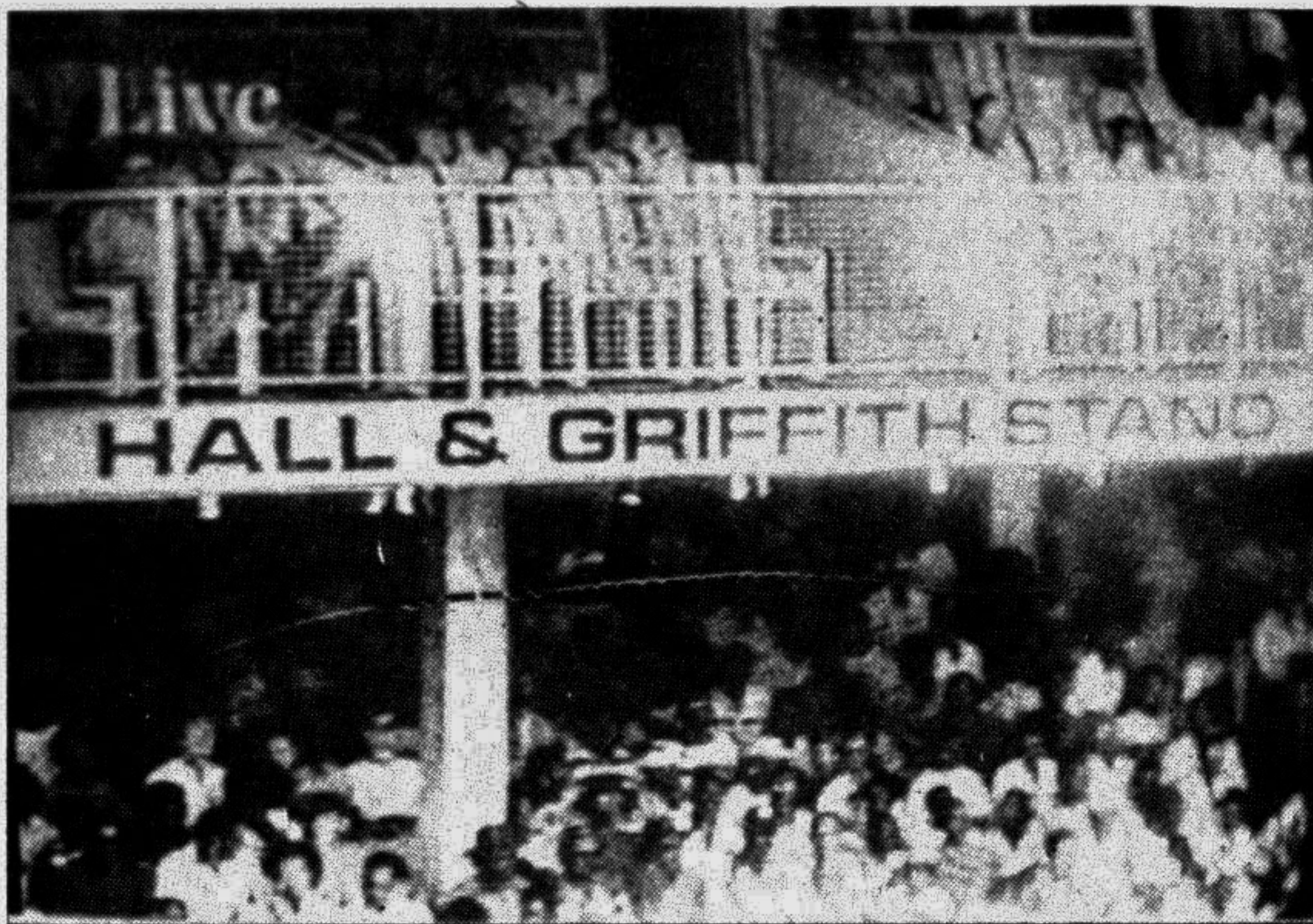


Qatar drub Indonesia

SINGAPORE, Apr 24: Qatar trounced Indonesia 4-1 in an ill-tempered soccer World Cup qualifying match Saturday, reports AP.



A section of Bridgetown's Kensington Oval ground — scene of the ongoing second cricket Test between West Indies and Pakistan—highlighting the stand named after the two legendary West Indian fast bowlers Wesley Hall and Charlie Griffith who came from Barbados. — Star TV photo

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MILAN, Apr 24: European footballer-of-the-year Marco van Basten is set for a recall to the AC Milan team on Sunday, four months after ankle surgery, reports Reuters.

Fellow feeling

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 24: The length of Claudio Caniggia's 13-month suspension for testing positive for using cocaine has surprised football coaches in his native Argentina, reports AFP.

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter Staff Welfare High School registered a narrow six-point victory over Bangladesh Rifles High School in the fourth schools kabaddi tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Germany etch easy victory

DORTMUND, Germany, Apr 24: An undermanned German team beat Finland 3-1 Friday to take the lead in pool B in the World Hockey Championships, reports AP.

Manchester City beat Urawa FC

URAWA, Japan, Apr 24: David Kerr and Adrian Mike each scored one goal as Britain's Manchester City beat Japan's Mitsubishi Urawa FC 2-0 in an exhibition match Sunday, reports AP.



Scene from the fourth schools kabaddi tournament match between Staff Welfare High School and Bangladesh Rifles High at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Welfare High went home winners. — Star photo

Aussie pair wins Langkawi event

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 24: Second seeded Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent emerged champions in the double event of the Langkawi Malaysia-International Tennis Federation satellite tennis circuit championship at the Langkawi tennis complex here Saturday, reports AP.

Swedes find way to deal with glue row

STOCKHOLM, Apr 24: Organisers of next month's table tennis World Championships said on Friday they had found a solution to the glue row, reports Reuters.

First woman on Mount Everest

KATHMANDU, Apr 24: Pasang Lhamu Sherpa became the first Nepalese woman to climb Mount Everest when she reached the summit with five guides, the Tourism Ministry said Saturday, reports AP.

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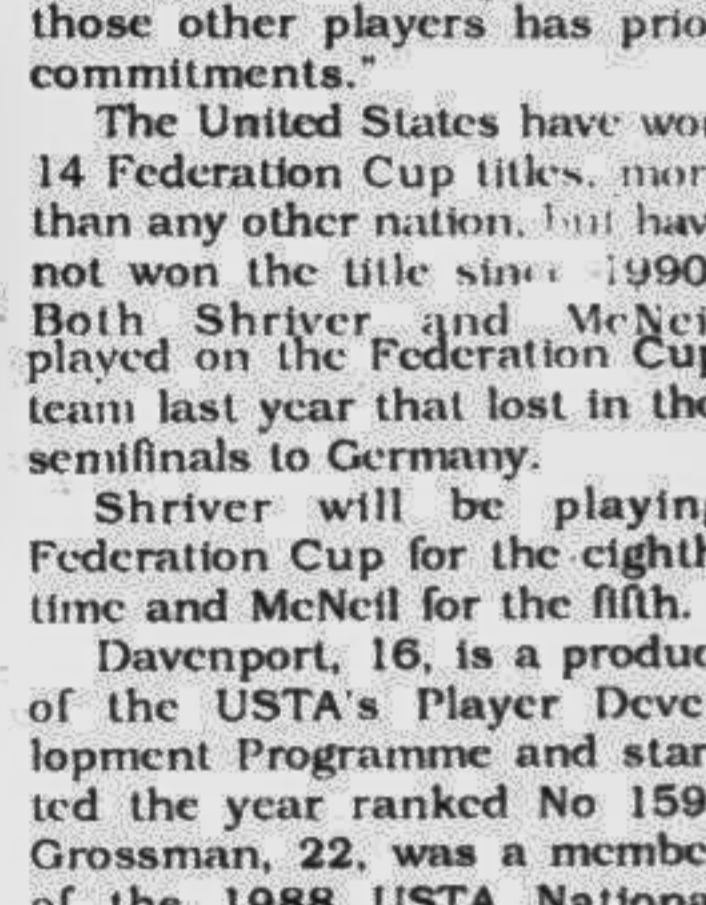
Thomas Muster of Austria makes a backhand return to Spaniard Alex Corretja during their match in the Monte Carlo Open on Friday. Muster won the match 6-2, 6-2 to move into the semifinal where he bowed down to another Spaniard, Sergi Bruguera, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6. — AFP photo

Making a US squad not so easy

NEW YORK, Apr 24: Putting together a high-profile tennis team to represent the United States in international competition is no easy task these days, reports AP.



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA Davis Cup and their replacements were eliminated by Australia in the first round last month. Now the marquee women are unavailable for this summer's Federation Cup.



JENNIFER CAPRIATI instead of others," he said. "We have to make it more attractive. Right now, player compensation is just a stipend for expenses."

That isn't a gambling case

CAMDEN, NJ, Apr 24: A jury must decide if an Atlantic City casino allowed former Philadelphia Eagles owner Leonard H Tose to gamble while drunk, causing him to lose \$1.2 million at the blackjack table, reports AP.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

CRYPTOQUIP puzzle with a grid of letters and a clue: 'The Cryptiquip 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.'