



Pakistan's captain Javed Miandad is caught out for 13 by Australia's James Pyke at the inaugural Hong Kong international cricket World Sixes yesterday. Pakistan finished on 77 for 3 to beat Australia, who finished 59 for 5. —AFP photo

HK upset Pakistan in World Sixes

HONG KONG, Oct 3: World champions Pakistan tumbled to a shock defeat at the hands of part-time cricketers Hong Kong on the opening day of the inaugural World Sixes tournament Saturday, reports AFP.

Defending a total of 88 runs, the kings of one day cricket failed to check the cavalier batting of Hong Kong's weekend cricketers.

Needing two runs off the last ball, Hong Kong batsmen Steve Atkinson pushed Waqar Younis to mid on to take a quick single to tie the match. But an overthrow from Aamir Sohail helped Hong Kong to scamper through to victory.

Despite the loss, Pakistan still qualify for the Cup final Sunday. They are joined by West Indies and New Zealand in one group while the other group will pit England, India and Hong Kong.

The top team from these two groups will vie for the Cup and a winner's purse of 10,000 pounds sterling (17,360 dollars).

The tale of the unexpected unfolded when Hong Kong restricted Pakistan's powerful batting line-up to a modest 88 runs.

Hong Kong began superbly, scoring 26 runs off the first

over bowled by Pakistan skipper Javed Miandad. The next two overs saw Hong Kong average 20 runs to push the score to 68 for two wickets.

Wasim Akram momentarily stemmed the run flow, conceding only seven runs in his over.

But with 14 runs required from the final over, bowled by Younis, Atkinson and Hong Kong captain Patrick Fordham went about collecting the runs to guide colony's team to a sensational win.

"This is cricket... Anything can happen. They played well and deserved to win," Miandad said afterwards.

"Aamir thought they needed only one run to win, that is why he took a shy at the stumps," added Miandad, explaining Sohail's act of folly at the end of the game.

"It is unbelievable to beat the world champions, and it tastes sweeter as we know they were really trying to win," an elated Fordham said.

Earlier in the day Hong Kong knocked the stuffing out of an Australian team made up mostly of past Test players.

The British colony's cricketers outplayed such illustrious names like David Hookes, Graeme Wood, Geoff Lawson and Greg Ritchie to score a huge 27 run victory.

Ironically, the Hong Kong team included four expatriate

Will it be Devo's last World Open?

VANCOUVER, Oct 3: With one squash legend having quit in the past fortnight, speculation about the future of another, Susan Devo, is bound to increase when the women's World Open starts here on Monday, reports AFP.

As the New Zealander begins the defence of her crown, the perennial guessing-game as to how long she can continue will be even more intense after the sudden exit of Jahangir Khan.

Many thought Devo, who has won the World Open three times and the British Open eight times, might retire last year after she lost her unborn baby and saw her father suffer a serious illness.

But the 28-year-old from Rotorua who has dominated the women's game since 1984 showed her spirit by returning to recapture the World Open at Wembley this year.

She will now be a strong favourite to win the World Open again — and perhaps to make an announcement about her future.

During the British Open she dropped a hint that Cassie Jackman, the 19-year-old world junior champion from England, might be her heir.

Susan Devo

Jackman, seeded fourth, is in her half of the draw, while another English player, Martine Le Moignan, who inflicted upon Devo her shock defeat in the 1989 world final is seeded second.

Le Moignan may be tipped

for a third consecutive world final. But it is hard to see anyone, including the talented Australians Michelle Martin and Liz Irving, bringing down a fully fit and motivated Devo.

The Australians and the English are likely to battle out the honours in the team event next week, which the English have now won four times in a row.

The holders have replaced two former British Open finalists Suzanne Horner and Lucy Soutter, who were in the quartet that beat Australia 2-1 in the final in Sydney in 1990.

Their places are taken by Jackman and Sue Wright, last year's British Open finalists. Le Moignan and Lisa Opie, last year's British Open champions complete the squad.

Another major issue will be the success of using three officials — instead of one referee and one marker-for the first time in a major event.

The panel-style approach is designed to reduce arguments between players and officials, and has been used in the American hardball version of the game.

Edberg has a tough time ahead

SYDNEY, Oct 3: Stefan Edberg faces a potential quarter-final with John McEnroe and a semi-final encounter with Andre Agassi as he attempts to hold onto his world number one tennis ranking here next week, reports AFP.

Edberg, ahead of Jim Courier by just three computer points, is defending the 230 points he earned as last year's

winner in the \$25,000 US dollar Australian Indoor Championships, which starts Monday.

In today's draw in the 48-

on his projected path to a final meeting with the second seed, Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia.

Last year Edberg outclassed American Brad Gilbert 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 in the final.

Ivanisevic, the world No 5, has to negotiate past bullet-serving Dutchman Richard Krajicek or veteran Ivan Lendl to reach the final in the bottom half of the draw.

The Australian Indoor, in its 20th year, has attracted five of the world's top 10, with rising South African Wayne Ferreira seeded fifth and in Edberg's half of the draw.

McEnroe, who takes on Agassi in an exhibition match at Melbourne's National Tennis Centre on Sunday, has an extraordinary record in the Sydney event.

Now winding down his illustrious career, he has won four singles and three doubles titles in four visits. In the singles 'Super Mac' has won 44 straight sets.

His partners Agassi in the doubles here next week

player field, the top-seeded Swede was scheduled to face seventh-seeded McEnroe in the last eight and Wimbledon champion Agassi in the semis

Booze retains WBO crown

BERLIN, Oct 3: American Tyrone Booze kept his World Boxing Organisation Cruiserweight crown here on Friday night with a points victory over German challenger Ralf Roeschigian, reports AFP.

Booze, 33, had seized the vacant crown in July, knocking out Britain's Derek Angol in the seventh round of their bout in Manchester.



STEFAN EDBERG

Raoux, Carlsen in Queensland Open final

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct 3: Guillaume Raoux of France defeated Italian Diego Nargiso 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to advance to the final of the \$100,000 Queensland Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

The 22-year-old Raoux will lay Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark in Sunday's final. Carlsen beat Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden 6-4, 6-1 in the other semifinal Saturday.

Raoux has never won an ATP title in four years on the circuit. He lost in the final at Birmingham, England, last year to American Michael Chang.

Carlsen, meanwhile, has advanced to his first ATP final. The 96th-ranked Raoux has not dropped a set in the tournament.

On Saturday, he broke Nargiso in his first service game of each set.

Carlsen, now ranked 101st, has moved up more than 700 places in the computer rankings this year. He will jump into the top 70 on the strength of his performance in Brisbane.

His previous best results on the ATP tour were quarterfinal appearances earlier this year at Singapore and Copenhagen, his home town.

Carlsen was up until the early hours overnight Friday night fielding media interviews from Denmark after beating eighth-seeded American Jim Grabb in the quarterfinals on Friday.

The 29-year-old Hogstedt, who was playing in his first ATP semifinal in four years, nursed a pulled hamstring throughout the match.

"I felt that I couldn't run the whole match", he said later. "It's tough to get into it when you're feeling much pain."

Stafford faces Grossman in final

TAIPEI, Oct 3: Unseeded Shaun Stafford of the United States ousted top-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa in the semifinals of the 100,000 US dollar Taiwan women's tennis Open here Saturday, reports AFP.

Stafford, ranked 175 in the world, hit hard at Coetzer, ranked 17, forcing the powerful South African to bow to her at 6-1, 6-3 for her fourth win of the tournament — the third against a seeded opponent.

Second-seeded Ann Grossman of the United States, ranked world number 42, had an easy win over unseeded Nana Miyagi of Japan when he latter retired due to sickness at 6-2, 3-0.

Grossman later acknowledged to reporters that Stafford would be a tough opponent in the final if she played as aggressively as Saturday.

In the doubles final, Amanda Coetzer and American Cenny Mac Gregor will play against Joane Paull of Australia and Julie Richardson of New Zealand.

Coetzer and Mac Gregor beat Shoun Stafford and Merlene Werdel of America 7-5, 6-2 in while Paull and Richardson were stretched to three sets before beating Japanese duo of Rika Hiraki and Nana Miyagi 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals.

Bashabo, Lalmatia post victories

Bashabo Tarun Sangha and Lalmatia Club won their respective matches of the eight-team super league of the Third Division soccer championship at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon.

In the day's first match, Bashabo beat Kadamtala Sangsad by two goals to one.

However, it was Kadamtala who drew first blood when their forward Abu Hena scored from close in the 10th minute of play (0-1).

Jahan-e-Alam restored parity for Bashabo in the 40th minute (1-1).

Shyamol Bhowmick got the winner for Bashabo in the 68th minute (2-1).

Enamul Haq, Shyamol and Shaheen of Bashabo and Golam Murtaza of Kadamtala received yellow cards.

The victory took Bashabo's points tally to five while Kadamtala have collected three, from four matches each.

Lalmatia Club got the better of Purbachal Parishad 2-0 in the other match of the day.

Asadullah scored both the goals for Lalmatia.

Mahabubur Rahman of Purbachal was shown the yellow card.

Lalmatia now have six points while Purbachal have two points from four outings each.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Gandaria Famous vs Badda JS (2:30 pm)
Maghbazar KS vs Matuall JS (4:00 pm)

World XI beat Wills Indian XI

HYDERABAD, Oct 3: The World XI, led by Ritchie Richardson, helped by a power packed 57 fellow West Indian Desmond Haynes, coasted to a comfortable 38 run win over Wills Indian XI in a limited over daylight match at the Lal Bahadur Stadium here yesterday, reports PTI.

Haynes blasted four effortless sixes in his 57 of 76 deliveries in the company of Australian David Boon and set a fast pace for the World XI team with an opening wicket stand of 88. Boon contributed 40 with five sweetly timed hits to the fence.

Javagal Srinath generated a lively pace and crashed through the defences of three batsmen. He ended up with excellent figures of five for 32. The World XI team finished their 50 overs at 240 for 9.

Chasing a target of 241, the Indian XI began sedately with test discards Srikanth and Sidhu Battling for form. They put on 52 runs in 19 overs before Srikanth departed for 30.

Sachin Tendulkar and Kapil Dev provided the only excitement in their innings for the



DESMOND HAYNES

well in a quick fire 17. Indian captain, Azharuddin disappointed the local crowd when he managed only 20 runs. The most impressive bowler for the World XI was Sri Lankan spinner, Jayasuriya who captured three wickets for 53 runs. While Bishop and

boisterous spectators who gathered with some lusty stroke-play. Sachin belted a straight six and two lofty drives to the fence of England paceman Gladstone Small in one over. At the other end Kapil Dev pulled and drove

Mark Waugh took two wickets apiece.

The Wills Indian XI were all out for 202, in the 49th over falling short by 38 runs. Desmond Haynes was declared man-of-the-match, played as a benefit tie for Hyderabad and former Indian spinner Shivalal Yadav.

McQuillan moves into qtrs

BAYONNE, France, Oct 3: Australian Rachel McQuillan moved into the semifinals of the 150,000-dollar WTA tournament here on Friday, beating French girl Noelle van Lottum in straight sets, reports AFP.

The victory earned the 20-year-old a clash with French number two seed Nathalie Tauziat, who struggled for an hour and three quarters before overcoming American Stephanie Rehe 6-4, 7-6 (7/4).

Top seed Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere dropped a set to Belgian Dominique Monami before coming through 5-7, 6-0, 6-1.

The Bulgaria-born Swiss player now faces the winner of the final quarter-final match between Pascale Paradis Mangon of France and Nanne Dahlman from Finland.

Becker, Lendl in last four

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct 3: Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl joined top seed Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia and Swiss Davis Cup hero Marc Rosset in the semifinals of the 775,000 dollar ATP tournament here on Friday — but in very different style, reports AFP.

Becker, second seed and a three-time Wimbledon champion who is desperately trying to recapture his form after a season of disappointments, had to fight all the way to score a 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (6/8), 6-3 win over the stubborn elegance of Israel's seventh seeded Amos Mansdorf.

But Lendl, seeded three, saw off Russia's Andrei Chesnokov 6-1, 6-2.

And Korda, this year's French Open finalist, recovered after a shaky start to beat Frenchman Cedric Pilone 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

BU meets today

Sports Reporter

An emergency meeting of the executive committee of Brothers Union will be held at the club premises today at 8 pm, says a press release.

Members have been asked to attend on time.

GP racing continues to be a circus

ESTORIL, Portugal, Oct 3: As the Grand Prix circuit finished its European run this season in Portugal before heading to Asia, the 1993 season seemed to be shaping up, reports AP.

After all the rampant rumours and bitter comments that have characterised the surroundings the past few weeks, the circuit was ready to get down to business.

Or was it?

After Sunday's Portuguese Grand Prix, the sport has almost a month's break before finishing with races in Japan and Australia.

It does need a little break.

Over the past month, a new world champion was crowned and promptly left the sport. A three-time world champion returned and was welcomed by being branded a "coward" by another three-time world champion.

Three teams left the track due to financial problems while others have enough resources to be able to solve mechanical problems by buying out other companies.

Nigel Mansell, who clinched the world title in August, won a record ninth race and said he was glad to be heading to the Indy Car series next year.

"I am out of it now," Mansell said of the Formula One happenings recently. "And the nice thing is I can still watch the amazing things that are going on. And there are some unbelievably amazing things going on."

Mansell felt he was badly treated by his present employers, the Frank Williams team, in an effort to sign him next year. He rejected an offer that halved his salary from this year, despite winning the world title with five races to go.

actual contract — started speculation that Prost was an alternate solution after Williams could not get Mansell and Ayrton Senna, who won his third title last year.

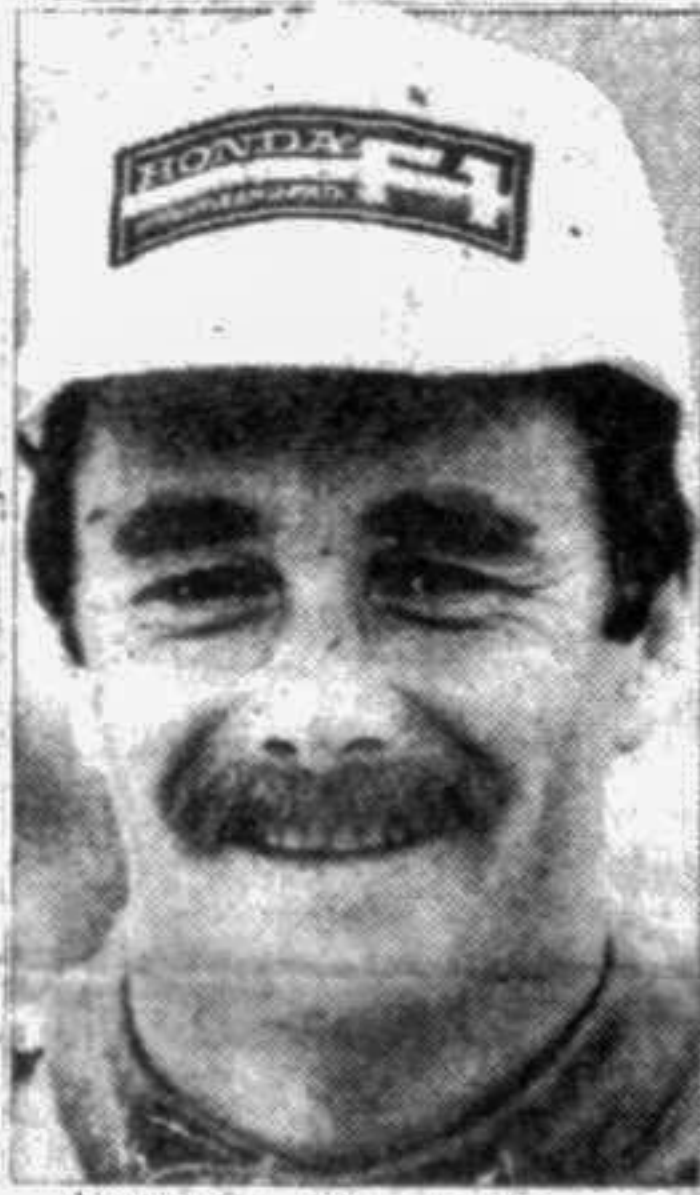
Senna said he was blocked from driving with Prost because of a contract earlier in the year.

"It is impossible to accept a situation where somebody joins a team in February of this year with a signed contract vetoing myself and him (Mansell)," Senna said. "The way he is doing it, he is behaving like a coward. If he wants to be sporting, he must be prepared to race anybody un-

der any conditions, on equal terms."

Prost dismissed things that Senna said. "We have had all this in the past," Prost said. The Frenchman denied recently receiving calls from Senna in an attempt to sort things out.

The search for Prost's teammate has taken a new turn. The statement said the name of the team's other



NIGEL MANSELL



AYRTON SENNA

problems. The missing cars made qualifications the smallest filed in more than five years at just 26 cars. It was just enough for a full starting grid.

The Moda team had its owner, Andra Sassetti, in jail for a time because of alleged forgery in connection with auto car part payments. Fondmetal was hit by the European currency crisis.

Even in leaving Europe, the Formula One circuit heads to Japan where another financial crisis is blooming.

The Autopolis race track, the site of the another Japanese race starting next year, went bankrupt.

O'Meara on course to win Tokai golf

MIYOSHICHO, Japan, Oct 3: American Mark O'Meara shot an even-par 72 Saturday to maintain a three-shot lead entering the final round of the 110 million yen (dls 880,000) Tokai Classic golf tournament, reports AP.

O'Meara, who began the third round with a three-shot margin, carded one birdie and one bogey each on the front and the back nines over the 7,089-yard, par-72 Miyoshi Country Club's west course in western Japan.

That gave him a 10-under-par 206 for three rounds.

American compatriot Tom Kite fired a 70 with five birdies, including three consecutive ones on 13, 14 and 15, against three bogeys for 209. He moved into second spot along with Tsukasa Watanabe, who shot a 72.

Nobumitsu Yuhara was another shot back at 210 after shooting a 72.

Taiwan's Cheng Tze-ming was next at 211. He shot a 71.

The winner earns 19.8 million yen (dls 158,400).

BN beat BAF in inter-service basketball

Bangladesh Navy defeated Bangladesh Air Force 80-50 in the opening match of the inter-service basketball championship, reports BSS.

The three-day championship, organised by Bangladesh Air Force, was inaugurated in Dhaka at BAF Sports Complex Kurmitola yesterday.

The winners led the first half 46-24.

Master-at-arms PK Goswami (22) of Bangladesh Navy and Sepoy Sattar (14) of Bangladesh Air Force were the highest scorers for their respective teams.

Earlier, Assistant Chief of Air Staff Air Commodore Jamahuddin Ahmed inaugurated the championship. He was introduced to the players of the participating teams.

Army volleyball gets underway

RANGPUR, Oct 3: The annual volleyball championship of Bangladesh Army began at the Rangpur Cantonment yesterday, reports BSS.

Eleven teams drawn from different formations of the army are taking part in the robin league matches.

In the opening match, hosts Rangpur Area defeated Log Area 17-15, 11-15, 14-16, 15-8 and 15-12.

Rangpur Area Commander Major General A M S A Amn, earlier, inaugurated the meet as chief guest.



Action from yesterday's inter-services basketball championship match between Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force at the BAF Sports Complex. — ISPR photo