

Lankans outplay England

COLOMBO, Mar 10: Sri Lanka defeated England Wednesday by 33 runs in the first one-day international as an off and leg-spin combination ripped through their middle order, reports AP.

It was only the second Sri Lankan victory in 10 one-day matches against England, and came after India humbled the Englishmen 3-0 with a spin onslaught over the last two months.

Hathan Tillekeratne and Sanath Jayasuria laid the foundation with an unbroken 70-run stand in 30 balls to boost Sri Lanka to 250 runs in 47 overs.

Then, off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage and Jayasuria, a useful left-arm leggie, snapped between them five wickets in the rain-reduced England innings of the day-night match.

A 10-minute shower disrupted the game for a half hour when England, batting under lights, were reeling at 67 for 3 in the 20th over. England's innings was reduced by nine overs and their victory target revised to 203 in 38 overs, asking them at that point to make 7.5 runs an over.

Minutes after play resumed, Mike Gatting was bowled by off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage for 1. Neil Fairbrother and Chris Lewis added 28 runs when Fairbrother (34) was trapped leg before by Jayasuria's leg-spin.

At that stage, the asking rate climbed to 8 runs an over and Chris Lewis, going for a mighty sweep, was bowled by Kalpage for 16, ending England's remaining hopes.

With five overs remaining, the asking rate became over 13 and England were all out for 170.

England's loss, the third straight in one-day matches, boded ill for their fortnight tour when they have to play a Test and another one-day international.

Piecemeal performances earlier saw Sri Lanka struggling at 180 for five in the 42nd over when Jayasuria joined Tillekeratne to set the Khetarama Stadium alight in the day-night match.

England bowled three overs less than the required 50 and could not conquer Tillekeratne (66 in 65 balls) and Jayasuria (34 in 22 balls) until the end.

Winning the toss, Sri Lanka elected to bat first, probably knowing that the ball would swing more in the evening when a strong breeze normally replaces the humid day conditions here.

The English bowlers, playing after a four-day break following their last match in India, achieved crucial breakthroughs whenever threatened

by a big partnership. That was until the two left-handers, Jayasuria and Tillekeratne, got together.

Displaying complete disdain for the speed bowlers, Jayasuria, hit two sixes and a four in his 22-ball knock. Tillekeratne, who had been batting steadily, earlier completed his 50 in 55 balls with five fours. He hit another four later.

Tillekeratne also shared a 71-run stand with captain Arjuna Ranatunga for the fifth wicket.

One of Jayasuria's sixes came off Dermot Reeve to midwicket and another off Devon Malcolm to the same area, which was caught by Graeme Hick before he rolled over the ropes.

Some sloppy fielding also

return catch. His 34 came off 42 balls and included four fours and a six, off DeFreitas.

Three overs later, Hathurusinghe's flawless 43-run innings ended as he went on the back foot to John Emburey and was trapped plumb leg before, giving the off-spinner his fourth wicket of the tour so far in 11 weeks. His 80-ball knock contained four fours.

Emburey, who had an unsuccessful tour in India, bowled well Wednesday until his last over when he gave away 12 runs to finish with figures of 1 for 42. Before this match, he had a tour figure of 3 for 385.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the day night first one-day cricket international between Sri Lanka and England today:

SRI LANKA:
 R Mahanama c Hick b Malcolm 7
 C Hathurusinghe lbw b Emburey 43
 A Gurusinha c DeFreitas b Jarvis 5
 Aravinda De Silva c and b Reeve 34
 A Ranatunga c Stewart b Lewis 36
 H Tillekeratne not out 66
 A Jayasuria not out 34
 Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-10, nb-8) 25
 Total: (for five wickets, 47 overs) 250

Did not bat: A De Silva, R Kalpage, C Ramanayake, P Wickremasinghe

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-33; 3-101; 4-109; 5-180

Bowling: O M R W
 Malcolm 7 1 32 1
 Lewis 9 0 40 1
 Jarvis 9 0 57 1
 DeFreitas 3 0 25 0
 Emburey 10 1 42 1
 Reeve 9 1 47 1



H TILLEKERATNE ... 66 n.o.

ENGLAND:

A Stewart lbw b Ramanayake 5
 R Smith c and b Wickremasinghe 3
 G Hick c Mahanama b Hathurusinghe 31
 N Fairbrother lbw b Jayasuria 34
 M Gatting b Kalpage 1
 C Lewis b Kalpage 16
 D Reeve c Ranatunga b Kalpage 16
 P DeFreitas c Ranatunga b Wickremasinghe 21
 J Emburey st De Silva b Jayasuria 10
 P Jarvis not out 16
 D Malcolm run out 2
 Extras: (lb-10, nb-1, w-4) 15
 Total: (all out in 36.1 overs) 170

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-9; 3-67; 4-71; 5-99; 6-103; 7-120; 8-137; 9-152;

Bowling: O M R W
 Ramanayake 7 0 25 1
 Wickremasinghe 6.1 1 21 2
 Hathurusinghe 6 0 28 1
 Gurusinha 2 0 7 0
 Kalpage 8 0 34 3
 Jayasuria 7 0 45 2

Result: Sri Lanka won.

helped Sri Lanka nullify the bowling successes earlier in the day.

The first Sri Lankan wicket went for 16 and the second for 33 in only 12 overs. That brought in Aravinda De Silva, who along with Chandika Hathurusinghe hammered a 68-run partnership in 14 overs.

Especially thrashed was Philip DeFreitas who gave away 25 runs in the three overs he bowled.

Both Hathurusinghe and De Silva found him easy to pull. De Silva even hauled him for a six.

Dermot Reeve broke their stand with the first ball after the drinks in the 26th over. Playing forward, De Silva was beaten by the length to pop a

World champ crushes his old foe

LINARES, Spain, Mar 10: World champion Garry Kasparov crushed his old rival, former world champion Anatoly Karpov, in a 10th-round grudge match at the Linares Grandmaster chess tournament yesterday, reports Reuter.

Kasparov defeated his fellow Russian after 27 moves and three and a half hours' play to lead the tournament with seven and a half points from 10 games and just three rounds remaining.

Everyone expected the clash between Kasparov and Karpov, who have contested five matches for the World Championship and faced each other in more than 150 games, to be the decisive one.

Having overcome his biggest obstacle and taken a

lead of a full point, Kasparov looks firm favourite to win the tournament.

The game lived up to expectations. The two old foes, whose personal animosity is well known, made frequent eye contact as they slugged it out, playing their most combative chess in an attempt to destroy each other.

So intense was Karpov's desire to defeat the man who dethroned him as world champion that he obsessively muttered moves to himself as he

slaughter had already secured victory. When Karpov finally lost on time on the 27th move, his position on the board was beyond salvation.

"Karpov was humiliated, Garry just annihilated him," said British master Malcolm Pein, adding: "This makes the prospect of a Karpov-Timman title match even more ridiculous."

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has proposed a possible match between "reserves" Karpov and

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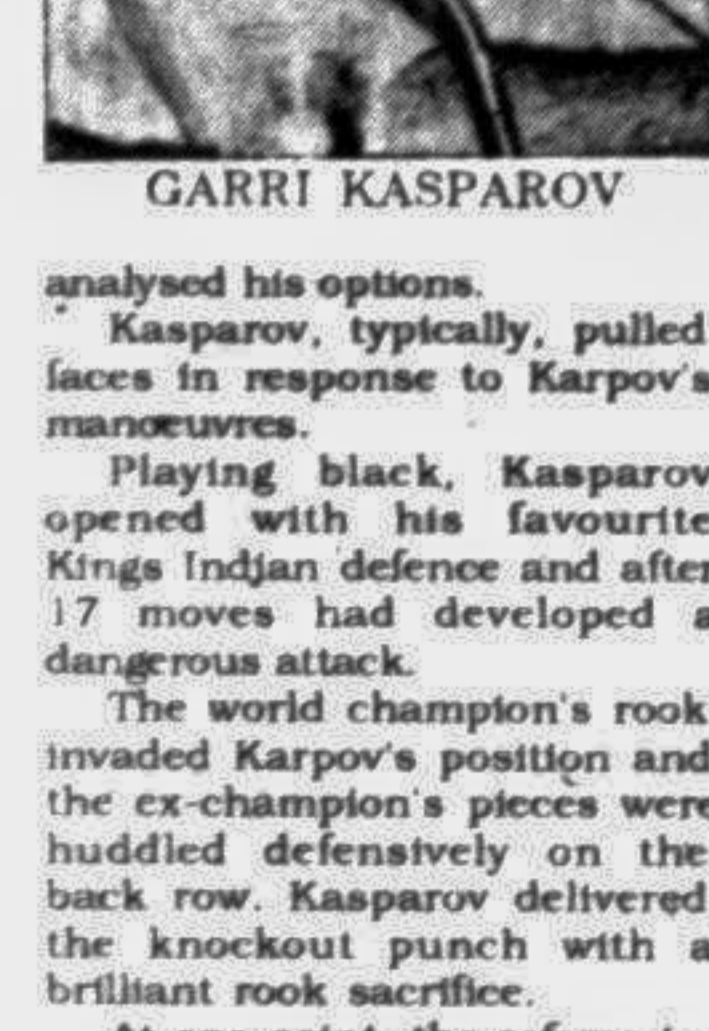
Top 25 golf players

NEW YORK, Mar 10: The world golf rankings based on players' performance throughout the world sanctioned by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, reports AP.

The ranking is computed on a three-year rolling basis weighted toward the current year. Players earn points based on tournament grade, finish and strength of field:

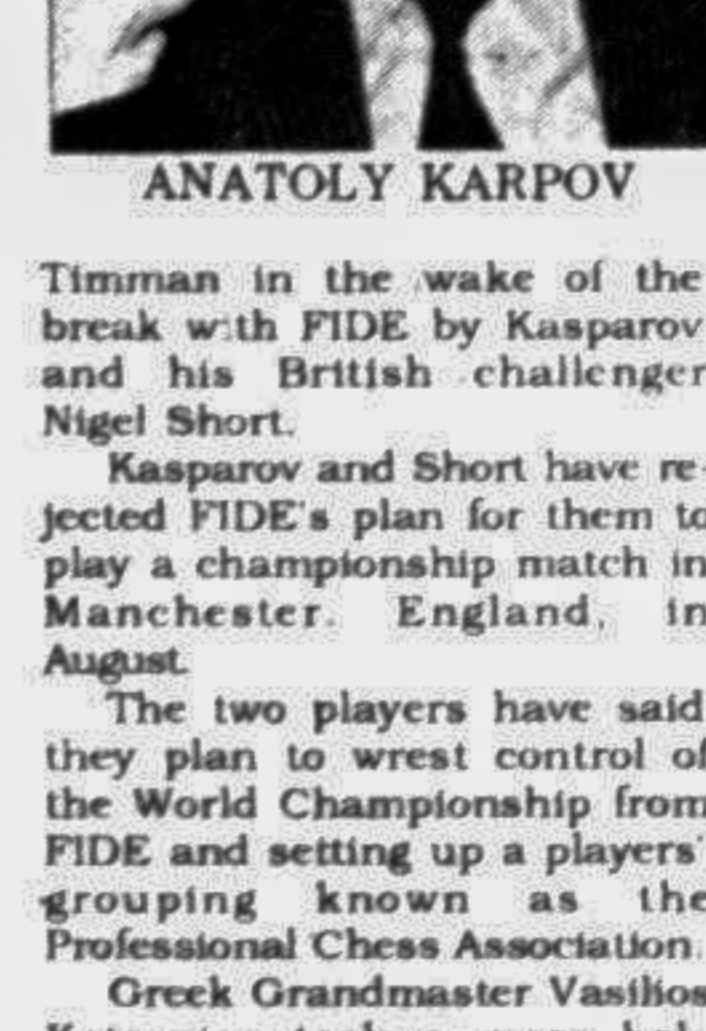
- Nick Faldo, England, 24.72.
- Fred Couples, US, 15.93.
- Greg Norman, Australia, 13.51.
- Bernhard Langer, Germany, 12.68.
- Nick Price, South Africa, 12.50.
- Ian Woosnam, Wales, 12.59.
- Tom Kite, US, 12.37.
- Jose-Maria Olazabal, Spain, 12.01.
- David Love III, US, 11.31.
- John Cook, US, 10.99.
- Paul Azinger, US, 10.86.
- Mark McNulty, Zimbabwe, 9.28.
- Jumbo Ozaki, Japan, 9.21.
- Corey Pavin, US, 8.70.
- Ray Floyd, US, 8.39.
- Seve Ballesteros, Spain, 8.38.
- Mark O'Meara, US, 8.22.
- Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, 8.21.
- Bruce Lietzke, US, 7.90.
- Payne Stewart, US, 7.85.
- Steve Elkington, Australia, 7.39.
- David Frost, South Africa, 7.24.
- Tony Johnstone, South Africa, 6.91.
- Sandy Lyle, England, 6.84.
- Chip Beck, US, 6.61.

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Ben changes track

TORONTO, Mar 10: Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, currently considering lucrative offers from various media for his full drug story, could return to sport as an American football player, reports AFP.

Johnson, who has announced his retirement from athletics after being banned for life after a second positive drugs test in five years, confirmed an approach from the Hamilton Tiger Cats in an interview published by the Austrian daily Kurier here on Wednesday.

"They have wanted me for five years," Johnson was quoted as saying. "I think I am going to accept this time."

John Michaluk, chairman of the Hamilton Tiger Cats, had refused to confirm or deny the rumour that his team was interested in giving Johnson a contract.

"We never discuss players we might be interested in and we have not spoken to Ben," he said.

But he added: "We know Ben can run and that he was always been very popular in Hamilton. It would certainly be interesting to see him play."

Avoiding crowd trouble

MANCHESTER, Mar 10: The Manchester City-Manchester United match on March 20 will begin at 11 am, four hours earlier than normal, in a bid to prevent crowd trouble, reports AP.

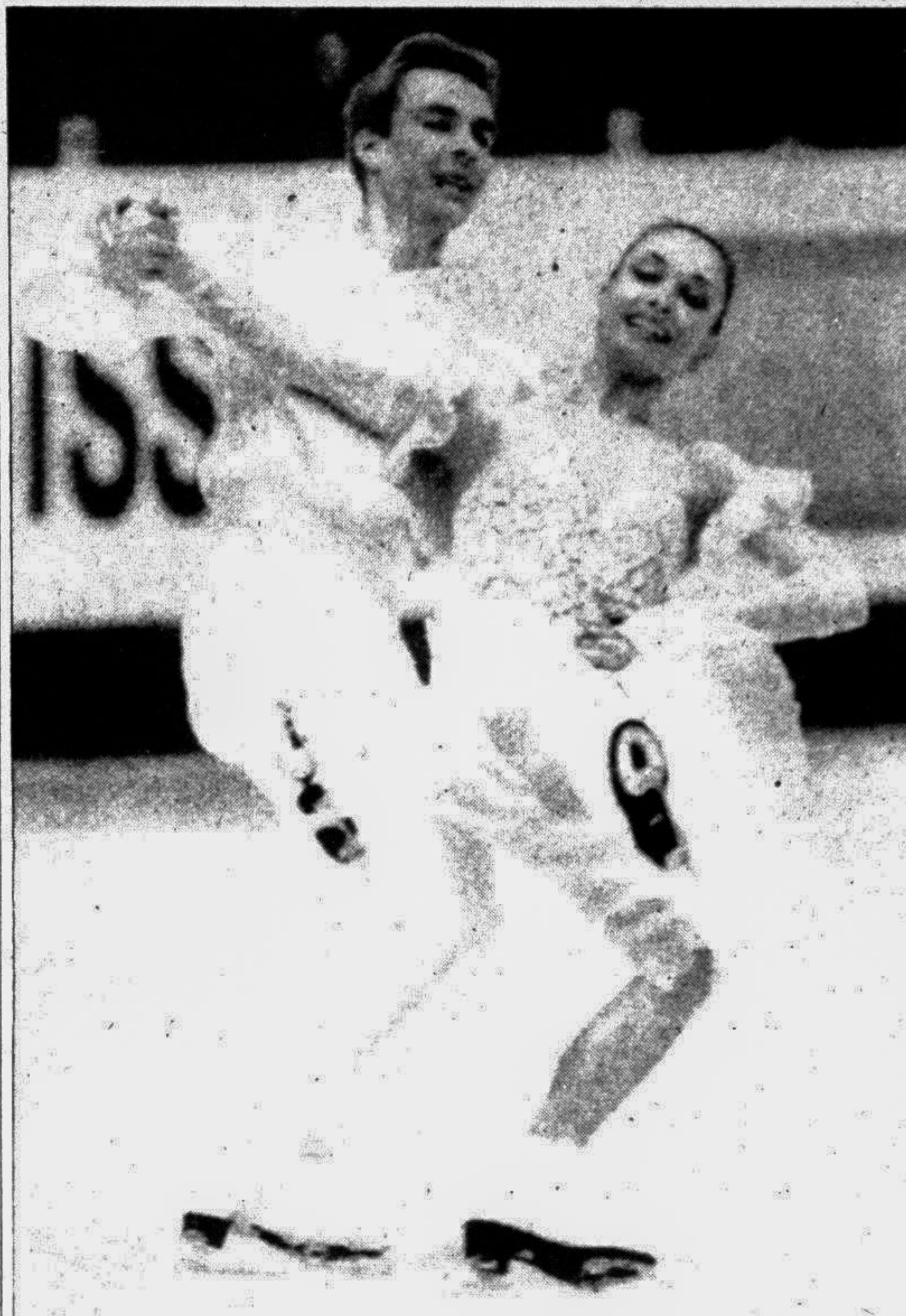
Premier League secretary Mike Foster approved the change Wednesday following the disturbances which marred last Sunday's FA Cup quarterfinal match between Manchester City and Tottenham.

The game was interrupted for 13 minutes as about 300 fans ran onto the field, threatening players and fighting with rival supporters.

Manchester City have been charged with misconduct and face the possibility of a heavy fine and other disciplinary action.

The decision to move the starting time was made by the club after talks with local police. The hope is that fans will not have had time to get drunk by that hour of the morning.

"The club and police recognize the importance of taking every possible precaution in order to avoid any repetition of the kind of disturbance which disrupted the game against Spurs and it was felt that early kick off would help in this respect," Foster said.



Russian figure-skating pair Maja Usowa (R) and Alexander Schulin perform the Westminister Waltz on the first day of the World figure-skating championships in Prague on Tuesday.

Brazil, England, US well on course

SYDNEY, Mar 10: Two-time champions Brazil, England and the United States need only to draw their final first-round matches on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of soccer's World Cup Championships, reports AP.

The final seven qualifiers in the under-20 tournament will be decided Thursday, when all 16 teams play their final first-round matches.

Brazil face Norway in Adelaide on Thursday needing only one point to be assured of advancing from Group D.

England also need only a share of the points when they face Turkey in Group C in Melbourne to be certain of clinching a spot in the last eight.

Australia, who have clinched a spot from Group A, are the only team so far to have secured a quarterfinal berth. Defending champions Portugal and Cameroon have been eliminated from quarterfinal contention.

In Group A, the winners of Thursday's Colombia-Russia contest will progress if the Sydney match is a draw.

Germany and Uruguay, each with three points, and African champions Ghana, who have two points, are contesting the two spots from Brisbane-based Group B.

Germany will play Uruguay on Thursday, with Ghana playing Portugal.

Brazil will advance unless they lose by three goals or more against winless Norway in Group D in Adelaide. Norway need a big victory over Brazil to progress, while the winners of Saudi Arabia and Mexico will progress. If those teams draw, Mexico have the better goal difference.

England would need to lose by four goals against Turkey to be deprived of a quarterfinal place from Group C in Melbourne, while the United States will progress as long as who get at least a tie against South Korea.

Everything is possible in soccer but the odds are against us," said Turkish assistant coach Yalman Mjdat.

Germany will be without three key players when they face Uruguay in Brisbane.

Striker Carsten Jancker and defender Max Eberl both have been suspended after receiving two yellow card cautions, while midfielder Guido Jorres is sidelined with a broken ankle.

Brazilian coach Julio Leal was confident Wednesday after his team's bruising 2-1 victory over Mexico on Tuesday — a match that ended with rival players jostling each other in the tunnel to the locker rooms.

"We got the feeling of our way to play. Now we must see if we can play it for 90 minutes next time," Leal said.

American coach Bobby Howe said his team would go flat out for victory over South Korea rather than playing safe for a draw.

"They wouldn't know how. They are too unsophisticated," Howe said. "They will play their own flowing game and that's probably the best way, because attack is the best form of defence."

Saudi Arabia face an uphill battle against Mexico.

The Saudis will be without striker Fahad Al Ghesheyan and midfielder Mojmammad al Jahani, both of whom have been suspended.

The tournament continues through March 20, with quarterfinals scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

ATP's top 25

UNDATED, Mar 10: Top 20 men's tennis players, according to rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Players on Wednesday:

- Jih Courier, US 3,916 points
- Pete Sampras, US 3,241
- Stefan Edberg, Sweden 3,021
- Boris Becker, Germany 2,701
- Petr Korda, Czech Republic 2,347
- Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia 2,294
- Michael Chang, US 2,218
- Andre Agassi, US 2,128
- Ivan Lendl, US 1,982
- Michael Stich, Germany 1,818
- Richard Krajicek, Netherlands 1,773
- Carlos Costa, Spain 1,624
- Wayne Ferreira, South Africa 1,564
- Thomas Muster, Austria 1,538
- Sergi Bruguera, Spain 1,521
- Guy Forget, France 1,482
- Karel Novacek, Czech Republic 1,370
- Malvay Washington, US 1,353
- Alexander Volkov, Russia 1,352
- Henrik Holm, Sweden 1,287
- Medvedev, Ukraine 1,204
- Mark Woodforde, Australia 1,149
- Arnaud Boetsch, France 1,145
- Wally Masur, Australia 1,065
- Fabrice Santoro, France 1,061

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 "Bull Durham" actress Susan 19 Wimbledon winner
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 5 Crow's call 39 Motorist's guide 24 Word before rap or steer
 8 Wood sorrels 41 Highway behemoth 25 In the manner of
 12 Eagerly excited 42 Balances 4 Greek market-places 27 Bullfighter on horseback
 13 Kimono 45 Seek (after) 5 Liqueurs 6 Lawyers' org.
 14 Dissipated man 49 He was "Dirty Harry" 7 Mental faculties 30 New England cape
 15 Boy, in Barcelona 51 Entreaty 52 "Of — I Sing" 8 Celestial paths 33 Highland hats
 16 He played Sherlock Holmes 53 Japanese vegetable 9 "— Luke" (movie) 36 Social divisions
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 23 Country in E. Africa 57 TV actress Solution time: 26 min. 43 Chief island of Hawaii

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CRYPTOQUIP

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 WOEWKC MWJV U BUWHK
 AUOO, OWBLK VK MUBJKC
 OPQKPBK LGAJWHUJKC
 Saturday's Cryptoquip: EVERY DAY, THE MAN WHO DELIVERED CIRCULARS MADE HIS ROUNDS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals M

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.