

# Uphill task in offing for NZ

**PERTH, Oct 25:** Two matches. Two defeats. New Zealand's cricket tour of Australia has not started as the Kiwis would have wished. New Zealand crashed to an innings and nine runs loss to the Western Australian state team at the WACA Ground on Sunday after earlier losing their tour opener against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI, reports AP. Former Australian vice-captain Geoff Marsh, a member of the Western Australian team, said Monday that the New Zealanders face a tough task in the upcoming three-Test series against the in-form Aussies. "I think New Zealand will have to play very well to beat Australia," Marsh said. "Australia, at the moment,

are very strong and the [fast] wickets will suit the Australian attack. New Zealand will certainly have to play a lot better than they have done." New Zealand have been hit by injuries and other problems during the first seven days of their four-month tour. Opener Mark Greatbatch is expected to be sidelined for a week with a broken finger, while senior batsman Andrew Jones is expected to return home in mid-December. Jones' wife Amanda is pregnant with the couple's first child and he wants to be with her for the birth. That could role him out of several games in the triangular World Series tournament against Australia and South Africa. New Zealand captain Martin Crowe said Monday that a replacement player may have to

be considered if left-hander Greatbatch does not make a rapid recovery. Crowe said the New Zealanders had improved on their first innings performance in the second innings against Western Australia, and he was encouraging by that. "Most of the guys got a start," he said. "The next phase is to kick on and build the big innings." "We'll hopefully be in form and be in the right frame of mind for the test match." The first Test against Australia begins in Perth on Nov 12. New Zealand next play an Australian Cricket Academy XI in a one-day match on Wednesday in Sydney and then face New South Wales in Newcastle in a four-day match that starts on Friday.

# Dowling out with a mission

**AUCKLAND, Oct 25:** New Zealand Cricket's (NZC) chief executive Graham Dowling was today enroute for Asia in a bid to clear up several vexing issues with Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan, reports AP. NZC chairman Peter McDermott said today the main aim of the visit will be to secure a commitment from the Indians to undertake a short visit here early next year. The Indians were to play four one-day matches in New Zealand in March but have said they would pull out unless a Test match was scheduled. "NZC is eager to accommodate them and Dowling is to negotiate a suitable itinerary," McDermott said. He is also to discuss a possible reciprocal visit as well as go through the international

touring roster with them. McDermott said it was likely that NZC, who want to take a higher profile international, would in future send Dowling overseas more regularly. Dowling will offer Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan any assistance he can in regards to the next World Cup, which the three countries are to jointly host. "He will also be seeking information on proposals to be taken to the International Cricket Council," McDermott said. New Zealand's decision to broach the issue over inconsistent and escalating tour guarantees will also be discussed by Dowling with all three countries. "He will sound them out to see what we are doing is on the right lines as far as their thinking goes," McDermott said.

While in Sri Lanka, Dowling will discuss their short tour of New Zealand here in 1994-95 and the four-nation centenary tournament. Dowling may also be able to gain an insight into the current spat between India and Pakistan. Pakistan are refusing to tour India later this year after death threats were issued by a militant right-wing Hindu party. That has apparently caused a breakdown in communications, with suggestions that India are threatening to pull out of jointly hosting the World Cup if Pakistan do not tour. In Pakistan, Dowling will finalise details of the New Zealand youth team's visit there next January as well as running over any other matters of concern before Pakistan visit New Zealand on their three-Test tour early next year.

# Now is the time to break jinx

**STOCKHOLM, Oct 25:** Maybe this time, Pete! Pete Sampras has failed to win the Stockholm Open in each of his three attempts, reaching the semifinals twice and the quarters once, reports AP. This could be the year for the American. The world's top-ranked player is on a roll while some of his chief challengers have been struggling in recent ATP tournaments. Sampras extended his streak to 12 straight match victories Sunday by beating Cedric Pioline at Lyon, France, and heads into this week's \$1.650,000 Stockholm Open as the man to beat. He lost in the semifinals to Boris Becker here in 1990 two months after becoming the youngest ever US Open cham-

ption at 19 years, 28 days. In 1991, Sampras lost again to the German in the quarterfinals and last year Guy Forget of France edged him in the semis, winning narrow tiebreakers in both sets. Sampras won Wimbledon and the US Open titles in his successful drive to regain the world's No. 1 ranking this year and will spend the next month in Europe trying to remain on top. "I'll give everything to stay No. 1, but if it doesn't happen I've still had a successful year," said Sampras, who won his seventh ATP title of the season at Lyon and pushed his earnings to more than \$2 million for the year. But the field in Stockholm — one of the world's premier indoor tournaments — will be a lot tougher than in Lyon. Goran Ivanisevic, who fired a tournament total of 71 aces en route to the Austrian Open title in Vienna Sunday, will be back to defend his title on the Green Set Trophy surface at the Globe Arena. Others include Jim Courier, who is seeded second behind Sampras, No. 3 Becker, No. 4 Michael Stich and local favourite Stefan Edberg. But Courier is coming off a poor fall campaign. So are Becker and Edberg. Becker made early exits in his last three tournaments in

Sydney, Australia, Tokyo and Lyon. But Becker usually plays well in Stockholm. He's won the tournament three times (1988 and 1990-91) and is one of the best ever indoors, having won 23 of his 38 career singles titles indoors. Edberg, who won back-to-back Stockholm Open titles in 1986-87, has dropped to sixth on the ATP rankings last week — the Swede's lowest ranking since 1984. The Swede, who made an early exit in the US Open two months ago after winning in New York in both 1991 and '92, did make the final Sunday in Hong Kong but lost 6-1, 6-4 to Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands. Afterward, Edberg described his performance as "horrible." A month ago, Edberg described as "horrible" his two singles setbacks when Germany whipped Sweden 5-0 in the Davis Cup semifinals at Borlange, Sweden. All seeded players in the 48-man draw received first-round byes. Sampras will play the winner between Carlos Costa of Spain and Andrei Chesnokov of Russia in his opening match, probably on Wednesday. On the bottom half of the draw, Courier faces the winner between David Wheaton and a qualifier in his second-round match.

# Zina Garrison's 2nd of the year

**BUDAPEST, Oct 25:** Top-seeded Zina Garrison-Jackson overcame a shaky start Sunday to beat Belgium's Sabine Appelmans 7-5, 6-2 at the 150,000 Budapest Open, earning her second tournament title of the year and 13th of her career, reports AP. Appelmans, seeded eighth and ranked 59th by the Women's Tennis Association, broke Garrison-Jackson on her first service game then and fought off four set points in the 10th game. But Garrison-Jackson, rated 19th by the WTA, broke Appelmans in game 12 to win the first set 7-5. The late break seemed to sap Appelmans, who was broken twice in the second set and went down easily. "It was a very tough tournament," Garrison-Jackson said. "Although I played better and better as the tournament went on, I was aware that it is always difficult for seeded players, because everybody wants to defeat them." Garrison-Jackson received \$27,000 for the victory. Appelmans received \$13,500. It was Garrison-Jackson's first title since winning an indoor event in Oklahoma City in the United States on Feb 21.

Defending champions the United States are pitted against Spain, New Zealand and an Asian qualifier. The first round action for this group will take place in Hobart on the island state of Tasmania in Australia. Hosts Australia will take on Italy and two Asian qualifiers in its group, which will be based in Adelaide.

# '94 world women's b'ball meet in June

**CANBERRA, Oct 25:** The draw for the 1994 World women's basketball championship was announced today in Sydney, Australia, reports Xinhua. Defending champions the United States are pitted against Spain, New Zealand and an Asian qualifier. The first round action for this group will take place in Hobart on the island state of Tasmania in Australia. Hosts Australia will take on Italy and two Asian qualifiers in its group, which will be based in Adelaide.



Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia holds aloft the trophy after defeating Thomas Muster of Austria in the final of Austrian Open in Vienna on Oct 24. Ivanisevic won the match 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6(7-3). — AFP photo

# India renews ultimatum

**NEW DELHI, Oct 25:** India will boycott the Asia Cup cricket meet in Pakistan if the latter does not participate in a cricket championship scheduled in India next month, the Press Trust of India reported Monday, reports AP. I.S. Bindra, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said Pakistan had not confirmed their participation in a six-nation cricket meet which will be played in 15 Indian cities. If the Pakistani team stayed away, then India will not play the Asia Cup in Pakistan in November-December. Bindra told reporters in the western Indian city of Baroda. The six-nation meet will also include teams from Sri Lanka, West Indies, South Africa and Zimbabwe, besides India. All of them have confirmed their participation. Indian sources said the Pakistani indecision was based on security considerations as Hindu militants have threatened to block the Pakistanis from playing in India.

# Bruno not gone for Burton

**LONDON, Oct 25:** British heavyweight Frank Bruno, who has fought in three world title fights and lost them all, said on Monday he would continue boxing — and wants another crack at the world heavyweight crown, reports Reuter. Many experts expected Bruno, 31, to retire after he lost to Britain's Lennox Lewis in their World Boxing Council (WBC) title fight in Cardiff three weeks ago. But Bruno said he would continue after his two daughters — Nicola, 11, and Rachel, six — pleaded with him not to hang up his gloves. Bruno told The Sun newspaper: "Nicola told me not to pack it in because she thought I should have won. My girls shocked me with the love, warm, and maturity they showed after the fight I am a lucky man." Bruno said he wanted another world title shot. "I don't mind working my way up from the bottom again. If that's what it takes to have another world title fight, so be it. I'll fight for the European title first, or the British title if I have to." "I'm fighting on because boxing is what I'm good at. People who say I should quit don't understand how a boxer's mind works." But promoter Frank Warren said: "Frank should pack it in. He's lost three times in World Championship fights and shown he can't do it. All it would achieve now is to get himself hurt." After retaining his title in Cardiff, Lewis urged Bruno to "retire gracefully" and Lewis's manager Frank Maloney repeated that view on Monday. Before losing to Lewis on October 2, Bruno's other world title defeats were to Tim Witherston in London in July 1986 and to Mike Tyson in Las Vegas in February 1989.

# Serve serves Ivanisevic well

**VIENNA, Oct 25:** Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic used his well-regarded serve to wear down top-seeded Austrian Thomas Muster 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) Sunday, and win the \$135,000 Austrian Open, reports AP. "It is very frustrating if you face him ... and you cannot crack those serves," Muster said. With the exception of the first set, in which Ivanisevic had five double faults, Muster looked overmatched, and many times just watched Ivanisevic's shots fly by. Muster, ranked ninth by the ATP Tour, had 18 aces, but Ivanisevic, ranked 12th, had 24 — including his fastest at 207 kph (128 mph), giving him 71 for the week. "I am very happy to have won here," said the 21-year-old Ivanisevic after winning the \$135,000. "But I didn't think it would be that tough." "Tom has played a good match. I can understand the disappointment of the crowd, but I have to thank them for having supported me throughout the week." Ivanisevic quickly put his double faults behind him and played with greater concentration and confidence after the first set to control the rest of the match. Muster, who described Ivanisevic as "the strongest server in the world," said he had a break chance in the second set which he narrowly missed to make it 2-0. With two sets against him, Muster managed to hold on for a tie-break he could not win. "In the tie-break he [Ivanisevic] simply is always the favorite because he only needs one or two points when I serve as he makes enough points when it's his turn," Muster said.



World number one Pete Sampras of the US kisses the Korloff Cup after defeating French Cedric Pioline in the Lyon Open tennis tournament on Oct 24. Sampras won the match 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, 7-5. — AFP photo

# Sampras completes treble

**LYON, Oct 25:** Pete Sampras beat Frenchman Cedric Pioline 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, 7-5, Sunday to win the Lyon tennis tournament for the third consecutive time and take possession of a diamond-studded trophy, reports AP. "It's a very beautiful trophy, just a little heavy after a week of tennis," said the American. Sampras paid tribute to Pioline, whom he easily beat 6-4, 6-2 last year. "He made great progress," he said. "He's a very strong player, he has a good serve and a wonderful forehand." Pioline, who reached a final for the sixth time in his career, was very disappointed. "I played as well as him. But he's stronger when he needs to be stronger. I nearly beat the world number one. I feel disappointed and angry," he said. It was Sampras's 19th tournament victory and seventh this year, including Wimbledon and the US Open. Pioline has yet to win in six tournament finals, including losses to Sampras at the US Open and at Lyon twice. It was the third consecutive week Pioline advanced to a final and lost. Sampras had not played since he won the US Open at the beginning of September. He now has 12 straight match

victories and heads to the Stockholm tournament this week. Sampras took \$82,000 in official prize money to push French quartet in Paris Open. PARIS, Oct 25: Henri Leconte and three other French players have received wild-card invitations for the \$1.2 million Paris Open organizers announced Monday, reports AP. Leconte, Olivier Delaitre, Rodolphe Gilbert and Guillaume Raoux, were accepted into the 48-player field for the Nov 1-7 event at the Bercy Sports Palace. Wimbledon and US Open champion Pete Sampras heads a field that includes 32 of the world's top 33 players. Andre Agassi, originally in the field as No. 23, withdrew with a wrist injury. Last year, Boris Becker won his third title in the seven years of the tournament. He went on to win the ATP World Championship. Other top players entered include Australian Open champion Jim Courier, now ranked No. 2 in the world behind Sampras, 1990 champion Stefan Edberg and French Open champion Sergi Bruguera.

his year earnings to more than \$2 million. He also took home a trophy by a Lyon jewelry company with 1,268 diamonds valued at more than \$500,000. Pioline, ranked No. 10 in the world without winning a tournament, received \$148,300 as runnerup. Sampras won the first set in more than an hour after dropping behind a break. He returned to equal it at 4-4. In the tiebreak Sampras served two aces to jump to a 4-1 lead. He held on to win at 7-5. Pioline raced through the second set in 26 minutes, giving Sampras just one game as the American suddenly made mistakes. In the sixth game Sampras was up 40-0 then made five consecutive unforced errors to lose the game and all behind 5-1. Pioline served out the set. The two players battled on even terms in the final set until 5-5. In the 11th game Sampras was serving and faced a break point. However two service winners and an ace gave Sampras a 6-5 lead. It was all even at 30-30 on Pioline's service in the next game. Then Sampras forced an error by Pioline at the net to give Sampras a match point. A weak forehand into the net by Pioline ended the 2 1/2 hour match. Dominique Beriod of France, running his second marathon, struggle through severe leg cramps in the last six miles to cross the finish line first in two hours 23 minutes and 52 seconds. He was 23 seconds ahead of Ecuador's Esteban Vaegas. But no winner was declared after witnesses claimed Beriod had cut several corners on the course, shaving about 35 yards off the 26.2 mile distance. "Officials are reviewing videotapes of the race and talking to witnesses," said marine corps chief warrant officer Robert Jenks. "It is impossible to say when that might be completed." Tragedy hit the race when Julius Becz of New Jersey collapsed at about the 23-mile mark. He was airlifted to hospital where he was pronounced dead half an hour later. It was the third death in the 18-year history of the race. A man died in 1986 and a woman in 1990 — both of heart attacks. Beriod said he did not think he cheated. "In Europe, I am used to people cutting corners, I saw the opportunity and decided to take advantage of it. Nobody told me I couldn't do it." Holly Ebert of the United States won the women's race in 2:28.41.

# Novotna clinches Brighton title

**BRIGHTON, England, Oct 25:** Jana Novotna clinched her first title since losing at Wimbledon by beating second seed Anke Huber 6-2, 6-4 in the final of the Brighton Classic Women's Tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter. But although the 25-year-old Czech thoroughly deserved the winner's cheque for 50,000 pounds sterling (74,000 dollars) more questions were raised about her now infamous inability to close out a match which has earned her the tag of "choker". Novotna led 4-2 in the second set but her service, which produced a total of seven double faults, let her down badly as Huber broke back and levelled at 4-4. The Czech captured the 18-year-old German's delivery for the fifth time to lead 5-4 before she nervously served for the title. Three match points came and went when two forehands drifted out and a backhand volley under pressure sailed long. But Novotna finally scrambled home at the fourth attempt when Huber drove a tired forehand into the tramlines. Novotna said: "My serve was horrible today and I really have to work hard on that. If I put in a few more first serves the match would be so much easier to win." Huber said: "At the end she was getting a little bit nervous but I still could not take control of the match." In the Wimbledon women's final in July, Novotna held a 4-1, 40-30 advantage over Steffi Graf in the deciding set but lost, weeping later on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent.

# Pathos, baths in marathon

**WASHINGTON, Oct 25:** A 58-year-old man died of a heart attack Sunday while running the Marine Corps Marathon, and the first-place finisher was accused of cutting corners on the course, reports AP. "It is impossible to say when that might be completed." Tragedy hit the race when Julius Becz of New Jersey collapsed at about the 23-mile mark. He was airlifted to hospital where he was pronounced dead half an hour later. It was the third death in the 18-year history of the race. A man died in 1986 and a woman in 1990 — both of heart attacks. Beriod said he did not think he cheated. "In Europe, I am used to people cutting corners, I saw the opportunity and decided to take advantage of it. Nobody told me I couldn't do it." Holly Ebert of the United States won the women's race in 2:28.41.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Musical conclusion

5 Rock concert

8 Ins' locale

12 Calm

14 "Wozzeck" composer

15 Ohio city

16 "Rule Britannia" composer

17 Scoundrel

18 Supplied personnel

20 Bucks

23 Dance partner?

24 What there oughta be

25 Everyday

28 Roulette bet

29 Butcher's wares

30 Word before hand or hat

32 March along

34 "Like It Hot"

35 "Oh, wool!"

37 He deals in suit-

**DOWN**

1 Dol

2 Man-mouse link

3 Lauria of "The Wonder"

4 One of the royals

5 Neighbor of Switz.

6 "Ferdinand" cartoonist

7 Massachusetts port

8 River in central Africa

9 "My Little Margie" dad

10 Sea bird

11 Like some cheeses

13 Wharf

19 Farm critters?

20 Scratch

**Solution time: 25 min.**

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GINA APE BEEP  
HAY PSI  
FIRSTS TALCUM  
OMAHA LLANO  
PAYOLA DAYTON  
RAP ADO  
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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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**Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE POSTAL EMPLOYEE RETURNED TO HIS OLD STAMPING GROUNDS TODAY.**

Today's Cryptoquip clue: B 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.