

Bowlers blaze in Bombay

BOMBAY, Nov 19: West Indies hit back through fast bowler Kenny Benjamin today to throw open the first Test here after giving India a narrow 29-run first innings lead, reports AFP.

Benjamin took three wickets in the space of three runs to leave the Indian second innings tottering on 11 for three in a devastating half-an-hour of batting before stumps on the second day at Bombay's Wankhede Stadium.

Benjamin had opener Manoj Prabhakar and Vinod Kambli fending short balls to Carl Hooper in the slips. Night watchman Nayan Mongia fell to a brilliant catch at short leg by Jimmy Adams.

His hostile effort left the first Test evenly poised after Indian spin twins Venkatesh Prasad and Anil Kumble sliced through the West Indies batting on a pitch afford-

total of 272, were shot out for 243 before a boisterous 20,000 crowd.

Opener Stuart Williams sedate 49 and a sparkling 74-run stand in 82 minutes for the fifth wicket between Keith Arthurton (42) and Jimmy Adams (39) carried the West Indies to a comfortable 194 for four soon after tea.

But a brittle lower order let down the tourists as India grabbed the remaining six wickets for the addition of just 49 runs to take a possibly vital lead.

The tourists, who launched their first innings at the start of the day's play, went in for lunch at 74 for the loss of opener Phil Simmons, who made 19.

Brian Lara, who took 83 minutes before lunch to make nine, added five more to his score before he was bowled in trying to hit Raju out of the ground.

Carl Hooper, the most successful West Indies batsman on the tour so far, cracked an impressive 28 off 16 balls which included three boundaries and two sixes.

But his spectacular blitz was too good to last and Raju spun one across his bat and the edge was gobbled up by Sachin Tendulkar at first slip.

In the next over, Williams was caught at silly point by Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan to make the West Indies 120 for four.

Arthurton smashed six fours and two sixes to improve his team's position in the company of Adams, who was content to keep his end up.

But once Arthurton was caught in the slips by Tendulkar off Raju in the second over after tea, the West Indies lost their way as Kumble ran through the tail.

Adams, who was included in the West Indies side at the expense of promising left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul, was ninth out after batting 148 minutes for his 39.

Mongia 80, S Manjrekar 51; Walsh 6-79).

WEST INDIES: First innings
 Simmons c Manjrekar b Srinath 19
 Williams c Azharuddin b Chauhan 49
 Lara b Raju 14
 Hooper c Tendulkar b Raju 28
 Arthurton c Tendulkar b Raju 42
 Adams c Kambli b Raju 39
 Murray lbw b Raju 23
 Dhanraj c Mongia b Kumble 1
 Benjamin c Srinath b Kumble 0
 Walsh not out 2
 Cuffy c and b Kumble 0
 Extras: (b-11, lb-12, nb-3) 26
 Total: (all out) 243

Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-82; 3-120; 4-120; 5-194; 6-230; 7-241; 8-241; 9-242.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Prabhakar	4	0	18	0
Srinath	13	5	37	1
Kumble	23.5	7	48	3
Chauhan	21	7	57	1
Raju	21	7	60	5

INDIA: Second innings
 Prabhakar c Hooper b Benjamin 7
 Sidhu batting 0
 Mongia c Adams b Benjamin 0
 Kambli c Hooper b Benjamin 0



V RAJU ... 5 for 60

ding them turn and bounce.

Left-arm spinner Raju bagged five for 60 and leg-spinner Kumble took three for 48 as the West Indies, replaying to India's modest first innings

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K BENJAMIN ... 3 for 9

Extras: (nb-4) 4
 Total: (three wickets) 11
 Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-10; 3-11.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Walsh	4	2	2	0
Benjamin	3.4	0	9	3

Wrangle over TV rights gets in umpires' way

BOMBAY, Nov 19: Umpires in the first Test between India and the West Indies were deprived of television replays after a designated network stopped beaming before the start of the second day's play here Saturday, reports AFP.

Britain's Trans-World International (TWI), which was given a five-year contract by the Board of Control for Cricket in India to telecast international cricket in India, backed out after broadcasting live the first day's play.

A spokesman for the TWI said they had no option but to withdraw after India's Supreme Court granted the broadcasting rights to state-run Doordarshan television station.

TWI's live coverage was in conjunction with the privately-run Asian Television Network, the spokesman said, adding that they could not match the advertising revenue of Doordarshan, which caters to more than 40 million people.

Doordarshan, which is also broadcasting the match live, has not agreed to provide replays to the third umpire, since the cricket board's contract was only with the TWI to provide the service.

The board awarded the rights to telecast international cricket in India to the US-based Entertainment and Sports Promotion Network (ESPN), which in turned passed on the work to TWI.

Sources here said the Britain-based firm was also in a running dispute with Asian Television Network over revenue-sharing, but the TWI spokesman denied the report.

A new face in Lankan squad

COLOMBO, Nov 19: All-rounder Eric Upasanthan has been included in the Sri Lanka squad for the four-nations Mandela trophy one-day tournament starting on November 30, reports Reuters.

Pakistan, New Zealand and South Africa are the other sides in the tournament which finishes on January 15.

SRI LANKA: Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Aravinda de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha, Hashan Tillekeratne, Sanjeewa Ranatunga, Ruwan Kalpage, Pubudu Dassanayake, Chaminda Vaas, Ravindra Pushpakumara, P. Wickremasinghe, Kumar Dharmanasen, Muttiah Muralidharan, Sanath Jayasuriya, Eric Upasanthan.



Kimiko Date of Japan plays a backhand return to Conchita Martinez of Spain in the quarterfinals of the Virginia Slims Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York on Nov 18. Date won 2-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Dauids—Date, Davenport

NEW YORK, Nov 19: Japan's Kimiko Date fought off five match points Friday night to continue her mastery over Conchita Martinez and eliminate the Wimbledon champion from the Virginia Slims Championships, reports AP.

The hard-fought 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) victory boosted the eighth-seeded Date into the semifinals of the \$3.5 million, season-ending tournament. It also made No. 5 Mary Pierce the highest seeded player still chasing the \$125,000 first-place prize.

In Friday's first quarterfinal, seventh-seeded Lindsay Davenport ousted No. 4 Jana Novotna 6-2, 6-2.

Saturday's semifinals will pit Pierce against Davenport and Date against unseeded Gabriela Sabatini, who won this Madison Square Garden tournament in 1988.

Top-seeded Steffi Graf, the defending champion, fell to Pierce in the quarterfinals and No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and No. 6 Martina Navratilova were eliminated in the opening round.

It was only fitting that it was Date that provided Friday's shocker. In four career meetings, she has beaten Martinez three times, all this year.

But this one was super special — and a super surprise.

"This one is very important," Date said. "It gives me a lot of confidence."

After splitting the first two sets, Martinez grabbed a 4-2 lead and appeared to have her semifinal spot all sewed up. Date had other ideas.

Date held in the seventh and ninth games from duce, the latter making it 5-4 Martinez, with the Spaniard serving for the match.

Five times Martinez had match point, but five times Date battled back to duce. On one, Date raced from side to side and then to the net, only to lose the point, then draped over the net to catch her breath.

Date finally broke through after saving off the fifth match point when Martinez sailed a forehand long. That made it duce, and Date grabbed the

ad point when she caught up with a drop shot and answered with a little chip of her own that Martinez netted.

When Martinez whacked a cross-court backhand wide, Date pulled level at 5-5.

"I just tried hard to concentrate on hitting the ball," Date said.

Both served love games to send the final set to a tiebreaker, in which Date won the first six points. Two points later, Date had survived a 2-hour, 36-minute battle.

Davenport easily captured her quarterfinal match, combining powerful groundstrokes and Novotna's bundle of errors. Whenever the fourth-seeded Novotna broke Davenport's serve, she immediately gave back the advantage, accompanied by a large serving of mistakes.

Novotna had two aces, half as many as Davenport, but committed nine double faults, two on game points in the second set. Davenport had only one double fault, when she led 40-30 in a game she eventually lost.

Bad back may force Graf out of Aussie open

FRANKFURT, Nov 19: German world number one Steffi Graf may be forced to undergo an operation on her injured back and is doubtful for next January's Australian Open, her doctor said on Friday, reports Reuters.

Graf, who was knocked out of the Virginia Slims Championships by Mary Pierce in New York on Thursday, has been suffering with problems in her lower back and has been out of action for several weeks.

"From the medical point of view she needs a break from training and competition," Graf's doctor, Hartmut Krahl, said in a statement released here.

He said he was looking into all types of treatment to cure the problem, including a possible operation.

"At the moment she is doubtful for the Australian Open," Krahl added.

No rest for dope controllers

ISTANBUL, Nov 19: Doping controllers are likely to be as busy as the judges as the World Weightlifting Championships gets under way, reports AP.

Last year's decision to introduce new weight categories erased records that were felt tainted by drug-enhanced performances. But it has not lifted the specter of doping from the sport in which 18 athletes have tested positive in the first 10 months of this year.

While Bulgarians and lifters from the former Soviet Union are expected to dominate the 10 men's events, the Chinese could well sweep the nine women's categories at the biggest ever world championships.

Tamas Ajan, general secretary of the World Weightlifting Federation, said 269 men and 120 women would compete in the 10-day event ending Nov 28. Sixty-five countries were taking part in the first championships to be staged in Turkey.

The competitors will include Naim Suleymanoglu, a national hero in Turkey, who defected from Bulgaria in 1986 by which time he already was a two-time world champion.

Suleymanoglu is known as the "Pocket Hercules" because he stands only 5 feet (1.52 metres) tall yet can lift three times his body weight. He likely will lift in the featherweight (64 kilogram) category.

Ajan defended weightlifting's recent record on drugs and suggested other sports had bigger doping problems.

"Weightlifting is not synonymous with doping and doping is not synonymous with weightlifting," he said.

The 18 weightlifters who had tested positive this year for stimulants and anabolic steroids was 1.7 per cent of the 970 analyzed, he said. None of the 18 was a gold medalist or a big name lifter, he said, and that number and percentage was much lower than drug cheats registered in other sports.

Gold, silver and bronze medal winners at the championships here will be tested for drugs and three others would be checked at random.

The samples will be analyzed at an IOC-accredited independent laboratory in Cologne, Germany, Ajan said. There is no accredited lab in Turkey.

As a result, drug test results would be known only two weeks after the competition ended, Ajan said.

Sampras in, Ivanisevic out

FRANKFURT, Nov 19: With a lot of help from Boris Becker, top-ranked Pete Sampras made the semifinals of the IBM/ATP Tour World Championship Friday, joining Becker, Andre Agassi and Sergi Bruguera in the last four, reports AP.

Sampras did his part by beating Goran Ivanisevic but his fate hung in balance until Becker completed a tough three-set victory over Stefan Edberg.

Because of the round-robin format, top-ranked Sampras would have been eliminated if Edberg had beaten Becker.

"Before the match, he came into my locker room and wished me good luck," Becker said. "I knew that if I lost he'd be out."

Becker needed plenty of luck and some very good tennis to prevail over Edberg, who is now No 8 in the world but showed flashes of the brilliance that had once made him No 1.

By coming from behind to beat Edberg 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 7-5, the German won his group with a 3-0 record.

Sampras beat Ivanisevic 6-3, 6-4 earlier and finished 2-1, while Edberg (1-2) and Ivanisevic (0-3) were eliminated.

Ivanisevic, a semifinalist here the last two years, not only failed to win a match this year, but faces a two-month suspension and a \$10,000 fine after an outburst in the second set.

In the last round-robin match, No 2 Agassi beat Bruguera 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 to win his group and will play Sampras in

the first of Saturday's semifinals. Becker will face Bruguera, No 3. Both Agassi and Bruguera had already advanced Thursday.

"I knew I had to win only a set to be in the semis, but I wanted to be first in group," said Becker, a three-time Wimbledon champion who won here in 1992 and is No 5 in the world.

A double-fault by the German gave Edberg a 3-1 lead in the decisive set, but Becker broke right back. In the 11th game, Edberg saved one break point, but then faced another.

A passing shot by Becker clinched the game and he served out the match in the next, to thunderous applause from 9,000 fans in the Festhalle.

Sampras, champion in 1991, scored the only two breaks in the match and that was enough to give him victory over Ivanisevic, whom he also beat in the Wimbledon final.

In a match that lasted one hour, three minutes and saw few rallies longer than a couple of shots, the American broke for a 4-2 lead when Ivanisevic double-faulted.

In the previous game, Sampras was taken to duce, but served two aces in a row.

After gaining the break, Sampras sailed through the first set in 25 minutes.

Ivanisevic immediately dropped his serve in the first game of the second set and was given a warning for swearing during the changeover.

In the next game, facing game point on the American's serve, Ivanisevic was given a penalty point and lost the game after a lineswoman went

to chair umpire Gerry Armstrong, who then penalized Ivanisevic for verbal abuse. The Croat apparently had insulted the lineswoman in Croatian.

Serving for the match, Sampras faced a break point but saved it with a service winner. A forehand down the line gave him match point and he won it with another service winner.

"I could tell from the first couple of games he wasn't serving like he normally does," Sampras said. "And I played one of my better matches this fall."

Ivanisevic, No 4 in the world, could become the first player to be suspended since the tour's inception in 1990.

Spokesman Peter Alfano said Ivanisevic had exceeded \$10,000 in fines for the second straight year, which according to ATP rules carries a two-month suspension.

Alfano declined to say how much exactly in fines Ivanisevic had accumulated this year or how much he would be fined for Friday's outburst.

He was called for verbal abuse, which carries a fine of up to \$10,000.

Ivanisevic now has three weeks to appeal, or risks being banned from the tour for two months and fined \$10,000. The ban would extend into the Australian Open, but Alfano said Grand Slam tournaments were not obliged to follow the ATP suspension policy.

"I deserved the warning because I said a couple of bad things," Ivanisevic said, but complained that he should not have been penalized because the lineswoman did not understand what he said.

Wiranata in China Open semifinals

BEIJING, Nov 19: Indonesia's Ardy Wiranata, ranked first in the world, has clinched a berth in the semifinals of the China Open badminton tournament in northeastern Dalian, the Xinhua news agency said on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Wiranata, who led his country to win the Thomas Cup earlier this year, beat Hu Zhilan of China 15-5, 15-12 on Friday, the agency said.

The Indonesian will meet China's Sun Jun in the semifinals later on Saturday. Sun walked over Kim Hak-Kyun of South Korea 15-9, 10-0 to advance to the top four.

Wiranata toyed with Hu and took the first set with ease. But Hu sped up his attacks in the second set to lead 3-0 before Wiranata tied the score at 3-3 with an ace and a strong forehand smash.

After leveling the score at 6-6, Wiranata never looked back and led 8-7, 10-8, 13-12 before finishing off the match at 15-12.

In the women's singles, Shen Lianfeng of China came from behind to upset compatriot and defending champion Han Jingna 9-12, 12-10, 11-7 for a semifinal berth.

Shan will meet top seed Bang Soo-Hyun of South Korea in the semifinals. Bang, who won the gold in the Hiroshima Asian Games, beat Xu Li of China in straight sets 11-5 and 11-6.



IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch speaks with the president of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) Sam Ramsay at a press conference in Johannesburg on Nov 17.



Participants of the American Cup golf tournament held at the Kurmitola golf course on Friday.

American Cup golf held

Sports Reporter

Rafiq Ahmad Khan and Gianfranco Dinazio Brown won the men's and women's titles of the American Cup golf tournament held at the Kurmitola golf course, Friday.

The day-long meet was participated by local golfers and foreign diplomats.

Aftab H Bhuiyan finished runner-up in the men's event while Bhuiyan's counterpart in the women's fray was M S Kwon.

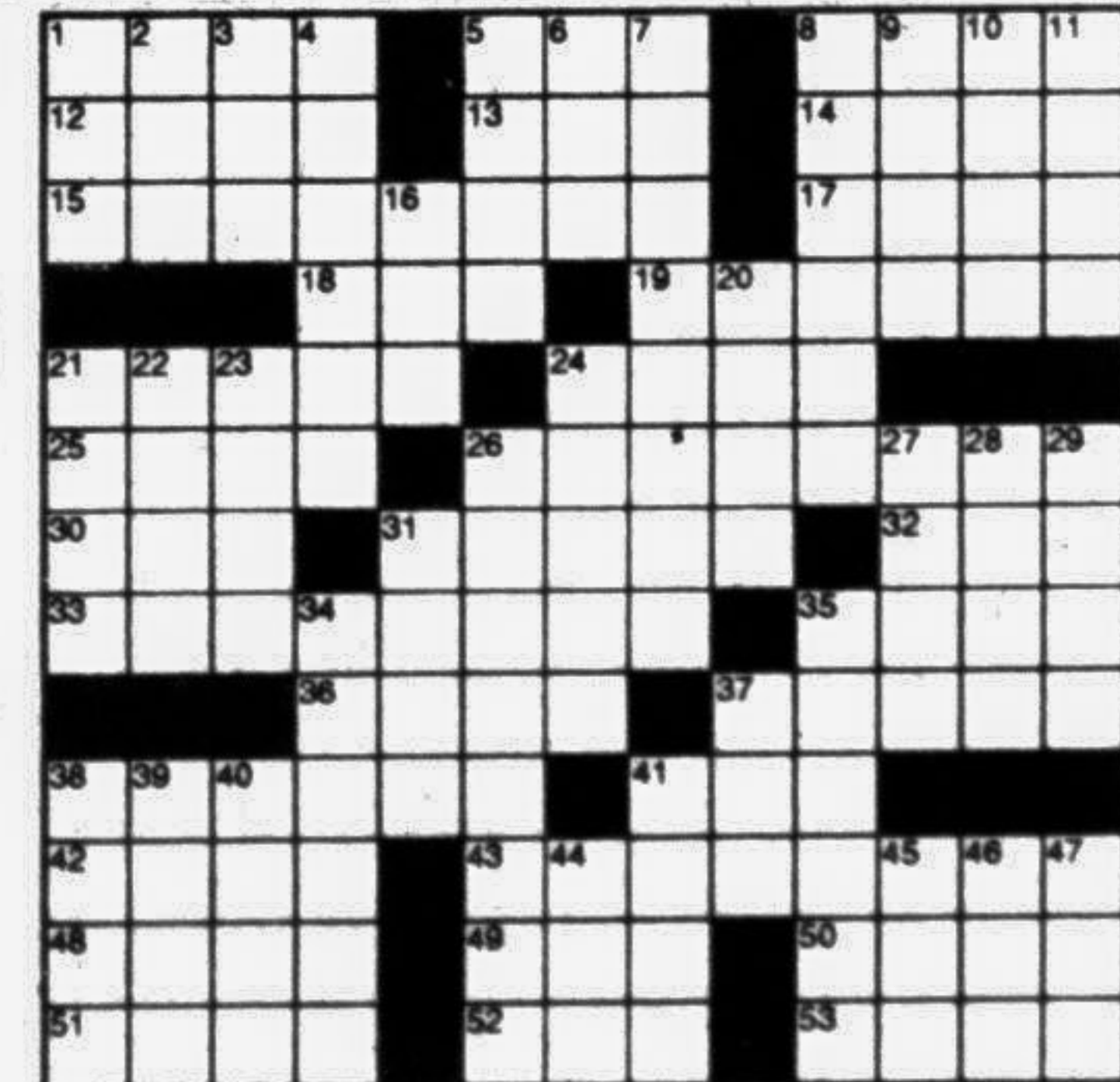
Italy's second

OSAKA, Nov 19: World champions Italy beat the Netherlands 15-13, 14-16, 15-3, 15-6 Saturday for their second victory in the men's World Super Four '94 volleyball competition, reports AP.

The Netherlands are 1-1. Japan were to play the United States in the second match of the day.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - 45 Pitching stat.
 - 46 Rock musician
 - 47 Firmament



CRYPTOQUIP

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 J D X H Z G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POOR FORTUNETELLER MANAGED TO PALM OFF HER DAUGHTER.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U 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.