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Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options (A, B, C, D) regarding cricket and tennis events.

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SPORTS TALK



Ian Healy (Australian wicketkeeper) 'I guess so. I have led Queensland. I would have to wait till I get the job of leading the country. Captaincy is a tough job. You get to know every player, how he reacts in a particular situation. You have to get them going in one way. I haven't had much experience at the moment.'

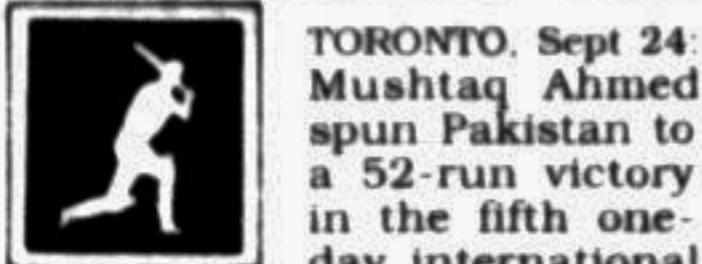
ATP top 20

Table listing ATP Tour top 20 players and their points: 1. Pete Sampras (US) 4,543, 2. Michael Chang (US) 4,010, etc.

Austria to help out their hero

VIENNA, Sept 24: The Austrian tennis federation (ÖTV) on Monday gave its full backing to world number three Thomas Muster for leading the Davis Cup team's walkout from the weekend's world group qualifying tie against Brazil, reports Reuter.

Pakistan win neighbours' battle in Canada India in Mushie muddle



TORONTO, Sept 24: Mushtaq Ahmed spun Pakistan to a 52-run victory in the fifth one-day international of the Sahara Cup as they completed a 3-2 series win over India in the first cricket series between the two countries in seven years, reports AP.

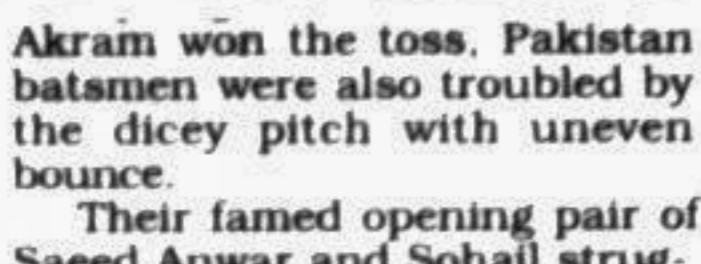


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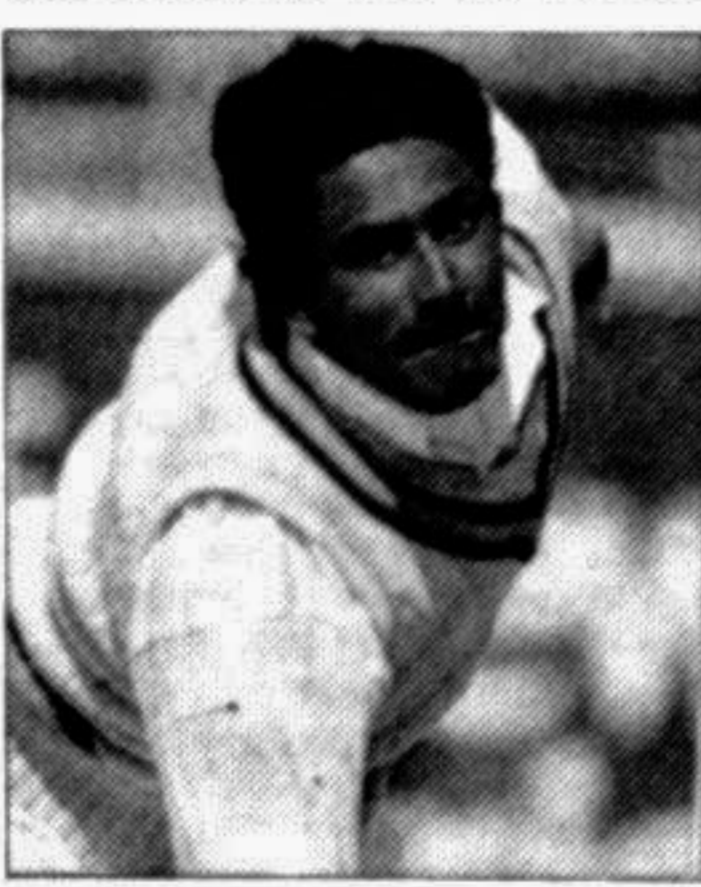
mate Inzamam ul Haq, sent India to defeat by 100 runs, as he and his batsmen with his leg-spin. The Pakistani wrist-wizard, now 26, returned figures of five for 36 as India, chasing Pakistan's moderate score of 213 for nine in 50 overs, were skittled out for 161 in 45.5 overs on an unpredictable track which made batting a difficult task.

The last full series between India and Pakistan was played in 1989. The two teams have frequently clashed in various limited over tournaments but tour exchanges between them have since remained suspended. Pakistan has won 32 of the 50 matches in the head-to-head clashes against India, who have won 16 times and two matches have failed to produce a result.

Pakistan's batting was built around two fighting knockers from opener Amir Sohail and Salim Malik who scored 44 and 43 runs, respectively. India, who were got off to a slow start, were jolted by skipper Sachin Tendulkar's run out by a direct hit from Salim Malik as the openers tried to steal a single to mid-off. Tendulkar scored an unusually slow 20 from 80 balls and India never recovered from his dismissal.



Akram won the toss, Pakistan batsmen were also troubled by the dicey pitch with uneven bounce. Their famed opening pair of Saeed Anwar and Sohail struggled to score freely against the Indian medium-pacers but it was off-spinner Ashish Kapoor who broke the partnership.

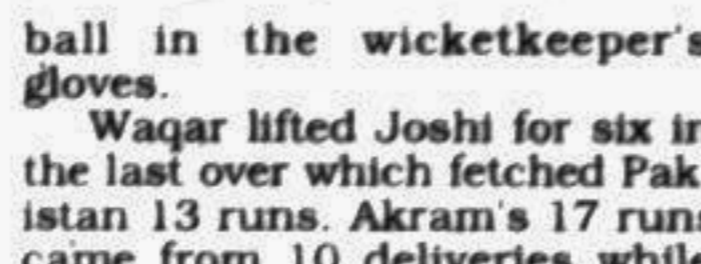


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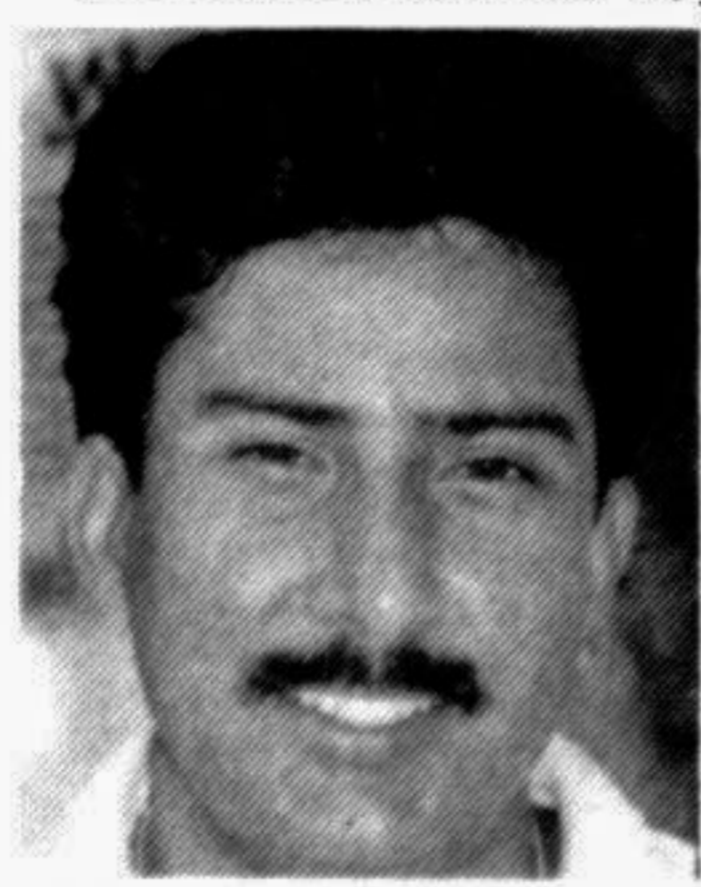
44. Sohail and Ijaz Ahmed then added 51 runs for the second wicket and were threatening to cut loose when India's useful spinner Anil Kumble was introduced into the attack. Kumble struck twice in his second over to dismiss Ijaz for 27 and Shadab Kabir for nought. Ijaz's 53-ball innings ended when he popped up a return catch to Kumble and Kabir, who replaced Salim Elahi for this match, was caught at forward short-leg by Dravid.

Sohail capitalised on the dropped catch by wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia off medium-pace Venkatesh Prasad early in his innings to finish as the top scorer with 44 runs off 96 deliveries. A stupendous leaping catch by Ajay Jadhava at mid-wicket off Kumble eventually accounted for Sohail. Kumble, who got some stick from the Pakistani tailenders, finished with three wickets for 47.

Inzamam ul Haq lasted briefly to score nine runs before becoming Kapoor's second victim, holing out to Prasad at mid-on. Malik propped the Pakistan middle-order with a gritty 47-ball knock of 43, in which he was twice put down by wicket-keeper Mongia off medium-pace Javagal Srinath. When he reached 37, Malik became the eighth batsman in the world to score 6,000 runs in one-day internationals. Others to have accomplished this feat are West Indians Desmond Haynes, Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson, Australians Dean Jones and Allan Border, Pakistan's Javed Miandad and former Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin.



ball in the wicketkeeper's gloves. Waqar lifted Joshi for six in the last over which fetched Pakistan 13 runs. Akram's 17 runs came from 10 deliveries while Waqar remained unbeaten on 12 off nine balls.



MALIK... joins 6,000 club

spinners with the occasional leg-break, brought his haul to 13 for the series at an average of 12.2.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table showing match details for Pakistan vs India, including batting and bowling statistics.

Table showing bowling statistics for both teams: O, M, R, W.

Result: Pakistan won the match by 52 runs. Man-of-the-match: Mushtaq Ahmed. Man-of-the-series: Anil Kumble.

Warne's India tour still in doubt

DARWIN, Australia, Sept 24: Australian strike bowler Shane Warne remains in doubt for the cricket tour of India next month after testing his repaired spinning finger in three practice matches, reports AP.

But captain Mark Taylor seems certain to declare himself available to discuss his progress with the Australian selectors on Wednesday. Taylor missed the recent short tour of Sri Lanka to recuperate but has been back in the nets with the New South Wales state squad for the last three weeks.

With the Australian team due to leave in eight days, Warne continued to pull up sore after the practice matches with the Victorian state squad and is expected to discuss his progress with the Australian selectors on Wednesday. Warne was expected to decide in the next 24 to 48 hours whether he was fit enough to make the tour, which will include a one-off Test and a triangular one-day series against the hosts and South Africa.

WC Qualifiers Qatar thrash Philippines

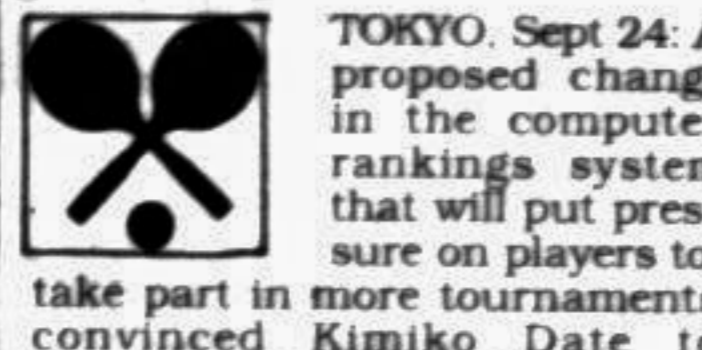
DOHA, Sept 24: Qatar beat the Philippines 5-0 (half-time 5-0) in a World Cup Asian Group 10 qualifier on Monday, reports Reuter.

Southampton keep on losing

LONDON, Sept 24: Two goals from Efan Ekoku spurred Wimbledon to their fourth successive win and sixth place in England's Premier League on Monday and plunged Southampton deeper into relegation trouble, reports Reuter.

It was a remarkable turnaround for the London club after losing their first three matches of the season and put them on 12 points from seven matches, five adrift of table-topping Liverpool. It also continued Southampton's woeful start to the season, without a win and one place above bottom club Blackburn only on a slim goal difference.

Date to draw the line



TOKYO, Sept 24: A proposed change in the computer rankings system that will put pressure on players to take part in more tournaments convinced Kimiko Date to retiring while still in the world's top 10, reports agencies.

The most successful tennis player in Japan's history told today how she had been considering hanging up her racket since June because of the changes planned by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA).

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A gloomy profile of Japan's tennis star Kimiko Date at a press conference in Tokyo on Sept 24 where she expressed her plan to quit tennis soon.

She started thinking of retirement at Eastbourne in June when I heard that the WTA is going to change the computer ranking system next year," said Date, who will be 26 on Saturday.

for the first time in November 1988 at number 321. Date turned professional the following year and arrived on the international scene when she won three ITF futures titles in England the same year.

She beat then world number three Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, at Los Angeles in 1991 and was Japan's number one player at the Barcelona Olympics.

Date started playing tennis when she was 6 years old, and first attracted national attention as a junior high and high school player in the mid-1980s.

Date's final match will be the November WTA Championship in November.

Milan's toughest time ahead



LONDON, Sept 24: AC Milan will have the worrying prospect of a quarter-final against European Cup holders Juventus on their minds when they travel to Norway to meet Rosenborg in the Champions' League of Wednesday, report agencies.

"We've got to get a result without being too fussy about how we get it," said striker Marco Simone. Milan, one of the class acts of European soccer, put themselves under some pressure with a shock 3-2 home defeat by Porto in the first round of the group phase.

If they finish second in Group D there is every prospect that they will meet Juventus, the likely Group C winners, in the last eight. Milan, chasing a record-equaling sixth European Cup, appeared to put a mini-crisis behind them with Sunday's 2-1 away win over Bologna in Serie A. The victory followed successive defeats by Porto and Sampdoria.

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Christian Prosenik. He injured his right knee at the weekend.

Ajax Amsterdam, 1-0 away winners over French champions Auxerre in their opening Champions' League fixture, would normally have expected to see off the challenge of Grasshopper Zurich on Wednesday with something to spare.

But these are not normal times for last season's beaten finalists. Wretched league form has left them eight points behind leaders Feyenoord. Nigerian winger Tijjani Babangida, John Veldman, Richard Withschge, Patrick Kluijvert and Peter Hoekstra are all sidelined by injury, while defender Winston Bogarde is an unlikely starter because of a sore foot.

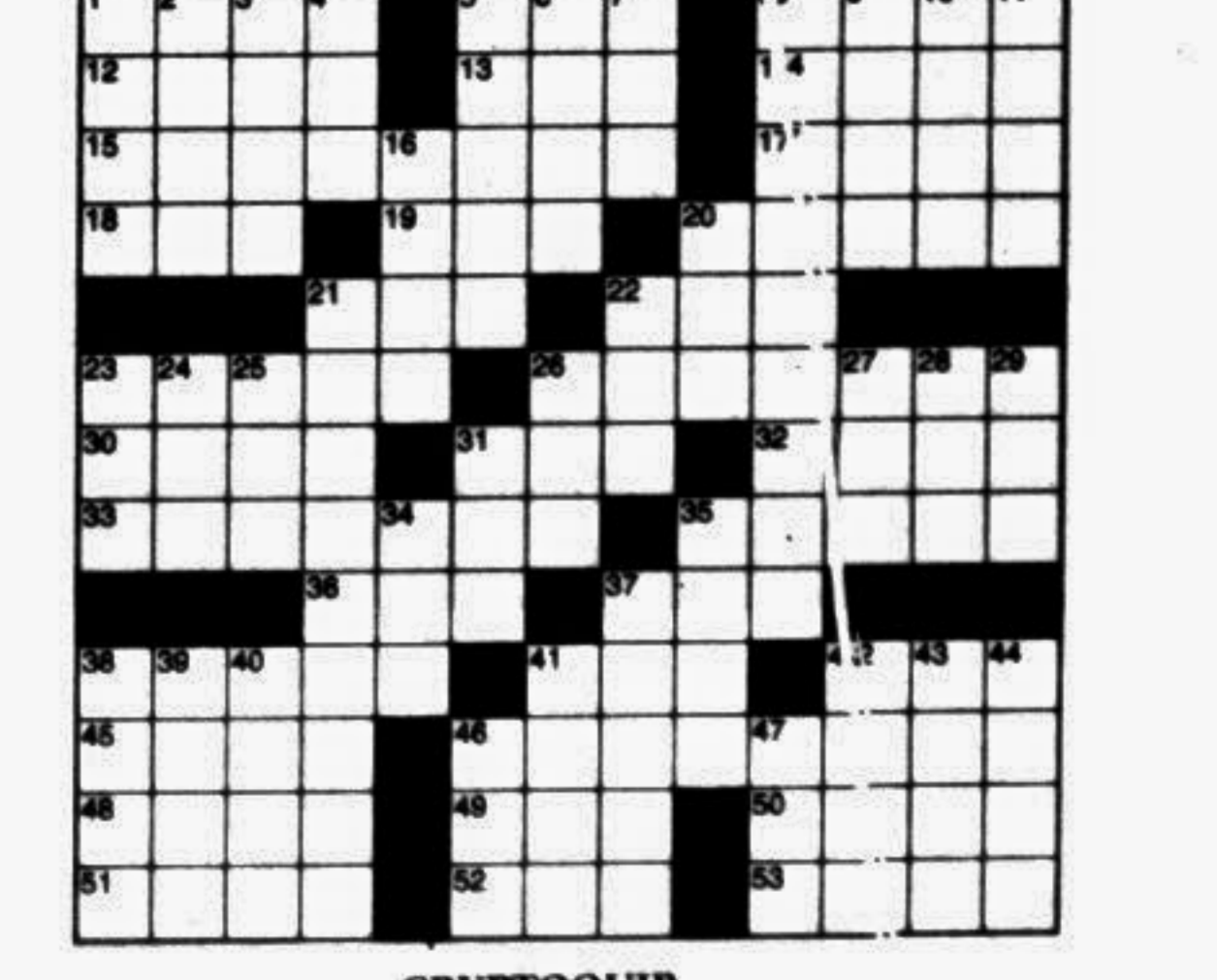
On the bright side, skipper Danny Blind returns from injury. Atletico Madrid's stunning Champions League debut, a 4-0 win over former winners Steaua Bucharest, was at odds with some mixed league form. But a 3-0 win over Logrono on Saturday has put the side in good heart for the trip to Poland to face Widzew Lodz. Playmaker Juse Luis Caminero will miss Wednesday's game through suspension, while midfielder Juan Vizcaino and forward Leonardo Biglini are doubtful because of injury.



Southampton's Richard Dryden (R) goes for a tough tackle against Wimbledon's Kenny Cunningham during their Premier league match at Selhurst Park, London, on Sept 23. Wimbledon won 3-1.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.



CRYPTOQUIP EFDRO, K YRKFU ALP JXKR N M H YRPU N KRAKON LKN ZDY L EMZX PH LMN LKH J N. Yesterday's Cryptokuip: HOW THE BOWLING BALL, "PI. EASE SPARE US!" Today's Cryptokuip clue: Z equals M