

Column One Boost sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-90 Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm on March 20, 1998

First Test begins today



RASHID LATIF from the after-effects of a bout of flu. Latif said: "I want to play Aamir as he is a vital team member and he helps me a lot in the field. He just needs one or two days to recover and I'm confident he'll be okay for the Test."

enjoy a good Queen's Sports Club pitch that is expected to have a fair measure of grass on it. The priority for both teams in the first of the two Test series is to achieve batting consistency.

While Pakistan, fresh from their squared series with hosts South Africa, will be viewed as clear favourites to win the short series, they are fully aware of the batting frailties which were exposed in the third and final Test against South Africa in Port Elizabeth last week.

Although all-rounder Wasim Akram still needs more bowling after a virtual four-month break through injury and non-selection, his call-up midway through the tour bolsters a quality attack. Pace trio Wasim, Waqar Younis and Shoaib Akhtar, together with Mushtaq and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq represent arguably the most balanced bowling quintet currently in world cricket.

India A 189/5

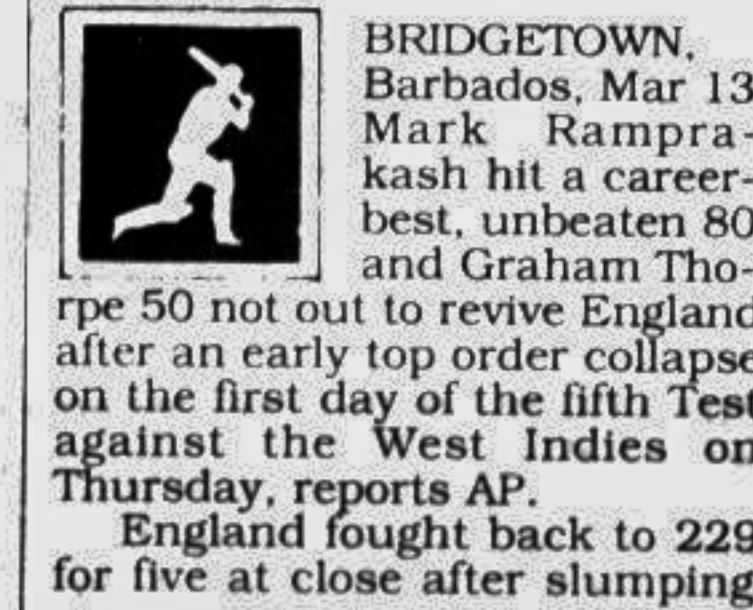
JAMSHEDPUR, India, Mar 13: An Indian second-string team survived Middle-order batting blues to score 189 for five at close Friday on the first day of their three-day match against Australia in this eastern Indian city, reports AP.

An unbeaten 41 by Jacob Martin, playing his first match for India 'A' and a fine run guard 42 by wicketkeeper Vijay Dahiya helped the Indians survive the Australian bowling on a soggy pitch.

Play start late because of heavy overnight rain. After an hour of batting, the game was stopped for 20 minutes because there wasn't enough light from an overcast sky.

The Australian side rested four of their regulars for the second Test in Calcutta next week. Leg-spinner Shane Warne was one of them.

Mark, Graham frustrate hosts



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 13: Mark Ramprakash hit a career-best, unbeaten 80 and Graham Thorpe 50 not out to revive England after an early top order collapse on the first day of the fifth Test against the West Indies on Thursday, reports AP.

score of 72 against Australia in 1994-95. Thorpe, who took an injection to ease his back pain, returned at the fall of Russell to play with nearly as much confidence as Ramprakash. He reached his first half-century of the series off the last ball of the day.

The West Indies took the early advantage after captain Brian Lara won the toss and sent the visitors in. After a swift start by England, West Indies' fast bowlers soon sliced through the top order.

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SCOREBOARD

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS SPORTS TALK



Pele (Brazil's soccer legend) "I read about the accusations in the newspapers. If there has been any illegality, the guilty will be punished."

Reacting to reports alleging his business firms of failing to declare money raised by them.

Japan eying Kirin Cup TOKYO, Mar 13: In preparing for their first-ever World Cup, Japan will be able to test their strengths against one of the top teams in the world, the Czech Republic, in the Kirin Cup at home in May, reports AP.

Graf quits, Sampras fails

INDIAN WELLS, California, Mar 13: Thomas Muster upset a mistake-plagued Pete Sampras, and Steffi Graf had to quit her match against Lindsay Davenport after straining a hamstring Thursday night, reports AP.

first two services in the third set and go up 4-0. Rafter beat Agassi in four sets in the quarterfinals on his way to the US Open title last September.

Sampras, No 1 in the world, looked out of lynch as he lost 7-5, 6-3 to Austria's Muster. The Newsweek Champions Cup loss was only the American's second in 11 career matches against the Austrian clay courts specialist.

ated fellow American Jim Courier 6-2, 6-4. Neither Agassi nor Gambill, a wild-card entry into the tournament, is seeded.

Graf's comeback hit a snag when the limped off the court after hurting her left hamstring in the sixth game of the third set. She had played America's Davenport, ranked No 2, on even terms before the injury.

Hings faces Venus Williams on Friday in the women's other semifinal, with the winner going against defending champion Davenport on Saturday.

The men's final is Sunday.

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Kiwi aggression sends wrong signal!

WELLINGTON, Mar 13 (AP): New Zealand's cricket team has been attacked for "childish" and aggressive on-field behaviour by a leading coaching official.

Coaching New Zealand president Nicki Turner, a former women's international cricketer, said players in most sports had markedly improved their conduct in recent years.

However, Turner criticized the men's cricket team for their "childish and inappropriate" language and derision of opponents this season.

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The Daily Star TV Guide

Saturday 14th March (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change.) BBC 6:00am USA Direct 6:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 7:00 Hardtalk 7:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 8:00 World Focus: Reporters 8:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 9:00 World Focus: Panorama 9:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 10:00 World Living: The Big Catch: Beluga 10:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 11:00 Hardtalk 11:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 12:00 Noon World Focus: Correspondent 12:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 12:35 Weekend World: In The Blood 1:15 Rules of Engagement 1:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 2:00 World Living: The Rugby Club: End Of Year Accounts 2:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 3:00 This Week 3:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 3:35 Weekend World: Horizon (k) The Butchers Of Boxgrove 4:30 BBC World News Followed by Weather 4:35 Weekend World: Water-

CHANNEL V 6:00am Turn On T [V] 6:30 V News 6:45 Amped 7:00 Turn On T [V] 7:30 Rewind V 8:30 Turn On T [V] 9:30 By Demand V 10:30 Amped 11:00 Over the Edge V 11:30 Rewind V 12:00 Speak Easy Peter Andred 12:30 Turn On T [V] 2:30 Billboard US Countdown (R/r) 4:30 Madonna: Then 5:30 The Ride: 6:00 The Drum from Australia V 7:00 The Udam Shing Show 7:30 BPL Oye! 8:30 Liberty: First Day Ruby Show 9:00 The Ticket (R/r) 9:30 Turn On T [V] 10:00 Close-Up Close Encounters V 10:30 Turn On T [V] 11:00 V-Spot 11:30 Tichers Jazz 12:30 The Ticket 1:00 Turn On T [V] 2:00 Music Update Tokyo (R/r) 2:30 V News 2:45 By Demand 3:30 Turn On T [V] 3:30 Asian Top 20 Countdown 4:30 BPL Oye! 20th Show V 5:30 Turn On T [V] 5:30 Turn On T [V] 7:30am Family: The Sound of Movies (pg), 9:30 Family: Vincent and Me (pg), 11:30 Comedy: The Beverly Hills (15), 1:30 Classic: Gentlemen's Agreement (12), 5:30 Action: If Kooks could Kill (15), 7:30 Family: Asterix in Britain (k), 9:30 Extreme Close-Up, 10:00 Satur-

STAR SPORTS 8:00am Yachting: Whitbread Round The World Race-H/L, 8:30 Max Power, 9:30 WFF, 11:30 NBA Inside Stuff, 12:00 Spanish League Highlights, 1:00 Asian Football Show, 2:00 Asian Club Championship, 4:00 NBA Inside Stuff, 4:30 Asia Sport Show, 5:00 Inside Cricket-1st Session, 5:30 World Cup Hall of Fame, 6:00 NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Los Angeles Clippers, 8:00 England Tour of West Indies-5th Test LIVE, 10:05 Asia Sport Show, 11:35 England Tour of West Indies-5th Test LIVE, 3:00 Pro-Box. STAR MOVIES 7:30am Family: The Sound of Movies (pg), 9:30 Family: Vincent and Me (pg), 11:30 Comedy: The Beverly Hills (15), 1:30 Classic: Gentlemen's Agreement (12), 5:30 Action: If Kooks could Kill (15), 7:30 Family: Asterix in Britain (k), 9:30 Extreme Close-Up, 10:00 Satur-

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ZEE TV 6:00am Yeadon Ki Pal 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Namaste India 8:30 Zee News Hindi Update & Business 9:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Ten Nazir 10:15 Colpet Top Ten 11:30 Banegi Apni Bat #Ep-242 12:00 Naya Dour (Serial) 12:30 Jhatpat Khana 1:00 Liberty 1 to 10 Pop Countdown Vj Sandhya Midul 1:30 Chote Chote Baaten 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Sapath (Serial) 3:00 Chutki Baja Ke 3:30 Tara 4:00 Mohan Das Ba LLB 5:00 Chadni 5:30 Amar Prem 6:00 Ek Minute/Newsline 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Zee Cine Awards-Showcase 8:25 Saturday Suspense: The Patient 9:30 Zee Cine Awards 1:30

TNT CARTOON 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Ail Star Laff-a-lympics 9:00 Yogi's Treasure Hunt 10:00 Young Robin Hood 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Wacky Races 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs And Daffy Show 1:30 The Addams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventures of Jonny 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper & The Angels 4:00 Goldie Gold And Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs And Daffy Show 7:30 The Flea Adventure of Janny Bravo 8:00 Dog House 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 9:00 The Popeye Show

MUSIC ASIA 7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gams 8:30 All Time Hits (Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Old Tavern - Si-lars 9:30 Aalaap 10:00 All Time Hits 10:30 Bagpiper - Jharokha 11:00 Old is Gold 11:30 Bajaj: Music Box (Trailer Show) 12:30 Old Tavern - Si-lars 1:30 Old Tavern - Si-lars 1:30 Cibaca-Tube Top Ten 2:30 Bajaj: Music Box (Trailer Show) 3:30 Old Tavern - Si-lars 4:00 Pop Busters 4:30 Bajaj: Music Box (Trailer Show) 5:00 All Time Hits 5:30 Bagpiper - Jharokha 6:00 B & W Gams 6:30 Music News 6:45 Coca-Cola-World Premier 7:00 Coca-Cola-World Premier 7:30 Old Tavern - Si-lars 8:00 Bagpiper - Jharokha 8:30 Hum Apke Hain Countdown (Viewers' Choice Show) 9:00 Bajaj: Music Box (Trailer Show) 9:30 Bangalore Festival 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 Bagpiper - Jharokha 10:30 Hindi Film Show: Eashwar