

Gamagee wrecks Kalabagan

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their second successive victory. Navana Premier Division cricket league, and both with a day to spare, when they beat Kalabagan Krira Chakra by seven wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Last Tuesday Mohammedans thrashed Gulshan Youth within a day to make a flying start to their 1990-91 title chase.

Kalabagan won the toss and elected to bat but the decision proved an unwise one in the face of Sri Lankan Gamagee's

hostile bowling.

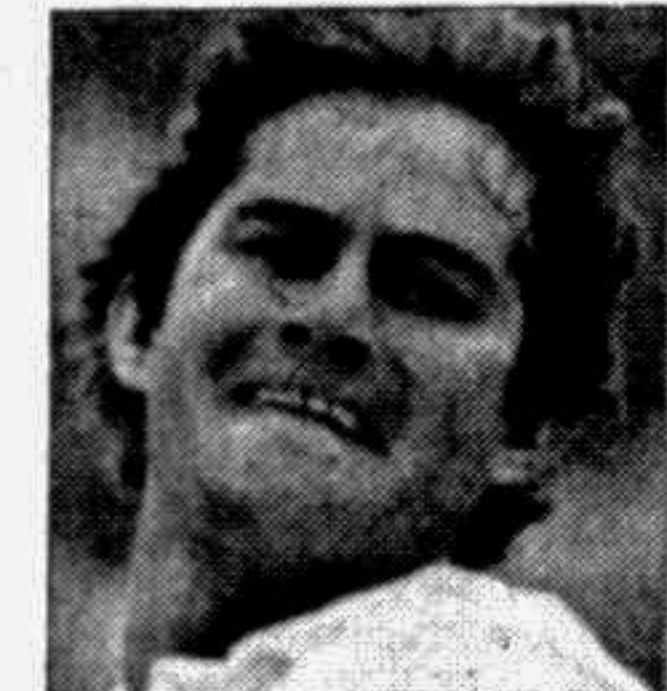
The tall Lankan extracted enough life out of an otherwise benign track to claim five wickets for 48 runs. Kalabagan, who managed 137 before being all out in 43.5 overs had little answer to Gamagee's pace, line and length. Only Sami with 27 and Rumi with 21 made any effort to face up to the relentless attack. Azhar Hossain Shantoo chipped in with two wickets with his off spinners that cost him 19 runs.

Mohammedans overcame early jitters and went on to rattle up 139 for the loss of just three wickets in 32.3

Alderman's injury worries selectors

PERTH, Jan 19: Australian fast bowler Terry Alderman, who has played a key role in England's misfortunes so far in the Ashes series, is in doubt for the fourth Test, starting in Adelaide next Friday, reports AFP.

Alderman has taken 13 wickets at an average of 22.07. He was man of the match in the first Test in Brisbane, taking 2-44 and 6-47.



TERRY ALDERMAN

Alderman, 35, has a painful right groin injury and has been forced to drop out of the Western Australian side to play Victoria in a crucial Sheffield Shield match which started here on Saturday.

"At the moment I rate my chances of being able to play in the Test at about 50-50, but I hope that the odds will improve as I continue with treatment," Alderman said here.

Alderman managed to complete the World Series one-day final against New Zealand in Melbourne on Tuesday only after taking pain-killing tablets.

"I pulled up pretty sore after that stint," he said.

"I was not able to extend myself in either of the two final matches."

Alderman said a Perth physiotherapist had told him he should rest the groin for 10 days.

"So I obviously cannot be over-confident," he said.

So far in the current series

Alderman said he would speak to the chairman of the Australian selectors, Mr. Laurie Sawle, at the WACA ground here during the Sheffield Shield game.

Sawle will be interested to learn details of Alderman's latest injury not only in the context of the current series.

He and his co-selectors are now finalising the Australian squad for the tour of the West Indies to start next month. The side is expected to be announced in just over a week.

Alderman looks a certainty for selection, but his second injury of the season will cause the selection panel some anxiety.

Railway profit from Salim spell

Sports Reporter

Skipper Selim's superb bowling spell enabled Bangladesh Railway to run over Udity Club by 78 runs in the Mirpur First Division cricket league match yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

With this win Bangladesh Railway have now brightened their championship prospects with six runs in seven matches while Udity, who had started the season in with a bang, crashed to their third defeat, also in seven matches.

Udity's skipper Imran put Bangladesh Railway in and his decision seemed to be a good one as the Railway men were shot out for just 147 runs in 41 overs.

Saffad stood among the ruins to score a priceless 52 runs off 70 balls. His knock included six hits to the fence. Zaheer 16, Alam 13, Ripon 11 and Selim with 10 runs were the other Railway batsmen to reach double figures.

Imran and Babar claimed three wickets each for 23 and 32 runs respectively. Rahul aided them with two wickets for 31.

In reply Udity, facing a modest target, were skittled out for a paltry 69 runs in 22 overs.

Railway skipper Selim ran through Udity batting, finishing with amazing figures of four wickets for five runs off only two overs.

Tipu with 28 was the only Udity batsman to reach double figures.

Extras were the next highest contributor for Udity club with 20.

Ripon, Mithu and Sumon with two wickets each also helped their captain to demolish Udity.

Gulshan well poised

In the other match which started yesterday at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium, Gulshan Youth, thanks to fine bowling performances by their Indian Test discards Arun Lal and Ashok Malhotra, restricted Rupal Bank to 207 all out in 75 overs.

By the close, Gulshan had replied with 62 without loss in 20 overs. Saiful was batting on 30 and Tito on 19.

Arun Lal and Malhotra, both known more for their batting rather than skills with the ball, each claimed three wickets for 21 and 41 runs respectively.

Rupal owed a lot to a fine 76 by Dulu who faced 162 balls and Babu who made 34 and Prince who made 33.

Gulshan, needing another 146 runs for victory with all their wickets intact, should have the upper hand when the match resumes today.

Lankans draw

PALMERSTON NORTH (New Zealand), Jan 19 : Sri Lanka drew with the Emerging Players XI on the third and final day of the first match of their New Zealand tour today, reports, Reuter.

Scores:

Emerging Players XI-first innings: 213 for six declared (R.McLeod 73, A.Rahatunga two for 33), second innings: 220 for eight (C.Ingham 51, J.Furlong 50, Madurasinghe three for 68).

Sri Lanka 365 for eight declared (Aravinda de Silva 174, A.Gurusinha 79, H.Kember three for 60).

Tufnell gives England morale a boost

CARRARA (Australia), Jan 19: Left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell gave England's shattered morale a boost ahead of next week's fourth Test with a five-wicket haul against Queensland on the first day of their four-day game today, reports Reuter.

Tufnell, who picked up five wickets in an innings in only his second Test earlier this month, broke several promising partnerships, but half-centuries by Stuart Law, Ian Healy and Craig McDermott helped

Queensland to 286 all out.

England then lost opener Mike Atherton cheaply to finish the day 27 for one.

The touring team made a good start to the match with Devon Malcolm and Gladstone Mick picking up a wicket apiece.

But the balance was redressed by Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick, who ironically qualifies to play for England this year. He scored 45 in a 68-run fourth-wicket partnership with Law.

Hick, greeted with a bouncer from Malcolm, has had a difficult season in Australia with just 319 runs from 12 innings and was disappointed with his score.

"I wanted a hundred today

because the bigger the game the more important a good score is," he said.

Law, pressing for inclusion in next month's Australian squad to tour the West Indies, went on to make 73 while all-rounder McDermott, also seeking a return to Test cricket, finished 50 not out.

Law added 62 in 73 minutes for the sixth wicket with Healy who made 56.

Law, Hick and Healy were among Tufnell's victims as he returned figures of five for 108.

Malcolm wrapped up the innings with two wickets in two deliveries to finish with three for 65 and will be attempting a hat-trick when Queensland bat again.

ROK, hosts hot on Russian heels

NEW DELHI, Jan 19: South Korea, runners-up in last year's Indra Gandhi Gold Cup men's hockey tournament, kept their hopes

alive this year with a 3-0 victory on Friday over title favourites the Netherlands, reports Reuter.

Captain Park Sin-Heum converted two penalty strokes in the 33rd and 36th minute to give the Koreans a 2-0 lead. Kim Young-Gui made it 3-0 when he move his way past two defenders and the goalkeeper and pushed home four minutes from the end.

The Soviet Union and India also stepped up their title

hunts with convincing wins, preparing the way for the key fixture of the tournament today when the two meet.

The Soviet team led the chase after a win over Poland in the seven-nation league. They have won three of their matches and drawn one so far.

Genadi Oganesyan opened the way for the 2-0 Soviet victory. After a bout of passing with Sergei Shatkovsky he broke into the circle and sent the ball to Sergei Barabashin to score in the fourth minute.

The team then wasted eight penalty corners before Vitali Kholopov picked up a Shatkovsky pass on top of the circle in the 61st minute and sealed the match with a rasping drive.

Defending champions India kept the pressure on at the top of the table with a 4-1 drubbing of Kenya.

Dhanraj Pillai opened the scoring for India in the 29th minute with a push into the goal and just before halftime Mohammed Arif's penalty conversion stretched the lead to 2-0.

In the second half Arif converted another penalty, this time awarded in the 41st minute against Saini for stopping an Indian penalty corner drive with his foot.

Kenya reduced the lead a minute later when Sam Maina got on the end of a cross from Cliff Odewndo which had rebounded off the goalkeeper.

But India remained ahead, rounding off the scoring in the 52nd minute when Jagdev converted their 11th penalty corner.

Enayet DU chess champion

DU Correspondent

Enayet Hossain became unbeaten champion in the Dhaka University annual chess competition bagging seven and a

ENAYET HOSSAIN

half points in the nine-round Swiss league meet.

In his last match at the DUCSU cafeteria yesterday, he drew with Kayes Hassan to keep a clean slate. He finished with six wins and three draws.

Krishnapada Biswas was runner-up with seven points while the third to tenth places were decided with the help of the Balkodge tie-break system after eight points each. They were Masum Billah, Wahidul Habib, Kayes Hassan, Zakia Sultana, Masud Parvez, Akhter, Syed Rakib Anis and Manzurul Haque Sohel.

Seventy students, both boys and girls, took part in the meet which started Jan 11.

Susanti in final

TOKYO, Jan 19: Top-seeded Susi Susanti of Indonesia eased aside her teammate Minarti Timur here today to set up a final showdown against Huang Hua of China in the 100,000 dollar Japan Open badminton championships, reports AFP.

The Indonesian All-England title holder ousted to a straightforward 11-2, 11-2 victory, while defending champion Huang underlined Asia's dominance in the women's singles by trouncing the only European survivor, Helen Troke of Britain, 11-0, 11-6.

The 19-year-old Susanti, continuing her excellent winning streak since grabbing the year-ending Grand Prix final and inaugural Taipei Open titles last weekend, took the first 10 points in a row and needed only 18 minutes to overpower Timur.

But Huang, winner in the Thai and Malaysian Opens last

season, got off to an even more impressive start against the former Commonwealth champion.

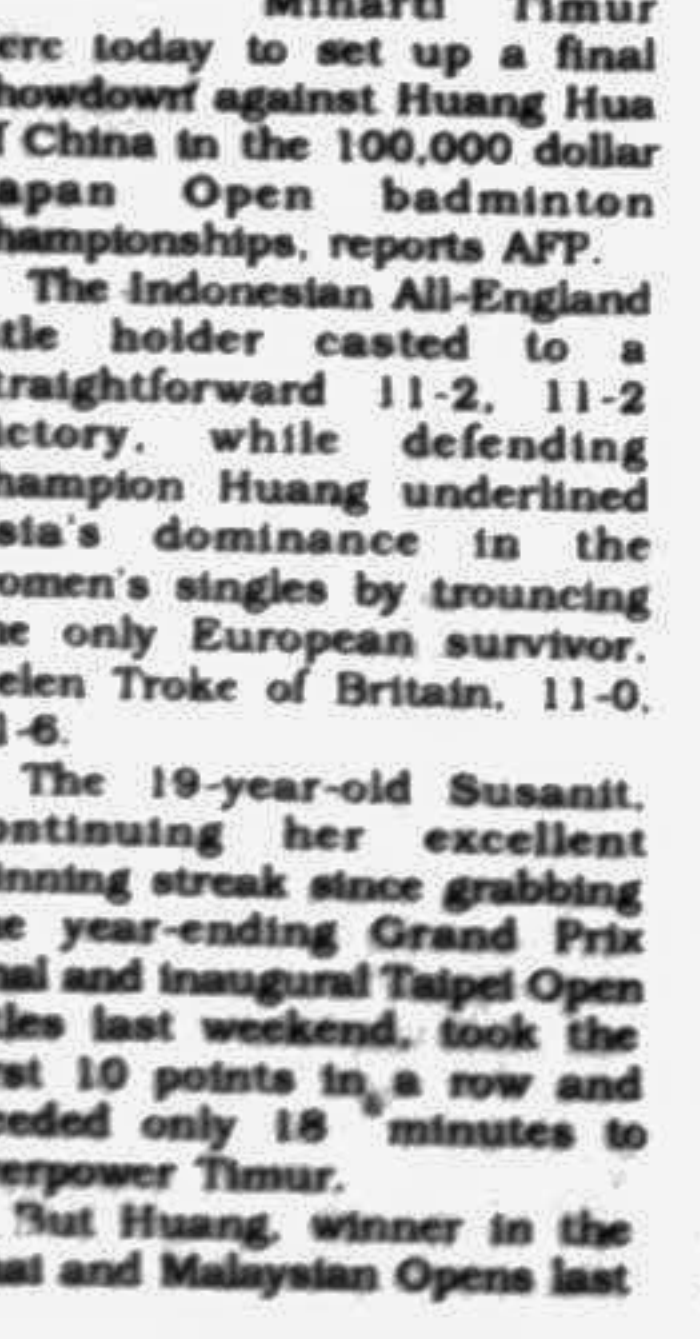
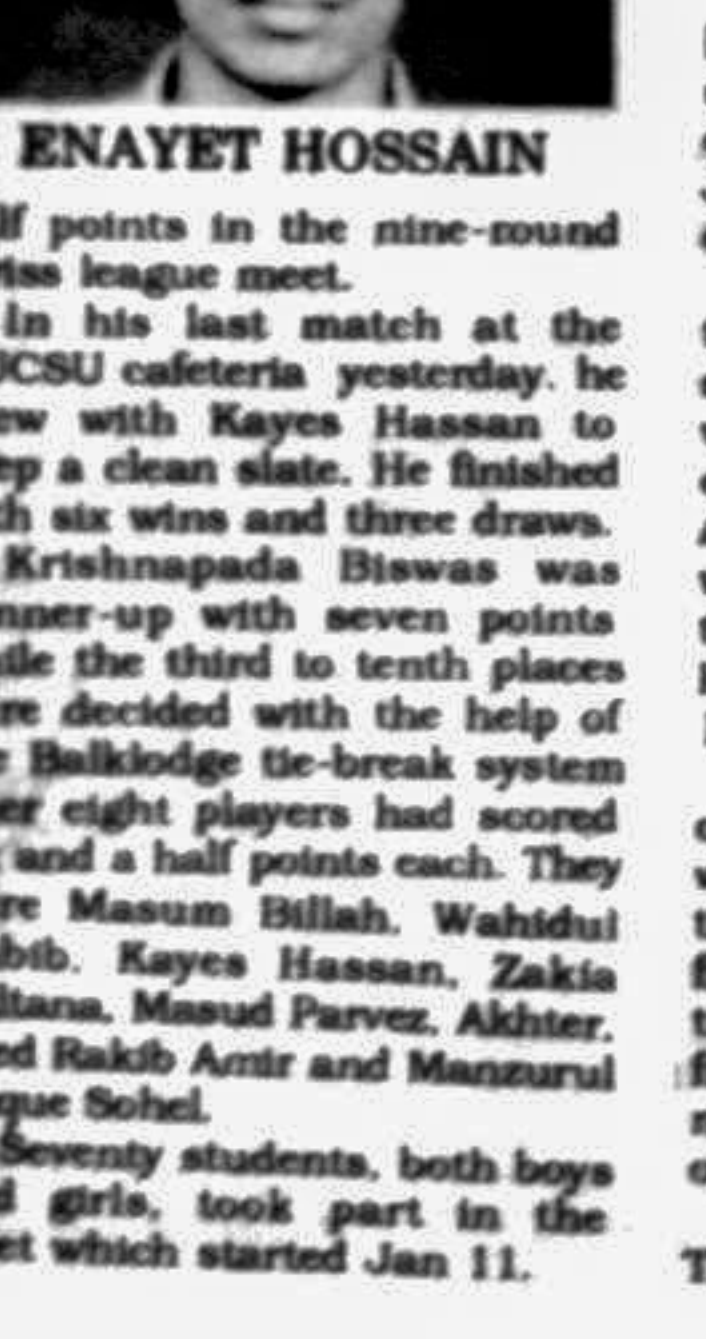
The Chinese number two, beginning the match with her service, won the first 11 rallies, and the veteran Englishwoman, whose clears always went long, had to wait for the Chinese to commit a backhand error early in the second game to take her first service of the match.

"There was a breath of air over the courts. I think that forced her (Troke) to lapse into making errors," said Huang.

The Englishwoman led 1-0 and 3-1 in the second game, but Huang soon caught her up and raced away, completing the fight with a round-the-head smash down the left line for a clean winner.

Huang said Sunday's final against Susanti would be a "very tough match."

The Indonesian defeated the Chinese three times last year.



Maradona to retire

ROME, Jan 19: Napoli striker and Argentina national team captain Diego Maradona on Friday said he will retire from soccer by the end of 1991, saying it is a 'choice for life,' reports AP.

The 30-year-old forward, who was named the most valuable player at the 1986 World Cup, made his dramatic announcement at Rome's international airport after arriving from Argentina.

He had traveled to Buenos Aires earlier this week to visit his ailing father.



DIEGO MARADONA...retirement plans

"It's a choice for life. I retire from soccer at the end of this year," Maradona told reporters.

He did not elaborate and immediately drove to Naples to join the team for Sunday's Italian First Division game against Bologna.

The Latin American star first mentioned his retirement plans on Friday in a weekly column under his by line published in the Naples daily Il Roma.

"I have taken a final decision after talks with my parents at home. I will retire by the end of this year... I can't continue this way. Everybody, from club officials to soccer commentators and the disciplinary commission, is against me," Maradona wrote.

Maradona's decision comes almost a week after Italy's soccer disciplinary commission, acting on a request from the striker's club team Napoli, fined him 70,000 dollars for missing an Italian Cup game and for absences from practices in November.

The fine was the latest in a series of incidents this season between the moody Argentine star and his club team since June 1984.

The club is suing Maradona, saying his behaviour including absences from league and Cup games, practices and an initial refusal to play in a crucial European Cup match at Spartak Moscow... has damaged Napoli's image and may seek 1.5 million dollars in compensation.

In December, Maradona said in a television interview that while he still enjoyed playing soccer, he could no longer stand the off-field attention he received in Italy.

Maradona's current contract with Napoli, which pays him about 2 million dollars a year, runs through

the end of the 1992-93 season. He also makes about 4 million dollars a year in commercial endorsements.

European and Japanese clubs reportedly have made lucrative offers to Maradona, and Friday's announcement comes after he said in a recent interview that he planned to return home and join River Plate at the end of current Italian season.

(U.S. President George J Bush and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein should solve the problem the way the gentlemen did in the past, with a duel," Maradona was quoted as saying by Milan's sports daily Gazzetta dello Sport on Saturday.

Friday's fine is in addition to a 70,000-dollar penalty given Maradona by the disciplinary commission of the Italian league for deserting a Cup of Italy match and team practice in November.

Three other disciplinary proceedings are pending against the captain of the Argentine national team while Napoli has taken court action against him, saying his behavior has damaged the club image.

Some commentators have speculated that Maradona's announcement of his retirement may be aimed at breaking his 2-million-dollar a year contract, which expires in 1993.

10m lire fine

Meanwhile, another AP report from Milan adds: Diego Maradona, involved almost weekly in discipline problems, has been fined 10 million lire (8,700 dollars) by Italy's soccer tribunal for criticizing officials of his Italian club Napoli.

Maradona, who announced a few days ago that he would retire from soccer at the end of this year, also made public his stand on the Gulf war, saying that "all sides involved did a foolish thing."

National awards ceremony today

Sports Reporter

The national sports awards for the years 1980 and '81 will be distributed to fifteen personalities at a special ceremony at the Osmani Memorial Hall this afternoon. Presidential Advisor for Youth and Sports Alamgir M. A. Kabir will be the chief guest. The function starts at 4:00pm.

The awards, carrying a two-tola gold medal, Tk 5000 in cash and a citation, were introduced in 1976 to honour sportsmen and women and organisers for distinguished service to the country's sports.

For one reason or another the National Sports Council has not been able to make the awards since 1979.

Following are the award winners, ten for 1980 and five for 1981.

Siddiqur Rahman - organiser.

Lt. Gen (ret'd) Mir Showkat Ali - organiser.

Rashid Ahmed - football.

Abul Hasnat (posthumous) - organiser.

Qudrutullah Bhuiyan - football and tennis.

Abdur Rahim - football.

Major (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed - football.

Bashir Ahmed - hockey.

Jinnat Ahmed - athletics.

Abdus Salam (posthumous) - hockey.

Chinghia Mong Chowdhury (Mar) - football.

Brigadier K. M. Hasan - football.

Atiquzzaman Khan (posthumous) - cricket.

Lt. Col (ret'd) Mottur Rahman - organiser.

Mrs. Dolly Kathrine Cruz - athletics.

Wilander regains old magic but Ivanisevic looks tragic

MELBOURNE, Jan 19: Mats Wilander, rediscovering his powers of old, despatched seventh seed Brad Gilbert and swept into the last 16 of the Australian Open today, reports Reuter.

The Swede, who dropped out of the world's top 40 last year, looked more like the triple winner of the Australian Open he was in the 1980s when he upset the American 7-6, 6-1, 6-4 in their third-round clash on Centre Court.

Gilbert, who collected a million dollars for reaching the final of last month's grand Siam Cup, was the second seed out today after Goran Ivanisevic succumbed without a fight to fellow Yugoslav Goran Prpic.

"I have never played like I did today. I did not feel like fighting. I was unbelieveable," fifth seed Ivanisevic said after a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 drubbing by his close friend and Davis Cup colleague.

Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, the women's ninth seed, fell 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 to Catherine Tanvier of France. Other top East Europeans prospered.

Second seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia maintained her winning ways with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Karin Schwendt of Luxembourg, while Bulgarian fifth seed Katerina Maleeva and Soviet 11th seed Natalia Zvereva made the last 16 in straight sets, beating American Donna Faber and Briton Clare Wood respectively.

Wilander played with much of the old assurance and authority that made him world number one in his magical year of 1988 when he won three of the four grand Slam crowns.

The Swede rattled the normally consistent and tenacious Gilbert, who struggled in the sultry heat, upbraided himself for his errors and railed at the fates for withholding their favours from him.

"I feel today played a lot better than for a long time," said Wilander, now ranked 47th in the world. "It's coming back a little bit. I can feel my confidence is coming back."

Wilander, a major player for a decade and still only 26, said it had been about a year



MATS WILANDER...regains old touch

since he had beaten a player as highly ranked as world number 10 Gilbert, his conqueror in the first round of the US Open last August.

"I felt the whole time I should win this match. I felt in control the whole time," he said, suggesting Gilbert had been worried by the heat.

When Gilbert hit a forehand out to concede the tie-break 8-6 on the second set-point, he dominated the game.

The Swede gained the first service breaks of the match in the fourth and sixth games of the second set and, after an exchange of breaks in the third and fourth games of the second achieved the decisive break in the seventh.

Wilander served with unusual effectiveness, sealing the match with his fifth ace on his first match-point. "I think my serve helped me out today, more than usual," he said.

He beat Gilbert with lobs and hit a succession superb passing shots down the lines in a duel that lasted two hours 19 minutes.

Gilbert, who nearly came to blows with fellow American David Wheaton at the grand Slam Cup, received a code violation warning in the second set for a tardy return after a change-over. Generally he kept his temper in check.

Wilander's fourth-round opponent will be unseeded Peruvian Jaime Yzaga, who beat American Jimmy Arias 6-3, 7-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"I just like playing here," Wilander said, happy to be out in the Australian sunshine after months of playing indoors. "To come outside is refreshing."

Unbelievable Ivanisevic

Fifth seed Ivanisevic played some of the worst tennis of his life today to crash out 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 to fellow Yugoslav Goran Prpic.

Ivanisevic looked sluggish, disinterested and out of touch throughout the 90-minute third round match against his close friend and Davis Cup partner who played well but barely needed to pull a shot out of the top drawer.

"I can lose to him, no problem, but like this it's very bad. I was very slow like an old man. ... But a man is not a machine."

Concern that the match would be the focus for trouble between Croats and other Yugoslavs proved unfounded. Few fans of Yugoslav background turned up for the match, which was watched by a sprinkling of police and security officials.

On Thursday, one man was injured in a fight between rival groups of young fans that interrupted a match involving Prpic.

Aaron Krickstein, the U S 13th seed, booked his place in the last 16 with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-1 defeat of Germany's Patrick Kuhnhen.

Prpic ranked 56th in the world, learnt from Ivanisevic's second round opponent, Ramesh Krishnan of India, that if you hit the ball softly and keep it in play, you can neutralise Ivanisevic's power game and frustrate the volatile left-hander.

Ivanisevic broke two racquets and received two code violations in the first two rounds. Today, he threw his racquet to the ground in frustration a couple of times but mostly kept his disappointment to himself.

"I was losing and I wasn't mad. I was missing everything," he said. "I saw it was not my day but I did not concentrate. I played as if in a satellite tournament, not a Grand Slam."

"I didn't miss too many but Goran played terribly bad," said Prpic. "I was just playing normally. I just had to push the ball back."

"He (Ivanisevic) has a big future but he has to find himself. He has to work on his head," said Prpic who rated his chances before the match at 30/70.

Ben beaten again

LOS ANGELES, Jan 19: Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson suffered his second straight defeat in his quest to regain his title as the world's fastest man when he lost the 50 meters to American Andre Cason at an indoor track meet on Friday.

Johnson, known for his blazing starts, was slow out of the blocks, while Cason leaped out in front. Cason clocked 5.69 seconds, while Johnson was second at 5.74 seconds.

The 29-year-old Johnson was in his second race after a 28-month absence from competition.

The Canadian was stripped of his Olympic 100 meters gold medal and banned for two years after testing positive for steroids at the Seoul Olympics.