

Waqar yorks Bishop for a dramatic one-run win

Pakistan live to fight another day

SHARJAH, UAE, Oct 21: Waqar Younis took the last West Indian wicket with the final delivery of the match to give Pakistan a thrilling one-run win and a new lease of life in the Wills Trophy tournament here



WAQAR YOUNIS

Monday, reports AFP. Needing 10 runs off the last over, Ian Bishop and last man Patrick Patterson took eight runs off the first three balls which included a massive six over long-on by Bishop. Unable to score runs from the fourth and fifth deliveries, Bishop attempted a big swipe off the last to get the remaining two runs but was yorked by Younis. That left the West Indies on 235, one run short of Pakistan's 236 for seven off 50 overs. Pakistan who needed to win the match to stay in contention for the 30,000 dollars winner's purse, went through agony before achieving their goal. After reducing the West

Indies to 57 for five by the 15th over, Pakistan were held back by a brilliant 122 from skipper Richie Richardson who was later named man-of-the-match.

Richardson and Jeff Dujon put on 154 for the sixth wicket which carried the West Indies to within 26 runs of victory with six overs still to go. But Richardson, whose unbeaten 106 had stunned Pakistan in their first meeting last Thursday, was dismissed through a fine catch by Ijaz Ahmed on the square leg boundary off Younis in the 44th over to bring Pakistan roaring back into the match.

Richardson hit seven boundaries and three sixes in a superb 121-ball innings and Dujon made 53.

But Younis and Wasim Akram stopped the remaining West Indian batsmen in their tracks.

Just 16 runs came between the 45th and 49th overs till Bishop's big hitting in the final over set up the exciting finish.

Pakistan's innings revolved around a 137-run third wicket stand between skipper Imran Khan and Rameez Raja. Imran scored 77 while Raja contributed a sedate 90.

Pakistan must win their last league match against arch-rivals India on Wednesday and hope for a West Indian victory over India on Tuesday for a place in Friday's final.

Sharing the new ball with Wasim Akram, Aaqub Javed ripped through left handed Clayton Lambert's defence in his second over and then uprooted the other opener Phil Simmons' off stump in his fourth to make the West Indies 32 for two in the eighth over.

Brian Lara went two balls later as Aaqub Javed swung one in sharply to catch the batsman plumb in front of the wicket. Javed's three wickets came at the cost of just three runs. Waqar Younis, who replaced Aaqub Javed in the 14th over at the score of 56, struck with his first delivery by trapping Carl Hooper leg before for 13.

Further disaster was in store for the West Indies when Gus Logie was run out for nought after Richardson refused his call for a quick single which reduced them to 57 for

five. When West Indies brought up their 100 in the 27th over on the board, Richardson's share was 53 with the help of four boundaries.

Unable to pierce the outfielders on a slow turf, Richardson and Dujon kept the score ticking with singles and



RICHIE RICHARDSON

twos and were left to get 97 in the last 15 overs.

Richardson was let off by Imran at mid-off in the 38th over bowled by Aaqub Javed when he was on 80 in a score of 153 for five. To add to the insult, the pair took 12 runs in the over which included two stonking boundaries.

The West Indian captain welcomed the chance by swinging Akram high over the midwicket fence for a six in the next over which realised 13 runs.

Twenty-five runs in two overs reduced the asking rate appreciably, leaving the West Indies to get 57 in the last ten overs for victory.

Richardson completed his century by swinging Javed over square leg for six, his second

six, in the 41st over. He celebrated the landmark with another six and boundary in the same over which fetched 18 runs. Dujon completed his fifty in the 45th over, which came off 83 balls and included two boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Sharjah Cup cricket match between Pakistan and West Indies on Monday:

Table with columns for Pakistan players (Rameez Raja, Ambrose, Sajid Ali, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Hooper, Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, Patterson, Moin Khan, Akram Raza, Extras) and their scores. Total runs: 236.

Table with columns for West Indies players (Lambert, Simmons, Richardson, Lara, Hooper, Logie, Dujon, Younis, Ambrose, Walsh, Patterson, Hooper) and their scores. Total runs: 235.

Result: Pakistan won by one run. Bowling: Ambrose 10 0 53 4, Bishop 10 1 44 1, Walsh 10 0 48 0, Patterson 10 1 53 0, Hooper 10 0 30 1.



Scene from yesterday's AB Bank metropolis table tennis league match between Armanitola Juniors and Victoria Sporting Club. Armanitola Juniors won by 3-1 sets. — Star photo

BU paddlers taste success

Brothers Union, still savouring their success in the Federation Cup football final against Mohammod Sporting Sunday, gave themselves another cause to celebrate when their paddlers secured their first win in this year's AB Bank metropolis table tennis league at the National Coaching Centre yesterday. Their victory over Cynthia Sporting Club by 3 sets to 1 in the afternoon was their first in three outings of the Group D seven-team robin league. The three others matches on the day saw Armanitola Juniors, Bangladesh Ansars and Wari Club posting their third straight wins in as many outings to maintain clean slates. Babu gave Brothers the lead against Cynthia Sporting by taking the hard-fought opening singles 23-21 and 21-15 against Shakil. Mamun then made it 2-0 for the Gopibagh team by overcoming Rana 21-18, 15-21 and 21-12 in another keen tussle. Cynthia pulled one back by winning the doubles when

Shakil and Palash beat Mamun and Btru winning the doubles when Shakil and Palash beat Mamun and Btru 21-16, 21-14. But then Babu won his second singles beating Rana 21-18, 21-10. Brothers now have two points from three games while it was Cynthia's third loss in a row. Armanitola Juniors — not to be confused with the reigning champions Armanitola JS — maintained their winning spree by beating Victoria Sporting Club by 3-1 sets, leaving Victoria with just one win from their three Group C games. Shamim put Victoria ahead with a shock 21-19, 19-21 and 21-19 win over the promising junior prospect Hamlet of Armanitola. Mahub then restored parity for Armanitola by beating Bright of Victoria 21-10, 21-15. Mahub, playing confidently, then paired Mahid to outplay Shamim and Aminur 21-16, 21-13 in the doubles. The fourth set saw Hamlet putting his earlier loss behind him to beat Bright 21-12, 21-18 in the reverse singles. Ansars handed league debutants Lalmatia Club their

third consecutive defeat in their maiden league venture by beating them in straight sets 3-0. Munna of Ansars won 21-12 and 21-17 against Lalmatia's Mosabbir while Ripon beat Lalmatia's Amin 21-13, 21-14. Munna and Ibrahim then clinched the issue for Ansars by outplaying Amin and Rabbi 21-12, 21-11 in the doubles. Wari Club also scored a straight sets win, over NMS to collect six points from their three matches in Group D so far. Mustafa beat Sweet of NMS 21-13, 21-9 in the first singles while Shamim held off Mahub's challenge, winning 22-20 and 21-15. Shamim and Sohul then wrapped up the match for Wari by winning the doubles 21-18, 21-8 against Sweet and Tuhin of NMS. NMS have one win from three games. TODAY'S MATCHES: Armanitola JS vs Ajax SC, VDP vs Bangladesh Bank Club, Young Boys vs Renaissance, Bangladesh Biman vs Pallima Sangsad.

Hockey camp

Sports Reporter The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) will organise a coaching camp for boys under 15 years of age next month. A press release of the BHF yesterday asked interested candidates to report to national coach Abdur Razzak (Sona Miah) at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Oct 27 at the BHF office. Candidates, who will receive no TA-DA, must come with an application, a passport-size photograph, and particulars including father's name, address, and proper age certificates.

Indians qualify for Barcelona

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 21: Former world hockey superpower India finally found their scoring touch at the Olympic qualifying tournament today, overwhelming the United States 8-0 to claim a place in Friday's semifinals, reports Reuter. The win lifted them to second place in Pool B behind unbeaten Malaysia. They amassed seven points in their five pool matches, one more than Belgium who lost 3-5 to Malaysia. India, who had earlier complained that the fast, synthetic surface did not allow them to play their natural dribbling game, had managed only six goals in their earlier games. They now New Zealand, winners of Pool A. The Soviet Union meet Malaysia in the second semifinal. The Soviet Union claimed a berth in the semifinals with a 4-0 win over Ireland. They had needed to win by two goals to edge Canada out of second place in Pool A on goal difference. The semifinalists also qualify for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Botham's failed racing debut

LONDON, Oct 21: England cricketer Ian Botham's motor racing debut came to an end on the opening lap at the Donington Park circuit on Sunday, reports AFP. Botham finished the first lap of the saloon Car Championship race but then retired his Ford Sierra



IAN BOTHAM Cosworth with mechanical problems. Persistent misfiring during the official qualifying left him at the back of the 31 car grid for the start.

Navy athletics

Sports Reporter The annual athletics championship of the Bangladesh Navy got underway at BNS Issa Khan here yesterday morning, according to a press release. About 100 athletes belonging to eight teams drawn from different naval ships and establishments are taking part in the four-day meet. Lt Cdr MMA Talukdar clinched the gold in Hammer throw while Lt Mustafizur Rahman won the gold in discus throw. Besides, MA Azam EN-II bagged the gold in 10,000 M Run and MA Alam CK-I claimed the gold in triple jump. Earlier the Commodore Commanding Chittagong Commodore AZ Nizam declared the four-day meet open as the chief guest.

Imran joins chorus for SA

SHARJAH, Oct 21: Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan wants South Africa to take part in next year's World Cup in Australian and New Zealand, a newspaper reported Monday, reports AFP. "Who are we to resist it if Nelson Mandela has no objections?" asked Imran in an interview to the Dubai-based 'Khaleej Times' two days before the game's governing body will meet to settle the issue. The International Cricket Council (ICC), which brought back the Springbok into its fold in July after a 21 years of exile, but deferred their participation in the World Cup, is meeting here Wednesday in a special session to discuss the hosts' request to allow South African to play in the tournament. Imran, who was refused permission by the Pakistani government to attend the unification of the rival South African boards in Johannesburg in June, felt that country should be back in international cricket as early as possible. "I see no logic in opposing Pretoria's return since there is no person today better than Mandela to advocate and represent the cause of the Blacks," the 39 year-old all-rounder said. Imran is the latest in a long line of cricket personalities pressing for South Africa's participation in the World Cup. Last week, former West Indian great Sir Garfield Sobers expressed similar sentiments on the eve of the three nations Wills Trophy tournament being played at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium here.

Two Sharjah-based cricket fans even launched a campaign



IMRAN KHAN

to collect signatures on behalf of South Africa, but not everyone has taken the sudden rush to push their case kindly. ICC Chairman Colin Cowdrey's sudden change of

heart in favouring South Africa's participation in the World Cup after having opposed it in July, has surprised many. If Cowdrey's great reputation as a grand cricketer had not preceded him, one would rate him as an even better player of bridge contract or duplicate," wrote the Khaleej Times. The paper revealed that Cowdrey had circulated a secret document to the ICC members detailing why South African should be allowed to play World Cup and also enclosed draft revised itinerary for the tournament prepared by the Australian and New Zealand Cricket Boards. Even before the delegates began to arrive for the crucial meeting, South Africa's participation was being taken for granted by the cricket fraternity assembled at this desert venue to witness the Wills Trophy matches. Cowdrey is not expected here till Tuesday morning and the four-man Springbok delegation, led by Ali Backher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), will also arrive here the same day.

Noted British writer Henry Blofeld, reporting the tournament for the Khaleej Times, said Monday the ICC meeting was a "mere formality." "Since Mandela and his colleagues in the African National Congress (ANC) are extremely anxious that South African take part in the World Cup, no one will take a news stand in the way." Derryck Murray, the manager of the West Indian team taking part in the Sharjah competition, will represent his board, the only one which did not favour South Africa's return to international cricket or its participation in the World Cup. Steve Camacho, the West Indian board secretary, has said however that his team will take part in a tournament even if South Africa is allowed to play in it.

DAMAL ENTRIES The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) also yesterday asked all eligible teams who have not yet submitted their entry fees for the 13th Damal Summer tournament to do so positively by 5:00 pm tomorrow, Oct 23.

New dates for Seraj cricket

Sports Reporter The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday announced the dates for the remaining semifinal and the final of the 1990-91 Seraj Memorial national junior cricket championship which could not be completed last season following the devastating cyclone that hit the southern parts of the country on April 29. According to the revised schedule, these two matches will be completed within this month, ahead of the new season which is likely to get underway early next month. Dhaka District Sports Association (DDSA) will meet Comilla DSA in the semifinal match on Sunday, Oct 27 at the Dhaka Stadium. The winners of the clash will face the other finalists Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP) in the final the following day, Oct 28.

UMPIRES' COURSE

Meanwhile, according to another release yesterday, a refresher a written and viva voce examination for those attending course for umpires will be held at the BCCB office on Oct 23 and 24. The tests will commence daily at ten in the morning.

8 countries confirm participation

Jr int'l meet in city from Nov 18

Thailand has sent entries to the sixth Bangladesh Open junior tennis championships, which will begin at the National Tennis Complex at Ramna on November 18, reports. Seven other countries earlier confirmed their entries for the championships — a regular event of the International Tennis Federation Group-4. They are: Pakistan, India, Austria, Poland, Germany, Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union. Three boys and five girls from Thailand will take part in the seven-day competition. Jirapong Rojanavasi, Jirasri Sirichot and Atip Chotyanwong will play in the boys' singles and doubles while Sriluk Mingmoole, Sasthion Thangthienkul, Sudsopee Chartruripun, Tamarine Tanasugarn and Pimpisamai Kansuth will compete in the girls' singles and doubles. Pakistan will send five boys Raja Mohammad Asaf, Asim Shaikh, Shah Mehmood Khan, Mohammad Khaliq and Hasan Mehmood. India will be sending the largest contingent comprising 10 boys and three girls: Shail Galada, Vasudeva Reddy, Devarshi Mitra, Akshat Misra, Rajuk Naik, Vikra Venkataranphavan, Anirban Dutta, Anirban Baruah, Suhel Mall Hotra and Chandra Veer Singh are the boys while Sahiba Chadha, Falguni Parsana and Aadhana Reddy are the girls. Poland and Germany will send two boys each — Aleksander Mierzwiniski and Bartlomiej Szitipka (Poland) and Thomas Sascha Winkler and Attila Savoli (Germany). The Austrian player will be Robert Witz, who will compete in the boys' singles. Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union will send two and one player respectively. Their names are expected in a couple of days, tournament director Byzidur Rashid said yesterday. Bangladesh boys and girls will also take part in the tournament. The size of the squads and the names of the players have not yet been finalised.

Iran trounce Pak

ISLAMABAD, Oct 21: Iran trounced Pakistan by six goals to nil in a Group-I match of the qualifying rounds for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, reports AFP. The match played at Lahore saw the Iranians scoring once in the first half and adding five goals after the interval.

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Kamsky holds Kasparov to draw

TILBURG, Netherlands, Oct 21: Seventeen-year-old Gata Kamsky held world chess champion Garry Kasparov to a draw, and British Grandmaster Nigel Short notched up his first win in the third round of the Interpolis

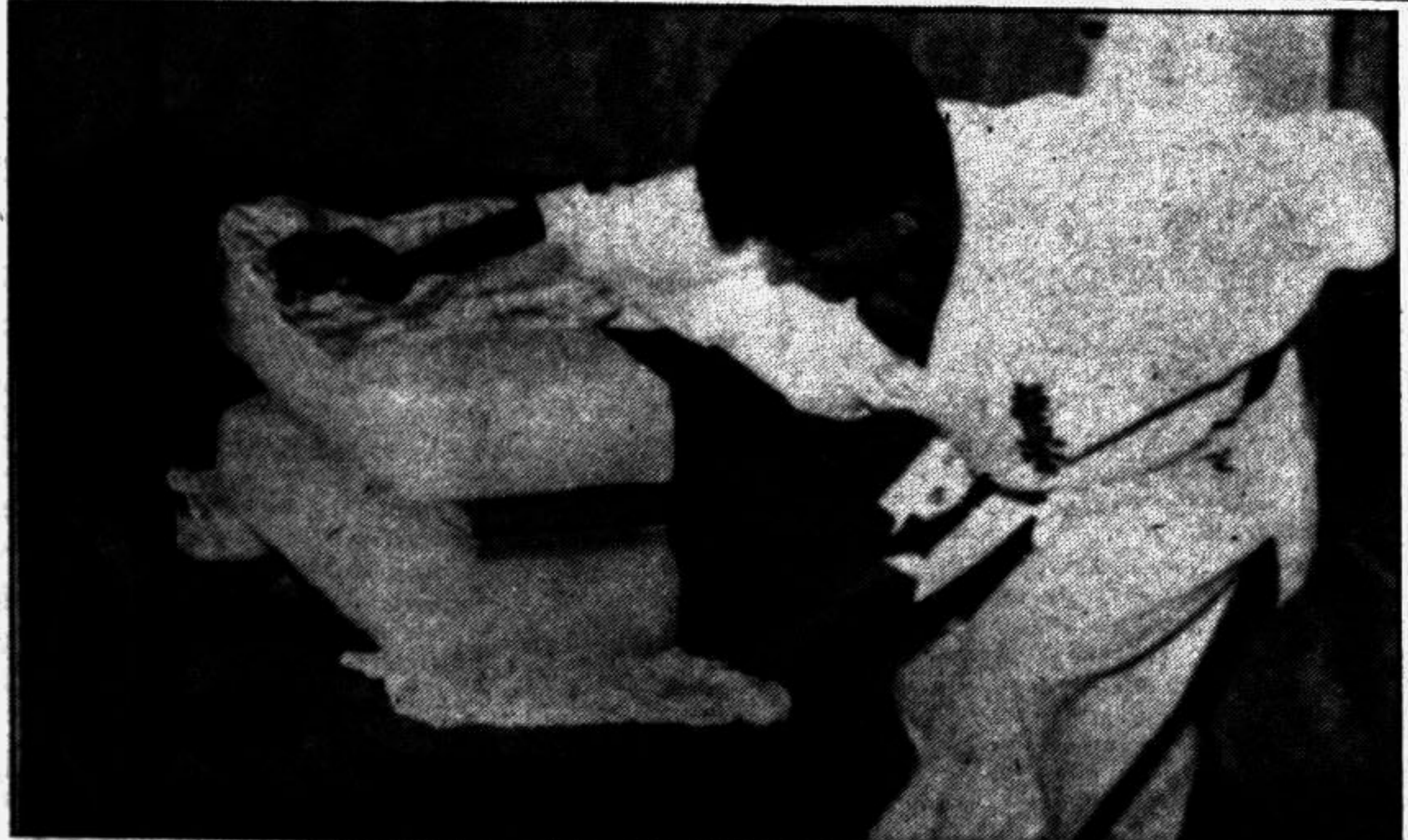
Tilburg Tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter. The draw still leaves Kasparov a point clear of a trailing pack of four Grandmasters in this exceptionally strong Category 17 tournament. Kamsky, who jointly won last year's tournament in the absence of Kasparov and world number two Anatoly Karpov, played white against Kasparov's Sicilian defence, and gained the upper hand after eagerly taking a queen's pawn sacrifice on move 20. Watching experts said the sacrifice was probably unsound, and Kasparov had to work hard in dwindling time to get the compensation he had hoped for. Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman said that in the heat of the ensuring tactical struggle Kamsky made the wrong rook move and missed probable winning chances. A draw was agreed on move 45. Britain's Nigel Short won his first full point in the tournament by beating 24-year-old Soviet Grandmaster Yevgeny Bareyev on the 27th move of a French advanced game. Timman drew with white against former world champion Anatoly Karpov's Nimzo-Indian defence. Veteran Soviet emigre Viktor Korchnoi adjourned on the 75th move against India's Viswanathan

Anand in an inferior but probably draw position. The all-party-all tournament lasts until November 4. With an average international ELO grade of 2,666 among the eight invited Grandmasters, the organisers claim it is the strongest tournament of all time. Bareyev on Sunday drew his adjourned first round game against Karpov after fighting his way through a tricky rook and pawn endgame at which Karpov is an acknowledged expert. That morning Bareyev's second, Soviet Grandmaster Yanovsky, could be seen bying book on rook endgames from the stalls in the tournament foyer.

Xie maintains lead

MANILA, Oct 21: Chinese challenger Xie Jun retained her one-point lead today with a draw after 33 moves against Soviet holder Maya Chiburandize in their battle for the women's world chess title in the Philippines, reports Reuter. Xie now leads the 16-game series 6.5-5.5. The 20-year-old housewife from Beijing needs only two points in the last four games to wrest the title from Chiburandize and break the 64-year hold of Soviet women on the world title. Playing white, chess analysts said Chiburandize chose a time continuation of the four pawns attack in the queen's Indian defence to easily hand Xie a draw which brought her closer to winning the match. They felt Chiburandize wasted the lone timeout she called on Sunday when she failed to win. The 31-year-old champion from the separatist Soviet republic of Georgia must play more aggressively to level the series so she can retain the title she won in 1978 with an 8-8 tie, they said. "She thought she could ratle the Chinese if she played positionally, but Xie defended well in a quiet position. Maya

must play a bolder line if she is to retain her title," one analyst said. Xie offered the draw after Chiburandize's 33rd move. The first player to score 8-5 points wins. A victory counts for one point and a draw for half a point.



A karateka gives a demonstration by smashing two blocks of ice on the occasion of the formal opening of the 124th chapter of the International Karate Organisation (IKO) at the NSC gym yesterday. NSC Chairman Maj. General Mahubur Rahman did the honours as chief guest. — Star photo



Cabinet Secretary Siddiqui Rahman seen in action during his veterans' doubles semifinal in the Nasiruddin memorial tennis tournament at the Officers' Club, Bailey Road yesterday. — Star photo