Tauziat's first

since 1991

Nathalie Tauziat of France won

her first title since 1991 with a

6-4, 6-1 victory over Katerina

Maleeva of Bulgaria in the final

of the 150,000 dollars Bell

Challenge tennis tournament on

seized momentum with a criti-

cal first-set service break and

rolled to victory over the fourth

the 18th-ranked Tauziat, whose

last title came at a lower-eche-

lon event in Val D'oise. France

Tauziat said she was deter-

mined to overcome a pair of

disappointment earlier this year

when she narrowly missed

reaching finals at Schenectady,

New York and Filderstadt.

other tournaments this year

and I missed them. I really

wanted to win this time," added

Tauziat who earned 27,000

The match was evenly con-

tested through the first nine

games of the opening set. But

Tauziat broke Maleeva at 5-4 to

take the first set and she was

point came a bit later when she

failed to convert game points in

both the third and fourth games

"If I had gone ahead 3-1 in-

stead of being down 1-3 in the

second set it might have been a

different story," Maleeva said.

"On the important points, when

she was down, Nathalie served

Regis de Camaret with the im-

provement in her delivery.

Tauziat said.

with my volleying

Tauziat credited her coach

"He has really been helpful."

"For this whole tournament

"It makes me laugh because

three years ago everyone said I

had a lousy serve. Now all the

Lu's best ever

China won her first major in-

ternational figure skating

championship Sunday, captur-

International, reports AP.

skate programme.

or emotion.

ing the Skate Canada

well for the Lillehammer

Olympics. Lu, the bronze

medalist at the 1993 world

Championships, prevailed in

the concluding women's free

Olga Markova of Russia.

In a performance that bodes

OTTAWA, Nov 8: Lu Chen of

'players say that it's great."

served well and backed it up

Maleeva felt the turning

"I'd had my chances at two

"I played well all week," said

The third-seeded Tauziat

Sunday, reports Reuter.

seed in 68 minutes.

in 1991.

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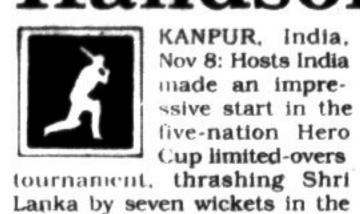
dollars.

on her way.

of the second set.

QUEBEC CITY, Nov 8:

Handsome start for hosts



opening match here today.

reports AFP. Lanky seamer Javagal Srinath took a career-best five for 24 in 6.4 overs as Shri Lanka were bundled out for a paltry 203 after being asked to bat first at the overflowing Green Park Stadium here.

India backed by 35,000 boisterous fans raced to victory in the 45th over with Vinod Kambli striking a breezy 78 and skipper Mohammad Azharuddin an unbeaten 75.

The Shri Lankan innings failed to gain momentum as India struck vital blows at regular intervals after a 43-run opening stand between Roshan Mahanama and Asanka Gurusinha.

From a comfortable 116 for two in the 33rd over Shri Lanka lost their last eight wickets for the addition of only 87 runs as India bowled and fielded superbly.

Mahanama topscored for Shri Lanka with an attractive 73. Aravinda de Silva made 33 and Hashan Tillekeratne contributed 35, but the other batsmen fell like nine pins.

Srinath, whose previous best figures were five for 41 against England earlier this year. Generated bounce and movement on the slow wicket to trouble the batsmen. He was later named man-of-the-match.

Shri Lankan seamer Pramodaya Wickramasinghe raised his team's hopes when he removed Indian openers Manoj Prabhakar and Woorkeri Raman by the 11th over with the score at 40.

Left-handed Raman, playing instead of the injured Navjot Sidhu was trapped leg before with the first ball he faced in the opening over. Prabhakar made 20 before he was caught by Ruwan Kalpage.

Kambli and Azharuddin thwarted the Shri Lankans with a 100-run stand for the third wicket after Wickramasinghe left the field due to a knee injury while fielding.

Left-handed Kambli struck nine boundaries before he was caught in he deep off seamer Dulip Liyanage in the 34th over.

Azharuddin and his deputy Sachin Pendulkar (26 not out) easily knocked off the remaining runs against the seven-man-Shri Lankan attack.

It was Azharuddin's fourth successive one-day half century against the Shri Lankans, having achieved the feat in all the three internationals India played on the tour of the island in August.

South Africa, West Indies and Zimbabwe are the other teams taking part in the threeweek tournament being organised to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Cricket Association of Bengal.

Each team will play the other once in the round-robin league, with the top four teams qualifying for the semifinals. The final is slated for November 27 at Calcutta's Eden Gardens. In the next match on

week's ATP World Champion-

ships - at the 1.11 million

dollar European Community

in the way of his deadly serve this week will be Pete Sampras.

the world's No. 1, and Germans

Michael Stich and Boris Becker.

month's Davis Cup final, both

Germany and Australia have

their top players entered in the

last ATP event before the World

two months now," Ivanisevic

said Sunday after winning the

Paris Indoor Open with an awe-

He will need to continue that

The Croatian asked the

this week at the ECC, which

Antwerp organisers for a wild-

card into the tournament to

make sure he would get into the

World Championships, which

brings together the top eight

he is certain to improve on his

ready held by Sampras. Jim

Courier, Sergi Bruguera, Mich-

ael Stich, Stefan Edberg and

Ivanisevic. Becker and

France's Cedric Pioline will be

in Antwerp trying to clinch one

of the two remaining slots.

American Michael Chang, still

ranked seventh going into the

week, could be ousted by one of

them since he won't be playing

Championships last year, but

has been struggling for most of

Becker won the World

By winning the Paris event.

Six of the eight slots are al-

some display of 27 aces.

opens Monday.

players of the year.

Andrei Medvedev.

at Antwerp.

the year

world ranking of 11th.

Twe been playing great for

Championships in Frankfurt.

And in a preview of next

The top opposition standing

Championship, reports AP.

ANTWERP, Belgi-

um, Nov 8: Goran

vanisevic is going

for his third win

in a month — and

a place in next

Tuesday, Shri Lanka will meet the West Indies at Bombay's Wankhede Stadium.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first innings in the Hero Cup oneday international between India and Shri Lanka being played in Kanpur on Sunday: SHRI LANKA:

R S Mahanama bw



J SRINATH...man-of-match

AP Gurusinha c Yadav b Srinath ST Jayasuriya c Sharma b Srinath P A de Silva run out A Ranatunga c and b Tendulkar HP Tillekeratne c Srinath b Prabhakar

RS Kaluwirthana c Sharma b Chauhan DP Livanage c Kapil b Srinath

> RS Kalpage c Kumble b Srinath CP Ramanayake not GP Wickramasinghe c Kapil b Srinath Extras: (lb5, w8) Total: (all out, 49.4

overs) Fall of wickets: 1-43: 2-53:

	ran or w				
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	188; 8-200;	9-202.			
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	Prabhakar	7	2	27	1
	Kapil	7	- 0	30	0
	Srinath	6.4	1	24	5
	Tendulkar	10	2	27	1
	Kumble	10	0	46	0
	Chauhan	6	0	28	2
	Sharma	3	0	16	.0
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b Wickramasinghe 0 VG Kambli c Ramanayake b Liyanage M A Azharuddin not out S R Tendulkar not out Extras: (lb4, w2) Total: (for three wickets 205 44.4 overs)

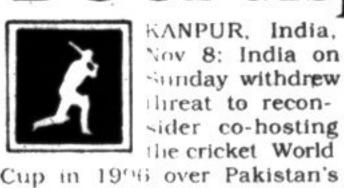
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Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-40; 3-

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wicket Man-of-the-match: Javagal 35 Srinath

BCCI dispels doubts



refusal to play in an international one-day tourna ment and then tour India, reports Reuter.

"There is no danger to the World Cup to be hosted jointly by India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka, Inderjit Bindra, presi dent of the new Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said,

"Both cricket boards wanted the tour to take place but Pakistan's team was not cleared by the government in that country and there is nothing the cricket authorities can do about this," Bindra told reporters.

"The only impact of the Pakistan tour being called off could be that vested interests which did not want the World Cup to return to the sub-continent may exploit the situation," he added without elabo-

Sources on the previous Indian board said they had threatened to take the issue of the World Cup venue back to the International Cricket Conference (ICC) which awarded it to the sub-continent

Topguns set out for Antwerp

He was still ranked fourth

going into the Paris Open, but

his early exit there will drop

him well back. Like Ivanisevic.

he also won a wild-card berth

into the ECC. But he will have

to finish high at the 10,000-seat

in February, if Pakistan did not come to India this year.

Pakistan citing threats to its Muslim players from hardline Hindu nationalists in Bombay, said it could not play in the one-day tournament that started on Sunday to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Cricket Association of Bengal.

Nor could it make the tour scheduled to follow the tournament which features India. Shri Lanka, South Africa, West Indies and Zimbabwe.

The decision infuriated India although diplomats said the New Delhi government was partly to blame and there were private muttering about refusing to play Pakistan anywhere until the tour of India took

Bindra, whose board was elected last month, suggested that could be real, saying India would not now play in the Asia Cup due to take place in Pakistan.

"The contract with the Pakistan board was that they will first have to tour India and only then an Indian team will return the visit," he said.

Bindra said Shri Lanka. would replace Pakistan as the current season's tourists, playing five one-day matches and three Tests. He gave no dates.

Sports Palace to be able to de-

Sampras, the world's No. 1

and the top seed here, will face

fellow American David Wheaton.

ranked 47th, in his first match

fend his title in Frankfurt.

here set for Tuesday.

Bulgaria's Maria Petrova performs at the rhythmic

gymnastics World Championships in Spain on Nov 7.

Petrova won all five events to become the world champion.

-AFP photo

Clean sweep for Indonesia in Thai Open

BANGKOK, Nov 8: Defending champions Joko Suprianto and Susi Susanti, both of Indonesia successfully retained their respective men's and women's singles titles in the 90,000 US dollars Thailand Open badminton championships which ended Sunday, reports AFP.

In the men's singles final 1993 world champion Suprianto defeated compatriot Hermawan Susanto in straight sets 15-11, 15-3 to win the top 5,850 dollars in prize money. The women's singles final

saw two-time Thai Open champion Susi Susanti win the title for the third straight year when she beat Thailand's Somharuethai Jaroensiri 12-10, 11-3 to receive the 4,500-dollar prize. In the women's doubles final

unseeded Chinese pair Gu Fei and Gu Jun beat compatriots Li Qi and Har Jingua 15-5, 15-

The mixed doubles title was won by Chinese pair of Chen Xiungdong and Sun Man with a 15-5, 15-11 win over Liu Jianjun and Wang Xiaoyuan of China.

In the men's doubles finals Indonesia's Guanawan and Bambang Suprianto beat Indonesia's Imay Hendra and Dicky Purowrsugions 15-5, 15-7.

Stark on a roll

PARIS, Nov 8: Jonathan Stark may not be doing as well as his old doubles partner, but he's making good progress, reports AP.

The American from Medford Ore, has won six consecutive weeks on the pro tour. Stark and Byron Black of Zimbabwe defeated Czech Cyril Suk and Dutchman Tom Nijssen, 4-6, 7-5. 6,2 to win the Paris Open doubles title Sunday along with 127,000 dollars.

Since the beginning of October, Stark has won doubles championships in Basel Switzerland, Toulouse, France, Vienna, and Paris. He won a singles crown in Bolzano, Italy, and took a challenger tournament last week in Brest France.

"After six Sundays in a row, I'm pretty tired," Stark said. "Singles is really what I want to do but sharing victories is good

Six years ago, Stark was on the US junior team with Jim Courier and David Wheaton. That year, he won the French Open junior doubles title with Courier.

Courier has gone on to win two Australian and two French Open singles titles and hold the No. 1 world ranking for a while.

Wheaton won the 1991 Grand Slam Cup, worth 2 million dollars.

Stark started the year ranked 85th, but jumped to 57th when he beat Courier in Tokyo in April. He is now 37th in the world.

Since forming a doubles team with Black, he has won four titles and made the semifinals in the other tournament. "It's pretty amazing consider-

ing we had never played together before," Stark said. "It's a good combination with his return and my serve."

Cash plans a comeback

SYDNEY, Nov 8: Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash is to return to the tennis circuit with a singles wildcard entry at the New South Wales Open in January, reports Reuter.

Cash, 28, who won the men's title at Wimbledon in 1987, has had recurring knee problems that has kept him out of the sport this year and languishing outside the top

The Australian serve and volley specialist will play at the tournament, held between January 10-16 the week before the Australian Open in a men's field which includes Andrei Medvedev, Thomas Múster Ivan Lendl, and Petr Korda.

A spokeswoman for the Australian Open said a wildcard was available for Cash to playing the Grand Slam event providing he was match fit.

Kremlin Cup tennis

MOSCOW, Nov 8: Marc Rosset, Bjorn Borg and other famous tennis players will compete in the fourth Italtel Kremlin Cup tournament opening here Monday, reports

champion, is considered a favourite in the 350,000 dollar tournament. He won it last

countries include the Russian player Andrei Cherkasov and Israeli Amos Mansdorf.

Yeltsin, an amateur tennis player greeted participants Sunday with a special message he signed as a "long-time tennis

The tournament ends November 14.



Croatian Goran Ivanisevic (R) and Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev (L) pose with their trophies after the Paris Open final Nov 7. Ivanisevic defeated the Ukrainian teenager 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7/2). -AFP photo

Ivanisevic blazes with aces

power which made short work

of Medvedev. "I don't care. They

want five sets but I don't want

chances," said Medvedev, who

has won five titles on clay. "But

Ivanisevic had been im-

pressive in beating No. 1-

ranked Pete Sampras, No. 6

Stefan Edberg, No. 7 Michael

Chang and No. 8 Medvedev in

one tournament is not easy so

you have to play good," said

Ivanisévic, who won 314,000

dollars to put his official 1993

earnings just short of 1 million

a match point against Swede

Jonas Svensson in his first

first set came when Medvedev

match of the tournament.

He did however have to save

Ivanisevic's only worry in the

"To beat four top 10 guys in

"On clay I would have a lot of

to play five sets," he said.

indoors it is very hard."

the last four matches.

dollars.



PARIS, Nov 8: (128 Mph). Goran Ivanisevic continued late-season comeback by blasting 27 aces to over-

power Andrei Medvedev, 6-4, 6-2. 7-6(7-2) and win the 2.1 million dollar Paris Open Sunday, reports AP. It was the ninth-seeded

Croatian's ninth career title and third this year. It was also the third consecutive final for Ivanisevic, who won in Vienna two weeks ago and lost in Stockholm last week. Medvedev, seeded eighth, was in his first indoor final.

The 22-year-old Ivanisevic has made a strong comeback on the tour after a stress fracture in his right foot at the start of 1993. He won his first singles title of the year at the inaugural Bucharest Open on clay in September.

"This year I have been struggling a lot," Ivanisevic said. "But I have been playing well the last two months and this is like a gift for the hard work." "After the US Open I went to

practice more," he said. "I started to play with more fun." Ivanisevic gave a hint of things to come against Medvedev when he blasted four aces in his first service game. two more than 200 kilometres

an hour (125 mph). He ended

with 97 aces for the tournament

with a fastest speed of 206 kph

No wonder, since her oppo-

nent in Bank of the West

Jackson, whom she had beaten

32 of 33 times. The result was

no surprise, with Navratilova

winning 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) Sunday

for her fifth singles title of the

game than the others I played

this week." said Navratilova, the

top seed and the world's third-

ranked player. "I was more

mentally ready today then I was

And that was despite a fun

"I had a hard time getting to

night out at a Melissa Etheridge

"Zina plays a totally different

year, reports AP.

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concert.

Classic final was Zina Garrison-

match.

OAKLAND, Calif.

Nov 8: After an up-

and-down week,

Martina Navrati

lova finally felt

prepared for a

had a break point in the sixth game. Ivanisevic swatted that aside with a service winner and won the game an ace. Ivanisevic took the lead with a service break in the next game, passing Medvedev at the

From then on it was a race to the finals. Ivanisevic ended the first set in 32 minutes, and

had two breaks and five more

No wonder, Navratilova won

sleep because I was so psyched

up from it," said Navratilova,

who won the tournament for the

fifth time and posted her 166th

forced to fend off two match

points in Saturday's semifinal

by 17-year-old Lindsay Daven-

port, Navratilova had a much

easier time with Garrison-

Jackson, breaking her in the

In the second set, the two

opening game and again at 4-2.

traded breaks, then Garrison-

Jackson broke Navratilova at

love and won the next game,

several key volleys, Navratilova

got back in the match, winning

the next three games and even-

tually forcing the tiebreaker.

She won six points in a row to

take it 7-1 and raise her

"Once I got into the tiebrea-

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tiebreaker record to 161-70.

Buoved by the crowd and

again at love, to lead 5-2.

Taken to three sets and

career singles title.

aces in the 26-minute second The crowd occasionally booed Ivanisevic's show of

time I wanted to hit an ace, I hit an ace," the Croatian said.

handed Ivanisevic.

serve with the right hand," Medvedev joked. Ivanisevic served for the match and had his only laps when he double-faulted to allow

Medvedev to even it at 5-5 and eventually force a tiebreaker. However Ivanisevic had two aces in the tiebreaker to move

hour 45-minute match

already clinched by Sampras, Jim Courier, Sergi Bruguera, Michael Stich, Edberg and

Ivanisevic, last year's chamin contention for the two Antwerp, Belgium.

"I was playing great. Every

Medvedev thought he had the answer to stop the left-

"Maybe there was something I could do — to come to him on the changeover and ask him to

to a 6-1 lead and then won with a delicate lob, ending the one-Ivanisevic increased his

chances to gain a spot in the season-ending ATP World Championships, which gathers the top eight players of the year. Six of the eight slots are

Medvedev.

pion Boris Becker, Chang and France's Cedric Pioline ar still remaining spots. Ivanisevic. Becker and Pioline are entered in this week's European Community Championships in

ker I was confident." Navratilova

said. "Everything was working. I

was faultless. I served well and

backed it up with a decent

The only points Garrison-

Garrison-Jackson, whose

Jackson won was on a back-

hand return that Navratilova

thought was going to sail long.

only victory against Navratilova

came in the quarterfinals of the

1988 US Open. She also lost to

This time, she was happy

with her match but not with the

My game plan was to put

pressure on her, but I missed

some forehands today that I've

usually been making," said the

19th-ranked Garrison, who has

won this tournament twice. "In the first set I was lucky to get

my racket on the ball, but in

the second set I started to get

some confidence."

Navratilova in the 1990 Wim-

bledon final.

with her second straight highly theatrical and effective programme, finished second and Karen Preston of Canada took

Preston, expected to win the silver behind Lu, delivered a clean short programme to sit second entering Sunday's long programme. But she came out wooden, landing most of her jumps but showing little grace

"I was really relaxed until after the warmup and then it hit me like a rock in the stomach," Preston said. "I was fighting for the technical elements. We don't live in the Peggy Flaming era when a spiral wins it. You have to have your technical elements. It was brutal work."

Canada's Kurt Browning, the four-time world champion, claimed the men's title Saturday night with his familiar Casablanca long programme. He landed five triples but wobbled on the landing of

"I expected it to be a little bumpy, but I felt better than it looked," browning said. "It just needs more running. I guess."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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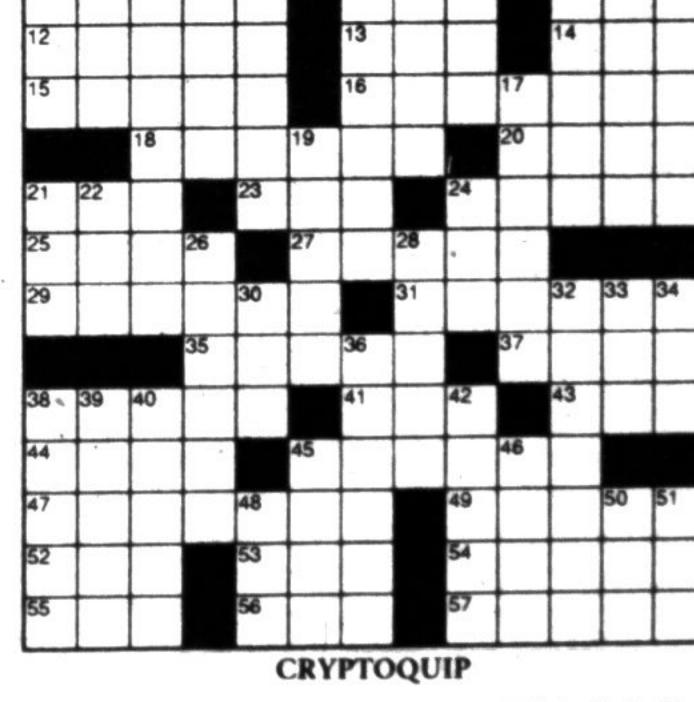
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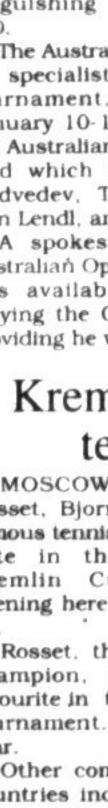
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUR NEIGHBOR, THE DOCTOR, HAD A FAVORITE MOVIE: "OF HUMAN BANDAGE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: M 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.



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