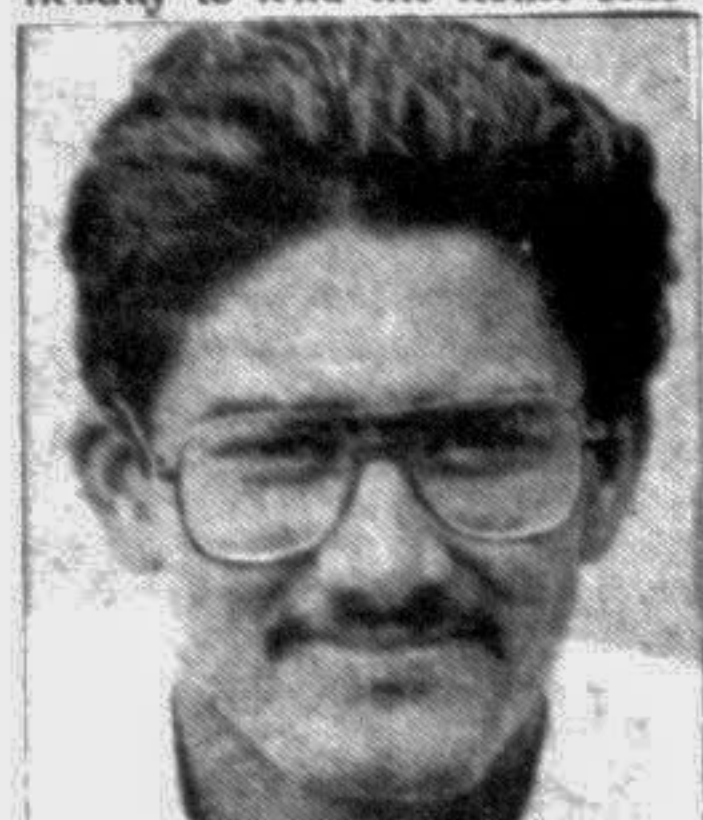


India never had it so good

NEW DELHI, Mar 17: India's spinners Anil Kumble and Maninder Singh sited through Zimbabwe's brittle batting Wednesday to lead the home side



A KUMBLE... 5 for 70

to an innings victory for the third consecutive Test, reports AFP.

The Indians, who swamped England by an innings in the final two Tests last month to complete a 3-0 rout, sent Zimbabwe packing in similar fashion to win the one-off Test here by an innings and 13 runs.

Needing 214 to make India bat again, Zimbabwe were shot out for 201 in their second knock by tea on the fifth and final day at the Kotia here. Despectacled leg spinner Kumble, man-of-the-series against England with a bag of 21 wickets, took five for 70 while left-arm Maninder Singh justified his recall to the Test side after four years with four for 66.

The thumping victory ended a profitable home season for India and wiped away memories of defeats in both the Test and one-day series on the South African tour.

It also emphasised India's superiority on home soil where they have won eight of their last nine matches since 1988.

Zimbabwe's lone hero was Andy Flower who followed a first innings 115 with a defiant unbeaten 62, but found no support at the other end. Zimbabwe suffered a major

setback off the day's fourth delivery when Kumble had skipper David Houghton caught in the leg trap before a run had been added to the overnight score of 62 for two.

Left-handers Andy Flower and Alistair Campbell put on 64 for the fourth wicket to take the score to 126 when Kumble struck a second time shortly before lunch to remove Campbell for 61.

Zimbabwe were 150 for four in the post-lunch session, needing another 59 runs to make India bat again, but they lost four wickets in the space of 18 runs to slide to 177 for eight an hour before tea.

Kumble trapped Ali Shah and David Brain leg before, the former offering no stroke to an incoming delivery while the latter was beaten in the air.

At the other end, Maninder had Gavin Bryant snapped at silly point and found the burly Ede Brandes looting a flighted delivery into Rajesh Chauhan's hands at long-off.

Maninder had Ujesh Ranchood caught behind and then Kumble had last man John Traicos leg before, leaving Flower stranded at the other end.

India gave away 31 extras which is more than the total scored by eight visiting batsmen.

Vinod Kambli was declared man-of-the-match for a 227-run knock.

Zimbabwean skipper David Houghton said "the defeat has taught us many a lesson. If you look at Test match as a whole, it would seem we got beaten badly. But you look at the other side, it was a question of only 16 runs. If we had scored these runs in the first innings, there would have been no follow no and the match would have been safe."

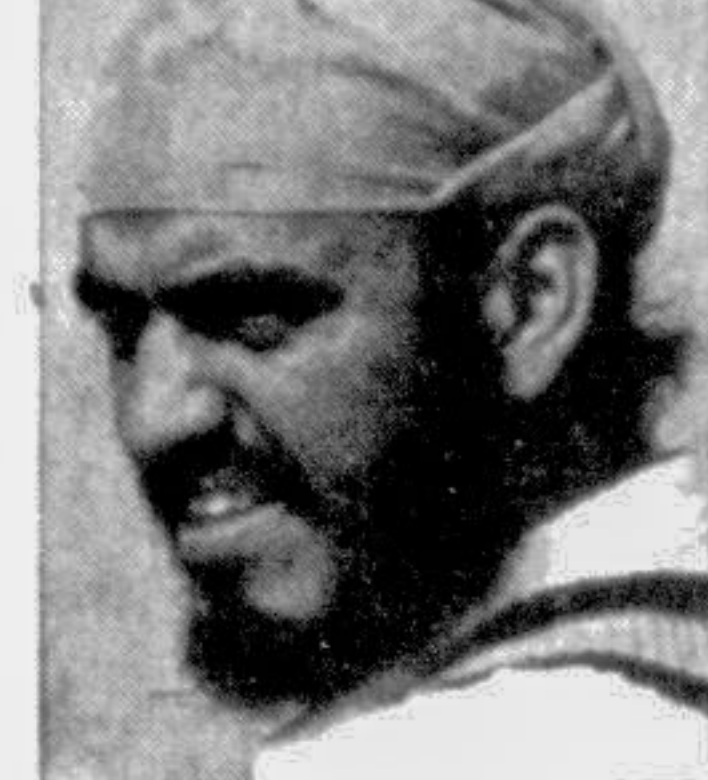
"We have no complaints about umpiring. I don't think there is any one back in the dressing room, who might be thinking that we got a bad decision", Houghton said.

The two teams will now play three one-day internationals at Faridabad (March 19), Guwahati (March 22) and Pune

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the one-off cricket Test between India and Zimbabwe today.

INDIA: First innings 536-7



MANINDER... 4 for 66 declared (V. Kambli 227, S Tendulkar 62, P. Amre 52 not out)

ZIMBABWE: First innings 322 (A Flower 115, G. Flower 96)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 62-2)

K. Arnot b Maninder 21

G Flower lbw b Prabhakar 0

A Campbell c Amre b Kumble 61

D Houghton c Amre b Kumble 1

A Flower not out 62

G Bryant c Kumble b Maninder 16

A Shah lbw b Kumble 6

E Brandes c Chauhan b Maninder 0

D Brain lbw b Kumble 0

U Ranchood c Yadav b Maninder 1

J Traicos lbw b Kumble 1

Extras: (b-10, lb-16, nb-3, w-2) 31

Total: 301

Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-53; 3-62; 4-126; 5-159; 6-167; 7-176; 8-177; 9-188

Bowling: O M R W

Kapil Dev 4 1 4 0

Prabhakar 4 3 5 1

Chauhan 14 5 30 0

Kumble 38.5 16 70 5

Maninder Singh 35 8 66 4

India won by an innings and 13 runs.

Jansher does it in 26 minutes

VALE DO LOBO, Portugal, Mar 17: World number one Jansher Khan took just 26 minutes to dispose of Dutchman Lucas Buit 15-5, 15-8, 15-12 in the first round of the Portuguese Open Squash tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Buit took the Pakistan to five games in the Dutch Open in Amsterdam earlier in the season, but without his home crowd he was no match for the all-conquering Jansher, who has not been beaten since last August.

Two seeds went out in the first round, and German number one Hansi Wiens, seeded eighth, is still kicking himself for losing 15-12, 8-15, 12-15, 15-14, 15-16 to Scotland's world number 44 Peter Nicol.

Wiens, the world number 18, held a 14-9 lead in the fourth game, but a series of errors allowed the 19-year-old Nicol to save five match points to level it 14-14. Then win a sudden-death finish.

And New Zealander Paul Steel knocked out seventh seed Del Harris of England, the former British champion, 15-12, 15-10, 15-8.

Egypt-Zimbabwe rematch now on April 15

SYDNEY, Mar 17: The replay of the World Cup qualifying match between Egypt and Zimbabwe will be played in Lyons, France, on April 15, FIFA announced Wednesday, reports AP.

FIFA, soccer's international governing body, ruled last week that the Feb. 28 match should be replayed after Zimbabwe players were hit by missiles thrown from the crowd during Egypt's 2-1 victory in Cairo.

FIFA said in a statement issued in Sydney that it had decided on the date of April 15 after consulting its international calendar and the fixture list for the African Nations' Cup and considering submissions from both teams.



Heavyweight boxers George Foreman (R) and Tommy Morrison joke during a news conference in Las Vegas on Mar 16. They announced their World Boxing Organization title bout scheduled for June 7 at the Thomas and Mack Centre. Foreman, 40, is 20 years older than Morrison.

Foreman-Morrison bout on June 7

LAS VEGAS, Mar 17: George Foreman will fight hard-hitting Tommy Morrison, 20 years his junior, on June 7, promoters officially announced on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

"I see a lot of the younger George Foreman in him," said Foreman, 44, at a news conference to announce the signing of the multimillion dollar bout, which had been delayed and in doubt.

"I might get knocked down, but that's happened before," said Foreman, who is guaranteed 7 million dollar for the scheduled 12 round fight, for the World Boxing Organization's heavyweight title. Morrison will receive 1 million dollar.

Foreman, world champion in parts of 1973 and 1974, has only been knocked down three times in his professional career, which began in 1969, when Morrison was six months old.

Foreman was knocked down by Muhammad Ali in 1974 and by Jimmy Young in 1977. He lost both of those fights. His other loss was to former heavyweight champion Evander Hlyfield in a 12 round points decision in 1991.

Foreman has a record of 27-1 since launching a comeback in 1987 after a 10 year retirement. He has a mark of 72-3 overall.

The fight in June will be only Foreman's second bout in 14 months.

Morrison has a record of 35-1 and will be in the most important fight of his 4-1/2 year career.

Morrison needs a victory to gain a shot at either World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, Riddick Bowe, or the World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis.

Foreman said he did not want to fight the young American but also said he could not turn down the money.

"Morrison doesn't care about the difference in money," said Foreman. "He's thinking this is his chance. He wants a knockout."

"I wanted Francesco Dami-ani Carl Williams, or Tony Tucker," Foreman said.

The fight against Morrison originally had been set for April 16, then June 5 before the announcement of the actual date.

Both Foreman and Morrison are dangerous punchers but speed, as well as age, may be a deciding factor.

"Morrison's quicker than the average heavyweight," said Foreman.

"Foreman's getting up in age," said Morrison.

Morrison was on his way to a title shot in 1992 in a terrible beating was upset by Ray Mercer late in 1991.

That loss has become even more damaging to Morrison's image, since Mercer recently lost to lightly regarded Journeyman Jesse Ferguson.

Morrison has won seven straight fights since that defeat.

Boxing given a clean bill of health

ATLANTA, Mar 17: Boxing looks to have won the latest round in its bout with critics who want it scrapped as an Olympic sport, reports AFP.

Both Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, and Prince Alexandre de Merode, head of the IOC's medical commission, gave the amateur sport a clean bill of health.

Samaranch said here that criticism of boxing was no longer justified given the progress in the sport since the Seoul Games in 1988.

But he said that this year's world amateur championships in Helsinki would be the final test for boxings inclusion.

"I think that this sport, provided it retains its educational qualities, has its place in the Olympic Games."

"But it must continue to differentiate itself from professional boxing, which for me, is butchery and should not be tolerated," Samaranch said.

Prince de Merode stressed the precautions taken for Olympic boxing.

"Boxing is beginning to follow the same evolution as fencing in its time."

"Before, in fencing, the aim of the duel was to kill the other person. Now it has become as sport of endurance and dexterity."

"In boxing, the aim used to be to destroy the opponent. Now, the aim is to land as many punches as possible, without putting either fighters health in danger, thanks to the use of headgear and thicker gloves."

Only one-tenth performed

ATLANTA, Mar 17: The IOC medical commission has completed just over 1,000 of the 10,000 experimental tests needed before blood analysis can be used at the Olympics, reports Reuter.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) hopes that tests to detect the drug Erythropoietin (EPO) can be introduced at the Winter Games in Lillehammer next February.

EPO is a hormone believed to be used by athletes as a substitute for blood doping—the practice of transfusing extra blood to enhance the circulation of oxygen to the muscles.

But a programme of 10,000 tests is needed to validate the procedure and ensure there are no significant blood variations among different racial groups.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC medical commission, told reporters on Tuesday that it might be possible to validate the procedure with fewer than the 10,000 targeted tests.

The key point was to ensure that the Olympic blood analysis — to be conducted alongside the established urine analysis — was sufficiently well validated to be able to stand up in court if necessary.

"We have a year before Lillehammer," De Merode said. "If I had to start today, I would say no, because we must be sure. We must be strong when facing a court."

De Merode said the blood analysis to be introduced by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) was not the same as the proposed IOC procedure and did not require such extensive validation.

World Youth Championship

Ghana set up a date with Brazil

SYDNEY, Mar 17: Perennial power Brazil outplayed Australia on Wednesday night and earned a meeting with rising force Ghana in the final of soccer's World Youth Championship, reports AP.

Two-time champions Brazil scored two late goals to defeat the host nation 2-0 at Olympic Park in Melbourne, while Ghana downed England 2-1 at the Sydney Football Stadium in a match marred by ugly crowd scenes after the final whistle.

Brazil now will face Ghana for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup in front of a sellout 42,000 crowd at the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday night.

England and Australia will play for third place in a curtain-raiser to the final.

Midfielder Marcelinho opened the scoring for dominant Brazil in the 78th minute, collecting the ball after playing a give-and-go with Adriano and then slotting it past Australian goalkeeper Vince Matassa.

Right-winger Cate scored an insurance goal in the 89th minute, running at the defence and then firing the ball home low and hard.

Brazil controlled the game for long periods with their clever ball work and Australia rarely were able to threaten their goal. The Brazilians out-shot Australia 14-6.

Ghana, who are unbeaten in their tournament debut, got off to a flying start against England.

Augustine Ahinful shot the African champion ahead with a 12th minute penalty and Mohammed Gargo made it 2-0 with a spectacular drive in the 23rd minute.

England responded with a 48th minute penalty kick by Jamie Pollock but were unable to conjure up an equalizer despite finishing the match strongly.

Chris Bart-Williams went closest in the 76th minute, when he hooked an acrobatic shot on to the crossbar.

The match was marred by scuffles at the end as some English fans attempted to get on to the pitch and were restrained by police. Some missiles were thrown.

Several fights broke out between fans and stadium security staff minutes after the match ended. Hundreds of England fans behind one goal took 15 minutes to leave the stadium, chanting abuse at police as they went.

The Ghanaians bamboozled England with their raw speed in the first half and then defended impressively in the second half as the Englishmen flooded forward.

There was no change in strategy in the second half, the boys jus; got a little tired," said Ghana coach Fred Osmunduo.

Ghana won the World Under-17 title two years ago and finished third at the Olympics last year. Both those teams were led by midfield maste;rn;nd Nii Lamptey, who also has been outstanding in this tournament.

Ahinful earned the opening penalty when his speed in the penalty area led defender Ian Pearce to bring him down.

Ahinful took the penalty kick himself and sent goalkeeper Dave Watson the wrong way.

Lamptey then set up Gargo's goal, tapping a free kick sideways for the Torino defender to blast it low and hard into the net from 25 meters (yards) out.

England's response came after Bart-Williams was tripped in the penalty area. Pollock rrammed the penalty into the top corner of the net.

The Ghanaians showed us in the first half what a modern side they are," said England coach David Burnside, who was disappointed at some of the refereeing decisions.

"In the second half, we gave ourself a chance to equalize and I felt very proud of my young men. On reflection, well done Ghana, but also congratulations to my men."

The Brazilians previously won the event in 1983 and 1985 and were runners-up to Portugal two years ago. They were simply too slick for the eager, but overawed Aussies, who lost in the semifinals for the second straight tournament.

"It was a tremendous game, good enough to be the final," said Brazilian coach Julio Leal. "Altogether the game went more or less as we had planned."

"We wanted to start solidly, but Australia were dangerous on the break and caused us problems early on."

"We were beaten by a better team," said Australian coach Les Scheinflug. "We gave our best and I'm proud of that, but our midfield didn't work and we never controlled the game as we had in our other games. I think some of our boys just didn't quite have the nerves for the occasion."

You may say it's been a marvelous two weeks, but all I really wanted was for my team of battlers to be world champions at the end of it. The dream is destroyed."

Leading goal scorers after the semifinal matches in the 7th World Youth Soccer Championship Wednesday.

3 — Chris Fakiaris (USA), Henry Zambrano (Colombia), Vicente Nieto (Mexico), Adriano (Brazil), Augustine Ahinful (Ghana).

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Seb Coe for code of conduct

ATLANTA, Mar 17: The IOC was urged on Tuesday to compel Olympic athletes to sign a code of conduct to snuff out the growing rash of lawsuits over disputed dope tests, reports Reuter.

The athletes' commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) proposed that competitors should only be allowed to take part in the Games if they agree to submit any doping disputes to a special arbitration panel rather than a law court.

As top level sport becomes ever more lucrative, athletes have increasingly resorted to the law in an attempt to maintain their earnings and nullify doping bans.

The most notable recent example was American 400 metres world record-holder Butch Reynolds, who successfully sued the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) for 27.3 million dollar over a disputed doping ban.

"We would like to set a system in which a code of conduct is signed by the athletes because we would like to see sport stay out of court," athletes' commission chairman Peter Tallberg told a news conference.

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Growing injury list worries Milan

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RUUD GULLIT

giant continues to grow, reports AFP.

Gullit, the inspiration of AC Milan's European Cup triumphs in 1989 and 1990, was through to have recovered injury in time.

Tuesday that his thigh strain was still a problem, and that Montenegro's Dejan Savicevic would also miss the start of the game because of a throat infection. He will be on the substitutes bench.

The pair join an impressive injury list headed by two other Dutchmen, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, fullback Mauro Tassotti and Croatian midfielder Zvezimir Boban.

France's Jean-Pierre Papin is the only foreigner still available to coach Fabio Capello.

The aura of invincibility that had surrounded Capello's team all season has been shattered by last Wednesday's domestic cup defeat by as Roma and the way they allowed Lazio to pull back to draw two goals down in Sunday's league match.

And Capello is well aware that Porto's quality defies their poor results so far in Group B of the Champions Cup semi-final series.

When the sides clashed two weeks ago, a superb 20-yard volley by Papin gave Milan two points but they could easily have come away from Porto with nothing.

Porto will be without defender Jorge Almeida Costa, who is suspended.

The Netherlands' PSV Eindhoven, like Porto out of the running in the group, travel to IFK Gothenburg without injured Romanian sweeper Giga Popescu.



MARCO VAN BASTEN

Having beaten PSV 3-1 on their own ground the Swedish champion will be confident of continuing their unexpected challenge to Milan in the group.

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