Pete cries, rallies, wins

MELBOURNE, Jan 24: Pete Sampras, crying openly on court in one of the most unusual and emotional scenes ever witnessed in tennis, hung on for a stirring five-set win over Jim Courier at the Australian Open on Tuesday, reports AP.

Sampras began sobbing into his towel during the changeover after winning the first game of the final set. Throwing ice water on to his face in an effort to hide the tears, he was able to compose himself before returning to the court.

There were television reports that a spectator in the crowd, at the beginning of the fifth set, yelled: "Do it for your coach," in reference to the illness suffered by Tim Gullikson. Gullikson, who has had two strokes in the past three months, left for the United States on Tuesday after again becoming ill during the tournament and having to be hospitalized.

Sampras appeared to be composed after the changeover, but moments later, he again began crying and during one service game, blasted two aces past Courier in between wiping the tears away.

Sampras, who won 6-7, (4-7), 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, had beaten Courier in 10 of 13 previous meetings, including last year's Australian Open semifinal. He now plays Michael Chang in the semifinals on Thursday.

In the fourth set, Sampras broke Courier's serve in the 10th game when Courier slammed an easy overhead smash well outside the court.

The pair stayed on serve through the first 12 games of the opening set, forcing a tiebreaker, where they scored points on their serve to 3-3.

Sampras double-faulted to allow Courier to take a 4-3 lead, then Courier held on his next serve to go up 5-3. The next point had to be replayed when a linesman ruled that a Courier shot was wide and the chair umpire over-ruled. Courier won the set when a Sampras backhand went into the net.

The two also held service in the second set, forcing another tiebreaker that Courier won after going up 3-0 and watching a Sampras backhand go into the net on set point.

Sampras came fighting back in the third set, breaking Courier in the third and ninth games.

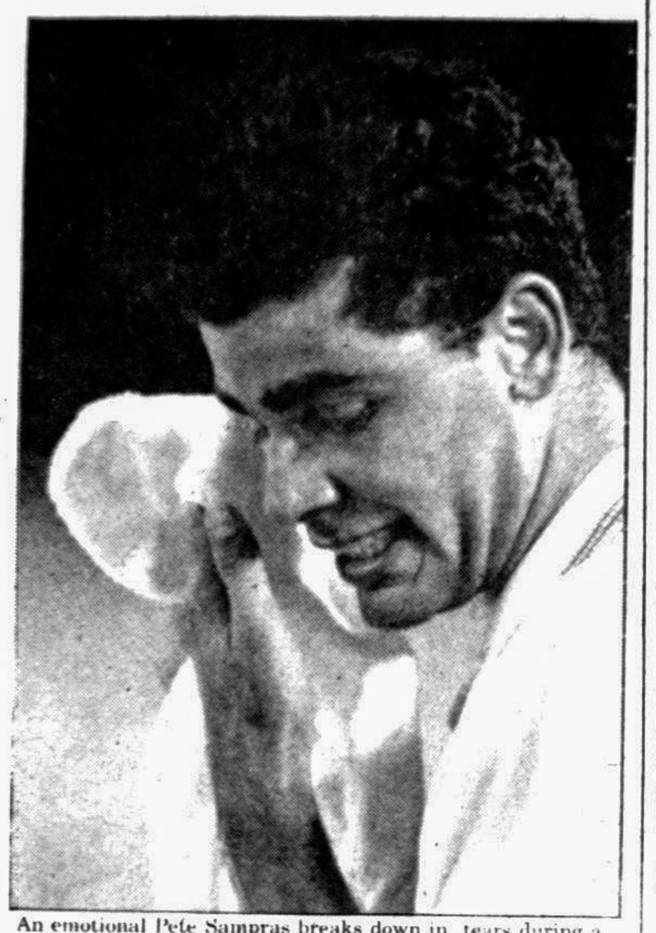
Earlier, Chang admitted that players often exploit injuries to their opponents. But he was reluctant to talk too much about one he may have sustained himself.

"Jim and Pete read papers," Chang smiled when asked about an upper thigh injury he suffered during his 7-6 (9-7), 7-5, 6-3 quarterfinal win over Andrei Medvedev.

Medvedev injured his left wrist while lunging for a Chang forehand passing shot that gave the American a 5-3 lead in the first-set tiebreaker. Moving to his left for the shot, Medvedev slipped and fell, rolling over on to his left wrist.

Chang had problems later in the match when a trainer treated his upper legs. But he was reluctant to confirm which leg, or the extent of his injury.

"It definitely wasn't a cramp, just a little bit of tightness," said Chang. "We'll leave it at that." When asked which leg, he said. "We'd better leave it at that."



An emotional Pete Sampras breaks down in tears during a change-over in his Australian Open quarterfinal against Jim Courier yesterday. The world number one, worried over his coach Tim Gullikson's heart condition, rallied from two sets down to beat fellow-American Courier 6-7 (4-7), 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-4 and 6-3. — AFP photo

Chang said following Medvedev's injury, he checked out his opponent's ability to play a variety of shots.

"I was testing him. I was seeing if any particular shots hurt him," he said. "I was looking to see if he had any trouble hitting forehands, any trouble hitting backhands, anything else. He didn't so I figured it must not be too severe."

Chang's reasons for the injury test are not all predatory.

"I think the danger is that if you see that your opponent is injured, you can tend to just hit the ball back. You figure that he's hurt, he's not going to be able to hit as well and he's going to lose the match. I've learned in the past that that's just not the case."

Conchita Martinez, playing with the same determination that brought her last year's Wimbledon singles title, moved a step closer to another Grand Slam championship.

Martinez, the second seed, beat American Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals against Mary Pierce. Davenport double-faulted on match point and made 50 unforced errors.

"Every time I've played her it's been a problem," said Davenport. "It's tough because I have to be the one to go for it. I know I can't stay out there and rally with them."

Fourth seed Pierce advanced with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Natasha Zvereva. Pierce, based in Florida and coached by Nick Bollettieri, needed only 62 minutes to beat the eighth seed. Pierce and Martinez have never played each other.

OJ Simpson gets first break

LOS ANGELES, Jan 24: A judge handed OJ Simpson's defence team a major victory on Monday, allowing it to introduce allegations of racism against a key police witness, reports Reuter.

Judge Lance Ito, who reset opening presentations for today in the sensational double-murder trial, ruled that attorneys for the American football legend could question a white police detective about racist remarks he is alleged to have made about blacks.

The defence team has suggested that detective Mark Fuhrman may have planted the most damning piece of evidence — a bloody glove — at Simpson's estate because of his disdain for the black football legend's marriage to a beautiful white woman.

Yokohama win Asian Cup Winners' Cup

SHARAJAH, Jan 24: Defender Ippie Watanabe scored both goals — including the game winner in extra time — as Japan's Yokohama Flugels beat the Emirates' Al-Shaab 2-1 to take the fifth Asian Cup Winners' Cup Sunday, reports AP.

The match was played at a furious pace before Watanabe knocked a header off a corner kick past the outstretched arms of Al-Shaab goalkeeper Ahmed Hilal's in the 37th minute.

It was Japan's third victory in five editions of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup following the double success of Nissan FC — now known as the Yokohamma Marinos — in 1991 and 1992.

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Gullikson flies home

MELBOURNE, Jan 24: Tim Gullikson, who suffered a dizzy spell during the Australian Open last week, flew home to the United States on Tuesday after his release from the hospital, reports AP.

"We just want to say a big thank you to all players and tennis friends for their encouragement and support," said his twin brother Tom, the US Davis Cup coach, who returned home with him.

Tim Gullikson, who suffered two strokes in the past three months, was feeling much better Tuesday, ATP Tour spokesman Greg Sharko said.

Gullikson had to be helped from the National Tennis Centre on Friday by his brother and a racket stringer when he became dizzy in the locker room following a warmup with Sampras.

Gullikson spent three days in the hospital, but Sharko had no information on the results of heart and brain exams that Gullikson underwent during his hospital stay.

Last October, Gullikson collapsed in a Stockholm, Sweden, hotel room, and again fell ill at the Grand Slam Cup at Munich, Germany, in December. Brain scans showed that he had a blocked artery from a congenital heart condition and has suffered two minor strokes.

He is on a blood-thinning medication, which can have a side effect of causing dizziness.

Indomitable Lions left in the cold

HARARE, Jan 24: Cameroon's national soccer team are stranded without food and accommodation in Zimbabwe after their African Nations' Cup qualifier on Sunday, the Zimbabwe Soccer Federation (ZIFA) said today, reports Reuter.

ZIFA secretary-general Phil Hwata said Cameroon, who were beaten 4-1 on Sunday, were not due to leave for home until Friday but had no money for their stay over the next three days.

"They have no money ... and we also have no money to pay for the extra days," Hwata said.

ZIFA has been hosting the 'Indomitable Lions' for the past five days, the maximum period they are obliged to pay bills for visiting African Nations' Cup qualifying contestants.

"We have advised CAF (Confederation of African Football) of the plight of the Cameroonians but the continental body has not been helpful," Hwata added.

"We have been advised that the visitors should fend for themselves for the extra days they are staying in Zimbabwe and we do not know what to do with them," Cameroon officials declined to comment.

Fiorentina won't let Effenberg go

BONN, Jan 24: Italian club Fiorentina are determined to retain unsettled German mid fielder Stefan Effenberg, currently playing on loan in Germany, Fiorentina's president said in an interview published on Sunday, reports Reuter.

"There is no way I am letting Effenberg go. He's indispensable to our team. I'm counting on him for next season," Cecchi Gori told the weekly newspaper Bild Am Sonntag.

"We are going to pursue the subject. I'm going to stay cool and calm and we will continue to fight for Effenberg."

Effenberg, expelled from the German squad at last year's World Cup finals after making an obscene gesture to fans, was deemed surplus to Fiorentina's requirements this season as the squad's fourth foreigner.

He has flourished since going on loan to Bundesliga club Borussia Moenchengladbach but his Fiorentina contract runs until 1997.

Papin revisits Marseille

MARSEILLE, Jan 24: Bayern Munich striker Jean-Pierre Papin returned on Monday to Marseille, the city where he enjoyed his greatest soccer successes, for a new operation to cure a troublesome knee injury, reports Reuter.

The 31-year-old former European-player-of-the-year, whose career has been almost totally disrupted by injury since joining Bayern from AC Milan last summer, is due to have minor surgery on Wednesday.

Papin, who had an operation on the same knee earlier in the season, said he had continued to suffer pain and wanted to finish with the problem once and for all.

The Frenchman said he hoped he would recover in time for the resumption of the German league session, after the mid-winter break, in mid-February.

Pierce perfectly at home

MELBOURNE, Jan 24: All the familiar power of Mary Pierce's groundstrokes were on display, and so, too, was the more emotional side of her game.

Crisp passes were mixed with the occasional slapping of her racket. She hit her head with her hands once when she missed a shot, and looked skyward when she missed some others.

Those histrionics aside, the fourth-seeded Pierce beat No 8 Natasha Zvereva of Belarus 6-1, 6-4 Tuesday in the Australian Open to secure a place in her second Grand Slam semifinal, reports AP.

Pierce believes the rubberised Rebound Ace court at the Australian Open is perfectly suited to her style.

"It's not very fast and the bounce is pretty high, so it gives me time to get ready for my shots," she said.

Pierce, confident she has put the controversies involving her father behind her, feels she is more relaxed and confident on and off the court. Her father Jim, who also was her coach, was banned two years ago from attending WTA Tour events because of his disruptive behaviour.

But there are times when her emotions take over.

MARY PIERCE

"I was very happy with the first set. I played pretty well, I was very aggressive," Pierce said. "In the second I got a little impatient, made a few mistakes and got a little upset at myself. But I started to clam down a little. It's just the way I am, unfortunately.

"It's fine because I'm a different person off the court than on. I'm trying to be more relaxed all the time."

To her credit, Pierce was unmoved by a time violation she received when preparing to serve at match point. She cracked a backhand down the line for victory and her best Grand Slam performance since losing last year's French Open final to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

"It didn't bother me at all," Pierce said of the violation. "It was just a warning and it was hopefully close to the end of the match, so it was OK."

Pierce was always in charge against Zvereva. She raced through the first set in just 21 minutes and led 4-2 in the second before the Zvereva broke back and tied it 4-4.

But things were back on course for Pierce when Zvereva double-faulted for the third time to surrender her next serve and trail 4-5. Pierce then staved off a break point before serving out the match.

"She was extremely confident, blasting balls everywhere and everything went in," said Zvereva, who came onto court wearing an old Soviet Union track top.

"The feeling coming from her was very positive and confident. She's pumped up. She has a very confident edge. Her game is either hit or miss, and when she goes for it she goes all the way."

Agassi the crowd-puller

MELBOURNE, Jan 24: Andre Agassi is within two matches of fulfilling the wildest dreams of Australian Open organisers, already grateful for the American's crowd-pulling powers, reports Reuter.

The world number two's first visit to Flinders Park has single-handedly swept away pre-tournament fears of falling crowd figures, with attendances on course to show a healthy increase on last year's 300,000 aggregate.

Agassi's stunning straight-sets victory over local hope Patrick Rafter on Monday was watched by a near-capacity Centre Court crowd and a peak-time television audience, and officials are still scrambling to make the most of their good fortune.

For the first time at the Australian Open, the men's semifinals will not be played on the same day. One will now take place alongside the women's semis on Thursday, leaving Friday's spectators with just one men's singles contest.

By subtle manipulation of the draw, Agassi is in line for the Friday slot, assuming he beats Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, offering every chance of another capacity crowd for an otherwise thin day's entertainment.

Should he go all the way, the prediction of marketing manager John Brown that a final featuring Agassi or Rafter, or preferably both, "would rate its pants off" now looks an understatement.

Even Agassi training sessions have become the subject of breathless news releases, but behind the hype there is no disguising the quality of his tennis.

The US Open champion has yet to drop a set and has his gaze firmly fixed on Sunday's men's final, a date which scarcely concerned him in the past when he spent January resting at home.

"I feel I've worked myself into this event and the intensity has picked up," he said. "It's definitely a Grand Slam tournament, let's make no bones about that."

The talented Kafelnikov represents a different sort of player to the often one-paced opponents Agassi has met so far, but the second seed is ready for the challenge.

"My matches have been rather consistent ... now it's going to shift a little bit and there's going to be a different sort of feel for my next round. That's when I really want to see myself move to another level."

Agassi proved again on Monday that he loves the big occasion, handling the ear-splitting support of Rafter's teenage female fan club like a stage veteran.

If Agassi does reach the final, the fascination in his every move will intensify still further, but the 24-year-old insists he will block everything out.

Argentine tennis star Gabriela Sabatini poses with a "Gaby" doll during its unveiling ceremony in Melbourne on Jan 23. The exclusive edition of 100 dolls will cost 2,495 US dollars and be available in early summer. Sabatini is also marketing her autobiography "My Story." — AFP photo

Taiwan means business

TAIPEI, Jan 24: Taiwan's controversial bid to host the 2002 Asian Games gathered steam Tuesday as a Taiwanese delegation embarked on a 4-nation tour of Southeast Asia to garner support, reports AP.

Taiwan's bid for the Games, which are held every four years, is opposed by China, which views Taiwan as a renegade province.

Taiwan formally announced Friday that Kaohsiung, a southern port city, would bid.

A six-member delegation led by deputy secretary general of the Kaohsiung City Government, Ho Tung-po, left Tuesday to visit sports officials in Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, city officials said.

A 13-member delegation led by Kaohsiung Mayor WuDen-yih will leave for Thailand on Feb. 5 for a 12-day tour which will include visits to sports officials in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Amman, the city government said.

Taiwan's Olympic Committee has said China's support will be vital to Kaohsiung's bid. But Mayor Wu has not said if he plans to visit China to seek Beijing's support.

Chinese Olympic Committee president Wu Shaozu has said Taiwan is not an appropriate host for the Asian Games and that China will support a bid from South Korea.

China threatened to boycott the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan, after the Olympic Council of Asia invited Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui to attend.

Yeboah at Elland Road

LONDON, Jan 24: Ghanaian international striker Anthony Yeboah finally joined Leeds United for a club record fee of 3.4 million pounds (5.39 million dollars) on Monday ending weeks of delays that held up his signing, reports Reuter.

The 28-year-old originally agreed a move to Elland Road almost three weeks ago but before he officially joined from German club Eintracht Frankfurt, Yeboah had to wait for a work permit.

Even when that finally arrived his signing was delayed because he had forgotten to obtain a visa.

But on Monday he trained with his new teammates for the first time and admitted to being only "70 or 80 per cent fit" having not played since the beginning of the Bundesliga break at the end of November.

But he was confident of his ability to adapt quickly to the hectic demands of the English Premier league after finishing Germany's top scorer in two of his four seasons with Frankfurt.

"I think the German type of football and that in England is quite similar although football here is very aggressive," said Yeboah.

"When I first went to Germany from Ghana I was very young and found it tough in the first two or three months but I soon adapted and I'll be trying as hard as possible to adapt to football over here as well."

Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson, whose previous attempts to sign international strikers like Thomas Skuhravy, Ruben Sosa and Martin Dahlin had all fallen through, did not attempt to hide his satisfaction at welcoming Yeboah on board.

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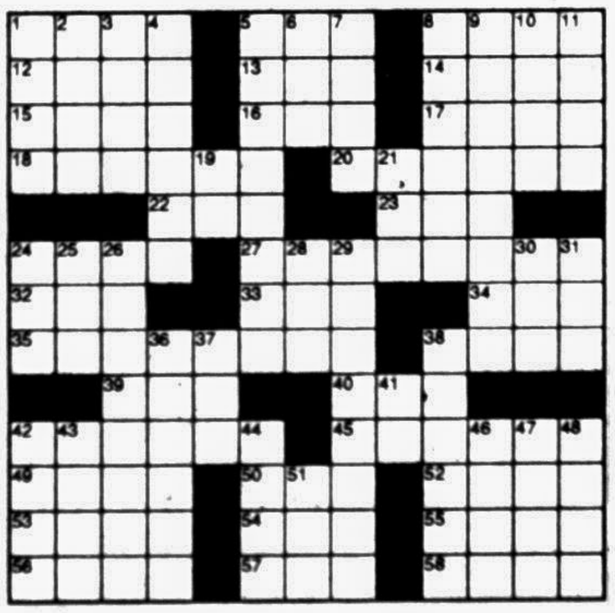

CRYPTOQUIP

T W R E G Z - F R O Q Y P Q O Q N D F G P Q E O J J W K W O Q H K W N Z U D M U T O Q Y J W H N W F F E N W .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SWIFT LIFEGUARD AT MY COUNTRY CLUB HAD NO TROUBLE GETTING INTO THE SOCIAL SWIM.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals C

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.