

Windies win opener by 24 runs

KARACHI, Nov 20 : The West Indies achieved a 24-run victory over Pakistan at the National Stadium here today in the first of three one-day games, reports AFP.

After having won the toss West Indies batted first to make 170 for the loss of six wickets in 34 overs.

Pakistan faced a daunting run rate of five an over but were bowled out for 146 in 34 overs.

Pakistan's batting went into tatters as the two pacemen Curtly Ambrose and Patrick Patterson and off spinner Carl Hooper devastated them.

Ambrose took two for 28, Patterson two for 29 and Hooper finished with four for 34.

But it was the left-handed batsmen from Trinidad Brian Lara who was declared man of the match for his patient 54.

Pakistan, opening with Aamir Sohail and Ramiz Raja, lost their first wicket in the only the second over when Sohail was run out backing up after Ramiz Raja had called him for a run.

Ramiz Raja followed Sohail not much later as David Williams took a splendid diving catch off Pakistan to dismiss him for 11.

A casual cover drive by Zahid Fazal resulted in another wicket as Brian Lara at extra cover held a well judged catch off Patterson to get rid of him for 17.

A suicidal call by Javed Miandad, the striker ended Salim Malik's innings as he was run out for 16 to make and Wasim Akram in his third over as Pakistan slumped to 82 for 6. Imran was caught at square leg by Keith Arthurton for 15 and Wasim Akram was stumped without scoring.

For the seventh wicket however Javed Miandad and the wicket keeper Moin Khan added 37 runs in five overs before Moin was caught at mid by

Pakistan 57 for four in 17th over.

Off spinner Carl Hooper then dismissed Imran Khan Richardson off Ambrose for 18. Miandad dropped twice at 21 and 29 off Hooper by Richardson and Anderson Cummins made 31 before he too perished. In the last four overs Pakistan required 40



HOOPER... four for 34 runs to win, an impossible target considering the thin batting talent left.

With Mushtaq Ahmed also caught of Hooper in the 32nd over, the last two men Waqar Yunis and Aaqib Javed held out for a while before the last man Aaqib was bowled by Hooper.

Earlier during the day West Indies had made 170 for six in a game curtailed to only 34 overs instead of 40 because Pakistan were not able to bowl their overs in time.

Philo Wallace batted patiently to make 22 and add 55 runs for the first wicket with Desmond Haynes.

Haynes made 45 with four fours in 76 balls to add 68 useful runs for the third wicket with Brian Lara who made 54 runs with two fours off 59 balls.

An earlier report said, The umpire reduced Wednesday's game to 34 overs from the original 40 to give both teams equal playing time.

West Indies skipper Richie Richardson won the toss and took a somewhat unexpected decision to bat first.

His team ended the game with 170 for 6 in 34 overs bowling out Pakistan for 146 in the 34th over.

Veteran Desmond Haynes and newcomer Phil Wallace put on 55 runs for the opening stand.

Pakistan and two quick re-wards. First the Pakistan team dismissed Wallace at 55, who made 22 in his first match and then knocking out Richardson when the total was still a weak 58.

A middle order batting rally by Brian Lara helped the visitors recover from the early shocks. Lara with Haynes put on 68 runs for the third wicket - the best partnership of the match.

Then Lara and Carl Hooper added another useful 26 runs for the fourth wicket. In the process Lara got his first half century.

The next game will be played in Lahore on Friday.

Pakistan hopeful of S Africa tour

KARACHI, Nov 20 : Pakistan is confident that the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) will accept its proposal for a tour by the Pakistani cricket team before the World Cup, a cricket Board official said Tuesday, reports AFP.

"We are confident our team will go to South Africa," said Shahid Rafi, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) after speaking with UCBSA official Ali Bacher by telephone on Monday.

The Pakistani team's tour would be "in the interest of both the cricket teams," Rafi said.

He said the Springboks have to make a decision about Pakistan's request on December 8.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first one-day cricket international between Pakistan and West Indies today:

WEST INDIES

Haynes lbw b Mushtaq	45
Wallace b Mushtaq	22
Richardson b Aaqib	2
Lara c Miandad b Akram	54
Hooper c Mushtaq b Akram	17
Arthurton b Akram	4
Williams not out	5
Bishop not out	3
Extras (lb-10 nb-3 w-5)	18
Total (six wickets-34 overs)	170

Fall of wickets: 1-55; 2-58; 3-126; 4-152; 5-156; 6-167

Did not bat: C. Ambrose, A. Cummins, P. Patterson

Bowling:

O	M	G	W	
Imran Khan	8	1	30	0
Wasim Akram	6	0	27	3 (3n B)
Aaqib Javed	7	0	39	1 (4W)
Mushtaq Ahmed	8	0	43	2 (1 W)
Waqar Younis	5	0	22	0

PAKISTAN

Aamer Sohail run out	1
Rameez Raja c Williams	11
b Patterson	
Zahid Fazal c Lara	17
b Patterson	
Salim Malik run out	16
Miandad c Richardson	31
b Ambrose	
Imran c Arthurton	15
b Hooper	
Wasim Akram st Williams	0
b Hooper	
Moin Khan c Richardson	18
b Ambrose	
Mushtaq Ahmed c Bishop	6
b Hooper	
Waqar Younis not out	11
Aaqib Javed b Hooper	2
Extras (lb-5 nb-5 w-8)	18
Total (33.5 overs)	146

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-25; 3-45; 4-57; 5-82; 6-82; 7-119; 8-129; 9-134

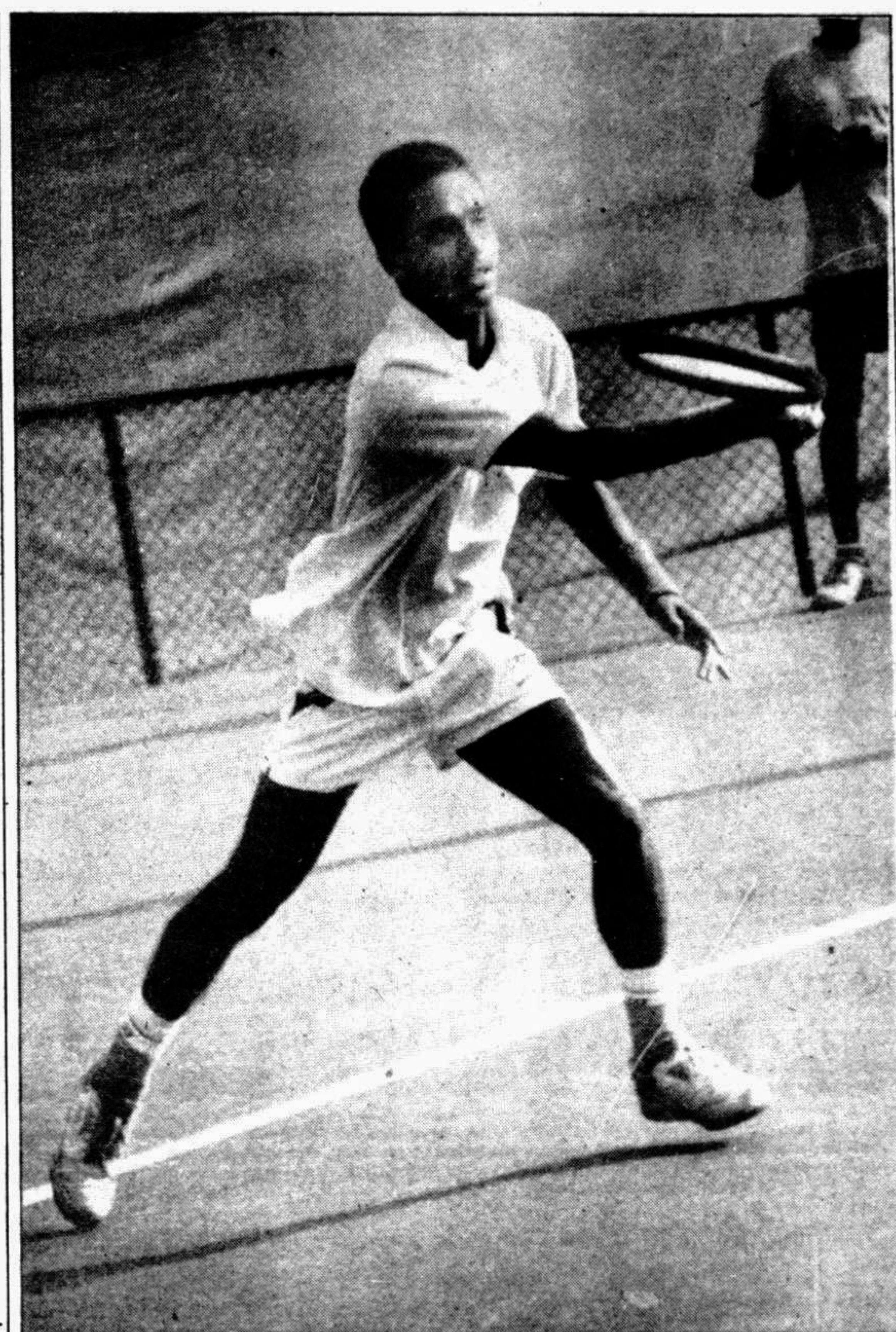
Bowling:

O	M	R	W	
Bishop	6	2	23	0 (3nb, 3w)
Ambrose	7	0	28	2
Patterson	8	0	29	2 (2nb, 1w)
Cummins	5	0	27	0 (2w)
Hooper	7.5	0	34	4 (2w)

Result: West Indies won by 24 runs

Second match: Lahore, Nov 22

Third match: Faisalabad, Nov 24.



Anirban Barua of India in action against his opponent Jirapone Rajanavasi of Thailand yesterday at the Ramna Tennis Complex. Barua defeated Rajanavasi 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 to reach today's quarter-finals. —Star photo

Slovenia seeks IOC recognition

ZURICH, Nov 20: Slovenian athletes may boycott any Yugoslavian team at next year's Winter Olympics, reports AFP.

A Slovenian delegation led by Miroslav Cerar met International Olympic

Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch here to seek recognition for a Slovenian Olympic Committee. They said they received sympathy but no firm assurances from Samaranch.

Cerar said Slovenes would compete under a neutral flag or not at all.

He said, "It would be unthinkable for the 30 or 40 Slovenian athletes likely to go to the Albertville Games to participate under the Yugoslav flag."

Too many illegal acts and atrocities have been committed under this flag," Cerar claimed that a study of the 166 Yugoslavs who have taken part in

Winter Olympics showed that 163 were Slovenian.

The International Ski Federation recognised Slovenia in October, joining the federations for the luge, biathlon, and skating.

The Slovenians are hoping for recognition from the International Ice Hockey Federation soon.

Belgians guard against violence

BRUSSELS, Nov 20: Police, worried about possible violence, will have nearly 1,000 extra officers on duty for Wednesday's European Soccer Championship qualifier between Belgium and world champions Germany, reports Reuter.

About 6,000 visiting supporters are expected for the Group Five tie. German soccer hooligans were described recently as "the worst in Europe" by Belgian government adviser Kris Van Limbergen, an expert on crowd violence.

Police will accompany fans from the German border to Brussels. Those without tickets will be sent home.

Those carrying forbidden weapons or causing trouble will be immediately arrested.

M United lift Super Cup

MANCHESTER, England, Nov 20 : Brian McClair rescued a floundering Manchester United with a 67th-minute goal that saw them to a 1-0 win against Red Star Belgrade in the European Soccer Super Cup on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The Scottish international, unmarked in the penalty area, reacted sharply to strike home a rebound after Neil Webb's volley hit a post.

But victory in the clash between the winners of last season's two premier European Cup competitions had looked like eluding the English side after captain Steve Bruce missed a second minute

penalty. McClair's winner came with the Yugoslavs well on top. It earned United the dubious accolade of the best team in Europe in the showdown between the Yugoslav European Cup winners and the European Cup Winners Cup winners, reduced to one leg because of the civil war in Yugoslavia.

United became the first English club since Aston Villa in 1983 to win the Super Cup, while Red Star were left to rue three clear chances just before halftime.

United, dumped out of this season's Cup Winners' Cup by Atletico Madrid, missed the chance of a dream start when a handball by Miodrag Belodedic gave them a penalty.

Zvonko Milojevic, third string goalkeeper last season, dived to his right to push away the attempt by the usually deadly Brucic.

The Yugoslavs, shaken by United's ferocious start, were slow to come to life, but when they did captain Dejan Savicevic — sure to be the target of Italian clubs next season — created three clear chances.

Twice in the last two minutes of the first half he and Darko Pancev combined to stretch United's defence almost beyond its fragile limits, with Savicevic sending the ball through defenders' legs.

But on both occasions, Pancev, the European golden boot winner last season as most prolific marksman, was

denied. McClair's goal, however, was enough for manager Alex Ferguson to claim the Super Cup for the second time, after winning it with Scottish side Aberdeen in 1983.

Johnson starts AZT course

LOS ANGELES, Nov 20: Magic Johnson had begun taking the drug AZT but a medical examination here Tuesday revealed no signs or symptoms of the AIDS disease, reports AFP.

Johnson, who stunned the world of basketball when he announced his retirement two weeks ago, has tested positive for the HIV virus, which causes Acute Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

But a medical evaluation at the University of California at Los Angeles confirmed that Johnson had not yet developed the disease, for which there is no known cure.

Doctors Monday placed Johnson on AZT, which delays the onset of AIDS symptoms and helps prolong life.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Lakers, announced Tuesday that they had placed Johnson on the team's injured reserve list and had signed Guard Demetrius Calip to replace the former star on the roster.

The move will allow Johnson to continue sitting on the team bench as he did Sunday night when the team won its third straight game after struggling to a 1-3 start.

Cuban punchers march on

SYDNEY, Nov 20: Cuba surged into four finals at the sixth World Amateur Boxing Championships here Tuesday but young Soviet middleweight Alexander Lebzak grabbed a prized Cuban scalp, reports AFP.

Light flyweight Rogelio Marcelo, bantamweight Enrique Carrion, welterweight Juan Hernandez Siera and exclusive heavy weight Felix Savon locked up expected berths in Friday night's finals.

Yet 22-year-old Lebzak, a European Championship bronze medalist this year, stole the night with a pugnacious 40-35 points verdict over Ramon Garbey.

It was Cuba's fourth defeat at the tournament on the debit side of a massive 29 wins up to the end of the fifth day's competition.

Lebzak was in the vanguard

of an impressive day's boxing for the Soviets: earlier Tuesday world light middleweight champion Israel Akopkhian, light welterweight Konstantin Czuy, light heavyweight Andrei Kurniavka and super heavyweight Eugeny Belousov won through to Wednesday night's semifinals.

Countrymen Artur Grigorian broke Australia's heart when he won his way into Friday's lightweight final at the expense of local idol Justin Rowscil, and will fight German Marko Rudolph.

Lebzak countered Garbey's power-punching with a steady stream of accurate right hands which sapped the Cuban in the closing stages.

Lebzak now tackles Tommaso Russo in Friday's final after the Italian out-slugged Canadian Chris Johnson in the other semifinal.

Marcelo will fight world

champion light flyweight Eric Griffin of the United States in a repeat of their 1989 Moscow final.

Griffin, the best US gold medal hope in a dismal tournament, totted up a convincing 43-11 win over Puerto Rican Nelson Dieppa, while Marcelo had to struggle to a 28-19 decision over Bulgarian Daniel Petrov.

Flashy Carrion is on target for his second world title after an impressive 25-11 points win over North Korean Sik Li Gwang in the bantamweight division.

Carrion will again meet his Moscow opponent, Bulgarian Seffim Todorov, in the final after Todorov scored a 40-13 decision over Soviet Vladislav Antonov.

Two-time world heavyweight champion Savon made another of his brief but highly spectacular forays into the ring, this time taking just 18

seconds to destroy plucky New Zealander David Tua with a short right cross.

On Monday 24-year-old Savon took out Canadian Kirk Johnson 2:21 into the second round.

Savon needs only to overcome lanky Dutchman Arnold Vanderliger in Friday's final to join his compatriot Legendary heavyweight and three-time Olympic gold medalist Teofilo Stevenson, as the holder of three world titles.

German Andreas Otto and Cuban Juan Hernandez will fight for the welterweight gold on Friday.

Otto dethroned Romanian world champion Francisc Vastag 26-24, while the referee stopped Hernandez from dishing out further punishment to Australian Stefan Scriggins after administering two standing counts in the second round.

China hold Denmark 2-2

CUANGZHOU, China, Nov 20 : Favourite China came from behind to the Denmark 2-2 in a Group A game of the first World Championship for women's soccer here tonight, reports Xinhua.

The host team, who beat European runner-up Norway 4-0 in the opening match last Saturday, got off to a good start with an attacking game, pondering the Danish penalty area on both sides from time to time, but the taller blondes from north Europe defended perfectly.

In the 23rd minute, Denmark's Lisbet Rolding Bagge opened the score when she

received a pass from right and sent a high shot over the Chinese goalie into the upper left corner.

China evened the score in the 36th minute through Sun Wen who drove in a 34 meter shot from outside the penalty zone.

After the break, China launched new waves of attack and threatened Denmark's goal at least half a dozen times in the first 10 minutes.

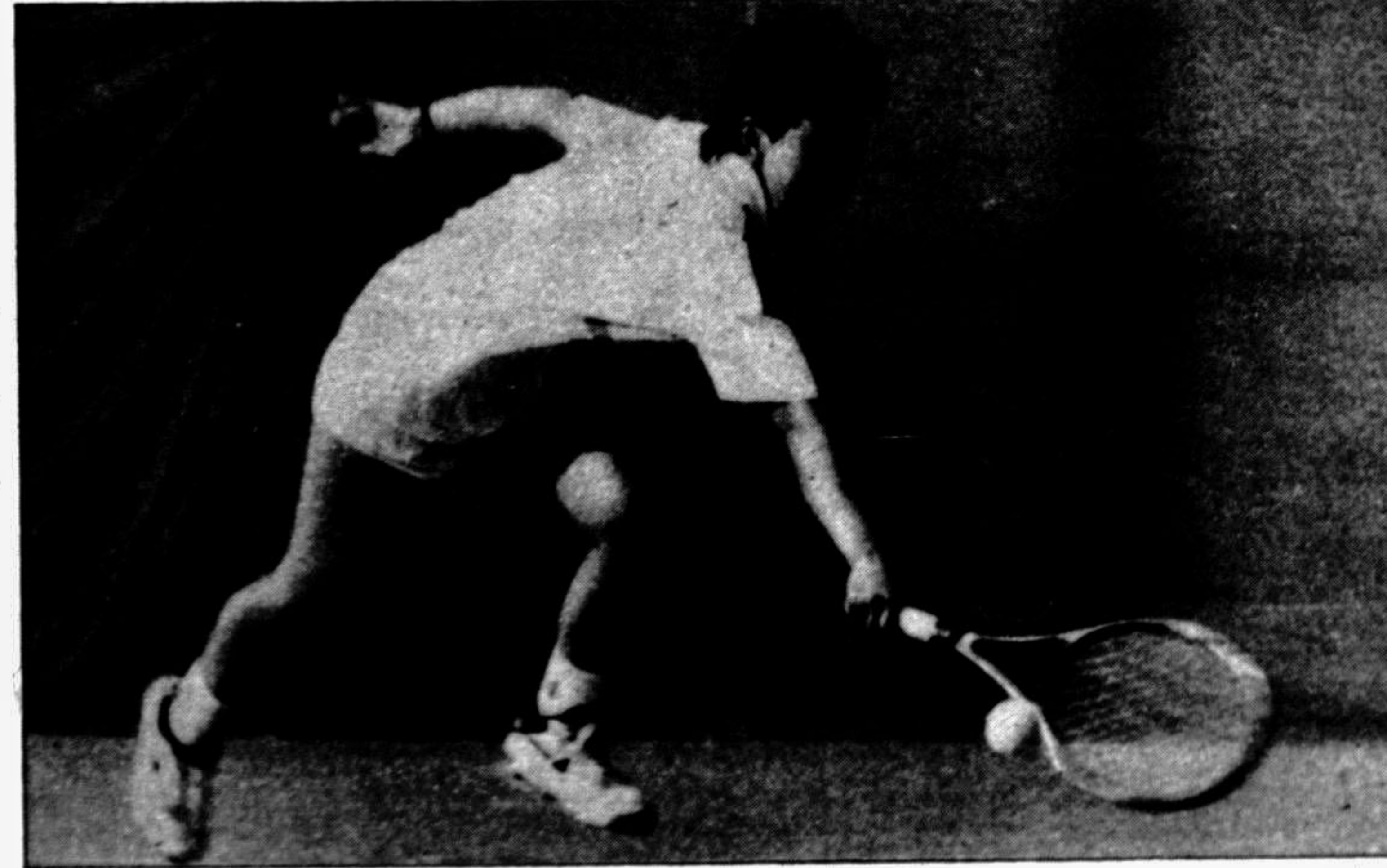
It was Denmark again that stroked the target in the 55th minute through an opportunity slip. China's defender Zhou Yang failed to stop a pass in front of the goal and that gave Hanne Nissen a chance to sneak in and netted the second shot.

China's substitute We Halying equalized again with four minutes from the final whistle.

The midfielder, who replaced Niu Li Jie one minute earlier, drilled the ball into the penalty zone from right and shot in just high enough over the coming goalie into the upper left corner of the net.

Shang Ruihua, the Chinese coach, said, "our play in the first half was not satisfactory. We attacked too little in the middle and the side attacks were foiled by the big Danish backs."

"After the break, Denmark's second goal was most upsetting for us. It was a forced error."



Seok-Eup-Sah of South Korea makes a backhanded return against Pimpisamai Kansuthe of Thailand in the girls' singles quarter-finals at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Kansuthe won 6-4, 5-7 & 7-5. —Star photo

Injured Paziienza vows to return

WARWICK, R. I., Nov 20: WBA junior middleweight champion Vinny Paziienza says two fractured vertebrae in his neck, the result of an auto accident, will not keep him from fighting again and showing "what true champs are made of," reports AP.

"I'm the champion of the world right now and I'm going to remain that way for a very long time," Paziienza said Tuesday, his upper body im-

mobilized by a medical device known as a "halo."

"Next time you see me I'll be in the ring defending my title for the first time."

His vow came after the first acknowledgement that two vertebrae in the 28-year-old fighter's spine were fractured Nov. 12 when the car in which he was a passenger hit another after skidding across U.S. 1.

His Jan 10 title defence was cancelled.

Paziienza must wear the halo for three months, Dr Walter C. Cotter, his neurosurgeon said.

The device, which consists of a heavy vest attached with metal rods to a skull cap, lifts and stretches the spine and allows the bone to heal. The cup is secured to the skull with four screws.

Cotter said the fractures "ought to heal very well" and that Paziienza suffered no lasting damage to his spinal cord.

Paziienza described "spinning around" in the car before losing consciousness. "We got jugged pretty hard by a big car," he said.

"When I first came in here,

I had tears in my eyes," said Paziienza, speaking slowly, his voice breaking. "Dr Cotter came in and said, 'Son I'm sorry to say you're not going to box again.'"

"I said, 'No, you're wrong. You don't understand what kind of man I am.' Paziienza recalled.

"I'm a middleweight but I'm a very big man and I can overcome this," he said.

The driver of the car, Kurt Reader, was cited for failure to control his vehicle, police said.

Paziienza said he was not wearing a seatbelt.

"OK, so this is a commercial," Paziienza said. "Please wear your seatbelts."

Cotter said Paziienza could train on a stationary bicycle and exercise with weights while the halo remained on. Once it's removed, he'll be allowed to spar in the ring, the doctor said.

"If he gets through his sparring and his X-rays look alright, then I think he'll be as strong as ever," Cotter said.

Paziienza said he still was in pain. "I guess my head really whiplashed down," he said. "But pain's been part of my career."

Paziienza won his WBA title Oct 1 by stopping Gilbert Delc of France in the 12th round. He also won the USIBAA junior middleweight title in July from Ron Amundson.

Ramsamy accused of bribery

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 20: South Africa's Olympic chief Sam Ramsamy, under fire for ditching the Springbok emblem ahead of next year's Games, was criticised in another controversy on Tuesday over gifts received from a suspended soccer official, reports Reuter.

Ramsamy told a hastily convened news conference he had accepted two watches worth more than 2,500 dollars from a top soccer official on a trial for embezzling millions of dollars.

But Ramsamy, chairman of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA), denied media reports that fellow officials had asked for his resignation from NOCSA because of the brewing scandal.

"It is totally untrue that I have been asked to stand down by members of the NOCSA executive committee... No NOCSA executive member has asked me to stand down," Ramsamy said. Ramsamy has been fending

off storms of controversy since NOCSA this month accepted an invitation to the Barcelona Olympics, but at the expense not the Springbok emblem and flag, held dear by White traditionalists.

NOCSA adopted interim, neutral symbols in a bid to sidestep nationalist issues until a non-racial constitution is adopted, but the Springbok's banishment from Barcelona has outraged many diehards who have branded Ramsamy a traitor.

The Johannesburg Citizen on Monday quoted unnamed sports officials as saying Ramsamy should stand aside after claiming he had accepted a watch worth nearly 70,000 dollars from Abdul Bhamjee, former spokesman for the national soccer league.

Bhamjee is accused with two state television executives of stealing more than 2.5 million dollars by fraudulently selling sponsorship contracts and soccer coverage rights. Ramsamy said he accepted

a birthday present last January of two watches from Bhamjee, an old family friend, but that he did not know what they were worth.

He said he had the watches valued at about 2,500 dollars in total, but denied that the gift compromised his job as head of NOCSA, which is spearheading South Africa's return to international sport after decades of isolation.

"I never thought the cost of the watches was that expensive," Ramsamy said.

"When I go on travels, I have with me and I accept little gifts... I have souvenirs from South Africa and they give me souvenirs. I didn't know that was criminal," he said.

The veteran anti-apartheid chief accused "certain quarters" of jealousy because he had succeeded in getting South Africa back to the Olympics.

"I can speculate it is jealousy from certain types. It could come from any quarter," he said.