

Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit

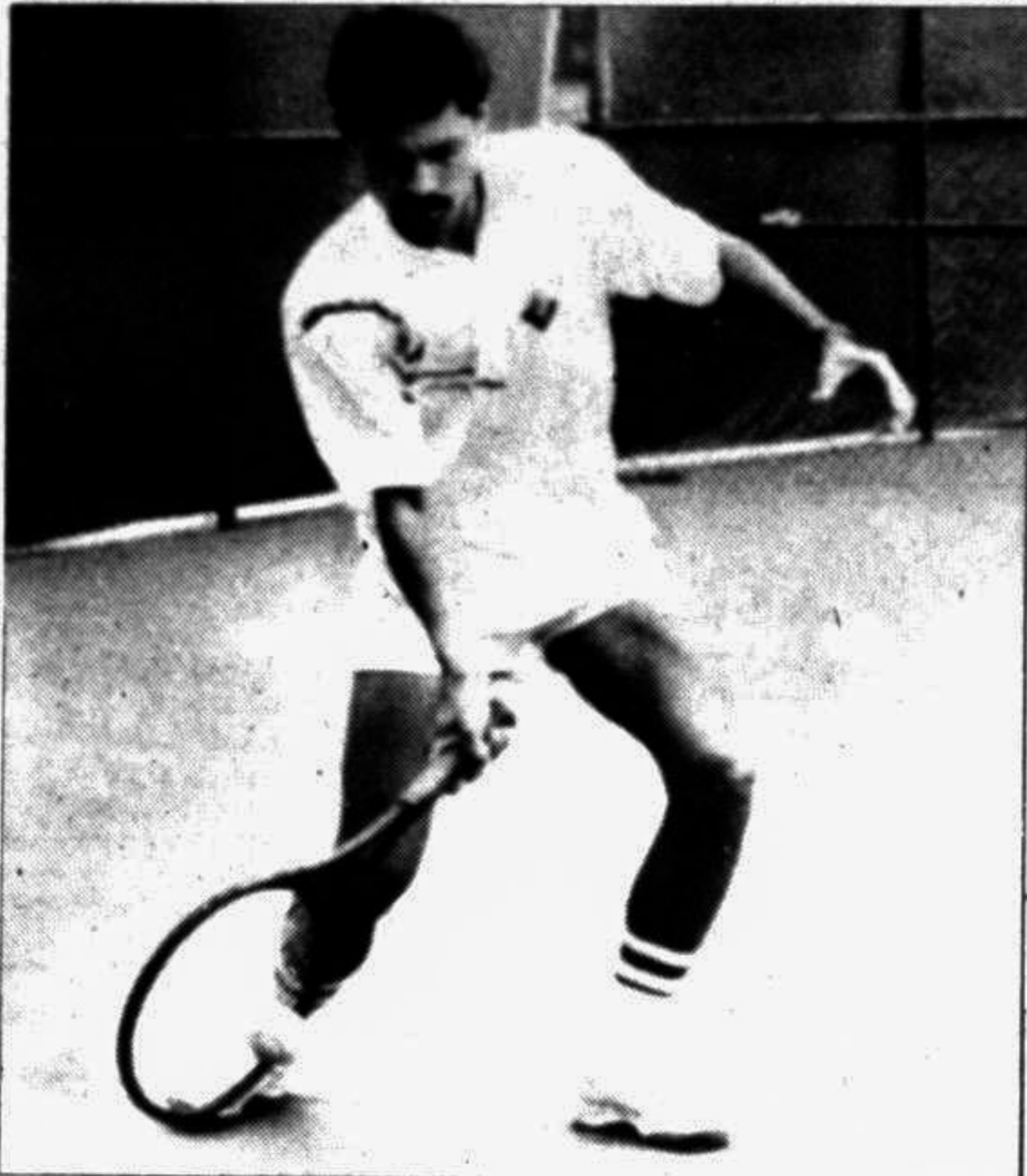
Main action begins from today

Sports Reporter

The main draw competition of the inaugural Bangladesh Pakistan satellite tennis tournament begins today at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

from wild cards and lucky losers, and the remaining eight from the two-day qualifying which ended yesterday.

Even the first round losers stand to collect a cash prize in addition to one circuit point.



Md. Khalid of Pakistan moved into the main draw of the Gold Leaf ITF satellite circuit which begins today by beating Bangladesh's M. Babu 6-0, 6-0 in the second round of the qualifying tournament at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Men-Kwon of the United States is the number 10th seed with an ATP ranking of 1116.

The men's doubles event will be a main draw event comprising 16 teams of who 15 shall qualify on the basis of their computer rankings while the remaining berth will be filled by a wild card.

SA, Kenya agree on cricket tours

NAIROBI, Nov 3: South Africa and Kenya have agreed plans for exchange visits by cricket teams from both countries, the first since Kenya's independence in 1963, cricket officials said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

A four-man delegation from the United Cricket Board of South Africa, including its managing director Ali Bacher, met Kenya Cricket Association officials for talks during a stop-over on their way home from India.

South Africa were given the green light last month to take part in the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next year after two decades of isolation from international competition.

Alderman is back

PERTH, Australia, Nov 3: Australia's champion swing bowler Terry Alderman showed here Saturday that he will be in peak form for the first Test against India in Brisbane at the end of the month, reports AFP.

Returning to the first class scene after being sidelined with a right ankle injury, the 35-year-old veteran performed impressively to take 3-75 from 26 overs for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales at the Waca ground.

The Western Australian Captain Geoff Marsh who is Allan Border's deputy in the Test side, said, "It was a really beautiful effort by Terry - a perfect example for all aspiring young fast bowlers."

VDP paddlers shock champs

Defending champions Armanitola Juba Sangha suffered a shock defeat against Village Defence Party in the inaugural super league match of the Arab Bangladesh Bank metropolis

Hockey results

Young Star club registered a 2-0 win over Agrani Bank Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league yesterday at the hockey stadium.

Nasir scored the first goal for the Young Stars in the 23rd minute via a penalty corner.

Two minutes later Intekhab sealed the fate of the match with a fine field goal.

The other match of the day between Shishu Kishore and Uddy Club, ended in a goalless draw.

A rehearsal for Forget, Sampras

PARIS, Nov 3: Guy Forget reached the final of the Paris Open late Saturday when he defeated unseeded Swede Jonas Svensson in straight sets and nobody was happier than Pete Sampras - the man he will play in today, reports AFP.

Sampras almost certainly clinched his place in the American team for the Davis Cup final against France in Lyon later this month when he recovered from the shakiest of starts to beat compatriot Michael Chang 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, in the day's first semifinal.

Then Forget, who will be France's number-one singles player, delighted the packed and partisan Bercy Stadium crowd by edging past unseeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden 7-5, 6-4 in the second, and that was just what Sampras wanted.

table tennis league yesterday at the National Coaching Centre. VDP prevailed by 3-2 sets over Armanitola.

Last year's runners-up Bangladesh Biman stepped up their challenge with a convincing 3-0 sets win over Azampur Young Stars.

Eight teams who finished first and second in the preliminary robin league from four groups are taking part in the super league which began yesterday.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Ansars, Village Defence Party and Lalmita Club recorded easy wins in their respective inaugural matches of the AB Bank women's table tennis league yesterday at the same venue.

Ansars, VDP and Lalmita scored identical 3-0 sets wins

had to worked hard to stay clear. He was lucky to survive a break point in the sixth game when Chang, who was still running down just about everything being fired at him, sent a backhand booming inches over the baseline.

In the third set Sampras took charge. He piled on the pressure, putting greater depth on his groundstrokes and serving with increasing authority. Once he was 3-1 clear he opened his shoulders and began to accelerate away. He clinched his victory by breaking Chang again in the game.

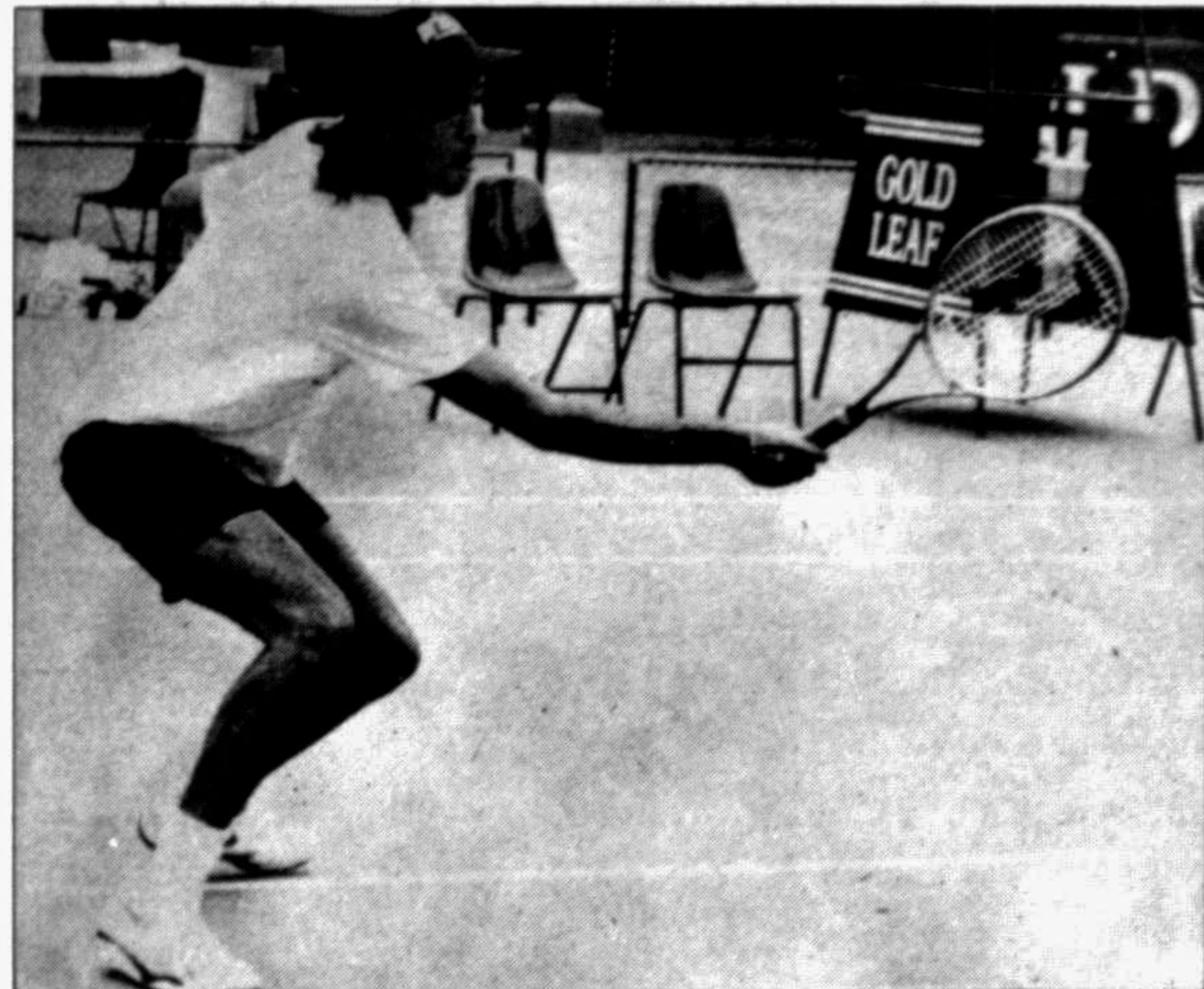
Chang, 19 and the youngest player ever to win the French Open title two years ago, was disappointed but not dismayed at the defeat.

"I think I am a much better player now than I was when I won the French. I haven't won a title this year but I have had a good solid year reaching a lot of quarter and semifinals."

"Pete wasn't there at the start today and I made the most of it but he came back well."

The left-handed Forget, 26 and the winner of five tournaments. In 1991, held and squandered a 2-0 lead in both sets breaking Svensson's opening service games only to immediately drop his own.

But he responded to the support of one of the rowdiest crowds in tennis and stuck to his task a bit nervously.

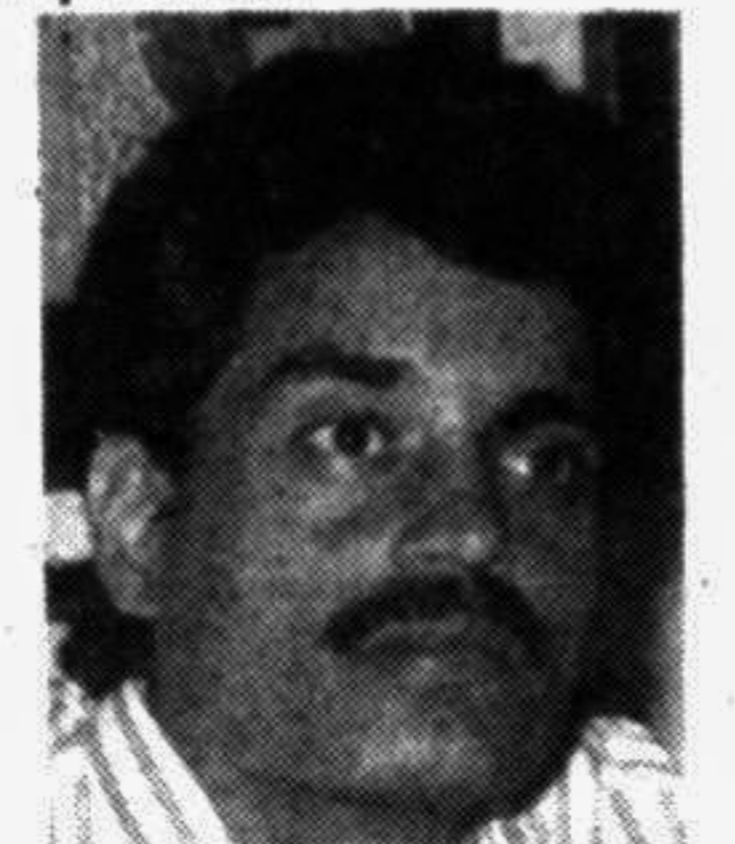


Thomas Pablo of the United States on way to qualifying for the ITF satellite circuit main draw by beating Torrey Dorsey of Macao yesterday at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

Srikanth, Vengsarkar recalled

Indian squad for Down Under

NEW DELHI, Nov 3: Dashing opener Krish Srikanth has been recalled to the Indian cricket team for the upcoming tour of Australia and the World Cup, it was announced Sunday, reports AFP.



D. VENGSARKAR Srikanth, 32, missed India's last two test series in New Zealand and England in 1990 because of poor form after leading the team on at our of Pakistan the previous year.

delighted Australian fans on two tours in 1985 and 1986, replaces Woorkeri Raman in the 16-member squad for the four-month tour starting on November 15.

The Indian selectors have also omitted middle-order batsman Vinod Kambli and leg spinner Anil Kumble from the team that played in last month's Wills Trophy tournament in Sharjah, which Pakistan won defeating India.

Veteran batsman Dilip Vengsarkar and newcomers Praveen Amre and Sourav Ganguly will bolster a deep bat-

ting live-up that also includes skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, Sanjay Manjrekar and teenage prodigy Sachin Tendulkar.

With just two spinners in all-rounder Ravi Shastri and fellow left-arter Venkatapathy Raju, India is banking on a seam attack.



Kapil Dev, Test cricket's third highest wicket-taker with 376 victims, leads the bowling department which includes two debutants, Javagal Srinath and Subroto Banerjee.

India's 14 for the World Cup, beginning in Australia and

New Zealand on February 22, will be picked from the touring squad after the fifth Test ends in Perth on February 5.

The squad: Mohammad Azharuddin (Captain), Ravi Shastri (Vice-Captain), Navjot Siddhu, Krishnamachari Srikanth, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sachin Tendulkar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Praveen Amre, Sourav Ganguly, Kapil Dev, Manoj Prabhakar, Javagal Srinath, Subroto Banerjee, Kiran More and Chandrakant Pandit (wicket-keepers), Venkatapathy Raju.

Manager: Ranbir Singh Mahendra; cricket manager: Abbas Ali Baig.

Springboks to play 3 one-dayers in India

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 3: A South African cricket team will travel to India this week for its first officially sanctioned international matches in 21 years, officials announced Sunday, reports AP.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa said a 14-man team would be named Monday and would leave later this week for India, where it will play three one-day matches. The first match would be in Calcutta, but the dates and the other venues were not announced.

The board also said it would host a visit by Pakistani squad in January.

South Africa was readmitted by the International Cricket Council this year after being ousted in 1970 because of its apartheid policies. The South Africa also have been invited to World Cup set for February and March.

There have been several boycott-busting cricket tours of South Africa in the past two decades. The most recent was last year's British squad led by Mike Gatting. However, the tour was called off after several matches due to the constant protests by anti apartheid activists.

Nagraj said the squad for the four-month tour would be selected today.

India will play five Tests against Australia.

The World Cup, hosted jointly by Australia and South Africa's last officially sanctioned international matches were at home against Australia in 1970.

Windies beat World XI

TORONTO, Nov 3: The West Indies stroled to victory on Saturday against a Rest of the World XI in an exhibition limited-over cricket game, reports Reuter.

Set a target of 237 the West Indies won with four wickets to spare, scoring 240 for six after a slow and cautious start against the early bowling onslaught of England's Norman Cowans and Pakistan's Salim Jaffer.

Viv Richards, who retired from the captaincy of the West Indies this year, enjoyed the novelty of playing against his old teammates for the World XI but did little to distinguish himself, bowling an expensive two and a half overs for 33 runs and scoring a diffident 23 before being bowled by Carl Hooper.

It was Hooper taking three wickets and scoring his side's highest total of 69 runs.

Scoring always looked difficult for the Rest of the World after they lost the toss and were put into bat on a fast but true artificial pitch before a crowd of nearly 19,000 in the Skydome, an indoor stadium more often used for baseball games.

Three wickets fell with only 39 on the board and it was left to India's Dilip Vengsarkar to produce his side's only innings of substance, earning him the World XI's man-of-the-match award.

He knocked up 63, including a stand of 85 with England's Neil Fairbrother, before being caught at deep cover point by Keith Arthurton as he tried to drive a ball from Phil Simmons.

New Zealand's Dipak Patel scored a lively 27 after surviving an easy chance off the second ball he faced, which Gus Logie fumbled in the gully.

Winston Benjamin, Phil Simmons and Hooper shared the West Indies bowling honours, with three wickets apiece, but captain Richie Richardson took himself off after a single over which cost 17 runs, including two sixes and a four.

SCOREBOARD In the limited-over exhibition cricket match between the West Indies and a Rest of the World XI on Saturday. D. Houghton c

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Fall of Wickets: 1-5; 2-26; 3-95; 4-150; 5-218; 6-219. Did not bat: I. Bishop, W. Benjamin, C. Ambrose.

Result: West Indies won by four wickets.

Run glut at the Gabba

BRISBANE, Nov 3: The Gabba pitch, venue here for this month's first cricket Test against India, has yielded 1,083 runs for 12 wickets in three days of the Queensland-South Australia Sheffield Shield match, reports AFP.

At the close of the penultimate day, south Australia was 495 for seven in its first innings in reply to Queensland's 588 for five declared.

Mohammad Azharuddin's Indian tourist open the first of their five Tests against Australia here on November 29.

Skipper Jamie Siddons with 149 and Tim Nielsen, unbeaten on 59, kept South Australia on courses for first innings points in a run feast. Test paceman Craig McDermott was best of the bowlers with 4-122 off 35 overs.

Queensland 588 for five declared vs South Australia 495 for seven (J. Siddons 149, T. Nielsen 59, C. McDermott 4-122) Victoria 434 for eight declared vs Tasmania 308 for five (D. Buckingham 70, J. Cox 68, S. O' Donnell 2-50).

An earlier report said: Australian captain Allan Border hit 196, his highest score for Queensland, as the South Australia bowlers continued to be put to the sword at the Gabba on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Test teammate Dean Jones outscored Border in Melbourne. His unbeaten 243 for Victoria against Tasmania was the fifth double century of his career and equalled his best score for the state side.

Jones, 122 not out overnight, carried Victoria to 434 for eight declared. He batted for almost nine hours, faced 433 deliveries and struck 23 fours.

Tasmania were 68 for two in reply at the close of the

Ronnie O'Sullivan's strange surrender

BANGKOK, Nov 3: Top-seeded 15-year-old Ronnie O'Sullivan of Britain Saturday surrendered a winning frame against his German opponent Markus Drude on the sixth day of the Nescafe World Snooker Championship here, reports AFP.

O'Sullivan was 3-0 in front and leading by 40 points in the fourth frame. He suddenly picked up the balls and told the referee: "I'm conceding the frame."

Drude, stunned, asked the referee what was happening. On hearing the reply, he left the ball and returned after 10 minutes, saying "I'm conceding the match."

"This has never happened in the three years I've played in this tournament," he said, "and I considered it thoroughly unportsmanlike."

Some 10 minutes after the match concluded, O'Sullivan went up to Drude, extended his right hand and apologised.

Drude has made a written complaint to the tournament committee.

Swedish soccer

STOCKHOLM, Nov 3: IFK Gothenburg won the Swedish Football Cup on Saturday beating AIK Stockholm 3-2 after extra time, reports AFP.