

Column One SPORTS TALK



Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spanish tennis player) "What's done is done, but life continues..."

After losing in the quarter-finals at the US Open this year...

Boost sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-79 Tick the Correct Answers

Competition questions and answers table with columns for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, Phone.

BOOST WHIZZ KID - 78 winner Md Nakibul Islam Dhanmondi Boys' High School

WHIZZ KID-78 correct answers 1. In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?

Seles, Sanchez in semis

TOKYO, Sept 19: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario dropped and broke her racket on a key serve but struggled back to a 6-3, 7-5 victory Friday over Chinese qualifier Li Fang, advancing to the semifinals of the Toyota Princess Cup tennis tournament, reports AP.

Top seed Monica Seles didn't stay on court long enough for much to go wrong. She beat No 8 Natascha Zvereva of Belarus 6-1, 6-0 in 45 minutes, and explained later "It was so windy today I hoped the match wouldn't go too long. It was very difficult to play."

Naoko Sawamatsu, hitting some spectacular shots at a full sprint, gave host Japan something to celebrate by upsetting No 3 Conchita Martinez of Spain 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 in a nearly two-hour battle.

The racket slipped from Sanchez-Vicario's hand as the No 2 seed served at 4-all and 15-40 in the second set. Li hit back an easy forehand return that the Spanish player could only kick.

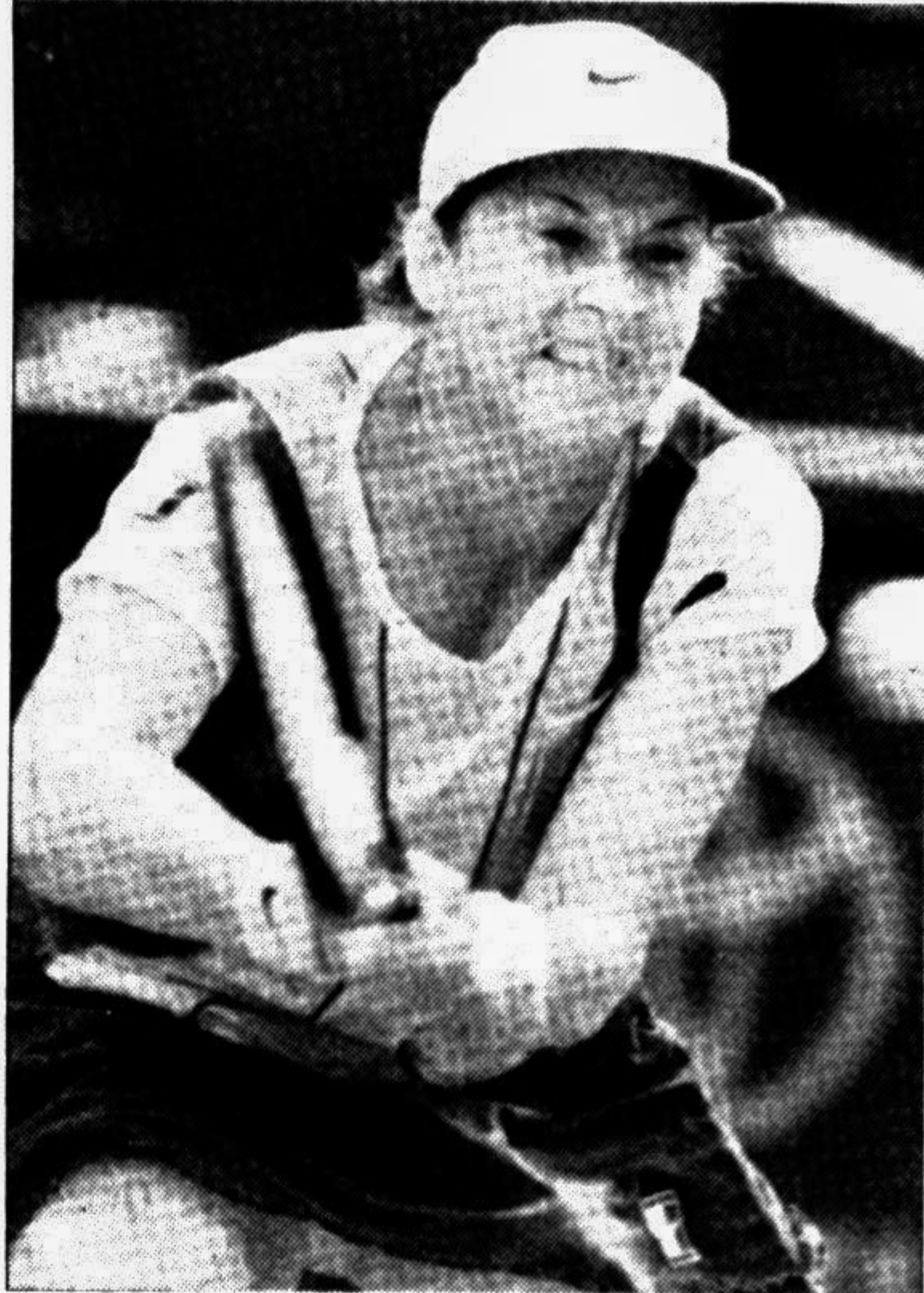
But then leading 5-4, Li couldn't cash in on any of her three set points as Sanchez Vicario responded with some of her best shots of they day. She lost the game after six deuces. Sanchez Vicario then saved two break points for a 6-5 lead and broke Li again.

In Saturday's semifinals, she meets No 5 Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia, a 7-5, 6-3 winner over American Kimberly Po, the fourth seed.

Sanchez Vicario said sweat and the humid conditions caused her to let the racket slip and crash hard into the court. "It fell, I lost the point, and I broke the racket," she said. "Fortunately it doesn't happen too often."

It had happened once before and she was able to pick up the racket and continue, but this time, "No way," she said. Sanchez's Vicario, a former No 1 who has slipped to 10th in the WTA rankings, beat Li 6-2, 6-0 in their only other meeting.

two years ago. Seles, a three-time winner of this tournament, won 11 straight points before Zvereva took her only game, keeping But first Seles has to play Swamatsu, a dogged retriever who has slipped from 14th in the rankings in 1995 to 47th now.



American Monica Seles in action against Natascha Zvereva of Belarus in the quarterfinals of the Toyota Princess Cup in Tokyo yesterday. Seles won 6-1, 6-0. — AP/UNB photo

service for 1-3. She also finished the match with a love game on three strong serves and a forehand down the line. This year's final match could be a repeat of last year's — Seles against Sanchez Vicario.

Sawamatsu had lost all three of her previous matches against Martinez and because of rain delays and rescheduling had played until 12:10 am the previous night to reach the quarterfinals.

Rafter opens against Chang

WASHINGTON, Sept 19: Perhaps the greatest collection of talent ever to meet in a Davis Cup match gathered on the steps of the US Capitol on Thursday, yet nothing not even Todd Martin's fainting spell — could take the focus off the new hot-shot heart-throb from Australia, reports AP.

Patrick Rafter, fresh off a surprise championship at the US Open and the fame and celebrations that followed, leads the Australians against the United States in the semifinal matches starting Friday at the FitzGerald Tennis Centre.



PATRICK RAFTER

"Patrick now is kind of a marked man," said Pete Sampras of the United States, the world's top-ranked player. "We'll see if he can back it up."

Philippoussis. On Sunday, Sampras will play Rafter and Chang will take on Philippoussis in the reverse singles. "When his serve is on, there's nothing really you can do," Sampras said of Philippoussis, whose serve has been clocked at 142 mph (227 kmph). "You could guess," Gullikson said, interrupting.

"I could guess," said Sampras, who is 2-3 against Philippoussis, including a loss at the 1996 Australian Open. "But that might not work."

As for Rafter, he's been a celebrity in Australia for several years, but his US Open title gained him instant fame in the United States. He said he took five days off to party after the unexpected victory; he turned down a chance to display his ponytail in a photo shoot for Vogue but had fun joking about his love life with David Letterman.

"I've dealt with it OK," Rafter said of the attention. "There have been times when I felt like it invaded my privacy, but in all it's been a lot of fun. At (home in) Bermuda, I had people knocking on my door. I went there to get away from it. Those little things aren't much fun."

Aussies enter the lists

SYDNEY, Sept 19: Australia will field their best possible cricket team at next year's Commonwealth Games, in a one-day tournament already snubbed by England, reports AP.

Australian Cricket Board chairman Denis Rogers said Friday that a full-strength team was possible for the Games, starting September 11, because a tour of Pakistan in the same month would not interfere.

"I am sure the players would like to win a gold medal and win in another environment," Rogers said. Leading Australian players, including vice-captain Steve Waugh, had indicated their desire to play in the Games.

England withdrew when they were told the Commonwealth Games Federation would not play players. Citing a busy schedule, England then offered to send an amateur team, which was refused.

Cricket will make its debut at next year's Games. "I'm not concerned about what England are doing, I'm looking forward to going there," Waugh said this week. "We're all for it as players, we want to go there. We want to represent our country and try and get a gold medal."

"It's a unique opportunity we wouldn't otherwise get and I think it'd be great to go there, representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games." Young batsman Ricky Ponting said the players had spoken about it last month when they were still in England playing for the Ashes.

"We spoke about this before and that fact came up, that we probably wouldn't be paid for going there but that didn't worry us," Ponting said. "I know that everyone wants to play and hopefully get a medal for Australia."

"It's going to be something very different and just to be involved in that sort of environment will be sensational, to be able to mix with other athletes." The Australians would still be eligible for payment from the ACB although a decision was not announced.

India, Chile finish Day One evenly

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: India and Chile shared a victory apiece Friday with home star Leander Paes and Chile's Marcelo Rios winning their matches on the first day of their Davis Cup World Group playoff tie, reports AP.

Paes' triumphed Chile's Gabriel Silberstein 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in 84 minutes. In the second match, world No. 7 Marcelo Rios was stretched to four sets and faced some tough opposition from low-ranking Mahesh Bhupathi before conquering him 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Stars stud Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept 19: An all-star track and field lineup that includes eight gold medalists from last month's World Championships in Athens will compete Friday in the inaugural Jamaica invitational, reports AP.

Among the stars are Cuban sprinter Ana Fidelia Quirot, who holds the world record for the 400 metres, and Trinidad's Ato Bolden, who bolted to the year's fastest 100-metre time to take the world title in Greece.

Cuban high jumper champion Javier Sotomayor will also compete, along with 200-metre champion Zhanna Pintsuevich of the Ukraine, US 100-metre hurdles champion Derrick Adkins and Sweden's Ludmila Engquist, who holds the world title in the 100-metre hurdles.

The Jamaican delegation is led by Deon Hemmings, Olympic gold medalist in the 400-metre hurdles, and Sandie Richards, who won the silver medal in the 400 metres in Athens.

The invitational is Jamaica's first international meet since the Norman Manly Games in 1979, and coincides with Emancipation celebrations in the Caribbean country.

Zimbabweans make 298



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HARARE, Sept 19: Zimbabwe were bowled out for 298 on the second day of the first Test against New Zealand today, report agencies. Earlier on Thursday Grant Flower and Dave Houghton steered Zimbabwe out of trouble and into a safe position.

After the Kiwis had taken the initiative in the second session — when they reduced the hosts from their lunch score of 30-0 to 144-4 just before tea — two of Zimbabwe's most experienced batsmen added an unbroken 61 for the fifth wicket in just over 90 minutes to take the score to 205-4 at the close.

When bad light stopped play with another half-an-hour still to make up for the 65 minutes lost during the opening session due to rain, 26-year-old Flower was unbeaten on 85 and Houghton was 20 not out. Flower playing a characteristically watchful, laborious innings, was grinding his way towards his third Test century, his innings spanning five minutes short of five hours with 10 fours. He faced 249 balls.

At the other end, player-coach Houghton faced 87 balls in his 97-minute stay at the crease. Four wickets fell in the second session, two to Chris Cairns and one each to Share O'Connor and Nathan Astle.

With Houghton playing the anchor role it was Flower who went onto the offensive in the final session, straight driving Cairns and driving him off the back foot and also slashing Astle backward of point, all for boundaries.

The two looked untroubled against an attack finding penetration difficult with an old ball. Earlier, it was Cairns who put the tourists on top by disposing of debutant opener Gavin Rennie and Andy Flower in the space of 12 balls. After putting on 47 for the first wicket with Grant Flower,

the bespectacled Rennie was caught by first slip Stephen Fleming in the 20th over after making 23.



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Andy Flower followed in the next over, taken low down at the second attempt by Craig Spearman at third slip with the score on 57. The former Zimbabwean skipper only made eight.

It could have been worse for Zimbabwe had Spearman not dropped Guy Whittall at third slip off Heath Davis with the score on 64-2 in the very next over.

Whittall, who had not gotten off the mark at that stage, went on to score a belligerent 33 off 55 balls and, more importantly, shared in a third-wicket stand of 60 with Grant Flower. Whittall finally went when he was caught at slip off

O'Connor. Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell did not last long, though. After hitting three fours in his first 18 runs, the left-handed Zimbabwean skipper was caught at short mid-wicket off the economical Astle.

Grant Flower reached his seventh half-century shortly after the tea interval with a single before hitting out. Cairns had the best figures of 2-42 off 18 overs while Astle was the most economical, his 19 overs costing only 22 runs.

Zimbabwe gave Rennie and leg-spinner Adam Huckle their first Test caps while New Zealand capped opening bowler O'Connor.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the second day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and New Zealand on Friday: ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 205-4) Rennie c Fleming b Cairns 23 Flower c Parore b Cairns 104 Flower c Spearman b Cairns 8 Whittall c Fleming b O'Connor 33 Campbell c Pocock b Astle 18 Houghton lbw b Davis 23 Strang c Fleming b Davis 42 Streak c Fleming b Cairns 0 Rennie c Fleming b Davis 22 Strang lbw b Cairns 1 Huckle not out 0 Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-14, w-4) 24 Total: 298

Fall of wickets: 1-47; 2-57; 3-117; 4-144; 5-214; 6-244; 7-244; 8-295; 9-298; 10-298. Bowling: O M R W O'Connor 26 1 104 1 Davis 20 0 57 3 Cairns 28.1 9 50 5 Astle 23 12 40 1 Vettori 4 0 14 0 Harris 13 5 27 0

Boris-Luis starter

ESSEN, Germany, Sept 19: Boris Becker will play the opening singles against Luis Herrera on Friday when Germany begins battling Mexico to avoid relegation from the Davis Cup World Group, reports AP.

Dhaka City Corporation Mechanical Engineering Div. 1 Invitation for Bid. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No. 1124 BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank towards the cost of Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (DIFPP). It is intended that part of proceeds of this loan shall be applied to eligible payment for purchase under this contract. Mode of Purchase shall be International Shopping (IS). The Dhaka City Corporation being an implementing agency of the Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (DIFPP) now invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the following:

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