

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-80

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 17, '97

- Who clinched the U-17 soccer World Cup?

Argentina	Brazil	Nigeria
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- Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the recent Sahara Cup?

Azhar	Afridi	Saurav
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- Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup?

Rafter	Sampras	Korda
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- Who are the Mahanagari Cup soccer champions?

Muktijodha	Abahani	Mohammedan
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- Which company will sponsor the 99 cricket World Cup?

Pepsi	Wills	Coca Cola
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 ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK

Bangladesh laid to rest



Left-arm seamer Brian Strang in a fiery spell took six wickets as Bangladesh succumbed to their biggest margin defeat in 18 limited-over matches when Zimbabwe thrashed them by 192 runs in their repeat clash of the three-nation President's Cup at the Aga Khan ground in Nairobi yesterday.



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sake, it was world champions Sri Lanka, who hold the dubious distinction of conceding the maximum margin defeat in the abridged version of the game when they lost to Australia by 232 runs.

Bangladesh, who went into the match for an upset win against the only Test-playing nation in the fray, faced the harsh reality in the most punishing way as the Zimbabweans walloped their way to a huge total in 50 overs before their bowlers taking the centre stage.

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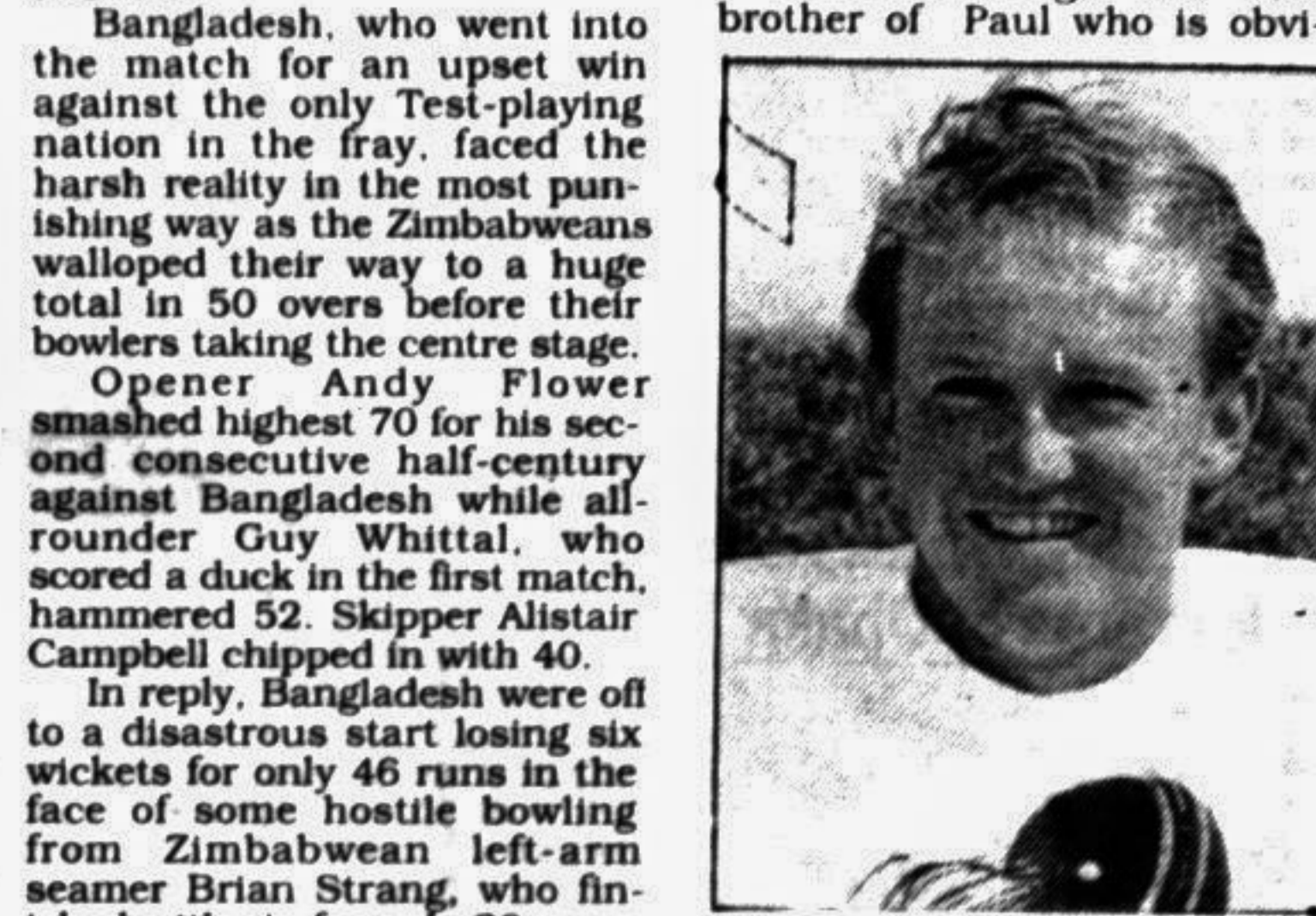
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SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the fourth match of the three-nation President's Cup between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh at Nairobi's Aga Khan ground Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE:

G Flower c Masud b Safiuddin	15
A Flower c Hasibul b Salahuddin	70
G Evans c Masud b Safiuddin	1
G Whittall lbw Rafique	52
A Campbell b Hasibul	40
G Rennie c Masud b Rafique	15
C Wishart c Masud b Hasibul	30
P Strang b Safiuddin	33
B Strang run out	3
A Huckle run out	1
Mabangwa not out	0
Extras: (lb-9, nb-6, w-9)	24
Total: (all out in 50 overs)	284

Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-55; 3-150; 4-160; 5-186; 6-237; 7-257; 8-275; 9-284; 10-284.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	10	1	63	2
Safiuddin	10	1	42	3
Athar	3	0	25	0
Salahuddin	8	0	37	1
Rafique	10	0	65	1
Basher	6	0	26	0

(Bangladesh innings not available)

An anti-racism evening

MADRID, Oct 14: International soccer players from around 45 countries gathered in Madrid on Sunday to play three short friendly matches staged as part of the European Union's 'year against racism', reports Reuter.

Around 80,000 people flooded to Real Madrid's home stadium to watch the likes of Eric Cantona, Christian Karembeu and Gheorge Popescu take part in the anti-racism gala of the International Professional Footballers' Association (AIFP).

But one player was notably absent, AIFP president Diego Maradona did not leave Argentina, citing a muscle injury and other "small difficulties".

Maradona faces a possible ban pending the results of a dope test, and has said he will retire from football if found guilty.

A question mark had remained over the attendance of Argentina's 1986 World Cup winning captain right up until Saturday evening.

"It's difficult to talk about artists like Maradona in a logical rational way. With him anything is possible," AIFP secretary general Didier Roustan told a news conference late on Saturday.

The evening of 'football against racism' opened to steel drum music, with children from all over the world dressed in red, yellow, black and white joining veteran internationals, including Osvaldo Ardiles, Roger Milla and Fabio Capello, on the pitch.

"Villa Florito" and "N-Touna" captained by Mexican Hugo Sanchez and Nigerian Adepoju Mutiu respectively, opened the first of three 20-minute-each-way matches, with Karembeu fittingly first to score in the sixth minute.

The French international is due to join Real Madrid next season after a controversial transfer from Italian club Sampdoria.

After a slow-paced first half with numerous fumbles, the game gathered speed but an own-goal by Kyriakos Karaitidis tipped the balance in Florito's favour, with the side winning 3-2.

Cantona's "Caillols" then faced N'Touna, ending events on 1-1, but with keeper Rene Higuita's antics delighting the audience.

The last of the three games, between the Cantona and Sanchez sides, saw two goals in the latter's favour within seven minutes.

But the 3-1 goals difference to Sanchez's side was overshadowed by the antics of the opposing keepers.

Higuita advanced all the way to the rim of the opposite box spurred on by the shrill yells of the crowd, and his efforts were very nearly rewarded with a goal.

Before fireworks crowned the evening, European Union Area defeated Dhaka Infantry all by three straight sets.

Kafelnikov gets going

LYON, France, Oct 14: Yevgeny Kafelnikov found the going anything but easy despite a one-sided scoreline as he notched up a first victory in his title defence at the 750,000-dollar ATP event here on Monday.

The Russian Davis Cup player, who is seeded second, scored a 6-1, 6-2 victory over New Zealander Brett Steven.

In other first-round matches, Germany's promising 19-year-old Tommy Haas saw off Albert Portas of Spain 6-1, 6-3 and Richey Reneberg of the United States battled hard to defeat Filip Dewulf of Belgium 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

Top twenty earners

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Army v'ball

BOGRA, Oct 14: Twelve more matches of the Army volleyball championship were held at the Bogra Cantonment today, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The Chittagong Area defeated Air Defence Artillery 3-0, Comilla Area beat Long Area 3-1, Jessore Area defeated Dhaka Engineers 3-1, Rangpur Area beat Dhaka Infantry 3-0, Savar Area defeated the home area team 3-0 and Momen Shahi Area beat the Dhaka Signals 3-1.

Earlier in the morning, the Chittagong Area beat the Dhaka Engineers, Comilla Area defeated Jessore Area, Log Area beat the Air Defence Artillery, Rangpur Area defeated Dhaka Signals, Savar Area beat Momen Shahi Area and the Bogra Area defeated Dhaka Infantry all by three straight sets.

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SAARC bridge trials Oct 17

The trials for first SAARC bridge tournament of Bangladesh Bridge Federation will start from October 17. The entry fee for open team is Tk 10,000 (ten thousand) only, states a BFF press release yesterday, reports BSS.

Entry should be confirmed by 4 pm October 19 to the following persons: Azizul Haque, phone: 882212, Naimul Hossain, phone: 839557, Salahuddin, phone: 9347567.

Sonali Bank football

Dhaka and Rajshahi reached the final of the Sonali Bank inter-division football competition winning their respective semifinals at the Dhaka University ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Dhaka beat Khulna 1-0 in the day's first match while Rajshahi eliminated Chittagong 3-1 in the other.

Hatem Ali scored for Dhaka. Shahidul, Shaiful and Rezaul netted one goal each for Rajshahi. Shaiful scored the lone goal for Chittagong.

Zimbabwe's plea turned down

MELBOURNE, Oct 14: Tennis Australia said Tuesday it has rejected a request from its Zimbabwean counterpart to switch the location of next year's Davis Cup match between the two countries, reports AP.

JPC sports

Rumi, Manju lift TT doubles title

Masud Ahmed Rumi and Manjurul Huq yesterday clinched the doubles title in the table tennis competition, organised by the Jatiya Press Club to mark the club's 43rd founding anniversary, reports BSS.

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Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league match between Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Arambagh KS at the Mirpur Stadium. —Star photo

Nat'l boat race on Saturday

John Player Gold Leaf 22nd national boat race competition will be held on October 18 at 2:00 pm on the river Buriganga near Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge at Postagola in the city, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman is expected to inaugurate the competition and distribute prizes as the chief guest.

Hugh E'Twee, managing director, Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited, will be present as special guest.

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BADDA-6 WARI-2

Earlier in the First Division forward Saiful Islam Khokon slammed the first hattrick of the league as Badda Jagarani Sangsad recorded a thumping 6-2 victory over Wari Club.

The winners led the first half 2-1.

Khokon, the nimble Badda striker struck five times his partner Pappel added the other goal.

Sattar and Quader scored one goal each for the losers.

KHOKON ... 5 goals

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division Brothers Union vs Agrani Bank SC (4:30 pm)

First Division Mirpur Chalanika vs Police AC (2:30 pm)



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Taylor hopes against hope



MARK TAYLOR

BRISBANE, Oct 14: Australian Test skipper Mark Taylor refused to accept the obvious underlying message when selectors today announced the first national one-day cricket side of the season and left him out, reports AFP.

It was the first Australian team to be chosen since the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced a policy of choosing separate Test and one-day sides.

Selectors chose Taylor's Ashes Test deputy Steve Waugh to lead the side.

One-day specialists, Darren Lehmann, Shane Lee, Michael Di Venuto, Jan Harvey and Adam Dale were named for the October 28 match against Australian Cricket Academy graduates to mark the academy's 10th anniversary in Adelaide.

Taylor admitted it could be an indication that he wasn't included in the selectors' plans for this summer's one-day internationals even though ACB chairman Denis Rogers said the leadership appointments of Waugh and vice-captain Shane Warne were for one game only.

"What they are saying is I'm not in our best one-day team," Taylor said.

"I'm sure a lot of people will read a lot into it and the selectors have probably showed respect of their hand by doing it."

Taylor had been aware his chances of making the side were slim although at the season launch he pressed his argument to retain one captaincy for both the Test and one-day sides.

"I would have liked to have played the game but I'm also a realist, knew it was a possibility I wasn't going to," he said.

"This is a minor disappointment at this stage. I've got three Sheffield Shield games and two others before the first Test (against New Zealand) to hopefully get picked in that, then to continue to impress to get in that first one-day side."

Chairman of selectors

Trevor Hobns said the Australian team was chosen only for one game only.

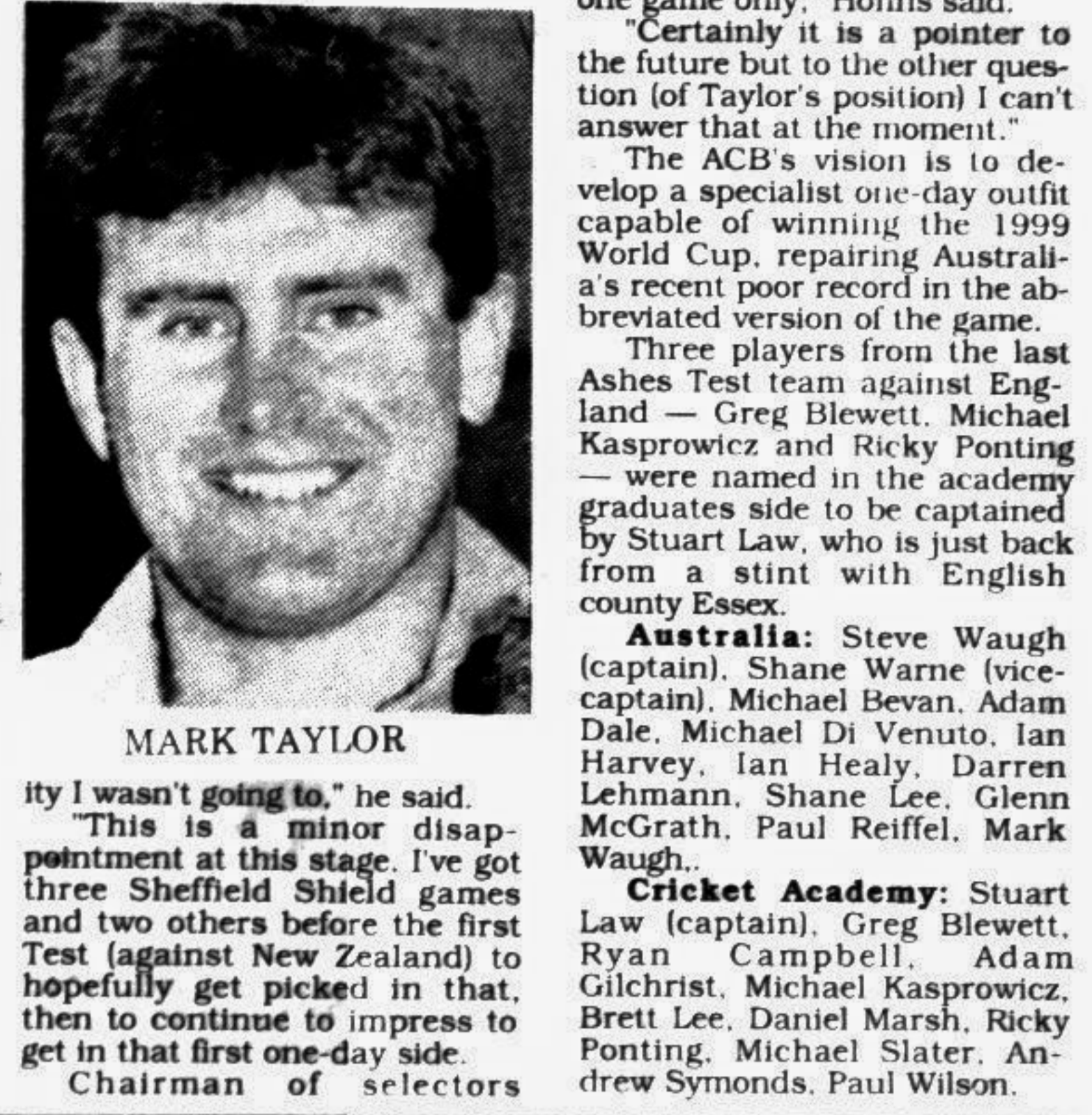
"Certainly it is a pointer to the future but to the other question (of Taylor's position) I can't answer that at the moment."

The ACB's vision is to develop a specialist one-day outfit capable of winning the 1999 World Cup, repairing Australia's recent poor record in the abbreviated version of the game.

Three players from the last Ashes Test team against England — Greg Blewett, Michael Kasprovic and Ricky Ponting — were named in the academy graduates side to be captained by Stuart Law, who is just back from a stint with English county Essex.

Australia: Steve Waugh (captain), Shane Warne (vice-captain), Michael Bevan, Adam Dale, Michael Di Venuto, Ian Harvey, Ian Healy, Darren Lehmann, Shane Lee, Glenn McGrath, Paul Reiffel, Mark Waugh.

Cricknet Academy: Stuart Law (captain), Greg Blewett, Ryan Campbell, Adam Gilchrist, Michael Kasprovic, Brett Lee, Daniel Marsh, Ricky Ponting, Michael Slater, Andrew Symonds, Paul Wilson.



MARK TAYLOR



TOO YOUNG FOR JOYRIDE ... a smiling Swiss world number one Martina Hingis gets into her Porsche car, which she won as the winner's prize at the WTA Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany on Oct 12. Hingis beat American Lisa Raymond 6-4, 6-2 in the final. —AP/UNB photo

Williams bounces back



VENUS WILLIAMS

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct 14: Venus Williams was the only American to survive first-round action Monday at the \$26,250 dollars European Indoors tennis tournament, report agencies.

After losing in first-round qualifying in Filderstadt last week, Williams rebounded, taking just 57 minutes to dispatch Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir 6-0, 6-3.

"I felt I was playing well and getting my game back together since the last tournament," said Williams, ranked 26 in the world. "I wanted to get my game back together since at the last tournament I played badly."

With the victory, Williams took her first step towards a rematch of the US Open final against world No. 1 Martina Hingis.

Despite the support of thousands of American fans, Williams lost that match. This time Williams is in Hingis territory, with Swiss Miss Mania gripping the city, only 70 kilometres from the teenaged millionaire's home.

"The game was fun," said Williams, ranked 26 in the world. "I was playing a top 20 player who I've never really seen before."

"At the end of the match I was starting to play around a little — I really shouldn't do that."

Germany's Anke Huber, the sixth seed, avenged a first round straight set loss to Mary Joe Fernandez in Filderstadt by thrashing the American 7-5, 6-0.

"When I saw the draw, I threw the paper away," said Huber.

After losing in first round play Tuesday, American Lisa Raymond, the losing finalist against Hingis in Filderstadt on Sunday, will face Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic.

Fifth-seed Amanda Coetzee of South Africa will take on Swiss qualifier Patty Schnyder.

Third-seed Iva Majoli of Croatia will play Belgium's Sabine Appelmans in second round action.

Sidot of France, who only made it to a million dollar tournament after Austrian Barbara Paulus withdrew with a knee injury, upset Slovakia's Karina Habsudova 6-2, 7-6.

But Sidot's good fortune looked doomed to a sudden and since she faces a second round clash with Hingis, who has lost just three times this season and picked up her 13th career title on Sunday in Filderstadt.

Nathalie Tauziat, fresh from helping France to their first ever Federation Cup title, joined her compatriot in the second round with a tough 6-3, 6-7 victory over Kimberly Po of the United States.

After losing in the opening round of her last four tournaments, Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic made it through to the second round with a convincing 6-3, 6-4 win over Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva.

Natasha Zvereva of Belarus overcame Netherlands' Miriam Oremans 6-2, 6-3.

In remaining first round play Tuesday, American Lisa Raymond, the losing finalist against Hingis in Filderstadt on Sunday, will face Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Occupation, for short
- Some "Guinness Book" data
- Lusu music-maker
- A couple of cups?
- Rolling Stones hit
- D.C. denizen
- Witness
- Plata's partner
- Lifer's dream
- Struck forcefully
- Fashion line?
- Part of a Latin 101
- Flushed
- Plumber's tool
- Flash Gordon's foe
- Flop
- Admitting a draft

DOWN

- Ingredient
- Spellbound
- English channel
- Mad About You? role
- Use a tie gun
- Partial parian
- 5 in dots and dashes, e.g.
- 6 Past
- 7 Exhausts
- 8 Has an intuition
- 9 Great Bear
- 10 Won't
- 11 Duel tool
- 16 Computer acronym
- 20 Biblical miracle site
- 21 Freeway access
- 22 Arab bigwig
- 23 Unicorn
- 27 Bestow knighthood
- 29 Wellies role
- 30 Piccadilly figure
- 32 Acceptable
- 34 Goes over the hill
- 37 Parade attractions
- 39 From one side to the other
- 42 Only U.S. verb to resign
- 44 Branch
- 45 He and she
- 46 Enormous
- 50 LXXIII
- 51 "Cabaret" sepiupled
- 52 Buck's mate
- 53 Pink-slip



CRYPTOQUIP

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 HYIRSEFG QPH HTDKCU FGS
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Saturday's Cryptogram: A DIPPY GUARD AT THE HAT FACTORY OFTEN CARRIED A CAP GUN.
 Today's Cryptogram clue: K 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.

Solution time: 27 min.

WAS	LALA	SEAS
ANI	ERIC	PANTY
FEZ	AMMO	PARTY
TWELVE	PLUS	SIX
SHOES	CTA	FOY
KINK	ORE	BLUE
ICE	SKY	BOUGS
SUI	OPA	
TWICENINETEEN		
ARINO	AGEE	DAU
NATIO	GO	
SPOT	ARKS	ESSE

Yesterday's answer