## Zimbabwe, Campbell camp

Javed Miandad b Streak



RAWALPINDI, Dec 10: A defiant knock of 63 by Alistair Campbell \*helped Zimbabwe reach 129 for 4

in reply to Pakist-an's first innings 245 on the second day of their second Test here Friday, reports AFP.

Coming in after Zimbabwe lost opener Grant Flower for a duck in he very first over. Campbell and Mark Dekker deftly stemmed the pace attack of Pakistani captain Wasim Akram and his deputy Wagar Younis.

Campbell, who received a painful blow on the face from a rising delivery by Akram, got over the shock to score 63, his best in Test cricket, which included 10 fours and a six.

He succumbed after tea to Ataur Rehman who trapped him lbw.

Dave Houghton was next to go with only five to his credit, caught by Asif Mujtaba of Ashfaq Ahmed, getting the first wicket in his Test debut.

Soon afterwards, Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower fell at 12 to Waqar Younis who had him caught by Wasim Akram. Dekker was still at the

crease with 37, along with Guy Whittal on zero, at the close of Earlier, Zimbabwe bowlers

made quick strikes when Pakistan resumed their first innings at overnight 185 for five. Homeside wicketkeeper,

Rashid Latif, whose rearguard sixth-wicket stand with Asif Mujtaba steered Pakistan through difficulties Thursday, was first to go, out lbw to Dave Brain at 33.

Wasim Akram could make only 11 before being caught by Campbell off Eddo Brandes, with Pakistan on 209.

Mujtaba, playing cautiously, completed his fifth half century in Test cricket to remain not out at 61.

Play resumes on Saturday at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

#### SCOREBOARD

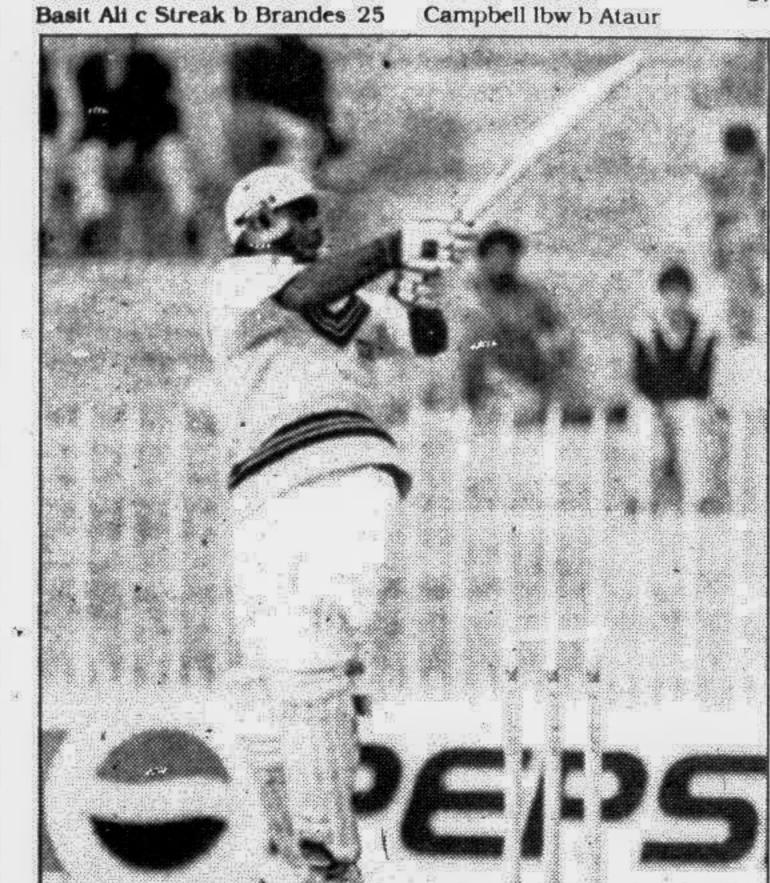
Scoreboard on the second day of the second cricket test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Friday:

PAKISTAN: First innings

(overnight 185-5) Aamir Sohail c Houghton b Shoaib Mohammad lbw b Inzamamul Haq b Brain

23.2 Streak Whittal 17 Peall Zimbabwe: First innings G Flower c Inzamam b Akram 0

Dekker not out



Pakistani batsman Basit Ali hooks the ball to the boundary on the first day of the second Test against Zimbabwe in - AFP photo Rawalpindi on Dec 9.

Asif Multaba not out Rashid Latif lbw b Brain 33 Wasim Akram c Campbell b Brandes Wagar Younis lbw b Brandes

Ataur Rehman Ibw b Brain 10 Asfaq Ahmed c A Flower b Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-2, nb-3)

Total: Fall of wickets: 1-29; 2-33; 3-99: 4-101: 5-131: 6-187: 7-209; 8-225; 9-241 Bowling: Brandes 32 5 82

Rehman Houghton c Mujtaba b Ashfaq 5 A Flower c Akram b Wagar 12 Whittal not out Extras: (b-5, lb-1, w-1, nb-5)12 Total: (4 wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-102;

3-110; 4-126. To bat: G Bruk-Jackson, H Streak, S Peall, E Brandes, D Brain.

Bowling: R 2 39 Wasim Akram Wagar Younis 2 30 Ashfaq Ahmed

# Ataur Rehman

# Familiar faces meet again



MUNICH, Germany, Dec 10: Michael Stich and Stefan Edberg towards an 300,000 do-

llars showdown at the Grand Slam Cup as little-known New Zealander Brett Steven's lucrative run finally ended on Thursday, reports Reuter. Stich had to pull out some

big shots to beat the unheralded Steven 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 and will now meet Edberg in Saturday's semifinals after the Swede also recovered from a set down to beat South African Wayne Ferreira 6-7, 6-1, 6-0.

The winner of the best-offive sets encounter will be guaranteed 812,500 dollars as a runner-up and a possible winning cheque of 1.625 million dollars in a tournament the cynics like to call the bank vault open.

Germany's Stich has won six of their 10 encounters in the past although the Swedish world number five came off best on their last clash on carpet in the quarter-finals of the Paris Open.

Steven, meanwhile, was reflecting on the most lucrative week of his life. He nearly matched his total earnings for the year when he picked up 262,500 dollars for beating

Frenchmen Cedric Pioline in the first round on Wednesday.

Edberg, who lost in the first round in both his previous appearances at the six million dollars event, showed signs he could have the edge over Stich, the defending champion.

He looked sharp in the second and third sets against Ferreira, while the German world number two has had a gruelling last month in winning the ATP World Championship and leading Germany to Davis Cup triumph.

After losing the first set 7-5 in the tiebreak, Edberg's game" took off against Ferreira. The Swede made key breaks of serve in the second, fourth and sixth games of the decisive third set to finish off the con-

Stich had to battle harder against Steven, the 24-year-old from Auckland who earned the right to come to Munich because he reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open.

Eintracht toppled BONN, Dec10 A lone goal by New Zealand striker Wynton Rufer in the 49th minute enabled German champions Werder Bremen to beat Eintracht Frankfurt 1-0 and topple them from the top of the table on

Saturday, reports Reuter.

The New Zealander, who has never won a tournament, was originally a replacement, earning a mere 50,000 dollars

without hitting a ball in public. But the Dutchman Richard Krajicek's injured knee gave the New Zealander a luckybreak and for a time he looked like causing a sensation.

In the early stages against Stich he played a solid game on the fast carpeted court to take the opening set 7-5 after 45 minutes.

Even when Stich broke in the third game of the second set and went on to take a 5-1 lead the New Zealander refused to concede straight away.

He saved two set points in the seventh game and broke the German in the next game before Stich took advantage of the first of three set points to clinch the set 6-4. The world champion stayed cool under pressure to clinch the match in the third.

"It is the biggest payday I have ever had. It is a great thrill to be involved in a tournament of this magnitude."

In today's other two quarter-finals. American world number one Pete Sampras plays his compatriot Michael Chang while French Open Champion Sergi Bruguera plays Czech Petr Korda.

### WC seedings

LONDON, Dec 10: The Netherlands, World Cup finalists in 1978 and one of the favourites for the 1994 finals, are in the third rank of seeds for next week's draw in Las Vegas, reports Reuter.

The top-seeded nations for the 24-team tournament are hosts the United States and holders Germany, together with Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Belgium.

Cameroon have been promoted to the second group of seeds on the strength of their quarter-final appearance in the 1990 finals in Italy.

The seedings are based on points awarded for team's performances in the last three World Cups, and the Dutch failed to qualify in 1982 and 1986 and were eliminated in the second round in 1990.

Each of the six first-round groups for the 1994 World Cup finals in the US will contain one side from the four ranks of

The organising committee will decide which groups play in which cities immediately after the draw, although Germany will play two of their first three games in Chicago.

· The other venue cities are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, Boston, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Orlando and Dallas.

Seedings: Group One: United States, Germany, Argentina, Italy, Brazil, Belgium.

Group Two: Spain, Russia. Cameroon, Ireland, Romania, Mexico.

Group Three: Colombia, Netherlands, Morocco, Bulgaria, South Korea, Sweden.

Group Four: Bolivia, Greece, Nigeria, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland.

### Seles hints a comeback

NEW YORK, Dec 10: Tennis star Monica Seles, out of action for months because of a stabbing wound, hinted strongly Thursday that she will defend her Australian Open title next month, but said she still needs more match play reports Reuter.

"I still need some time, want to be happy with my game, I could have played exhibition games in December but people deserve to see me my best," Seles, the women's number one when she was stabbed in the back last April during a tournament in Germany, told Cable News Network.

"I'm working towards the Australian Open, but I need some match play before that," Seles said in excerpts of the interview provided by CNN. "I'm waiting till I'm confident and happy with myself," she said.

Seles, 19, was attacked by a knife-wielding man at the Hamburg tournament and suffered cuts to her back that left her unable to play tennis.

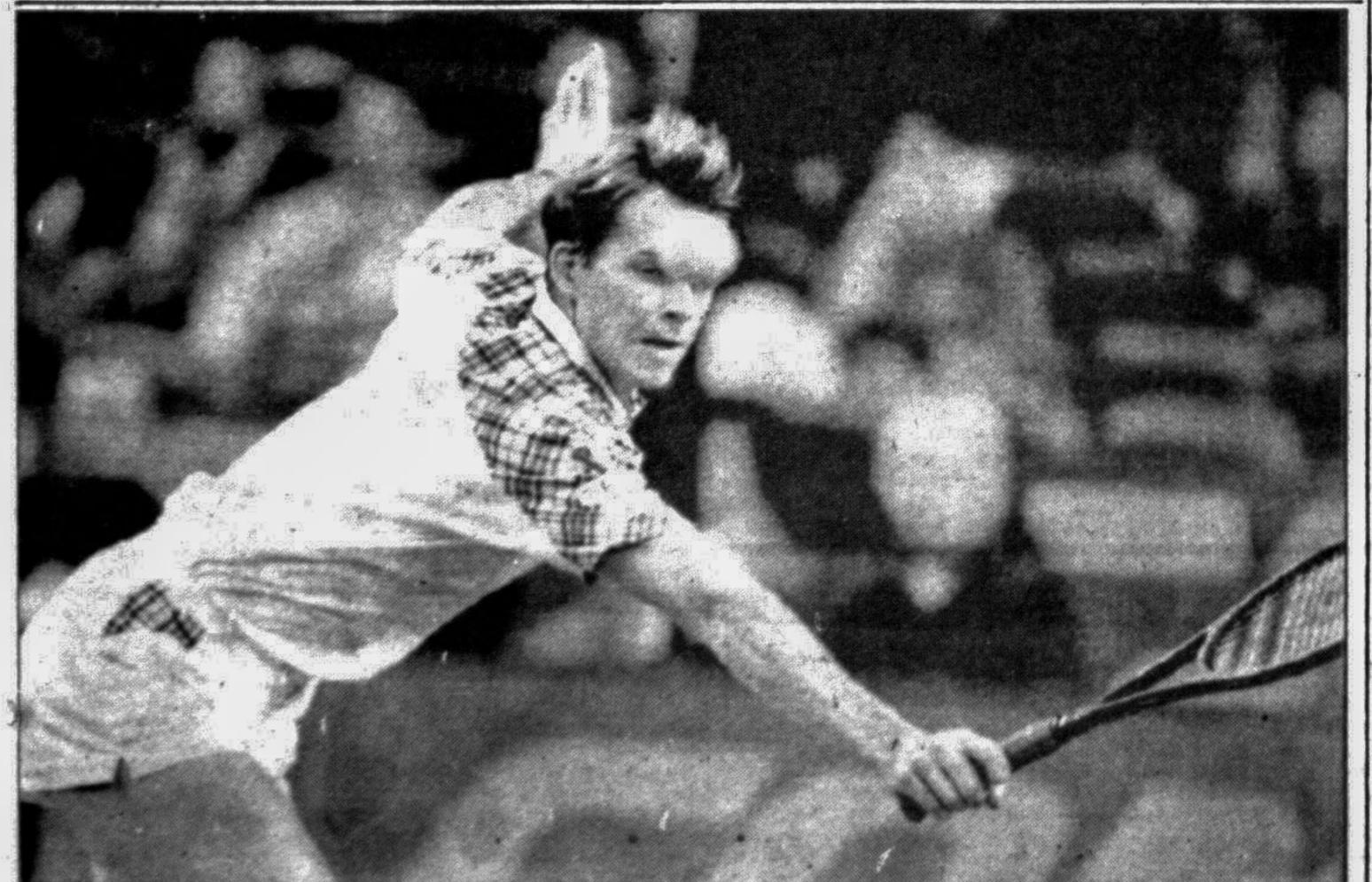
"People will say, if I lost in the first round, Monica is a basket case. Give me time and give me my space, I'll be back," Seles said.

Earlier Thursday in Melbourne, tournament director Colin Stubs said Seles had not lodged her entry for the January 17 Australian Open by Tuesday's closing date, but is still likely to play.

## US get in shape

MISSION VIEJO, California, Dec 10: The United States will play Norwegian side Kongsvinger here on Saturday - their final workout before their friendly football international against Germany the following week, reports AFP.

The match against Germany will be staged just 24 hours before the draw for the 1994 World Cup.



Sweden's Stefan Edberg stretches to play a return against South Africa's Wayne Ferreira during their Grand Slam Cup quarterfinal in Munich on Dec 9. Edberg beat Ferreira 6-7, 6-1, 6-0 to reach the semifinals - AFP photo

# World Cup draw Dec 18



LONDON, Dec 10: More than 500 million people in 125 countries are expected

watch Hollywood ilm stars pluck coloured balls from plastic bowls next week in the live televised draw for the 1994 World Cup soccer finals, reports Reuter.

American organisers of the showbiz event from the gambling resort of Las Vegas say the draw will rank as the most-watched international telecast of the year.

"People are expecting something more from this World Cup in the United States. They will get it, and it starts next week in Vegas," said World Cup USA spokesman John Griffin.

"It will be an extravaganza: We chose Vegas as a glamour city for a glamour event."

The organisers are promising a host of celebrities from music, film and television for the 90 minute show, although in typical Hollywood style, agreements with the stars who will actually make the draw have still not been sealed and the names remain a secret.

But while most of the world, from Russia and Germany to Croatia, Panama and Malaysia, tunes in to find out who plays in the opening round of the World Cup next June, none of the major American networks will be carrying the event.

The draw is being shown only on the sports cable channel ESPN in the US.

A showbiz cast including

Barry Manilow, Vanessa Williams and Julio Iglesias will take part at the ceremony, with satellite link-ups from British soccer-loving popstars

Elton John and Rod Stewart. Among the big names from soccer making an appearance on the crowded stage of the Las Vegas convention centre in front of an audience of 3,500 on Sunday, December 18 will be Pele and the three candidates for FIFA footballer-ofthe-year, Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp, Italy's Roberto Baggio and Brazilian Romario.

FIFA, the sport's governing body who admit they chose Las Vegas to host the draw ceremony for its glamour and dazzle, are already planning to add some sparkle on the pitch at the finals with coloured shirts for their referees... After New York staged the

initial draw for the qualifying competition, FIFA had always eyed America's gambling capital in the Nevada desert as their favoured venue for a starspangled show. "It's a glamorous showbiz

city, not far from Los Angeles, and it seemed an appropriate place to go," said a FIFA spokesman. "We also wanted a city not involved in the World Cup itself." FIFA will also be making

some major decisions about the World Cup finals, which run from June 17 to July 17, at a series of meetings in the week leading up to the draw.

Heading the list is whether to add more spice to the first round league format by awarding three points instead of two

for a win in an attempt to force teams to play more attractive, attacking soccer rather than

settling for cautious draws. FIFA, whose general secretary Sepp Blatter favours the proposal, had initially agreed to let the 24 finalists decide for themselves but this week changed their minds and will debate the question in their organising committee. Sources

suggest it will receive approval A more contentious suggestion from some city police forces for fencing inside the World Cup stadiums is also on next week's agenda of the security committee.

American police chiefs have said they would consider erecting barriers around the pitch if they thought security threats warranted them. Plans for an American pro-

fessional soccer league - one of the stipulations when FIFA awarded the finals to the US will also be presented to the executive committee. The US Soccer Federation this week selected one of

three applications to set up a soccer league, choosing major league pro soccer, run by the World Cup USA and headed by their own president Alan Rothenberg.

Rothenberg, the chief executive officer of the World cup organisers, said he was prepar ing the ground for a professional 12-team league to start around April 1995.

The two other bidding groups have threatened to go ahead on their own without of ficial backing.

## Stars to parade the States



LONDON, Dec 10: Diego Maradona will be playing for the fourth time.

Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp, Colombia's Faustino Asprilla and Switzerland's Stephane Chapuisat will be making their debuts, reports AP.

Next year's World Cup in the United States will be a showcase for superstars, new and

With 24 teams assembling from Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America, emerging players from Nigeria, Morocco, South Korea and Saudi Arabia will be sharing the stage with the big names from Brazil, Netherlands, Italy, Germany and Argentina.

Here's a World Cup lineup of players likely to be in the spot-

light: GOALKEEPERS

Jorge Campos, Mexico: A daring keeper, who at one stage this season was a co-leader in scoring in the Mexican league. Cesar Luis Menotti, who

guided Argentina to their 1978 World Cup triumph, described Campos as the goalkeeper of the 21st century.

DEFENDERS

Paul McGrath, Ireland: Hardly ever trains for his club, Aston Villa, because his knees won't stand up to it. The defensive strongman is powerful in the air, rarely gets out of position and, at 34, is vastly experienced.

Franco Baresi, Italy: When the AC Milan sweeper retired from international soccer, Italy began leaking goals. Baresi, now 33, was persuaded to return. Italy's defensive line has tightened and the Italians are in the competition again.

Ronald Koeman, Netherla-

nds: Controls the play from the **MIDFIELDERS** back. He scored Barcelona's clincher in the European Cha-

kick. Christian Ziege, Germany: Tall and fast, Ziege attacks from

mpions Cup against Sampdoria

at Wembley in 1992, from a free

deep position down the left, weaving past opponents and often winds up in goalscoring positions in the other team's

### Bebeto leaves it late

MADRID, Dec 10: Brazilian international Bebeto scored for Deportivo la Coruna in their 1-0 win over Racing Sanctander on Saturday to put them top of the Spanish league, reports AFP. And Bebeto left it till the

92nd minute before settling the Barcelona, reduced to 10 men, could only draw 2-2 against Logrones in front of 50,000 spectators at the Nou

Camp Stadium. They dropped

back to second, a point behind La Coruna. . With one eye on Wednesday's champions league match against Monaco, Barcelona failed to impress, particularly after the dismissal of Miguel

Brazil's Romario and Ronald Koeman scored for Barcelona, while Oleg Salenko and Erana replied for the visitors.

Angel Nadal in the 20th minute.

Atletico Madrid did well to force a 1-1 draw at Oviedo after Juan Vizcaino was sent off in the 55th minute.

Oviedo had Jorge Sabas sent off, but only had to survive the last minute with 10-men.

Lothar Matthaeus, Germany:

A player who exerts influence by constantly being available to give and receive passes and set up goal opportunities. He now has dropped back into a deeper

Gheorghe Hagi, Romania: A master of the fast midfield burst and the expertly-time release to his strikers. Although he has never found major success at club level with Real Madrid or Italian second-division team Brescia, he is inspirational in a Romanian shirt. Diego Maradona, Argentina:

The Argentinean star was a wild 18-year-old when he was ejected against Brazil back in the 1982 finals in Spain. Now slower but vastly experienced, he remains a soccer craftsman. STRIKERS

Faustino Asprilla, Colombia: Scored twice when Colombia crushed Argentina 5-0 in Buenos Aires in the most spectacular result of the year. But he stayed on the bench when Parma won the Cup Winners Cup at Wembley because he was recovering from a leg injury. It was caused, according to reports, when he kicked out bus windshield in a fit of anger at the driver after a collision

with his car in Bogota. Dennis Bergkamp, Netherlands: A tall 24-year-old striker who moved to inter Milan after scoring 50 goals in two seasons for Ajax Amsterdam. A lot will depend on Bergkamp if Van Basten is not fit to make the tournament.

Romario, Brazil: Made little impact in 1990, playing only 65 minutes. But now he's rated one of the world's most accomplished strikers with the Maradona-like ability to create a goal out of nothing.

### Blanchflower dead

LONDON, Dec 10: Danny Blanchflower, who captained Tottenham Hotspur to the English League and Cup double in 1961, has died aged 67 after a debilitating illness, his family said on Thursday, reports

Reuter. Blanchflower was the linchpin of the Northern Ireland side which reached the quarter-finals of the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. He played 56 times for his country and managed them from 1976 to 1979.

Belfast-born Blanchflower will be remembered as one of the game's all-time greats, a wing-half whose skill and inspiration pushed Spurs to the forefront of European soccer.

"It's a very sad day for Tottenham - and for football in general," Spurs secretary Peter Barnes said. "Danny Blanchflower was a great player and achieved great things. He was also an outstanding ambassador for this club and for Northern Ireland".

### Victory for Victoria RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 10:

Victoria of Bahia qualified for the finals of he Brazilian soccer championship after tying Flamengo 1-1 in a semifinal game held in Rio's Maracana Stadium, reports AP.

Victoria will face Palmeiras of Sao Paulo in the finals.

Midfielder Roberto Cavalo put Victoria ahead 1-0 in the 18th minute of Wednesday's game, and Falamengo striker Renato Guacho tied the game with a goal scored in the 41st

In Sao Paulo, Corinthians downed Santos 2-1 with goals by attackers Viola and Rivaldo. To qualify for the final

against Palmeiras, Corinthians

not only needed to win but also depended on a Flamengo victory over Victoria. US climbers

### scale Mount Ama Dablam KATHMANDU, Dec10 Seven Americans from two separate

expeditions have climbed Mount Ama Dablam in the Himalayas, the Tourism Ministry said Thursday, reports AP. William Charles Crouse, 30, an environmental consultant from Park City, Utah, led four other climber through the

south west ridge route to the

summit of the 6,812-meter

(22,479-foot) peak on Monday, the ministry said in a statement. The other climbers were William Todd McDugall, 30, a mountain guide from Grace Road, Mass, Kevin Alan Lundy, 38, an engineer from Sacramento, Calif, Ms Kathy Lyn Zaiser, 31, a forestry biologist from Ciested Butte, Colo,

and Robert Ziegler, 20, an en-

vironmental consultant from

Salt Lake City. Two mountain guides from another expedition also climbed Ama Dablam through the same route Monday, the statement said. They are Sean Sullivan, 25, of Jackson, Wyo, and James Olsen, 39, from St. Louis, Mo. The team was led by James Malone Williams, 39, a mountain guide from Jackson,

Two members from each team are also trying to reach the summit; the ministry said.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: B 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.