

Scottish Premiership Celtic on fire

AFP, Glasgow Celtic extended their lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League to 10 points over arch-rivals Rangers after a 5-1 demolition of Dundee United at Parkhead on Saturday.

India abase Argentina



AFP, Hobart

India overwhelmed Argentina 6-1 to win the Junior World Cup here Sunday. Prabhjot Singh opened the scoring for India in the 11th minute after receiving a pass from Bipin Fernandez at the top of the circle and knocking a reverse stick shot past Argentine keeper Joaquin Berthold.

that was saved low and to the right by Berthold. Argentina clawed one back through Lucas Cammareri in the 44th minute but India replied immediately to break the Argentinians' spirit. Jugraj converted from India's seventh penalty corner of the game with a drag flick into the top right of the net.

The Indian camp were not surprisingly delighted. "There will be a big celebration for us tonight and in India also," said captain Gagan Ajit Singh. "Everyone is happy because we will be getting good prize money."

Thommo lbws Kiwi hopes

REUTERS, Sydney

Former Australia pace bowler Jeff Thomson said on Sunday New Zealand had no chance of beating world champions Australia in the three-Test series starting on November 8. "Yeah, I give New Zealand a chance," Thomson said.



German Tommy Haas plays a backhand return against Australian Lleyton Hewitt at the Masters Series tournament on October 20.

Haas halts Hewitt



AFP, Stuttgart

German Tommy Haas ended Lleyton Hewitt's 17-match winning streak here Saturday, coming back from a set down to defeat the Australian 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 and reach the final of the 2.95-million-dollar Masters Series.

He also admitted some fatigue: "I was tired at the end of the second set and the start of the third. I've always had tough matches against Tommy, I didn't take this one lightly. It was decided by one or two points."

His first match in two months after two hours, 17 minutes of struggle. Hewitt is due to headline at the Stockholm Open next week, but dropped a hint that his plans might change. "I'm due to play there. I do want to talk to my coach about things. I haven't had a proper break since after Wimbledon."

Aussies armed, dangerous



INTERNET, undated

If New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming and his touring party are feeling upbeat about the first Test, they might do well to ignore cricket bulletins flashing in from around the nation.

first drop Ricky Ponting was in dashing form for Tasmania, cracking 126 from 174 balls against NSW. The ominously in-form Mark Waugh amassed a masterful 168 from 211 balls for NSW while Adam Gilchrist just fell short of his century for Western Australia, smacking 98 runs from 112 balls.

many fellows in form this early," he said. "Whether they are established Test players or not, it is always nice to have them in form going into the first Test. "It is very encouraging, there is no doubt about that."

Appeal for Adams

FROM PAGE 13 Pat Symcox, a former South African off-spinner, says he has tried to help Adams change his grip, but his efforts failed because Adams did not work hard enough at it.

Richer medal payoffs set US seeks record 2002 Winter haul

AFP, Salt Lake City

United States Olympic officials, who seek a record medal haul from the 2002 Winter Olympics, have boosted the payoffs for American medalists to record sums.

decided here Sunday when the USOC executive committee concludes a year-long search to fill the job Blackmun has held on an interim basis. A divided USOC will decide how much control sport governing bodies have over the group when it chooses between Blackmun and two black men, former Baltimore mayor Kurt Schmoke and former corporate chairman Lloyd Ward.

months in advance of a 2005 International Olympic Committee decision among global bids. "We want to keep in only the cities that have a real chance of winning," Blackmun said. "We have to think about which bid might have the best chance internationally. It could be only two or three."

Price exacts revenge

AFP, Melbourne

Paul Price gained revenge for defeat in last year's Australian Open when he downed fellow Australian Anthony Ricketts in a thrilling five-set final of the WSF World Challenge here Sunday.

Lindsay-Jelena finale



AFP, Zurich

American Lindsay Davenport knocked out new world number one Jennifer Capriati in the semifinals of the 1.185 million dollar WTA tournament here on Saturday to set up a final with Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia.

second set." Davenport goes in Sunday's final as favourite having defeated Dokic in their last three encounters. For Tauziat, it was a sad end to her career. "I had a bad back and that affected the way I played," said the Frenchwoman.

"But that is not to take anything away from Jelena who played very well, she was very strong physically. "That's normal - she's very young," smiled Tauziat who, at 34, is calling time on a career which has seen her win eight tour titles and reach the final at Wimbledon in 1998.



LINDSAY DAVENPORT



JELENA DOKIC

Pete misses Basel meet

AFP, Basel

Injured Pete Sampras pulled out of next week's ATP event in Basel on Saturday and immediately called a halt to his season, according to reports here.

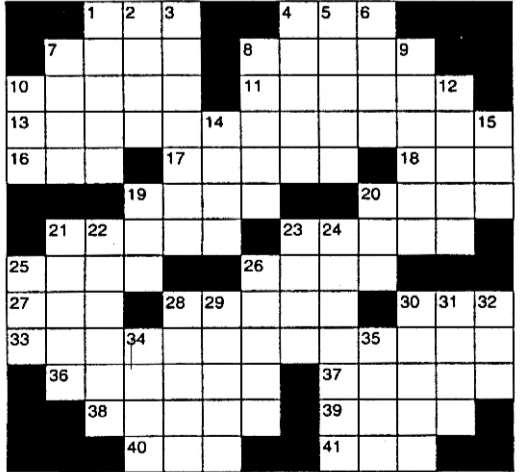
Army v'ball

PRESS RELEASE, Dhaka

The annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Army began at the Mirpur Cantonment yesterday. The Jessore Area defeated Bogra Area 3-0 in the opening match.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Steve straight

FROM PAGE 13 from a torn calf which kept him out of the fourth Test and threatened to sideline him for the last game of the series. Waugh also made a century against the West Indies in Melbourne last December after recovering from a muscle injury that kept him out of the previous Test.

