

# No joy for Venus, Tim

**Australian Open**  
REUTERS, Melbourne

Venus Williams' return from injury came to a shuddering halt on Saturday when she was hustled out of the Australian Open 6-4, 7-6 by doubles specialist Lisa Raymond in the third round.

Belgium's Kim Clijsters suffered no such mishap, routing Russian teenager Dinara Safina 6-2 6-1, and home crowd favourite Mark Philippoussis thrilled Melbourne Park with a barnstorming win over Mario Ancic of Croatia.

But 11th seed Tim Henman's Open dreams were ended. The Briton let a two-set lead slip, going down 6-7, 5-7, 7-6, 7-5, 9-7 to Argentine Guillermo Canas in a four-hour, 51-minute epic.

Third seed Venus had been a heavy favourite going into the match, despite this being her first tournament since the Wimbledon final last July, but she was caught cold by 30-year-old compatriot Raymond.

"I am pretty much in shock," Venus said.

"I still can't believe it, but that's the way I feel after every loss.

"It is definitely going to settle in this evening. It will be like 'No!' but that's the way it is, you win some, you lose some."

Venus was playing her first tournament for six months after a stomach muscle injury and looked flat from the start.

She committed 44 unforced errors in a mistake-riddled performance on Rod Laver Arena and struggled for accuracy throughout.

"She played good, she had a lot of shots rockin' and rollin' today. It

was nice for her," said Venus, runner-up to younger sister Serena here last year.

Raymond had never been

been an injury doubt coming into the tournament, has been in fantastic form through the first three rounds of the year's first grand slam



PHOTO: AFP

**MARATHON MAN!** Guillermo Canas of Argentina falls to the ground in disbelief after defeating Briton Tim Henman at the Australian Open yesterday.

beyond the third round of the Australian Open singles in 10 previous visits and was thrilled.

"I knew I had to come into today's match and really step up to the plate," she said.

"I didn't let myself down."

Second seed Clijsters, who had

and is yet to drop a set.

On Saturday she knocked Safina off in 57 minutes and will next play 20th-seeded Italian Silvia Farina Elia.

"I didn't have any expectations about getting into the tournament because of my injury so being in the

second week is nice," Clijsters said.

"I never really thought I would participate in the tournament so it's definitely a bonus."

Henman hit a total of 100 clean winners in his marathon with Canas, but it was the Argentine who hit the one which counted, a rocket-like forehand past the advancing Briton on his third match point.

Henman was bitterly disappointed.

"That was probably a good match to watch but it is about winning or losing," he said.

"There's not a lot of constructive things I can say about that."

Canas's reward for his superb comeback was a fourth round meeting with compatriot and eighth seed David Nalbandian.

Nalbandian continued to look strong. He out-muscled South Africa's Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

Local wildcard Todd Reid's heroics were very much a thing of the past when he was outclassed 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 by second seed Roger Federer.

Reid, who overcame vomiting and cramps to beat Armenia's Sargis Sargsian in the second round, never came close to matching the Wimbledon champion, at one point losing 14 games in a row. Federer won in a snappy 74 minutes.

"There's definitely a long way to go," Reid said. "He really taught me a lesson out there. Definitely a learning experience."

Federer, the bookies' pre-tournament favourite, has dropped just 20 games so far in Melbourne. He will probably face former world number one Lleyton Hewitt in the fourth round.

Philippoussis gave the Australians a boost, though, swatting Ancic 6-4, 7-6, 6-2.

## FA Cup Everton target Fulham

AFP, London

Everton defender Dave Unsworth said Fulham's Premiership victory over them two weeks ago has fuelled their desire to turn the tables in Sunday's FA Cup fourth round clash at Goodison Park.

A Louis Saha-inspired Fulham beat Everton 2-1 at Loftus Road but the Frenchman has now joined Manchester United.

Unsworth believes Everton can add further injury to Fulham's pain at losing their star man. He said: "After what I saw when we played Fulham earlier in the month, and from when we beat them at our place on the first day of the season, I think we are the better team."

"We certainly have nothing to fear when we play them this time, and we owe them. We should have beaten them at Loftus Road, we certainly had enough chances."

"We threw the kitchen sink at them and they were clearing things off the line and had all the luck to go with it."

Since then Saha has got his way and moved to the champions and Everton boss David Moyes insists that Fulham had no choice.

Moyes has sympathy for his opposite number Chris Coleman, and said: "I am not sure what impact Saha going will have on them long term, but any side losing a player who has scored as many goals as he has this season will obviously be hurt."

## India win

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ner Virender Sehwag.

But their opportunity to impress was fleeting and it was left to the right-handed Laxman and his partner Rahul Dravid to stem the tide of dismissals.

The pair took the Indian tally to 137 before Dravid was dismissed for 56 -- caught by Blignaut off the bowling of Ray Price in the 27th over.

Laxman not surprisingly appeared stiff and sore while running between the wickets after centuries both on Thursday night in Sydney and last Sunday in Brisbane. He went on to make a brilliant 131 off 138 deliveries.

In all he hit 13 fours and one booming six during his century -- his first in one-day internationals against a team other than Australia.

It was his fifth one-day century and his highest score, with his previous best being the 106 he recorded just two days ago.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the triangular VB Series one-day international between India and Zimbabwe at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday:

**INDIA**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Bangar c Carlisle b Streak     | 0   |
| Patel c Taibu b Streak         | 0   |
| Laxman c Friend b Hondo        | 131 |
| Ganguly c Ebrahim b Blignaut   | 1   |
| Dravid c Blignaut b Price      | 56  |
| Gavaskar c Blignaut b Hondo    | 54  |
| Badani b Streak                | 5   |
| Agarkar not out                | 12  |
| Pathan not out                 | 5   |
| Extras: (lb-4, nb-4, w-8)      | 16  |
| Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) | 280 |

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-3, 3-4, 4-137, 5-255, 6-261, 7-271

Did not bat: Kartik, Balaji

| Bowler   | O  | M | R  | W |
|----------|----|---|----|---|
| Streak   | 10 | 1 | 53 | 3 |
| Blignaut | 5  | 0 | 25 | 1 |
| Ervine   | 6  | 0 | 48 | 0 |
| Hondo    | 10 | 0 | 59 | 2 |
| Price    | 10 | 0 | 43 | 1 |
| Flower   | 9  | 0 | 48 | 0 |

**ZIMBABWE**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Sibanda c and b Balaji                                 | 12  |
| Flower c Patel b Agarkar                               | 10  |
| Friend c Laxman b Agarkar                              | 0   |
| Carlisle c Kartik b Agarkar                            | 109 |
| Ervine run out   | 100 |
| Blignaut c Laxman b Bangar                             | 12  |
| Streak not out   | 5   |
| Ebrahim not out  | 2   |
| Extras: (b-3, lb-12, w-12)                             | 27  |
| Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs)                        | 277 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-25, 3-46, 4-248, 5-261, 6-274 |     |

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Did not bat: Taibu, Price, Hondo

| Bowler  | O  | M | R  | W |
|---------|----|---|----|---|
| Agarkar | 10 | 0 | 39 | 3 |
| Pathan  | 10 | 0 | 47 | 0 |
| Balaji  | 10 | 1 | 52 | 1 |
| Bangar  | 8  | 0 | 42 | 1 |
| Kartik  | 7  | 0 | 49 | 0 |
| Ganguly | 5  | 0 | 33 | 0 |

**Result:** India won by three runs.

**Man-of-the-match:** VVS Laxman.

**Toss:** India.

**Next match:** Australia v Zimbabwe, Jan 26.

## Eng decide later

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pleased to have it."

England's decision to reconsider the tour brought an angry reaction from the game's governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC), who have warned that England could face legal action and possible compensation payments if they pull out on political grounds.

The ICC maintains that only security concerns can be used to justify the cancellation of tours.

There is however the precedent set by India, who have in recent years been unable to tour Pakistan because of orders from their government.

## Walking off

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moment Mahmud had this to say: "The greatest moments in my career came when I walked to toss with my idol Steve Waugh in Australia and the triumph over Pakistan."

Mahmud's parting shot also exemplifies the character of a true leader as he walked out of Bangladesh cricket like a man defying all sorts of temptations in a midnight meeting with the Board officials.

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# WI warm up well



AFP, Paarl

The touring West Indians warmed up for a five-match one-day international series against South Africa with a comfortable 65-run win over South Africa A at Boland Park Friday.

Steadiness and spin proved the right formula for the tourists on a slow pitch.

Promising medium-fast bowler Ravi Rampaul may have earned himself a place in the side for the first international against South Africa at Newlands Sunday when he took two for 23 in ten accurate overs.

Off-spinners Ryan Hurley, Chris Gayle and Ricardo Powell were all able to tie down the South African batsmen who seldom looked like overhauling a moderate West Indian total of 230 for eight.

Skipper Neil McKenzie made 51 but laboured for his runs, which were scored off 90 balls.

Opening batsman Gayle made 61 for the West Indians before falling to left-arm spinner Nicky Boje when he was caught behind attempting to cut.

Off-spinner Justin Ontong took two for 27 in ten overs and Boje claimed two for 35 in six overs in his return after a long-term leg injury.

Gayle got the tourists off to a good start as he and Shivanine Chanderpaul (13) put on 58 for the first wicket in the first 12 overs.

But the scoring rate slowed when Ontong played on his home ground, came into the attack and tied down the batsmen with his accurate, flighted deliveries.

Boje, playing in his first match since breaking an ankle while fielding during South Africa's tour of England in July, was more expensive than Ontong, being hit for two sixes by Smith, but picked up the wickets of Gayle and Smith (35).

The West Indians were 143 for five in the 38th over when Smith was caught on the long-off boundary but captain Brian Lara (37) and wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs (40 not out) added 53 for the sixth wicket off 53 balls to enable the tourists to post a reasonable total.

The South Africans also started well, with Martin van Jaarsveld and Loots Bosman putting on 52 for the first wicket before Bosman was leg before wicket to Mervyn Dillon in the 13th over.

Van Jaarsveld was caught at midwicket off Rampaul four balls later and the South African second stringers were unable to maintain any momentum afterwards, with McKenzie and Hashim Amla using up 13 overs in adding 41 for the third wicket.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the limited-overs tour match between South Africa A and the West Indies at Boland Park on Friday:

**WEST INDIES**

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Gayle c Tsolekile b Boje         | 61 |
| Chanderpaul c Tsolekile b Ngam13 |    |
| Wilkinson b Ontong               | 3  |
| Powell b Ontong                  | 11 |
| Smith c Telemachus b Boje        | 35 |
| Lara c Ontong b Kemp             | 37 |
| Jacobs not out                   | 40 |
| Hurley c Van Jaarsveld b Ngam    | 3  |
| Bradshaw c Ontong b Telemachus   | 6  |

Dillon not out

Extras: (lb-5, nb-7, w-4) 16  
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 230

Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-72, 3-97, 4-115, 5-143, 6-196, 7-199, 8-210

Did not bat: Rampaul

| Bowler     | O  | M | R  | W |
|------------|----|---|----|---|
| Kruger     | 6  | 0 | 33 | 0 |
| Ngam       | 10 | 2 | 48 | 2 |
| Telemachus | 9  | 0 | 39 | 1 |
| Ontong     | 10 | 0 | 27 | 2 |
| Kemp       | 9  | 0 | 43 | 1 |
| Boje       | 6  | 0 | 35 | 2 |

**SOUTH AFRICA A**

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Van Jaarsveld c Hurley b Rampaul | 31 |
| Bosman lbw b Dillon              | 20 |
| Amla b Hurley                    | 14 |
| McKenzie run out (Powell)        | 51 |
| Ontong hit wicket b Gayle        | 7  |
| Kemp run out (Powell)            | 4  |
| Boje c Smith b Rampaul           | 14 |
| Tsolekile b Powell               | 2  |

|                  |  |          |          |     |
|------------------|--|----------|----------|-----|
| Telemachus       | not out  |          |          | 8   |
| Ngam             | lbw  | b        | Bradshaw | 0   |
| Kruger           | run out  | (Dillon) |          | 0   |
| Extras:          | (b-3, lb-4, nb-5, w-2)                                     |          |          | 14  |
| Total:           | (All out in 45.3 overs)                                    |          |          | 165 |
| Fall of wickets: | 1-52, 2-52, 3-93, 4-104, 5-111, 6-138, 7-151, 8-159, 9-160 |          |          |     |
| Bowler           | O  | M        | R        | W   |
| Dillon           | 8  | 1        | 28       | 1   |
| Bradshaw         | 10   | 1        | 39       | 1   |
| Rampaul          | 10   | 2        | 23       | 2   |
| Hurley           | 7.3  | 0        | 26       | 1   |
| Gayle            | 7  | 0        | 27       | 1   |
| Powell           | 3  | 0        | 15       | 1   |
| Result:          | West Indies won by 65 runs.                                |          |          |     |

## Bashar replaces

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turnaround," said the new Bangladesh skipper.

While it was heartbreak for Mahmud, there were reasons to be delighted for four, who got a recall into the Test side. They are young Test centurion Mohammad Ashraf, opener Al-Shahriar, a reborn Shahriar Hossain and left-arm paceman Monjurul Islam.

Ashraf missed the home series against England due to poor form. Al-Shahriar was dropped after the Australia tour and Monjurul got the chop after the Pakistan tour.

For Shahriar, who got lost in the wilderness after playing in the inaugural Test against India in November 2000, it was a reward after his good showings in the first-class competition of Pakistan, where he scored a double hundred and two fifties with the Bangladesh A team.

It was also a dream come true for left-arm Manjarul Islam, who is one of two new faces in the Test team. Making his one-day debut against England, Manjarul is also a very useful lower-order batsman. Right-arm seamer Tarek Aziz also played five one-day internationals, but never won a place in the five-day game.

## Rayer Bazar High

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**PRECADET CHILD CARE SCHOOL:** 64/10 in 21 overs (Tuhin 25; Rana 2/10, Raihan 2/12 and Faisal 2/22).

**Result:** Rayer Bazar High School won by 152 runs.

**SHAPLA KINDERGARTEN:** 225/10 in 34.1 overs (Rana 56, Imam 50, Russell 28, Sunny 28; Arif 3/16).

**MOON LIGHT KINDERGARTEN:** 83/10 in 20 overs (Amanat 17; Babu 3/12 and Rana 2/17).

**Result:** Shapla Kindergarten won by 142 runs.

**RENAISSANCE KINDERGARTEN:** 124/10 in 22.5 overs (Rubel 36, Russell 34 not out; Badal 4/41 and Samrat 3/36).

**NUPUR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:** 125/2 in 17.5 overs (Antu 29, Raju 28 not out, Reazuddin 25 not out; Rubel 1/40).

**Result:** Nupur International School won by 8 wickets.

**RENAISSANCE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:** 181/9 in 30.3 overs (Rumi 46, Johnny 22, Sajib 22; Imran 3/18, Hanif 3/45 and Arif 2/38).

**GOLDEN FUTURE SCHOOL:** 129/9 in 25.4 overs (Imran 29, Rana 25; Ronny 2/16 and Rumi 2/20).

**Result:** Renaissance International School won by 52 runs.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

38 Sailor

40 Monterey Mrs.

41 Singles

43 Group on native

12 Nourished oneself

13 Renee Zellweger role

14 Piller

15 Pressing need?

17 Chihuahua cheer

18 Showtime rival

19 Theme-park eponym

21 Pull a con job on

24 Leave a lasting impression?

25 Play with robots

26 — U.S. Pat. Off.

28 Basketball, slangily

31 Composer Stravinsky

33 — transit gloria

35 Shawl

36 Paycheck extra

DOWN

1 Faux —

2 "Addams Family" cousin

3 "My stars!"

4 Wood-chopper's bawf?

5 Baltimore team

6 Apiece

7 Battery terminal

8 High point

9 Locomotive

10 Clinton rival

11 Do as you're told

16 Oohs' mates

20 Flat-bot-tomed craft

21 Bin

22 Les Miserables' author

23 Rust, basically

27 Muslim-cian's job

29 Henry VIII's

30 Resorts Catherine

32 Littlest of the litter

34 Rancher, often

37 Vacillate

39 Criminal-capture reward

42 Martin or Lawrence

44 Kyoto cummerbund

45 50 percent (Pref.)

46 Verve

50 Churchillian gesture

51 Uncivilized

52 Praiseful piece

53 Affirmative action?

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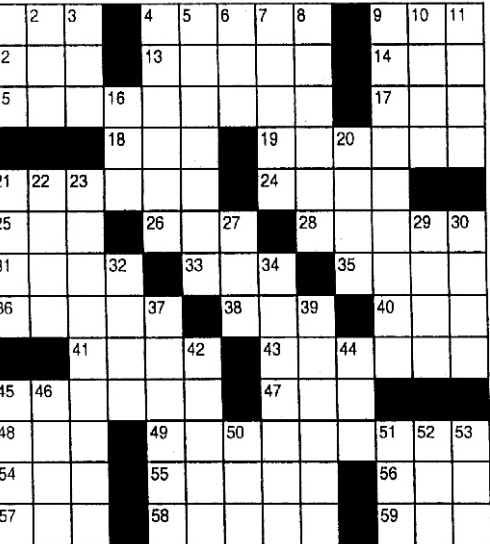
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Saturday's Crypticquip: IF YOU PRY OUT CHERRY STONES USING ONLY YOUR TONGUE, IS IT THE LICK OF THE PITTER?

Today's Crypticquip Clue: Z equals E

The Crypticquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

# Another Cameroon style

## African Nations Cup kicks off today



AFP, Tunis

Cameroon begin their campaign to win a third successive African Nations Cup title on Sunday but their opening match against Algeria is in danger of being overshadowed by an argument over their revolutionary new strip.

The one-piece strip that the Indomitable Lions will show off in Sousse has been declared illegal by FIFA chief Sepp Blatter.

"If Cameroon play in bodysuits it will be against the rules of the game," said Blatter who was equally outraged two years ago when Cameroon were fitted out in sleeveless shirts.

But the defending champions are determined to shrug off the controversy and win a fifth continental crown which they intend to dedicate to former teammate Mark Vivien Foe who died during the Confederations Cup in France last year.

"Marc Vivien is always with us and is still part of us. We always think of him," said skipper Rigobert Song.

Algeria had the easiest passage of the 14 qualifiers, rarely impressing in eliminating minnows Chad and Namibia, and Belgian coach George Leekens quit after a place at the finals was secured to be replaced by local Rabah Saadane.

However, 1990 champions Algeria have won just once in 10 games at the previous three editions of the tournament and

Saadane must bemoan the lack of a midfield playmaker in the mould of former greats Ali Fergani and Moussa Saib.