

Pakistan beat India in World Sixes final

One-day kings prove their mettle

HONG KONG, Oct 4: Pakistan extended their domination of limited over cricket by beating India in the final of the World Sixes tournament in Hong Kong Sunday, reports AFP.

The reigning world one-day kings steamrolled over opponents of the class of Viv Richards and his West Indians, Martin Crowe's New Zealand and finally India to win the first international sixes event.

As expected, the final was a highly charged affair with arch-rivals India and Pakistan facing off.

The small Kowloon Cricket Club resembled a ground from the sub-continent as the chants from large expatriate crowds from both countries grew frenzied as the match got under way.

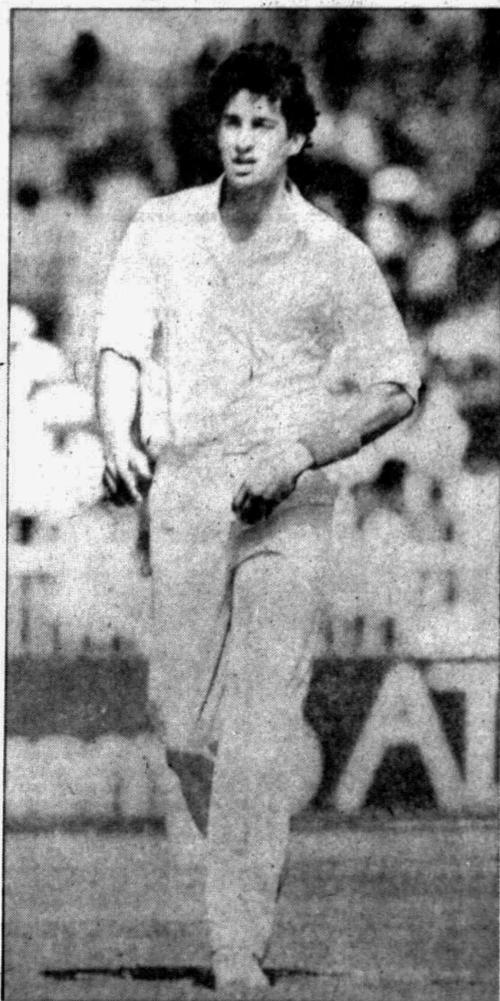
Batting first, India struggled to 60 for the loss of three wickets. Pakistan's feared pacemen Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis proved to be the bogymen for the Indians as they stemmed an initial run flow by conceding only 14 runs between them.

With a modest total to defend, Indian hopes were boosted by the fall of the big-hitting Akram at the onset. But careful knocks by skipper Miandad (19 not out) and Salim Malik (29) steered them close to victory.

Much to the delight of their chanting fans, Pakistani Test opener Amir Sohail swung Indian spinner Maninder Singh twice over the mid-wicket boundary to bring up a well-deserved victory and earn his side a winners' purse of 10,000 pounds sterling.

"We are delighted to become the first winners of this tournament," said Miandad. "Having Salim Malik today proved to be a big boost as he was able to bowl the final over."

Malik joined the Pakistan team late Saturday night. The path to the final was not without mishap. On the first day, the world champions were humbled by lowly weekend cricketers Hong Kong in a preliminary group game.



WASIM AKRAM... man-of-series

Akram and Younis, who proved to be unplayable even under these quickfire batting conditions.

They showed their superb skills in the clash against the West Indies in what was the match of the day.

Having scored 74 for four, Pakistan, checked the powerful West Indian batting line-up to 66 runs, thanks to precision bowling from Akram and Younis.

Excelling in the batting department too, Akram was rewarded with the man-of-the-series award.

In the plate final, Sri Lanka efficiently pulled off a clinical victory over Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe scored 67 for four wickets, but the Sri Lankans rattled off the required runs in 3.3 overs with Arvinda de Silva hammering 34 runs and Arjuna Ranatunga chipping in with 19 runs.

Earlier in the day, India snuffed England's hopes, edging them out in a group game.

Chasing a total of 87, England lost the wickets of Matthew Maynard, Chris Broad, Nick Speak and Phil Newport with 35 runs remaining and only ten balls left.

A blazing 29 run partnership between Martin Bickenell and Tim Munton briefly lifted the hopes of the English camp but Indian Raman Lamba kept his nerve to bowl a steady last over and deny England victory.

India's other victory to clinch their group and enter the final was over hosts Hong Kong but in the final they were outclassed.

"It was always not going to be easy to defend a total of 60 runs, especially against a team like Pakistan," said Indian captain Ravi Shastri afterwards.

TEAMS

PAKISTAN: Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Amir Sohail, Mushtaq Ahmed, Salim Malik.

INDIA: Sandip Patil, Ravi Shastri, Kirti Azad, Raman Lamba, Maninder Singh, Chetan Sharma.

But showing their world class and with the format of the tournament allowing second chances, Pakistan came

roaring back to sweep to victory. Their triumphant march was founded on the bowling of their deadly bowling attack of

Pakistan, WI to play triangular series in SA

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 4: The West Indies and Pakistan will play a triangular limited over cricket tournament in South Africa in February, South Africa's cricket chief said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said in a statement each country would play six one-day 50-over matches.

The three-week tournament would end on February 27 with the final at the Wanderers in Johannesburg.

Part of the deal between the UCBSA and world one-day champions Pakistan is that South Africa will tour Pakistan for three weeks in November 1994. South Africa played in the West Indies immediately after the cricket World Cup earlier this year.

South Africans will be treated to top international cricket at home this summer, after nearly two decades of sports isolation because of the country's apartheid policies.

Apart from the triangular tournament, the Indians are starting a three-month tour of the country later this month.

32 teams to take part in Subroto Cup soccer

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Leading football teams of India have confirmed their entry for the Durand Cup while holders Sports College, Lucknow will be among the 32 teams taking part in the Subroto Cup tournament to be held here, reports PTI.

The chairman of the Subroto and Durand football tournament organising committee, Maj Gen SC Kashyap, told newsmen here last night that Subroto Cup to be held from October seven to 24, for under-16 years boys will have medical examination to eliminate fielding of overage players.

Gen Kashyap said in Durand Cup, to be held from October 23 to November eight, apart from Mohan Bagan, Mohammediyan Sporting, East Bengal, BSF, JCT, Kerala Police, TFA, Mahindra and Mahindra, the All India Football Federation has permitted them to field Punjab Police and Mizoram teams this year.

In addition, two teams will join the above from via a qualified being held for six teams including two from services and four Delhi club sides.

In Subroto, 32 teams have been divided into eight groups of four teams each which play round-robin league. The winner from each group moves into knock-out quarterfinals.

Gen Kashyap said Steel Authority of India, who are sponsoring Durand, will award Rs 1.50 lakhs for the winners and Rs one lakh to the runners-up while Hindustan Lever sponsors the fair play trophy introduced last year, in Subroto.

Galvano demands rematch

ROME, Oct 4: Mauro Galvano sought a rematch on Sunday, a day after he lost his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title due to a cut, reports AP.

Nigel Benn, the new world champion, said he may meet Galvano's request under condition that the title fight is held in Britain.

"Certainly I will not defend my title in Italy. Italian fans hurled coins at me, and I can't understand why," the 28-year-old Briton said.

Fans in Marino, a town near Rome, were angered by the jury decision to declare a technical knockout of Galvano while the Italian's handlers sought a draw.

Benn captured the crown when Galvano did not answer the bell for the fourth round on a doctor's advice. He had been cut just below his left eye and the doctor ruled Galvano could not continue.

"I had overcome the expected strong start Benn and I had the match under control. I just gave the crown to Benn on loan. I am going to regain it as soon as he grants me a rematch," Galvano said.

"I am glad that the match ended soon, because Galvano is a technical boxer and could be dangerous on the longer distance," said Benn who improved his record to 32-2, with 29 knockouts.

"Galvano has very good jab but I never felt his punches. He can't think to beat me with the jab," Benn added.

Nishida wins Tokai Classic golf

MIYOSHICHO, Japan, Oct 4: Chieko Nishida, despite a bogey on the final hole, came from behind with the day's best score Sunday, a 5-under-par 67, and won the Tokai Classic Yukihiro Ladies golf tournament by one shot, reports AP.

Jahangir revokes retirement

LONDON, Oct 4: Jahangir Khan, the most successful squash player of all time, has denied that he is immediately retiring, as widely reported during the World Open in Johannesburg two weeks ago, reports AFP.

The Pakistani, who has been British Open champion a record ten times, also had a sharp reply for another of the game's greats, Geoff Hunt, who criticised Jahangir for quitting in the middle of a match in Johannesburg.

Jahangir said: "My back has improved since the World Open and I still hope I might play several tournaments this season."

"As I said on the first day of the World Open in Johannes-

Pakistan Open in Karachi in December, or even in the British Open at Wembley in April. He will make his decision after returning home to Karachi in the next few days.

Jahangir was, however, firm and immediate in his rebuttal of the criticisms made by his old Australian rival Hunt, who alleged Jahangir denied Englishman Peter Marshall the credit for a victory by stopping before the end of their match the week before last.

"I was not in a position to continue because my back was so bad. And when Geoff Hunt retired with an injury he pulled out just the day before the British Open, which left the draw one-sided," claimed Jahangir.

"At least I tried to play the

Jahangir admitted that despite the improvement in his injury since the World Open, he still gets pain when he tries to play flat out.

In Johannesburg he was reported as saying the back was so bad. He could no longer play at top level, and he would like to retire now, subject to the approval of his father.

Today Jahangir said: "Sometimes I feel pain in the back when I am just standing or sitting. But when I decide to retire you will definitely know about it because I shall hold a press conference to tell everyone."

Ex-Olympic skating champion Curry dying of AIDS

LONDON, Oct 4: Former world and Olympic ice skating champion John Curry is dying of AIDS and has returned to Britain to spend the remainder of his life with his family, a press report said Sunday, reports AP.

Quoted in the Mail on Sunday, Curry said he has known since December 1987 he was HIV-positive and that it became full-blown AIDS in the summer of 1991.

He believes it was possible he contracted the disease during a homosexual relationship several years ago.

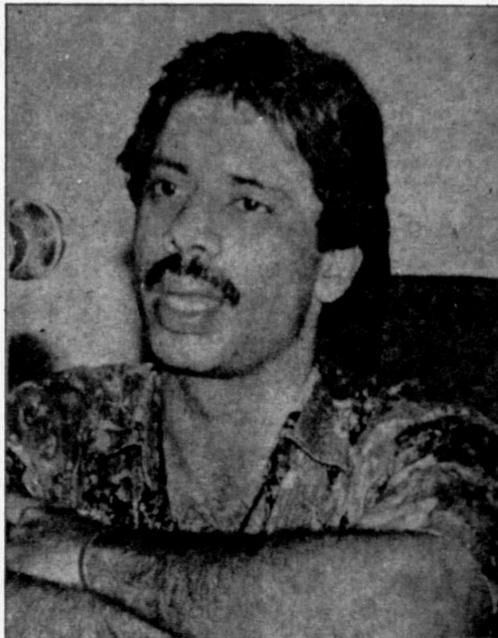
"My whole circle of friends died. I don't mean lovers, but I'm talking about people you go to the theatre or to dinner with," the 1976 Olympic champion told the Mail on Sunday.

"I'd been in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York so I thought it really was very unlikely that I wouldn't be affected."

Now 43, Curry was quoted as saying he knew he was homosexual at age 15 and never tried to hide it. After winning world and Olympic titles, the British skater went to the United States and worked professionally as a skater and choreographer.

After he was diagnosed HIV-positive, he continued to work.

"I got this amazing burst of energy and I thought if my time was limited I was certainly going to use it," Curry told the Mail on Sunday.



JAHANGIR KHAN

burg I will retire at the end of this season. But I do not know why people are saying I have already retired."

Jahangir is not ruling out the possibility of playing in the

match. And against someone I wouldn't normally lose to. What's wrong with stopping? Geoff Hunt did something similar to me except he didn't play at all."

Rovers dump Norwich to go on top

LONDON, Oct 4: Alan Shearer scored a pair as Blackburn Rovers hammered Norwich 7-1 on Saturday to take over from the Canaries at the top of the English Premier Division, reports AP.

The 3.3 million-pound striker, already repaying Kenny Dalglish's record fee in full, also gave Rovers' newcomer Oy Wegerle a leg-up, setting up both goals for the former QPR striker and Stuart Ripley's 70th minute strike.

Shearer's prodigious form with 13 goals to date — certain to please beleaguered English manager Graham Taylor before next week's World Cup tie against Norway — keeps intact a record of scoring in all 12 games for Rovers this season.

Max saves Bayern blush

BONN, Oct 4: Martin Max saved Bayern Munich's unbeaten run in the Bundesliga with a last gasp goal that cancelled an apparent winner by Helmer for Borussia Moenchengladbach a minute earlier, reports AP.

The visitors had led twice at the Olympia Stadium after Long Crews put them ahead in the 26th minute.

But the treppressible Bayern, determined to defend their unbeaten stretch, replied with an equaliser from Olaf Thom in the 52nd minute as Borussia played with only 10 men when Denmark's Johnny Molby was sent off for handball just before halftime.

Max's clincher in extra time kept the Bavarians unbeaten in eight games.

Andreas Sassen scored a pair as promoted side Bayer Uerdingen stopped second place Bayer Leverkusen in their tracks with a 2-1 win. Ulf Kipsten pulled one back for the Leverkusen two minutes from time.

Bottom-of-the-table FC Cologne bounced back from their 3-0 midweek UEFA Cup defeat to Glasgow Celtic with a 4-2 victory over Saarebrueckent, their second win of the season.

The Scots' next opponents Borussia Dortmund were also on form, beating Wattenscheid 3-1 as Swiss arksman Stephane Chapuisat bagged a brace, with Frank Mill taking credit for the third.

VFB Stuttgart, who look like losing their Champions' Cup second-round spot after fielding an ineligible player against Leeds midweek, can overturn Leverkusen in second spot if they beat Eintracht Frankfurt in today's crucial league match.

running rampant at Ewood Park, setting up Tim Sherwood's 27th minute goal against his former club with a delightful chip and then blasting in Rovers, fifth goal 17 minutes into the second half.

The seven-goal spree pulled the high-flying Canaries back to earth with a thump, with only Rob Newsum's 39th minute goal saving a whitewash.

Coventry, who started the day in third place, were forced to share the points with Crystal Palace after Eddie McGooldrick's equaliser in the 38th minute.

McGooldrick's fourth goal of the season edges him closer to a bonus at Selhurst Park, after he negotiated a sidebet with chairman Ron Noades that he would score seven in the whole season.

Andy Pearce opened Coventry's tally in the 7th minute, while Scottish international Kevin Gallacher got the second 11 minutes later. Welshman Chris Coleman sandwiched a Palace's first goal after 10 minutes.

Graeme Souness will continue to regret releasing Dean Saunders despite a narrow 1-0 win at Anfield over Sheffield Wednesday.

Ron Hutchinson, who would never have got his game but for struggling Liverpool's lengthy injury list, got the winner ten minutes from time. Saunders, who never fitted into the Liverpool Boss's plans

but has slotted in perfectly with Aston Villa, scored his fifth and sixth goals since joining Ron Atkinson's side against a Vinnie Jones-less Wimbledon.

The star of the controversial "Hard Man" video began serving a three-match suspension since being sent off in his first match back at Selhurst Park.

Daltan Atkinson scored Villa's third in the 78th minute. Aldem New house and Andy Clarke were Wimbledon's marksmen.

Leeds looked like pulling off another miracle after their Champions' Cup midweek drama against VfB Stuttgart, when Lee Chapman and Garry Speed pulled them back after going 3-0 down to Ipswich at the interval.

But the 11 minute burst was all Leeds could produce and Jason Dozzell gave Ipswich a deserved win with their fourth goal in the 70th minute as last season's Second Division champions beat the First Division Panthers.

Chris Kiwomya had put Ipswich into the lead in the 25th minute and veteran John Wark added two within eight minutes, including a penalty, to put the home side in control.

Manchester United's Steve Bruce bried the disappointment of Manchester United's midweek UEFA Cup exit with a 44th minute penalty at Middlesborough, but Bernie

Slaven — celebrating his return to Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland squad — equalised to leave the match deadlocked at 1-1.

Bruce was one of the culprits as United went out in a spot-kick shoot-out to Torpedo Moscow on Tuesday.

An Wright scored his second goal of the week, after giving Arsenal a 1-0 win over Manchester City on Monday, with a winner in the 85th minute against Chelsea in the top London Derby.

Paul Merson, an improved player since moving to midfield, opened the Gunners' tally after 10 minutes with Dennis Wise equalising for Chelsea in the 76th minute at Highbury.

Teddy Sheringham surprised QPR with the only first half goal at Loftus Road in the day's other London Derby, but then the visitor's rampant with four inside 20 minutes in the second half to move to fourth place in the Premier league.

Gary Holloway opened the floodgates in the 56th minute, followed by Raya Wilkins four minutes later and then Ian Penrich, who scored a pair.

Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest found themselves holding up the Premier Division after salvaging a 2-2 draw against Manchester City at Maine Road.

Club captain Stuart Pearce equalised for the visitors four minutes from the final whistle.

Leeds get a second chance

ZURICH, Oct 4: UEFA on Saturday declared Leeds a winner by forfeit over VFB Stuttgart in their first-round, second-leg European Champions Cup contest but delayed until Monday a decision regarding Greek club PAOK Athens, whose fans rioted during a UEFA Cup match, reports AP.

The Leeds-Stuttgart matter was handed over to the competitions committee, likely requiring a replay of Wednesday's match, initially won by Leeds 4-1.

Stuttgart won the first leg 3-0 and, despite the loss on Wednesday, would have advanced by virtue of have scored a goal at Leeds. But in the 83rd minute of Wednesday's game, Stuttgart substituted in Yugoslavias Jovica Simanic to join countryman Slobodan Dubajic, Iceland's Eyjoelfur Sveinsson and Swiss Adrian Kapp.

That put four non-Germans on the field at the same time, one more than the three for-

eigners UEFA rules allow. After a five-hour meeting of its control and disciplinary commission, UEFA overturned Wednesday's result. The event-

French climbers scale Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, Oct 4: A member of a French expedition to Mount Everest has climbed the world's tallest peak, the Tourism Ministry said Sunday, reports AP.

Eugene Berger, 31, a teacher from Kirchswis, Luxembourg, reached the summit of the 8,848-metre (29,028-foot) mountain on Thursday from the traditional southeast ridge route.

The five-member Franco Everest Expedition is led by Bernard Muller, 40, a mountain guide from Chamonix, France.

It was not immediately known if the other members of the team ascended Mount Everest or if they were climbing it.

tual winner of the VFB Stuttgart Leeds matchup will face Scotland's Glasgow Rangers in the second round.

UEFA also fined Stuttgart 10,000 Swiss francs (\$14,000) for lodging a groundless complaint against the eligibility of the Leeds player Gary Speed.

The Champions Cup tournament — the most prestigious of the European club competitions — brings in millions of dollars of extra revenue for participating teams.

In another matter, a UEFA spokeswoman said the authority would announce Monday sanctions against the PAOK, whose rioting fans forced the abandonment of Thursday's match against Paris St Germain.

The French side was leading the match 2-0 when the referee declared the match over at halftime. Paris 90 advanced to the second round on a 4-0 aggregate score. Under UEFA rules the Greek club faces a tough penalty, including a likely suspension from European competition.

Benn — WBC's new champ

SAN MARINO, Oct 4: Britain's Nigel Benn became the new World Boxing Council's (WBC's) super-middleweight champion here late Saturday amid scenes of confusion and uproar, reports AP.

After taking the fight to Italy's defending champion Omasro Galvano throughout three torrid rounds and inflicting a bad cut on his opponent's left eye, Benn danced jubilantly round the ring when the Italian failed to come off his stool for the fourth round.

But the celebrations in the British corner quickly ended when it suddenly became clear that the Italians were trying to claim a technical draw alleging that the cut had been caused by a head butt — a result would mean that the title would not change hands.

Benn's elation switched to despair and he banged his head in frustration against a ring post. But it was finally confirmed by the referee and WBC officials that Galvano had retired.

Benn's trainer Jimmy Tibbs declared: "The injury was caused by a right over the top of his left lead. There was no head crash, Nigel has won this title fair and square."

Immediately after his triumph had been confirmed, Benn made straight for his arch-rival Chris Eubank, who had been watching ringside.

"Now we can do some business," he said.

Eubank, the WBA champion who took Benn's title away 23 months ago, answered: "Ok Nigel, if you want the fight with me, I agree."

The volatile Italian crowd did not take kindly to the result and Benn had to beat a hasty retreat to the dressing room under a hail of paper cups, booing, and whistling.

But the British fighter could see the title rushing his way when the first blood appeared on Galvano's eyebrow early in the second.

Benn threw in right hand bombs, but the exchanges became a little untidy because of Galvano's tendency to hold — a fault for which he was warned by New Jersey referee Joe Cortez, officiating in his 51st world title contest.

Galvano briefly brought the crowd to its feet when he bundled Benn unceremoniously through the ropes in the third. But it was a push not a punch and Benn quickly hauled himself back.

It was Galvano's last aggressive act before the controversial ending.

The three judges also had been clearly in the ascendency, with Frenchmen Armand Krief and Belgian Daniel Van Der Wiele having been two rounds ahead with one even, while America's Truck Giampa had it 2-1 in Benn's favour.

The new champion made



NIGEL BENN

But Benn clearly deserved his success against the awkward 28-year-old boxer from Rome — renowned as a master of ring survival.

Galvano was expected to run all night but in the end was more accessible than most experts predicted — Benn cleverly cutting off his retreat and landing heavy rights.

McCoist makes it a day for Rangers

LONDON, Oct 4: Ally McCoist inspired Scottish Premier Division leaders Glasgow Rangers to a 4-0 home drubbing of bottom club Falkirk on Saturday by grabbing all four goals, reports AP.

The deadly Scottish striker boosted his tally for the season to 19 with two goals in each half as the champions maintained their four-point advantage.

Pierce rivals Celtic are in second place on their own thanks to a 1-0 win at Dundee, where Mike Gallowsy's first goal of the season gave the Glasgow giants their first league points in three games.

The defender blasted home from 30 yards in the fourth minute to complete a highly satisfying week for Ian Brady's side after their 3-0 UEFA Cup win over German side Cologne in midweek.

Heart of Midlothian, who had shared second spot with Celtic and Aberdeen, were unable to build on their UEFA Cup success over Slavia Prague,

however. They were held to a 1-1 home draw by St Johnstone.

Scotland striker John Robertson gave the Edinburgh club the perfect start with a 25th minute goal, but Hearts lost their way after the break and were punished by John Davies' equaliser.

England edge past Spain 1-0 in eves' hockey

BIRMINGHAM, England, Oct 4: Olympic women's hockey champions Spain slipped to a 1-0 defeat against European gold medalists England at the Rain-washed Alexander Stadium here on Saturday, reports AP.

They gave a listless display, barely threatening the England goal as they went down to Jane Sixsmith's 36th minute score.

She latched on to Mandy Nicholls' cross in the last minute of the first half and crashed the ball past Spanish goalkeeper Maribel Martinez de Murgia.

Aberdeen were even more out of sports at home to Dundee United, who leaptfrogged over them into fourth place with a 1-0 win. An injury-time goal by striker Duncan Ferguson secured United's fourth straight win at Pittodrie.

Hibernian drew level with Aberdeen after their 2-2 draw at Partick, who grabbed a point with an 81st minute goal from Ray Farnham, his second of the match.

He had fired the home side in front after 20 minutes, but Hibs hit back after the break to take the lead through Darren Jackson and Micky Weir.

In the days other Premier Division game Motherwell beat Lanarkshire rivals Airdrie 2-0 to register their first win in eight matches.

The match came to life in the 65th minute when Airdrie defender Jimmy Sandison was sent off for tipping a Steve Kirk shot over the bar. John Martin saved the penalty from Dave Cooper, but Neil Simpson hammered in the rebound.

Motherwell clinched victory six minutes later through Kirk,