

Gooch wins it for England

LEEDS, June 10: England's cricketers celebrated with champagne at Headingley on Monday after beating West Indies in a home Test for the first time in 22 years, reports Reuter.

Chasing 278 to win a gripping match, West Indies collapsed to 162 all out on the final afternoon to leave England with a 115-run victory and a 1-0 lead in the five-Test series.

England's last home win against Test cricket's unofficial world champions was in 1969, although they won the opening match of the series in West Indies in Jamaica last year before losing the series 2-1.

Seam bowlers Phillip DeFreitas and Steve Watkin grabbed seven West Indian wickets between them but England again owed much to captain Graham Gooch.

Gooch, man of the match after his magnificent unbeaten 154 in England's second innings, took two catches, one of them a startling effort at slip, and predicted England could improve still further.

"It's a new experience for us, beating the West Indies in England, and we're just delighted," said Gooch.

"We felt we had a chance when play started today, we stuck at it and things went well."

"It sets us up for a super summer."

Richie Richardson top-scored for West Indies with 68 but the tourists went into steep decline from the relative prosperity of 61 for one in the morning session.

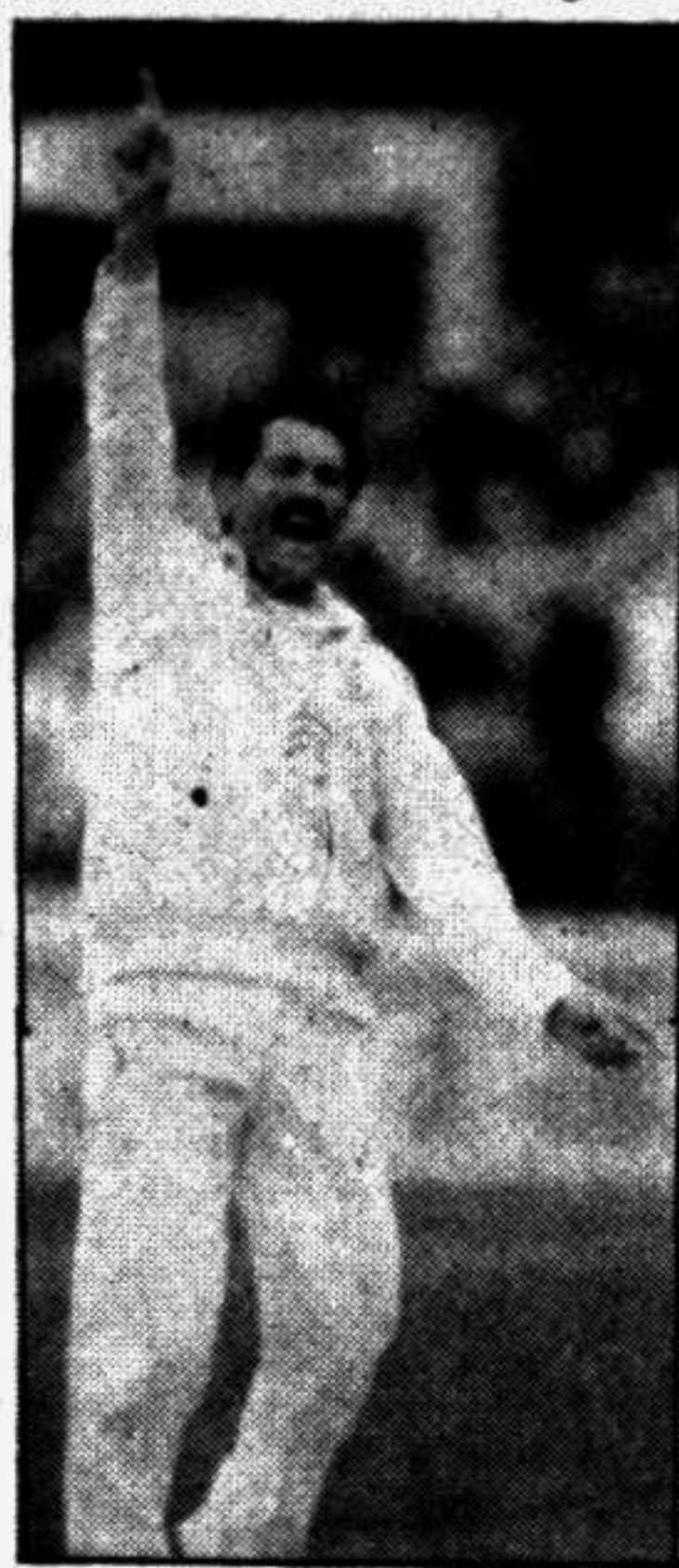
Their last nine wickets tumbled for 101 runs, DeFreitas finishing with figures of four for 59 and a match haul of eight for 93.

Watkin grabbed three wickets in 13 balls, including the vital scalp of West Indian skipper Viv Richards, caught at mid-off by Gooch.

It was exactly the sort of collapse which England themselves suffered on a regular basis during their ill-fated winter tour of Australia, making the

result all the sweeter for Gooch and his players.

West Indies, resuming at 11 for one on another overcast morning, rarely threatened to reach what was a daunting tar-



GRAHAM GOOCH

get in the conditions. But some loose bowling early on by Devon Malcolm allowed Richardson and Desmond Haynes the chance to get the scoreboard moving. Haynes surviving a chance to Mark Ramprakash at cover when 11.

Pringle stemmed the flow, having Haynes caught at short-leg for 19, and Watkin then stunned the visiting dressing-room by sending back Carl Hooper, Richards and Gus Logie before lunch.

Richardson, who cracked 11 fours in his 141-ball innings, took up the charge again with Jeff Dujon after the interval, adding 48 for the sixth wicket.

But with the score on 136, DeFreitas managed to tempt him with a wide one, which he

edged to Allan Lamb at first slip. Lamb made no mistake and West Indies were doomed. The result was persuaded some British bookmakers to install England as favourites to win the series, having started as 6-1 outsiders.

They have already white-washed West Indies 3-0 in the one-day international series and can look ahead to the second Test at Lord's starting on June 20 with justifiable optimism.

Master batsman Graham Gooch turned master fieldsmen taking two stunning catches.

After his unbeaten 154 out of an England second innings total of 252, England captain Gooch took catches to dismiss Viv Richards and Gus Logie, both for three, as the West Indies crumbled to 88 for five at lunch.

Resuming at 11 for one, Richardson and Desmond Haynes moved the score briskly to 61.

At that stage the West Indies, rated the most powerful team in the world, looked favoured to win. Then the wickets began to tumble.

Derek Pringle produced a delivery that hit Haynes on the pad and bat close-in fielder Robin Smith took the catch. Haynes made 19.

Carl Hooper edged a catch to Allan Lamb off Steve Watkin's bowling having scored five and then came Gooch's two dismissals.

West Indies captain Richards tried to loft a delivery from Watkin over the fielders but spooned the ball high in the air and Gooch, running towards the boundary, held the catch.

Logie added three runs before he sliced a ball from Watkin towards third slip and the England captain was there to dive to his left and take it one-handed.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the first cricket Test between England and West Indies at Headingley on Monday.

England: First Innings 198 (R Smith 54)
West Indies: First Innings 173 (V Richards 73, P DeFreitas four for 94)
England: Second Innings 252 (G Gooch 154 not out, C



STEVE WATKIN

Ambrose six for 52)
West Indies: Second Innings (overnight 16 for one)
Stimmons b DeFreitas 0
Haynes c Smith b Pringle 19
Richardson c Lamb b DeFreitas 68
Hooper c Lamb b Watkin 5
Richards c Gooch b Watkin 3
Logie c Gooch b Watkin 33
Dujon lbw b DeFreitas 1
Marshall lbw b Pringle 1
Ambrose c Pringle b DeFreitas 14
Walsh c Atherton b Malcolm 9
Patterson not out 0
Extras (lb-1 nb-6) 7
Total 162

Fall of wickets: 1/0: 2/61; 3/77; 4/85; 5/88; 6/136; 7/137; 8/139; 9/162.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
DeFreitas	21	4	59	4
Malcolm	6.4	0	26	1
Pringle	22	6	38	2
Watkin	7	0	38	3

Result: England won by 115 runs;
Second Test: Lord's, June 20-24;
Third Test: Trent Bridge, July 4-9;
Fourth Test: Edgbaston, July 25-29;
Fifth Test: The Oval, August 8-12.

Courier receives \$ 451,660

PARIS, June 10: Jim Courier fell behind his former training camp rival Andre Agassi, then battled past him, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 Sunday to win the French Open on his first appearance in a Grand Slam final, reports AP.

"There have been lots of happy moments in my life and there will be lots more, but at the moment this is the happiest," Courier said.

Agassi, who was favoured, has now lost all three of his Grand Slam finals, including last year's French Open.

It was by far the biggest payday for Courier. The winner's check of 451,660 dollars exceeded his earnings of 437,390 for all of 1990.

Courier, who had been seeded ninth, won match point with an ace after 3 hours 20 minutes of play. He then fell flat on his back.

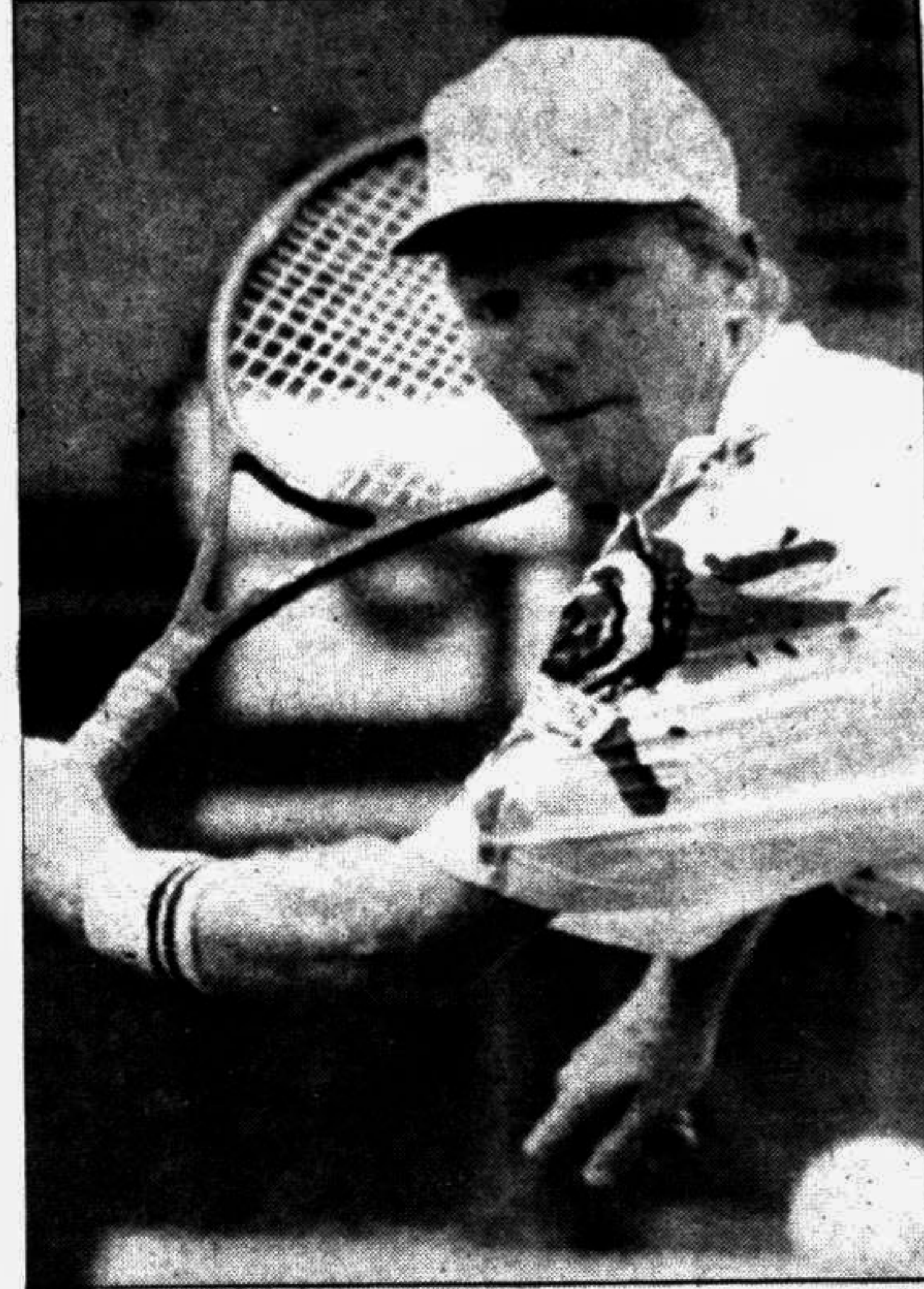
It was the first men's final here between two Americans since 1954, and only the fifth to go to five sets. Michael Chang had broken a 34-year drought for American men in 1989, also with a five-set victory.

Agassi, the No. 4 seed, will drop to fifth in the world rankings, and Courier will move past him to No. 4.

Agassi said it was tough to lose a third Grand Slam final.

"Who knows how many shots you have," he said. "I've been fortunate to have three — but it's disappointing... The pessimistic side of me will always have questions."

Courier said Agassi "has got



French Open champion Jim Courier against countryman Andre Agassi in French Open final on Sunday—AFP photo

to be a little disappointed... But he'll have his day. He's too good a player to be denied his whole career."

The match was played in a

from Jose Higueras, his coach. Higueras also coached Chang during his 1989 French Open victory.

"I went into the locker room and sat down with Jose. He told me to back up on his (Agassi's) serve," said Courier, crediting the advice with a subsequent service break that got him back into the match in the second set.

Through the first four sets, the momentum swung sharply, with each player fully dominating the sets he won.

The fifth set was a microcosm of the full match, with Courier and Agassi each breaking service before Courier got a second and decisive break in the ninth game to go up 5-4.

The weather was a factor, gusting hard as Agassi struggled with a slam attempt and hit the ball out to lose his serve.

Both Agassi, 21, and Courier, 20, attended Nick Bolletieri's tennis academy in Florida and both have a similar reliance on powerful baseline games. Courier left the camp because he felt he wasn't getting enough attention.

At different stages of the match, both Agassi and Courier scored emphatic winners on blistering forehand groundstrokes.

Agassi, still coached by Bolletieri, had won four of six previous matches with Courier.

Top-seeded Monica Seles, like Courier a former Bolletieri pupil who has broken away from the coach, won the women's final Saturday, defeating Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, 6-3, 6-1.

Wimbledon is to me and how I need to concentrate on playing tennis," Navratilova said in a statement released in Los Angeles.

The Fort Worth court date conflicts with Navratilova's plan to be at the Eastbourne grass court tournament June 17-22.

In a statement issued Friday, Navratilova, who has won a record nine singles titles at Wimbledon, said she was "very upset about the lawsuit."

But Nelson said she filed the lawsuit after Navratilova refused to settle the matter privately.

"The ball clearly rests in Martina's court to amicably resolve matters," Nelson said. "While I do not have a public relations firm like Martina... it is comforting to know that our courts treat everyone equally regardless of fame and fortune."

Nelson, 45, and Navratilova, 34, set up house together in Fort Worth in 1984, later moving to Aspen, Colorado. Navratilova sent Nelson a letter last April dissolving their partnership.

Nelson's attorney contends the pair should divide the 5 million dollars to 10 million dollars earned during the relationship.

Attorneys said the pact contains "the mutual promise of each partner to act as companion and homemaker to the other." It also states that neither woman would owe the other support, but would split what assets they had if their living arrangements changed.

Nelson said Navratilova refused to list and divide their joint assets, which the February 1986 agreement required.

Nelson says she tried to reach agreement with Martina

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 10: Judy Nelson, a former companion of tennis star Martina Navratilova, said she tried for months to reach a private settlement before filing a multimillion-dollar lawsuit, reports AP.

Nelson filed documents in a Fort Worth court last week alleging that Navratilova failed to comply with a "non-marital

cohabitation agreement" the two signed in 1986.

"For the past four months I have explored every possible avenue to avoid litigation and the resulting publicity without success," Nelson said Saturday in a statement released by her Fort Worth attorney, Jerry Loftin.

"Martina and her representatives have placed the issue before the court."

A June 20 hearing has been scheduled in the court of Tar-

rant Country civil judge Catherine Adamski Gant on Nelson's request that someone be appointed to distribute the pair's assets.

Navratilova, who is in England to compete in a warm-up tournament before Wimbledon, accused her former companion of being "terribly malicious" in the timing of her lawsuit.

"This is obviously a premeditated move on the part of Judy and her lawyer Jerry Loftin knowing how important



Navratilova (L) and Judy Nelson — in happier times not long ago.

India may bid for World Cup

NEW DELHI, June 10: The decision to award the 1994 World Cup soccer finals to North America has encouraged India to believe it can capture the finals four years later, reports Reuter.

"One point which has been debated for years is to rotate the World Cup and allow continents other than Europe and South America to host the world cup," All-India Football Federation Secretary PP Lakshmanan said.

He told Reuter in a week-end interview Africa, Asia and Oceania should also be given a chance to stage the game's most prestigious tournament.

"Now that FIFA has allotted the World Cup to the United States, how can they deny Asia a chance to host the event when the standard of football in Asia is far superior to that of North America?"

Lakshmanan said he believed FIFA would have to award the 1998 finals to either Asia or Africa.

That meant either India, the only Asian bidder, or Morocco, the only one from Africa, should host the 1998 finals, he said.

Essex win

LONDON, June 10: England all-rounder Ian Botham returned after injury for Worcestershire but could not prevent them from slumping to a 34-run defeat against Essex in the Sunday League, reports Reuter.

Pakistani batsman Salim Malik made a fine 89 for Essex in their total of 250 for six.

League leaders Nottinghamshire beat Somerset by just four runs to keep up their 100 per cent record.

Former England batsmen Chris Broad and Derek Randall gave Notts a fine start with an opening partnership of 80 and they eventually totalled 180 for seven.

Somerset slumped to 88 for five before Richard Harden almost won the game for them with an unbeaten 79, his best score in the competition.

Volleyball results

AYUTTHAYA, Thailand, June 10: Leading Japanese club Unittica and Thailand's nation team remained unbeaten on the second day of the fifth Princess women's volleyball championships here Sunday, reports AFP.

Unittica defeated Burma 15-1, 15-0, 15-2 after beating Australia 15-7, 15-3, 15-5 on the first day.

After defeating Indonesia in the opening match, Thailand beat Malaysia 15-8, 15-8, 15-7. In the other matches Fujian (China) beat Taiwan 15-8, 15-10, 15-2 and Australia beat the Philippines 15-9, 15-7, 15-8.

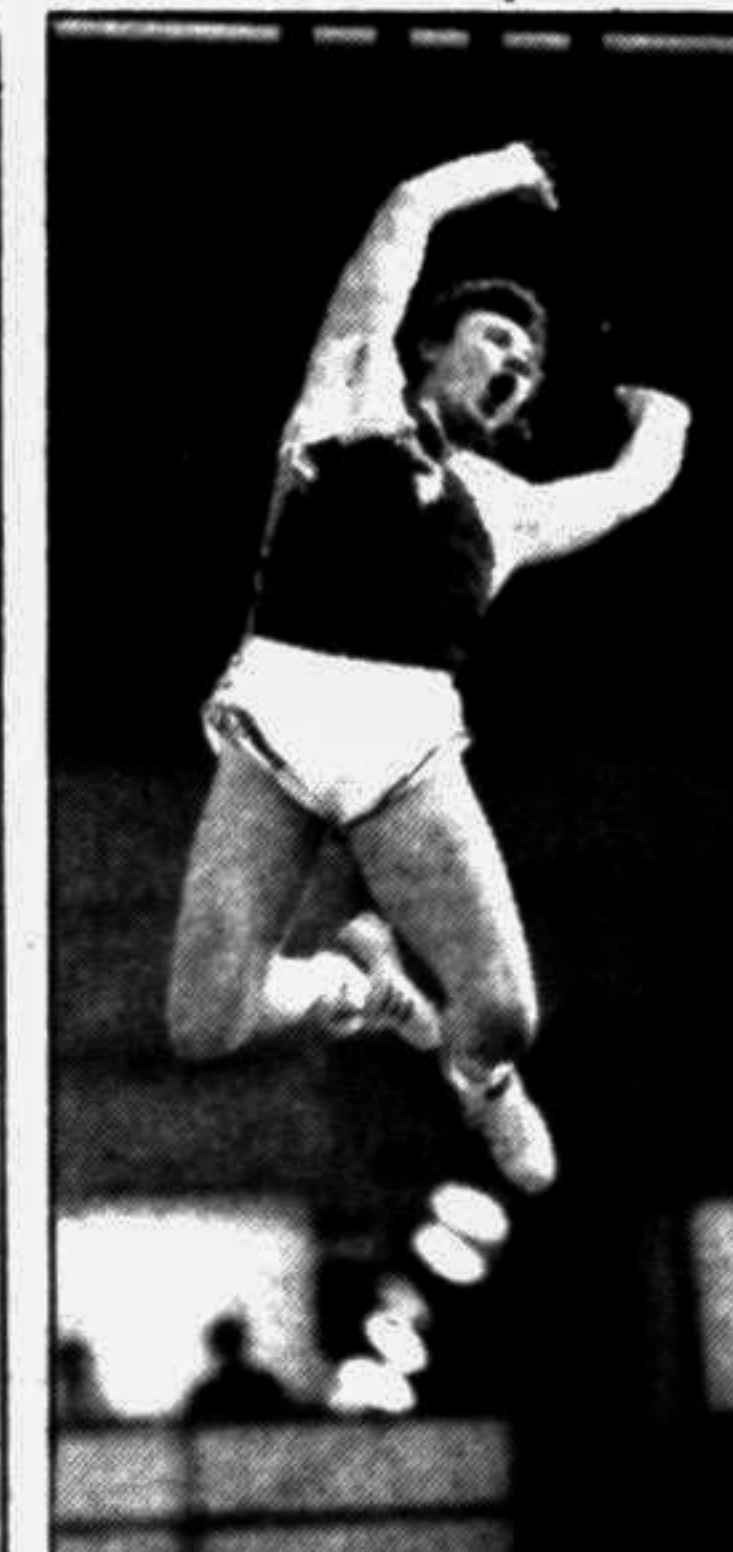
Bubka betters mark yet again

MOSCOW, June 10: Sergei Bubka improved his pole vault record yet again on Sunday then promised another assault on the mark at the world athletics championships in August, reports Reuter.

The Soviet master cleared 6.08 metres at the Moscow Grand Prix one centimetre higher than his last record-breaking performance in Japan last month.

It was Bubka's sixth world record this year and his 11th outdoors.

"It's normal for me to set world records. It's possible to



SERGEI BUBKA

jump higher, between 6.15 and 6.20 metres," he said after setting the mark in Moscow's Lokomotiv Stadium watched by a meagre 2,000 crowd.

Bubka cleared 6.08 after a warm-up leap of 5.85.

"This year I have set six records, but last year I set seven. I want to tie the score and then set more records at the World Championships in Tokyo," he added.

A canter for Jansher

DUBBO, Australia, June 10: World top-ranked Jansher Khan of Pakistan defeated Australia's Scott Spillane 9-2, 9-2, 9-0 Monday and won the Dubbo Open squash tournament, reports AP.

Khan had little trouble with Spillane, ranked 50th in the world, and easily defeated his other opponents in the three-day tournament.

The 21-year-old Khan faces Chris Dittmar of Australia in an exhibition match Thursday in Melbourne. That could be a preview for the world open tournament to be held in Adelaide ending Aug 4.

Khan and Dittmar have faced each other in each of the last four open finals.

Aussie booters beat Americans

TAEGU, South Korea, June 10: Australia beat the United States 4-2 here Monday to notch up two wins and advance to the semi-finals of the South Korean President's Cup football tournament, reports AFP.

The Australians dominated play from the outset, easily opening the scoring at the 18th minute with a header from Ian Gray. The first goal was followed Aurelio Vidmar and Mehmed Durakovic, who respectively put the ball in the net at the 23th and 38th minutes to lead 3-0 at halftime. The Australian kept the

pressure on in the second half to score a fourth goal by Graham Arnold at the 76th minute.

Only when the Australians lagged in their assault were the Americans able to set up an attack and score two successive goals in the final minutes by Joe Max-Moore and Cobi Jones.

In another match, the Soviet Union beat South Korea 1-0.

The Soviet Union and the second-string Korean team now both have one win and one loss in Group B.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Voeller helps Roma lift Cup

GENOA, Italy, June 10: Roma lifted the Italian Cup for the seventh time on Sunday when they drew 1-1 with Sampdoria in the second leg of the final to win 4-2 on aggregate, reports Reuter. Roma went ahead 10 minutes into the second half from a Rudi Voeller penalty after defender Moreno Mannini handled. Sampdoria's equaliser came in the 75th minute when a shot inside the area from Brazilian Cerezo was deflected by his Roma compatriot Aldair into his own net.

The win gave Roma a place in next season's European Cup Winners' Cup. Champions Sampdoria contest the European Cup.

Bid to save debt-ridden Spurs

LONDON, June 10: British computer millionaire Alan Sugar is engaged in talks to save debt-ridden F A Cup holders Tottenham, reports Reuter.

Sunday newspapers said the chairman of the Amstrad computer firm was expected to make a joint bid with team manager Terry Venables for a controlling interest in the north London club. "I can confirm that discussions are taking place," Sugar's spokesman, Nick Hewer, said. "But I cannot give you details at this stage."

Dealing in Tottenham's shares on the London Stock Exchange has been suspended since last October with the club reportedly some 18 million pounds sterling (30 million dollars) in debt. Tottenham had hoped to ease the debt burden by selling England midfielder Paul Gascoigne to Italian Club Lazio for a world record 8.5 million pounds (14 million dollars).

But Gascoigne badly damaged knee ligaments in last month's F A Cup final and Lazio are now trying to negotiate a lower price with a money-back guarantee should the player fail to recover full fitness.

Meyer hat-trick hammers PSV

AMSTERDAM, June 10: PSV Eindhoven were hammered 4-1 on Sunday by Groningen. Hennie Meyer scoring a hat-trick, but remain favourites for the Dutch title as second placed Ajax Amsterdam lost 1-0 at lowly SVV Schiedam, reports Reuter.

With only one game to go, PSV and Ajax are level on points with PSV's goal difference advantage narrowed to just two. Both sides are at home next weekend when PSV have the marginally easier task. They host ninth-placed Volendam while reigning champions Ajax entertain Vitesse Arnhem who are fifth.

Third placed Groningen overwhelmed PSV who sorely missed injured Dutch international goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen. Yugoslav striker Milko Djurovski was also on target for Groningen while PSV's lone reply came from the prolific Brazilian Romario.

PSV coach Bobby Robson, the former England manager, said: "They took their chances. We had one or two which we didn't take... but we're still alive."

Leo Beenhakker's young Ajax side let PSV off the hook with their dismal performance against relegation-threatened SVV Schiedam. SVV striker Zier Tebbenhoff scored the winner in the 25th minute.

Nagano hopes third try will be a charm

NAGANO CITY, Japan, June 10: Nagano has campaigned for decades to host the Winter Olympics. This year, this dusty temple town is determined not to fail for a third time, reports AP.

The Olympics will bring new roads, railroads, airport and hotel facilities that mountainous Nagano wants to keep up with the rest of Japan.

Established in the 12th century as the supporting town for an ancient Buddhist temple, Nagano now is best known for its apples, apricots and a smattering of flight industries. Most tourists just pass through en route to nearby resorts.

Local officials say they think that as the only Asian bidder, Nagano has a slight edge over its four rivals for 1998 because the Winter Games haven't been held in Asia since the 1972 Sapporo Olympics.

"We think Asia should have another chance," says Sumitaku Yamaguchi, deputy secretary general for the Nagano Winter Olympics Bidding Committee.

The International Olympic Committee will choose the 1998 Winter Games site at a meeting in Birmingham, England, on June 15.

Nagano's pitch to the IOC includes promises of improved roads and railroads that will end the traditional isolation of this city 180 kilometers (110 miles) northwest of Tokyo.

By 1997, officials say, Nagano will be linked to Tokyo by a high speed bullet train that will shorten the trip from

about three hours to 80 minutes.

The nearest airport, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) away in Matsumoto, will be expanded to accommodate 20-minute charter flights from Tokyo's New International Airport at Narita.

New roads will cut in half the travel time from Nagano City to the venues. Both Shiga Heights and Hakuba, where most events would be held, are now more than an hour away over winding mountain roads.

Nagano has spent almost 11 million dollars since 1985 promoting its Olympic bid, Yamaguchi said.

To demonstrate its readiness, it was co-host for races in Shiga in the 1988-89 World Cup ski competition.

Shiga opened Japan's first ski lift in 1946, a few years after making its first Olympic bid — for the 1940 Winter Games. The northern city of Sapporo won the right to stage those games which were cancelled because of World War II.

The 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan's first ever, were a landmark in its development as a modern industrial nation.

Sapporo beat Nagano once again in 1966, when it was chosen for the 1972 Games.

This time, Hakuba and Shiga joined forces with Nagano City in their bid against Salt Lake City, Utah; Ostersund, Sweden; Aosta, Italy; and Jaca, Spain.

Nagano's Olympic Committee estimates it will cost 315

billion yen (2.4 billion dollars) to build facilities needed for the Winter Games, including indoor skating rinks, downhill courses, bobsled-huge tracks, a stadium and an Olympic village in Nagano City. Most of the money will come from taxes.

Most of Nagano City's 350,000 residents seem willing to bear the tax burden.

But environmentalists have lobbied against the bid, saying new facilities needed for the Olympics would destroy the natural environment and further endanger rare species of flora and fauna.

"Some people say we can't eat if we emphasize the environment. But in the long run, the environment is our economic heritage," says Masao Ezawa, a Nagano weaver who heads the Anti-Olympics People's Chain.

Ezawa's 30-year-old wife, Noriko, ran for mayor on an anti-Olympic platform in 1989, winning only 15,000 votes to

Sao Paulo votes

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 10: Sao Paulo won the Brazilian soccer championship after drawing 0-0 away to Bragantino in the second leg of the final on Sunday, reports Reuter.

US hold Juventus

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, June 10: The US national soccer team played Italy's Juventus to a scoreless tie in the world series of soccer on Sunday, reports Reuter.

103,000 for the incumbent — and ardent Olympic supporter.

The Olympic Bidding Committee's Yamaguchi says Olympic construction will cause no damage.

"I'm from the countryside, and we always have cut the forests to make a living," Yamaguchi says.

Hui-Chen quits

TAIPEI, June 10: Taiwan track star Wang Hui-Chen, whose two silver medals at the 1990 Asian Games prompted predictions she would become Asia's next track queen, announced her retirement today at the age of 21, reports Reuter.

Wang, whom Taiwan sports writers described as a possible successor to PT Usha of India and Lydia de Vega of the Philippines, said she was quitting because of the resignation of Tsai Jung-Pin as Taiwan's national coach.

"Tsai did not force me... I'm voluntarily retiring out of loyalty to my coach. Without him, I would not be what I am today," Wang said in a telephone interview. She said she planned to study in Japan.

Tsai said this month he was