

# Nannu's ton puts MSC on top

Sports Reporter

A sparkling 138 runs by skipper Minhajul Abedin Nannu enabled Dhaka Moham median Sporting Club to reach a commanding position after a disastrous start

add a valuable 119 runs for the eight wicket partnership with Nannu. Gamagee hit a priceless 52 runs which included five hits to the fence and two huge sixes. Nannu blasted his way to

score a sparkling 138 runs off 156 balls. His innings was studded with 16 glorious boundaries and one mighty six. Paesman Mohammed Ali took the charge to hammer a quick-fire 59 not out off only 44 balls. He hit six fours and



Mohammedan's Nannu sweeps as Rupali Bank's keeper Nadim looks on. Nannu went on to hit 138 that was studded with 16 shots to the boundary and a towering six. — Photo Kiron

against the winless Rupali Bank on the inaugural day of the two-day 75-over-a-side match of the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhanmondi cricket Stadium.

## GMCC humble Lalmatia

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Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) outplayed Lalmatia Club by seven wickets in the yesterday's other Navana Premier match at the Dhaka Stadium.

Lalmatia Club deciding to bat first were skittled out for a paltry 140 runs in 53 overs. Sri Lankan Sanjevva top-scored with 58 runs.

Shanon 13, Raj 11 and Oshim with 11 not out were the other Lalmatia batsmen to reach double figures.

Sanwar captured three wickets for 32 runs. Saiful with two wickets for 14 runs off 11 overs and Goala with two wickets for 26 runs were the other successful GMCC bowlers.

In reply GMCC raced to 141 runs for the loss of three wickets in 30.1 overs.

Sri Lankan Dominda top-scored with unbeaten 51 and Selim also remained not out with 33 runs.

GMCC collected six points from as many matches while Lalmatia's point remained at four from five outings.

## Iranian TT team arrive

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A four-member Iranian table tennis team arrived in the capital yesterday to participate in the eight Pepsi Asian Cup table tennis tournament.

The four-day tourney begins tomorrow at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishtan (BKSP) with nine foreign and host Bangladesh taking part in it.

The Iranian team led by Amir Mirsadeghi, include Majid Reza Ehtesham Zadeh, Ebrahim Alidokht and an umpire Mohmoud Rahideh.

Chief umpire and technical delegate of the tournament A.M Lele of India also arrived yesterday morning.

The seven-member Japanese team also arrived late in the evening.

Chinese and North Korean team are already in Dhaka to take part in the tournament.

## Basketball ties not held

Sports Reporter

The schedule super league matches of the Partex First Division basketballs league could not be held yesterday as the referee failed to turn-up in the inaugural match.

Meanwhile, Gregs, who were schedule to play Angels, refused to take part claiming that they were informed about the fixture only fifteen hours before the match.

The players of Wanderers and Vega complained against the Basketball Federation for not providing referee for the opening match. A number irregularities and mis-management surfaced during the first round matches.

## Nine bouts held on opening day

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The tenth national junior boxing competition began yesterday at the Mohammad Ali boxing stadium.

President of the Bangladesh Boxing Federation, Brigadier Faruq Ahmed Chowdhury, inaugurated the four-day meet as the chief guest.

Forty seven junior boxers from 11 teams are taking part in nine weight categories.

Nine bouts were held on the inaugural day. The full results were not available till filing of this report.

# Kiwis face daunting task to win

AUCKLAND (New Zealand), Mar 4: New Zealand were shakily chasing a second innings target of 383 at the close of the fourth day of the third and deciding cricket Test against Sri Lanka today, reports Reuter.

After dismissing the tourists for 319, New Zealand put on 18 for no wicket in an anxious 11 overs before the close. John Wright scored 12 and Trevor Franklin five despite being beaten frequently by the Sri Lankan pacemen.

A further 90 overs will be available on Tuesday but with the pitch playing easily, a draw seems the most probable result.

New Zealand coach Warren Lees was critical of Sri Lanka's defensive field settings and tactics. Its pretty obvious they will be happy with a draw, he told reporters.

Sri Lanka's second innings was built around a glorious 123 by Aravinda De Silva, the little right-hander who scored an equally attractive 96 in the first innings and a magnificent 267 in the first innings of the first Test.

Sri Lanka had looked likely to set a target of more than 400 but a dramatic collapse which began with the fall of Aravinda's wicket on the break continued when the second new ball was taken.

The young fast bowlers, Chris Cairns and Shane Thom-

## Aravinda De Silva hits sparkling ton

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son, took five wickets in 33 balls while 12 runs were added. The last seven wickets fell for 33 runs.

Cairns, the only bowler to trouble the Sri Lankans early in the innings, ended with five for 75, the only time he was taken more than five wickets in a first class innings.

Thomson ended with three for 63. Overnight batsmen Aravinda and Chandika Hathurusinghe put on 109 runs in two hours of aggressive batting before lunch and were finally separated after a partnership of 145 in 177 minutes when Hathurusinghe gave wicket-keeper Ian Smith caath off Cairns.

Hathurusinghe, playing in his second Test, scored many of his 74 from cuts, but he was also highly effective despatching loose deliveries.

But the day belonged to Aravinda. In Morrison's first over he twice hooked the paceman into the main stand and later hit other bowlers for three more sixes.

He hit six fours and was finally out for 123 going for another big hit, caught by Morrison off Cairns. His runs came from just 193 balls.

On the fall of Hathurusinghe's wicket, Aravinda received good support from his captain Arjuna Ranatunga (30).

However, Ranatunga slowed the pace in the hour after lunch when just 27 were

scored. Ramesh Ratnayake gave the innings fresh impetus at the end, smashing Thomson for two sixes in one over, bringing eight the number of sixes hit



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

by the Sri Lankans today. Morrison polished off the innings with two wickets in an over.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the third cricket between New Zealand

Sri Lanka 1st innings 380	
New Zealand 1st innings 317	
Sri Lanka 2nd innings (overnight 62-2)	
Senanayake c	8
Greatbatch b Cairns	74
Hathurusinghe c Smith b Cairns	29
Gurusinha c and b Cairns	123
Aravinda De Silva c Morrison b Thomson	123
Ranatunga c Thomson b Cairns	30
Tillakaratne c Cairns b Thomson	3
Jayasuriya not out	12
Labrooy c Morrison b Cairns	1
Asoka De Silva c Greatbatch b Thomson	0
Ratnayake c Greatbatch b Morrison	20
Ramanayake b Morrison	0
Extras (1b, 5lb, 13nb)	19
Total	319
Fall: 1-9, 2-56, 3-201, 4-276, 5-282, 6-282, 7-285, 8-288, 9-319, 10-319.	
Bowling: O M R W	
Morrison 20	2 74 2
Cairns 27	6 75 5
Watson 9	1 23 0
Thomson 19	5 63 3
Patel 23	6 78 0
New Zealand 2nd innings:	
Franklin not out	5
Wright not out	12
Extras (1nb)	1
Total for no wicket	18
Bowling: O M R W	
Ratnayake 6	3 6 0
Ramanayake 5	1 12 0

## Patterson claims five Australian scalps

# Windies fought back strongly

KINGSTON, Mar 4: The West Indies emerged from Sunday's fluctuating third day of the opening Test with a narrow advantage over Australia, reports Reuter.

When bad light brought an early close the hosts were 187 for two in their second innings, 80 runs ahead.

Earlier, David Boon had led a procession of names into the spotlight as he, Patrick Patterson, Des Haynes and Craig McDermott all took turn at playing the lead.

Boon struck a defiant unbeaten century as Australia sought to extend their overnight lead only for paceman Patrick Patterson to snatch four quick wickets as the tourists crumbled from 357 for five to 371 all out.

That gave team a lead of 107 after the West Indies first innings of 264.

But Des Haynes made 84 and Gordon Greenidge 35 to clear the deficit with abandon in an opening stand of 118 before McDermott dismissed both in four over of high-class pac-

bowling. And as the wind dropped and the sun dipped at Sabina Park, Richie Richardson survived a strong appeal for caught behind before moving to 33 not out. Carl Hooper was unbeaten on 11.

Australia, resuming at 296 for four, began brightly with Boon and Mark Waugh taking their fifth wicket partnership to a century before Waugh was kg before Marshall for 39.

Waugh had earlier been hit on the head by a Marshall bouncer and Boon also received a blow from Patterson, which dented his helmet face grill.

Joined by Matthews, Boon moved the lead to 93 before Patterson took a hand.

The local favourite, recalled for the first time for a year, took four wickets in 19 balls for three runs either side of lunch as the tourists batting collapsed.

At one stage he was on a hat-trick but wasted it by bowling short at Mike Whitney when a straight one would probably have done—as it

turned out soon afterwards. Patterson finished with five for 83 off 24 overs.

Boon ran out of partners on 109 not out. His century took 343 minutes of 230 balls with nine fours and five. He joined an illustrious band by becoming only the 11th Australian to record 10 Test centuries.

Haynes then achieved his own milestone, passing 6,000 runs as he and Greenidge wiped off the arrears at a rapid rate.

He looked on course for his 16th Test century but, like Greenidge, was caught behind off McDermott who took two for 32 off 18 overs. Richardson was lucky to survive a similar appeal off Mark Waugh when 29.

Scoreboard Scoreboard on the third day of the first cricket Test between West Indies and Australia at Sabina Park on Sunday.

West Indies: first innings 264 (G Logie 77 not out, J Dujon 59, C McDermott five for 80, M Hughes four for 67)

Australia first innings (overnight 296 for four)

G. Marsh c Dujon b Ambrose	69
M Taylor c Hopper b Patterson	58
D. Boon not out	109
A. Border c Dujon b Ambrose	31
D. Jones c and b Hopper	0
M. Waugh lbw Marshall	39
G. Matthews c Dujon b Patterson	10
I. Healy lbw Walsh	0
C. McDermott b Patterson	1
M. Hughes c Hooper b Patterson	0
M. Whitney b Patterson	2
Extras (6-4 lb 23 nb-21 w-4)	52
Total	371
Fall of wickets: 1-139, 2-159, 3-227, 4-228, 5-329, 6-357, 7-358, 8-365, 9-368.	
Bowling: O M R W	
Ambrose 30	3 94 2
Patterson 24	1 83 5
Marshall 22	3 57 1
Walsh 23	4 73 1
Hooper 21	7 37 1
West Indies second innings:	
G. Greenidge c Healy b McDermott	84
R. Richardson not out	33
C. Hooper not out	11
Extras (lb-14 lb-5 w-1 nb-4)	24
Total (for two wickets)	187
Fall of wickets: 1-118, 2-134.	
Bowling: O M R W	
McDermott 18	8 32 2
Whitney 11	2 37 0
Hughes 11	1 40 0
Matthews 8	0 32 0
Border 7	0 21 0
M. Waugh 3	1 6 0

# AC Milan blank Napoli 4-1

ROME, March 4: AC Milan beat Napoli 4-1 in the Italian First Division on Sunday with goals from Dutch stars Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, and appeared on top form as they prepared to confront European Cup challengers Marseille, reports Reuter.

Jyrhman Marco Van Basten, who misses the European Cup clash through suspension. Italy's World Cup midfielder Roberto Donadoni completed the agony for former Milan goalkeeper Giovanni Galli by adding a fourth goal 10 minutes later.

The Italian champions, who are in the bottom half of the table, hit back 13 minutes from time through Giuseppe Inocenti, second half substitute for Argentine Captain Diego Maradona.

At Atalanta, Argentine World Cup striker Claudio

Caniggia equalised for the home side with a backheeler 12 minutes from time after Czechoslovak Srecko Katanec had scored a 15th-minute header for Sampdoria.

Argentina's 1986 World Cup striker Pedro Pasculli equalised with a penalty in Lecce's 1-1 draw at home with AS Roma.

and two adrift of Cagliari. Uruguayan world Cup striker Enzo Francescoli put Cagliari into the lead after only four minutes at Torino with a diving header from a free kick by Gianfranco Matteoli.

But the Turin side earned a 1-1 draw when Roberto Politano equalised with a free kick.

Inter's German import Lothar Matthaeus became doubtful for the UEFA Cup clash at Atalanta on Wednesday after going off nine minutes from time following a knock on the calf.

Coach Giovanni Trapattoni said Matthaeus would have to rest for two full days. Inter are already without the suspended Bertl.

About 300 fans clashed in Bergamo after Atalanta's match with Sampdoria twelve home supporters were detained.

Police used teargas when Cesena fans attacked Bologna followers being escorted to the Railway station. One fan and three policemen were injured.

## Arsenal inflict further misery on Liverpool

LONDON, Mar 4: Arsenal inflicted further misery on a shell-shocked Liverpool side with a 1-0 win at Anfield on Sunday to clear air at the top of the English soccer league and establish themselves as firm title favourites, reports Reuter.

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Arsenal who grabbed the league championship two seasons ago with a 2-0 victory at Liverpool in the last game of the season, have lost only once all season in the league and remain on course for the double.

Liverpool were effectively sunk by a second brilliant goalkeeping display in a week as England number two David Seaman, Britain's most extensive keeper, pulled off a series of first-half saves.

Knocked out of the F. A. Cup by Everton in midweek thanks to Welsh keeper Neville Southall, Liverpool's expensive international strikers could find no way past Seaman, who has played a significant part in making Arsenal's defence the best in the league.



FRANK RIJKAARD

Milan and Napoli fans clashed before the match at San Siro and police made at least 10 arrests, while three people needed first aid.

Dino Zoff won the duel at Rome's Olympic stadium between former and President Juventus coaches, his Lazio side beating the Turin giants now under Gigi Me Manfredi 1-0 with a 35-minute goal by German striker Karl-Heinz Riedle.

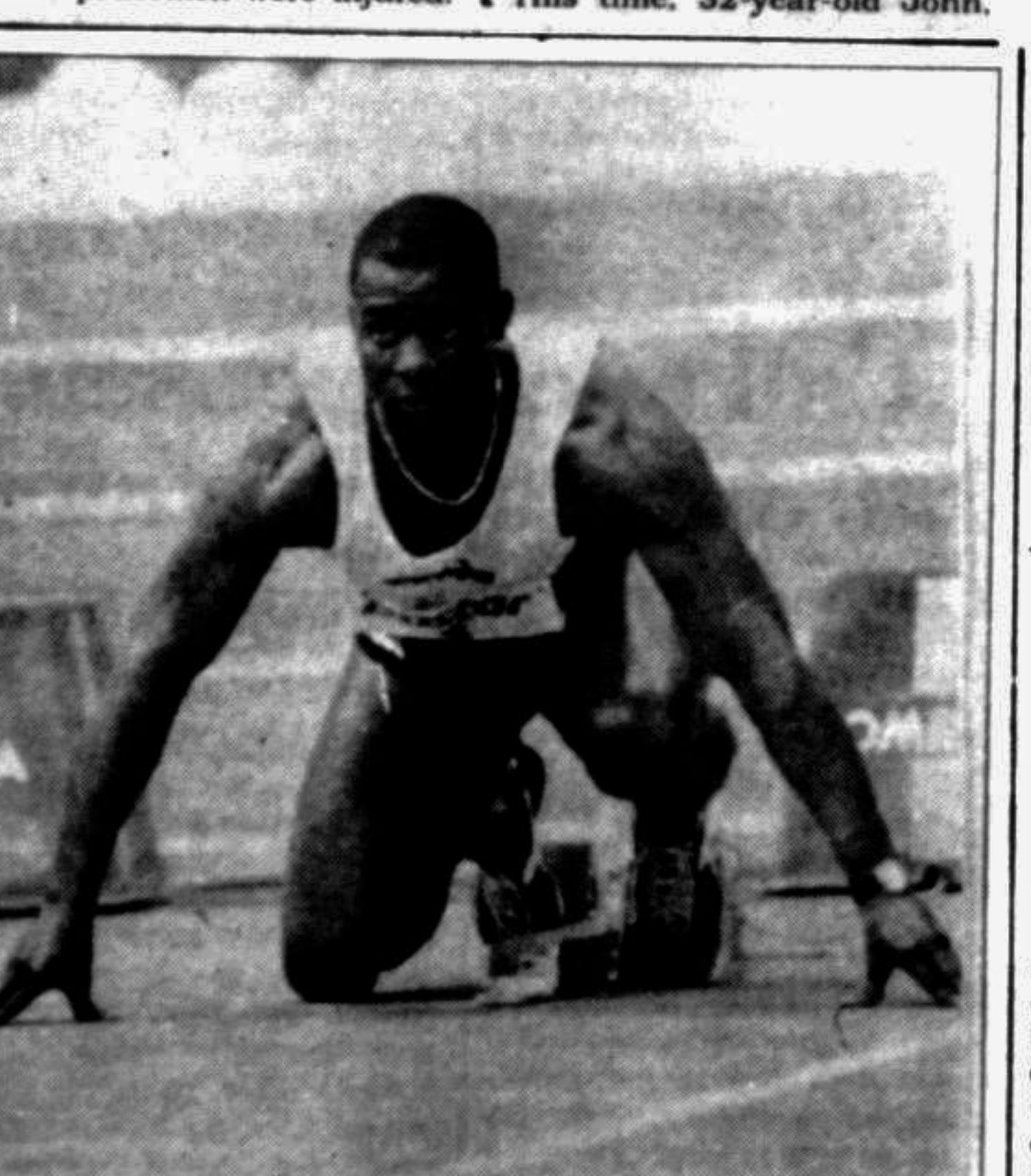
The defeat left fourth-placed Juventus, who have not won in their last four league and Italian Cup outings, four points behind AC Milan.

Sixth-placed Genoa's three foreign stars scored in a 3-1 home win over Bari.

Uruguayan Carlos Aguilera opened with a 29th-minute penalty and Czechoslovak World Cup striker Tomas Skuhravy struck in the 62nd minute with his eighth goal of the season.

Brazil's Branco scored 14 minutes before the final whistle, netting the rebound after goalkeeper Enzo Biato had made a brilliant save from a shot by Skuhravy.

Brazilian striker Amartido scored twice for Cesena, who won their relegation battle at home with Bologna 3-2. Cesena are still bottom but now only one point behind Bologna



Ben Johnson ready for the start of the 60m race at the international indoor track and field event in Sindelfinger, Germany, March 3. Johnson won the race in 6.58 sec. — Photo AFP

# John McEnroe too good for Patrick

CHICAGO, Mar 4: John found no particular joy in beating younger brother Patrick in the battle of the McEnroes on Sunday, reports AP.

"I have incredibly mixed emotions right now," John McEnroe said after his victory. "Every emotion you can imagine was there ... from worrying to how he's doing, to worrying that he might beat you."

Six years ago, John buried Patrick 6-2, 6-1 in a tournament at Stratton, Vermont. This time, 32-year-old John,

down a set, struggled to a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Patrick, 24, in the final of the Volvo indoor.

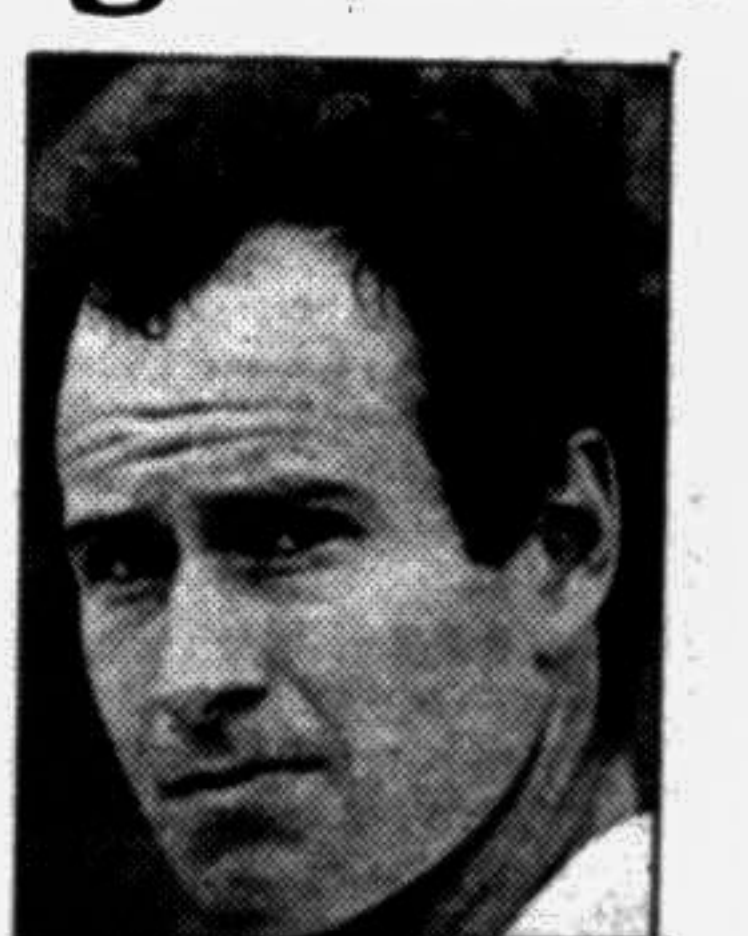
Patrick was in charge after winning the first set but John called on his experience and an array of shots to square the match.

John said after he dropped the first set his feelings about himself were not very positive. "Where was the nearest building to jump off" was what came to mind, the elder McEnroe said.

Patrick, ranked 51st in the world to John's 19th, had another chance in the third set when he took advantage of unforced errors to break John's service to lead 2-0.

John used passing shots to break back in the third game, however, held serve to even the match and took the lead with another break in the fifth game.

John put the title away when, on match point, he converted Patrick's service return into a passing shot. At several points during the match John showed frustration



JOHN MCENROE

over line calls. But he exercised unusual restraint, keeping his explosive temper in check.

"I felt it was very important in this situation not to take away from my victory or my defeat with an emotional outburst," he said.

The opponents' father, John Sr. said he was pleased by the pleasantness of the match. "It was the kind of match I

wanted them to have," he said, adding that he wasn't rooting for either son.

"I meant what I said before the match, there isn't going to be a loser."

Their mother Kaye, stayed home in New York because she was too nervous to watch them play, John said. He said he asked her to come, but she said, "Are you kidding?"

John got his 77th career tournament victory, and denied Patrick his first in the third men's final involving brothers. Gene Meyer beat Sandy Mayer at Stockholm in 1981 and Emilio Sanchez beat Javier Sanchez at Madrid in 1987.

Patrick said he thought he played well in the match, adding he did not enjoy it much.

"I wasn't nervous, but I never felt comfortable either," he said. "I never felt I wanted to win real bad. If I have at other tournaments."

"I tried to win each point, but overall I was not as intense. I do not hope to get another chance to beat him."

## Jamaica beat Trinidad

KINGSTON (Jamaica), March 4: Jamaica beat Trinidad and Tobago 1-0 (halftime 1-0) on Sunday in the return game of their Caribbean zone second round qualifying series at National Stadium forcing a deciding game in a neutral site, reports Reuter.

Trinidad won by the same score last Sunday in port of Spain.

# Seles to stop Graf's reign

PALM SPRINGS (California), Mar 4: Monica Seles of Yugoslavia made certain she will end the record reign of Steffi Graf as women's world number one by beating Canadian Helen Keles 6-0, 6-3 on Sunday to reach the final of the Virginia Slims of Palm Springs tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Seles won two matches on Sunday to reach today's final of the rain-delayed tournament against second seed Martina Navratilova and guarantee she would overtake Graf, whose

reign of 185 consecutive weeks is the longest ever in tennis.

For the 17-year-old Yugoslav, the formal claiming of the crown is just a matter of time.

Seles will become number one on Tuesday if she defeats Navratilova for the Slims title. If Seles loses she will become number one on March 12 since Graf can not earn enough points this week at the Florida women's tournament to retain her title even if she wins the tournament.

Seles said she wants to claim the women's crown as

soon as possible. "I definitely think I deserve it. It would be a great feeling to do it by beating Martina. It's better than waiting for next week," Seles said.

Before beating Keles, the top-seeded Seles eliminated Patricia by 7-5, 6-2 in the quarter-final, as both rounds had to be played on Sunday, after rain washed out programmes from Wednesday until Saturday.

Defending champion Martina Navratilova outplayed seventh seed of Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in the other semi-final.