

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Amanda Coetzer
(South African tennis star)
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.

After beating Staffi Graf in Australian Open.

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- The name of Imran Khan's son is
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- The current South African cricket coach is
Marshall Woolmer Wessels
- The captain of PIA hockey team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is
Kamran Khalid Qamar
- The number of hat-tricks recorded in ODI cricket till now are
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Windies go broke at MCG

Pakistan's first WSC win

MELBOURNE, Jan 20: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram shrugged off injury to spearhead a fast bowling rout of West Indies as his team clinched the World Series Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today, reports agencies.

The Pakistanis took the triangular limited overs competition for the first time after a decisive 62-run victory in the second match of the best-of-three finals.

They made only a modest 165 in 48.3 of their 50 overs but dispatched West Indies for 103 in 40.3 overs, Akram providing the inspiration despite being restricted by a niggling hamstring injury.

Not even a power that left the stadium in darkness for 24 minutes could distract Pakistan from their task in taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the final.

The Pakistan skipper was clearly troubled by the injury in the field but he still generated extreme pace, bounce and movement off the seam from a short run-up to take three for 17.

Fellow fast bowler Shahid Nazir, drafted into the side to replace leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, justified his selection by exploiting a lively pitch to finish with outstanding figures of three for 14 from his 10 overs.

"We've been coming here to play in this tournament for 10 years and we've always got hammered," Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said.

"This victory is special because we're missing three or four senior players but our young players performed really well and they believed in themselves. That was the key to us winning the tournament."

West Indies captain Courtney Walsh was at a loss to explain his side's dismal batting effort.

"We played eight batsmen and couldn't get 166," said Walsh. "That concerns me."

The lights went out with off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq walking back to his mark to bowl the second ball of the 35th over with the West Indies struggling at 85-7. The lights came back on just 24 minutes later to allow Pakistan to complete their win in front of 23,045 spectators.

While Pakistan's three-pronged spin attack has caused much of the damage this season, on Monday it was the pacemen who were responsible for the victory.

To cap off a miserable night for the West Indies star spearhead Curtly Ambrose appeared to reinjure himself while bat-

ting, Ambrose, who injured his groin during the first final, called for a runner after the 32nd over and could be in doubt for the fourth Test against Australia beginning in Adelaide on Saturday.

Walsh played down the injury concerns, saying Ambrose had not re-injured his groin but

wicket between Ijaz and Mohammad Wasim.

Ijaz Ahmed, top-scorer in Pakistan's four-wicket victory in the opening game in Sydney on Saturday, scored 45 to bolster the middle-order, while Mohammed Wasim hit 41 in the final overs off 79 balls.

Pakistan lifted the cup for



Pakistan captain Wasim Akram holds aloft the World Series trophy after his side won the best-of-three finals 2-0 against the West Indies in Melbourne yesterday.

— Reuters/UNB photo

had suffered a blow on the thigh while batting.

Skipper Akram was the hero of Monday's win, grabbing 3-17 in his initial six-over spell. The first of those wickets came in unusual fashion when Sherwin Campbell trod on his stumps in the first over.

Worse was soon to follow with Waqar Younis trapping the dangerous Junior Murray lbw with his first ball, leaving the West Indies 3-2 and Brian Lara, named the player-of-the-series, and Shivnarine Chanderpaul the task of rebuilding the in-

the first time in six attempts, earning 100,000 (79,000 dollars) in prize money. Hosts Australia failed to make the finals.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second match of the best-of-three limited overs World Series final between Pakistan and West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Monday:

PAKISTAN
Sohail c Lara b Cuffy 16
Afriidi c Lara b Walsh 0
Elahi c Lara b Walsh 0
Ijaz c Murray b Simmons 45
Inzamam run out 5



LARA... player-of-series



AMBROSE... 31 n.o

Botham's aim

ADELAIDE, Jan 20: Former England captain Ian Botham said Monday he has plenty to offer English cricket and wants to soon coach the national team, reports AP.

A technical adviser to the English team during its disappointing tour of Zimbabwe, the champion all-rounder said at a cricket club dinner Monday that it was his short-term aim to get the job now held by David Lloyd.

"It will be nice to pass on my experience, preferably in the next few years rather than in 30 years' time when I've forgotten it all," Botham said.

A veteran of 102 Tests match during which he scored 5,200 runs (an average of 33.54) and took 383 wickets (avg 28.4), Botham was reported to be upset that he was not consulted before selecting England's side for the second Test against Zimbabwe, which was cut short due to rain.

England drew both Tests and lost all three limited-overs matches.

He said while comprehensively beaten in the one-day series against the fledgling cricket nation, England's performance in the Test series was positive.

"The two Test I think we technically won," he said. "The Tests we played well in, but the one-dayers we played pretty ordinary cricket."

While he refused to speculate on England's chance of winning this year's Ashes Series against Australia, he said Australia's poor showing in the current one-day World Series here proved England was not the only team struggling.

"It might be a little closer than you think," he said.

England play the first Test against New Zealand beginning Friday in Auckland. Australia begin play in the fourth Test against the West Indies on Saturday in Adelaide, leading the five-Test series 2-1.

UAE soccer coach sacked

ABU DHABI, Jan 20: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) have sacked Croatian coach Tomislav Ivic following their failure to win the Asian Cup last December, reports AFP.

The UAE, who hosted the tournament, got into the final but lost in a penalty shoot-out to Saudi Arabia.

"Terminating his contract was in the interest of the two sides. We took this decision only after we were convinced there must be a change," said Sheikh Abdullah bin-e-Zayed Al-Nahayan, head of the UAE football federation.

Ivic, who had a 375,000 dollars a year contract, was told of the sacking only days after he had left on holiday.

He will be replaced by Lorri Sandri, a Brazilian coach at the Al-Ain Sports Club.

Fiorentina hold Sampdoria

ROME, Jan 20: Roberto Mancini's cheeky backheel set up David Balleri for a dramatic last-minute equaliser to give second-place Sampdoria a 1-1 draw at Fiorentina on Sunday and keep up the pressure on league leaders Juventus, reports Reuters.

Unbeaten in their last five games, Sampdoria now have 29 points from 17 matches — just one point fewer than Juventus although the European champions can widen that gap in a late-night match against Lazio at Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Inter, third on 28 points, missed the chance to overtake Juve, losing at home to Bologna for the first time in 20 years.

Giancarlo Marocchi, and Russian former Inter midfielder Igor Shalimov scored Bologna's goals.

Croat Mario Stanic's winner against Verona gave Parma their fourth successive victory to give them a share of fourth place with Vicenza, who surrendered a 2-0 lead to draw with Napoli.

Substitute Roberto Baggio saved Milan from another setback at Cagliari, setting up Christophe Dugarry's equaliser.

Ince won't leave Italy

MILAN, Jan 20: Paul Ince wants to stay in Italy and is angry about speculation over a move to Premiership title chasers Arsenal, according to Inter Milan coach Roy Hodgson on Sunday, reports AFP.

The England midfielder is currently serving out the last of a three-match suspension, reduced from four last week, and has been linked to the Gunners by British press reports.

But Hodgson said, "I've spoken to Paul and he's told me he's very annoyed by the persistent rumours from England: he wants to stay here."

"I too continue to read that Arsenal's manager (Arsene Wenger) is a big admirer of Ince — and I can't get worked up about that."

"However, it should be made clear that Arsenal have never opened negotiations, and that Ince has another 18 months of his contract with Inter."

"I hope he honours it because I consider him a very valuable player, and one who is suited to Italian football."

"Obviously, I can't guarantee that Paul will stay here next year, but only because in football, nothing can be taken for granted."

Ince's absence has not made itself felt in the team's results. With Swiss midfielder Ciriaco Sforza having moved into a central role Inter started the new year with two consecutive victories.

Pete survives a slugfest

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan



MELBOURNE, Jan 20: The "hunchback" of Bratislava almost wrote his autograph on Pete Sampras' forehead.

ad on Centre Court this morning. The top player of the world managed to rescue the match in a grueling five-setter 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6 & 6-4. It is

answer that. The conditions are so different on this court, with the weather. I played Woodforde (6-1, 6-0, 6-1) and it was cool and I had all day to hit the ball and today, when the temperature rises it's tough to play. It seemed like you are playing a different tournament, when the weather changes like this. But I felt I came out with a good atti-



Belgian Dominique van Roost makes a backhand return during her match against American Chanda Rubin in the round-of-sixteen of the Australian Open yesterday. Van Roost won 7-5, 6-4.

— AFP/UNB photo

often said that money can buy many things but experience. For the 19-year-old "nobody" ranking 77 in the world of tennis, it was a day to rejoice for Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia made his name known to the world and won a cheque for 40,000 Australian dollars. Hrbaty was extremely agile and absolutely sure of himself. His crosscourt forehand and double-fisted backhand left Sampras in the lurch more often than not. But his over-enthusiasm at the crucial points, which clearly indicated his lack of experience, helped Sampras bail out of exasperating situation. Later in the press conference, The Daily Star asked: last Saturday night you were very severe against your opponent but today you went out there relaxed. Is it true? The question caught him off guard but he soon composed himself and replied: I don't know how to

tude and played all right and fought through & I'm still around. The king of the court was looking fresh and bright at the conference and replied to a number of questions. In reply to another question by The Daily Star "Do you think experience won over enthusiasm today?" The champion replied, "Oh, experience definitely played a major role, especially in the fifth set when he served 4/2 or whatever the ... was, he got tight & hits some doublefaults and experience was definitely a major part."

AP adds: No. 3 seed Goran Ivanisevic also escaped an upset, serving four aces and a service winner when he was down 0-40 at 3-3 in the final set en route to a 4-6, 6-2, 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 6-3 victory over Norway's Christian Ruud.

Ivanisevic said the cold towel on his neck during changeovers was the best part of

the match. "I wasn't thinking too much at that point," Sampras said. "It's really not about tennis anymore, it's about fighting through it and finding some sort of way to win. ... I definitely had more luck than good today."

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AUSSIE OPEN GALLERY

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan

MELBOURNE, Jan 20: The holiday heat on Sunday turned the Centre Court into a veritable furnace in which the seed number one Steffi Graf melted. But I have no intention of taking away the glorious success of tiny Amanda Coetzer for whom the heat could be as detrimental as for her opponent. The local Met office predicted a maximum of 37 degrees Celsius outside court yesterday but in fact a digital thermometer recorded a staggering 53 degrees Celsius at Melbourne Park. Conditions today are likely to be hotter with mercury hitting 39 degrees Celsius. Graf did not appear in the post-match press conference because of dehydration and was ordered complete rest. An update on Steffi says she had a good night's sleep and is to see a doctor today for following treatment. Yesterday's fourth round exit of Steffi is only the second time in 40 Grand Slam tournaments since 1985 that she has failed to reach the quarter-finals. The other seed crashing out in the heat was Conchita Martinez world No. 3 and also seed No. 3 at the Australian Open, to the Belgian left-hander

Sabine Appelmans, the number 16 seed. It is so hot out there that even most of the journalists covering the event prefer the cool atmosphere of the press work room rather than jeopardising their health by watching the matches from courtside.

HRBATY NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

This teenager has to be watched carefully. Dominik Hrbaty (pronounced Hrabaty), which means "hunchback" in his native language, was just another kid from the next blue. In 1995 he was 364 on the ranking list. But his results last year catapulted him to 77 — a leap of 287 places. Before today's match Sampras never saw this boy, but at the post-match press conference he profusely praised this talented youngster. "Hrbaty's recent success have brought new considerations to his life, money, something in short-supply for the son of a tennis club manager. Even if he loses to Sampras today, he will collect 40,000 Australian dollars," writes the Herald Sun. "For this tournament I get the money what my father was working for the whole life," Hrbaty told the Sun in his fractured English accent.

the 3-hour, 4-minute match — 11 minutes longer than Sampras.

Even when he was hitting those four aces, "I was just thinking about the towel, you know."

Sampras next plays No. 10 seed Alberto Berasategui of Spain, who advanced when No. 12 Wayne Ferreira of South Africa retired with a pulled thigh muscle, suffered in the first set. He was trailing 6-3, 6-2, 3-2 when he stopped.

Ivanisevic awaited the winner of a night match between No. 5 Thomas Muster and No. 11 Jim Courier.

On the women's side, Dominique van Roost continued her upsets, ousting 1996 semi-finalist Chanda Rubin, the 15th seed, 7-5, 6-4 after receiving an injury timeout at 1-0 in the second set for treatment for a muscle injury in her lower back.

Only one of the top seven seeds — No. 4 Martina Hingis — remained in the field, and she had to struggle to stay there. Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir pushed her into a series of errors in the first set by teasing her with an assortment of paces, depths and spins.

Hingis finally won 7-6 (8-6), 6-1 Monday night on Centre Court, which still felt like an oven even after the sun had sunk behind the stadium walls.

She now plays No. 8 Irina Spirlea of Romania, who beat No. 9 Karina Habudova of Slovakia 6-4, 6-4.

Van Roost, who eliminated No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario on Saturday, played the same hustling, go-for-broke game against Rubin.

She's a real feisty player," said Rubin. "She went out there and came up big. She was right on top of the ball and that was the story of the match."

Van Roost next plays No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez, a two-time Australian Open finalist. Fernandez won 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 against Patty Schnyder, who upset No. 6 Iva Majoli of Croatia in the first round. Schnyder, an 18-year-old from Switzerland, never had won a Grand Slam match before coming here.

Against Sampras, Hrbaty roared "Yes!" When he gained a key service break in the final set's third game on two powerful serve returns, and a double fault and forehand miss by Sampras.

He went on to a 4-2 lead and nearly broke Sampras again in the seventh game, but Sampras saved two break points with a service winner and a serve and volley.

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Hrbaty said he obtained Sampras' autograph three years ago in Paris, and "next time I hope he asks me for an autograph."

Sampras said he didn't remember the Paris meeting, but he will remember Hrbaty now — "Yeah, absolutely."

Hrbaty also knew of Sampras' problems in the heat when he vomited on court before narrowly beating Alex Corretja in five sets at the US Open, last year.

"But today was so hot, so it was tough for me also," added Hrbaty, who said he had felt a bit sick during the third set but later recovered.

This time, Sampras made sure he loaded up on liquids before and during the match. He also tried to keep points short, relying on his serve and not chasing every ball. In the last set, he took some balls off his returns and let Hrbaty try to supply the power.

Querra triumphs

SEVILLA, Spain, Jan 20: Portuguese runner Paulo Guerra won the sixth race of the IAAF cross country series here on Sunday beating European champion Jon Brown of England into second place, reports AFP.

Romania's Elena Fidatov won the women's event, record her second successive win.

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Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide foreign suppliers or their authorised local agents for establishment of a 'DOG SQUAD' for Bangladesh Police with 20 dogs (detail of dogs & other terms and conditions related thereto are specified in the tender schedule) during the financial year 1996-97.

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- Last date of selling : Up to 25-2-97 on all working days (during office hours).
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WSC ROLL OF HONOUR

Season	Champions	Runners-up	Third
1979-80	West Indies	England	Australia
1980-81	Australia	New Zealand	India
1981-82	West Indies	Australia	Pakistan
1982-83	Australia	New Zealand	England
1983-84	West Indies	Australia	Pakistan
1984-85	West Indies	Australia	Sri Lanka
1985-86	Australia	India	New Zealand
1986-87	England	Australia	West Indies
1987-88	Australia	New Zealand	Sri Lanka
1988-89	West Indies	Australia	Pakistan
1989-90	Australia	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
1990-91	Australia	New Zealand	England
1991-92	Australia	India	West Indies
1992-93	West Indies	Australia	Pakistan
1993-94	Australia	South Africa	New Zealand
1994-95	Australia	Australia 'A'	England
1995-96	Australia	Sri Lanka	West Indies
1996-97	Pakistan	West Indies	Australia

But Chanderpaul was at sea on the bouncy wicket as Akram repeatedly went past the outside edge of his bat until finding the edge in 11th over to present wicketkeeper Moin Khan with the first of three catches.

Two balls later and the West Indies' bid to level the series was effectively over when Carl Hooper fended a rising Akram delivery to Shahid Afridi at short backward square.

West Indies were 42 for seven at one stage and only some lusty blows by fast bowler Curtly Ambrose saved his side from greater embarrassment.

Ambrose, who went into the match with a groin strain and had to use a runner, hit an unbeaten 31, his highest score in a one-day international.

West Indies fast bowlers had posed their own problems earlier, captain Courtney Walsh, Ambrose and Cameron Cuffy sharing six wickets.

Skipper Courtney Walsh made the early inroads, defying the blistering heat to claim the vital wicket of Shahid Afridi for a duck in his first over.

The hard-hitting teenager, who made a fine 53 in the victory on Saturday, was caught at the second attempt by Brian Lara at first slip.

Zahoor Elahi was dismissed in identical fashion in Walsh's next over, leaving the job of rebuilding the innings to Aamir Sohail and Ijaz.

Pakistan's innings never gained momentum at any stage with the biggest partnership of the innings just 43 for the fifth

run.

Pakistan won the best-of-three series 2-0.
Man-of-the-finals: Shahid Afridi.
Man-of-the-series: Brian Lara.

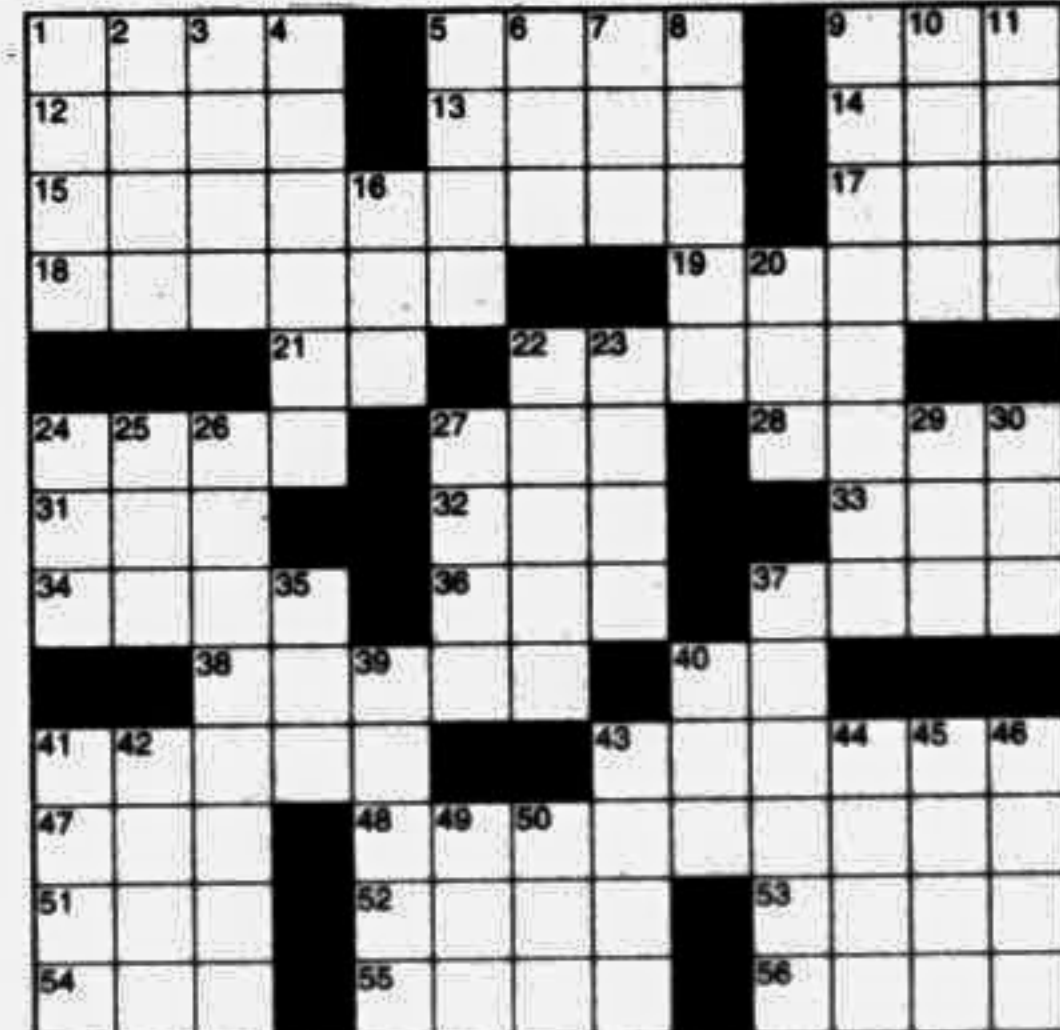
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CRYPTOQUIP

M E L M H U E L X Z K H H X F R O
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: YOUR SINGING IN THE BATHTUB COULD RIGHTLY BE CALLED A SOAP OPERA.

Today's Cryptquip clue: R equals L

The Cryptquip 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.