

Lankans clinch issue

Sri Lanka duly booked their berth in the Asia-Oceania Group Two Davis Cup semifinals with an emphatic straight sets win over Bangladesh in the deciding doubles clash at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

The win helped them clinch the second round tie after having won the two singles on the opening day Friday. They will now meet Hong Kong in the group semifinal starting on July 19. Hong Kong ensured its semifinal passage after taking an unassailable 3-0 lead over Singapore in Singapore yesterday.

Bangladesh can now only hope to salvage some of their badly hurt pride from the two reverse singles billed for today.

Sports Reporter

But from the way the Lankans have played there was nothing to suggest that they would be content to sit back on their success and let their opponents escape a 5-0 whitewash.

Very few who understand tennis in this part of the world could have expected anything other than a facile victory for the Lankans in yesterday's doubles. The top Lankan pairing of Arjun Fernando and Rohan De Silva needed only 85 minutes to wrap up the issue with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over the top two Bangladeshis Shovon Jamaly, our national champion, and Sarder Iftekhar, our number two.

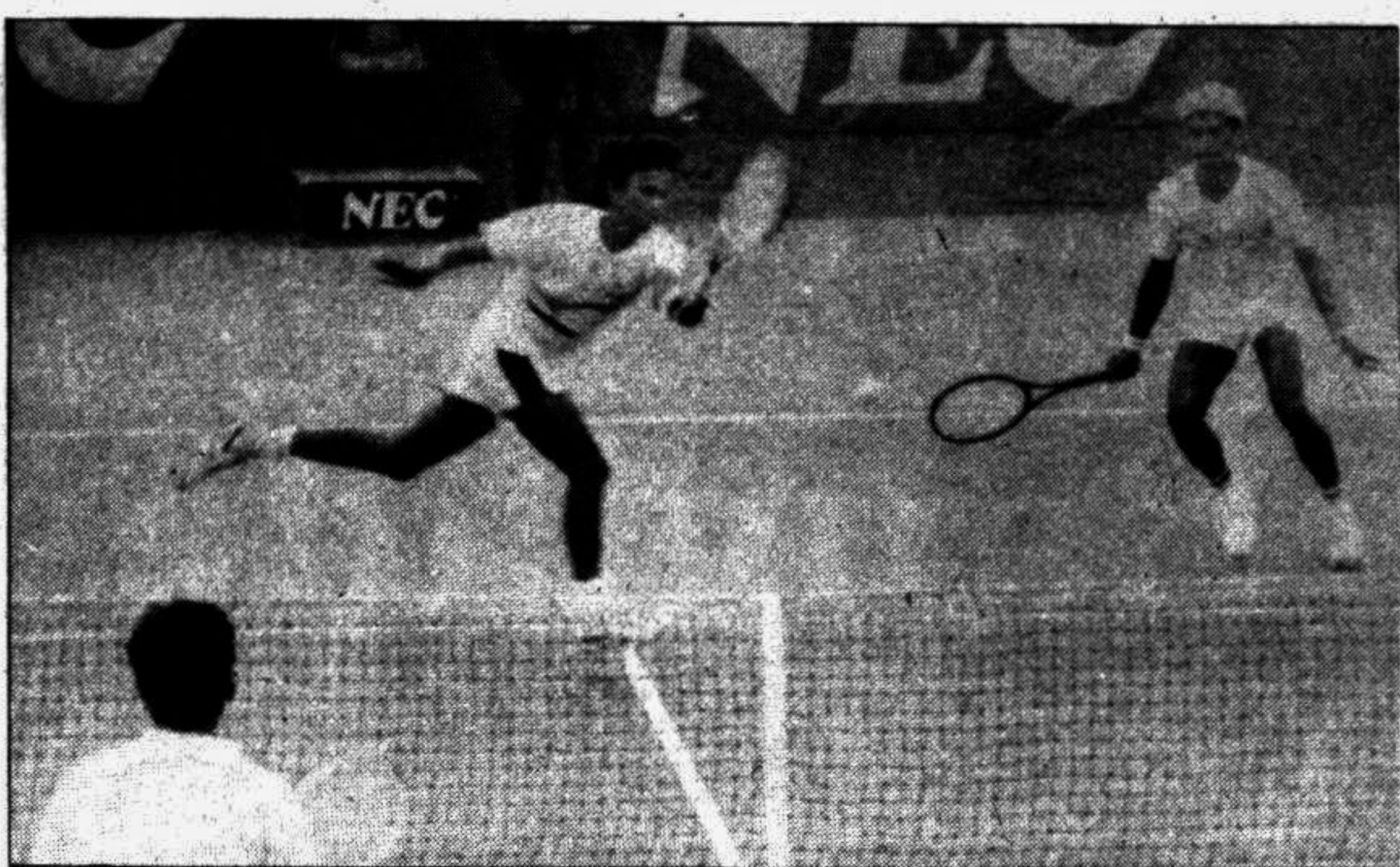
Only in the second set did the local pair look like forcing a service break but at 3-4 down Sarder Iftekhar made a mistake at the net to let the Lankans take the game despite

trailing 15-40 at one stage.

Once again, as in the opening singles, the return of service by the Lankans, especially the younger, left-handed Rohan De Silva made all the difference. Also, the Sri Lankan pair displayed far superior courtcraft and positional sense compared to the slower local lads.

In today's fixtures, Lankan number one and skipper Arjun Fernando will face his Bangladeshi counterpart Shovon while Rohan De Silva takes on Sarder Iftekhar in a battle of the left-handers. The first match starts at 9 in the morning with the second to follow immediately.

Earlier, on Friday, Fernando beat Sarder 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 while De Silva beat Shovon 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.



Rohan de Silva (L) of Sri Lanka makes a shot as Arjun Fernando looks on in yesterday's deciding doubles play of the Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Group Two tie at against Bangladesh's Sarder Iftekhar (partially seen) and Shovon Jamaly at Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. —Star photo

Lawrence to play at Lord's

LONDON, June 15: England drafted fast bowler David Lawrence into a squad of 13 on Friday for the second cricket Test against West Indies starting on Saturday.

Hick, Waqar hog the headlines

LONDON, June 15: Graeme Hick rediscovered the form England have been looking for as he thrashed Sussex's bowlers for 186 in the English county championship at Hove on Friday, reports Reuter.



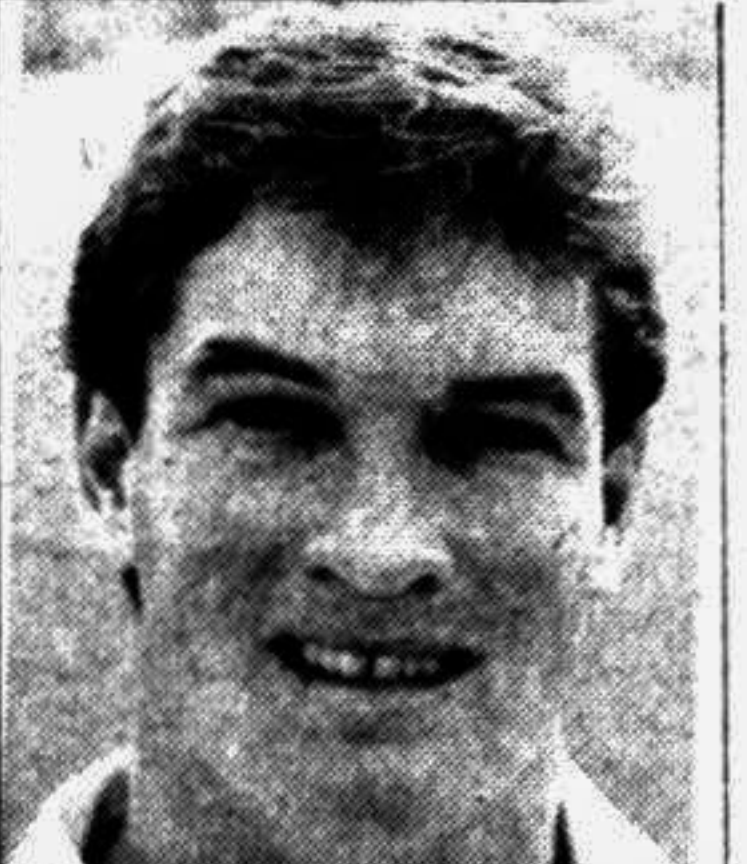
DAVID LAWRENCE

to Illingworth at Lord's, Lawrence may be vying for a place with Devon Malcolm.

The inclusion of Illingworth and Lawrence gives the selectors the maximum available options depending on the look of the pitch and the weather prospects, said chairman of selectors Ted Dexter.

Lawrence said: "I'm highly delighted. I was surprised to make it into the one-day squad because I always thought I would have more chance of getting into the Tests."

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Gloucestershire paceman Lawrence joins the 11 who won the first Test at Headingley earlier this week and left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth, who was 12th man in that match.

Lawrence has made only one Test appearance, against Sri Lanka at Lord's in 1988, but replaced Chris Lewis in the third one-day international against West Indies last month and took four for 67.

Lewis has been overlooked for next week's match after pulling out of the first Test squad with a migraine. His place in the side was taken by debutant Steve Watkin, originally called in as cover for Derek Pringle.

If England give a Test debut

Windies denied by Derbyshire

DERBY, England, June 15: Derbyshire held out grimly for a draw on Friday which denied West Indies the chance of winning a 50,000 pounds sterling jackpot, reports Reuter.

After Derby had dramatically collapsed, captain Kim Barnett, who had retired hurt earlier with back pain, returned to play out the final five balls and save his side from defeat.

Set 257 to win, Derby were 185 for nine at the finish of the three-day match.

West Indies had needed to beat Derby and win all six of their remaining matches against county sides to pick up the jackpot.

The Derby collapse, during which they lost seven wickets in the space of 10 overs, came after they had reached 153 for two and still had an outside chance of victory.

But then Mohammad Azharuddin (36) was bowled by Hamesh Anthony in the fifth of the last 20 overs and top scorer Peter Bowler (63) was caught at deep backward square leg.

Earlier, Carl Hooper and Richie Richardson gave a fine batting display ahead of the second Test which starts at Lord's next Thursday.

Hooper stroked a 133-ball unbeaten 95 while Richardson followed his first innings 114 with an unbeaten 48. Their unbroken partnership of 151 on a difficult, slow pitch enabled West Indies to declare at 199 for four.

Matete wins 400m

TOKYO, June 15: Samuel Matete of Zambia easily won the 400-meter hurdles Saturday in the 75th Japan Track and Field National Championships, leading a field of foreigners who continued to dominate the meet, reports AFP.

Matete was timed in 48.08 seconds, breaking the Japan record of 49.11 set by Yoshihiko Saito in 1991, but well below the world record of 47.02 held by American Edwin Moses.

Matete was more than five meters (yards) ahead of Saito, who was clocked in 49.70. After the victory, Matete, who trains at Alabama University, said, "I am satisfied with the result as a warm up meet for the World Championships."

Sweden's Patrik Boren, overcoming a pain in his knee, took the men's javelin throw with 81.22 meters.

Burrell clocks best in 100m

NEW YORK, June 15: Leroy Burrell has known for two years that he had the ability to break the 100 metres world record some day, reports Reuter.

That day came on Friday as Burrell accelerated like never before and roared to a world-record time of 9.90 seconds in a classic confrontation with training partner and former world record-holder Carl Lewis at the US national athletics championships.

"This is the party of all parties," Burrell, clad in a tuxedo-like warm-up suit, said before dashing off to win his opening

When the record came however, Burrell, who also holds the 60-metre indoor record, had to work for the words to describe his feeling.

"When you dream about setting a world record, you imagine feeling very happy, but that's not exactly what it is," he said.

"There are so many emotions flowing through me right now that I just can't describe the feeling. It is very humbling," added Burrell. He predicted that both he and Lewis would run faster at the World Championships in Tokyo in August.

Lewis praised Burrell for being a great and clean champion, an obvious shot at former world record-holder Ben Johnson, who was stripped of his record after testing positive for a steroid after beating Lewis at the 1988 Olympics.

But the 29-year-old Lewis, who still holds a 6-3 edge over Burrell in their 100-metre clashes, said he was far from finished.

"A lot of people thought Carl Lewis was old and gone," he said. "But I was just a great start away from a world record."

More challenges await the two speedsters today, the fourth and final day of the national championships. Burrell takes on favoured Michael Johnson in the 200 metres, and Lewis puts his 10-year winning streak in the men's long jump on the line against Larry Myricks and Mike Powell.

Michael Johnson and Burrell both won preliminary heats in the 200 metres on Friday.

A couple of "old guys" stole the show in the men's 110-metre hurdles.

Two-time world champion Foster earned a chance for a third title by winning the US championship in 13.29 seconds.

Former world record-holder Renaldo Nehemiah, like Foster aged 32, grabbed third in 13.36 seconds.

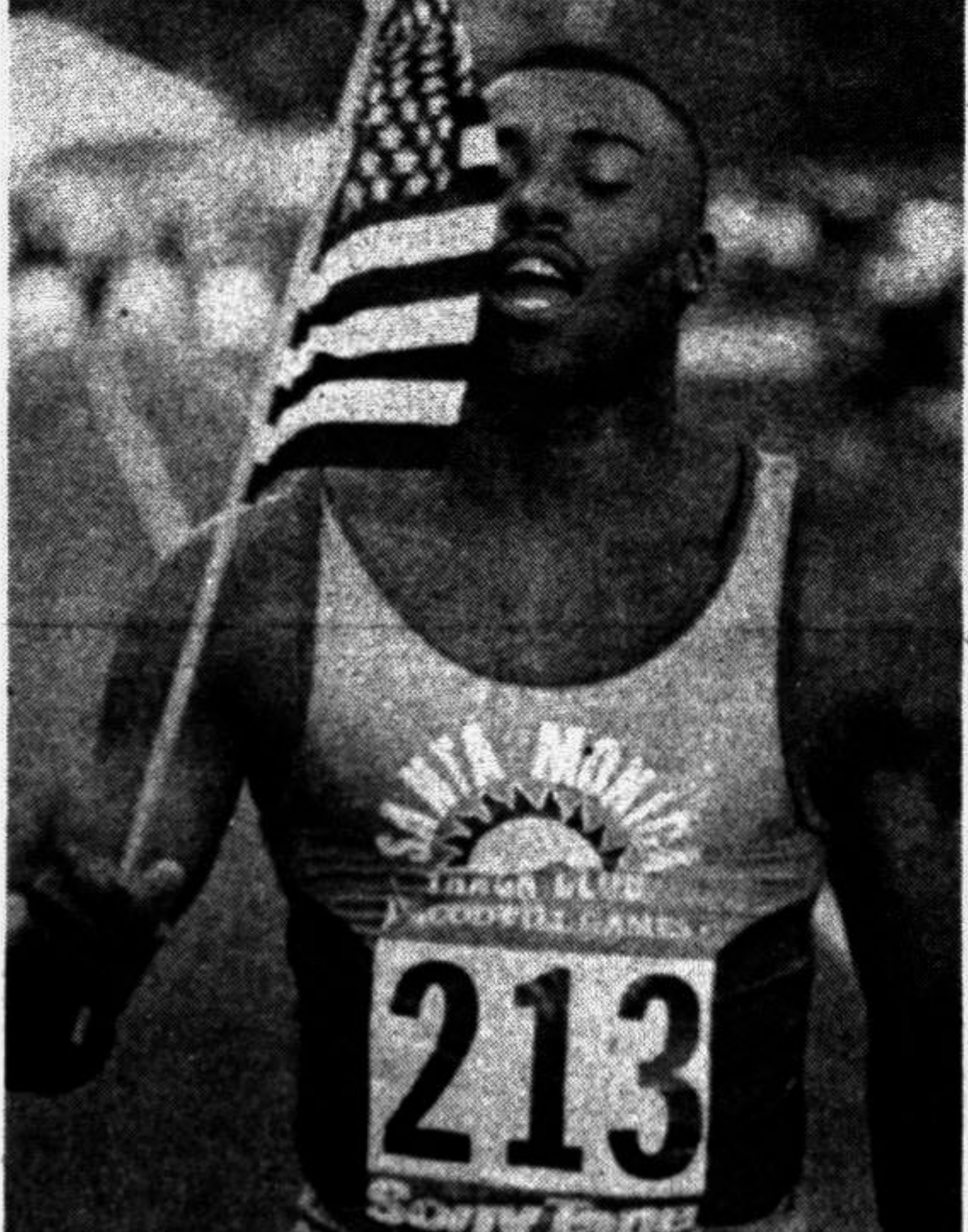
The last time Nehemiah represented the United States in international competition was 1979, when he won the World Cup.

Jack Pierce rode a tremendous start to second at 13.33.

The top three finishers in each event qualify for the US team for the World championships.

Gail Devers-Roberts overcame a three-year battle with grave disease with the women's 100-metre hurdles in 12.83 seconds.

Collegiate champion Carlette Guidry ran away from the field in the women's 100 metres, clocking 10.94 seconds for the win. Veteran Evelyn Ashford was third in 11.12.



LEROY BURRELL — aim fulfilled.

Volleyball results

BANGKOK, June 15: A team from the Chinese province of Hebei defeated Fujian by three sets to two in an all-Chinese semifinal match in the fifth Princess Cup women's volleyball Championships here Friday, reports AFP.

Hebei beat Fujian 3-15, 15-11, 15-10, 4-15, 15-12 to enter the final.

In the other semifinal, Unistica of Japan thrashed Thailand in straight sets, 15-5, 15-4, 15-6.

Hebei will meet Unistica in the final while Fujian will meet Thailand in the match for third place today.

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Navratilova's privilege

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 15: Martina Navratilova won't have to appear in Fort Worth for a deposition during Wimbledon, after all, reports AP.

On Friday, attorneys for Navratilova were granted a continuance for a deposition requested by the tennis star's former companion.

Judy Nelson contends in a lawsuit against Navratilova that the tennis player has not lived up to terms of a 1986 agreement providing that if they split up, they would divide assets accrued since they began living together in July 1984.

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TENNIS TIDBITS

Martina must match Schultz's serve

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 15: Top seed Martina Navratilova set up a duel with the fastest server in the women's game after sweeping ace she swept aside fellow American Lori McNeil 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the Edgerton grass court tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

The nine-time Wimbledon champion will meet Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands — a 6-3, 6-2, winner over Catherine Suire of France — whose serves have been clocked at 190 kph.

Unseeded Schultz, with victories over seeds German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Nathalie Tauziat of France in earlier rounds, was Merciless in her quarter-final against Suire. She lost only three points on her serve, one of them a double fault.

Hong Kong leads unassailably

SINGAPORE, June 15: Hong Kong took an unbeatable 3-0 lead against Singapore in their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Group Two match today, reports AFP.

The Hong Kong pair of Mark Bailey and Michael Walker beat Singapore's Liu Wai Yaw and Fedrik Ho in straight sets, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1. The Singapore side were totally outclassed in the first set by the visitors, who took control of the match right from the start. The home team put up a better show in the second set when the visitors looked as if they were tiring under the hot sun and humidity.

But the local men were unable to sustain their rally into the third set as the Hong Kong team's all-round play and ability won the match.

Malaysia, Taiwan level

KUALA LUMPUR, June 15: Malaysia and Taiwan were level at 1-1 after the opening singles on the first day of their Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group Two, second round tennis tie on Friday, reports Reuter.

Results (Malaysia names first: Veerawah Selvam lost to Lien Yu Hui 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 4-6. Adam Malik beat Liu Chung Hsing 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Luxembourg goes two-up

LUXEMBOURG, June 15: Luxembourg led Turkey 2-0 after the opening day of their Davis Cup European Zone Group Two tennis semifinal on Friday, reports Reuter.

Results: Johnny Goudenbour best Yavuz Erkanli 6-4, 6-0, 6-4; Jacques Radoux beat Alaaddin Karaguz 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

Meanwhile, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast led Togo 2-0 after the opening singles of their Davis Cup African Zone Group Two, second round tie on Friday.

Results (Ivory Coast names first: Jean Christophe Nahi beat Agnaba Katoro 6-0, 6-0, 6-3; Estile Ngoran beat Apedit Kodzo 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.

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No plan to build stadia at upazilas

The State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadek Hossain, told the Jatiya Sangsad on Saturday that the government had no plans now to construct stadiums at the upazila headquarters, reports BSS.

The State Minister was replying to a question from Tabibur Rahman Sardar (AL-Jessore).

In reply to a question from Saduzzaman (AL-Magura), Sadek Hossain said the construction of the stadium at Magura zila headquarters which started in March 1988 would be completed in the next financial year.

He said Taka six lakh has so far been put at the disposal of the district sports association. He said some money had also been spent locally. He said the government would give Taka four lakh in the next fiscal to complete the construction work.

Replying to a question from Shah Mohammed Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury (JP-Sherpur), the State Minister said the land for constructing stadium at Sherpur district headquarters was acquired in 1988 and the construction work would start in the next financial year.

In reply to a similar question from Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury (JP-Moulvibazar), Sadek Hossain said the government had a plan to build a stadium at the district headquarters of Moulvibazar adding the work for its construction.

Holyfield-Tyson fight on card

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, June 15: Evander Holyfield, the unified world heavyweight champion, will put his title at stake against number one contender Mike Tyson here in October or November, reports AFP.

Boxing promoter Dan Duva, who manages Holyfield's interests and who made a winning 51-million-dollar bid for the fight, will stage it at Caesar's Palace instead of the Mirage Hotel here or Atlantic City's Trump Plaza.

Duva said the two men were ready to face each other and that the public was waiting for the showdown.

However, Duva still has to reach an agreement with Tyson's manager Don King, who says his man should get more than the 12.5 million dollars on offer.

Kiwishold the Australians

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, June 15: The New Zealand men's hockey team were jubilant here today after holding hot favourites Australia to a 1-1 draw in the first of three Tests, reports AFP.

The series is part of the Oceania group qualifying matches for the Barcelona Olympics. The winner of the best-of-three series will qualify for the Olympics while the loser will have to play in another tournament in Auckland in October.

The next two Tests will be played in Hobart, with the second next Saturday.

Australian coach Frank Murray was disappointed with his team's performance.

The Kiwis played above themselves today and coach Kevin Towns said he was thrilled with the result.

Australia opened the scoring when veteran Mark Hager, playing his 91st international, scored in the ninth minute from a penalty corner.

New Zealand struck back a minute later when Grant McLeod scored, also from a penalty corner.

After that the New Zealanders held off several Australian challenges and managed to keep the scores level despite Australia's 4-1 penalty corner advantage.

Australia penetrated the circle seven times in the second half, compared with New Zealand's three and New Zealand keeper Ian Woodley made several good saves.

DUTCH IN EURO SEMIS

Meanwhile, in Paris, a Floris Jan Bovelander hat-trick set up the Netherlands for a 4-0 European Cup win over the Soviet Union on Saturday.

The Dutch world champions are now virtually assured of a semifinal place in the two week tournament, needing only one point from their two remaining games.

The Soviet Union, who played in Hobart, with the second semifinal place from qualifying Group A, were completely overwhelmed.

Bovelander scored from a penalty corner and a penalty strike to give the Dutch a 2-0 lead at the break. He converted his seventh goal of the tournament, and 113rd of his international career, just after Bastiaan Van Ede scored a field goal five minutes from time to wrap up the game.

Like Germany, their likely final opponents, the Dutch superiority from the penalty corner was devastating as they converted three from five.

Bovelander was the first player to score three consecutive goals in the tournament and he now leads Germany's Carsten Fischer seven to five in the scorers' table.

Soccer scenario

Havelange wants W Cup in Asia, Africa

LISBON, June 15: The World Cup should be staged in Asia for the first time in the year 2002 and in South Africa four years later, the president of the international football body FIFA said on Friday, reports AFP.

Brazilian Joao Havelange said: "I would like to leave everything ready to grant South Africa the 2006 World Cup, if the racial problems are sorted out, and to organise 2002 in Asia. 'We have been in Europe, in South America and we are going to be in North America in 1994. The time has come to spread our wings and take the World Cup to Asia and Africa.' Havelange said in Aveiro, northern Portugal, before heading for Porto to open the under 18 World Cup.

Havelange noted that South Africa, banned by FIFA in 1976 over its apartheid policy of racial segregation, is expected to be readmitted in July 1992.

Peach fined for slapping boy

KUALA LUMPUR, June 15: A court on Friday fined an English soccer fan 1,200 ringgit (444 US dollars) for slapping a Malaysian boy and resisting police arrest after a friendly soccer match between England and Malaysia, reports Reuter.

Nicholas William Peach, 23, from Birmingham, slapped a 14-year-old boy who was waiting outside the stadium to catch a glimpse of the English players after the match on Wednesday, the national Bernama news agency quoted police as telling the court.

Peach, who paid the fine, also kicked and elbowed policemen who tried to arrest him, the court was told. England beat Malaysia 4-2 in the last match of an Asian tour which also took them to Australia and New Zealand.

Egypt in ROK President's Cup final

SEOUL, June 15: Egypt pulled off a setback on favourites Soviet Union to move into the final of South Korean President's Cup soccer tournament on Friday, reports agencies. They won the semifinal 2-1.

Scorers: Egypt-Ahmed Ramzy (15th minute), Hossain Hassan (30th); Soviet Union-Rakhimov Rakhid (43rd).

Spurs have to sell Gazza

LONDON, June 15: Debt-ridden Tottenham have been given a stay of execution by their major creditor, but they will have to sell England star Paul Gascoigne, reports Reuter.

The club said on Wednesday that English bank Midland, which is owed 11 million pounds (18 million dollars) by Tottenham, had given them a year's extension to their overdraft. The bank has been demanding payment from the club.

Portugal pip Eire

OPORTO, Portugal, June 15: Portugal beat Ireland 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in the opening Group A match of the World youth soccer championship on Friday, reports Reuter.