

Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-51 Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 30, 1996)

- 1. The new Zimbabwean cricket captain is... 2. Number of centuries scored in the Headingley Test between Pakistan and England were... 3. Australian Michael Bevan plays county cricket for... 4. The new football skipper of Muktijoddha Sangsad is... 5. What was the position Brothers Union Club in last year's Premier Division football league?



Atlanta Olympic silver medalist, Artur Partyka from Poland, clears 2.38m on his way to win the 18th international meeting in Eberstadt, Germany on August 18.

Sampras tunes up well

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 19: World number one Pete Sampras found the confidence-building victory he sought before the US Open, beating Goran Ivanisevic 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, to win the ATP US hardcourts here Sunday, reports AFP.

Winning the 1.04 million-dollar event gave Sampras his first title in four months and 150,000 dollars as well as a lift before the year's final Grand Slam event, the US Open begins August 26 in New York.

"This wins helps me. I was looking for that here," Sampras said. "I don't guarantee a US Open win, but this is a good start. I felt I played pretty well this week. I was reasonably sharp today."

Sampras, who improved his career record against the second

seeded Croatian to 8-6, came through with a break in the seventh game of the second set when Ivanisevic held a 40-0 lead.

Ivanisevic let the pivotal game slip with a double fault and a short drop shot. Sampras held on and took a 4-3 lead from a Ivanisevic return long over the baseline. But that break hardly settled the con-

lost his rhythm on serve and he broke me. From then on I couldn't serve well, even if I broke back.

Sampras seized his second opportunity and didn't let go. The American got to three match points in the next game, double faulted on his first, and put over a shoelace return which Ivanisevic could not reach to win.

"There were so many ups and downs," Sampras said. "At 5-1 in the second I put a few good groundstrokes together and he double faulted to give me the 6-5 lead. That was it."

It was the fifth title of the year for Sampras and the eighth final for Ivanisevic, who has still not won a title on US soil.

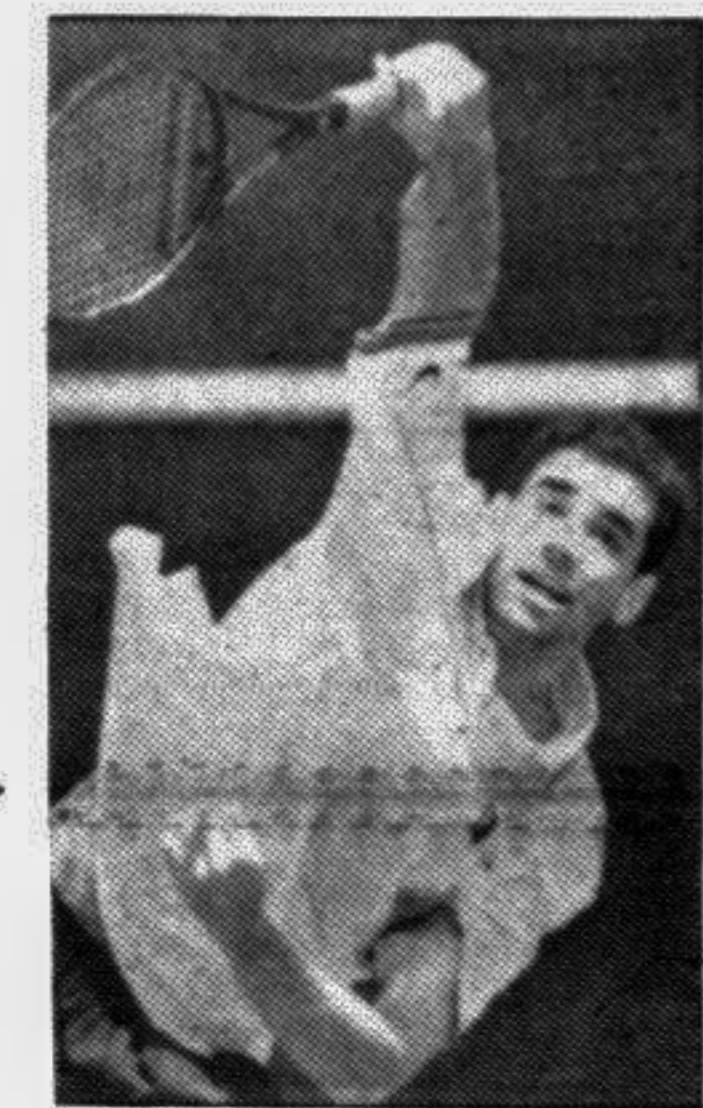
"Overall, I'm very satisfied with this week," Ivanisevic said. "Even if I'm not on my top form, I'm playing well. My goal is to get through the first week of the US Open."

After the match started two hours late due to rain, Sampras got the early edge, breaking in the second game. Sampras stretched it to 3-0 with a love game that ended with an ace.

Ivanisevic replied with a love game, which he won with his 1,000th ace of the year. The Croatian, who has played and lost two US finals, broke back in the seventh game for 3-4 and held to level at 4-4.

The hard-serving pair exchanged love games to get to 6-5 Sampras before Ivanisevic equalised to force the tiebreaker.

Sampras clinched the opening set in 38 minutes from a 5-1 lead. Ivanisevic missed a between-the-legs retrieval as he chased a Sampras lob to end the set.



PETE SAMPRAS

Ivanisevic stayed alive as he broke back to 5-5 when Sampras stretched long for a forehand which hit the net.

The drama continued when Ivanisevic double-faulted for two break points in the next game and lost his serve again with his fifth double fault.

"I lost my concentration after 3-1 in the second set when I was up 40-0," Ivanisevic said. "I

O'Brien sinks Siemerink

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 19: American wild card entrant Alex O'Brien, ranked 169th in the world, won his first career ATP title Sunday, defeating Dutchman Jan Siemerink 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 here at the international, reports AFP.

O'Brien is the lowest ranked player to win an ATP crown this year. Two other wild cards have won 1996 ATP titles. Chile's Marcelo Rios won in St. Polten in May and Austria's Thomas Muster won in Barcelona in April.

O'Brien captured the 150,000-dollar top prize in the second set until O'Brien broke Siemerink to move ahead 5-4. O'Brien served for the victory, taking the final point when Siemerink sent a backhand return wide.

Earlier in the tournament, O'Brien knocked off top seed and French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov in straight sets.

Not quite a Vialli start

LONDON, Aug 19: Chelsea's Gianluca Vialli could not match the exploits of his Italian colleague at Middlesbrough as the London club drew 0-0 with Southampton at the Dell on Sunday, reports AFP.

Under sunny skies, the 32-year old European Champions' League winner with Juventus last season was frustrated by the woodwork, denying him a goal in his first competitive outing for Ruud Gullit's club.

On Saturday, Vialli's former Juventus teammate Fabrizio Ravenelli scored a hatrick as Middlesbrough drew 3-3 at home to Liverpool.

Vialli, Roberto Di Matteo from Lazio and Strasbourg sweeper Frank Leboeuf had been expected to introduce a feast of football in this south coast Premiership fixture.

But they were frustrated by a team that represents the good virtues of English workmanship.

However, Vialli showed exactly what you might get for his mega wages in the 70th minute, launching himself acrobatically at Andy Myers' left wing cross into an overhead shot that finally beat Dave Beasant but smacked back off his right hand upright.

Apart from that he had only one real sight of goal in the 57th minute when his still considerable pace carried him strongly past Simon Charlton.

But the gangly former Blues goalkeeper maintained a point winning display for the other new man on the benches. Southampton manager Graeme Souness, with a close range block, and then whipped the ball off his toe when he raced through onto Di Matteo's pass moments later.

Gullit, showing few signs of managerial pressure in his first game in charge at Chelsea, will be satisfied with the promise shown and the way his side knitted together on its first competitive outing.

China's biggest stadium to open in May

SHANGHAI, Aug 19: China's biggest sports stadium, capable of seating 80,000 people, is to open in Shanghai in May 1997, official newspapers reported on Monday, reports Reuters.

A ceremony marking the completion of the concrete structure was held on Sunday, with a Swiss watch company donating timing equipment worth 1.3 million yuan (157,000 dollars), the Business News said.

Aussies' date with unknown



BRISBANE, Aug 19: Australia's cricketers left on Monday for a short tour of Sri Lanka where they face a potentially volatile reception after refusing to set foot on the island six months ago due to security fears, reports Reuters.

Australia are making their first visit to Sri Lanka since boycotting a World Cup fixture in February and will be without their captain and best bowler because of injury.

The players have spent quite a bit of time talking about it but unfortunately they are going into the unknown," Australian coach Geoff Marsh told reporters before the team's departure.

He said the 13-man squad still had reservations about playing in Sri Lanka, which has been fighting a civil war with separatist Tamil guerrillas for the 13 years.

"It's a very negative situation," but the Australian Cricket Board has done everything possible. The players are looking forward to going now with just a little hesitation about what to expect," Marsh said.

Wicketkeeper Ian Healy will lead the side in the two-week Singer World Series, starting on August 26, against Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and India.

Both opener Mark Taylor and leg spinner Shane Warne

ulled out last week because of back and finger injuries respectively.

Relations between the sides were badly strained last season when the Sri Lankans were first found guilty and then cleared of ball tampering, and spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was called for throwing during a controversial Test series in Australia.

PTI adds from Colombo: Sri Lanka security agencies will undertake one of their toughest security operations to ensure the safety of visiting cricket teams from India, Australia, Zimbabwe and their own team during the four-nation Singer World Series.

Hand-picked men from the elite Special Task Force (STF), the Ministerial Security Division (MSD) and the Colombo police will form a special force to man the security arrangements during the tournament.

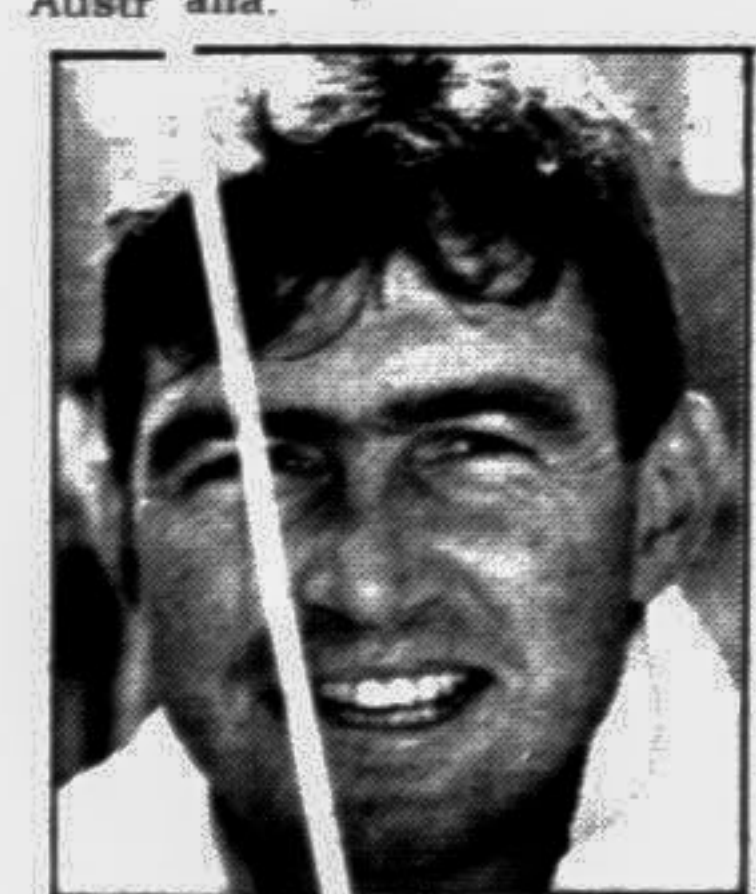
The security arrangements this time is the biggest ever after the visit of Pope John Paul in January last year.

Round the clock vigil has already begun at the Premadasa Stadium and the Singalese Sports Club ground (SSC) where the matches are scheduled.

Spectators at the venues will be thoroughly checked and are being requested to arrive well before time to avoid being left out.

Authorities are not leaving anything to chance in view of the fact that Australia and West Indies had refused to play matches in Colombo during the World Cup.

After initial hesitation, the Australian team has confirmed that they would participate in the tournament.



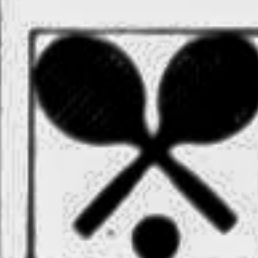
GEOFF MARSH

Marsh will take over as coach from Bob Simpson during the off season, said relations would take time to heal.

"That's something we will have to wear," Marsh said. But he ruled out any change to Australia's tradition ally aggressive approach.

"That's the way it's always been - you cross the white line

Davenport too good to Huber



MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 19: Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport's excellent summer got even better on Sunday as she won the 450,000 dollars Acura Classic in straight sets over second seed Anke Huber of Germany, reports Reuters.

Davenport, who notched a milestone, first career victory over Steffi Graf in the semifinals Saturday, collected an 80,000 dollars check after beating Huber 6-2, 6-3.

"This is the best summer of my life in terms of tennis," said fourth seed Davenport following her sixth career title.

"Coming off the Olympics, I knew I had a lot of confidence, but I never honestly thought I'd win here, especially with the draw and the other players. So, I'm very shocked."

Davenport hopes the two big titles will help set her up for the US Open fortnight at Flushing Meadows from August 26.

"Going into the US Open I'm expecting a little more of myself. I know I'm capable of doing extremely well there. I'm just going to have to stay extremely focused those two weeks."

Davenport, 20, displayed a lethal ground attack to improve

her head-to-head mark to 6-1 over Huber, the world's fifth ranked player. She dictated the pace throughout, pulling Huber out of position and forcing the 22-year-old into mistakes.

Davenport was broken just once, while breaking it the poor-serving Huber four times.

"My own serve was a pretty bad today," said Huber. "Her return is one of the best parts of her game. I think I tried to do too much, especially with my second serve. When she gets it

Davenport again took a 4-1 lead in the second set as Huber again double-faulted on game point. Huber, who had several double faults, had a chance to close to 4-3 but let two break points slip away and Davenport won the game with an ace.

Davenport ended the match with her fourth ace.

Huber, who won her first meeting with Davenport in 1994 before losing their next six encounters, said Davenport has come a long way the past two years.

Faridpur football league on

FARIDPUR, Aug 19: Abahani Krira Chakra beat Laksmipur Jubo Sangha 1-0 in the inaugural match of Faridpur football league '96, held Saturday at the stadium here, reports BSS.

Half-time score was goalless. Ram of Abahani scored the solitary goal at the fag end of the match.



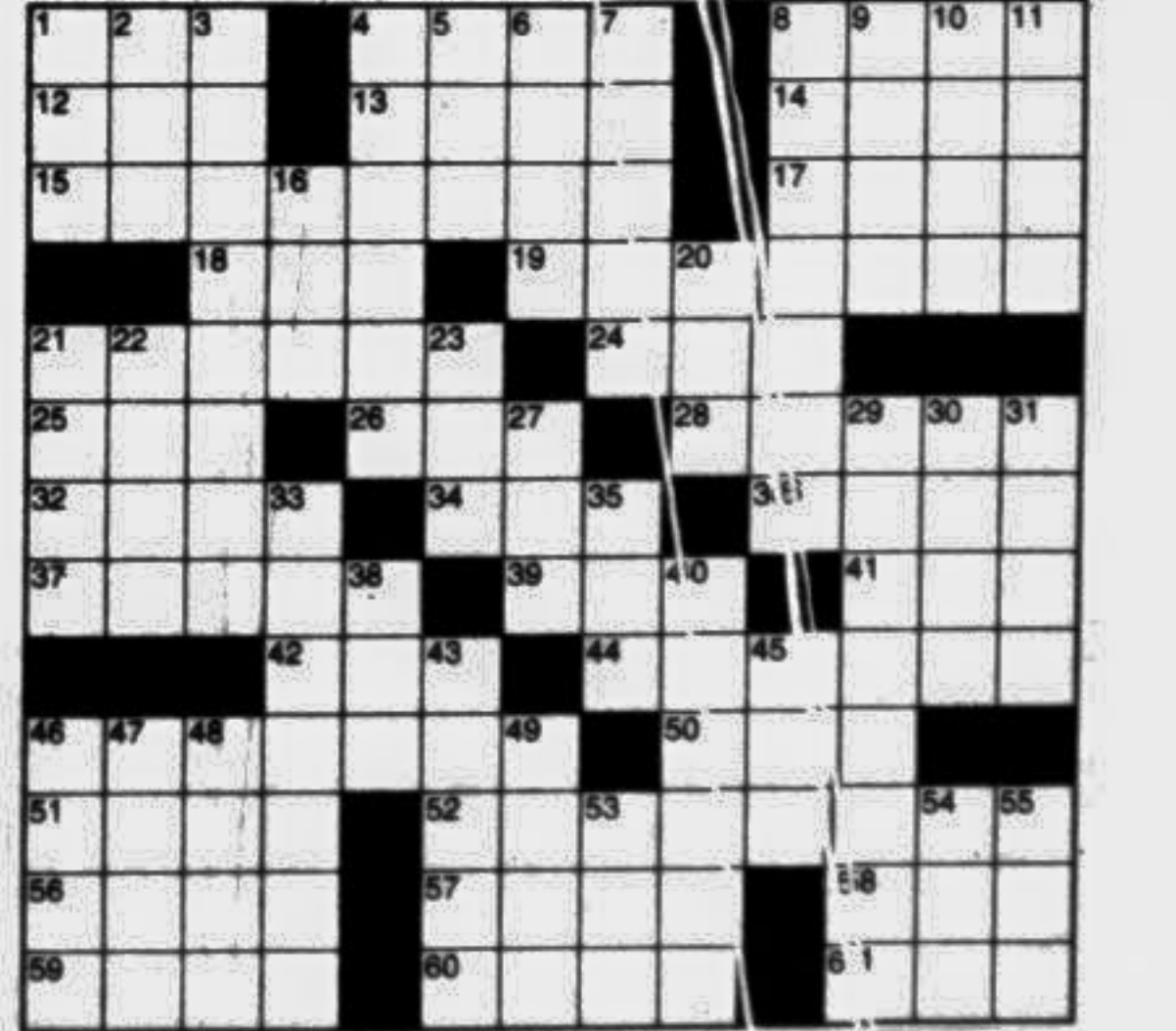
LINDSAY DAVENPORT



American Emilee Klein kisses the Weetabix Trophy after winning the British Open golf tournament at Woburn on August 18.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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SPORTS TALK



Sandip Patil

(Indian cricket team manager) "Sachin was groomed for it. I have no doubt about his capabilities as captain and his success. I am sure he will turn out to be one of the best captains."

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