

Mushtaq Ahmed (l'akistan's ace leg-spin-

"I want to be a very successful Test bowler and want to take more wickets than Warne and Kumble. Nothing personal. Just to make it competitive."

On his aim.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT at the 1924 Paris Games, Robert LeGendre long-jumped 25 feet and five inches, a world record distance then. Unfortunately LeGendre's jump came in the pentathlon, and it was not considered an Olympic record. Next time you are running

for the bus, jumping a khal or being chased by the police, don't try too hard, don't jump your best or run your fastest; it will never be a world record.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand Jan 2: Top-seeded Romanian Irina Spirlea was knocked out of the 107,500 dollars Amway Classic women's tenhis tournament in the first round here today, beaten in straight sets by unseeded French player Julie Halard-Decugis, reports AFP. Spirlea was one of four

seeds in action today and they were all beaten, leaving only three seeded players among the 16 players in the second round.

Third-seeded Austrian Judith Wiesner was beaten by Japan's Ai Sugiyama, fifthseeded Mexican Angelica Gavaldon went down to Germany's Andrea Glass and American Sandra Cacic put out sixth-seeded Kyoko Nagatsuka from Japan.

Halard-Decugis, top seed in the fournament last year when she reached the quarterfinals, was unseeded this time after her world ranking fell from 15 to 50.

Today her service and returns were superior to Spirlea.

* Halard-Decugis said her ranking had dropped because

of too much tennis in 1995.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division cricket league:

Kalabagan KC vs GMCC Yamaha First Division

cricket league: Sadharan Bima KS vs Lalmatia club (DCS) City Club vs Bangladesh Boys Club (CCG)

Acme Second Division cricket league: Azad Boys vs Kakrail Boys (MOS)

Shantinagar 'A' vs Young 'Pegasas 'B" (DCG) Kathalbagan CC vs Lalbagh Anwar SC (DCS)

Column One A cakewalk for Biman

Sports Reporter

The other opener Athar Ali, who scored a century against Gulshan Youth in their opening league match. remained fluent with his bat till the end of their chase. Alter a brief 31-run second wicket stand with one down Ahmed Faiyaz Shaheen (12) who was caught and bowled by Sri Lankan all-rounder



ATHAR ALI ... 77 no

Carman Mapatuna in the 37th over, the tall national opener took his side to safety with an unbeaten 19-run third wicket partnership along with their other Pakistani Muhtasin Rashid (9 not out).

Athar remained not out on 77 off 131 balls which includes five boundaries.

Earlier, put in to bat Wari Club were booked for 171 in 48.2 overs mainly because of Muhtasin Rashid who ran out three Wari batsmen with his accurate throws. The Pakistani spinner also

took two wickets including the prized wicket of Wari batsman Hasanuzzaman who

Mapatuna (20) were the other leading Wari scorers.

Left-arm pacer Anisur

for Biman in four matches yesterday.

scored highest 69 runs for his team. Mofizur Rahman (28) and

Rahman and Nazimuddin Manna, the new local pace sensation, bagged two wickets apiece conceding 15 and 20 runs respectively. This was the third victory

while Wari, who won two matches so far in the league. suffered their second defeat

Larsson baffles local teen



DOHA, Jan 2: Fifth-seeded Magnus Larsson cruised through his first match at the Qatar Open on Monday.

routing local teenager Sultan Khalfan 6-0, 6-1 on the opening day of the 635,000 dollars tournament, report

WARI CLUB: 171 In 48.2

overs (Hasanuzzaman 69;

BANGLADESH BIMAN:

173 for two in 42.4 overs

(Athar Ali 77 not out,

Khan steered Bangladesh

Biman to their third victory

in the Premier Division

cricket league when they

outplayed Wari Club by eight

wickets at the Dhaka Stadium

and Nasir took the score to

123 in 29.2 overs before the

non-striking Pakistani

opener was out on 63 being

caught by Wari skipper Mukul

· Nasir, one of the most de-

pendable Biman batsman.

scored eight boundaries in

his 85-ball innings which left

his side 49 runs away from

the win with 20.4 overs in

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Chasing 172 to win, Athar

A century plus

first wicket par-tnership bet-

ween national

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Nasir-Khan 63)

vesterday.

Ants 2/15, Manna 2/20)

The 18-year-old Qatari university student became the first Qatari to play in a ATP Tour event after receiving a wild-card entry following the withdrawal of India's injured Leander Paes. His loss still earned him 6,000 dollars.

Larsson is trying to return to the final, where in lost to tellow Swede Stefan Edberg last vear.

The only other seed in action Monday was Dutchman Jan Siemerink, who was upset by Romania's Adrian Voines 2-6, 3-6.

The main action will be on Tuesday when top seed Thomas Muster of Austria. the reigning French Open champion, meets Spain's Javier Sanchez. Also Tuesday. No 2 seed Boris Becker renews his old, rivalry with Edberg, who has announced he will retire after the 1996

Stefan Edberg, who is about to start his last year on the professional circuit, says he lost some of his hunger for tennis after 14 years at

"It is important to, perform well. That's what it's all about, I'm not hungry enough anymore," the former world No I said Monday.

Edberg was in the Qatari capital for the Qatar Open, a title he has won twice.

Muster Goran's man

PERTH. Jan 2: Goran Ivanisevic expects Austrian clay-court specialist Thomas Muster to pass Americans Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi in the world rankings. reports AP.

"Muster will be No. 1 in two months if he just plays solid," said Ivanisevic, the two-time Wimbledon finalist. from Croatia.

"He is fit, like a dog. He warms up for an hour. If I did that I would be dead ... He has improved his game he's so confident he can play on any surface. In my opinion he will be No 1."

sively against the strong-serv-

When you lose that hunger, it is hard to go out every day and perform as you did before.

"! had been thinking about retiring for a while, and losing at Wimbledon last year made my mind up for me." said Edberg, who has won six Grand Slam titles.

"Even if I won another Grand Slam event this year, it wouldn't change my mind. although it would be a nice way to finish." Edberg, who will turn 30

on Jan 19. slipped in ATP Tour rankings from seventh to 23rd in 1995. The two will play on Tuesday as will top seed and

French Open champion Thomas Muster of Austria. who takes on Spain's Javier Sanchez. "I was very sad when Stefan said he was quitting."

said, Becker, who finished

last year by winning the ATP World Championship in Frankfurt. "He is a good friend as well as a rival. He has always played with style and finesse

on court." The first Qatar Mobil Open tennis tournament was in 1993 when Becker won. Edberg took it in 1994 and

Germans gun Dutch down

ing Schultz-McCarthy, mixing both her singles and doupowerful baseline strokes with the occasional deft drop bles matches Tuesday, sparshot. king defending champions The Dutch player served Germany to a surprise 2-1 20 aces to none for her opvictory over the Netherlands ponent, but could not match

in the Hopman Cup team Huber's consistency. tennis championship, report "It is very difficult to find a rhythm from the baseline against her, so I was very Huber gave Germany the lead when she won the openpleased to win," said Huber, ing women's singles 3-6, 6-4, who is ranked ninth in the world to her opponent's 7-6 (8-6) over Brenda Schultz-McCarthy.

PERTH, Jan 2: good start, rallying impres-

Anke Huber

won

gles, but Huber than paired

with Sinner to record a 2-6,

6-1. 6-2 victory over the tir-

ing Dutch pair in the decisive

mixed doubles of the Group B

Hopman Cup last year when

Boris Becker partnered Hu-

ber, but are this year seeded

seventh in the eight-team

The Dutch pair is seeded

second behind Croatia on the

basis of solid singles results

by both Krajicek and Schultz-

McCarthy last year, but it

wilted badly in the mixed

lowed the United States'

upset victory over highly-fan-

cied South Africans on Mon-

Netherlands' defeat fol-

round-robin event.

doubles.

The Germans won the

agencies.

13th. Richard Krajicek levelled Schultz-McCarthy saved the contest at 1-1 by defeatone match point in the final ing Martin Sinner 7-5, 5-7, game of the third set and 7 6 (7-4) in a 2 hour-20 then held serve. minute marathon men's sin-

Huber raced to a 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker and had three more match points at 6-3, only for Schultz-Mc-Carthy to save them with a service winner, a drop shot and then a fiery backhand crosscourt shot.

At 6-7, however, Schultz-McCarthy ran out of chances, netting a forehand approach to give Huber victory in exactly two hours. It was Huber's seventh win in eight meetings with Schultz-Mc-

Sinner returned well in his singles against Krajicek. who at No 11 is ranked 36 places better on the com-

Rrajicek. however. slammed down 17 aces -- including the one that sealed a match in which the momen-Huber gave the Germans a turn was constantly swinging.

The Dutch pair raced through the first set of the mixed doubles but then saw the rampant Germans win 12 of the last 15 games.

Huber held serve to seal the doubles win, serving her only ace of the day in the process.

On Monday the topseeded Croatian combination of Goran Ivanisevic and Iva Majoli breezed to a 3-0 win over the No 8 seeded pair from France: Arnaud Boetsch

and Catherine Tanvier. The Croatian pair won 3-6, 6-1 (7-4). The match was decided by a suddendeath tie-breaker after the teams split the first two sets.

In the singles ivanisevic Yook just 72 minutes to beat Arnaud Boetsch 7-5, 6-4.

But his victory came in uncharacteristic style with none of his usual big serves or aces.

Majoli, playing in the Cup for the first time, did not have to exert herself against Tanvier. winning 6-1, 6-2.

The Frenchwoman, still recovering from surgery on her right knee which almost forced her into premature retirement, hobbled around the court gingerly throughout the 64 minutes at the match and never looked likely to upset Majoli.

The top team, in each group after round robin play will meet in the final on Jan

US soldiers of the NATO peace implementation force (IFOR) are engaged in an American version of football with their British counterparts in Sarajevo on New Year's Day. - AFP/UNB photo

Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

KRELAGHAR SKS: 186/9 (Rana 30, Sumon 29 Shahidur 3/34) BANGLADESH BOYS: 115 in 32.5 overs (Nasim 38; Bahar

AJAX CLUB: 183/7 (Jewel 62; littkhar 2/20, Azim BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 145 in 40.3 overs (littikhar 51; Bhola 2/20. Emdad 2/13, Aminul 2/33)

Khelaghar SKS and Ajax Club recorded victories in their respective Yamaha First Division cricket league games yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Khelaghar defeated Bangladesh Boys by a massive 71 runs.

Batting first, Khelaghar posted a respectable total of 186 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs. Rana Chowdhury topscored with 30 followed by Sayed Hossain Sumon with 29. Shahidur Rahman Sayed captured three wickets for 34 runs in his 9 overs.

In reply, Boys were bundied out for a paltry 115 in only 32.5 overs. Nasim Ahmed topscored with 38. Muktadir Babar was the wrecker-inchief taking 4 for 7 in 3.5

At the City Club Ground Ajax won over Bangladesh Railway by 38 runs. Batting first. Ajax scored 183 for 7 in the allotted 45 overs. Abdul Karıın Jewel made 62 runs.

In reply, Railway was all out for 145, with lftikhar Hossain topscoring with 51 Bhola. Emdad and Aminui took two wickets apiece.

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter PWD Sports Club. Rupali Bank and Orient Sporting Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, PWD recorded a 10wicket wins over Shantinagar B while Rupali Bank beat East End Club by five wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium. In the day's other match Orient Club defeated spread Eagles by 49 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

BRIEF SCORES

Shantinagar 'B': 65 in 25 overs (Rana 5/31, Rony 2/8) PWD SC: 68 for no loss in 9 overs (Tonu 39 not out Faziu 23 not out) Result : PWD won by 10 wickets.

nine in 40 overs (Babu 36 not out. Mustafa 3/23. Babli 3/24) Rupali Bank: 162 for five in 37.3 overs (Jahangir 46.

East End Club: 158 for

Mustafa 34, Prodeep 2/28) Result: Rupali Bank won by 5 wickets. Orient SC: 231 for six in

40 overs (Rakib 88, Jemel 46) Spread Eagles: 182 in 37.3 overs (Tutul 44, Rakib

3/25) Result: Orient won by 49

Indians denied Pak visas

NEW DELHI, Jan 2: India today took strong exception to Pakistan's decision to deny visas to the Indian under-18 team to participate in the World youth hockey festival in Rawalpindi, terming it as a 'deliberate move' to inhibit the normalisation of relations between the two countries. reports PTI.

The decision of the Pakistani authorities was in sharp contrast to the helpful approach which had been consistently adopted by India in promoting people-to-people interaction between India and Pakistan, an internal affairs ministry release here

It said the Indian team had applied for the visas well in time but was unable to par ticipate in the festival of account of non-issuance of visas by the Pakistani authorities. New Delhi, it noted, wel-

comed Pakistani teams and sportspersons whenever they desired to participate in a sporting event in india. In the most recent case, over 200 Pakistani sports-

persons and officials were given visas in time and permitted to come to Madras to participate in the SAF Games.

A good day for Germans ADELAIDE, Jan 2: German

qualifiers Nicolas Kiefer and Joern Renzenbrink both scored surprise first-round victories Tuesday in the US dollars 328,000 Australian Hardcourt tennis championships, reports AP. Kiefer, an 18-year-old who won the junior titles last year at both the Australian and US

Opens, only is ranked 206 in

the world but he downed No

4 seed Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-2, 6-1. Renzenbrink, ranked 168. led 7-5, 3-1 when his opponent Jan Kroslak of Slovakia retired with a sprained right ankle.

Donald dents English ego



CAPE TOWN Jan 2: England captain Michael Atherton's decision to bat first backfired Tuesday when

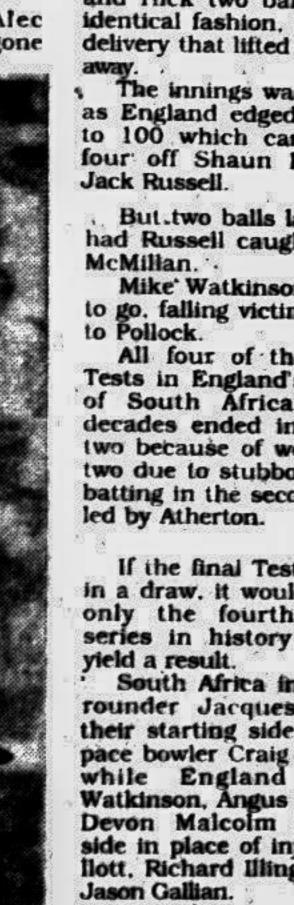
without scoring and his side fell to 125 for six at tea on the first day of the fifth and final Test against South Africa, report agencies,

he was caught

recognised batsman Robin Smith was bowled just after tea by Adams for 66. England had struggled

since the start of play. Mike Atherton had won the toss and elected to bat but the captain was back in the pavilion for a duck before England had opened the scoring.

Stewart (13) had also gone



Scoreboard on the first

ENGLAND: First innings Atherton c Hudson b Donald Stewart b McMillan Smith a Adams Thorpe e McMillan b Donald Hick c McMillan b Donald Russell c McMillan b Pollock Watkinson lbw b Pollock Cork b Donald Martin c Hudson b Donald Fraser not out Maleolm b Adams Extras: (b-4. lb-1. nb-4, w-1) 4 Total (in 68.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-24;

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Going down in history

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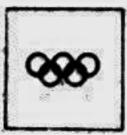
edging a Brian McMillan de-

in the second over after

England lost two wickets

livery onto his stumps.

- AFP/UNB photo



Jan 2.

With their Olympic year finally arrived, Atlanta's 1996 Games or gamisers say

An elated South African speedster Alan Donald jumps

in the air for the high-five celebration with teammates

after having England captain Mike Atherton (L) caught

behind for nought during the opening session of the

first day of the fifth Test at Newlands, Cape Town, on

they are confident they can present what they are calling "the largest peacetime event in history.

England's last batsman

The end was quickly in

Devon Malcolm was clean

bowled by South Africa's Paul

sight when England's last

The dropping of an electric "peach" at a midnight celebration in Atlanta not only signalled the start of 1996 but marked exactly 200 days until opening ceremonies of the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympics on July 19, reports Reuter.

And while the city's airport roads, parks and sports facilities are undergoing massive overhauls, the head of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games is unstinting in his boats that Atlanta will present "the best Olympic Games ever."

William Payne, president. founder and chief visionary of the Atlanta Olympic group, says the city will be ready.

"We Americans, in terms of business and management and logistical and technological support — we're as good or better, as anybody in the world at it," Payne said.

"And as a consequence, as an event these Games are going to be fantastic. I have absolutely no doubt about that, have never harboured any doubts about that." Olympic invitations were

sent last summer to 197 countries. All but North Korea have

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ident Jimmy Carter, a parttime Atlanta resident, has contacted the North Koreans asking them to reconsider their decision not to respond. Even without North Korea,

the Atlanta Olympics are expected to far surpass any previous in number of countries. athletes, sports contested, medals awarded and spectas. Over the past six months, the committee had organised a series of 19 test

events which played to mixed reviews from athletes, coaches and members of the news media. But Payne and other Olympic officials have said complaints will be dealt with and the 1996 Games will run smoothly "I think it's fair to say that

there are still some unknowns out there which will probably surface over the next six months that we're going to have to deal with in a professional and considered way. Payne said. This month, Atlanta offi-

cials hope to put a lid — if not an end — on the five-year debate over whether the private Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOC) can stage the 1996 Sammer Olympics without any taxpayer support.

Payne has insisted since the start of Atlanta's Olympic effort that the committee will be able to raise all the money it needs from corporate sponsorships, television rights fees ticket and merchandise sales.

cials said they had concluded, in their final "bulletproof" budget projection, that they will raise 1.71 billion dollars - a sum which would provide about 13 million dollars for unexpected contingencies.

But within a few days. Robbie Pound, a partner in price waterhouse and the official Atlanta Olympic auditor. said the margin between projected revenue and expense was too close and ACOG had not revealed enough detail about how it plans to spend its money.

This lack of detail raises our level of concern and raises the risk that ACOG could have a less than break-even result at the end of the Games," he

Payne said he understood Pound's concern about ACOG spending. "It is incapable and perhaps even impossible not to worry a little bit about keeping those items and issues under control," he said. This month, Payne said

the committee will reveal new.

more detailed expense figures.

"We feel extremely confident we will meet or exceed our revenue objectives," Payne The rest, he said, "is just doing business — and we're good at doing business. This organisations is not going to be paralysed - even remotely -over the financial issues

which have occupied so much

of our thought and so much of

the media coverage."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS**

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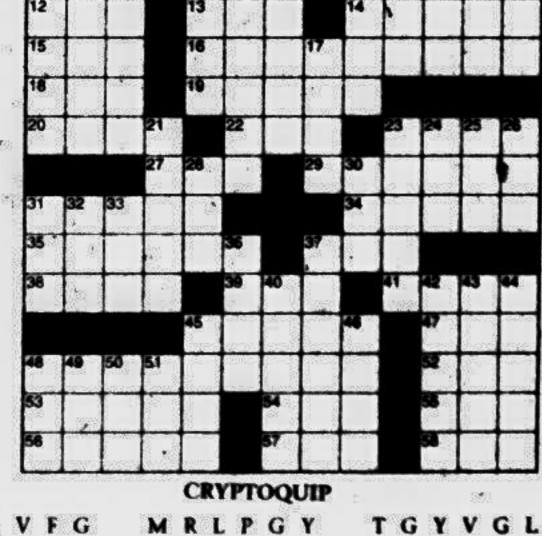
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Yesterday's Cryptoguip: WORDS SCRATCHEDON
THE TOMB WALL: "DRACULA'S MOM'S AN OLD Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals F

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.

Graeme Hick (2) went in almost identical fashion to deliveries, both caught at second slip by Brian McMillan. Thorpe departed the first ball be faced after the break. chasing a Donald loosener. and Hick two balls later in Fellow opener Alec identical fashion, following a

Donald

delivery that lifted and swung The innings was becalmed as England edged their way to 100 which came from a four off Shaun Pollock by

lunch to a fired-up Allan

Graham Thorpe (20) and

But two balls later Pollock

had Russell caught for 9 by Mike Watkinson was next to go, falling victim leg before

All four of the previous Tests in England's first tour of South Africa in three decades ended in draws two because of weather and two due to stubborn English batting in the second innings

If the final Test also ends in a draw, it would complete only the fourth five-Test series in history to fail to

South Africa inserted allrounder Jacques Kallis in their starting side, replacing pace bowler Craig Matthews, while England brought Watkinson, Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm into their side in place of injured Mark llott, Richard Illingworth and

SCOREBOARD

day of the fifth Test between South Africa and England at Newlands on Tuesday:

3-58; 4-60; 5+103; 6-115; 7-141; 8-147; 9-151

ATLANTA, Jan 2: accepted, and former US pres-