But her best memory was beating Steffi Graf in the Fed-

eration Cup in April and she

achieved her tennis by playing

Graf on the Centre Court in

against Germany at the Ariake

Coliseum in Tokyo, Date staved

off one match point to beat Graf

7-6 (9/7), 3-6, 12-10 to become

the first Japanese to beat a

world number one. Japan won

Japanese woman to reach the

semifinals at Wimbledon.

where she was the only player

was televised live by Japan

Broadcasting Corp. (NHK),

which postponed its regular 7:00 News for a sports even the

Date's secret plan to say

farewell to her local fans with a

home win failed when Seles

beat her in the Tokyo interna-

tional tournament semifinals

WTA rankings. Date has been

one of the few Japanese to rise to such lofty heights in the

world of professional tennis.

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world champion Steffi Graf

during the Federation Cup in

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Court in the Wimbledon semi-

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Date said she has not decided

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(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 got 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 mo-

Answering to a question that can a wicketkeeper be a good captain.

ATP top 20

MONACO, Sept 24: Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour on Monday, reports Reuter. Points 4,543 4,010 3,612 Player 1. Pete Sampras (US) 2. Michael Chang (US) 3. Thomas Muster (Austria) 3.161 4. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia)

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Austria to help out their hero

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20. Mark Philippoussis

(Australia)

court.

VIENNA, Sept 24: The Austrian tennis federation (OTV) 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.

OTV president Gerb Purner said an appeal would be made to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) about the crowd behaviour in Sao Paolo which led to Muster storming off court

during the doubles tie, the Austrian news agency APA said.

A furious Muster told Austrian television ORF the Brazilian crowd continually insulted him and his doubles partner Udo Plamberger and also spat and threw small stones on the

The Austrian team also pulled out of the reverse singles and flew home a day early, forfeiting the matches and giving Brazil a 4-1 win.

"We fully respect Muster's decision. He is the world's number three and he is also a levelheaded person," Purner said.

"We will be sending a written statement to the ITF about the matter and I don't believe they will ban us from Davis Cup

competition." The ITF are expected to discuss the incident at a meeting in London on October 7, APA said.

Pakistan win neighbours' battle in Canada

Akram won the toss, Pakistan

batsmen were also troubled by

the dicey pitch with uneven

Saeed Anwar and Sohail strug-

gled to score freely against the

Indian medium-pacers but it

was off-spinner Ashish Kapoor

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gloves to Rahul Dravid at for-

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Anwar was the first man out

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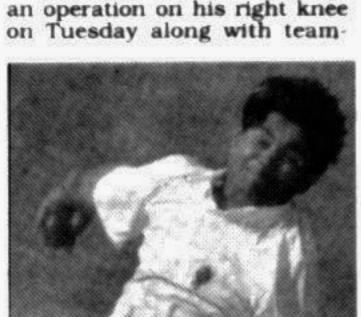
bounce.

India in Mushie muddle

TORONTO, Sept 24: Mushtaq Ahmed

spun Pakistan to a 52-run victory in the fifth oneday 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. Mushtaq, who will undergo an operation on his right knee



MUSHTAQ ... m.o.m

mate Inzamam ul Haq, sent India to defeat by mesmerising their 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 knocks 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 Mushtaq then ran through

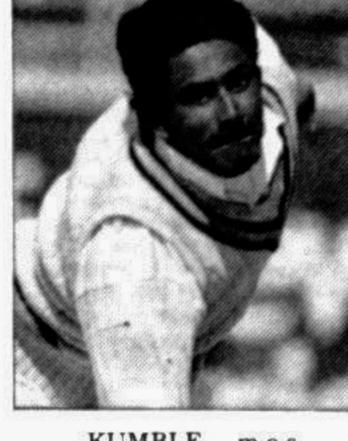
the Indian batting's top-order by claiming the scalps of Ajay Jadeja, Sunil Joshi, Mohammad Azharuddin and Rahul Dravid. Pakistan were cruising to

victory as off-spinner Saglain Mushtag claimed two wickets for 34 to spike any chances of an Indian resurgence. Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram said the team had put in

all it had to rally from being down twice in the series. Akram, referring to the public outrage in Pakistan after the

team lost to India in the World Cup quarterfinal in March last, said he hoped the Indian fans treat their team well. "We were mistreated when we

returned to Pakistan and some of us decided never to play cricket again," he said. "It took us a while to return to the cricket field."



KUMBLE... m.o.s

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 ljaz for 27 and Shadab Kabir for nought

ljaz'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 mediumpacer Venkatesh Prasad early in his innings to finish as the top scorer with 44 runs off 96 deliveries. A stupendous leaping catch by Ajay Jadeja at midwicket off Kumble eventually accounted for Sohail.

Kumble, who got some stick from the Pakistani tailenders. finished with three wickets for 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 wicketkeeper Mongia off mediumpacer 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. Malik, playing his 234th one-day international, failed to master a delivery from Prasad

and his middle-stump was sent cartwheeling. The Pakistani tail wagged as Akram and Waqar Younis in-

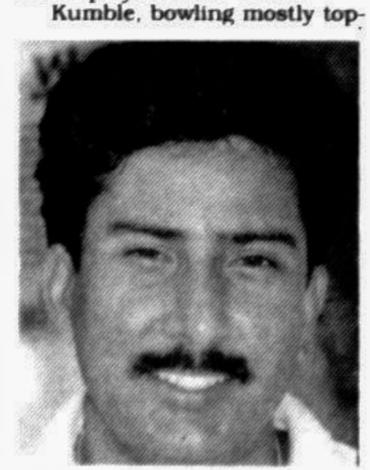
dulged in some big hitting. Akram struck Kumble for six to square leg and then clouted Prasad straight over the

fence before he was run out by

Mongia's underarm throw as he

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

Mushtaq collected the manof-the-match award while another spinner, Indian vice-captain Anil Kumble was designated player-of-the-series.



MALIK... joins 6,000 club

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

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fifth one dayer of the Sahara Cup between Pakistan and India. played at the Toronto Club ground Monday: PAKISTAN

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99; 4-108; 5-135; 6-174; 7-195; 8-195; 9-197. R W Bowling: Srinath 0 40 0 32 Prasad 0 36 Kapoor 36 Joshi

Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-95; 3-

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66; 4-70; 5-92; 6-96; 7-99; 8-127; Bowling: Akram 2 16 Waqar 0 Saglain 0 Sohail Mushtag

Result: Pakistan won the match by 52 runs. Pakistan won the series 3-2

Ahmed Man-of-the series: Anil

Man-of-the-match: Mushtaq

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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 lead the tour after a successful recovery from back 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. In three one-day matches

Warne had bowled a full 10 overs each time and was now bowling his full range of balls. although the finger continued to be sore. Victoria state coach John Scholes said Monday's

wouldn't says he has bowled them with the same intensity that he would in a shield game or a Test match, but he certainly has bowled every type of variety that he bowls," Sc holes said

WC Qualifiers **Qatar thrash Philippines**

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

Scorers: Mohammad Salem al-Enazi (18, 41), Mohammad Souli (27), Adel Khamis (30). Abdul Aziz Hassan (37).

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 continued 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 Southamp

without a win and one place above bottom club Blackburn only on a slim goal difference. Wimbledon took the lead after 12 minutes when Marcus Gayle took advantage of a poor attempt at a clearance by goalkeeper Dave Beasant to lash a

ton's woeful start to the season,

number one Monica Seles has event at Flushing Meadow this loose ball home. played only 10 tournaments in year. Southampton failed to exploit a number of chances that came their way and six minutes before half time they found themselves two down when Beasant was again at fault when he allowed Ekoku's shot to

Warne's India Date to draw the line



take part in more tournaments convinced Kimiko Date to retiring while still in the world's top 10, report 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 Wom-

the plast 12 months because of shoul der problems.

The new ranking system would give an advantage to those who are injury-free and able to play more tournaments. Many women have said it gives an advantage to competitors like Araintxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain who play many tournaments

"I decided it's the time to quit," said Date, who believes she would not be able to keep her top 10 ranking.

Appearing on the rankings



press conference in Tokyo on Sept 24 where she expressed -AFP/UNB photo her plan to quit tennis soon. for the first time in November

en's Tennis Association (WTA). "I 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 Satur-

me on the WTA Tour. I have been suffering from a chronic shoulder injury and I've been playing to the limit mentally and physically for those years. Currently, players have to take part in at least 14 tournaments a year and their rank-

"It's been the eighth year for

ings are decided by dividing their total points by the number of events played. World number one Steffi Graf of Germany collected 4577 from 11 tournaments, which was divided by 14 for an average of 326.9286 points. Her co-

Wimbledon won 3-1.

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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 Date captured her first circuit title at the Japan Open in

1992, and won again in 1993, 1994 and 1996. She won her first title outside Japan at Sydnev in 1994 to become the first Japanese player to break into the top 10. Date won the 926,250-dollar

Toray Pan Pacific Open in 1995

and won again in San Diego just

before her final Grand Slam

what to do after her final match in November Date, at 1.63-metres (5-foot-4), told reporters she felt she had gone as far as she could against larger, more powerful players. "I'm not very tall compared

playing tennis." Date said.

to the other players, and I'm not really physically superior." she said. "For the past few years, 've really been pushing my Date's career has followed

closely the goals she set out in a 1991 interview in a Japanese newspaper in which she said probably was not good enough to win a No. 1 ranking. She said instead that she hoped to make it into the top ten for a year or two and guit at 25. She dispelled reports on

Kiichi Nakai, 35, who starred this year in a popular TV drama. She said the two were good friends. Date, who rose as high as Yourth in the WTA rankings in !vovember 1995, surpassed 1 naillion dollars in career prize.

Japanese TV gossip shows that

she was quitting to marry actor

and the same year she was the first Japanese woman to reach the Lipton final. Date started playing tennis when she was 6 years old, and first attracted national atten-

mioney at the 1995 Pan Pacific.

tion as a junior high and high school player in the mid-1980s. Date's final match will be the Movember WTA Champi-

onship in November.

Opting to bat first after tried to steal a single with the squirm under his body. Milan's toughest time ahead



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LONDON, Sept 24: AC Milan will have the worrving prospect of a quarter-final agai-

nst 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.

Coach Oscar Washington Tabarez is hopeful that veteran defender Franco Baresei will have recovered from injury to replace the cup-tied Pietro Vierchowod.

If Baresei fails a fitness test then Tabarez can play either Filippo Galli or Marcel Desailly alongside Alessandro Costacurta, with Edgar Davids replacing Desailly in midfield. Roberto Baggio looks set to

spend his third match on the

bench on Wednesday, as the playmaker's fortunes continue their downward spiral. Baggio, Italy's hero of the 1994 world cup and a former footballer-of-the-year, played just six minutes of Sunday's game at Bologna and watched the previous week's defeat to Sampdoria, ostensibly due to

an ankle injury. Coach Oscar Tabarez's experiment with Baggio as a third forward behind two strikers failed to deliver the results, and the Uruguayan now says he will stick with a classic 4-4-2. "Baggio has to play as a

striker," Tabarez said. "But at

the moment, George Weah and Marco Simone are in superb form, and it's only right that they play." Weah and Simone scored one

apiece in the morale-lifting victory. The latest in a glut of goals from the two strikers. "There are difficult periods in the season and Baggio has

not been fortunate because he got injured and lost a week's training." Tabarez said. "But he will be useful in the future, you can bet on it. Despite Tabarez's optimism about the pony-tailed playmaker, the latest move is al-

ready triggering speculation that a frustrated Baggio may start looking for another team. Whatever the formation, the Milan defence will have to keep a close watch on the predator Harald Brattback, Rosenborg's leading marksman this season and scorer of one the goals in

over Gothenburg a fortnight Juventus, who gave Manchester United a lesson in the finer points of the game in Turin two weeks ago, warmed

their impressive 3-2 away win

up for their tie against Fenerbahce in Istanbul with a 2-1 away win over Perugia on Sun-

Coach Marcellolippi is expected to make several changes for the trip to Turkey. " The whole point of a large squad is to make changes and to rotate the players," he said. Central striker Christian

Vieri, dropped against Perugia, returns in place of Nicola Amoruso alongside Alen Boksic and Alessandro del Piero in at-Frenchmen Didier De-

schamps and Zinedina Zidane are likely to be partnered by Antonio Conte in midfield. Manchester United, their collective ego bruised by their humbling in Turin, could give expensive, out-of-favour striker Andy Cole his first start of the

against Rapid Vienna. Cole make his fourth substitute appearance in the goalless Premier league draw against Aston Villa on Saturday. Rapid's midfield will be sig-

season in the home match

nificantly weakened at Old Trafford by the absence of



ROBERTO BAGGIO ... in happier time

Christian Prosenik. He injured his right knee at the weekend. Ajax Amsterdam, 1-0 away winners over French champi-

ons Auxerre in their opening

Champions' League fixture,

would normally have expected to see off the challenge of Grasshopper Zurich on Wednesday with something to 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 Kluivert 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 in-

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 Logrones

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 Biagini

are doubtful because of injury. Steaua also have problems ahead of their clash with German champions Borussia Dortmund. They will be without the suspended Adrian Ilie and Marius Baciu and Marius Lacatus and Daniel Prodan, both injured. Dortmund hardly put them-

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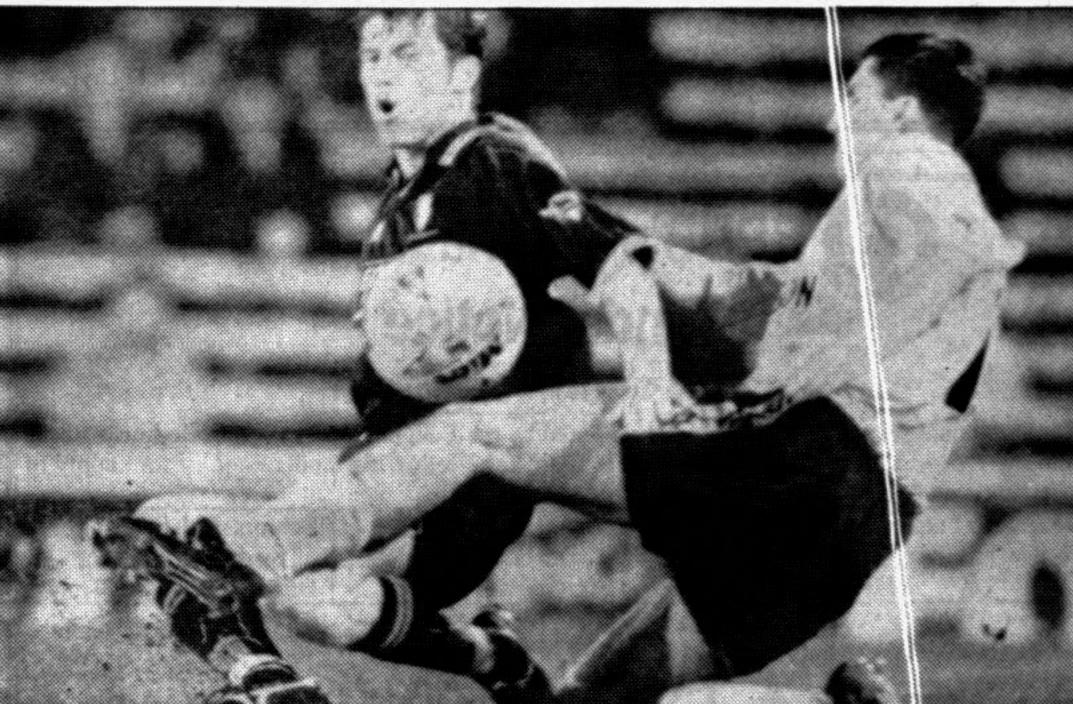
5-1 by Borussia Moenchenglad-

bach on Saturday. Coach

Ottmar Hitzfeld said "Individ-

ual selfishness" had caused the

debacle. Auxerre will be without their two central defenders when they take on Rangers in Glasgow. Captain and sweeper Franck Silvestre is out with a shoulder injury while Australian Ned Zelic has knee problems.



Southampton's Richard Dryden (R) goes for a tough tackle against Wimb ledon's Kenny Cunningham during their Premier league match at Selhurst Park, London, on Sept 23. -AlTP/UNB photo

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals M

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in whici a one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, s hort words and words using an apostrophe give you cluses to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.