

Column One

SPORTS TALK



**Lance Klusener**  
(South African speedster)  
"I have battled pretty nicely in recent times. But I have not been quite consistent with the bat. So at the moment I am a bit of a bowler who can bat."  
(On whether he considers himself as an all-rounder)

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports **WHIZZ KID**  
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Competition closes : 8 pm  
Jan 31, '97

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| 1 | The name of Imran Khan's son is  | Sulaiman     | Bilawal       | Imaf        |
| 2 | The current South African cricket coach is   | Marshall     | Woolmer       | Wessels     |
| 3 | The captain of PIA hockey team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is | Ramran       | Khalid        | Qamar       |
| 4 | The number of hattricks recorded in ODI cricket till now are   | 11           | 12            | 10          |
| 5 | Which team won the Bangladesh Cup football trophy early this month?                                  | Malaysia Red | Ujung Pandang | East Bengal |

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**Real extend lead**

MADRID, Jan 19: Real Madrid increased their lead at the top of the Spanish First Division to six points on Saturday, coming from behind to crush city rivals Atletico 4-1 in a typically emotional Madrid derby, reports AFP.

Kiko had given Atletico a 32nd-minute lead, but Real roared back with a goal from Raul Right after the restart.

In a frenzied last eight minutes, Raul poached his second before Clarence Seedorf and Victor put the icing on the cake with further strikes right at the death.

Following Kiko's opener, 14 Atletico supporters were hurt as they toppled onto others packed into terracing right in front of them. They were treated for bruising.

Police had designated the match a high risk event with Atletico seeking to hand Real their first defeat of the season.

Second-placed Barcelona will hope to claw back some of the deficit when they travel to Seville to play Betis today.

**Police, soccer fans clash**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan 19: Hundreds of soccer fans prohibited from entering a key professional match threw rocks and bottles at police, who responded with stun grenades, reports AP.

The clash outside Ellis Park stadium on Saturday left two policemen slightly injured. Police Capt Chris Wilken said soccer officials apparently sold too many tickets for the match between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates, two of the top professional clubs from the Soweto black township.

He said the stadium was full two hours before the match started, but people kept showing up with valid tickets to get in. Some fences were damaged as crowds tried to force their way in.

Stadium officials had said before the match that people who bought tickets from an independent distributor, Compuicket, would be refused entry because some of the tickets allotted the company had been stolen.

**Top seeds in topsyturvy**

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan



MELBOURNE, Jan 19: Little "Miss Tennis" of South Africa, Amanda Coetzer upset the pre-tournament favourite number one Steffi Graf in 88 minutes on the Centre Court this afternoon. The tiny right-hander from Hoopstad, only five-feet two inches in her socks, set her game plan right from the start as she elected to receive instead of serving after winning the toss. The tall German never thought that she would lose her service game.

When asked by The Daily Star in the post-match interview whether it was one of her memorable matches, the 25-year-old beaming Coetzer replied, "Yes, I consider so." She set the tone of the match by a dazzling display of scorching ground strokes that forced the seed number one to commit a number of unforced errors. Her strong forehand shots, which steal the slip from many of her opponents, was, today, the cause for her downfall. And if Amanda can continue in this fashion I won't be surprised to find her in the final here.

AP adds: The heat, an infected toe and relentless Coetzer ended Graf's 45-match winning streak at Grand Slam tournaments, and the Australian Open went into the quarterfinals with all three of the top women's seeds out.

Slipping to an early 2-5 deficit for the third consecutive match, Graf this time was unable to save the first set. She charged to a 4-0 lead in the second and reached 5-2 by holding serve in a 17-minute game with 10 deuces.

But then the world No. 1 slumped again in the 38-degree (100F) heat, managing only nine points in the next five games.

It was only the second time in 12 years she had failed to reach the quarterfinals of one of tennis big four tournaments. She had won the last six she entered.

"I tried everything I could, I tried as hard as I could. I just didn't have the energy with the heat. But give her credit, she handled the conditions really well," Graf said in a statement relayed by the Women's Tennis Association. The WTA said a doctor had sent Graf back to her hotel to rest from heat illness, which had aggravated her toe infection.

Meanwhile, No. 3 seed Conchita Martinez, also a victim of heat exhaustion, fell 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 in two hours, 21 minutes to No. 16 Sabine Appelmans of Belgium, who saved two match points at 5-3 in the second set. No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario lost Saturday.

This was the first time since the Open era began in 1968 that none of the top three seeds reached the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam tournament. Losses by No. 5 Anke Huber, last year's runner-up, and No. 7 Lindsay Davenport, the 1996 Olympic champion, left only No. 4 Martina Hingis of Switzerland surviving among the top seven.

If the 16-year-old Hingis wins the title, she will be the youngest women's Grand Slam singles winner since Lottie Dod won Wimbledon in 1887 at age 15 years, 10 months.

Huber lost 6-2, 6-3 to 1995 Australian champion Mary Pierce.

Davenport, who like Graf was hobbled by an infected toe and also had one marathon game, lost 7-6 (15-13), 6-4 to Kimberly Po.

There was only one mild upset in Sunday's men's matches.

No. 9 Marcelo Rios of Chile was unable to cash in on two match points in the third set, but finally beat No. 7 Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (5-7), 6-3.

Two Spaniards advanced to a quarterfinal match against each other. No. 14 Felix Mantilla beat Maliva Washington 7-5, 6-2, 6-1, and Carlos Moya outlasted Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Rios will meet No. 2 seed

She also has been bothered in recent days by a stiff back, and has been worried about her father's tax evasion trial.

She now is able to return to Germany for the verdict later this week.

The heat left both Appelmanns and Martinez lying on the court receiving help from trainers at one point late in their match.

"In the end, I was feeling very tired, but I didn't want to show



An ecstatic Amanda Coetzer of South Africa after topping world number one and defending champion Steffi Graf (not in picture) in the round of 16 in Melbourne yesterday. The German tennis monarch lost 6-2, 7-5.

— AFP/UNB photo

Michael Chang, a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 winner over Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine.

Coetzer, a semifinalist at the Australian Open last year, said she felt pretty good despite the heat, and set out to work hard on each point. She retrieved shot after shot and often was rewarded with eventual misses by Graf, who had 53 unforced errors to 28 for Coetzer.

It was her second victory over Graf in 11 tries.

"It's always great to beat somebody like that for the first time. But to do it twice really makes me feel good. It gives me a lot of confidence," said the No. 12 seed.

With the top three seeds gone, Coetzer said, "I think it's good that some of the other players can come up and beat some of the top players. I think it will make it a little bit more exciting in the long run."

It was Graf's first loss in a major since the final of the 1994 US Open. Coetzer last beat her at the 1995 Canadian Open. Her only other loss before the quarterfinals of a major since 1985 came at Wimbledon in 1994, when she fell to Lori McNeil in the first round.

On the morning of the match, Graf abruptly stopped practice after just 25 minutes because of an infected right big toe, on which the nail had been removed, and a groin injury.

because I saw she had problems with the heat as well, so I just wanted to pretend I was feeling great, but actually I wasn't," Appelmanns said.

She received an IV drip treatment later to replace lost fluids.

"After the match, I showered and suddenly everything went—I got cramps all over my body," she said.

"Martinez, who also was treated after the match, said, 'I started feeling more tired and more tired and... suddenly you can't move and your power goes away.... I guess it could be dangerous. I don't know.'"

Po's advance to the quarterfinals was the first time she had gone past the third round of a Grand Slam tournament. She had to come back from 4-1 in the first set and 3-0 in the second.

"I knew she was tired, so I was just trying—even if it was just barely going over the net—I just wanted to make her hit one more ball, and a lot of times I won the point that way, on just sitters for her," said the 25-year-old Po.

Davenport said her problem wasn't the heat. Like Graf, she also was suffering from an infected toe.

"It was the toe that made it difficult for me to run, and the fact that she played really well," she added.

**Liverpool trounce Villa**



LONDON, Jan 19: Liverpool thrashed Aston Villa 3-0 on Saturday to reassert their authority on top of the Premiership and give further fuel to their title aspirations, reports AFP.

And Newcastle let a two-goal lead slip to draw 2-2 at The Dell in Kenny Dalglish's first match in charge of a Premiership match.

In other important games Manchester United notched up a 2-0 win at Coventry after goals by Wales Ryan Giggs and Norwegian Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Leicester City grabbed a 1-0 win at home to Wimbledon through Emile Heskey.

And Fabrizio Ravanelli was sent off for dissent in only Middlesbrough's second win, 1-7 games with a 4-2 win over Sheffield Wednesday.

Liverpool's Jamie Carragher, Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler were the heroes as the Merseyside club took centre-stage.

Liverpool took the lead five-minute after the break and there was a wonderful moment for Carragher.

He crowned his debut by making the breakthrough after Stig Bjornebye had delivered a corner from the left.

Carragher got away from his markers to power in a header that beat Bosnich in front of The Kop.

The goals was a setback for Villa, who had begun the half in lively fashion with Liverpool's new Norwegian defender Bjorn Tore Kvarme particularly doing well.

Liverpool were well in control after making the breakthrough and added two more goals in the space of six minutes to leave Villa on the floor.

Stan Collymore got Liverpool's second after 57 minutes after a magnificent build up. Steve McManaman picked

out Stig Bjornebye on the left wing and the Norwegians' cross was precise. Collymore rose high above the Villa defence to flick a header beyond Marc Bosnich.

The Villa keeper then lost his bearings as he raced out of his area to try to head clear only to deliver the ball into Collymore's path. However Gareth Southgate got back to clear as Bosnich made a desperate attempt to get back on his line.

Liverpool went 3-0 ahead after 63 minutes when Jamie Redknapp fired in a shot. Bosnich got down quickly but the power of the ball evaded him and Robbie Fowler was on hand to score his 20th goal of the season.

In the Newcastle game, Les Ferdinand grabbed his 11th league goal of the season in the 14th minute from a move ridled by defensive mistakes.

Alan Shearer zipped past Richard Dryden but his shot was blocked by Maddison. Ulrich van Gobbels should have cleared but hooked the ball straight to Ferdinand, with keeper Mark Taylor managing to parry his first effort but left helpless as he turned in the loose ball.

And Lee Clark added a second in the 82nd minute. Then, in dramatic fashion, Neil Maddison got one back and Le Tissier hit the equalizer in the last kick of the match.

In other matches, Chelsea beat Derby 3-1 and Sunderland could only draw 0-0 at home to Blackburn Rovers.

**Douglas-Ryan bout Feb 12**

NEW YORK, Jan 19: James "Buster" Douglas, the first man to beat Mike Tyson, will fight for the third time in his comeback career when he meets Dick Ryan in a 10-round bout Feb. 12 at Madison Square Garden in New York, reports AP.

Nottingham Forest host Tottenham and Arsenal entertain Everton today with West Ham at home to Leeds United on Monday.



Chelsea's Italian international Gianfranco Zola (R) and Derby defender Matt Carbon fight for the ball during their English league match in London on Jan 18. Chelsea won 3-1.

**DAY SEVEN AT A GLANCE**

MELBOURNE, Jan 19 (AP): Highlights of Sunday's 7th day of the US 7.6 million dollars Australian Open tennis championships:

**Weather:**— Very hot. Afternoon temperature was 100 degrees (38 C).

**Results:**— Men's Singles, Fourth Round: No 2 Michael Chang beat Andrei Medvedev 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; No 9 Marcelo Rios beat No 7 Thomas Enqvist 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (5-7), 6-3; No 14 Felix Mantilla beat MaliVai Washington 7-5, 6-2, 6-1; Carlos Moya beat Jonas Bjorkman 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

**Women's Singles, Fourth Round:** Amanda Coetzer beat No 1 Steffi Graf 6-2, 7-5; No 16 Sabine Appelmans beat No 3 Conchita Martinez 2-6, 7-5, 6-1; Mary Pierce beat No 5 Anke Huber 6-2, 6-3; Kimberly Po beat No 7 Lindsay Davenport 7-6 (15-13), 6-4.

**State of the Day**— It is the first time in the Open era of tennis that none of the top three women seeds have made the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam.

**Quote of the Day**— "Just everywhere, through the bones, through the blood, you name it."— Chang on where he felt the heat during his fourth-round match at the Australian Open.

**Venables' vision**

MELBOURNE, Jan 19: Former England soccer coach Terry Venables would like to see his Australian side adopt a killer instinct before the World Cup qualifiers begin in June, reports AP.

"I thought we set about what we were doing early on and I thought we made some chances," Venables said after Australia beat New Zealand 1-0 Saturday in the Four Nations tournament in his first match at the helm. "I thought if perhaps we were a little bit more ruthless early on it would have made the difference."

"We did very well up to a point, we made hard work of it at the end." The former England, Barcelona and Tottenham manager has been handed the task of guiding Australia to the World Cup finals for the first time since 1974.

Australia, who showed flashes of brilliance and spells of sloppiness, started the game at an electric pace and finished at a sluggish trot against the less-fancied New Zealanders.

Matthew Bingley scored the only goal of the game after 25 minutes. Goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac's long throw found Kris Trajanovski on the halfway line and Trajanovski's quick through ball gave Bingley the chance to steer the ball past goalkeeper Jason Batty.

Despite the win, Venables said there was plenty of work to do in the next several months. "The opposition was not there to let us run over them, they were to get a result and quite rightly too," he said.

"A win is a win, but once we got into a commanding position we should have rammed it home, but we didn't really so we've got to work at that." Venables discarded the single striker's game that was prevalent under former coach Eddie Thomson's reign, preferring a triple strike force.

But he was uncertain whether he would try the strategy again when the side meets South Korea on Wednesday in Brisbane or against Norway in Sydney on Saturday. South Korea edged Norway 1-0 in the tournament opener.

"You always know that you've got a lot of work to do especially if I'm going to try and change things," Venables said.

He said he had only seen the players for four days and needed more time to assess their strength. The new coach, who has represented England at every international level, produced some passionate outbursts from the bench during the game.

**Mary dreams merry return**



MELBOURNE, Jan 19: Mary Pierce, unseeded at a Grand Slam event for the first time since 1991, is hoping to emulate

the deeds of Andre Agassi as she bids for a second major at this year's Australian Open, reports AP.

Agassi arrived at the 1994 US Open unseeded after recovering from a wrist injury. He left as the first unseeded winner

since Fred Stolle in 1966. Pierce, champion in Melbourne two years ago but beaten in the second round in 1996, is again making her mark at the year's first Grand Slam tournament.

The French right-hander advanced to the quarterfinals Sunday with a 6-2, 6-3 win over fifth-seeded German Anke Huber.

"Let's hope so," said Pierce, last unseeded at a Grand Slam at the 1991 US Open, when



Mary Pierce of France jubilates after defeating fifth seed Anke Huber of Germany in the round of sixteen at the Australian Open yesterday. Pierce won 6-2, 6-3.

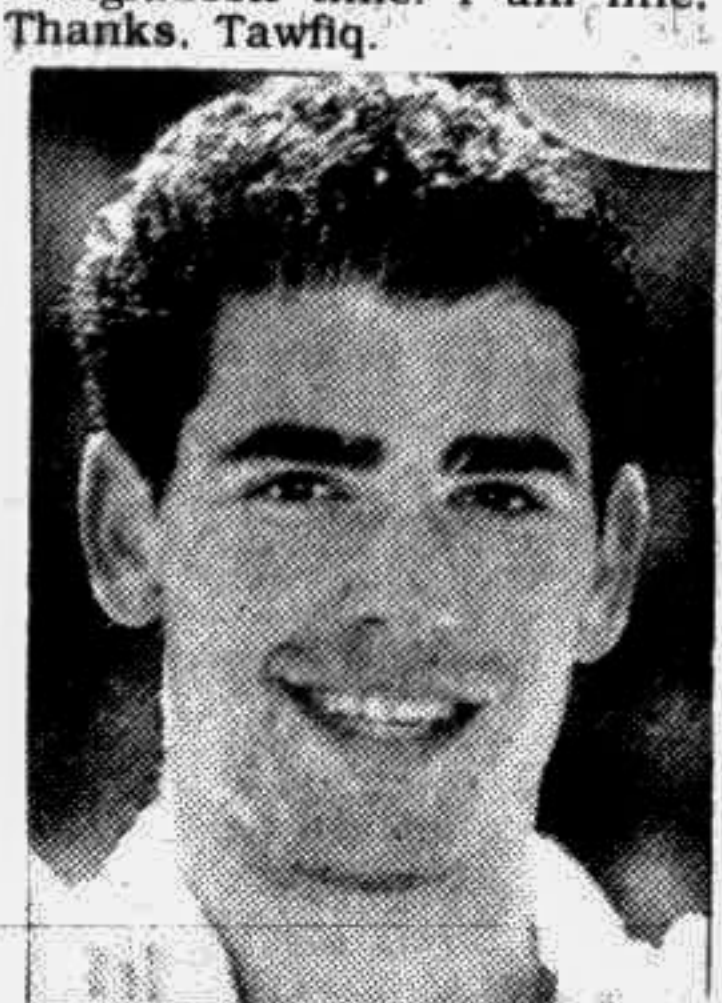
— AFP/UNB photo

**A different Saturday for Sampras**



MELBOURNE, Jan 19: It was again a Saturday night only a year later. The weather was pleasant and the Centre Court was

support for Mark, he was blasted of the court by a language which was as difficult as Greek. PS please tell my family to ring me today at 5/6 PM Bangladesh time. I am fine. Thanks, Tawfiq.



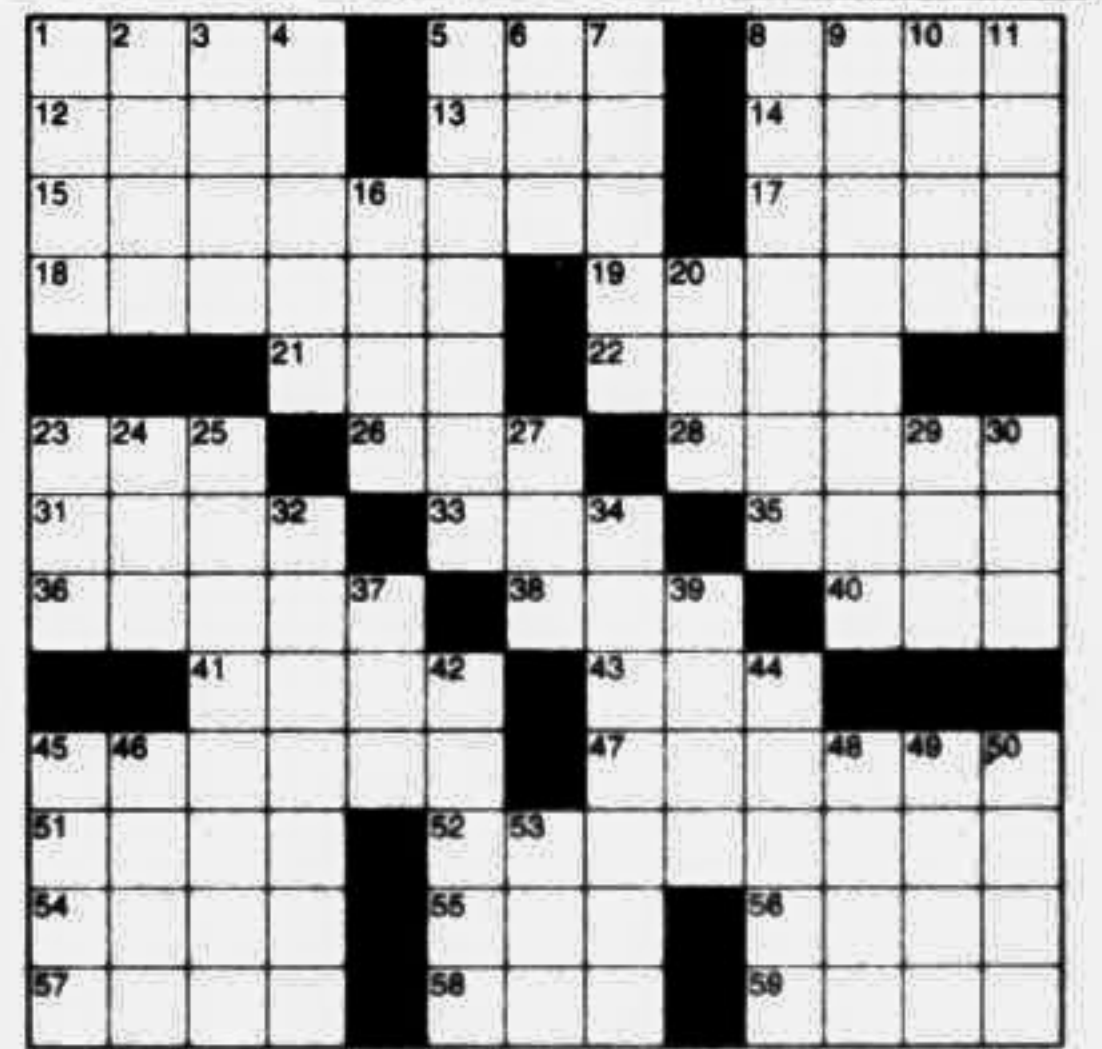
**PETE SAMPRAS**  
**Frenchwoman**  
**faring well**

This was a different and difficult Mary Pierce at the Centre Court for Anke Huber to handle Champion in 1995 on this surface against Huber, the tall French beauty's career was almost in the doldrums. She had so many problems to handle, foremost of which was family affairs. Today she appeared to have left them all behind and worked her way into the quarterfinals. The Melbourne weather has turned hot day and both girls sweated it out in front of a huge crowd. The score (6-7, 6-3) amply reflects the superiority of Pierce but it does not give the slightest idea how difficult it was to achieve. Pierce now awaits the winner of the match between Martinez and Appelmanns. A winner in '95 but unseeded in '97 Pierce may still find herself in semis, if not the finals, this year.

But it was a different Saturday night. Sampras made his intentions very clear right from the first and when he broke the first service game of Woodforde the third and possibly fourth generation Greek's in the gallery brought the Greek flag with them and most enthusiastic of them deemed with it to show their solidarity with the most illustrious Greek, Greek-American, Pete Sampras, of modern day tennis. However strong might have been the

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT A FORTUNATE BARBER HAS A HEAD FOR BUSINESS.

Today's Cryptogram clue: A equals P

The Cryptogram 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.