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Jan 31, '97

1	The name of Imran Khan's son is	Saleem	Rawal	Jasid
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	Kamran	Khalid	Qamar
4	The number of batsmen recorded in ODI cricket till now are	11	12	10
5	Which team won the Bangladesh Cup football trophy early this month?	Malayan Red	Ting Pahalang	Cher Bengali

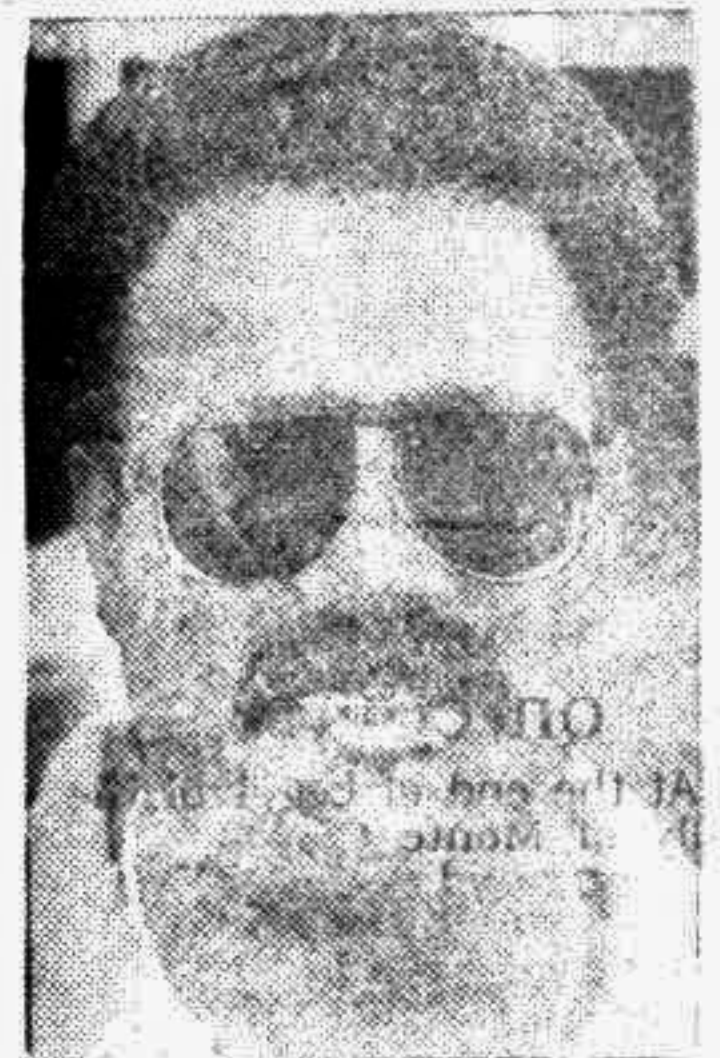
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SPORTS TALK



Clive Lloyd

(West Indies coach)

"If it means replacing some players, then fine, that's what we'll have to do because people expect West Indies cricket to be at the top of the ladder."

(Warned the old guards in the team following their below-par showings in Down Under.)

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Jan 21: Jagata Sangha moved into the semi-finals of the 10th Mithi Juba Memorial cricket tournament defeating Mohammedan Samratthak Goshthi by 82 runs here today.

Electing to bat first, Jagata Sangha scored 145 for eight in their stipulated 25 overs. In reply, Mohammedan Samratthak Goshthi were bundled out for 63 in 16.1 overs.

In the first semifinal, Sohag Smriti Sangha will take on Upashahar Housing Estate Cricket Club on January 24.

Meanwhile, the first round of the ninth Shabid Zia Smriti cricket match concluded yesterday. The quarterfinals will begin from Jan 23.

Tragic!

CHITTAGONG, Jan 20: A young cricketer died of cardiac arrest during the final of the Cricket match at the Polo Ground here today, report UNB.

Mosharrat, son of a retired official of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, Mohammad Hossain, hailed from Perua village in Chakaraita thana of Cox's Bazar district.

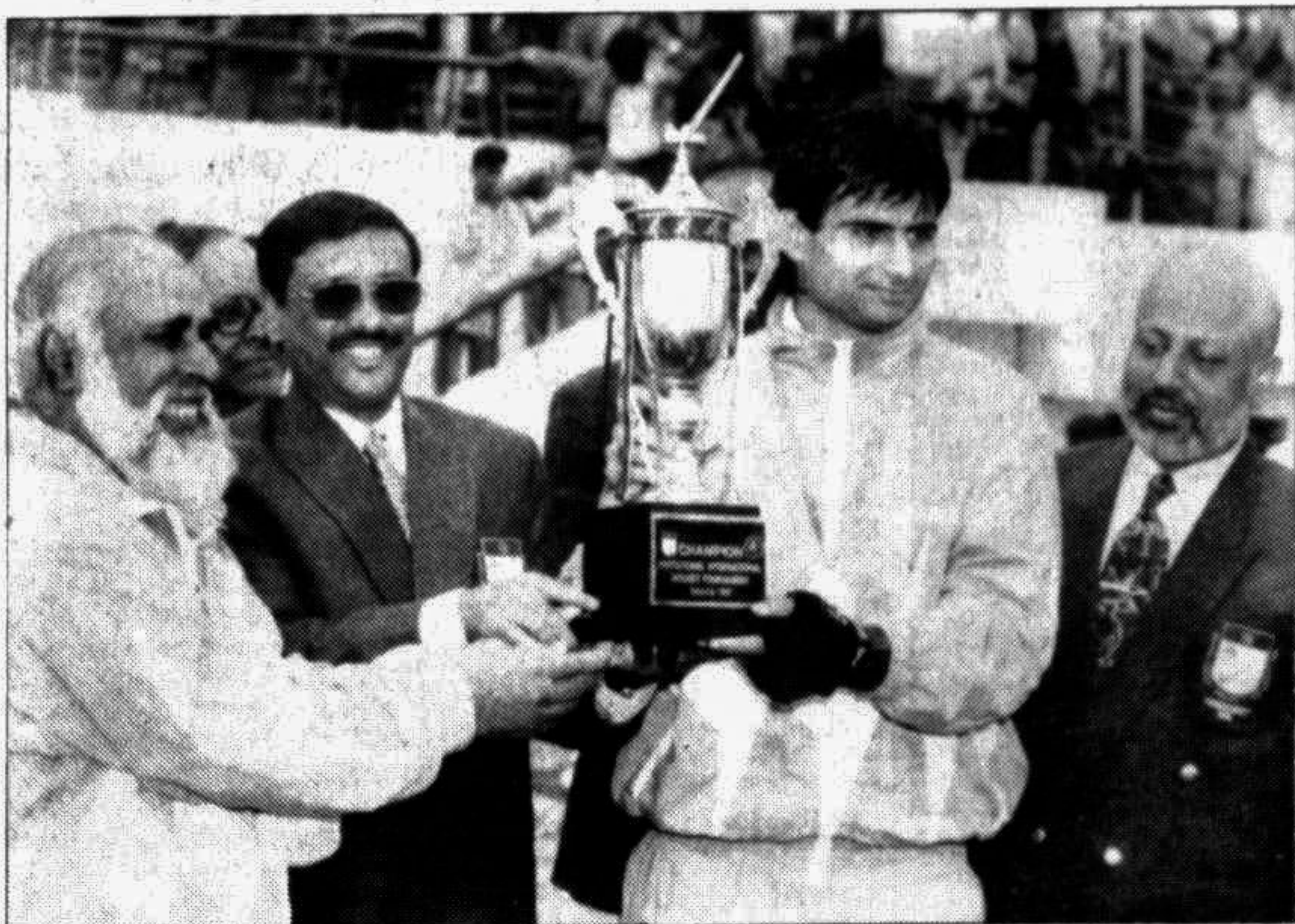
He passed the SSC from the city's Bakla Government High School last year.

Kishore soccer

Sheikh Russel Kishore and National Sporting Club qualified for the final of the Sheikh Russel Kishore football tournament after winning their respective semifinals at the Dhaka Outer Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The final match will be held on January 26 at the same venue.

Sheikh Russel KC beat Sonar Bangla Sporting Club 2-0 in the first match while National Sporting Club edged past Dhaka Juba Samaj 7-6 in the tie-breaker in the other semi.



PIA skipper Qamar Ibrahim receiving the invitational international hockey trophy from State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader yesterday. — Star photo

PIA send Abahani ruing

Sports Reporter

Pakistani World Cupper Kamran Ashraf found the target twice in the space of two minutes to ensure a predicted conclusion of the invitational international hockey tournament as Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) prevailed over Abahani Krira Chakra by the odd goal in three in a final characterised by poor marksmanship and frayed tempers.

While the vastly experienced national champions from Pakistan succeeded with their professional approach, marked by clinical finish on stormy counter attacks, Abahani the only local side to survive challenges from foreign participants, thrived on enthusiasm but failed to do justice to the generous support of a partisan crowd basically due to poor marksmanship.

Much to the amazement and delight of their fans Abahani took an early lead with the latest goal of the tournament through national forward Alamgir. But brilliant Kamran's two touches of class, not only robbed Abahani and their supporters of early euphoria but also helped Pakistan's flag carriers to end the five-team tourney with an enviable all-win record.

Egged on by the crowd Abahani played aggressively and attempted territorial supremacy right through the match. Although the Indian recruits — Dhanraj Pillai and Reaz Ahmed produced their usual brand of quality hockey, Abahani's local players ran out of ideas every time they were set up with fine scoring opportunity by the relentlessly scheming duo.

Abahani were off to a dream start as Reaz, the man behind Abahani's 5-1 demolition of arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club the previous day, passed the ball to an unmarked Ramiz on the left side after dodging a couple of PIA players and the young BKSP product broke through the PIA defence from the left flank before sending a neat minus to Alam-

Breach in partnership?

WINCHESTER, England, Jan 21: When Chris Vincent's safari project died, he went hunting for soccer star Bruce Grobbelaar, reports AP.

He was angry that the former Liverpool goalkeeper had killed off the safari tour project in Zimbabwe by resigning as a director.

So he went to the newspapers telling them Grobbelaar had accepted money to throw soccer games.

"I was not prepared to let things lie as they were because of the knowledge I had," he told a match-fixing trial jury at Winchester crown court. "I had had enough of everything at that stage. I had to consider the number of people who had been injured financially in this whole exercise."

He told the jury what he had already told the Sun newspaper — that Grobbelaar had received large amounts of cash up to 40,000 pounds (66,000 dollars) to throw games while playing for Liverpool and later Southampton.

According to Vincent one game, a 3-0 loss to Newcastle, was successful for Grobbelaar but two others, ties with Manchester United and Norwich, weren't.

Grobbelaar, former Wimbledon players John Fashanu and Hans Segers, and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim are in the dock charged with conspiracy to pay or accept money to influence the results of games. All four plead innocent.

Segers' part in the case is quite independent of Grobbelaar's but concerns the same allegation, that he was paid money to let in goals. The prosecution says Fashanu acted as middle man and Lim was the

British end of an Indonesian betting syndicate.

Vincent told the jury that he had "an incredibly strong and exceptional" friendship with Grobbelaar when they teamed up in 1992. Grobbelaar was one of the investors in Vincent's safari tour project in their Zimbabwe homeland.

When the plans changed and other investors started pulling out, Grobbelaar stunned Vincent by doing the same.

"He faxed me saying he wanted to resign as director and withdraw his participation," Vincent told the court. "I found it difficult to understand his change of heart."

Vincent admitted he had a major disagreement with the Zimbabwean landowner he hoped would lease land to the project. Grobbelaar spoke to the landowner, but the project collapsed after the landowner told Vincent: "I believe you told Mr Grobbelaar I'm a lying, cheating crook."

Siraj with 20 was the only notable run-getter for the vanquished.

Players of the PIA hockey team.

— Star photo

WC qualifiers
BFF pick
34 booters

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has called up thirty-four booters to join the selection camp for the forthcoming World Cup qualifying round.

Bangladesh have been pencilled in Zone 1 out of the ten Asian qualifying zones along with Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Taiwan. The first phase will begin in Malaysia from March 16. While the second phase is scheduled to start on March 27 in Saudi Arabia, a firm contender for one of the three slots for Asia in the next World Cup, to be held in France in 1998.

The selection trial under the tutelage of German coach Otto Pfister will begin at Mirpur Stadium from January 25. The thirty-four footballers are:

Goalkeepers: Ponir, Biplob, Aminul and Masudur Rahman Tomy.

Defenders: Monem Munna, Jewel Rana, Masud Rana, Ruhul Amin, Hasan al Mamun, Monwar Hossain Munna, Sohail Reza, Prodip Kumar, Rajani Kanta Barman, Sohel al Masum, Kazi and Faisal.

Midfielders: Nurul Haq Manik Arman Miah, Barun Bikash Dewan, Zakir Hossain, Iqbal, Arif Khan Joy, Abdul Kayum Shantou, Jahangir and Azim.

Forwards: Rakib Hossain, Mamun Joarder, Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, Mizanur Rahman, Alfaz, Maksudul Amin Rana, Sourav Raju, Saiful Islam and Mosharraf Hossain Tutul.

The above mentioned players have been asked to report to the technical committee, on the inaugural day of the 15-day practice session at 9 am.

Tipu's moment of joy

Sports Reporter

Dewan Tipu Sultan earned an effortless point on his way to lift the 18th national junior chess championship on completion of the nine-round Swiss league meet at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Tipu, who with seven points had shared the lead with last year's champion Abdullah al Rakib and Enamul Hossain Rajib at the end of the penultimate round on Monday, got walk-over against Shawkat Hossain Pallab in the last round to finish with highest eight points.

On the other hand, Rakib and Rajib split points to finish at par with seven and a half points each. But in the tie-breaker Rakib claimed the second position, leaving his companion Rajib to satisfy with the third place.

Three players — Mahfuzur Rahman Imon, Abu Saqan Shalik and Ashrafur Rahman Muirad — collected seven points each.

Ninety players took part in the championship.

ORDER OF MERIT

Year	Champion
1979	Mansoor Rahman Raja
1980	Zillur Rahman Champak
1981	Farid Ahmed
1982	Idris Ali
1983	Moniruzzaman Khan
1984	Namul Haque Niru
1985	Not held
1986	Syed Wahidul Islam
1987	Ziaur Rahman
1988	Refaat-bin-Sattar
1989	Ziaur Rahman
1990	Kayes Hasan
1991	Ziaur Rahman
1992	Refaat-bin-Sattar
1993	Refaat-bin-Sattar
1994	Ziaur Rahman
1995	Adnan Faisal
1996	Abdullah al Rakib
1997	Dewan Tipu Sultan

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

With the inclement weather playing foul, disrupting almost all the cricketing activities, only two Acme Second Division league matches survived the unseasonal shower in the capital yesterday.

But both the matches were truncated for intermittent rains in the morning.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Udayachal recorded a huge 72-run win over Lalbagh Anwar. Barring first, Udayachal piled up a commanding 172/5 in their share of 25 overs with Chanchal notching highest 46 runs for the winners.

In reply, Lalbagh were skittled out for 100 in 18 overs. Omer Khan scored 37. For Udayachal, Ferdous, Shipu and Majal took two wickets each.

Meanwhile, in the other match at the Mohakhali T & T ground, Young Ones Club prevailed over Shantinagar A by 15 runs.

Electing to use the wicket first after winning the toss, Young Ones scored 110 in the stipulated 20 overs for the loss of seven wickets. Sushanta scored 29 while Rashed Hossain remained unbeaten on 22 off 25 balls.

Shantinagar, in their chase for scoring more than five runs per over, were caved in for 95 in the face of some accurate bowling from Zahid, who took four wickets for only eight runs in his four overs.

Siraj with 20 was the only notable run-getter for the vanquished.

Bangkok-bound umpires

Two Bangladeshi umpires — Shawkat Rahman Chinu and Mesbahuddin Ahmed Reza — will leave here for Bangkok today to conduct some matches of the Tengku Zafar Cup cricket tournament in the Thai capital, reports UNB.

Trying to beat the heat

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan

MELBOURNE, Jan 21: As controversy rages over the justifiability of continuing matches at the open Centre Court, Melbourne is seething in temperatures well over 40 degrees Celsius.

On Monday highest of 41.2 degrees was recorded at 3:10 pm, precisely the time Pete Sampras barely made it through to the quarterfinals against Dominik Hrbaty. Players here at the Australian Open joined Sampras against matches fixed at a time when the mercury likes to jump to dizzy heights.

Big-serving Goran Ivanisevic left the court in his bare essentials after a back-breaking five-set victory against Christian Ruud. Ivanisevic said after the match: "You can't try the whole game, otherwise you die. After ten minutes you're dead."

Upon a request by the women players the WTA Tour made a formal request to the Ford Australian Open referees to review again the implementation of the section on the Tour's Medical Rule which allows for a ten-minute break to be taken between the second and third set, if the weather

conditions meet or exceed a heat stress index of 28 degrees Celsius (82 degrees Fahrenheit). Prior to the Open, the WTA Tour Medical Rule was reviewed by the four Australian Open and the extreme weather section was denied implementation. The Ford Australian Open denied the second request also. This decision of the committee to overrule the request of the WTA does not help the women players at all.

Irena Spilica, the number 8 seed who defeated the ninth seed Habsudova made it very clear when she said: "It's not like a tennis match. If I'd been forced to play for another hour, God help you, I'd be dead."

But nothing can deter the tournament referee Peter Bellenger from implementing the rules to the letter, if not to the spirit.

He was accosted by a battery of journalists this morning at a press conference. But Bellenger stuck to his logic as he explained why the Centre Court roof was closed this morning. He said: "The rules give me the right to do it if the temperature is over 35 degrees. I believe that

39 and 40 degrees temperature, are extreme... We haven't had 40 degrees in Melbourne for 8 years... because the forecast this morning at 9 o'clock was for 39 to 40 degrees, I decided to use the rule."

Bellenger was very clear how he is going to apply the rules in the evening when rain has been forecast for today. Sampras sounded quite ominous when he said after the match against Hrbaty: "There's going to have to come a point where someone really gets hurt out there."

Monday's temperature caused bushfire at Mount Martha yesterday. Power service was disrupted at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for about seven minutes, and in the nearby Melbourne Park where the Australian Open is being played.

Residents of suburban Melbourne, exasperated by the unusual heat are buying small fans, which is normally not required here, for fear of more heatwave.

But the weathermen say that the next few days will be cooler and the worst will be over today, hopefully.

Walsh down but not out

They must win both the Test starting in Adelaide Saturday and the last Test in Perth to reclaim the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy which they lost for the first time in 20 years in the Caribbean last year.

But they go into the fourth Test beset by injury worries.

Pace duo Ken Benjamin and Nixon McLean have already been sent home, while Curtly Ambrose added a thigh injury to a groin strain during Monday's match and Carl Hooper is still dogged by a niggling shin problem.

Ambrose hurt his thigh while batting last night and at one stage looked a poor bet for the fourth Test. But Walsh has dismissed any suggestion the Windies' trump bowler would miss it.

"He got hit on the thigh and it stiffened up on him a bit but it is not serious," Walsh said. Although playing down Ambrose's injury, Walsh said the team's medical woes were hurting performance.

"We've got new guys coming into the squad and it was disappointing to lose those players that had to go home because we were hoping we wouldn't have to change our side," he said.

"We are just not getting the right combination together."

The Windies have used just 12 players during the first three Tests but will have to find a replacement for Benjamin for Adelaide.

Newly-arrived Cameron Cuffy put his hand up for that job, bowling well last night to take 2-33 from nine overs.

"I thought he bowled well especially as it was his first game in Australia," Walsh said of Cuffy.

Olympians down in dumps

MELBOURNE, Jan 21: It's easy to count the Olympic tennis gold medalists who have reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open, zero, reports AP.

Two of the games women champions crashed out Sunday in the round of 16: 1988 winner Steffi Graf and 1996 champion Lindsay Davenport.

Both were hobbled by infected toes. Both had to play marathon games in the 100-degree Fahrenheit (38C) heat.

Davenport's came in the first-set tiebreak — a 15-13 loss en route to a 7-6, 6-4 defeat to Kimberly Po.

Graf's came in the second set's seventh game. She won it after 17 minutes, 10 deuces and 4 break points saved. But she still lost 6-2, 7-5 to No 12 seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa.

The 1996 men's gold medalist, Andre Agassi, didn't even enter here, pleading fatigue. Women's 1992 champion Jennifer Capriati went out in the first round and 1992 men's winner Marc Rosset went out in the second. The 1988 men's winner, Miloslav Mecir, has retired.

The 1996 silver medalists also are gone — Spaniards Sergi Bruguera and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the No 2 seed here, both went out in the third round. For Davenport, Capriati and Rosset, the Olympic golds still stand alone. None of the three has won a Grand Slam tournament.

Davenport has yet to go beyond the quarterfinals in 18 Slams. Capriati has been a semifinalist three times and Rosset once.

But Davenport has criticised

some of the top men players for skipping the Olympics last year, so as not to disrupt their preparations for the US Open.

"Not everything to do with tennis revolves around making money. Some of it is just representing your country and being with some of the greatest athletes in the world," she said just after arriving in Australia to warm up for the Open.

After losing Sunday, the No 7 seed said, "I'm definitely not the same player right now as I was last summer. It goes in cycles for the players who aren't as consistent as Steffi or Monica (Seles)."

Another problem Sunday was not the heat but an infected left toe, said Davenport, who won her gold by upsetting Sanchez Vicario in the Olympic final in the heat of last August in Atlanta.

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

"I don't think I came down ready to play and win. Mentally, I wasn't that confident, although I felt in great shape."

Po evened her record against Davenport at 2-2, but the previous victory had come six years ago, when Davenport was 16.

"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 sits for her," said the 25-year-old Po.

Graf also was suffering from an infected toe, for which she started receiving treatment Saturday. But she still felt unwell before Sunday's match.

The day's heat aggravated her illness, said a statement from the Women's Tennis Association.

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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: I THINK THE MANNERLY BAKER WAS EASILY DEEMED WELL-BREAD.

Today's Cryptiquip clue: N equals R

The Cryptiquip 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.

CRYPTOQUIP

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