

Column One SPORTS TALK



Mary Pierce (French tennis player) "She has this great mental attitude and it doesn't seem like very much gets to her."

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-65

✓ Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes 8 pm. March 14, '97

- 1 Who won the three-nation cricket tournament held in South Africa recently? India South Africa Zimbabwe
- 2 How many Tests will Sri Lanka play in their New Zealand tour? 2 3 4
- 3 Who is the top-ranked woman tennis player at the moment? Steffi Hingis Monica
- 4 Who lifted the boys' singles title in the BEXIMCO junior tennis championships? Danai Mahadevan Phomphon
- 5 The BCB XI team touring Pakistan is skippered by Laton Faruque Sumon

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Army b'ball on Bangladesh Army basketball championship began at the Rangpur Cantonment today, reports BSS. Savar Area beat the hosts 80-72 in the inaugural match.

Records roll at Wanderers



JOHANNESBURG, Mar 3: Greg Blewett and Steve Waugh shattered countless records with an unbroken fifth wicket stand of 305 as Australia moved into an unassailable position on the third day of the first Test against South Africa on Sunday, reports Reuters. The tourists finished the day as they had started with Blewett and Waugh together. It was only the 10th time in Test cricket that the same two batsmen have batted through an uninterrupted day's play and the 12th instance of a full day's play without a wicket. The total of 479 for four at the close gave Australia a first innings lead of 177 after they bowled out South Africa for 302 on the first day. The two batsmen treating every delivery on merit, never found it necessary to take the slightest risk after resuming at their overnight total of 191 for four. Waugh reached 50 first, from 113 deliveries, while Blewett played the junior role in taking 142 balls to pass the same landmark. But South Australian Blewett began to dominate soon after and was first to reach three figures from 223 balls when he drove Allan Donald through mid-on for his 17th boundary which also registered the 200 partnership. It was his third century in only 14 Tests. The senior of the Waugh brothers survived a bizarre chance on 44 when he ducked under a Lance Klusener bouncer only to see the ball hit the back of his bat and fly to keeper Dave Richardson who could only parry it. But thereafter his 12th Test century looked almost in-



Australian Greg Blewett drives square of the wicket during his majestic knock of 214 on the fourth day of the first Test against South Africa in Johannesburg yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Club of day-old pairs

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 3 (Reuters): The following pairs of batsmen have batted together for a full day in Test cricket without being dismissed: 1954-55: Denis Atkinson and Clairmonte Depeiza (West Indies v Australia, Bridgetown), 187-6 to 494-6. 1955-56: Vinoo Mankad and Pankaj Roy (India v New Zealand, Madras), 234-0. 1957-58: Conrad Hunte and Gary Sobers (West Indies v Pakistan, Kingston), 147-1 to 54-1. 1959-60: Gary Sobers and Frank Worrell (West Indies v England, Bridgetown), 279-3 to 486-3. 1964-65: Bill Lawry and Bobby Simpson (Australia v West Indies, Bridgetown), 263-0. 1981-82: Gundappa Vishwanath and Yashpal Sharma (India v England, Madras), 178-2 to 395-2. 1985-86: Asanka Gurusinha and Arjuna Ranatunga (Sri Lanka v Pakistan, Colombo), 83-3 to 323-3. 1989-90: Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor (Australia v England, Nottingham), 301-0. 1996-97: Steve Waugh and Greg Blewett (Australia v South Africa, Johannesburg), 191-4 to 479-4. Note: There have been two occasions of wicketless days involving more than two batsmen: 1971-72: West Indies vs New Zealand, Georgetown. West Indies 310-7 to 365-7 declared. New Zealand 163-0. 1978-79: India vs West Indies, Calcutta. India 70-1 to 360-1 declared. West Indies 15-0.

yielded 288 runs. Waugh had been at the crease for 400 minutes and struck 19 fours in an unbeaten 137 while Blewett had batted eight minutes less and collected 26 boundaries. The stand is already the highest for any wicket by Australia against South Africa surpassing the 275 made by Colin McDonald and Lindsay Hassett in Adelaide in 1952-53. The last time two batsmen completed a full day without losing their wickets was in 1989 when current Australian coach Geoff Marsh added 301 for the first wicket with current captain Mark Taylor against England at Trent Bridge. Although South Africa are likely to have to bat for at least a day and a half to draw the match, they can take heart from the recent history of a Wanderers pitch which gets better and better the longer a game lasts. The grounds last two Tests have been drawn with England captain Michael Atherton batting ten hours for 185 not out to deny South Africa and Daryll Cullinan also making a fifth day century to deny India just two months ago.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the third day of the first Test between South Africa and Australia at the Wanderers here on Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 302 (H Cronje 76, D Richardson 72 not out; McGrath 4/77).

AUSTRALIA: First innings 16 Hayden c Cullinan b Pollock 40 Elliott c Adams b Donald 85 M Waugh c Richardson b Donald 26 S Waugh not out 137 G Blewett not out 156 Extras: (lb-9, w-3, nb-7) 19 Total: (for 4 wks) 479 Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-128; 3-169; 4-174

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Donald	29	5	113	2
Pollock	26	3	82	2
Klusener	29	8	91	0
Kallis	15	4	35	0
Adams	43	5	130	0
Cronje	9	3	19	0

McRae takes the lead

555 Subaru World Rally Team driver, Colin McRae, has quite literally flown over the barren and dry landscape in Kenya to end a fantastic second day of competition with fastest times on all but one section and 1st position overall, says a press release. Nothing could stop Colin and Nicky Grist's charge today as they demonstrated the benefits of driving tactically in a solid and reliable car, flying ahead of the opposition with fastest times on 4 of yesterday's 5 sections covering 555 competitive kilometres. Starting from his overnight 3rd position, the Scot took a strategic 20 second penalty before the opening section to enable him to start two minutes later, providing a dust-free run — and it paid off, as he set fastest time and jumped to the number one slot. McRae's fight for his first-ever victory on the world's toughest rally was nevertheless hampered by an attempt of sabotage. A row of stones, 1 foot in height, had been placed across the width of the road on the second competitive section. Colin hit it flat out in 6th gear in the Subaru Impreza 555 WRC97, bending the steering rack, breaking the left front wishbone and sustaining a puncture. The Scot lost at least a minute on the section, and an additional 3 minutes in service, giving him an extra 30 second penalty. With four sections remaining, Colin nevertheless has little intention of relinquishing his lead and looks set to take victory on only his third attempt at this mammoth endurance rally that has claimed so many crews. After Tommi Makinen's retirement on the opening section, each of the factory-supported World Championship teams now only have one crew remaining and, if Colin pulls off a victory on this event that has historically been won by local crews, he will lead the World Rally Championship for Drivers. Today's third and final leg starts at 05.30 hrs (local) for the remaining four competitive sections that have already been run on leg 1, before the winner is welcomed back into Nairobi at 14.45 hrs (local).



England-NZ fifth ODI today

WELLINGTON, Mar 3: The New Zealand cricket team, criticised by their coach as "slow learners", gets the chance today to square their five-match limited-overs series with England, reports AP. New Zealand face England at the Basin Reserve in a match which also gives the tourists the opportunity to seal a 3-1 series victory to go with their 2-0 Test series win. Even though New Zealand won the fourth match at Eden Park in Auckland on Sunday, it is apparent their batsmen still are struggling to come to terms with the need for authoritative one-day batting. "We're still making life extraordinarily hard for ourselves," said Kiwi coach Steve Rixon. "It's something we have to get right. When you think we've played as much cricket as we have and still haven't learned, we're slow learners. But we've got a chance to build on something. We've got a starting point."

So far this season, New Zealand has won two and lost four one-dayers, as well as playing a tie against England at Napier last Wednesday. With the first Test against Sri Lanka starting in Dunedin on Friday, the national selectors will have plenty to consider when they name their side for that match after Tuesday's game. New Zealand held an optional net practice this afternoon, and five players declined the chance for a workout — captain Lee Germon, bowlers Simon Doull and Geoff Allott, opener Nathan Astle and slow-medium pacer Gavin Larsen. England arrived in Wellington late Monday afternoon and still haven't settled on their lineup. Middle-order batsman John Crawley seems sure to return in place of opener Nick Knight, who broke a finger at Eden Park. England coach David Lloyd may give wicketkeeper-batsman Jack Russell a rare opportunity but made it clear winning, not sentimentality, is his priority. "We've all got homes to go to, but there's still a job to be done first," Lloyd said. "It would be terrific to win the one-day series as well."

W Australia beat Q'land

PERTH, Mar 3: A dashing half-century by opener Ryan Campbell on Sunday helped Western Australia to an eight-wicket win over Queensland in the final of the Mercantile Mutual limited-overs tournament, reports Reuters. Ryan's knock off 45 deliveries and including seven fours and two sixes, saw Western Australia cruise to 149 for two with 15 overs to spare after they had dismissed Queensland for 148 in 40.1 overs. Queensland's hopes of posting a competitive total evaporated when they lost their last eight wickets for 76.

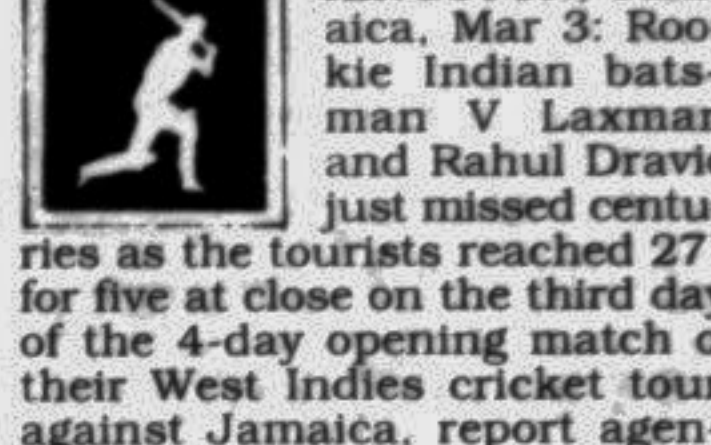
Bologna stun Sampdoria

ROME, Mar 3: Russian international Igor Kolyvanov's goal in the final minute Sunday gave Bologna a dramatic 2-1 comeback win at Sampdoria dealing a blow to the host's Italian league title aspirations, reports AP. Rookie Vincenzo Montella's 14th goal of the season gave Samp a 1-0 lead in the 83rd minute, but Kolyvanov levelled the game with a 30-metre free kick in the 50th and then silenced the 28,000 fans at Luigi Ferraris Stadium with a left-footed strike just before the final whistle. Sampdoria's first home loss to Bologna since 1977 drops the club into fourth place behind league leaders Juventus, who defeated Vincenzo 2-0 in one of three games Saturday. Juventus have a 12-8-2 record for 41 points, seven ahead of AC Parma and Internazionale. Sampdoria follow with 36 points and Bologna have 34. Sampdoria were in second place entering the weekend's action, but was overtaken by Inter — a 3-0 winner over Piacenza Saturday — and Parma, who continued their hot streak by edging lowly Cagliari 3-2 Sunday. Argentine striker Hernan Crespo, scored twice as Parma built a three-goal lead and then held on for their seventh win in nine games. Elsewhere Sunday, defending league champions Milan drew 1-1 with visiting AS Roma and remain in 10th place. Lazio beat Fiorentina 1-0 on Saturday. Udinese were to host Napoli Sunday night.

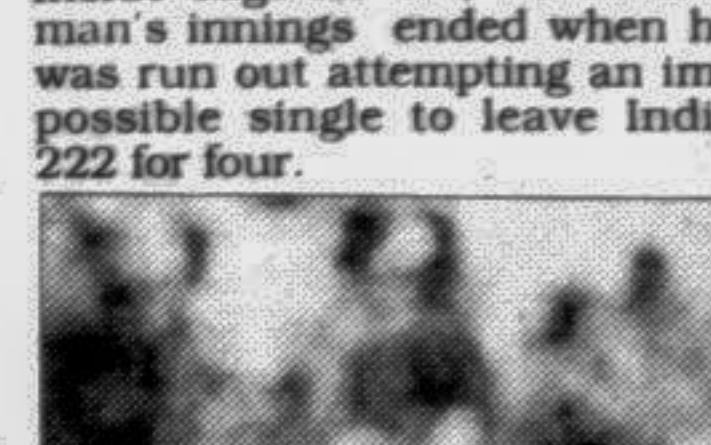
Tragic!

SAN ANTONIO, Mar 3: A 19-year-old boxer knocked unconscious during a finals bout in the San Antonio Golden Gloves Regional tournament had died, reports AP. Dylan Baker of Round Rock was pronounced dead Saturday, one day after he was hurt. A preliminary cause of death was a closed head injury, officials at University Hospital said Sunday. An autopsy was pending. The hospital said Baker's family approved the donation of his heart, kidneys and liver. His mother, Karen Baker, told the San Antonio Express-News that the family accepted the risks associated with boxing. "It was just an accident," Mrs. Baker said. "We supported him because (boxing) made him so happy. He really loved it."

Century eludes Laxman



KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 3: Rookie Indian batsman V Laxman just missed centuries as he reached 271 for five at close on the third day of the 4-day opening match of their West Indies cricket tour against Jamaica, report agencies. Laxman, being used as an opening batsman for the first time, was run out two runs short of three figures. David, who added 177 for the second wicket with Laxman, fell for 86. The 22-year-old Laxman batted 381 minutes, faced 270 balls and hit eight boundaries. David, 24, hit ten fours in his innings, which occupied 289 balls and spanned 317 minutes. Jamaica fast bowler Franklin Rose took the other three wickets to fall on Sunday with a performance that may have earned him a place in the West Indies team for the first Test, starting in Kingston on Thursday. Rose, who is uncapped, claimed the scalps of India's top batsmen, captain Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin, in a superb ten-over spell with the second new ball. India resumed at 66 for one, replying to Jamaica's first innings 453 for nine declared, with Laxman and David both making slow progress to start with before throwing away their caution. They added 178 for the second wicket before the elegant David was bowled by Rose. Tendulkar faced just ten balls before being bowled off the



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Indian added two more runs before Azharuddin was out for one, hitting a simple return catch to Rose. Left-hander Sourav Ganguly, on 45, and wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia, 15, were not out at the close.

SCOREBOARD

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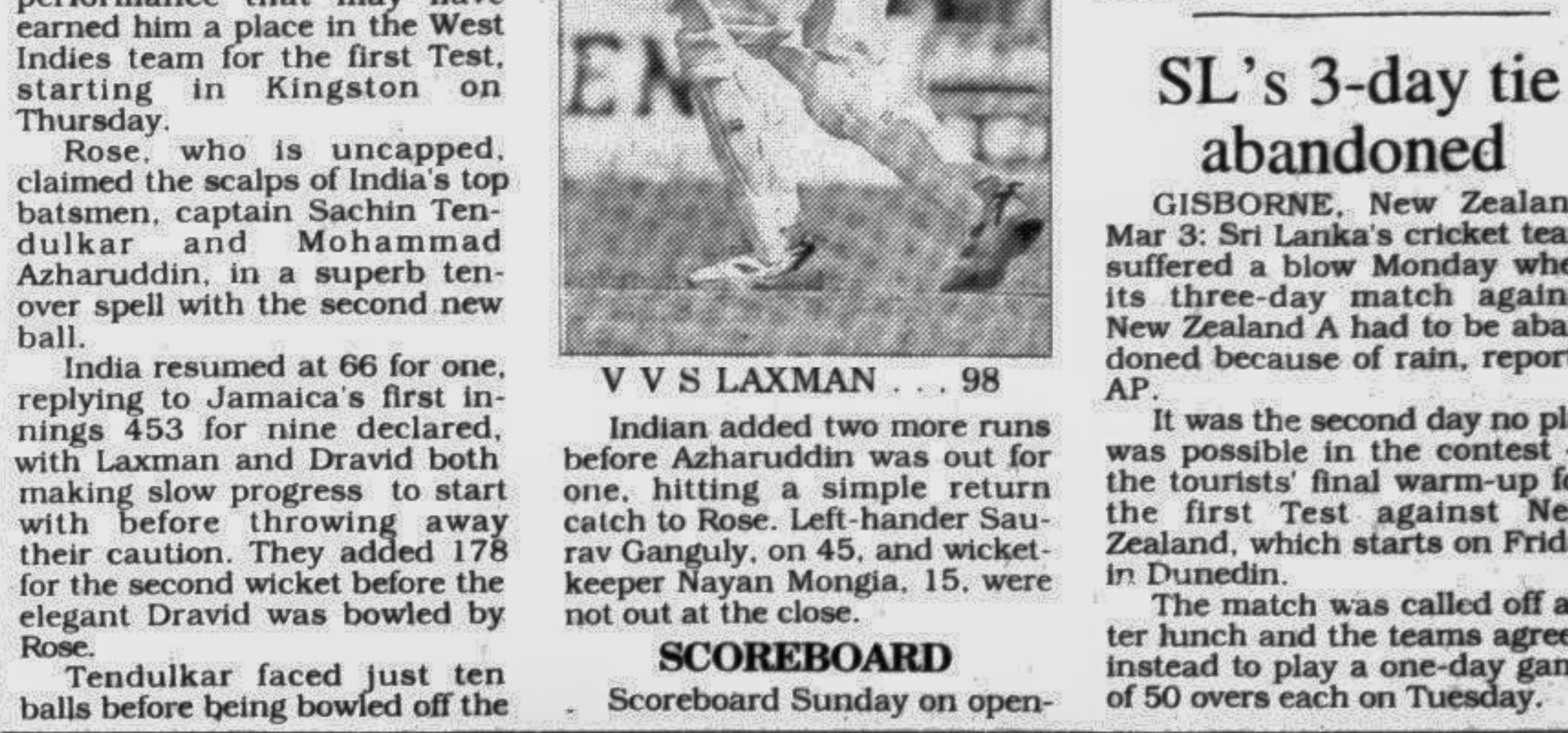
ing match of India's cricket tour of the West Indies at Sabina Park: **JAMAICA:** First innings 453 (for nine declared) **INDIA:** First, Innings (overnight 66 for one) Laxman run out 98 Sidhu c Ford b Walsh 7 David b Rose 86 Tendulkar b Rose 6 Ganguly not out 45 Azharuddin c and b Rose 1 Mongia not out 15 Extras (lb-6, nb-7) 13 Total: (for five wickets) 271 Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-195; 3-208; 4-222; 5-223. To bat: Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi, Venkatesh Prasad, Abey Kuruvilla.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Walsh	18	7	27	1
Rose	21	9	45	3
Williams	22	5	37	0
Perry	27	7	79	0
Murphy	32	9	69	0
Adams	3	1	8	0

SL's 3-day tie abandoned

GISBORNE, New Zealand, Mar 3: Sri Lanka's cricket team suffered a blow Monday when its three-day match against New Zealand A had to be abandoned because of rain, reports AP. It was the second day no play was possible in the contest — the tourists' final warm-up for the first Test against New Zealand, which starts on Friday in Dunedin. The match was called off after lunch and the teams agreed instead to play a one-day game of 50 overs each on Tuesday.



World number two Swiss teenager Martina Hingis seen along with her father Karol Hingis at a reception after a Federation-Cup match against Slovakia at Kosice on Mar 2. Hingis left her father at the age of 3 and moved to Switzerland with her mother after parents divorced. — AFP/UNB photo

Sampras proves a point



PETE SAMPRAS

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Rafter did rush the net often, and Sampras passed him time and again with blazing cross-court strokes. But the top-ranked American missed often enough early and Rafter answered with a solid serve to win the points that mattered most. He fought off 13 break points. In the deciding set, Rafter got a break to lead 2-0 with a cross-court passing shot, then started down a break point in the next game by firing a backhand past the charging Sampras. Rafter had never made it easy for Sampras. As a qualifier four years ago, he won two tiebreakers in a three-hour 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 match. He was 20th in the world in 1994, when he won his only singles title. But after wrist surgery and elbow problems, he lost interest and sat out for much of the last two years.

Sampras' serving woes started early in the first set, but he broke back later to tie it at 5-5. Then he double-faulted twice in the next game, and Rafter got four break points. He won the game after Sampras slapped two groundstrokes wide. Rafter staved off three break points on his next service game, twice on service winners, and won the set. Sampras had two more chances to break Rafter's serve early in the second set, but Rafter won both points at the net. Two points later, Sampras fired and approach shot deep into the corner, but Rafter sprinted over and smoked a backhand down the line past the diving Sampras. He won the game to stay on serve. In the second-set tiebreaker, went up 4-3. Then Sampras uncorked a 131-mph ace and a big forehand passing shot down the line. He took the set. Rafter had never made it easy for Sampras. As a qualifier four years ago, he won two tiebreakers in a three-hour 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 match. He was 20th in the world in 1994, when he won his only singles title. But after wrist surgery and elbow problems, he lost interest and sat out for much of the last two years.

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1 Blind as —

5 Go overboard?

9 A lo-o-ong time

12 Opulent

13 Arab

14 Jaguar

15 Fine

17 Lindstrom

18 Hide

19 Hard to find

21 Music hall

24 Staffer

25 Barber-shop call

26 Immortal indulgences

30 Quantity of kindness?

31 Losses

32 Lanka lead-in

33 Practice move

35 Move like a butterfly

36 Mrs. Nick

37 Home, Sweet

DOWN

3 Passbook abbr.

4 "Pease-porridge in —"

5 Mannequin

6 "a man with seven wives"

7 If I'll get you moving

8 Contestants' mailings

9 For the specific purpose

10 Tom Joad, e.g.

2 Cornetist

11 Approach

34 "Poppy-cock"

35 Enrich

37 "— favor, sehor"

38 Witty folks

39 Andy's pal

40 Luminary

41 Last stop on the itinerary

44 CCV divided by V

45 Dander

46 Inseparable

47 Actor Beatty

CRYPTOQUIP

ATA XPPU RVTZMR, UFZHXISHF, PSHF OERM OFHPWF WPRM OIRVFM OIQQ HXFFZQFIAFZR? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DACHSHUND BREEDER'S BIG AD CHARMS CUSTOMERS: GET A LONG LITTLE DOGGIE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals C. The Cryptoquip 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.

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