

## Springboks play in Gwalior today

**OWALIOR, Nov 11:** The caravan of cricket rolls on. And South Africa will attempt to check India's victorious run in the second one-day international here tomorrow to keep the three-match series alive, reports PTL.

South Africa, already richer in experience by one match since they ended their 21-year-old international exile on Sunday at Calcutta, gave indications of the strength of the team poses.

Although the team was playing their first-ever official one-day international, the South Africans fought the battle gamely till batting prodigy Sachin Tendulkar and debutante Praveen Amre put India on the road to victory.

The much-vaunted Indian batting proved brittle against

some quality pace bowling by Allan Donald who threatened to fashion the victory for his team.

The balding pitch at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium here tends to favour the batsman and both the teams have ample armoury to exploit the conditions.

However, recent performances by Indian team did not reflect the strength of the batting line-up. That trend would have to be reversed and none other than captain Mohammed Azharuddin would be looking towards such an occurrence. Indian bowling at Calcutta depended upon the medium-pacers with Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar making maximum use of the moisture. The act could be repeated here since the city has experienced drizzle during the past two days and the outfield is

still wet.

That should not deter South African skipper Clive Rice whose team may lack international match experience but contains many individual performers who have to be knit together.

Rice, at 42, is the oldest member of playing squad on either side and will look forward to improve upon his debut but performance which can show the Indian spectators what he did with the bat for Nottinghamshire in English County.

With the likes of Kepler Wessell, the only player to have represented two countries in one-day internationals with the other being Australia, and all-rounder Adrian Kuiper in their ranks, South Africa can set-up or chase a reasonable total on this ground.

Meanwhile, hectic preparations

are on to host the match with president of the Indian Cricket Board, Mr Madhav Rao Scindia personally supervising the arrangements.

### TEAMS:

**India:** Mohd Azharuddin (Capt), Ravi Shastri, Navjot Sidhu, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sachin Tendulkar, Praveen Amre, Manoj Prabhakar, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Venkatapathy Raju, Javagal Srinath, Saurav Ganguly, K. Srikanth, Dilip Vengsarkar, Chandrakant Pandit, Subroto Banerjee.

**South Africa:** Clive Rice, Jimmy Cook, Andrew Hudson, Kepler Wessell, Peter Kirsten, Adrian Kuiper, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Tim Shaw, Allan Donald, Richard Snell, Mandy Yachad, Craig Matthews.

Umpires: R V Raman (TN) and S K Bansal (Delhi).

## Navratilova equals Evert's feat

**OAKLAND, California, Nov 11:** Martina Navratilova equalled Chris Evert's all-time professional record of 157 career titles by defeating Monica Seles of Yugoslavia 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to win the \$500,000-dollar Virginia Slims of California tennis tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Navratilova, who could break Evert's record in her last 1991 tournament in two weeks at the New York championships, now has a 5-5 career record against Seles.

"This win is as satisfying as a Grand Slam title in many ways. When I came here before the tournament, I was in the emotional dumps. To beat Monica and equal the record of a great friend of mine tickets me pink," said the second-seeded Navratilova, who won 70,000 dollars.

Navratilova won the match by playing aggressively and forcing Seles to pass her at the net. Navratilova won 73 of 124 points at the net and missed



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA just one approach shot the entire match.

The aggressive, hard-hitting play of both Navratilova and the

top-seeded Seles in other's service games resulted in 13 breaks of serve in 27 games. Still, the quality of tennis was exceptional high and many



CHRIS EVERT points were won on outright winners in the one-hour and 42-minute match.

"I felt my serve wasn't there when I needed it. It hasn't let

me down this badly before," said Seles, winner of three Grand Slam tournaments this year. "It's very tough winning the match when you have to break Martina so many times."

Navratilova controlled the first set by attacking Seles's second serve and scoring three breaks of serve to one for Seles.

Seles, who won 35,000 dollars, reversed those numbers in the second set by finding the mark with a higher number of her two-fisted passing shots and converting a higher percentage of first serves.

In the final set, Navratilova shook off a questionable line call in the seventh and broke Seles for a 5-2 lead. Cheered on by a partisan crowd, Navratilova closed out the match two games when she scored the sixth service break of the set on a wide forehand from Seles.

## Australian Open Capriati joins top seeds

## Appelmans' two in a row

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Nov 11:** Fourth-seeded Sabine Appelmans of Belgium won her second consecutive tennis tournament with an easy 6-2, 6-4 victory over American Katrina Adams in the Virginia Slims of Nashville on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Appelmans, who is 13-1 in matches in the last three weeks, won the Arizona tennis classic last week.

Appelmans won all of her service games and twice served games without losing a point.

"I'm really happy it's two in a row," Appelmans said.

"It's not so easy. I didn't expect it. I thought, 'Ok, it's been a good trip already, so whatever I do here is good.'"

In the doubles final, American Sandy Collins and South African Elna Reinach defeated Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia and Caroline Vis of the Netherlands 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7).

"She's the first lefty I played all week," Adams said, referring to Appelmans's serve, so it's a reverse spin and I couldn't get the timing on it to get behind it."

Appelmans never faltered after breaking Adams' first two service games to take a 4-0 lead in the first set.

"She was able to get the break early and capitalise on

it," Adams said.

Adams had used serve-and-volley tactics effectively to become the surprise of the tournament after entering as a wild card. But Appelmans successfully countered Adams' approaches to the net.

"The whole year through, I've been practising passing shots and used them today," Appelmans said.

After the match, Appelmans stayed busy talking on the telephone to Belgian television and radio reporters.

"In Belgium the press is writing a lot about me," she said. "After I won last week I got a telegram from the King. People are really happy a Belgian player is doing good."

## Asian tennis on

**HONG KONG, Nov 11:** About 70 players from 14 countries and regions will compete in the Asian tennis championships which start here today, reports Xinhua.

China's Asian Games men's singles champion Pan Bing and this year's World University Games singles champion Xia Jiaoping will participate in the championships which feature the men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles events.

The other two Chinese players are Li Fang, 1989 Asian champion, and Tang Min.

## France may host SA rugby side

**PARIS, Nov 9:** South Africa's first overseas rugby union series since 1981 will be played in France a day from now, the French sports daily L'Equipe reported Friday, reports AP.

The newspaper said it had obtained a copy of a tentative schedule for 1992 drawn up by the London-based International Rugby Board.

According to L'Equipe, the IRB anticipates a tour by New Zealand to South Africa in August 1992. The Springboks then would venture abroad for the first time in 11 years to play France in November.

An Australian rugby official, Bob Fordham, said Friday his team, winners of this year's World Cup, expects to play a Test in South Africa at an unspecified date late next year.

South Africa is considered one of the world's top rugby union powers, but — because of international ostracism resulting from apartheid — hasn't played an official Test since an English squad visited in 1984.

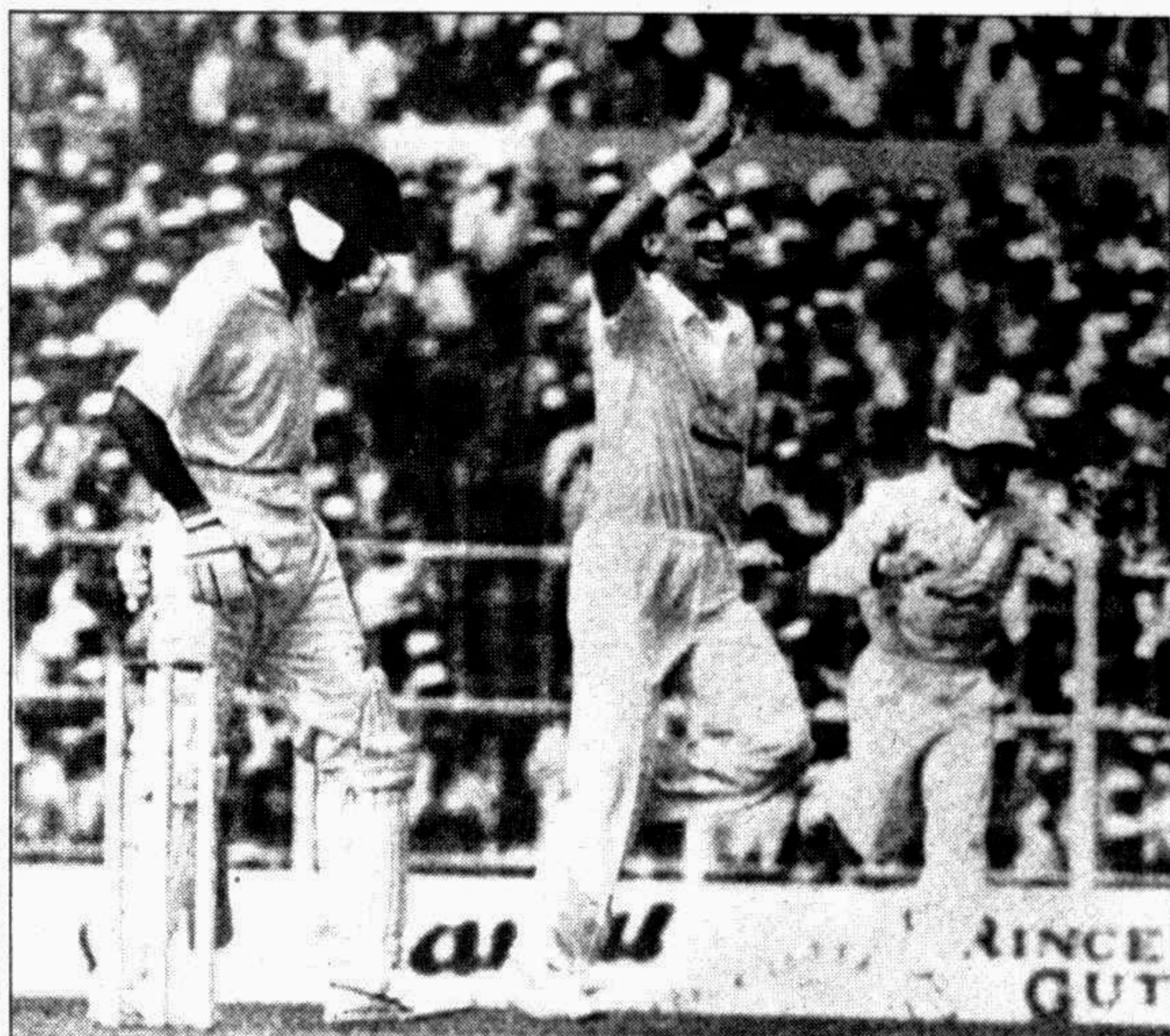
## Acrobatic show in January likely

**Sports Reporter**

An acrobatic troupe from China is to visit Bangladesh next January at the invitation of the Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association, according to a press release issued on Sunday.

The standard troupe is expected to perform five shows in Dhaka and another two in Chittagong.

The exact date of arrival will be announced later.



South African paceman Allan Donald (L) leaps in joy beside a dejected Navjot Singh Sidhu (R) during the historic cricket match at Calcutta's Eden Gardens that marked the Springboks' return to international cricket after 21 years of banishment for their apartheid policy. Donald took five for 29 in the match won by India by three wickets on Nov 10. —AFP

## Anand humiliates Salov

**PARIS, Nov 11:** World champion Garry Kasparov moved into the semi-finals of the 180,000-dollar

Speed-Chess Masters tournament on Sunday with a hard-fought victory over fellow Soviet Boris Gelfand, reports Reuter.

Dutchman Jan Timman provided one of the day's upsets by ousting world number two Anatoly Karpov.

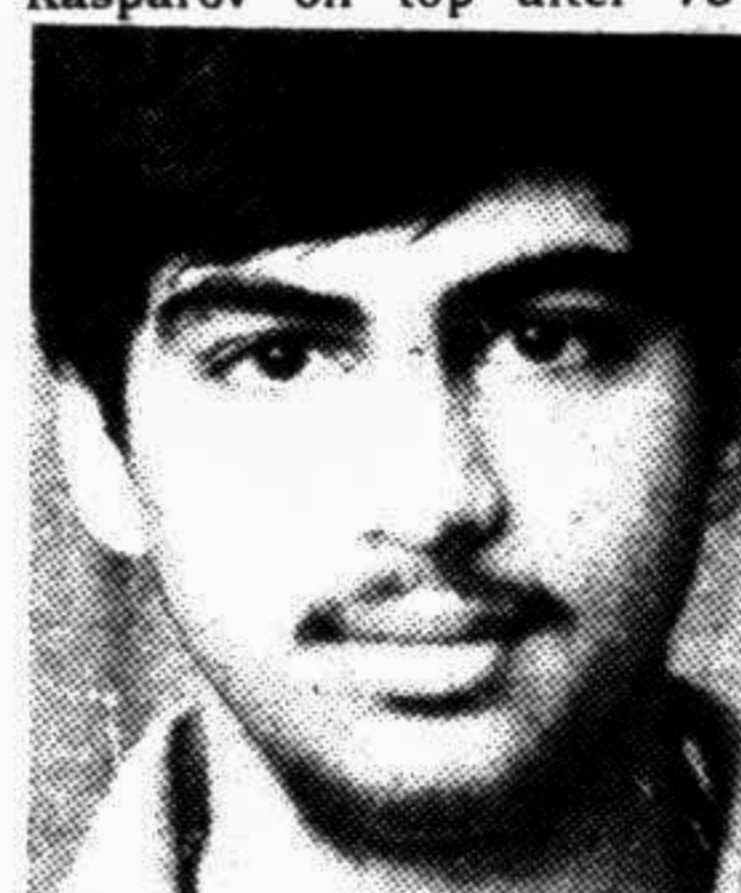
But the sensation came from young Indian star Viswanathan Anand who disposed to world number three, Valery Salov, in three minutes.

Kasparov's first game against Gelfand, a 36-move Sicilian defence, turned to the 23-year old Soviet's advantage after Gelfand lost his queen.

Rules at the tournament set a knock-out formula of two fifty-minute games, with a

blitz tie-break in case of a draw.

Despise Gelfand's skills, the return game ended with Kasparov on top after 75



VISHWANATHAN ANAND moves.

Soviet Evgeny Baryev has no problems beating in 51 moves Nigel Short of Britain, runner-

up in last year's tournament, who salvaged a draw in the second game.

Earlier, ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov was defeated by Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman while world number three Valery Salov suffered an even worse fate at the hands of Indian prodigy Viswanathan Anand.

Anand humiliated Salov by taking three minutes to rattle out his 21 moves to victory in the first game.

The return game was spectacular too, as Anand check mated the white king in 37 moves.

In today's semi-finals Kasparov plays Baryev and Anand faces Timman.

Results of the quarter-finals:

Kasparov beat Gelfand 2-0  
Baryev beat Short 11/2-1/2  
Anand beat Salov 2-0  
Timman beat Karpov 2-0

## Cuban spikers beat US girls

**TOKYO, Nov 11:** Defending champions Cuba lost a set for the first time in three matches before turning the table to beat the United States 3-1 in Group B at the 12-team World Cup women's volleyball tournament Sunday, reports AFP.

The Americans, seeking to grab the last ticket for the Barcelona Olympic, got off to a good start, taking the first set 15-4, but the Cubans soon gained their rhythm to win 15-11, 15-7, 15-7 for a third consecutive victory.

World and Olympic champions the Soviet Union also remained unbeaten in the six-team Group A competition when they outgunned hosts Japan 3-1 (11-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-11).

South Korea and Peru, fighting for an Olympic berth, whitewashed their opponents to stand at two wins against one loss with Japan.

South Korea outplayed Spain 3-0 (15-5, 15-3, 15-2), while Seoul Olympic silver medalists Peru brushed aside

Canada 3-0 (15-10, 15-6, 15-13) at the Yoyogi Gymnasium in Tokyo.

In the other Group B action at the Sendai City Gymnasium, north of Tokyo, Asian champions China piled up a 3-0 (15-11, 15-11, 15-6) victory over South American champions Brazil, and Germany downed 3-0 (15-3, 15-9, 15-5).

China and the United States have a 2-1 win-loss record, followed by Germany and Brazil with 1-2 marks.

The sites will move to Gifu and Kyoto, west of Tokyo, for the remaining preliminary matches Tuesday and Wednesday.

China, Cuba, the Soviet Union, Brazil, Spain and Japan have already earned places in the Olympic, and the other six countries are vying for the final place in next year's Barcelona Games.

Third-day results in the 12-team World Cup women's volleyball tournament held in Tokyo and Sendai, Japan on Sunday:

GROUP A:

Peru bt Canada 3-0 (15-10, 15-6, 15-13)

S Korea bt Spain 3-0 (15-5, 15-3, 15-2)

USSR bt Japan 3-1 (11-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-11)

### STANDINGS

Standings after three matches (won lost, sets for, sets against, points):

GROUP A:				
1. USSR	3	0	9	2 6
2. S Korea	2	1	8	4 5
3. Japan	2	1	7	4 5
4. Peru	2	1	7	5 5
5. Canada	0	3	2	9 3
6. Spain	0	3	0	9 3

GROUP B:

China bt Brazil	3-0 (15-11, 15-6)
Germany bt Kenya	3-0 (15-3, 15-9, 15-5)
Cuba bt USA	3-1 (4-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-7)

1. Cuba	3	0	9	1 6
2. China	2	1	7	5 5
3. USA	2	1	6	3 5
4. Brazil	1	2	5	6 4
5. Germany	1	2	3	6 4
6. Kenya	0	3	0	9 3

## Edberg's withdrawal raises hopes for Becker, Stich

**FRANKFURT, Germany, Nov 11:** Stefan Edberg's late withdrawal from this week's year-ending tennis

showdown has guaranteed early drama by forcing a Wimbledon final re-run between Michael Stich and Boris Becker on home soil.

Swedish world number one Edberg announced on Saturday he was pulling out of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tour World Championship, which starts on Tuesday, because of a knee ailment.

Re-seeding of the two round-robin groups in the 2.25 million-dollar event has put Wimbledon champions Stich in the same pool as his German rival. The draw, later on Monday, will decide what day the highly-charged clash will take place.

Becker, the world number three, was hit psychologically by the Wimbledon defeat. Having recovered from recent injuries, he is determined for revenge in the indoor Frankfurt arena that is less than an hour's drive from his home town of Leimen.

Stich, who came of age on Wimbledon's grass and now stands fourth in the world rankings, is equally eager to

prove his victory was no fluke. "Victory against Becker would provide confirmation of the Wimbledon win," Stich said.

Before Edberg's withdrawal was announced, Becker and Stich held a friendly practice together on Friday at the indoor court of their mutual friend and Davis Cup coach Niki Pilić.

But next week the Festhalle arena, which normally resounds to the rhythmic beat of rock bands, will echo to the booms of the two big-serving Germans who will both reveal

## China to host East Asian Games

**BEIJING, Nov 11:** The first East Asian Games will be held in China in 1993, the official New China News Agency said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The games, planned for every two years, were approved at a meeting of Olympic Committees from China, North Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia and Taiwan.

Beijing staged the Asian Games in 1990 and is bidding to host the 2000 Olympics.

on the fast carpeted surface.

Their Wimbledon rematch is likely to be the highlight of the round-robin games in a tournament which brings together eight of the world's top ten players. The top two in each group qualify for Saturday's semifinals.

Australian Open champion Becker and Stich are seeded in what is by far the toughest group with American defending champion Andre Agassi and former US Open winner Pete Sampras.

The second group includes American Jim Courier, winner of the French Open, world number five Ivan Lendl, Frenchman Guy Forget and Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia. Edberg's stand-in.

Edberg, a winner of six tournaments this year and a finalist last year, has been forced to rest for at least two weeks because of a knee infection. The Swede was disappointed to miss the event, formerly held as the masters in New York.

"Frankfurt is a big competition and I wanted to finish off the year in the Festhalle," Edberg said. "But the infection is causing me problems. I feel it's better to let it recover because I want to go into 1992 feeling fully fit."

## Asian judo ends

**TOKYO, Nov 11:** South Korea and host Japan each won two men's titles Sunday while China took three titles and South Korea one in the women's competition at the Asian judo championships in Osaka of Japan, reports Xinhua.

That left Japan and South Korea each with six gold medals for the two-day tournament. China took four, all in the women's events.

In the men's final matches Sunday, South Korea's Yoon Hyun topped L Luysandembere of Mongolia in the under-60 kilogram category.

The 65-kilogram class title went to Japan's Keiji Maruyama, who threw down China's Has Baosen with a Tsuriomisogi just 26 seconds into the match.

South Korean Chung Hoon beat Mongolia's Haliun Baldbaatar in the under-71 kilogram class, while Japan clinched its second gold when Jun Konno beat B Bat-Erdene of Mongolia in the Open weight class.

In the women's final matches, Tang Libon of China defeated Huang Yu-Shin of Chinese Taipei for the under-48 kilogram class title.

Su Xuemeng of China posted a Yusei victory over Japan's Mutsumi Ueda in the under-52-kilogram class. South Korea's Ching Sun-Sook beat Japan's Chiyori Tatenos for the under-56-kilogram class.

China collected its third gold medal in the women's division Sunday when Guao Yamin pinned South Korea's Cho Hyun-Sook in the Open weight class.

A total of 138 judokas from 17 countries and regions competed in the tournament.

## Morse wins NZ Open golf

**AUCKLAND, Nov 11:** American John Morse shot a 3-over-par 73 Sunday but still scored a three-shot victory in the \$200,000 New Zealand Open golf championship, reports AP.

Morse added the New Zealand title to the Australian Open title he will defend at Royal Melbourne at the end of the month, and ended an 11-month winless streak.

Morse had rounds of 67-67-66-73 for a 7-under-par total of 273 on the 6,311-yard, par-70 Titirangi course.

Nanasena Perera of Sri Lanka shot Sunday's best score, a sizzling 66, and finished second at 276, two strokes ahead of Australian Martyn Roberts, who had a final round of 69.

Chip Beck of the United States, a regular on the US PGA tour, had a final round of 70 and shared fourth place with New Zealander Michael Campbell and Australians Stewart Ginn and Tony Maloney at 279.

Morse, 32, from Florida, earned less than \$40,000 on the European PGA tour during the summer after finishing second on the 1990-91 Australian Order of Merit.

"I was able to choose the cream of the events in Europe, but it was not a good summer over there," Morse said.

Morse was the only dual winner on the Australasian Tour last year and said he was looking forward to defending his Australian Open title.

## Miniussi's first ATP title

**SAO PAULO, Nov 11:** Christian Miniussi of Argentina won his first ATP tennis tournament when he clinched the Sao Paulo Open on Sunday — after qualifying as a lucky loser, reports Reuter.

Miniussi, who beat unseeded Jaime Oncins of Brazil 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the final, was originally knocked out of the competition in the final qualifying round.

But the 24-year-old Argentine, ranked 116th in the world, was drawn as the lucky loser to replace sixth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria who pulled out through injury.

The passage of both unseeded finalists was eased with the elimination by Wednesday of the top four seeds including the number one, Italian Open champion Emilio Sanchez of Spain, who withdrew after an injury during practice.

"At the start of the year I was 439th and losing the desire to play. But since then results have gone my way and this is a big step for me," said Miniussi, who beat 1990 French Open champion Andre Agassi of Ecuador in the semifinals.

Oncins made a flying start, taking the first set 6-2 in 37 minutes, but he became nervous and a series of missed first serves and unforced errors helped Miniussi recover to take the second set 6-3.

In the final set, games went with serve until the seventh when the calmer and more consistent Miniussi broke serve after another unforced error by the Brazilian.

Oncins saved a match point in the ninth game, but Miniussi won the next to love on his service to wrap up the match.

## Chang ends drought

**BIRMINGHAM, England, Nov 11:** Michael Chang won his first title of the year Sunday, beating

unseeded Frenchman Guillaume Raoux 6-3, 6-2 to win a \$500,000 indoor tournament, reports AP.

Raoux, 21, led 2-0 and 3-1 in the first set but Chang, the top seed and former French Open champion, rallied to win the match in just 66 minutes.

"I was surprised that he was ready to go the first point. Normally everyone takes about one and a half games just to get a feel for each other's game but he didn't do that at all," said Chang, who won \$15,000.

"He definitely knew what he wanted to do and went out and did it."

The American was so surprised that he dropped his service in the first game of the match and didn't draw even until the sixth game.

He broke Raoux again two games later and won the set after 39 minutes with a forehand cross-court winner.

In the second set the Frenchman's heavy groundstrokes, which had been finding the inside of the lines, began to stray.

After winning the first game of the set, he lost 14 consecutive points before winning the fifth game. That was his last success.

For Raoux it was the first time he had been in an ATP Tour final, although he had beaten Pete Sampras, then ranked No. 5, in the quarterfinals of a tournament in France last year.

## Parachuting

**TOKYO, Nov 11:** The Chinese parachuting squad took the accuracy jump team title Sunday at the first Pan-Pacific parachuting championships in Miyakonojo of Japan, reports Reuter.

A total of 50 parachutists from Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the United States and Japan competed in the event.



Former heavyweight boxing legend Muhammad Ali speaking in a recent religious discussion programme, organised by the Bangladesh Islami Council in Abu Dhabi. Bangladesh and Sri Lankan ambassadors Ahmed Farid and Mohammad Jamil are seen flanking Ali. —PID photo