

New Zealand's Simon Doull removes the wicket to run Pakistani opener Saeed Anwar out for 169 on the second day of the second Test at the Basin Reserve in Wellington yesterday. — AFP photo

Int'l Masters' chess meet on

Sports Reporter

Thirty one players won on the first day of the qualifying round of the second United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament which got underway at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

One hundred and three players from home and abroad are taken part in this seven round Swiss league system tournament.

Robertson rips SA apart

SYDNEY, Feb 18: Spinner Gavin Robertson took a career best six for 54 on Friday as New South Wales secured a berth in next month's Sheffield Shield final, reports Reuter.

New South Wales thrashed South Australia by an innings and 70 runs with more than a day to spare at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The defending champions are virtually guaranteed to host the final following their easy victory.

Robertson struck to break the visitors second innings resistance. Following on 268 runs in arrears, South Australia collapsed from 144 for two to be all out before tea.

Robertson had taken the place of former Australian Test spinner Gerg Matthews, who sustained a head injury during an incident at a Perth night-club in December.

New South Wales' fifth outright victory of the season lifted them to 31.8 points with one match to play.

Anwar hits maiden Test ton

Pakistan pile on pressure



WELLINGTON, Feb 18: Pakistan's batting steamroller, driven by 25-year-old lefthander Saeed Anwar, crushed New Zealand today as the tourists pounded their way to 398 for four at stumps on the second day of the second Test, reports Reuter.

Replying to New Zealand's paltry first innings' 175, Pakistan resumed on 35 for one. Saeed accumulated a sparkling 169, his first Test century, as the tourists added another 363 in today's three sessions.

Three batsmen notched up half-centuries, with captain Salim Malik not out 62 and Inzamamul Haq 63 not out at the close. Both were batting sensibly and looking to steer their team towards total of around 500.

Some 57 fours have been scored so far in Pakistan's innings, 26 of them from Saeed. He played a delightful variety of shots on both sides of the wicket, scoring his 169 in 307 minutes and 249 balls.

The lefthander was eventually run out soon after tea, looking for a third run that was never possible.

Saeed and the aggressive Basit Ali smashed 113 in the first session and went to lunch on 148 for two after night-watchman Akram Raza was caught behind off the bowling of Danny Morrison for a duck.

Basit Ali, who matched Saeed run for run, was eventually bowled by off-spinner Shane Thomson for 85 as he looked for another boundary.

He scored 13 fours in his 209-minute innings. Malik and Inzamam picked up the baton, hitting out after



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tea and pushing the score towards 400. Malik played a series of delicate glances and on-drives for his unbeaten 62 while the bulky Inzamam bludgeoned 10 fours.

New Zealand's bowlers had a grim day. Morrison returning figures of two for 102 and Simon Doull none for 88. With the Basin Reserve wicket getting flatter all the time, the bowlers look set to have another gruelling time on Saturday.

The only bad news for Pakistan today was the disclosure that batsman Asif Mujtaba broke a finger while fielding on the first day. Pakistan, with a lead of 223 and six wickets to fall, are unlikely to have

desperate need of his services.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the second Test between New Zealand and Pakistan today.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 35 for one)

Saeed Anwar run out 169
Sohail lbw b Morrison 2
Raza c Blain b Morrison 0

Basit Ali b Thomson 85
Malik not out 62

Inzamamul Haq not out 63
Extras: (nb-6, lb-6, b-5) 17

Total: (for four wickets) 398
Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-36; 3-233; 4-290.

To bat: Asif Mujtaba, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aftab Ghani.

Bowling: O M R W

Morrison 24 4 102 2

De Groen 20 5 62 0

Doull 23 5 88 0

Hart 22 7 78 0

Thomson 13 3 57 1

Jansen sets world mark

LILLEHAMAR, Feb 18: Dan Jansen, skating in probably the last race of his hard-luck Olympic career, set a world record in the 1,000 metres Friday, narrowly avoiding yet another disaster when he skidded through a turn, reports AP.

The American crossed the finish line in 1 minute, 12.43 seconds, .11 faster than the mark Canada's Kevin Scott set in December.

Norway's Fred Borre Lundberg took the lead after the first of two jumps in the Nordic combined event, soaring 92.5 metres.

Ago Markvardt of Estonia matched that jump, but trailed Lundberg in total score, including style points, 124.5 to 122.5.

Another Norwegian, Bjarte Engen Vik, stood third with a jump of 91.5 metres and 120.0 points.

Kurt Brugger and Wilfried Huber beat out Italian teammates Hansjorg Raffl and Norbert Huber. Wilfried's brother, by 49 thousandths of a second Friday to win the Olympic luge doubles title.

Brugger and Huber used a blazing second run of 48.372 to finish in 1 minute, 36.720 seconds.

Stefan Krausse and Jan Behrendt of Germany, the World Cup champions and defending gold medalists from Albertville, won the bronze in 1:36.945.

Cacic upsets McNeil

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb 18: Sandra Cacic, moving up fast in the world rankings, pulled off another upset Thursday night, beating Lori McNeil 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the IGA Tennis Classic, reports AP.

Cacic of Bradenton, Fla. kept the No. 4 seed from the net with deep groundstrokes. She advanced to Friday's quarterfinals against No. 6 Brenda Schultz.

"I knew if I could keep Lori back I could win the match," said Cacic, who jumped from No. 80 to No. 59 in this week's WTA rankings after beating Helena Sukova last week at the Virginia Slims of Chicago.

In other second-round matches, Schultz beat Julie Steven 6-4, 6-2, and Katrina Adams upset No. 8 Linda Harvey-Wild 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Adams will meet top seed Zina Garrison-Jackson on Friday night.

The tournament runs through Sunday.

Nirman cricket results

Sports Reporter

Udayan, Rajdhani and Jatrabari won their respective matches of the Nirman School cricket championship at different city venues yesterday.

Rana led Udayan's victory charge with 83 as his team posted 167 for five in 30.2 overs to defeat Ideal by five wickets at the Pallabi, Mirpur ground.

Ideal High School batted first and collected 166 for nine wickets from the allotted 35 overs.

Akhtar, Sajib and Asduk were their main scorers with 38, 21 and 20.

Rezwan and Shanto of Udayan took two wickets apiece.

An unbeaten 57 by Biplab throttled Rajdhani to a seven-wicket win against Bangla Madhyamik High School on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Madhyamik innings comprising two thirty plus knocks — 35 by Sharif and 30 by Salam was decimated at 147 in 29 overs.

Biplab took three wickets for 14 while his Rajdhani peers Mamun and Arif collected two each at varying costs.

Spurred on by his bowling success Biplab made a polished 57 not out to shape Rajdhani's eventual total of 153 for three in 22.5 overs — more than enough for a thumping seven-wicket win.

Mamun was the other notable scorer for winners Rajdhani High School with 33.

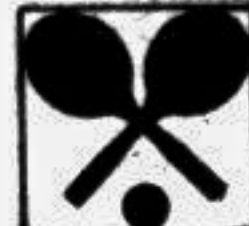
Mohon scored a cracking 27 not out on top of a reasonably successful day with the ball to pull off a three-wicket win for Jatrabari High School against University Laboratory High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Chasing 152 for a win in 35 overs Jatrabari made it all over in 34th over as the scoreboard showed 154 for seven in 33.4 overs. Masum had laid the platform for Mohon to launch an offensive later with 36.

Earlier, University Laboratory were all out for 151 in 33.4 overs with Shafkat hitting 36 and Anwar 17 not out.

Munna led the Jatrabari bowlers with three for 31 followed by Jasim and Mohon who claimed two wickets apiece.

Grabb guns Martin down



PHILADELPHIA, Feb 18: Jim Grabb, on the comeback from a shoulder injury, upset No. 4 seed Todd Martin 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the US Indoor, reports AP.

Earlier in the day, the No. 5 seed fell when a back injury knocked Ivan Lendl out of the tournament, one set into his second-round match against Jonathan Stark.

Grabb broke Martin with a sharply angled volley on the third match point when Martin tried to return a lob.

"I just don't think my mind was computing situations as quick as it needed to be," Martin said. "He played really well throughout the match, started out quick. He just sort of had my number from the beginning."

Grabb will play Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands in the first quarterfinal Friday afternoon, followed by a match between No. 8 Jaffe Yzaga of Peru and Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands.

In the night matches, No. 2 Jim Courier faces No. 7 Andrei Chesnokov of Russia and No. 3 Michael Chang meets Stark.

On Thursday, Stark won the first set 6-3 before Lendl retired. Chang defeated Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 and Courier ousted qualifier Doug Flach 6-1, 6-3.

Grabb, a former top 20 player, is playing in only his fourth tournament since returning to competition after last spring's injury to cartilage in his right shoulder.

"Each match I've lost I felt like I should have won," he said. "That's bad on one hand, but on the other hand it's good because I feel like I've been in there in all these matches."

Stark recovered from a shaky first game to win his set, serving eight aces. Lendl doubled over to stretch his back muscles several times during the set and retired as soon as it was over.

Lendl said his injury was unrelated to a torn muscle that forced him to retire during the Philadelphia final last year.

"I hurt my lower back in Dubai a few weeks ago and it just flared up," he said.

He said his back hurt after his match Wednesday against Patrick McEnroe.

"I tried to warm up this morning once and had a lot of trouble moving," Lendl said. "I

decided to give it a shot to play when I tried to warm up a second time and it began to loosen up a bit."

Stark said he knew something was wrong with Lendl but tried to focus on his own game.

"Who knows? If he breaks me that first game, when he had a couple break points, he might think he could maybe fight through it," Stark said. "But it was too bad."

Chang rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the third set and reached match point when Hlasek missed an attempted passing shot down the line. Hlasek returned Chang's next serve over the baseline.

"Philly hasn't been a great stop for me, but I'm hoping to change that," said Chang, who has never gotten past the quarterfinals in three previous tries.

Courier overwhelmed Flach in the first set and broke Flach in the first, fifth and ninth games of the second set. He won on the second match point with an angled backhand volley.

"I got off to a good start and that kind of set the tone for the match," Courier said. "I was really on top of him the whole way."

Ma goes into business

BEIJING, Feb 18: China's cholic track coach Ma Junren has acquired a new title: chairman of the board, reports AP.

Ma, whose women runners broke a series of world records last year, announced this week that he had formed the Ma Health Products Co with himself as chairman, the China News Service said.

It said the move was yet another effort by Ma to raise funds to build an ambitious track-and-field training centre for men and women runners. His frustration over the government's failure to pay for the centre caused him to threaten to quit in January, but he later dropped the threat.

Ma already sold the recipe for a tonic he reportedly gives his athletes to another Chinese company for 10 million yuan (dls 1.15 million) last month. The tonic is supposed to hit the market in March, first in China and later abroad.

First Aussie-S Africa one-dayer today



JOHANNESBURG, Feb 18: Australia have delayed naming their team for Saturday's first one-day match against South Africa until the morning of the match to give Merv Hughes and captain Allan Border the chance to prove their fitness, reports Reuter.

Hughes has been a doubtful starter since he puled up in the nets on Tuesday with back spasms. He bowled just 12 deliveries in a second net on Thursday and will see a specialist today.

He has struggled to find any rhythm in recent matches and is still recovering from a serious operation on his right knee.

Border suffered an asthma attack before the washed-out match against the President's XI at Putchefstroom on

Thursday. Border, a long-time asthma sufferer, would not have been able to take any part in the game had it been played, he will see a doctor today.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne, who has been kept under wraps in South Africa, looks certain to make his first appearance of the tour.

The South Africans have yet to name their team but the odds are that, with Kepler Wessels moving into the middle order in place of Daryll Cullinan, either Adrian Kuiper or Eric Simons will replace injured Brian McMillan.

If the Wanderers wickets looks like favouring seam bowling, off-spinner Pat Symcox and extra batsman Andrew Hudson may miss out.

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA: (from) — Peter Kirsten, Gary Kirsten, Hansie Cronje, Jonty Rhodes, Kepler Wessels (captain), Adrian Kuiper, Eric Simons, Dave Richardson, Richard Snell, Fanie de Villiers, Allan Donald, Craig Matthews, Pat Symcox, Andrew Hudson.

AUSTRALIA: (from) — Mark Taylor, David Boon, Dean Jones, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Allan Border (captain), Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Paul Reiffel, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath, Tim May, Michael Slater, Matthew Hayden, Merv Hughes.

Russians held

BUENOS AIRES, Feb 18: Local soccer league champions Velez Sarsfield played the Russia national team Thursday to a scoreless tie in a dull friendly match, reports AP.

Velez Sarsfield controlled most of the action, but was unable to pierce the Russians' efficient defence.

Faulty passing and slow play by both teams resulted in the few chances to score.



British figure skaters Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean yesterday practice in the last training session before their compulsory dance programme. — AFP photo

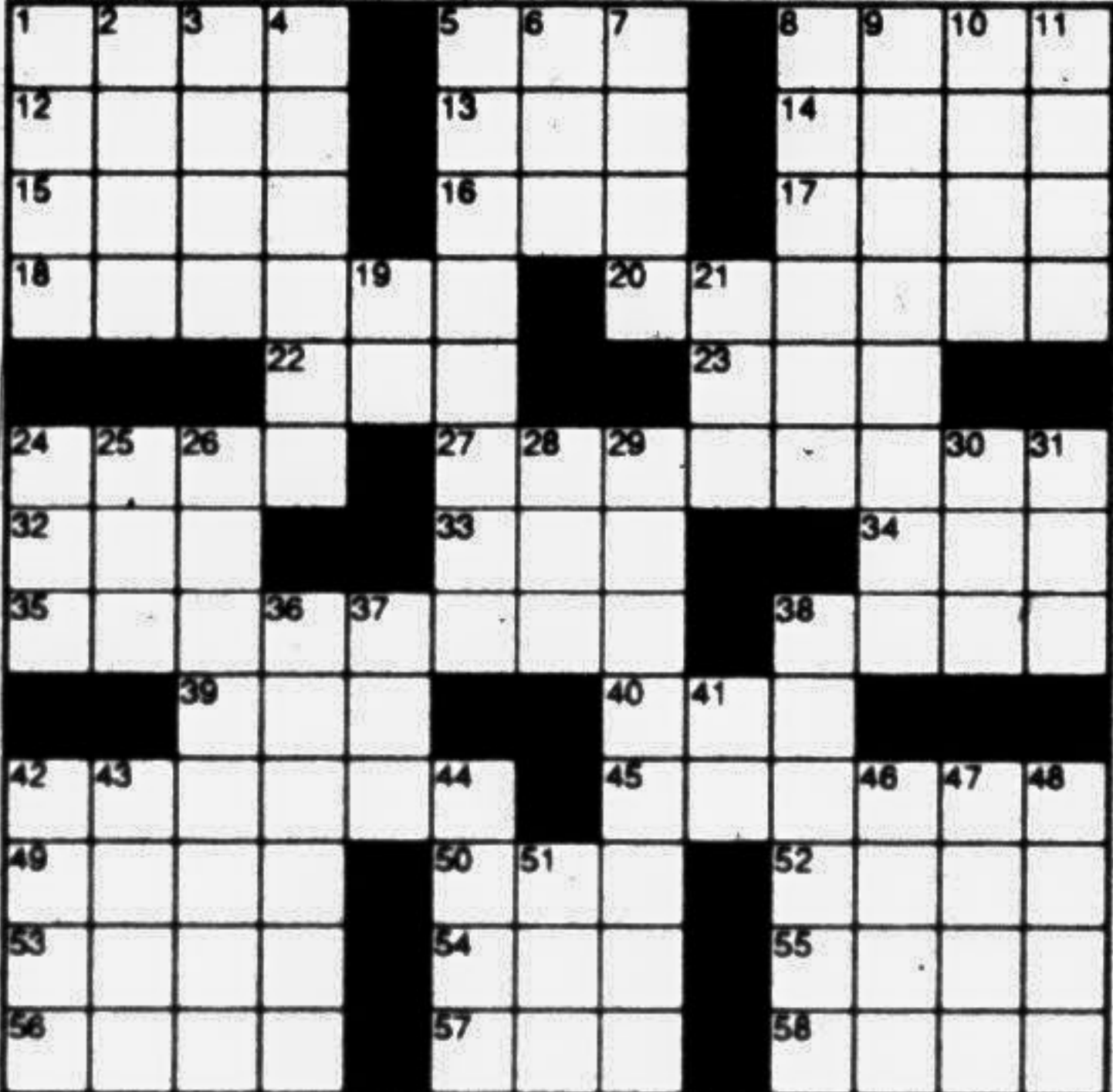
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| 8 Plug of tobacco | 42 What stone's purpose | 2 Ohio city | 25 One of Mickey's exes |
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Yesterday's answer 7-8



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER SMOKING WAS BANNED IN OUR CLUB LAST WEEK, CIGAR FANCIERS FUMED.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals Y
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.



Solaiman Majumder of Army descends to ascend the throne of champion in men's 110m hurdles in the 22nd national athletics meet at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. — Star photo