Capriati comes

back after

one-year layoff

Jennifer Capriati will return to

competitive tennis for the first

time in more than a year at

next year's Virginia Slims of

ficials said the 18-year-old

Capriati had received a wild

card entry to play the 750,000

dellars event, which begins on

who has not played since a

first-round loss at the 1993 US

Open, was expected to make

her return at a pair of Euro-

but pulled out, citing injuries.

pean tournaments last month

who joined the women's tennis

tour prior to her 14th birth-

day, left the game after her

devastating defeat at Flushing

Meadow and has since under-

gone drug rehabilitation trea-

tment following an arrest on a

marijuana possession charge

Capriati reached the final in

her first pro tournament in

1990 when she was only 13.

She became the youngest

player in history to reach a

Grand Slam semifinal later that

year at the French Open at the

age of 14 and was the youngest

player ever to win a match at

Wimbledon later that summer

medal winner in singles had

multi-million dollar endorse-

ment contracts cancelled fol-

which also included a shop-

lifting incident last year, were

a major catalyst in the WTA

decision to raise the age at

which players will be allowed

to turn professional. The new

rule goes into effect next year.

Maleeva edges

out Coetzer

QUEBEC CITY, Canada, Nov

Capriati's recent problems.

lowing her drug arrest.

The 1992 Olympic gold

Capriati, a teenage prodigy

The troubled tennis star.

Monday.

last May.

Philadelphia tournament of-

Philadelphia, reports Reuter.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 5:

7th Nasiruddin

memorial tennis

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Club overcame age and

Shabbir of Engineers' Club on

his way to winning the inter-

club singles title of the seventh

Nasiruddin memorial tennis

championships at the Officers'

The 57-year-old neurosur-

geon pulled off a sensational

6-3, 6-2 victory against a

player almost half his age in a

surprisingly one-sided affair.

Shabbir, who was favoured to

win the final, had very little to

offer against the spirited pro-

semifinal, Zahurul Haque and

Mesbah of the hosts won 6-0.

4-6, 6-0 to set up a date with

Syed Wahid and Captain (Retd)

Munir of Gulshan Club, 6-3, 6-

4 winners over clubmates

Wahidul Alam and Azmat

Moveen on Friday, in the final,

will take on Maruf in the open

final. The date of the open and

inter-club doubles finals has

Barisal soccer

From Our Correspondent

notched a double hattrick to

power local Abahani Krira

Chakra to a mammoth 9-0 vic-

tory over Ruptali Pratik

Sangha in the Emma Overseas

senior division football league

at the local stadium here to-

breather with Tuhin complet-

ing his hattr 'after Shamim

opened he Al. ini account in

the 15th minute of the pro-

Abahani's onslaught continued

in the second half with Tuhin

adding five more goals to finish

with a match haul of eight

Manju Smriti Sangsad will

take on Touch Video Club to-

Div II B'ball

Sports Reporter

The Old Fawzians Associat-

ion (OFA) and Hawks won their

respective Mohsin Cup Second

Division basketball league

matches at the National Spo-

rts Council wooden-floor

the day, OFA prevailed over

Young Star 62-54, after racing

to 32-24 lead which proved

points each in the second ses-

Tribid (18) and Karim (15)

were the leading marksmen

for OFA while Tasu, who top

scored with 21 points in the

match, got little support from

day, Hawks inflicted on title

aspirants Bakshibazar a 45-31

points for the winners fol-

In the other match of the

his Young Star teammates.

Both sides scored

In the first engagement of

gymnasium vesterday.

crucial in the end.

defeat.

In a one-sided affair,

ceedings.

The winners led 4-0 at the

BARISAL, Nov 5: Tuhin

National champion Hira Lal

In the inter-club doubles

Club court yesterday.

fessor of Neurology.

not been fixed yet.

Professor Rashiduddin of



HARARE, Nov 5: Alistair Campbell's first one-day century set Zimbabwe on the way to a dramatic two-run win over

Reuter. Campbell's unbeaten 131 and a fluent 76 from captain Andy Flower lifted Zimbabwe to an impressive 290-5 in

Sri Lanka in a high-scoring

match on Saturday, reports

their 50 overs. Needing 25 from the last two overs. Sri Lanka fell short at 288-8 despite opener Roshan Mahanama compiling his second successive century of the series(108) and an unbeaten 97 from Aravinda de

Zimbabwe were recording only their third international success but at 233-2 in the 43rd over it was Sri Lanka who appeared to be heading for victory

Mahanama's departure, well caught by Grant Flower at midwicket, triggered a middleorder collapse with four wickets falling for 12 runs in three

Zimbabwe's Heath Streak finished with 4-44 in his 10 overs and was the outstanding bowler on either side.

Earlier, left-handed Campbell was in sublime form with his century arriving from 96 balls. Remarkably his second 50 came up from just 28 balls. In all, he faced 115 deliveries. striking 11 fours and four SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second 50 overs one-day cricket international between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at Harare Sports Club on Saturday:



CAMPBELL	131	n.o
ZIMBABWE		

ZIMBABWE			52
A Flower b Vass			76
G Flower run out			21
A Campbell not out	S	U.S.	131
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Pushpakumara		THE STATE OF THE S	22

A Waller c Tillekeratne v Vaas M Dekker b Vaas G Whittall not out Extras: (lb-8, b-2, w-3) Total:(for five wickets, innings

Fall of wickets: 1-60; 2-152; 3-228; 4-235; 5-250.

Did not bat: G Martin, H Streak, S Peall, J Rennie. Bowling: 0 59 Pushpakumara 10 Wickremasinghe 10 0 55 0 38 A Ranatunga 10 0 53 Kalpage 0 33 Gurusinha **SRI LANKA**

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Fall of wickets: 1-66; 2-111; 3-233: 4-234: 5-245: 6-245;

7-276; 8-	278	950 E4		2
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Result: Zimbabwe won by

Sanchez sails into semis



OAKLAND, Calif. Nov 5: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. who eliminated 14-year-old phenomenon Venus

in her opening match, had to overcome a screaming infant on Friday in advancing to the semifinals of the Bank of the West Classic. reports AP.

While the infant cried and whimpered near centre court. Sanchez Vicario beat Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-3, 6-3.

"He was quiet, and then he'd start screaming," Sanchez Vicario said. "Then I'd have to stop serving. I just tried not to think too much about it."

Her next thoughts are centred on a Saturday night semifinal against No. 7 Lindsay Davenport, who beat Anke Huber 6-2, 6-2 Friday night. In the other semifinal, Debbie Graham meets No. 5 Martina Navratilova.

Sanchez Vicario avenged a loss to Garrison-Jackson earlier this year at Wimbledon. only her second in 10 career head-to-head matches.

"Sometimes it's good to lose a match," Sanchez Vicario said. "It helps you for the next one." She was also much sharper Foreman for fairy-tale

rge Foreman was the young.

sullen heavyweight champion

and brash veteran Muhammad

All was able to pull off one of

night, when the now 45-year-

old Foreman hopes to cap one

of the most unlikely of role re-

versals by beating a favoured

Michael Moorer to become

boxing's oldest heavyweight

world the 45-55 is not a death

notice." Foreman said. "I'm not

taking this on only for George

Foreman, I'm taking it on for

.Two decades after he lost

the title to Ali. Foreman is re-

born as the talkative, self-pro-

moting underdog, getting per-

haps his last chance at a title

against a champion who was

only 6 when Foreman last held

been more than willing to

recreate Foreman's original

role as the brooding, moody

champion willing to deal with

the demands of his title de-

over," Moorer said this week.

makes the first defence of his

WBA and IBF titles in a sched-

uled 12-round fight that could

be the last hurran for a come-

back that has now lasted as

'long as Foreman's original pro

retain his titles before an ex-

the 15,000-seat MGM Grand

Garden arena.

the titles.

Moorer is a 3-1 favourite to

and near capacity crowd in

The bout matches boxing's

first left-handed heavyweight

champion, undefeated in 35

pro fights, against an aging

boxer who hasn't fought in 17

months but still retains

get hit and go down," said

Moorer, who did just that in

the second round of his April

win over Evander Holyfield for

"There's a chance I could

tremendous punching power

"I'll be glad when all this is

The 26-year-old Moorer

fence on his terms only

Moorer, meanwhile, has

"I'm going to show the

Flash forward to Saturday

boxing's big upsets.

champion.

mankind

LAS VEGAS. Nov

5 (AP): Return

back 20 years and

six days to steamy

Zaire, when Geo-

than in her match against Williams on Wednesday night, where she trailed 6-2, 3-1 be-

The 22-year-old from Spain said she took on the role of the

sive in order to beat her," she said. "I put pressure on her

anticipated such an assault,

"I knew she was going to come out fighting, come out pumped up and ready to go," she said. 'I had chances in the first set, but I wasn't aggressive at all after that. I kept missing my approach shots just by a couple of inches."

Sanchez Vicario, continued building her case toward consideration for tennis top ranking, winning her 19th straight match and improving her match record for the year to 72-8. She is 3-3 against No. 1 Steffi Graf, the only player to beat her in straight sets this

No. 2. That's what counts. she said. "I could be No. 1

fore winning 11 straight games to take the match.

aggressor from the opening "I knew I had to be aggres-

right away. That's what I didn't do at Wimbledon.' Garrison-Jackson said she

"By the computers, I'm still maybe, if we play in the last

"But there's a chance I

While Moorer is coming off

could hit him and he'll go

down. We'll see what happens.'

the biggest win of his career.

Foreman's last fight was a 12-

round loss to Tommy Morrison

in June 1993. He has fought

only four times since losing a

unanimous decision to

Holysteld in a bid for the

Sanchez Vicario and Graf

are scheduled to play in the final event of the year, the WTA Championships in New York. Only Sanchez Vicario will be at next week's event in

citing back problems.

Garrison-Jackson has her own opinion on how the debate should be settled, and they don't involve computers.

Philadelphia. Graf withdrew,

"I don't think it's clear cut," she said. "I think it has to be decided on the court. The computers, whether we like it or not, say who's No. 1. But hopefully, it will come down to the Championships."

Graham, the last unseeded player remaining, reached the semifinals with a 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Jolene Watanabe.

Navratilova hasn't lost a set in three career matches against Graham, defeating her most recently in the 1993 Italian Open. They also played in the 1991 US Open and in Los Angeles in 1990.

undisputed championship

is to get a knockout," said

Foreman, who is 72-4 with 67

knockouts. "Judges are not

prepared for me. No one has

ever told them. George is

stronger in the later rounds

and can win in the later

"I'm old and my only chance

Graham, ranked 90th, upset seventh-seeded and 17thranked Lori McNeil in the first round and beat Fatty Fendick in three sets to reach the quarterfinals.

April 19, 1991.

rounds."

Professor Rashiduddin (L) of Dhaka Club and Shabbir of

Engineers Club share a moment with the photographer be-

fore the start of the inter-club singles final of the seventh

Nasiruddin memorial tennis tournament at the Officers' Club

Star photo

court yesterday Professor Rashiduddin clinched the title

lowed by teammate Valentine

Cezanne caged highest 16

and Liton who chipped in with 14 and 13 respectively. Tanim with 12 points had the losers score ticking off.

Alpha Tobacco soccer result

Sports Reporter

Boss Club and Senor Gold Club split points in a one-all draw in the Alpha Tobacco football tournament at the Dhanmondi Stadium yesterday.

Humayun gave Boss a brief lead before Tareque restored parity for Senor.

Ma's warning

BONN. Nov 5: European athletes will fall behind their Asian counterparts if they spend their time accusing countries like China of doping rather than improving their own training techniques, according to Chinese coach Ma Junren, reports Reuter.

"If the Europeans forget their training because they are continuing to point the finger they will not be winning anymore in the year 2000," Ma said in an interview with the German athletics magazine Leichtathletik

"People have to learn that China and Asia are catching up ... and it is not only in athletics and swimming that Asia is coming to the front. It will also happen in other sports. And the Chinese won't be the only ones to win the medals in the future.

"You must not forget Korea and Japan and other countries on our continent."

The success of Ma's coaching in women's middle-distance running has brought accusations of doping in the west since their world record breaking performances at the world last year. Ma repeated his denials of

steroid use among his athletes. "It is stupid to use steroids for running. We don't want to build up muscle mass," he said. The only way to improve performances is through scientific training and the right nutrition.



Swiss Marc Rosset rejoices after beating German Boris Becker in the quarterfinals of the Bercy Open tennis in Paris on Friday. The big-serving Swiss won the match 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (9-7).

- AFP photo

Big servers bundled out



PARIS, Nov 5: No. 1-ranked Pete Sampras, threetime champion Boris Becker and last year's winner

Goran Ivanisevic put on a serving display in Friday's quarterfinals of the Paris Open, reports AP. Sampras had 19 aces.

Becker 15 and Ivanisevic 23. All had another thing in common. They lost. Andre Agassi beat Sampras.

7-6 (8-6), 7-5; Switzerland's Marc Rosset edged the sixthseeded Becker 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (9-7) and Michael Chang defeated No. 2 Ivanisevic, 3-6, 6-4. 7-6 (7-4).

Fourth-seeded Sergi Bruguera, the two-time French Open champion, was the fourth semifinalist by beating unseeded Czech Petr Korda, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4). Rosset and Chang meet on

Saturday followed by Bruguera versus the eighth-seeded Agassi in the other. The No. 1-ranked Sampras

couldn't handle the pressure of some blistering service returns by Agassi in a match worthy of

all the fun things she has put

aside during two marvelous

Everywhere she goes these

decades in tennis, reports AP.

days, she receives gifts de-

signed for her post-tennis life

- a mountain bike, a snow-

board, a windsurfing board.

She received a Porsche in

Stuttgart, and got a case of

maintains this is her last year,

and says she is comfortable

with her decision to retire, it

still is difficult to completely

walk away from a sport she

During a post-match cere-

mony Thursday night after her

victory over Amy Frazier in the

Bank of the West Classic, fans

paid tribute to Navratilova.

Mostly, they pleaded with her

no to everybody," she told the

The hardest thing is saying

Even though she steadfastly

wine here in Oakland.

once dominated.

not to retire.

OAKLAND, Nov 5:

Martina Navra-

tilova looks for-

ward to sampling

wines, riding her

horses and doing.

the last two US Open champions and the winners of the last three Wimbledons.

"It's the best Andre has played against me in a long time," Sampras said. "I think we bring out the best in each other."

I have ever played now and when you are playing really well, you want the best players because it is a great chance for your ranking, a great chance for your confidence." Agassi

more than 200 kilometers an hour (125 mph).

It was a matter of inches that decided the contest. Sometimes even less. In the second set tiebre-

aker Becker had two set points at 6-5 and 7-6 but did not convert either. "It came down to me having two set points and one on my

serve and I missed an ace just by half an inch," Becker said. "I hit a good second serve. He hit a good backhand return. I had a low volley which caught me really by surprise. I hit that Fans hate Navratilova's no

fans, then gave them a glim-

mer of hope by hinting she

might return to Oakland some

Actually, Navratilova has her

"Ideally, I would like to take

couple of years off and come

M NAVRATILOVA

back," she said later at a news

conference. "But I think it's a

little too late for that."

day to play doubles.

own dream.

"I am playing my best tennis

had both men with serves at

The Becker-Rosset affair

volley behind him and he hit it down the line which saved him probably the match." At 7-7 Becker netted a

forehand volley to give Rosset a match point. A good solid forehand down the line following his serve gave Rosset the victory after 1 hour 38 min-

· The second-seeded Ivanisevic had three times as many unforced errors — 45 to 15 to keep Chang in the match.

"Goran is the type of player, who will serve well and hold his serve; then on your serve. he will take a lot of chances ... go for ground stokes and try to get in." Chang said. "It is just too difficult to win matches day in and day out like that.

Chang, seeded seventh. came back from a first-set deficit to even the match when he was able to break Ivanisevic in the ninth game of the second set.

"I got him back in the match. I started to miss a lot of things. Ivanisevic said. " didn't come in like I was coming in the first two sets and that is it."

Navratilova said she's in

good-enough physical shape to

continue playing on the pro

tour for two more years. But

she said she no longer can fo-

cus all her energy on tennis.

and the hours of practice and-

Navratilova wonders why she

didn't retire a year ago. And

there are times when retire

ment seems too close.

There are times when

She experienced both of

those emotions as she rallied

to defeat Frazier 2-6, 6-4, 6-1

to reach the semifinals of a

tournament she has won five

ered in the first set by Frazier.

and seemed frustrated by her

repeated unforced errors. But,

after coming within two games

of losing the match at 4-4 in

the second set, she took

the Wimbledon final this

summer, is just one win from

reaching the final in Oakland

for the fifth straight year.

Navratilova, who reached

Navratilova was overpow-

travel it demands.

times.

command.

5: Katerina Maleeva outlasted

top seed Amanda Coetzer in a two-hour and 34-minute match filled with exciting end-toend rallies on Friday to advance to the semifinals of the Bell Challenge tournament reports Reuter. Joining the Bulgarian into

the final four were secondseeded Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, defending champion Nathalie Tauziat of France and American Chanda Rubin.

Schultz also needed three sets to defeat sixth-seeded American Linda Harvey-wild 7 6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-4 and set up a meeting with fourth-seeded Tauziat, who eliminated eighth seed Elna Reinach of South Africa 6-2, 6-4.

Third-seeded Rubin with stood a strong challenge from her frequent practice partner. Canadian Patricia Hy, before prevailing 6-4, 7-6 (7-4)

Maleeva has slipped to number 41 in the rankings but she played like the player who ranked sixth just three years ago. Maleeva's punishing forehand drives were probably the deciding factor in her victory over the South African.

Ball after ball skimmed the net and skipped off the lines as she kept the 16th-ranked Coetzer on the run.

"Tennis is a tough game and it's hard to be 100 per cent every time on the court." the 25-year-old Bulgarian said about her inconsistency. "You have to be mentally strong and I haven't been able to keep up my level the whole year."

"But I believe I can get my ranking back and play a consistent, good tennis," she added.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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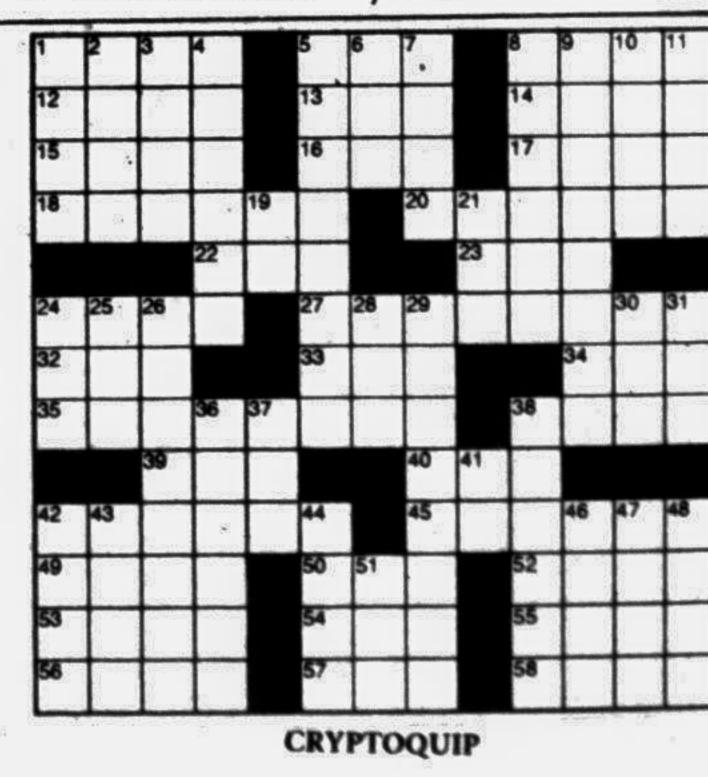
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals K
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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