australia to a 1-1 home series draw last March and are hopeful of building on that performance during their upcoming three-Test series against the Australians.

"The boys have begun to believe in themselves," said Howarth on Monday, alluding to the New Zealand victory in the third Test in Auckland.

"The signs of self-confidence are returning, which is very good."

The forthcoming series here can be the first major step in establishing a new touring reputation. I would like to think that we can rectify our overseas record.

"I like to think, too, that others recognise us as a major force in international cricket and not as bad as the record would suggest."

"The boys have a lot of talent. It is a case of them unleashing what they've got in them."

Howarth has called on the batsmen in the inexperienced New Zealand squad to provide proper support for captain Martin Crowe who has scored 4,777 runs in his 66 test appearances.

Vice-captain Ken Rutherford has been the team's only other prolific run-getter in recent times. Rutherford managed to resurrect his poor Test-career last season, scoring 898 runs in eight Tests, including two hundreds and five half-centuries.

"I want the players to show the world what they are capable of," Howarth said. "Their contribution is going to relieve the

enormous expectations on Martin."

New opener Blair Pocock, his partner Mark Greatbatch, Andrew Jones and Rutherford all will be under pressure to provide support for the prolific Crowe.

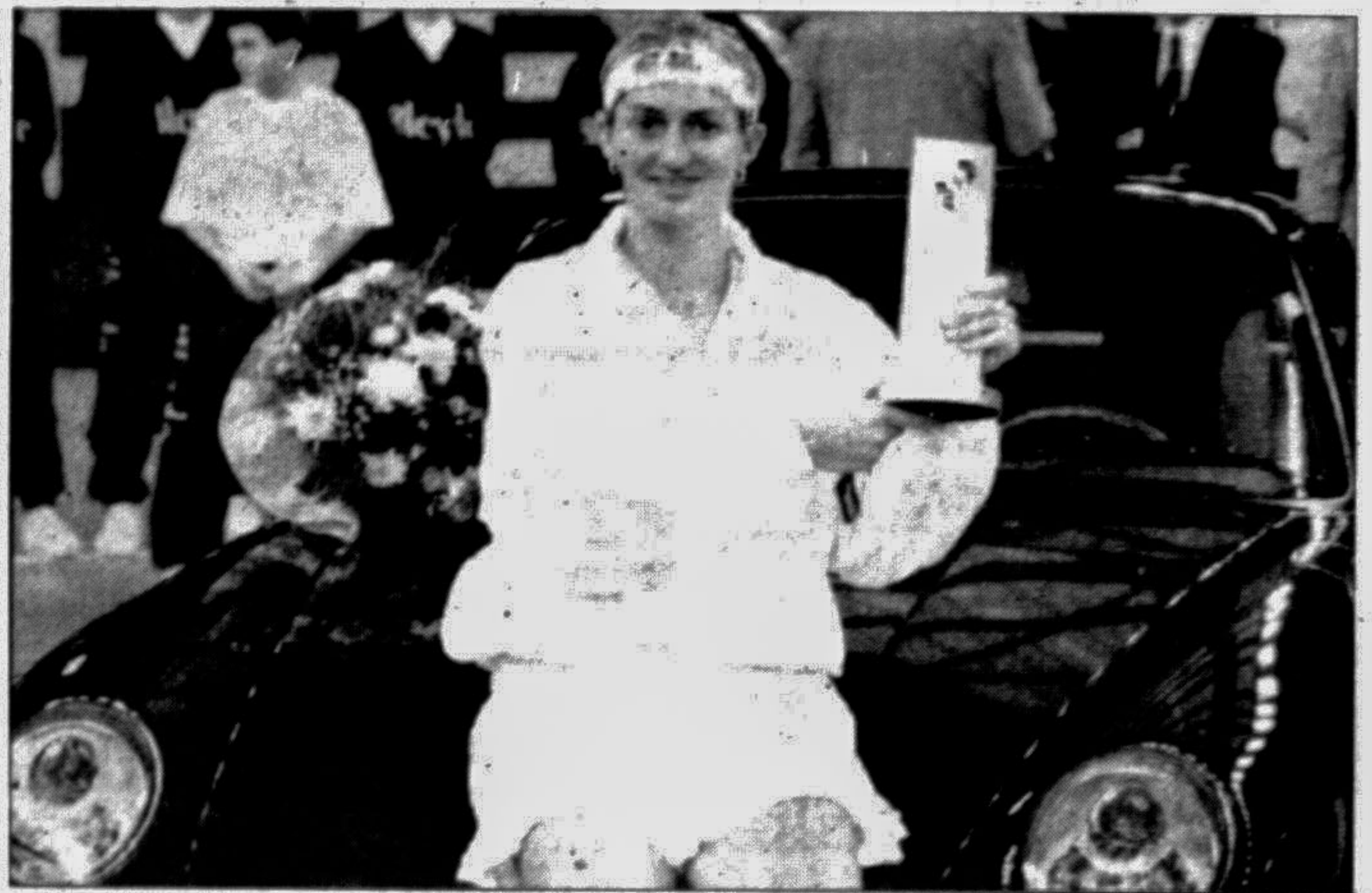
Danny Morrison, who had made 22-Test appearances, is the most experienced of the New Zealand bowlers, ahead of Willie Watson (16), Murphy Su'a (9) and Chris Cairns (7). Howarth said the New Zealanders were unlikely to test young spinner Mark Haslam in Tests against Australia.

"I'm not sure if he would figure in any Tests, but at some time we will have to expose him," said Howarth. "I am sure this tour is going to do him the world of good."

Haslam has played in just two Tests during New Zealand's tour of Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, picking up just one wicket.

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Mary Pierce of France who won the Filderstadt tennis tournament in Germany on October 17 poses happily with the memento and sports car Porsche which she won after beating Belarus' Natalia Zvereva in the final 6-3, 6-3. — AFP photo

A champ shakes off gremlins

PARIS, Oct 18: World number one Jan-Ove Waldner proved he is currently the world's best table tennis player by winning the \$4,000-dollar Paris Grand Prix on Sunday, reports AFP.

And the Swede agreed his 21-17, 21-15, 21-17 final win over Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive helped wipe away the memory of disappointments this season.

"It doesn't completely make up for losing in the World Championships, but it helps," he said.

"It's fun winning money," too, he joked at the thought of his 20,000 dollar winner's cheque.

"I started badly, but then I came more into the match. Saive seemed to have problems with my serve. It's probably the best I have played this season and it's very satisfying to win a big title."

Back and neck injuries seemed distant setbacks as the Swede sealed his 1993 season with a major title in this final of the world all stars circuit.

A loss to Saive in the World Championship semifinal on native soil in May followed by injuries which ruined his hope in the World Cup in August meant this was his last chance to restore his reputation this season.

In a rerun of last year's final, which Waldner also won in three sets, the 28-year-old from Stockholm ruled supreme at the Pierre de Coubertin Stadium.

He trailed 9-4 in the first game as Saive started with a flourish of winners, but Waldner then settled to take seven points in a row, mainly with forehand smashes.

Saive thrashed Waldner five months ago in the World Championship semi-finals, but the world number three could not make an impression this time.

And though he is currently in France, the country of world champion Jean-Philippe Gatien, Saive said: "I think the current two best players in the world were in the final."

Saive was in no doubt when the tide began to turn in favour of Sweden's Olympic champion.

"I started the match well when I led 9-4 in the first set," he said. "But at that moment, I missed two easy shots and he came back into the match very quickly. That was the turning point."

"If I had won the first set, it might have been very different. I tried to vary my shots but he anticipated everything."

Waldner controlled the second set until Saive pulled back

Pierce clinches Filderstadt indoor title

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 18: French third seed Mary Pierce cruised to a comfortable victory against Natalia Zvereva of Belarus in the final of the \$75,000 dollars Filderstadt indoor tennis tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The 13-year-old, ranked 16 in the world, won 6-3, 6-3 after beating German contenders in earlier rounds and shutting out American Zina Garrison-Jackson in the semifinals on Saturday.

The 2,800 spectators at the sold-out centre court on Sunday watched as Pierce destroyed her opponent's serve and captured the first set in 37 minutes after winning a break at 3-2.

Doubles specialist Zvereva, who with her American partner Gigi Fernandez has won the Wimbledon, Australia and French titles this year, had beaten defending champion Martina Navratilova in the quarter-finals on Friday.

Grenades gore ground

RANGOON, Burma, Oct 18: Two grenades tossed into a crowd at a soccer match killed seven and wounded 45, state radio and television reported Sunday night, reports AP.

The report said two ethnic Karen rebels fled after tossing the grenades Thursday at a match in a village in Ye town-ship, 240 kilometers (150 miles) southeast of Rangoon.

It was not clear how the attackers were identified as Karen rebels or why the attack was being reported three days late. All Burmese media are strictly controlled by the government, and such reports are not verifiable.

The Karen, based in eastern Burma, have been fighting the central government for greater autonomy since Burma's independence in 1948, but are not known for using terrorist tactics. The Karen National Union is the biggest of several ethnic-based groups in a united front battling the junta in Rangoon, which came to power in 1988 after bloodily suppressing pro-democracy demonstrations.

Guarantee money, a deterrent?

AUCKLAND, Oct 18: Some cricket Test playing nations could become isolated unless international administrators take action on tour revenue guarantees, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chairman Peter McDermott said Sunday, reports AFP.

New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe stood to lose hosting tours by the more popular and affluent cricket nations, McDermott said.

Unless a proper rota of tours was organised and contracts drawn up between all Test-playing countries, cricket would lose its international growth levels and, at worst, its popularity, he said.

Following a board meeting Saturday, the NZC called for the International Cricket Council (ICC) to move quickly.

"We are preparing a paper with our position and we now intend to submit it to the ICC by March," McDermott said.

Tour guarantees were negotiated between countries which had chosen to play each other and there was no consistency in the terms touring countries could be asking for, he said.

Escalating costs of guarantees tended to discriminate against New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

"South Africa, West Indies, Australia and England are in so much demand that the other countries could become isolated and that does not do much for expanding the game," McDermott said, adding:

"The ICC has an obligation to expand the game and to continue to develop it not just among Test nations but also among associate members."

While Sri Lanka gained Test status in 1982, it could not afford to host the West Indies because of high tour guarantee demands. Sri Lanka and the West Indies have never played a Test.

Zimbabwe's plight was worse still.

"They've been given Test status but no one wants to play there because financially, they struggle," McDermott said.

New Zealand faced a similar situation, with South Africa saying they are heavily committed to the turn of the century and could not tour New Zealand.

"It seems that when someone

want something from us we're treated as a major nation," McDermott said. "When we want something, it's the other way around."

Roche, Pfister win ATP Sr Tour title

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. Oct 18: Tony Roche and Hank Pfister won the ATP Senior Tour championship Sunday, beating Fred Stolle and Tom Gullikson, 6-4, 7-5 in a tournament in which the previous two days of play were rained out, reports AP.

With a doubles format in which a player in the 45 years and over category is teamed with one over 35, the senior tour completed a 10-event schedule, with seven of the tournaments in Europe.

The teams qualified for the final by winning their groups in round-robin play. These matches were cut back to one set to complete the tournament on time.

Roche, 48, one of the band of Australian superstars who dominated play in the 1960s and Pfister, 40, who won the US Open over 35 title three times, each collected \$10,000.

"I played five of these senior tournaments this year," Roche said. "It's great to play competitively like this again. Young guys like Pfister make it easier for us to get around, too."

"There's a place for the senior schedule. It appeals to the fans and should to sponsors. We also do clinics for them."

Stolle, a former Australian star, is 55. Gullikson, the new US Davis cup captain, is 42.

Roche, who won the over-45 seniors singles shootout, an elimination event using tiebreakers, won another \$3,000.

Pfister also earned \$13,000 as half of the title-team and winner of a one-set elimination tournament for the younger category group. He beat Gene Mayer, Mill Neck, NY, 6-3, in the final.

Riche, winner of 12 grand slam doubles titles and currently Ivan Lendl's coach, and Pfister won the first set, reaching a 5-2 lead by breaking Stolle's service twice.

Stolle and Pfister broke Roche's service at 15 as Pfister powered overheads. Pfister held service in the 16-point 10th game on his third set point after he and Roche fought off three break points.

Roche and Pfister then rallied from 1-4 in the second set, breaking Gullikson in the ninth game at 30 and Stolle in the 11th game at love.

Argentine spikers qualify

NEUQUEN, Argentina, Oct 18: Argentina qualified for the men's volleyball World Championships which will be held in Greece next year when the outplayed Peru 3-0 (15-4), 15-4, (15-8) in the final of the qualifying tournament here, reports AFP.

Ottey's new job

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct 18: Jamaica's 200 metre world champion Merlene Ottey was appointed a roving Ambassador by Prime Minister P. J. Patterson at the weekend, reports Reuter.

The designation of Ambassador at large entitles her to a diplomatic passport all the related travel privileges and the formal title of "excellency".

As one of her first official duties Ottey opened a telephone booth, the first one in her remote birthplace of Cold Spring, Western Jamaica.

Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Combined Sporting Club and Victoria Sporting Club won in their respective matches in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Victoria Sporting Club outclassed Shantinagar Sporting Club 5-0.

Raquibul Hossain scored three goals while Saleq and Naser scored once each for Victoria.

In day's other match, Combined Sporting Club overpowered Uttara Hockey Club 2-0.

Two field goals came from the sticks of Reaz Ali and Mahfuz Reza in the 38th and 47th minute of the play respectively.



Scene from yesterday's Second Division hockey league encounter between Uttara Hockey Club and Combined Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium. — Star photo

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A COMMONSENSICAL CANINE FLEES FLEAS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals F
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.