

## Column One

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Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 9, 1998

1 Who is the Australia cricket coach?

Lillee Marsh Simpson

2 Who is the Argentina soccer coach?

Passarella Venables Cruyff

3 Which county will Lara lead next year?

Essex Durham Warwickshire

4 Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league?

Nadim Saeed Kazmi

5 Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships?

Lima Tumpa Zulekha

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## SPORTS TALK



Shane Warne

(Australia's ace leg-spinner)  
"Sometimes we all go a little bit far but that's the way it is, it's pretty competitive out in the middle, it's not a place for faint hearts."

## Elena advances

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 4: Defending champion Elena Likhovtseva of Russia overcame a first-set loss to beat Olga Barabanshikova of Belarus 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, Sunday at the Australian women's hardcourt tournament, reports AP.

Earlier, Venezuelan Maria Vento advanced to a second-round matchup with the seventh-seeded Likhovtseva with a two-set victory over Spain's Magu Serna.

Vento, 23, who reached the fourth round of Wimbledon last year, made few mistakes in defeating Serna 6-3, 6-4 at the Hope Island complex.

"I knew she is a very consistent player and she was going to get a lot of balls back," Vento said. "So I tried just not to make mistakes myself and try and keep the ball in play and not be the first to make unforced errors."

Coming from a country where tennis is a marginal sport, Vento's family moved to the United States almost 10 years ago to further her tennis career.

Last year she became the first Venezuelan to reach the fourth round of Wimbledon in the open era and jumped to 51 in the rankings.

In the other first-round match Sunday, Switzerland's Patty Schnyder defeated Italy's Rita Grande 6-4, 6-4.

## Ticket sales unsatisfactory

TOKYO, Jan 4: Just 34 days before the 1998 Winter Olympic Games open in Nagano, organisers said Sunday that about 220,000 tickets remain unsold, partly because of poor overseas sales, reports AP.

The leftover tickets are about one-sixth of the 1.28 million organisers put on sale for the games, which start Feb 7, said Takafumi Hara, head of the organising committee's ticket sales.

He said the organisers had hoped to sell 200,000 tickets overseas, matching foreign sales by 1996 Winter Olympics host Lillehammer, Norway, but "because of (Nagano's) geographical location, we could sell only 110,000 tickets."

Hara added, however, that the organisers have almost reached their target of taking in 5.3 billion yen (40.8 million dollars) through ticket sales. Prices range from 2,000 yen (drs 15.40) for some events to 35,000 yen (269 dollars) for the opening ceremony.

Hara said the organisers will try to sell the remaining tickets beginning on Jan 15 through five ticket offices in Nagano and 59 private ticket service counters throughout the country, and through telephone sales.

Mark's masterly hundred  
Hosts assert authority

SYDNEY, Jan 4: A chanceless century by Mark Waugh and sterling contributions from Steve Waugh and Ricky Ponting put Australia in the box seat in the second Test against South Africa on Sunday, reports AP.

Against a defensive-minded South African attack, Australia made 392 for nine in reply to the Proteas' 287 to take an invaluable 105-run lead at stumps on the third day at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

After Mark Waugh converted his third half-century of the season into a form-hitting 100, his twin Steve missed out on what would have placed him in the elite company of three others.

Steve Waugh, playing in his 100th Test, was dismissed by fast bowler Allan Donald for 85 runs. Only England's Colin Cowdrey, Pakistani Javed Miandad and West Indian Gordon Greenidge have scored a century in their 100th appearance.

A decisive 116-run stand for the fourth wicket between the Waughs was more than sufficient to break loose of a tight rein South Africa had on the Australians.

Mark Waugh, in particular, recovered from an uncertain start against off spinner Pat Symcox.

Mark scored his first century in nine months and three series. His last century was a momentous 116 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa that laid the foundation for an unlikely second Test and series win.

Resuming the day needing 22 more for his 12th century, Mark Waugh cut loose, hammering Symcox and Adams and forcing Hansie Cronje to take the new ball after 80 overs.

Donald showed no discomfort for a troublesome left ankle and came out firing in a hostile new-ball spell that peppered Steve Waugh with bruises to the shoulder, ribs and groin.

The South African spearhead required a cortisone injection after being examined by a orthopedic surgeon after the second day's play.

He was badly under-bowled, and once introduced just before the tea break, removed Steve Waugh. Despite missing out on the century, Steve Waugh lifted his average against South Africa to 871 runs at 72.58.

Mark Waugh wasn't spared either. The first ball hit him on the shoulder. But it was all soon forgotten when he clipped Shaun Pollock to the fine leg boundary.

It was only the fourth time the twins have associated themselves in a century stand in their 57 Tests together.

Mark was trapped leg before wicket five balls later but Steve found a willing partner in Ricky Ponting.

The fifth-wicket pair put on 98 runs on either side of the lunch break to leave South Africa with a tough game with two days to go.

Ponting, Australia's first-

Test hero with 105, scored another fine 62 before he hit a return catch to Adams after tea.

Ian Healy has batted for 108 minutes for 31 runs along with No. 11 Glenn McGrath, who survived 15 minutes for his three runs.

South Africa was defensive throughout the day and seem to have their mind set on forcing a draw. They narrowly escape defeat in the first Test in Melbourne.

There wasn't much on the pitch," Mark Waugh said after the century. "It will be handy to have a lead of 120."

Polk returned the best figures for the South Africans with 3-56 while Donald and Symcox took two wickets apiece.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the third day of the second cricket Test between Australia and South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 287 (Cronje 88, Gibbs 54;

Warne 5-75). AUSTRALIA: First innings (174 for three overnight) 320 (103; 4-219; 5-317; 6-337; 7-354; Elliott c McMillan b Symcox 32; Taylor c Richardson b Pollock 11; Bowling O M R W



OUCH! Genturion Mark Waugh is struck a painful blow off an Allan Donald bouncer on the third day of the second Test between Australia and South Africa at Sydney yesterday.

— AP/UNB photo

## Nerves of steel!

SYDNEY, Jan 4: Steve Waugh was struck several painful blows by South African cricket's White Lightning Allan Donald during the second cricket Test here Saturday — and later said he enjoyed it.

Steve and twin brother Mark were hit on the body about 10 times in a furious spell with the second new ball before lunch from a fired-up Donald.

Steve, playing in his 100th Test on his home ground, bore the brunt of the pummelling, but as was the case against Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh in the West Indies in 1995, it failed to unnerve him.

Doland did return later in the day to bowl the single-minded Waugh with another shooter that straightened to hit off-stump and prevent him from becoming only the fourth player to make a hundred in his 100th Test.

He was out for 85 following on from his 96 in the first Test in Melbourne, again a victim of Donald.

"That's the best thing about Test cricket, having a quick bowler running at you, obviously giving his best and trying to get on top of him," said Waugh. "That's what it's all about, so I really enjoy it."

Even though Waugh has mastered the art of not getting dismissed by the short ball, either by ducking out of the way or allowing it to hit him on the body, he said he was not surprised that top quality fast bowlers still dished plenty of them up to him.

Blewett b McMillan 28; Donald 25; 4 71 2; McMillan 1b b Pollock 100; Pollock 29; 8 56 3; Symcox 39; 11 103 2; Adams 37; 8 63 1; Begani c McMillan b Symcox 12; McMillan 18; 5 55 1; Healy not out 31; Kallis 8; 1 30 0; Reiffel b Donald 0; Warne lbw b Pollock 12; Cronje 1; 0 2 0; Extras: (b-1, lb-11, nb-4) 16; Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia), Peter Willey (England).

STEVE WAUGH ... 85

Waugh, who was trapped lbw by Pollock for 100 on the last ball before the first drinks break.

The new ball really skidded through this morning. Donald got quite a bit of movement as well and that was a tough period."

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Australia's Barbara Schett is the fourth seed after Barbara Paulus withdrew with injury. Defending champion Marion Maruska has been seeded eighth.

Tuesday sees Cedric Pioline and Mary Pierce of France play Tommy Haas and Anke Huber of Germany and Enqvist and Carlsson play Kucera and Habusdova, the final is on Saturday.

On Monday, top seeds Moya and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario meet Karol Kucera and Karina Habusdova of the Slovak Republic and South Africans



Australian Patrick Rafter stretches to reach a return during his match against Sweden's Thomas Enqvist in the Hopman Cup in Perth on Jan 4.

— AP/UNB photo

## Naveed steadies SL board XI

MATARA, Sri Lanka, Jan 4: Test hopeful Naveed Nawaz scored a stubborn 91 not out for the Sri Lanka Board XI as they frustrated Zimbabwe in their opening tour match today, reports Reuters.

Left-hander Nawaz steered the Board XI to 240 for five, in reply to Zimbabwe's first inning of 311 for six declared, at the close on the second day of the three-day match.

Nawaz, supported by fellow Test hopeful Indika de Saram, rallied the Board side after they slipped to 121 for four following a 75-minute delayed start due to overnight rain.

The pair added 118 for the fifth wicket in 143 minutes before De Saram, who hit five fours in his 56, edged a catch to wicketkeeper Andy Flower in fading light.

Nawaz struck one six and seven fours in a stay of 259 minutes, and was poised for his maiden century against a visiting side by the end of the day.

Zimbabwe used seven bowlers but only spinners Andrew Whittall and Adam Huckle were successful, claiming two wickets each.

There was no play on Saturday because of national mourning for the funeral of a senior Buddhist priest.

The match ends on Monday.

## Wilson denies Kiwis

ADELAIDE, Jan 4: South Australia paceman Paul Wilson seized two wickets in the last over to send New Zealand to a seven-run defeat in a 50-overs match at Adelaide Oval today, reports Reuters.

New Zealand needed 10 to win off the final over with two wickets left, but Wilson captured both in the first four balls.

The touring team were dismissed for 230 in 49.4 overs in reply to South Australia's 237 for five in their 50 overs.

South Australia's score was built on a second wicket stand of 121 between David Fitzgerald (72) and Ben Johnson (53).

New Zealand looked to be cruising to victory early on when openers Bryan Young (53) and Craig Spearman (37) put on 87.

Captain Stephen Fleming (32) and Mathan Astle (40) added 69 for the fourth wicket but New Zealand, having reached 174 for three, then suffered a collapse in which their last seven wickets tumbled for 56.

"We lost our way around the 40th and 45th overs but up to that point I thought we played pretty good cricket — not brilliant but okay," Fleming said.

## NZ Classic from today

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 4: With three players ranked in the top 20, the New Zealand Classic women's tennis tournament that begins Monday will have its strongest-ever field, reports AP.

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The Indian bench, led by Travis Best with 11 points and Fred Holberg with 10, combined for 43 points and accounted for all but three of the Pacers' points in the fourth quarter.

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In Miami, David Robinson had 27 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs won for the 10th time in 11 games, beating the Miami Heat in a battle of division leaders.

Miami centre Alonzo Mourning missed the final quarter after suffering a cut in his left palm that required seven stitches. He was back on the bench with four minutes remaining but didn't return to the game.

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