century Sunday

the home team out of its slump

and in the end New Zealand

beat Pakistan by 44 runs in the

first Test victory in Pakistan in

27 years. The last time a New

Zealand team beat Pakistan at

under-19 team to the West

your team losing after coming

so close from nowhere," said

Wasim, who cracked 17 bound-

aries in his unbeaten innings of

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someone stays together with me

55 minutes late due to a heavy

overnight dew which left the

slip fielding area at both ends of

target to 276, fought well, tak-

ing the game right into the final

session after resuming their

second innings in a perilous

out for 231 with debutant mid-

dle-order batsman Mohammad

Wasim fighting a lone battle

Wasim became the fourth

Pakistani after Khalid Ibadul-

lah, Javed Miandad and Salim

Malik to hit a century in his

maiden Test, but it was to no

311, and Pakistan replied with

poise and assurance after start-

ing the day at nought with

in the vicinity of the pitch did

not prevent the Kiwis from an

early success when Doull

snared Malik after he had made

Moin Khan, the top scorer in

the first innings, and both bat-

ted with great determination to

take the score to 135, adding

precious 75 runs in 24.1 overs

six at lunch, lost Moin in the af-

ternoon period when he became

Nathan Astle's first Test victim

The Pakistan wicketkeeper.

Pakistan, who were 94 for

Wasim was then joined by

Salim Malik, who was on 15.

New Zealand made 155 and

Wasim, 19, batted with great

The overnight dew on areas

They were eventually bowled

Pakistan, chasing a victory

but unfortunately I lost all

Play on the fourth day began

home was in 1969-70 series.

Indies earlier this year.

the partners in the end.

the wicket quite soggy.

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avail.

191 and 231

21 with total at 60.

for the seventh wicket.

after making 38.

The win was New Zealand's

Wasim, who led Pakistan

"It was disappointing to see

first Test, report agencies.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT there has been continuous talk for the past decade or so of introducing professionalism in Bangladesh sports. Of course our sportsmen and women are paid; some of them stupendously But, in the true spirit of the term, none of them are professionals. Professional Sports are athletic events conducted for profit by entrepreneurs who pay athletes based on their popularity and performance. Professional sports are regulated by leagues or associations that set rules of competition and often are involved in regulating the salaries and working conditions of athletes

Consider that sports do become professional in Bangladesh I wonder if an athlete's salary would be deducted every time some one in the gallery utters a lour-letter, often five. word. In view of many of our spectators being partisan. demanding ("win" being the only word in their dictionary) and gutter-like verbally, most of our players will be without a poisha at the end of the month



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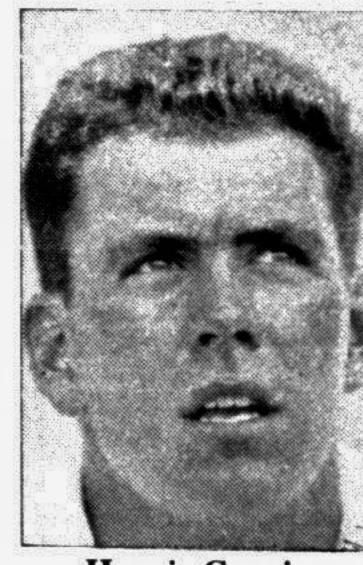
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SPORTS

TALK



Hansie Cronje (South Africa cricket cap-

I put the team first." The minute I realise that I am not contributing to the team I will stand down.

(Said of his attitude towards captaincy)

Div I soccer

Police let go of Rahmatganj MFS

Sports Reporter An 89th minute strike from Shaheen pulled title-aspirants Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society from the verge of a defeat to a face-saving one-all draw with police AC in one of the two Danish First Division football league matches at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Rahmatganj, relegated from the Premier league last year, were trailing by a 14th minute goal from Humayun of Police before Shahid saved the day for the old town outfit with a sensational equaliser.

The draw left Rahmatgani with 19 points from 13 matches while Police with this disappointing draw, increased their tally to 14 from as many outings in the double-leg league.

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, Public Works Department (PWD) SC and Chalantika shared honours in a lack-lustre goalless draw.

For Chalantika, the draw was a severe blow to their bid for a promotion to the elite Premier league. The suburban' outfit, who were desperately in search of a win to remain in the league race, increased their points to 17 from 13 matches. On the other hand PWD, hovering in the dreaded relegation zone, with this crucial point improved their paltry collection to 13 from as many out-

Jayasuriya, Ranatunga in MSC tent

Stars descend in Dhaka

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh to feature in a club-Sanath Java suriya, cricket's level meet. explosive opener The imaginative captain of Sri Lanka, who inspired his and holder of sevcountry to life World Cup for the eral world refirst time earlier this year, had cords, will grace played for Mohammedans way Dhaka Stadium back in 1988. today when he dons the pads for

But, his latest visit is more of a good-will gesture for his old friend Mahboob Alam, a Mohammedan official, than the lure of lucres.



S JAYASURIYA

"I will never forget the hospitality that Mohammedan offi cials extended me when I first played for the club," said the taciturn Ranatunga at a crowded press at the BCCB office last night

"This is a perennial confrontation between the two most popular club's in this country. We are here to offer our best to win the trophy for Moahmmedans. added Ranatunga, who was instrumental in roping his balding opener Jayasuriya to play in the Damal Smrtti tournament. Replying to a querry

Ranatunga appreciated the way Bangladesh was gearing up to claim a niche in the ivy league. "I have seen some talented

cricketers in your country What you need is proper planning to reach the ultimate tar get," pointed the most soughtafter man in contemporary cricket. He further added that the appointment of Gordon

Greenidge as coach of Bangla

desh will certainly help its

cause a great deal. While Jayasuriya is all set to open the Mohammedan innings along with young Parvez at the cost of Pakistani pinch-hitter Raja, Ranatunga is expected appear in his customary number five to form a solid batting lineup for the black and whites against Agrani Bank, who are making their first appearance in a semifinal of the meet

On the other hand, the bankers will rely on their two Pakistanis, Shahed Mehboob and Shahid lqbal, to keep alive their dream-run. Mehboob, who featured in the 1983 World Cup. is still an effective medium pacer despite being on the wrong end of his age

Shahid lqbal, who is equally impressive with both the bat and the ball, is ready to take up the challenge of styming the blizkreig of Jayasuriya when he opens the Agrani attack with his more illustrious compatriot Mehboob.

But, given the strength of Mohammedans, whose local shopping basket includes star batsmen, skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul and an experienced Minhazul Abedin Nannu, it is going to be an uphill task all the way for the bankers in predictably an unevenly poised encounter. But for a puritant, who believes in the glorious uncertainties of the game, it is anybody's game until the last ball has been bowled.

Nevertheless, this will be a very special occasion for local cricket fans and heartbeats may stop, even if momentarily so, when Jayasuriya walks up to the white strip at the big

Steffi tames a toughie



NEW YORK, Nov 24: Steffi Graf stopped the brilliant run of Jana Novotna with a come-from-be hind, three-set win to set up a

showdown with up-and-comer Martina Hingis in today's final of the Chase Championships. report agencies. Graf lost the first set and was

defending champions Mo-

hammedan Sporting Club in the

first semifinal of the 17th

Damal Smriti cricket tourna-

ment against Agrani Bank.

A RANATUNGA

Mohammedans' line-up in to-

day's match will also be bol-

stered by a portly Arjuna

Ranatunga, the captain of the

World Cup winning Sri Lankan

Bangladesh Betar will broad-

the 50-overs-a-side affair.

cast running commentary of

pearance in Bangladesh cricket

follows hectic behind the scene

activities by officials of Mo-

hammedan Sporting who are

making a serious bid to defend

their title in the season's cur-

tain-raiser. For Ranatunga.

who arrived in the capital yes-

terday morning, it was more

like returning to his old club;

this being his second visit to

Jayasuriya's maiden ap-

The match kicks-off at 9 am.

down a break in the third of the brilliant battle but raised her Novotna lapse ___ to snap the Czech's 14-match win streak 4-6. 6-4. 6-3 in Saturday's semifinals of the season-ending event. "It was pretty difficult, world number one Graf admit-

ted after the two-hour struggle. Saturday's victory was another milestone for Graf, her 30th triumph in Madison Square Garden. Playing in this season-ending tournament for the 12th consecutive Championships, Graf is seeking

don't think I'm at the height of my game, especially serve and return, which are both important," Graf said. "I'm struggling a little.

her fifth title and second in a

"But to get at the final, I think that's good right now." Saturday's victory also linched the year's No 1 ranking for Graf, who had been coranked in the top spot with Monica Seles, a first-round loser in this tournament. It is the fourth consecutive year, and eighth time in the past 10 years, that Graf will finish the year

ranked No 1. Hingis showed the Garden crowd why she is ranked fifth in the world. Her groundstrokes were deep and penetrating, her shot selection surprisingly mature. And nothing seemed to flap her demeanor or concentration, whether it was a line call she disagreed with or an admirer's ill-timed shout of en-

l6-player

results

Sports Reporter

hard-fought 2-1 win over Offi-

cers' Club in the Taher inter-

club tennis tournament at the

Gulshan Club tennis court yes-

Suja, who played the pivotal

role in a neck-and-neck battle

gave Engineers' Club the lead by

winning the singles against

Reza 7-5, 6-2. The seasoned

campaigner then teamed up

with Shabbir to claim the de-

ciding doubles encounter

against the Officers' duo of Za-

hur and Mesbah in a grueling

three setter 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. In be-

tween, Reaz and Nasir Khan of

the vanquished, defeated the

Engineers' duo of Shamsul Huq

and Shafiq by 6-2, 6-4.

of two evenly-balanced outfits.

Engineers' Club recorded a

ber one Graf.

terday.

24: Bring on Steffi

Graf, make it best-

couragement.

So many winners shot off the racket of Hingis that she wore down the desire of her opponent. In the third set, Majoli found herself on the wrong side of the court to reach Hingis' shots.

Hingis took a 5-0 lead before Majoli held serve. With the victory. Hingis has a chance to become only the

second player to win this tournament in her debut. The only signe to do Hawas Evonne Goolagong in 1974. "I have improved a lot, especially I am much more confi-

dent in my game, and mentally I feel much stronger now. Hingis said. "Now I just try to play my best tennis against Steffi.

"It's the finals and you always fight a lot more than in the first rounds.

Graf wasn't the only winner



STEFFI GRAF

in Saturday's first semifinal Even in defeat, Novotna erased a lot of bad memories. No longer will she be reminded of how she lost to Chanda Rubin at the 1995 French Open after

said about making the final in

her first try at the season-end-

ing championships. "I've had a

MARTINA HINGIS

set, eventually wasting five match points. She followed her masterful

leading 5-0, 40-0 in the final

quarterfinal victory over Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario with a gutsy performance against the world's best player. "Steffi is my destiny,"

Novotna said. "I just have to wait until Steffi is retired, and then I can go ahead for my Grand Slam. Then, when the laughter had

subsided, she continued: "Steffi is just such an incredible player, and she has a game that nobody else plays. She's a great champion.

Novotna suffered only one lapse of concentration, and it cost her.

She had broken Graf at 15, then held at 30 to begin the final set. But Graf began a five-game run to earn a spot in the final. In the sixth game, Novotna

began with a double-fault. Five points later, she double-faulted again, this time on break-point. By the time Novotna held serve. Graf had a commanding 5-3 lead and only had to hold service to move into the title

match. She did. at 30, fittingly closing it out with an ace. Sunday's singles champion will collect 500,000 dollars. with the losing finalist getting 250,000 dollars.

The third-seeded team of Americans Lindsay Davenport and Mary Joe Fernandez won the doubles title Saturday, defeating the top-seeded pair of Novotna and Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-3, 6-2.

The winners split dollars 200,000, while the losers share 100,000 dollars.

Novotna and Sanchez-Vicario, who have teamed up in the last three years to win 100 doubles titles and were the defending champions, played their last match together. Next year, Novotna will team with Davenport.

Hingis set for last hurdle the cheerful teenager said. "I will try to do it tomorrow better and just take every point I can

The hard-hitting Hingis.

The Wimbledon doubles final, even if it was only doubles. gave me much more confidence," Hingis said. "And then I practiced a lot before the US Open and I took it over to the singles and I made a semifinals there.

"And then finally I won my first event in Germany, in Filderstadt, and it was a big help to me. I knew I can be a winner in a big tournament." Asked if being called the

likely successor to Graf has put any extra pressure on her. Hingis replied, "It doesn't make me nervous at all. I just try to play my best tennis against her tomorrow. "I won two tournaments, I make semis and finals. So l

number one."

think right now I'm where I should be. But you never know, it's a long, hard way to get to be team league at 4 pm.

Vaas vs De Silva tomorrow?

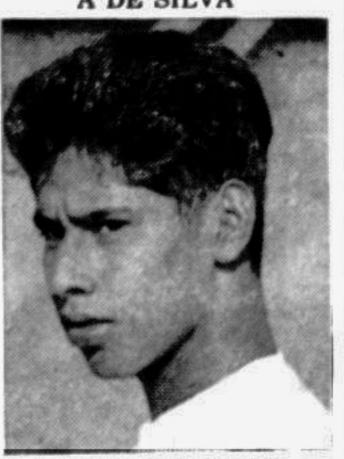
Sport

Sports Reporter Sri Lanka's strike bowler Chaminda Vaas is likely to feature in our domestic cricket for Kalabagan Krira Chakra

when the Dhanmondi outfit meet their neighbours Abahani Krira Chakra in the second semifinal of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament tomorrow.

But, this was yet to confirmed by the Kalabagan officials who, according to a reliable source, are trying to contact the Sri Lankan Board for permission to have the left-arm





CHAMINDA VAAS

pacer of the world champions in their midst

Meanwhile, in another development, it was gathered, that Aravinda de Silva, the star Sri Lankan middle-order bat, has a remote chance to feature for Abahani against Kalabagan.

Sheetal Div II h'ball BAF's

Bangladesh Air Force emerged unbeaten champions in the Sheetal Metropolis Second Division handball league yesterday to earn promotion to the First Division league from next season, reports UNB. In the day's last Super league

match, the Airman outclassed Kendriya Kishore Kafela 24-3 after dominating the first half 14-1 at the handball court adiacent to Dhaka Stadium. Mujibar, Shafiuddin and

Sultan scored five goals each for the winners while Shabbir netted two and Shahid one for the losers. In another match. West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha beat

Satirtha Club 22-16 after leading the first session 9-6 at the same venue. Motaleb and Ganesh contributed five goals each while

Zaman scored four for the winners. Apu netted four goals while Sumon and Saidul three each for the losers. West Jatrabari Kishore

Sangha will meet Kendriya Kishore Kafela in a runners-up deciding play-off match as both teams have equal points on completion of all the league matches.

The date of the play-off match will be announced later.

Delta Life h'ball results

Holy Cross College and Central Women's College won their respective matches in the Delta Life inter-college/hall women's handball championship at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex, reports UNB.

Holy Cross earned a creditable 6-0 goals victory over Sher-e-Bangla Girls' College in a one-sided affair after dominating the first half 3-0. Kakoli netted three goals.

Nahid two and Papri one for the winners. Central Women's College outplayed Ispahani Women's

Division basketball league bewith The Gregs.

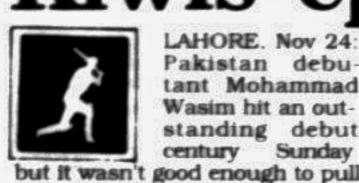
The participating teams are:

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club. Josephites Club, Angels Club. The Gregs Club. Dhaka Winners Club, Lalbagh SC, The Shaons Club, Dhumketu Club, Eagles Club, Hornets Club, Rangers Club. Suhrid Club and Gregs Club.

Alhaj Mokbul Hossain MP.

Rookie delays inevitable

Kiwis' epoch marking win

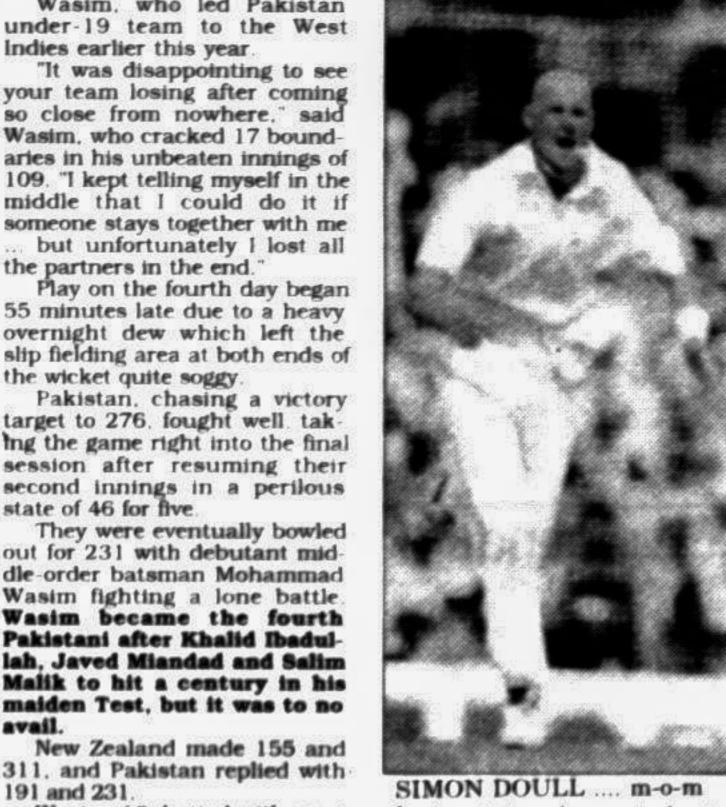


who hit eight fours in his fluent Pakistan debuknock, gave Lee Germon his second catch behind the tant Mohammad Wasim hit an outstumps Pakistan's total was given standing debut

further impetus when Wasim was joined by Mushtaq Ahmad and they flourished in the eighth wicket partnership of 76 in 18 overs. Wasim was in a dominant

role, driving beautifully on the front foot and equally strong on the leg side.

But it came to an end just as



the tea interval was to begin when Stephen Fleming had Mushtaq caught bat and pad off the bowling of Dipak Patel's off-

at tea to complete his century, scored the necessary four runs shortly after the break when he guided Patel to his 16th boundary toward fine leg. Patel wrapped up the

wickets of Wagar Younis and Shahid Nazir in quick succession to finish with four for 36. Simon Doull, who toppled Pakistan's top-order batting

after nearly three decades," said

Doull. 'I think all the guys on our team deserve credit for putting up a brilliant performance against a strong Pakistan side.

"It is indeed a great day for us," said jubilant New Zealand captain Germon, adding that the team had to overcome injuries to key players.

Pakistan coach Mushtag Mohammad said he was naturally disappointed at the result but felt the absence of skipper Wasim Akram because of a shoulder pain made a lot of difference.

"Our batting was not up to the mark, barring of course Mohammad Wasim who batted with great fluency and showed that he has great potential."

The two teams meet in the second and final Test at Rawalpindi from November 28. Pakistan will be without Akram, who has been ruled out of the series because of his shoulder.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and New Zealand on Sunday

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 155 (Wagar Younis 4-48. Mushtaq Ahmad 4-59).

PAKISTAN: First innings 191 (Moin Khan 59: S Doull 5 46. J Vaughan 4-27).

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 311 (S Fleming 92 not out C Cairns 93: Mushtag Ahmad 6-

PAKISTAN: Second innings (overnight 46-5) Anwar Ibw b Doull Elahi c Young b Patel liaz b Doull Inzamam c Young b Cairns Saglain c Fleming b Vaughan Malik c Germon b Doull M Wasim not out Moin Khan e Germon b Astle Mushtag c Fleming b Patel Wagar b Patel Nazir c Harris b Patel Extra (b-8, lb-8, nb-2) Total: (all out) Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-8; 3-

211; 9-219. Bowling Doull Cairns Vaughan Patel Harris Astle

25: 4-26: 5-42: 6-60: 7-135: 8-

Result: New Zealand won by 44 runs. Second Test: November 28-Dec 2, at Rawalpindi Man-of-the-match: Simon

Doull.

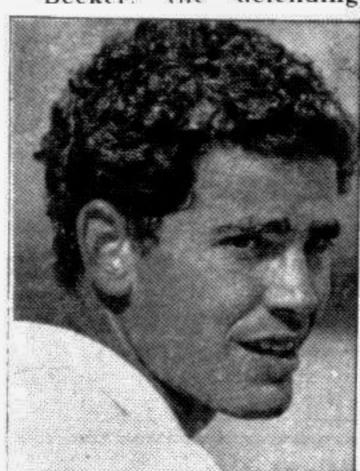
Biggies' battle of nerves



HANOVER. Germany, Nov 24: Boris Becker today with the nerves of his excitable home fans before moving to

wards a dream final against world number one Pete Sampras at the ATP World Championship on Saturday, reports

Becker, the defending



PETE SAMPRAS

champion, needed to come back from behind to clinch a 6-7, 7-6. 6-3 semifinal victory over Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek who at times threatened to spoil the party that the German has enjoyed all week.

don champion, who turned 29 on Friday, was swept to victory in two hours and 11 minutes by 15,000 partisan German fans who roared his every move and chanted his name like a football crowd. Sampras also had to come

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back from behind to tame bigserving Goran Ivamsevic, one of the most awkward customers on a fast court, in the first semifinal. The American won 6-7, 7-6. 7-5 to set up a repeat of the 1994 final today

Sampras will be trying to stop Becker winning three consecutive matches against him. The Australian Open champion won their group match on Thursday and also beat the US Open champion over five sets in the final of last month's Stuttgart Open.

Sampras knows that the support of the home crowd gives Becker a lead before he has hit a ball.

Sampras beat Becker in the final in 1994 and also won the event in 1991. Becker has won the championship, which used to be known as the Masters. three times in 1988 and 1992-All four semifinalists were

big servers and it was no surprise that tie-breaks and nerves played a vital role in both matches on the court which some of the players believe is too fast. Becker netted a crucial vol-

ley in the first set tie-break of

his match against Krajicek to give the Dutchman a 6-4 lead and set point. The Wimbledon champion took his chance, taking the next point with an ace. In the second set tie-break.

The second set followed a similar pattern. But this time Sampras kept his concentration, sealing the tie Break 7-4 with a strong serve that Ivanisevic could not return. The third set was equally close. But in the 12th game Ivanisevic seemed to lose his concentra-

make it 30-30. Then Sampras hit a superb cross-court forehand to set up match point and

of-five sets and great last few weeks and I put 500,000 dollplayed just great tennis." College by 4-0 goals after lead-CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ing the first session 2-0. ars on the table Hingis has already had a who has shot up the rankings to for the winner -- you still won't busy season against Graf — she Nahid struck twice while number five after winning two **ACROSS** mum's the blew it 19 Ashen beat her in the quarters of the rattle fearless young Martina Uprin and Sultana scored one weeks ago at Oakland where she 61 Undeniably 21 Oscar 1 Conrad's word? Italian Open last May, lost to trounced Monica Seles in the goal apiece for the winners. "Lord --" 41 Harrison, DOWN Wilde's the German in the fourth round Earlier, in the day's first 16-year-old Swiss final, is not fazed about playing 4 Suffer a sine qua 1 Scoff at Wimbledon and held a set player beat friend and former match, Kuwait-Maitri Hall of her first best-of-five match todoubles partner Iva Majoli 6-2, point before losing to Graf in recession? 43 Drenched 2 Rafsannon Dhaka University played to a 3jani's land 23 Roulette 7 Armor 44 Earthenthe US Open semifinals. 4-6, 6-1 in the semifinals of the 3 goals draw with Siddheswari Hingis singled out her dou-3 Hotel 11 Breed of Chase "I had a great match against Girls' College. ware pot bles triumph with partner Championships to reach toemployee 25 Fairy-tale 46 Monastery her at the US Open, and I had steed with Kuwait-Maitri Hall led the Helena Sukova at Wimbledon four set points in the first set." 4 "The Name baddie speed day's final against world numfirst half 2-1. where she become the youngest 13 Train com- 50 Easter of the Rose" 26 Raise Mamtaz scored all three champion ever crowned at the 27 Prohibiauthor "It's a great feeling," Hingis goals for the varsity team while ponent All-England Club Champion-5 UHF, e.g. 14 Previously 53 Energy Shamima netted two and Dolan ships — as the turning point of 6 Halloween 28 Colorless 15 Poker 55 Jason's Taher tennis one for the Siddheswari. her season. noiding 16 "Sail -56 Notion character tion?

Div I basketball begins today The Purabi Insurance First

gins today at the Dhanmondi gymnasium, reports UNB. Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club will play the inaugural match

chairman of the league sponsors Purabi General Insurance Company, will open the 13-

Wasim who needed four runs

Pakistan innings with the

lineup in both innings, with

match figures of eight for 85 was named man-of-the-match. "It's nice to beat Pakistan

> tie-break, Ivanisevic, who hit a total of 35 aces in the match compared to Sampras's 17, was the sharper player, soon build-

ing up a 6-4 lead for his first set point Sampras saved the point after a long rally when both players were at the back of the court. But when Sampras doublefaulted to give Ivanisevic a 7-6 lead, the Croat took his chance to clinch the set with an ace on



BORIS BECKER

the next point.

The Croat double-faulted to

CRYPTOQUIP JWTCYRBN

ROHRZE RNCIYJ LIYPU TCHO QUW Saturday's Cryptoquip: DO WESTERN COWBOY DOCTORS LIKE TO SAY THEIR NEEDLES CAN BE

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.

the German kept his nerve to take the decider 7-3 with rela-But the three-time Wimbletive ease. He then broke Krajicek's serve to lead 3-1 in the decisive third set and held his serve to take the match. tion. Sampras also needed to show composure to defeat Ivanisevic in one hour and 55 minutes. When the first set went to a clinched victory.

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48 Look lecherously SICK SHOOTERS? 49 "Piggies" Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals B 50 Back talk 51 Commotion 52 Restroom

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one 54 Baer or Schmeling