### Best now than never

LONDON, Mar 12 (Reuters): Soccer legend George Best said he was giving up drinking because he didn't want his wife Alex "to be a widow at 28"

The 53-year-old former Manchester United and Northern Ireland forward, who made his name as a playboy as well as a brilliant player, was admitted to hospital on Friday suffering from alcohol-related liver problems.

"I'd like to last a little longer than Oliver Reed," Best told Britain's top-selling Sunday newspaper, the News of the World, referring to the harddrinking British actor who died last year aged 61.

"But I've drunk everything and anything. The state of my liver is pretty serious."

Best is expected to undergo further tests at the London hospital where he is being treated to ascertain the extent of the damage to his liver, and had been warned he may need a liver transplant.

Pledging to stop drinking. the star was quoted as saving: "Alex said to me she didn't want to be a widow at 28 and I don't want her to be either."

Best was arguably one of the finest footballers to have graced a pitch when he played in the 1960s and 1970s, but he also broke the mould of the traditional player.

He became the sport's first pop idol, with a flamboyant lifestyle off the pitch in which glamorous women and alcohol played a major part.

By the age of 27 his firstclass career was over, damaged beyond repair as he admits, by "the fact that I just wasn't enjoying it any more."

### Inzy, Afridi

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team that played the second Test.

The dismal showing of the home team, mixed with injuries to key players, took the tally of players to 19 in the series.

Pakistan lost Naveed with the third ball after drinks when he played a Ravindra Pushpakumara delivery onto his stumps after making 5. Afridi played some aggres-

sive shots, reaching his second 50 in Test cricket off 63 balls in 94 minutes hitting ten fours.

Chaminda Vaas provided the second breakthrough for the visitors when he trapped Ijaz leg before wicket on a fullpitched delivery. ljaz, recalled after being ig-

nored for the one-day series and the first two Tests against Sri Lanka, could make only 7.

Pakistan were 95-2 at lunch. Muralitharan chipped in with two wickets after lunch, first sending Afridi for 74 when he failed to keep down a sweep and was well caught at fine leg by Pramodya Wickremasinghe.

Afridi's innings lasted 92 balls and during his 136minute stay at the crease he hit 13 boundaries and a six off Muralitharan.

The Sri Lankan off-spinner forced Yousuf Youhanna to play an uppish drive and had him caught at mid-wicket for 7.

Younis Khan, who made a century on his debut in the first Test, was shaky and took 17 balls to get off the mark. He fell after making 7, trapped by Vaas with Pakistan on 152.

At the stroke of tea Pakistan lost skipper Moin Khan for 6, caught in the covers off Wickremasinghe. Inzamam added a valuable

83 runs with Waqar Younis (16) and Shoaib Akhtar (26), driving Muralitharan forcefully during his innings. He reached his 25th half-

century in 161 minutes, hitting seven fours before failing to regain his crease after being sent back by Shoaib, attempting a double to deep mid-on. Shoaib hit two fours and two

sixes in his highest Test score before holing out to Muralitharan at deep mid-on.

The tourists won the first Test in Rawalpindi by a narrow two-wicket margin and won the second Test at Peshawar by 57 nuis.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the first day of the third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First innings Naveed b Pushpakumara Afridi c Wickremasinghe b Muralitharan 74 Ijaz Ibw b Vaas Inzamam run out

Youhana c Wickremasinghe b Muralitharan Y Khan Ibw b Vaas M Khan c De Saram b Wickremasinghe

W Younis c Dilshan b Muralitharan S Akhtar c Pushpakumara b Muralitharan I Fazil not out

M Akram c Atapattu b Jayasuriya Extras: (lb-2, nb-19) Total: (All out in 85.5 overs) 256 Fall of wickets: 1-38; 2-80; 3-111; 4-135; 5-152; 6-164; 7-197;

8-247; 9-255. OMR Bowler: Vaas Pushpakumara 16 4 37 Wickremasinghel3 2 64 Muralitharan 32 11 89 Jayasuriya 6.5 2 15

Note: Umpires deducted 2 runs from score at lunch, when TV replay ruled out boundary credited earlier to Afridi. SRI LANK: First innings

Atapattu not to Jayasuriya not out Extras: (nb-3) Total: (No wkt in 2 overs) Bowler: Wagar Akhtar Umpires: Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe) and Riazuddin

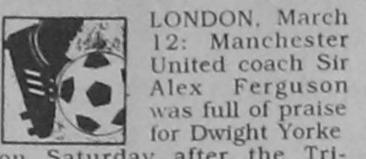
(Pakistan). TV umpire: Afzaal Ahmad (Pakistan) final match against Lindsay ICC Match Referee: Brian Hastings (New Zealand).



ON CLOUD NINE! Dwight Yorke(L) takes to the air after scoring his second goal against -AFP photo Watford at Old Trafford on March 11.

### Premiership

## Yorke rediscovers touch



for Dwight Yorke on Saturday after the Trinidadian striker ended a two month goal drought by blasting a hat-trick in a 3-1 win over Derby County, reports AFP. "I was very pleased for

Dwight," said the United boss. "He looked as if he had goals all

the second goal and he was turning men and holding the ball the way he can and that was a good performance from "It's come at a good time for

him and I think that will do him the world of good. "I think it's been a bit staggered for him with injuries and having to go over to Los Angeles

for the Gold Cup. rupted his game and I think it was a nightmare going over to Los Angeles, coming back, going over and then coming back

again. "That was hard work for him, but today he was terrific." Ferguson was also pleased

that two of United's closest rivals slipped up. us with both Chelsea and Liver-

pool drawing," he added. tenders. I think Liverpool and tired." Chelsea, if we had kept on making mistakes the way we have been doing recently, then they could have come into the pic-

"But I think that Leeds are the only ones to my mind who are real contenders now. "I think Arsenal can win the

UEFA Cup so I think their con-

mpbell and Staurt Carlisle

propped up Zimbabwe against

the West Indies Cricket Board

President's XI at Guaracara

Park on the second day of their

four-day match on Saturday,

and Carlisle, not out on 70,

threw Zimbabwe a lifeline after

they had crashed to 88 for five

in response to the President's XI

The tourists had reached 22

Three wickets to fast bowler

Marlon Black had helped the

President's XI take control

when Zimbabwe reached 95 for

three hours to hit eight fours,

and Carlisle, who was dropped

twice in his 160-minute knock

that contains eight fours, re-

mained unflappable during the

final period however, to bring

resuming from their overnight

position of 328 for six, lost

their last four wickets for 21

add to his hundred as he was

bowled by left-arm fast-

medium bowler Brayan Strang,

Earlier, the President's XI.

their side back into the match.

Campbell, who has batted

first innings total of 349.

for five at stumps.

Campbell, unbeaten on 72,

reports AFP.

RE, Trinidad, Mar

12: An unbroken

century-sized si-

xth-wicket stand

between Alistair Ca-

centration can be on that.

-United, who also missed a the top of the Premiership by seven points - though the latter play Bradford on Sunday while two other pretenders Chelsea and Liverpool fell fur-

ther behind with 1-1 draws at home to Everton and Sunderland respectively. Chelsea, now 11 points behind United, took the lead

through a fierce rasping shot by Denis Wise but Everton levelled in the second-half through "His confidence came from Danny Cadarmarteri.

In attack, Chelsea struggled for him. without the injured George Weah, with Italian Gianfranco Zola being replaced at half-time by Norwegian Tore Andre Flo and neither the Italian or Chris Sutton came closing to scoring what would have been only their second Premiership goal of the season.

However, Vialli refused to condemn his under-achieving "These things have inter- strikeforce for their lack of "Gianfranco can play better

> but he did all right," he said. "He did well against Marseille in midweek and he also had a couple of chances this af-

"I think it's mainly down to the number of matches we play though. With George Weah out. "It's also been a good day for it doesn't allow me to make many changes so there are a lot of matches in a short space of "Leeds are our main con- time and you can feel a bit

Liverpool's new 11-million pound signing Emile Heskey made an immediate impact on his debut when he was pulled down in the box and Patrik Berger converted.

However, Liverpool, who trail United by 12 points with a game in hand, paid the price for missing several chances when Kevin Phillips lashed home.

Campbell, Carlisle revive tourists

who also removed Black and

Cameron Cuffy to end with four

roughly treated on the opening

day, finished with three for 103.

two quick wickets before a

sharp shower forced an early

lunch. Neil Johnson was lbw

between Trevor Gripper and

broke the stand when he had

Gripper stumped by Courtney

Brone for 30, and Goodwin was

caught at second slip off fast

tea break, Black returned for a

second spell to claim Graig

Wishart, caught at second slip

for eight, to end the day with

figures of three for 48 from 19

SCOREBOARD

day of the four-day first-class

Indies Cricket Board Presiden-

cricket match between the West

t's XI and Zimbabwe at

Guaracara Park here Saturday:

innings (overnight 328 for six).

Ganga c Goodwin b Blignout 18

Rampersad c Gripper b Murphy

Joseph lbw b Johnson

WICB PRESIDENT'S XI: First

Scoreboard on the second

In the final hour before the

bowler Cameron Cuffy for 13.

wicket revived Zimbabwe.

Murray Goodwin for the third

bowled for two.

for three and Grant Flower was

After lunch, a 59-run stand

Leg-spin bowler Rawl Lewis

Black jolted Zimbabwe with

also from the penalty spot, after penalty, lead Leeds United at he was brought down by keeper Sander Westerveld. Liverpool manager Gerard

Houllier saluted Heskey, describing his performance as "a great debut". "I felt it was a great debut by Emile and he showed many

good attributes. He has strength and pace and was always a danger to the opposition. "His spirit and attitude are exactly what we need here and I

thought he did very well in what has been a troublesome week "He only trained with the squad for the first time yesterday yet within a couple of min-

utes today he had won a

penalty. There was no joy for Southampton coach Glenn Hoddle on his return to Spurs. the club he graced as a midfielder - his side going down 7-2 after twice leading while second-bottom Sheffield Wednesday at last showed some fight in coming from a goal down to

beat West Ham 3-1. Spurs boss George Graham, under pressure to sign new strikers after the collapse of a 6 million pound (9.5 million dollar) deal to buy Wimbledon's John Hartson on Monday, insisted: "This has been on the

cards for some time. "Even the way we've been playing lately we've created plenty of chances," added Graham - who saw his side climb to seventh in the Premiership with only their fourth win in 17 matches. "Unfortunately we haven't

Browne c Campbell b Olonga 06

Total: (All out in 97 overs) 349

121: 4-283: 5-323: 6-327: 7-329:

Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-64; 3-

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ZIMBABWE: First innings

Johnson lbw b Black

Campbell not out

Carlisle not out

68; 4-72; 5-88.

Bowler

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G Flower c Lewis b Black

Gripper st Browne b Lewis

Goodwin c Wallace b Cuffy

Wishart c Joseph b Black

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-5)

B Murphy, H Olonga

Total: (For 5 wkts in 80 overs) 222

To bat: B Strang, A Blignaut,

Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-9; 3-

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4 52

MRW

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5 25 1

6 48 3

4 51 1

1 47 0

0 6 0

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Lewis lbw b Olonga

Prince not out

8-329; 9-349.

Bowler

Olonga

Strang

Blignout

Johnson

Murphy

G Flower

Gripper

Goodwin

Black c G Flower b Strang

Cuffy c Wishart b Strang

Extras: (b-13, lb-9, nb-30)

Henry Olonga, who was Sooklal c Johnson b Olonga Ol

been capitalising on those chances until today. So this result doesn't make any difference to my efforts to sign new players. I still want at least two more strikers and other players to add to the squad."

### Poor Eden Park pitch!

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Mar 12: Eden Park groundsman Warwick Sisson said first cricket Test here isn't up to scratch, reports AFP.

The wicket, on which 25 wickets have fallen over the first two days play, has offered little comfort to the batsmen, particularly against the spin-

Sisson said the new couch grass had contributed to the problems by providing the spinners with steeper bounce. "It is disappointing. We knew

it was going to turn a lot, but I've been a bit surprised by the bounce," Sisson said after Sunday's play. The couch grass, which was

hoped to provide more pace and bounce for the quicker bowlers, had been hard to manage but Sisson hadn't expected such conditions for the spinners.

"We've had Shell Trophy (domestic) matches played on very similar pitches and they've been good games," he said.

The one positive was the fact | Australia's last two recognised the pitch had not deteriorated on Sunday and Sisson expected | probing Kiwi spin attack, led by it not to get any worse over the scheduled three remaining days of the first of three Tests.

Australian captain Steve Waugh said it wasn't ideal wicket but said bad shot selection also contributed to the high number of dismissals.

"I don't think it was that bad, but it's not something we're used to on day one," Waugh said.

"The standard of batting probably wasn't great either (yesterday) but we still got 214". Waugh agreed it was entertaining for the crowd, but "Only if you want to make them threeday Tests"

New Zealand coach David Trist said the pitch had surprised him.

"Certainly you wouldn't expect it to be of that type on Day one, no doubt about it," Trist said. New Zealand spinner Daniel

Vettori, who took his fourth haul of five wickets in Tests on Saturday and who has so far eight for the match, not surprisingly had few complaints.

"It's probably more a third day wicket but at Eden Park the last year or so it's what you come to expect," he said.

### Shield cricket BRISBANE, Mar 12 (AFP):

Queensland completed a record domestic season with their eighth outright win of the Sheffield Shield cricket season against South Australia here Sunday The Queenslanders beat

South Australia by 56 runs and will now host the five-day final against Victoria starting on Friday. Queensland bowled South

Australia out for 217 runs after setting them a two-session target of 274 when they declared at 158 for five at lunch with Jimmy Maher (102) hammering 29th Test. out his sixth first-class century. Queensland completed the

season with 48 points, the highest total since the new system was introduced in 1982-83. The previous best was Westdismissals. ern Australia's 42 in 1996-97 while Queensland's previous

highest was 38 points in 1994-Victorian Brad Hodge batted himself back into form with a battling 96 at an important time as their match against Tasmania ended in a tame draw

Hodge's return to form was the only significance from a match that meandered to a draw as the Victorians used the last day for batting practice for the Shield final.

in Hobart.

The Victorians batted all day, finishing at 477 for five in the second innings and declaring to end the match 10 minutes

Tasmania took the two first innings points, scoring 421 in reply to Victoria's first innings of 279 for nine declared.

New South Wales finished their most abysmal season in the history of Australian domestic cricket on Sunday.

The Blues crashed to their eighth outright loss and became the only team to lose so many games since the full quota of 10 matches started in the Sheffield Shield in 1982-83, eclipsing the previous record of seven held by Tasmania (1985-86) and South Australia (1996-97).

Despite day three being washed out and the absence in the second innings of WA pace spearhead Jo Angel, who returned to Perth for the birth of his first child after taking 6-64 on Friday, the Blues still managed to lose by an innings and 34 runs

## Henman, Hewitt reach

Spain 6-3, 6-3 Saturday to ad-Classic, reports AP.

against sixth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt of Australia, who defeated Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 6-4, 6-2 in the other semifinal Saturday night It will be the 14th final of Henman's career but the first he

The fifth-seeded Henman had great success serving against the seventh-seeded Costa. Henman had five aces in

Costa never really challenged Henman, who served consistently around 123 mph (189 kph). Henman won the

# Spinners call the shots



men edged towards a winning lead in a grimly-contest first cricket Test on a spinner's paradise pitch at Eden Park here today, reports AFP.

Australia, after holding a 51-run innings lead, struggled to 114 for five at the close of the second day's play and an overall lead of 165 runs over the Kiwis with a scheduled three days to play. A result looks certain well before then.

It was tough going for the Australians bidding to win their eighth consecutive Test match, but drawn into a compelling battle with the gritty Black Caps on a pitch which has taken turn from Day One. At stumps, Damien Martyn (10) and Adam Gilchrist (4),

batsmen, were fending off a

have been hard to score. Mark Wiseman. Waugh is the top scorer in this

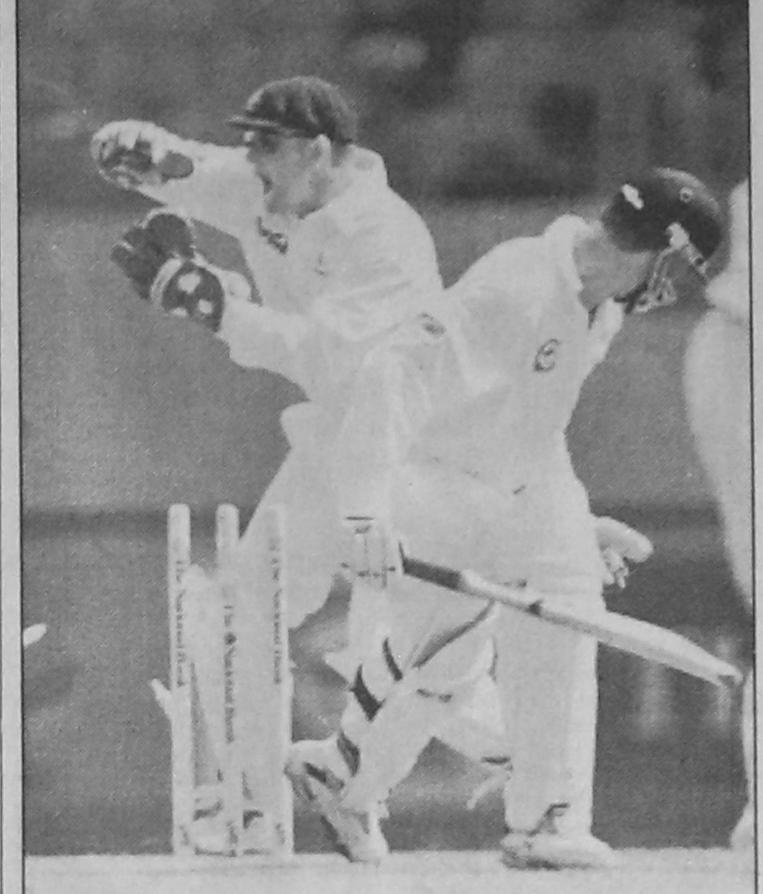
Test so far with an unbeaten 72. Shane Warne would be par-Park pitch as he was just two wickets away from passing fast etkeeper Adam Parore for 25. bowling great Dennis Lillee to leading wicket-taker.

New Zealand's first innings to improve his Test career tally to 354, just one behind Lillee's 355. The record looks set to be broken over the next days.

Australia slowly extended their lead but not without losing wickets along the way Sun- finish with 4-33 off 11.1 overs.

Michael Slater went cheaply 60th Test. again, following his five on Saturday with six today after spooning a catch off Chris Cairns to Matthew Horne at seven for one.

ease and became Vettori's first



Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchirst appealing for a stumping against New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming at Auckland yesterday. -AFP photo

21-year-old left-armer Daniel victim of the innings when he edged to Craig Spearman at slip for eight.

Vettori, who snared 5-62 off 25 overs in the first innings, worried the Australians and had 3-38 off 21 overs to take his Test wicket tally to 99 in his

He was just four wickets away from becoming his country's all-time leading spinner send him on his way after he as he closed in on John was out to a skied catch to a Lee, G McGrath Bracewell's 102 Test running Nathan Astle in the Bowler:

Australia's target was to set the Kiwis a chase of around 230-

Justin Langer made another strong contribution, scoring 47 in 82 minutes following on with his swashbuckling 46 off 47 balls in the first dig.

Left-handed Langer was given a mouthful by Vettori to 67: 4-81: 5-107

Captain Steve Waugh was out for 10 when he was caught and 250 runs on a pitch where runs bowled by finger-spinner Paul Doull

tori 5-62) NEW ZEALAND: First innings (26 for four overnight) Horne c Blewett b McGrath Spearman c Martyn b Lee Sinclair lbw b Warne Wiseman b Lee Fleming st Gilchrist b Miller 21 Astle c M Waugh b Warne McMillan lb b Warne Cairns c Gilchrist b McGrath 35 Parore c Gilchrist b McGrath 11

Total: (All out in 62.1 overs) 163 Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-25; 3-25: 4-26: 5-80: 6-80: 7-102: 8-134: 9-143: 10-163. Bowler

Miller Warne AUSTRALIA: Second in-

Slater c Horne b Cairns M Waugh c Parore b Vettori Martyn not out Gilchrist not out Extras: (b-3, lb-1)

Total: (for five wickets in 49 overs) 114 Fall for wickets: 1-7, 2-46; 3-To bat: S Warne, C Miller, B

Cairns 13 56 Wiseman Vettori 3

# Beckham, Fergie make up



Sir Alex Ferguson and star midfielder David Beckham on Sunday said they have put their training ground bust-up behind them, reports AFP.

Three weeks after their row, Ferguson and the England midfielder have spoken about the dispute and revealed there is no lingering ill-feeling. Ferguson said: "I have had a chat with David. All we can say

about him now is that the matter is cleared. It's over. "It was finished on the day it began. I hope David is now say-

ing the same positive things about his situation." The United boss dropped Beckham for the English Premiership clash at Leeds on February 20 after he missed

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"In the course of a season we may have situations with players and they are dealt with internally. It's called control.

ent from anyone else.

"I will make a decision and that's the matter over. It is never brought up again. It was the same with David. Now that's cleared - finished. Beckham confirmed he has

put the incident behind him and dismissed talk he wants to quit Old Trafford in the wake of his bust-up with Ferguson. But Beckham insists he can-

not imagine playing for another

English club and is ready to

talk with United about a new

about joining another club. "The only time I will ever "I just want to get on with the game. That applies to all the leave is if they decide to sell me. players and David is no differ-It will not be my choice. "At the end of the season I will have a couple of years left

on my contract. I will talk to them at any time about singing "It annoved me to read I am leaving Manchester United be-

cause there's no other club I want to play for. "I love playing in front of 60,000 people every week. wouldn't be able to get that anywhere else in the Premiership. I couldn't see myself playing for another club in this

country. "The thought of pulling on. any shirt other than the red one of United just doesn't appeal to

### ACROSS DOWN 42 Past 11 Rose or 44 Pamper Rozelle 1 Roulette 4 Weeps 46 Cul-debet 16 Payable 2 Pay with 20 Pick a 8 Plumbing 50 Symbol of plastic target problem 3 Garcia fan 21 Branch 23 21 22 51 Hertz 4 She 22 Zoo rival danced to structure 13 Touch 52 Extranget a head 23 Right 14 Facility eous 5 Kyoto angle cummer- 27 Shriner's matter 56 Marathon bund chapeau 17"- may fraction 6 Political 29 Lock 43 57 Tennis alliance variety 7 Superman 30 Chutzpah great 45 47 48 Nastase compari- 31 Pennsyl-58 Old vania port 54 55 19 Sharp-

### Serena toils, Hingis sails week was abandoned because of Mauresmo of France and 14th-INDIAN WELLS.



California, Mar 12: Defending champion and third-seeded Sercua Williams was stretched to three sets by childhood friend

Ramnaresh Sarwan did not Wallace lbw b Strang

Alexandra Stevenson before se-1 | curing a 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 secondround win Saturday at the Tennis Masters series in Indian Wells, reports Reuters. Top-seeded Martina Hingis of Switzerland scored an easy 6-

3. 6-3 victory over American Amy Frazier in another secondround encounter. "For a first-round match, I think it was a pretty solid performance," said Hingis, whose

Devenport at Scottsdale last

rain. "It's not an easy first round. "I'm quite happy about having that behind me. The second-seeded Daven-

port, the reigning Australian 6-1, 6-2. Open and Wimbledon champion, barely broke a sweat in a swift 6-0, 6-1 win over Irina Spirlea of Romania to reach the third round.

not knowing when I'll play." Three seeded players became

second-round casualties: 12th-

seeded American Jennifer

"Having to come back tomorrow and play, I'm really glad it was quick," said Davenport, who didn't get on court for the 36-minute match until nearly 7.00 pm. "It was hard waiting around, waiting all day,

seeded Anke Huber of Germany. Capriati, a semifinalist at this year's Australian Open, fell to Cara Black of Zimbabwe 5-7. Mauresmo lost the first three games of her match

gium and retired with a back in-Huber struggled through three sets before losing to Elena Dementieva of Russia 6-4, 4-6, The 41st-ranked Stevenson

against Kim Clijsters of Bel-

said Williams had assured her the match. she was "there" after their match, a battle between two Southern California natives who migrated to Florida, but clearly the victor believes she first three games of the first set Capriati, 13th-seeded Amelie has the stronger determination. to take charge.

## final SCOTTSDALE, Arizona, Mar

12: Britain's Tim Henman conserved his energy for the biggest match as he beat Albert Costa of vance to the final of the Franklin Templeton Tennis Henman will play Sunday

enters without having dropped a set throughout the tourna-

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals F 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.

Mark Waugh looked to be handling things adequately following on from his controlled ticularly looking forward to first innings until he was out to having a crack at the Black a magnificent delivery from Caps on the spin-friendly Eden Vettori which got extra bounce and found a faint edge to wick-

Martyn and Gilchrist spent a become Australia's all-time watchful 15 minutes seeing out play up until stumps and offer-Warne took 3-68 Sunday in ing Australia a chance to take their lead beyond 200 on the

third morning Monday. Earlier, fast bowler Glenn McGrath, kept out of the attack by skipper Waugh for 80 minutes Sunday, removed the last three New Zealand batsmen to He now has 280 wickets in his

Chris Cairns topscored with 35 before he was caught behind by Gilchrist off McGrath.

Shane Warne removed mid-off to leave Australia at Nathan Astle for 31 and Craig McMillan for six to finish the Greg Blewett was never at New Zealand first innings with 3-68.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming was the prized wicket to fall, out to a piece of brilliant wicketkeeping by Gilchrist, who stumped him down the legside off Colin Miller for 21.

Fleming did not ground his foot in time behind the crease and the video umpire gave him out just two balls after Astle's dismissal.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the second day of the first Test between Australia and New Zealand in Auckland on Sun-

AUSTRALIA: First innings 214 (M. Waugh 72 not out; D Vet-

Vettori not out Doull c Lee b McGrath Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-3)

33 McGrath

Blewett c Spearman b Vettori 8 Langer c Astle b Vettori S Waugh c and b Wiseman



By Eugene Sheffer