

Carl Lewis (2nd L) and Santa Monica Track Club teammates (L to R) Leroy Burrell, Floyd Heard and Mike Marsh celebrate after equalling the world 4x100m relay record of 37.79secs—held by France—at the Monaco GP on Aug 3. —AFP photo

Botham is back but Hick, Lamb, others get the axe

LONDON, Aug 4: Ian Botham returns for his 98th Test match but newcomer Graeme Hick and veteran Allan Lamb are dropped as England reshapes its batting lineup for the series-ending cricket match against the West Indies, reports AP.



IAN BOTHAM

Announcing the team Sunday, the selectors also have left out wicket-keeper Jack Russell and left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth, promoting Alec Stewart and Phil Tufnell as replacements.

reached Lamb has also paid for too many failures this summer. With England needing a win, the selectors will field five frontline bowlers at the Oval for the first time this season.

Tufnell, not picked since the Australian tour, when his attitude was heavily criticised, is likely to be one of them. However, it is Botham's return that will really capture the public's imagination. With the 35-year-old Worcestershire all-rounder's great friend, West Indies skipper Viv Richards, playing his final Test in England before retirement, there should be no shortage of drama.

ENGLAND SQUAD:
GA Gooch (Essex, captain) age 38, Tests 89; MA Atherton (Lancashire) 23, 17; IT Botham (Worcestershire) 35, 97; PAJ DeFreitas (Lancashire) 25, 24; DV Lawrence (Gloucestershire) 27, 2; CC Lewis (Leicestershire) 23, 5; H Morris (Glamorgan) 27, 1; DR Pringle (Essex) 32, 25; MR Ramprakash (Middlesex) 21, 4; RA Smith (Hampshire) 27, 26; AJ Stewart (Surrey, wicket-keeper) 28, 12; PCR Tufnell (Middlesex) 25, 4.

Tufnell strikes on time

LONDON, Aug 4: Middlesex left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell captured a career-best seven for 116 on Saturday to press his Test claims before England cricket manager Micky Stewart, reports Reuter.

day of the three-day county championship match. With England's squad for the fifth and final Test against West Indies at the Oval being announced on Sunday, Tufnell's performance and the stroke lay of Robin Smith and David Gower provided the day's high points.

Leaders Warwickshire, despite a defiant 97 from all-rounder Dermot Reeve, failed by seven runs to save the follow on against Worcestershire in their championships match. Reeve batted for 255 minutes and found a staunch ally in Dominic Ostler (55) but Warwickshire, needing 305 to avoid following on, were all out for 298 just before the close of the second day at Worcester.

The home county, who scored 454 for eight declared, are certain to make Warwickshire bat again 156 behind on the last day on Monday.

Surrey's title hopes took a knock when they were forced to follow on 180 behind Kent at Canterbury. Opener Darren Bicknell made an unbeaten 78 off 209 balls to spark a second innings revival as Surrey closed the second day at 142 for two, still 38 behind.

Earlier, Surrey collapsed to 178 all out after losing their last seven wickets for 30 runs, pace bowler Chris Penn producing a spell of four for 22 in six overs.

CRICKET CLIPPINGS

Dujon's welcome return to form



Jeff Dujon

CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 4: Wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, with a timely return to form ahead of the final Test, and opener Clayton Lambert both struck centuries in West Indian run spree against Essex on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Dujon scored characteristically elegant 142 not out and Lambert made 116 — their first hundreds of the tour — to spur West Indies to 367 for four at the close of the first day of three-day match.

Essex, led by England captain Graham Gooch, were spared the prospect of greater punishment when West Indies' batting order was reshuffled. Skipper Viv Richards, Richie Richardson and Carl Hooper did not get to the crease and Desmond Haynes arrived with only 50 minutes left.

Dujon, who has made only 84 runs in his five innings in the Test Series, was promoted to number three and responded with a confidence-boosting effort before the fifth Test against England at the Oval on Thursday.

Goldsmith glitters

DERBY, England, Aug 4: Sri Lanka crawled to 174 for three in 87 overs on Saturday after Derbyshire's Steve Goldsmith scored his first-class century, reports Reuter.

Goldsmith's 127 lifted the English county to 358 all out. He was bowled hitting across the line after facing 311 balls and striking 18 fours.

National TT from tomorrow

The 16th national table tennis championships, organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, begin at the National Coaching Centre August 6, reports BSS.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahbubur Rahman will inaugurate the six-day competition at 5-30 in the afternoon.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, president of the federation Syed Yousuf Hossain said, 250 players including 31 women and 105 boys from 31 teams of the country would take part in 10 events.

The events are: the men's, women's and boys' team events; singles and doubles of the three classes and mixed doubles.

Mr Hossain said members of the teams from outside Dhaka would be accommodated at the National Sports Council hostel at Mirpur sports village, the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex hostel and some in hotels.

He said the tournament would be titled 'The New Paper 16th national table tennis championships' and the sponsors have given the BTTF a one lakh to meet the major portion of the tournament expenses.

Qazi Moinuzzaman Pila, general secretary of BTTF and other federation officials were present at the press conference.

The participating teams will be: Rajshahi, Panchagarh, Jessore, Thakurgaon, Bagerhat, Lalmonirhat, Pabna, Jhalkathi, BTMC, Habiganj, Narail, Mymensingh, Patuakhali, Satkhira, Kushtia, Natore, Moulvibazar, Dinajpur, Bangladesh Ansars, Pirojpur, Bogra, Chittagong, Khulna, Tangail, Dhaka, Munshiganj, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Bangladesh Biman, Bakerganj and Rangpur.

Rain plays foul at Brookline

BROOKLINE, Aug 4: Rain interrupted the third set in Saturday night's US Pro Tennis Championships semifinal match between top seed Andrei Cherkasov and fifth seed Jimmy Arias, reports AP.

The match was rescheduled for Sunday at 10 am (1600 GMT). Play will pick up with Cherkasov leading 2-1 in the third set after the Soviet took a first set 7-6 (8-6) tie-breaker and ran into serving difficulty in the second set, won by Arias, 6-3.

The American produced second and fourth game service breaks for a 4-0 lead before Cherkasov could capture a second set game.

The Soviet converted just seven of 24 first serves in the set. Tournament officials said the singles final would be played at 1pm (1900GMT) Sunday, pitting the winner of the Cherkasov-Arias match against Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

Martin denies The Emperor his crown



ADELAIDE, Aug 4: Australian Rodney Martin capped an inspirational week with a prestigious victory over all-time great Jahangir Khan to land the World Squash Open title here Sunday, reports AFP.

Martin became the first Australian since Geoff Hunt in 1980 — coincidentally in Adelaide — to win the world crown and prize 'loose the Pakistani grip on the title.

In a boost for international squash, 25-year-old Martin achieved a squash rarity — conquering both world No 1 Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan to climb the summit.

Martin, figurehead of the foremost Australian squash family of sister Michelle and elder brother Brett, ended the Jahangir roller coaster 14-17, 15-9, 15-5, 15-13 in 82 minutes.

"It's my career highlight — beating both the Khans and Chris Dittmar in the World Open. I couldn't have dreamed for any more," Martin told his conference.

"I worked out a game plan with Geoff Hunt this morning, to attack with him early, not get too rattled and slow the pace to how I wanted to play.

"You have to try and slow the pace down against him, just slow-ball it down the wall, and make him stop and then start again instead of him moving all the time around the court. He's slower than what he was two years ago."

Hunt said afterwards he was more excited for Martin than when he dominated the sport back in the late 1970s.

"He now knows he's won a World Open and it must give him confidence to push on in the future," Hunt said.

Jahangir Khan, bidding for an unprecedented seventh world title, was critical of the refereeing and the physical nature of the final.

"It was hard to play against him because most of the time he was disrupting me by pushing and I couldn't con-

centrate on my game and on top of that the referee was giving some silly points away," Jahangir said.

"I was scared of giving a point away. When I was at the front of the court and trying for drop shot he was just bumping into me and most times he was getting a let or a stroke on that."

But it was a two-edged sword — leading 12-10 in the first game, Jahangir sent Martin tottering towards the front of the court and was told by the referee, "there was no need for that, you don't have to

push him."

In the third game Martin, up 3-1, sent Jahangir thudding into a side wall and in the fourth game the Australian winced as he slammed into the wall.

Martin, who featured in two aggressive clashes with Jahangir, losing to him in this

year's French and British Opens, defended himself against Jahangir's accusations.

"I'm only running through to the ball and if he steps back into my way I'm not going to stop dead in my tracks, no one can do that when you're running full pelt.

"We both bumped each other, it's just part of the game. I didn't go out there to start hassling and bump him whatever... It was a matter of me trying to get to the ball to show the referee that I had made an effort to get to the ball. You don't show the effort,

you don't get a let.

Martin, hampered by inconsistency in the past, sought help from a sports psychologist to get him fully focused for the World Open.

"I spoke a few times with Ian Lynagh, father of world-record point-scoring Wallaby rugby union five-eighth Michael, to get few hints on how to concentrate a bit more and not let things worry me," said Martin.

"I play better when I don't get uptight and worry about a few decisions that may go against me."

Martin clawed back from 4-9 to lead 13-12 in the first game, but Jahangir fought back with an unbelievable cross-court winner, a stroke call and an error to take the opening game 17-14 in 31 minutes.

Martin's famed touch was troubling Jahangir, and with five drop shot winners he levelled up at 15-9.

Martin was in full flight in the third game — seven drop shots and a stroke call helped him to a 15-4 game in just 12 minutes.



Jahangir (L) in action against Martin.—Star file photo

Samaranch defends cost of Barcelona participation

HAVANA, Aug 4: The President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, on Saturday defended the cost that third world nations will have to pay to compete in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

"The problem of prices in Barcelona does not correspond to some of the exaggerated charges that have been made," Samaranch said.

"Prices for the athletes and officials are actually quite reasonable and moreover we plan to give major assistance to make things easier."

Samaranch, in Havana for the Pan-American Games, said room and board in Barcelona's Olympic village will be free for all athletes and will cost 100 dollars for sports officials.

"As there will be two athletes to every official the average prices per person for the national delegations will be slightly more than 33 dollars," he said.

Since arriving in Havana Samaranch has had to defend the cost that third world countries, particularly in Latin America, will have to pay to get

to Barcelona because the long distances mean thousands of dollars for each air fare.

Samaranch said that to ensure the Games were truly international, all costs will be paid for some of the smaller Olympic committees that have economic problems.

He also forecast that terrorism from the Basque separatist movement would not be a problem in Barcelona.

"That is the responsibility of the Spanish government. Since Munich in 1972 there have been no terrorist activities at the Olympics. We think

it will be the same at the Barcelona Olympics."

Samaranch said that Cuban President Fidel Castro had told him he would attend the inauguration ceremony for the Barcelona Olympics next July.

"I assure you, the Cuban team will be in Barcelona and President Castro will be there too," he said.

Cuba, a close ally of the Soviet Union, has not competed in an Olympics since 1980 in Moscow because of Boycotts involving the superpowers.

Fujita, Moller win Hokkaido marathon

TOKYO, Aug 4: Japan's Kotchi Fujita won the 1991 Hokkaido Marathon men's race Sunday and New Zealand's Lorraine Moller was the women's champion, both by less than 30 seconds, reports AP.

The 25-year-old Fujita covered the 42.195 meters (26 miles, 385 yards) in 2 hours, 17 minutes, 5 seconds, beating fellow Japanese Kazuya Nishida by 26 seconds.

Nishida was second in 2:17:31 and Ed Eyston of the United States, who placed fifth in the 1990 Chicago Marathon, was third in 2:19:20 in the race through the streets of Sapporo in northern Japan.

Running in 26-degree Celsius (79 F) temperatures, Filomen Lopez of Mexico, who was seventh in the 1990 New York Marathon, took the early lead, but Fujita caught him after 15 kilometers (9.4 miles). He ranshoulder-to-

shoulder for a time with Nishida, and took the lead after 20 kilometers (12.5 miles).

Lopez ended sixth in 2:25:59. Gidamis Shahanga of Tanzania, runner-up in the 1990 Berlin Marathon, withdrew from the race after 25 kilometers (15.6 miles).

In the women's race, the 36-year-old Moller, winner of the 1989 Hokkaido Marathon, took the lead from defending champion Lisa Weidenbach of

the United States in the last kilometer (0.6 miles) and won in 2:33:20, beating Weidenbach by 13 seconds.

Weidenbach finished in 2:33:33 and another American, Lisa Kindelan, was fifth in 2:44:28.

Satomi Iwashita was third in 2:35:01 and fellow Japanese Keiko Yamamoto was fourth in 2:36:22.

A total of 1,086 runners, including 140 women, competed.

Judo champ's defection may rock inter-Korean talks

SEOUL, Aug 4: A North Korean judo champion arrived in Seoul on Sunday after defecting through a third nation and was granted immediate political asylum in South Korea, reports AP.

The defection comes only two weeks before rivals North and South Korea are to resume talks on fielding a joint team for the 1992 Olympic Games.

The defection was likely to embarrass North Korea and could jeopardize the talks.

Li Chang Su, 24, arrived on a Korean Air plane from Vienna accompanied by security officials. He tried first to defect in Barcelona, site of the judo world championships, but was told to defect through an unnamed third nation to avoid embarrassment to Spain as it prepares to host the 1992 Summer Games, he said.

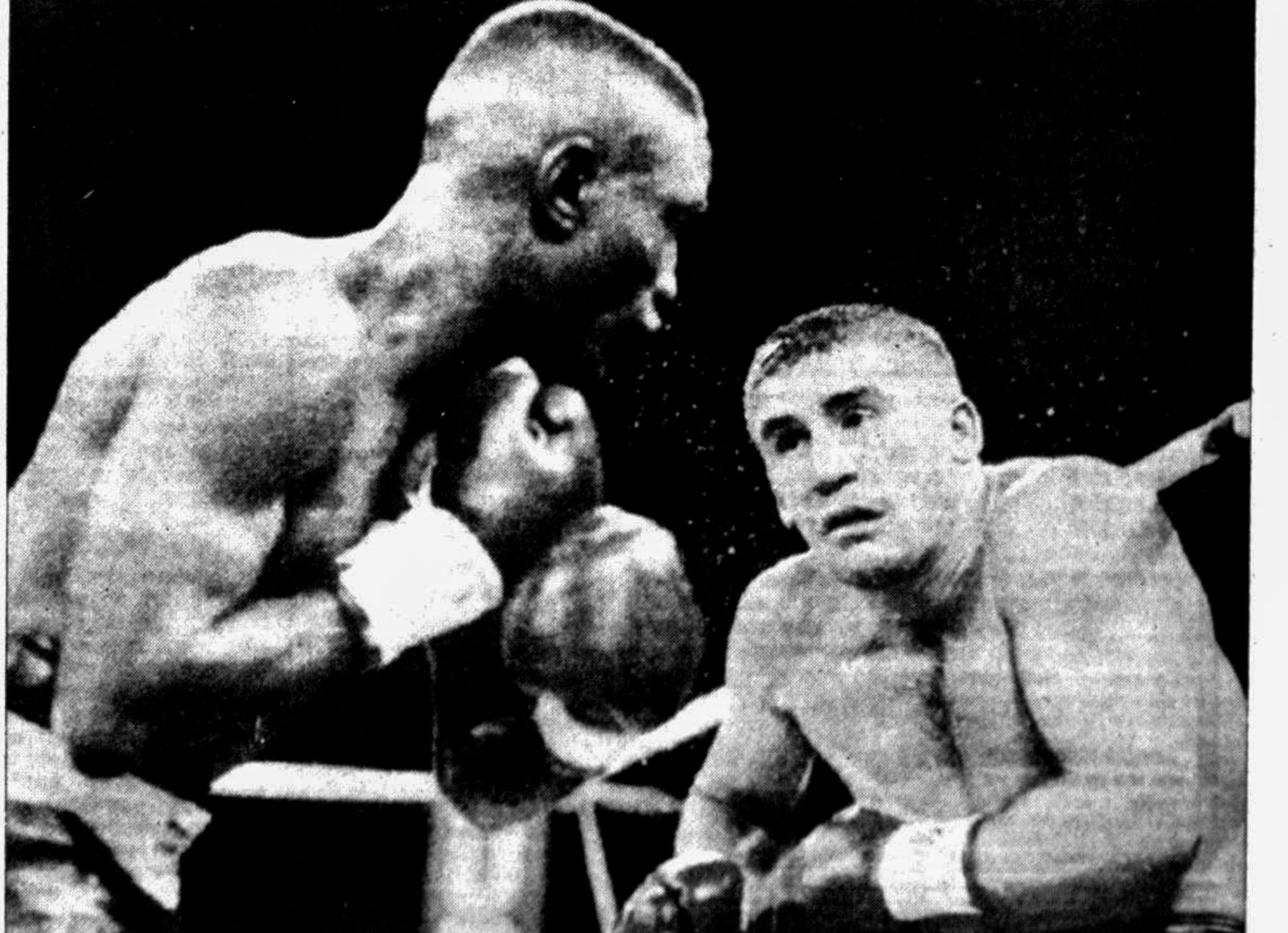
I feel very good about arriving in a free country," he told a news conference, smiling and waving to reporters he had met at international sports events. "I have many (South

Korean judo friends," he said. Li was captain of the North Korean judo team that competed in Barcelona last week.

Officials said Li approached the South Korean judo team just before the closing ceremonies in Spain to ask about defecting. They said Li departed the country by train for Moscow as scheduled on July 29, but slipped away from the train at night in a European capital.

Li is the first sports figure to defect to South Korea and the defection comes as rivals North and South Korea are increasing sports contacts for the first time since their division in 1945.

The two nations formed their first ever joint teams this year to compete in the World Table Tennis Championships in Japan in April and the World Youth Soccer Championships in Portugal in June.



Spaniard Poli Diaz (R) falls back after being hit with a left hook by Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker. Whitaker defended his world lightweight boxing title with a 12-round decision over Diaz in Norfolk, Virginia on July 27.