

Windies revenge sees SA exit

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Feb 23: Little batting wizard Brian Lara scored his second successive one-day century as West Indies crushed South Africa by nine wickets here Tuesday to go into Saturday's final against Pakistan, reports AFP.

The left-hander from Trinidad and Tobago hit an undefeated 111 to follow his 128 against Pakistan at Durban last Friday. His knock came in 140 deliveries, with 12 fours and a six.

Lara and Desmond Haynes, whose 57 was his 50th half-century in one-day international cricket, shared an opening stand of 152 runs from 216 balls.

In reply to South Africa's 185 for six in their allotted 50 overs, the West Indies cruised to 188 for one with 5.3 overs to spare.

With South Africa now eliminated from the 10-match triangular tournament after losing four of their six matches, the result of the final round-robin match between West Indies and Pakistan in Cape Town on Thursday is of academic interest.

Lara, who has signed to play for Northern Transvaal for a brief spell after the completion of this three-nation tournament, took his second successive man-of-the-match award for an innings that was not without blemish. He was dropped on 13 by Jonty

49 from 90 deliveries while sharing an opening stand of 52 in 17 overs with Andrew Hudson (17).

But the quick dismissals of Hansie Cronje for five, Wessels and then Peter Kirsten for 10 put South Africa onto the back foot before Daryll Cullinan, who has been blooded at international level in this series, steadied the innings with a knock of 45, staking his claim for a future place.

SCOREBOARD

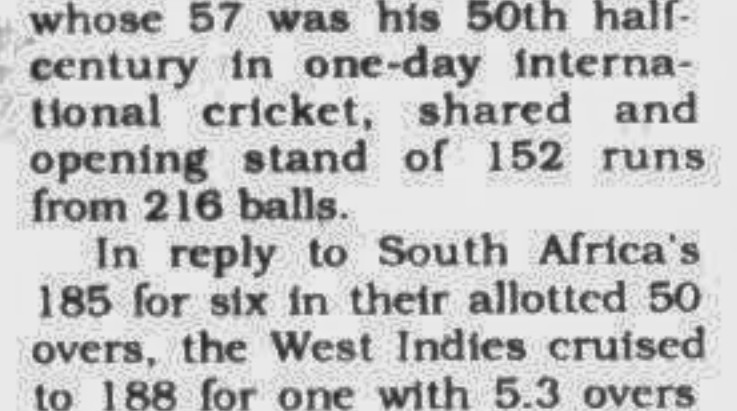
Scoreboard in the one-day cricket match on Tuesday between South Africa and West Indies, eighth in the triangular series which also includes Pakistan:

SOUTH AFRICA:
 K Wessels b Simmons 49
 A Hudson lbw b Simmons 17
 H Cronje b Bishop 5
 P Kirsten b Ambrose 10
 D Cullinan c Richardson b Bishop 45
 J Rhodes run out 22
 E Stewart not out 23
 R Snell not out 0
 Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-3, w-2) 14
 Total: (six wickets 50 overs) 185
 Fall of wickets: 1-52; 2-60; 3-84; 4-92; 5-138; 6-184.
 Did not bat: M Pringle, F de Villiers, A Donald

Bowling:
 Ambrose 10 1 31 1
 Walsh 10 2 26 0
 Simmons 10 0 36 2
 Bishop 10 0 52 2
 Hooper 10 0 31 0

WEST INDIES:
 D Haynes c Stewart b Snell 57
 B Lara not out 111
 P Simmons not out 6
 Extras: (b-2, lb-9, nb-1, w-2) 14
 Total: (for one wicket, 44.3 overs) 188
 Fall of wicket: 1-152
 Did not bat: R Richardson, J Adams, C Hooper, C Logie, J Murray, C Ambrose, C Walsh, J Bishop

Bowling:
 Donald 10 1 24 0
 De Villiers 10 0 38 0
 Pringle 10 0 50 0
 Snell 10 1 36 1
 Cronje 4 0 25 0
 Kirsten 0.3 0 4 0
Result: West Indies won by nine wickets



B LARA ... 111 n.o.

Rhodes and on 83 by skipper Kepler Wessels.

Haynes, who was caught behind to a late away-swing from Richard Snell in the 36th over, played a valuable back-up role to his more flamboyant batting partner. Whereas Lara's 50 came in 59 balls, Haynes's took 95 deliveries.

South Africa's total was the highest against the West Indies so far in this series, but it was never going to be enough on an easy-paced wicket.

After winning the toss, Wessels departed from his usual practice when he elected to bat first.

He then proceeded to score

Richardson has to do without his floppy hat

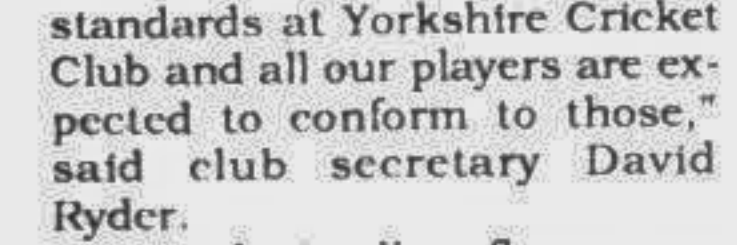
LONDON, Feb 23: West Indies captain Richie Richardson will have to do without his trademark floppy hat when he starts playing for English county side Yorkshire this year, reports Reuter.

Richardson is seldom seen without his maroon hat, whether batting or fielding, but Yorkshire are determined to maintain their strict dress code.

"We have certain dress standards at Yorkshire Cricket Club and all our players are expected to conform to those," said club secretary David Ryder.

"We don't allow floppy sun hats. Sachin Tendulkar agreed to play for us in a club cap instead of a hat last season. It didn't affect his game and there wasn't any fuss about it."

Ryder added: "Our chief executive, Chris Hassell, has said he will take Richardson on one side when he arrives and suggest that the hat is not appropriate. I can't say what we would do if he said 'No' but we don't expect any problem."



Richardson in his floppy hat.

Three local boys moved into the singles quarterfinals of the seventh Bangladesh international junior tennis championships at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

The local players to make the quarterfinals were Faisal Syed-Iraq, Sheikh Moineddin Waliullah Jhilian and Shamim Ahsan Rony.

Others who qualified for the boys' singles quarterfinals were Djanuar Radjab of Indonesia, Alexander Reza Salach of Iran, Puthipong Ravymanee of Thailand, Suhel Malhotra of India and Genuan Gunawardene of Sri Lanka.

Jhilian beat Previn Waas of Sri Lanka 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 in a keenly-contested second round match which lasted two hours and 47 minutes on Court 2.

Faisal defeated compatriot Munir Chowdhury 6-1, 6-0; Gunawardene beat Shihabuddin Ahmed Fayyaz of Bangladesh 6-4, 7-5; Radjab routed Tozzal Hossain of Bangladesh 6-1, 6-1; Salach outplayed Isurri Gunasckara of Sri Lanka 6-0, 6-2; Puthipong beat Sri Ram Thapa of Nepal 6-3, 7-6; Malhotra got the better of Lasith Dissanayake of Sri Lanka.

Navratilova never too old

PARIS, Feb 23: A surprise victory over world number one Monica Seles at the weekend has given Martina Navratilova a new lease of life at the age of 36, reports Reuter.

Asked if she would retire at the end of the season, the veteran of the circuit said: "I really don't know. When I play like that, I want to continue for ever and ever."

"I've just had three great weeks, played in three finals and lost only one. That hasn't happened to me since the early 80s."

Navratilova's pulsating 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 win over the Yugoslav at the Paris Women's Indoor Open gave her two new records to add to her formidable collection - it was the 163rd title of her career and it made her the oldest player to beat a reigning world number one.

The previous record had belonged to fellow-American Billie Jean King - when she beat Navratilova herself more than 10 years ago.

Navratilova is more than just the female equivalent of Jimmy Connors, who at 40 is still able to cause an upset or two on the men's circuit.

Her victory over the 19-year-old Seles, a week after her defeat by the Yugoslav in the Chicago final, conclusively proved she can still take on and beat the very best. At almost twice the age of the rest of the world's top 10 players, Navratilova is still good enough to rank fourth.

What has changed is her physical preparation. Navratilova's exhausting three-week haul across three continents to play in the Tokyo, Chicago and Paris finals in successive weeks will be followed by five

or six weeks rest.

"I will train but I won't play any matches," she said. "At my age, you have to have a perfect physique. You must work at it, have a healthy diet, sleep enough and regularly take massage during tournaments."

"The most important time is just before tournaments. You have to run, train and do a lot of stretching. But you mustn't do too much or you will go into tournaments tired as many of the younger players do."

Navratilova said she would already have retired had not she enjoyed the sentimental support of the public, who cheered her every shot against Seles.

"When I started playing Chris Evert regularly, the public was always behind her," she said. "That was tough for me. But now, and for the past three years, they're with me. It's fantastic, it makes you want to go on, to fight and to win."

"I wouldn't have carried on for the last two years if I hadn't had the crowds behind me like this."

Navratilova disappointed her Paris fans by saying she would not return to contest the French Open this year, a tournament she has missed for the past four years already.

"If I played the French, I wouldn't have time to prepare for Wimbledon," she said. The two tournaments are so close and the preparation for them is so different."

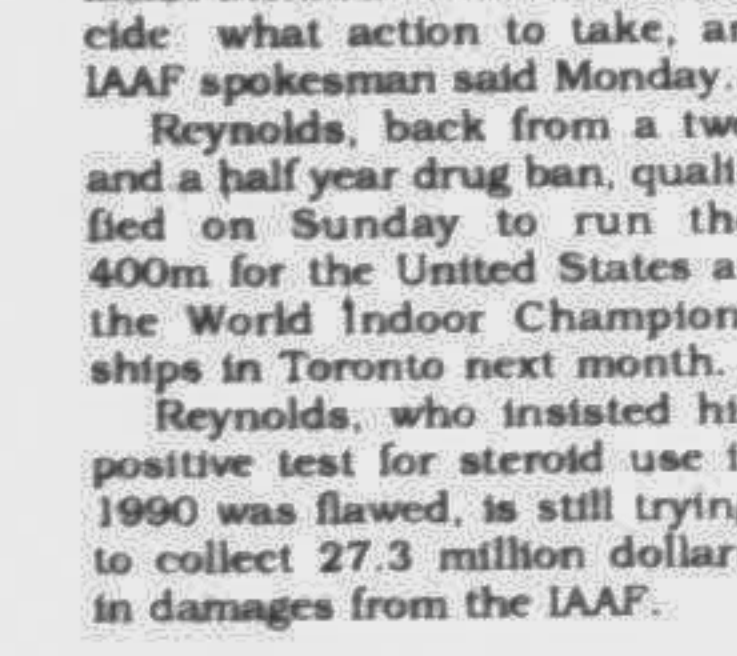
IAAF deadline for Reynolds

LONDON, Feb 23: Butch Reynolds may face another ban if he does not drop his 27.3 million dollar lawsuit against the International Amateur Athletic Federation, reports AFP.

If he has no word from Reynolds by February 23 at the latest the IAAF Council will decide what action to take, an IAAF spokesman said Monday.

Reynolds, back from a two and a half year drug ban, qualified on Sunday to run the 400m for the United States at the World Indoor Championships in Toronto next month.

Reynolds, who insisted his positive test for steroid use in 1990 was flawed, is still trying to collect 27.3 million dollars in damages from the IAAF.



Butch Reynolds in action.

Bubka exhausted

KIEV, Feb 23: Ukrainian pole vaulter Sergei Bubka, who set the 34th world record of his career over the weekend, said in a newspaper interview published on Tuesday he was physically fit but mentally tired, reports Reuter.

He broke his own pole vault indoor world record on Sunday, clearing 6.15 metres in the Bubka Cup tournament in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk.

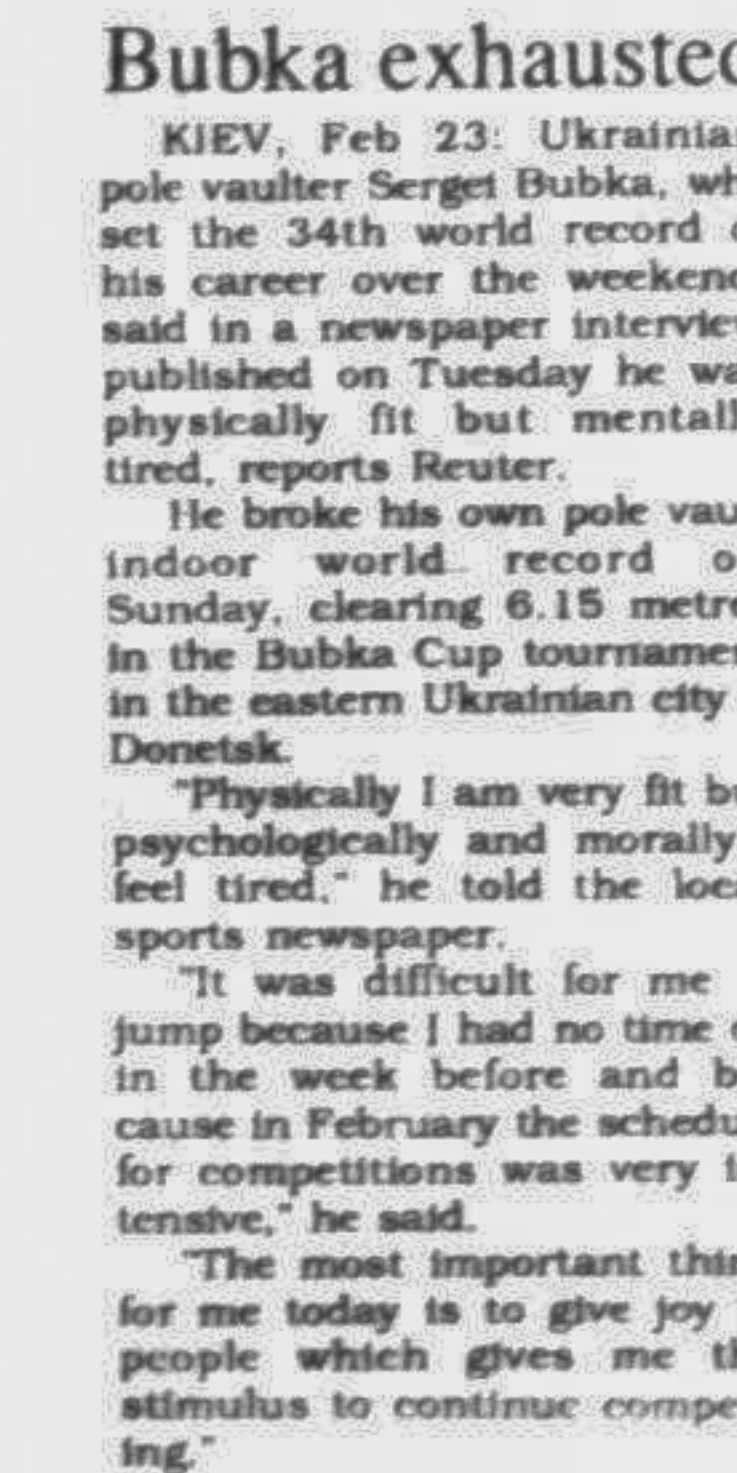
"Physically I am very fit but psychologically and morally I feel tired," he told the local sports newspaper.

"It was difficult for me to jump because I had no time off in the week before and because in February the schedule for competitions was very intensive," he said.

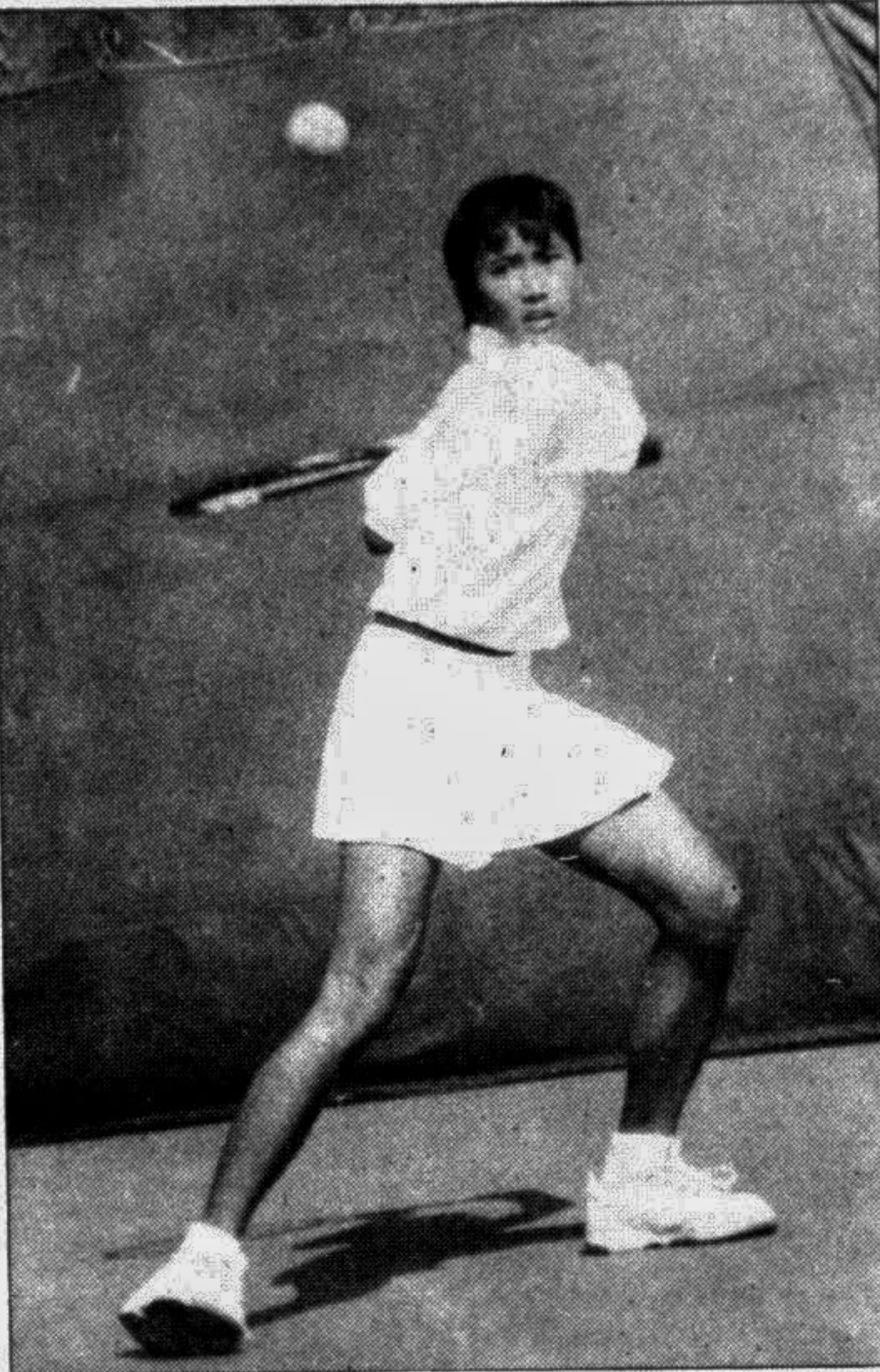
"The most important thing for me today is to give joy to people which gives me the stimulus to continue competing."

Shri Lankan G Gunawardane about to make a forehand return to Shihabuddin Ahmed of Bangladesh during their second round encounter of the seventh Bangladesh international junior tennis championship at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Gunawardane won 6-4, 7-5.

— Star photo



G Gunawardane in action.



Indonesian Liza Andriyani readies for a backhand return in her second round match against Thai Ratchanwan in the seventh Bangladesh international junior tennis championships at the National Tennis Complex, Ramna yesterday. Andriyani couldn't make it to the next round as she was beaten 5-7, 4-6.

Jr int'l tennis results

Lanka 6-2, 7-5 while Rony beat Agung Utomo Cipto of Indonesia 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

In the girls' singles, Saranga Sangakara of Sri Lanka, Anoushka Boralesa, another Lankan, Nirupama Vaidyanathan of India and Ratchanwan of Thailand moved into the third round.

Sangakara routed Sathi Sarker of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-0; Boralesa outplayed Khaleda Fowzia of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-0; Vaidyanathan eliminated Vinca Rampen of Indonesia 6-1, 6-0 while Ratchanwan beat Liza Andriyani of Indonesia 7-5, 6-4 in their respective second-round encounters yesterday.

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30 paddlers for SAF Games camp

The Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) has named thirty paddlers including 10 women for the first phase coaching camp for the forthcoming sixth SAF Games.

Four more will be selected for the camp after an open trial on February 27 and 28. Interested boys have been asked to submit their names by February 25 at the federation office.

The selected male players including the boys are: Rochi, Mustafa, Kisloo, Sadi, Akhlaque, Happy, Anki, Kochi, Shaon, Sohel, Hamlet, Badal, Ripon, M Ali, Munna, Mahbub, Sagar, Manash, Rubel and Mahid.

The female paddlers selected for the camp are: Zohera Rahman Limu, Zulkeha, Shachima, Rinu, Neela, Bachchi, Iit, Shabana, Tumpa and Lita.

The two-month long session starts on March 1.

Good news for Aussies

WELLINGTON, Feb 23: Key Australian batsman David Boon was today given the all clear for this week's first cricket Test against New Zealand, reports AFP.

He suffered a painful blow on the inside of his right heel early in his 75-run innings during Australia's three-wicket defeat by the President's XI at Nelson Monday.

There were concerns that the 33-year-old would not be fit for the start of play on Thursday.

However X-rays have revealed no break, although there is some nerve damage.

Rajshahi cricket

Probbhati Sangha and Friends Sporting Club won their respective matches of the Rajshahi Bhorer Kagaj First Division cricket league yesterday.

At the Rajshahi Stadium, Probbhati beat Agamoni Krira Chakra by 22 runs.

Batting first, Probbhati made 160 losing four wickets in 35 overs with Rubel remaining unbeaten on 51 and Himel scoring 26.

Agamoni were restricted to 138 for nine wickets when overs ran out.

Kanak, Sohel and Kamal made 33, 21 and 20 respectively.

Samar took two wickets for 23 for Probbhati.

At the divisional stadium, Friends Sporting Club beat Kazhatta Sporting Club by 10 runs.

Sent in to bat, Friends Sporting were all out for 107 in 31.3 overs with Tarek top-scoring with 38.

Rumi and Tinku claimed two wickets apiece for Kazhatta.

Kazhatta, in their turn, were bundled out for 97 with Javed making 21.

Sujan bagged three wickets conceding 21 while Rose and Runu evenly shared four wickets between them for Friends Sporting.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Crossing the —" (Tennyson)
 - 4 Brazilian dance
 - 9 TV's "— Na Na"
 - 12 Swiss canton
 - 13 Indo-Iranian
 - 14 Bio of a sort
 - 15 Grover's Corners, for one
 - 17 Biblical lion
 - 18 Yale grad
 - 19 Soothed gently
 - 21 Sews loosely
 - 24 Boat or fish lead-in
 - 25 City on the Danube
 - 26 Sales price add-on
 - 28 Directs operations
 - 31 Lounge about
 - 33 Annoy by faultfinding
 - 35 Mild oath
 - 36 Greek Sand novel
 - 38 — banana
- DOWN**
- 2 Mrs., in vehicle
 - 3 Mortgage type: abbr.
 - 3 Narrow creek
 - 4 Light, rounded helmet
 - 5 Skilled worker
 - 6 "O Sole —"
 - 7 Wails loudly
 - 8 Yearbook
 - 9 Pistols, rifles, etc.
 - 10 Roll call response
 - 11 Sur-rounded by
 - 16 "— Em Eat Cake"
 - 20 Told a tall one
 - 21 Fight participant, perhaps
 - 22 Lily plant
 - 23 Minor or petty
 - 27 Totem pole
 - 29 Title for Agatha Christie
 - 30 Editor's mark
 - 32 Arbitrary order
 - 34 Manlike ape
 - 37 Zoroastrian sacred writings
 - 39 Wheeled weight-raiser
 - 42 Knight's covering
 - 44 Tippler
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 - 46 Like peas in —
 - 50 Tire fill
 - 51 Venomous snake
 - 52 McCarey of films
 - 53 Greek island

Jansher asserts his supremacy

CARDIFF, Feb 23: Jansher Khan of Pakistan maintained his domination of world squash when he beat Australian Chris Dittmar 15-13, 15-10, 15-9 on Monday to win the Welsh Classic title for the third year in succession, reports Reuter.

It was hardly a new experience for Dittmar, a 29-year-old from Adelaide. The world number two was beaten by Jansher in the six finals they contested last year and in the Super Series final last month.

"I suppose everybody will say here we go again in 1993, but I really thin' he can be beaten" said Dittmar. "He was not brilliant tonight, I made it easy for him by making too many mistakes."

"That is fatal against Jansher. He punishes anything loose and I just played into his hands."

Dittmar actually led in all three games and looked as if he might cause a shock as he went ahead 12-7 in the first with fine play against a strangely lethargic Jansher.

But the Pakistani went to work with stunning effect. He had Dittmar reeling and forced him into desperate defence with a series of fierce drives and cunning lobs.

With the help of two Dittmar errors and a penalty stroke, Jansher took the next seven points to move into the lead and won the game in 21 minutes.

Dittmar opened the second game well and led 7-4, but

there was an air of inevitability as Jansher got going again. He was simply too good and took the game in 13 minutes.

Once more, Dittmar was ahead in the third, 4-3. But he had no answer as Jansher opened both barrels to demonstrate he is head and shoulders above the rest.

"I started each game slowly, but it is how you finish that matters," said the 23-year-old Pakistani.

"I am happier in my mind and with my squash since my son was born in December. I am playing for my family now as well as my country."

"I think I will do as well this year as I did in 1992, may be even better."

There was consolation for Australia when Liz Irving continued to make a mockery of the women's world rankings by beating former world champion Amrtine Le Moignan of England 17-15, 17-15, 13-15.

That completed a fine double for the seventh-seeded Australian, who was 29 earlier this month. On Sunday she beat fellow-Australian Michelle Martin, the world number one, and Le Moignan is ranked second.

Irving, who last won a major tournament at the Irish Open two years ago, could well be a surprise challenger for the top ranking recently vacated by New Zealander Susan Devoy.

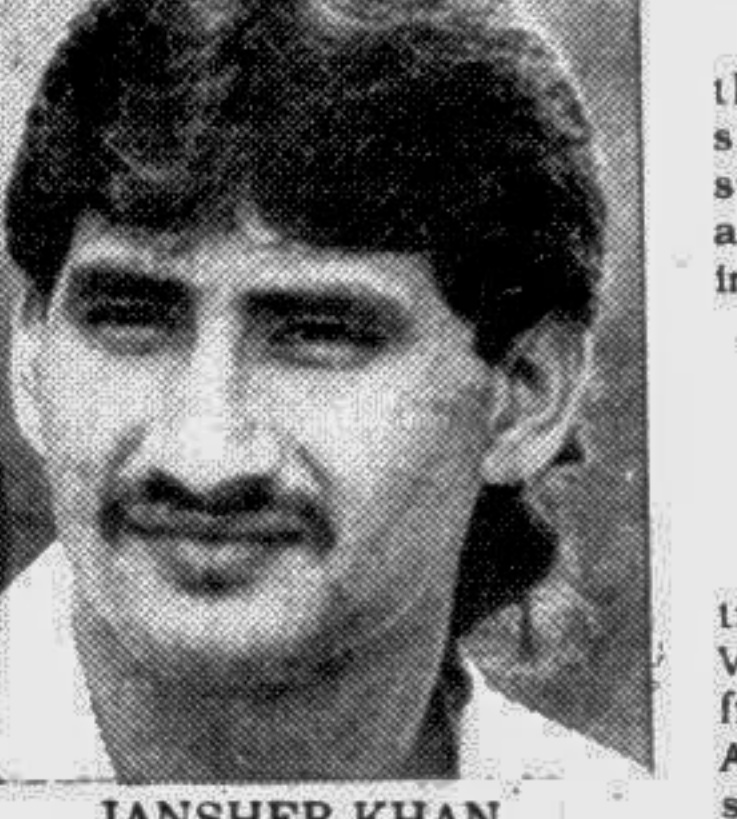
The Australian fought superbly, saving two game points before winning the second and dominating the fourth game after Le Moignan had threatened to stage a recovery by taking the third.

Le Moignan, 30, who has been on hypothyroidism for a crisis of confidence, slammed referring decisions after the match.

She lost vital points in all three games to penalty strokes. "I thought we both suffered unnecessarily in such a tight game from the refereeing," she said.

Vazquez retains WBA crown

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb 23: Julio Cesar Vazquez let fly with a flurry of five left jabs to knock out Aquilino Asprilla in just 45 seconds and retain the World Boxing Association (WBA) junior middleweight crown on Monday, reports Reuter.



Julio Cesar Vazquez.

Tracy Austin on comeback trail

INDIAN WELLS, California, Feb 23: Tracy Austin, once a teen-age phenom and now an old lady of 30, returns to tournament tennis Tuesday for the first time in four years, reports AP.

Injuries forced her to retire in 1984, and a car accident curtailed a previous comeback in 1989.

"I've prepared as best as I can," she said Monday. "It's a nice feeling to know I've done everything I can."

That includes working with her old coach, Robert Landros, and former pro Eliot Teltscher.

Austin says this isn't a full-fledged comeback. She has no tournaments lined up past this week's Evert Cup, which no one expects her to win.

However, the path to the finals of the \$75,000 tournament got easier since both Steffi Graf and Jennifer Capriati withdrew because of injuries. That leaves Mary Joe Fernandez, ranked seventh in the world, as the top seed and biggest name.

Austin hasn't had a world ranking since 1983, when she was ninth. She burst on the scene in 1977 as a 14-year-old with a two-handed backhand and ferocious groundstrokes.

Her career included several firsts: the youngest player to win the US Open at age 16 in 1979; ending Chris Evert's 125-match clay court winning streak in 1979; becoming the then-youngest athlete to reach \$1 million in career earnings at age 17 in 1980.

Gone are the braces, pig-tails, pinafore dresses and Jack Kramer wooden racket that spawned thousands of Austin-Wannabes.

Not everything has

changed, though. Fans will recognise Austin's game — she'll be camped at the baseline swinging her patented two-handed backhand.

"They'll say, 'that's the same old game I remember,' Austin said, laughing. "You won't see a serve-and-volleyer."

Also gone are many of Austin's opponents from the late 1970s and early '80s.

Evert, Andrea Jaeger and Hana Mandlikova have retired. Martina Navratilova, Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison-Jakson skipped this event.

That leaves lots of new — and much younger — faces in the locker room.

"Some are the same and some are new," Austin said.

sure the crowd will be for her, but maybe it's a plus for me and a minus for her because of their expectations of her being a great player again."

Austin retired in February 1984 because of recurring neck and back injuries. She did not play singles in another tour event until March 7, 1989, at the Virginia Slims of Indian Wells.

She lost a first-round match to then 25th-ranked Nicole Provis in three sets. Austin lost in the first round of another tournament a month later.

Austin played Team Tennis for the New Jersey Stars in 1989, but had to quit after she broke her leg in a car accident.

Woodbridge in doubt for Davis Cup

MELBOURNE, Feb 23: Doubles star Todd Woodbridge has a knee injury that could keep him from playing for Australia against the United States in a first round Davis Cup tennis match March 26-28, officials said Tuesday, reports AP.

Woodbridge hurt his right knee and retired one game into the second set of his first round match against American Alex O'Brien in the first round of the Purcell Cup in Scottsdale, Arizona.

O'Brien won the first set 7-6 (7-4).

"He decided not to continue and is now on his way home," said Australian Davis Cup captain.

"This is the way I wanted it. Everything should be all right by the end of next week."

Tennis Australia said in a statement that it was not know how serious the injury is.



Tracy Austin.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals D

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.