

Usha march on

Sports Reporter
Independence Day Cup winners Usha Krira Chakra stayed on the winning trail in this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league with yet another impressive victory over newcomers Public Works Department (PWD) at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.
Usha, who made a sensational start this season overpowering traditional superpowers Abahani and Mohammedans en route to their Independence Day title, followed up their 3-0 triumph in the previous game with an emphatic 5-0 victory.
Qamrul Islam Kismat opened the account for the winners in the 20th minute when the national striker drove home from a penalty corner (1-0).
Having managed only one goal in the first half, Usha stepped up the pressure in the second and scored the second through Mobarak Ali in the 42nd minute (2-0).
After an 11-minute break Mahub Hossain and Rafiqul Islam caged two quick goals in the space of four minutes to take Usha four up.
Rabiuddin Ahmed completed the tally in the 65th minute converting a penalty stroke (5-0).
In the other match of the day, Lebu Mollah struck in the 54th minute to give Dhaka Ansars a 1-0 victory over Bangladesh Railway.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Wanderers vs Bachelors
Mariner Youngs vs Bangladesh SC

Chess results

Sports Reporter
Six adjourned matches were settled on the penultimate day of the 19th national chess championship at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.
Kalimullah Khan Kalam captured the second position in the points table with win in a tenth-round adjourned match. Kalam beat Biman's Rani Hamid in 82 moves.
Refiqul Islam of Chittagong beat Ali Amjad Mintu of Metropolis. The same player won his adjourned tenth-round match against Mahub Ali Ferdous of Feni yesterday.
Kalam got a walkover against Abdul Khaleq in his second adjourned schedule of the day. Khaleq's absence allowed Abdullah al Rakib get away with the second walkover of the day.
Ziaul Qader Tuhin won his match against Saifuddin Lohu in the last match of the day.

Div II cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter
Chaitgan Pragoti Sangha registered a 25-run victory over Pallabi Club in the Second Division cricket qualifying tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground of the Dhaka University yesterday.
Pallabi Club asked their opponents to use the pitch first after winning the toss.
Chaitgan Pragoti Sangha scored 144 losing nine wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.
Mukhles topscored with 25 followed by Montu who made 23.
For Pallabi Club, Shimul was the most successful bowler picking up three wickets conceding 12 runs while Zahid claimed two for 32.
Chasing 145 to win, Pallabi Club were dismissed for 119 in 29.4 overs with Zahid topscoring with 31 and Sanju hitting 14.
Humayun and Babul accounted for two Pallabi batsmen each at the cost of 17 and 26 respectively.
In the other engagement of the day, Janapriya Sangha posted a facile eight-wicket triumph over Shantibagh Cricket Club at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.
Sent in to bat, Shantibagh Cricket Club made 71 for five wickets in 15 overs.
In reply, Janapriya Sangha reached their victory target in 12 overs losing only two of their men with Shahid topscoring with 21 followed by Dipu with 17.

Schools h'ball concludes

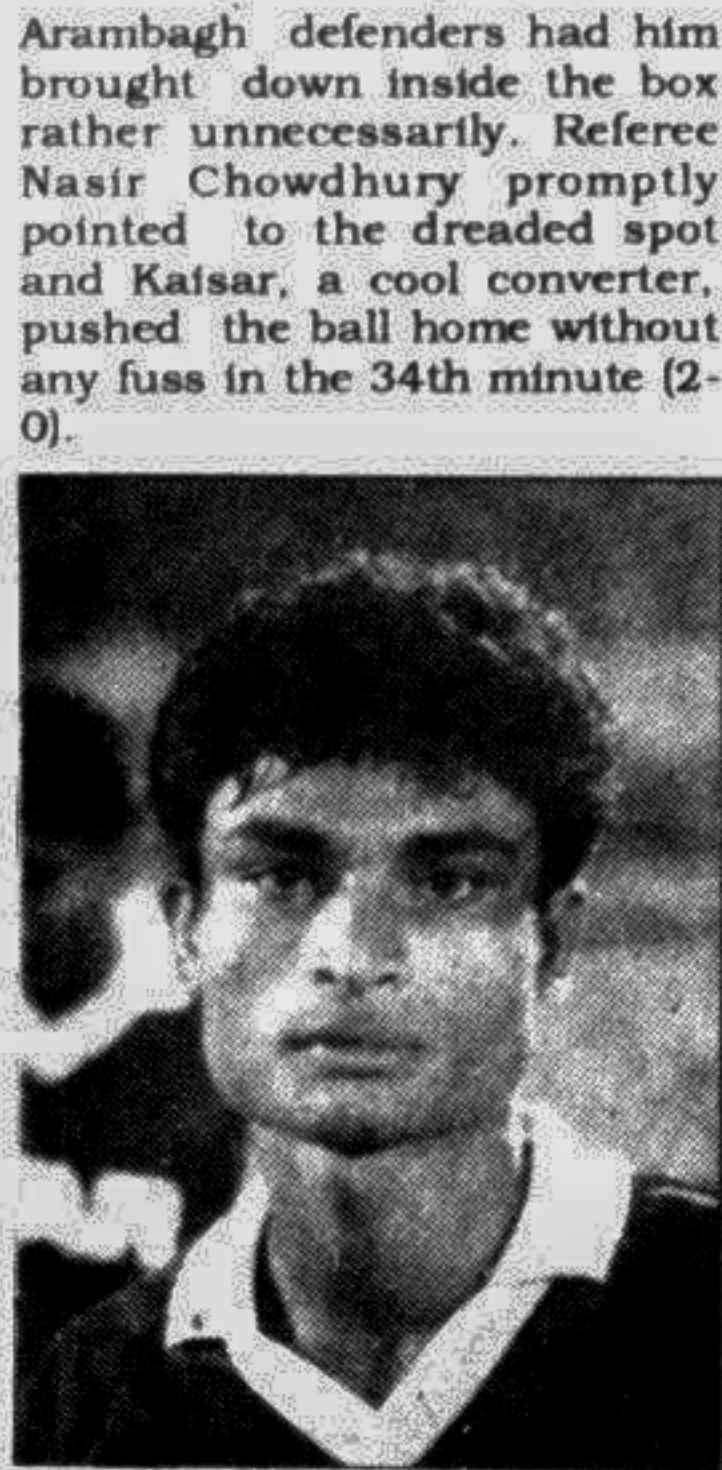
Sports Reporter
Shahid Nabi High School emerged champions in the fifth schools handball championship when they edged past Bangladesh Ansars and VDP High School 15-12 in the final yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.
The keenly-contested first half was tied four-all.
For Shahid Nabi High School, Priotosh led the charge with six goals while Sattar netted four.
Delwar scored six goals for the losers while Ripon chipped in with three.
Later, managing director of Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Ltd Mickel Oldroyd, who is also the chief patron of the Bangladesh Handball Federation, distributed prizes as chief guest.

Mohammedans romp with pomp

Sports Reporter
Half a dozen goals including a hat-trick by striker Nakib marked holders Mohammedans' passage to the final of the DMFA Cup as the giants of local football set up a date with arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra on Saturday with an impressive 6-1 victory in the second semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
Mohammedans, who jointly won the Cup along with Brothers Union the first time the meet was held in 1984, led the first half 2-0.
Imtiaz Ahmed Nabib opened the account midway through the first half with a well-directed header from close range (1-0).
The goal came as a relief for the black and whites who lacked cohesion at the outset and battled hard on a heavy ground for control.
After that virtuoso performance against Brothers Union in the last group match which Mohammedans won by two goals to nil, yesterday they appeared as a clumsy lot with Roxy and Titu in the midfield looking all thumbs to spoil any move initiated by Arman and Shabbir, the crafty Mohammedan skipper.
Sheikh Mohammed Aslam was extremely unlucky when his volley rammged against the cross piece and went to Arman but before the wily midfielder made a move one of the

Marseille usher in a new era

MUNICH, Germany, May 27: Defender Basile Boli, whose tears of defeat moved the nation two years ago, helped Marseille secure France's first European club title with a 1-0 victory over AC Milan in the Champions' Cup final on Wednesday, reports Reuter.
Boli, who fell to his knees and cried when Marseille lost to Red Star Belgrade after a dramatic penalty shoot-out in the 1991 final in Bari, rose to head home a corner in the 44th minute against the run of play and sink the Italian champions.
AC Milan, bidding to win Europe's most prestigious title for the third time in five seasons, had most of the game but failed to take their chances on a warm May evening at Munich's Olympic Stadium.
The Ivory Coast-born player's deft touch at Abedi Pele's corner was enough for Marseille to break a jinx on French clubs, who have never lifted the European trophy that was the brainchild of French journalist Gabriel Hanot in the 1950s.
AC Milan left the pitch thinking about what might have been after they squandered several good chances in the first half, and failed to complete an Italian clean-sweep following Parma's and Juventus's victories in the Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup.
The terraces of the Olympic Stadium were a sea of blue and white scarves after the final whistle as the Marseille fans celebrated and 26-year-old Boli, with a broad smile on his face, danced with his teammates on the pitch.
Marseille's high profile president Bernard Tapie hugged officials and friends in the stand in delight at finally realising his dream of bringing the most coveted trophy in club football to the south of France.
"I think that we deserved to win the final in Bari two years ago, but this is more important because we have beaten one of the world's greatest teams," Marseille coach Raymond Goethals said.
Before Wednesday's clash, Marseille were the only team to have eliminated Milan from European competition in the past five seasons.
That success came in the quarter-finals in 1991 when Milan cynically used a floodlight failure as an excuse to walk off when facing defeat. Marseille were awarded the



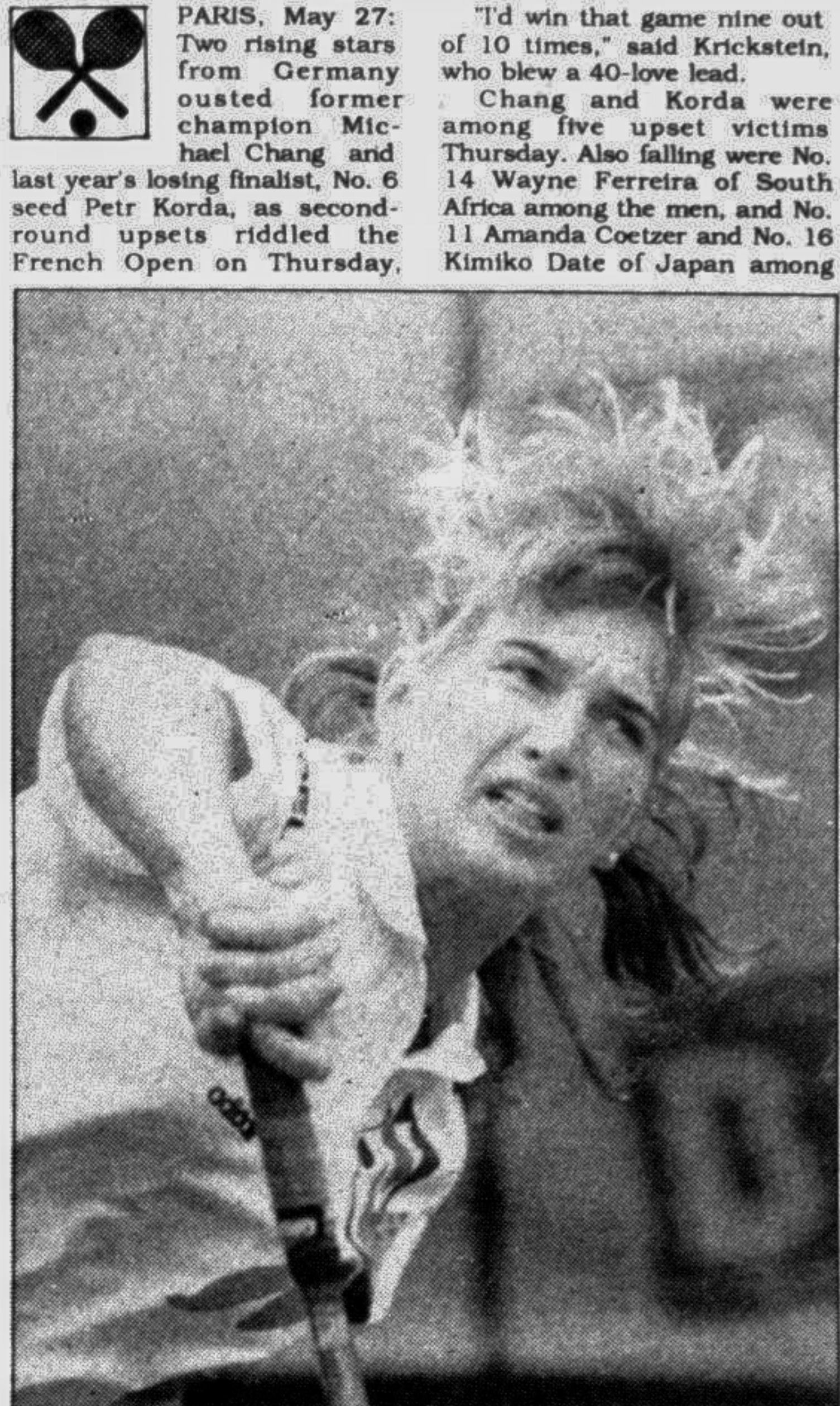
NAKIB ... a hat-trick
Mohammedan were three up ten minutes into the second half when Aslam toed in one of the easiest goals after Arman raced down the right flank to set up a beauty of a low minus (3-0).
Arambagh cashed in on a brief spell of Mohammedan complacency when Tauhid finished a minus from the left following a lapse by Mohammedan right back Shamim (3-1).

Arambagh defenders had him brought down inside the box rather unnecessarily. Referee Nasir Chowdhury promptly pointed to the dreaded spot and Kaiser, a cool converter, pushed the ball home without any fuss in the 34th minute (2-0).
A lethal Roxy-Shabbir combination saw the latter scythe through the Arambagh defence 13 minutes before the final whistle and a desperate measure by a Arambagh defender saw Nakib achieve a cherished personal feat in a team game as the striker slotted the spot-kick home to complete his hat-trick, the third of this meet (5-1).
Kaiser Hamid, the tall stalwart of Mohammedan defence, scored the best goal of the day when he tiptoed up to rifle in a pile driver from 30 yards which left Apple the Arambagh custodian, chilled under the bar (6-1).
Mohammedans take on Abahani Krira Chakra in the final of the DMFA Cup on Saturday at 5 pm. Abahani had entered the final on Wednesday with a two-nil victory against Brothers Union in the first semifinal.

Tony Murphy to Surrey's rescue

LONDON, May 27: Tall-ender Tony Murphy saved Surrey from the follow-on against the Australians on Wednesday, reports Reuter.
Surrey needed 28 more runs to make the touring team start their second innings when last man Murphy arrived at the Oval crease.
He promptly pulled Shane Warne for two consecutive fours and then hoisted the leg-spinner for six to steer Surrey out of immediate danger.
At one time Warne enjoyed figures of three for seven off 6.1 overs but he finished with three for 68 in Surrey's total of 231 - 147 behind.
Michael Slater was dismissed by Murphy for 50 off the last delivery with Australia 152 for two at the close of the second day. Mark Taylor was 67 not out.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day cricket match between Surrey and Australia at the Oval on Tuesday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings 378-9 declared (M Waugh 178, D Martyn 84, G Thorpe 4-40)
SURREY: First innings (overnight 19-0)
D Bicknell c Waugh b Holdsworth 15
M Lynch b Warne 48
G Thorpe c Warne b Julian 3
A Brown c Border b Reffel 35
D Ward c Martyn b Reffel 9
M Butcher lbw b Warne 4
G Kersey lbw b Warne 1
N Kendrick c Taylor b Waugh 41
J Bolting run out 19
J Benjamin c Zoehrer b Holdsworth 4
A Murphy not out 24
Extras:(b-2, lb-14, w-8, nb-4)28
Total: 231
Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-37, 3-120, 4-122, 5-127, 6-135, 7-135, 8-196, 9-201.
Bowling: O M R W
Holdsworth 17 2 81 2
Julian 15 4 31 1
Warne 23.5 8 68 3
Reffel 10 3 22 2
Waugh 5 2 13 1
AUSTRALIA: Second innings
M Slater c Lynch b Murphy 50
M Hayden b Kendrick 33
M Taylor not out 67
Extras:(b-2) 2
Total: (two wickets) 152
Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-152.

Upsets galore in French Open



Top seeded German Steffi Graf serves a boomer against her second-round opponent Andrea Strnadova of the Czech Republic at the French Open on May 26. Graf breezed through to the third round with a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

PARIS, May 27: Two rising stars from Germany ousted former champion Michael Chang and last year's losing finalist, No. 6 seed Petr Korda, as second-round upsets riddled the French Open on Thursday.
"I'd win that game nine out of 10 times," said Krickstein, who blew a 40-love lead.
Chang and Korda were among five upset victims Thursday. Also falling were No. 14 Wayne Ferreira of South Africa among the men, and No. 11 Amanda Coetzer and No. 16 Kimiko Date of Japan among the women.
Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands, ranked 80th in the world, upset Ferreira, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, 7-6 (7-0). Romania's Rucandra Dragomir won 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 over Date, and Natalia Zvereva of Belarus beat Coetzer, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6).
Chang failed to get past the quarterfinals of this event since his surprise championship in 1989, though earlier in the week he suggested he could go all the way this year.
As play resumed Thursday, Chang held serve to lead 2-1 in the fourth set, in a game that went 20 points. Karbacher then won 15 straight points, taking three games in a row at love.
"Today he just played too good, didn't miss a lot of balls", reports AP.
Bernd Karbacher, leading Chang two sets to one when their match was suspended late Wednesday, completed a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 victory to reach the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time. Chang was the No. 8 seed; Karbacher is ranked 39th.
Marc Goellner, one of the hottest young players on the tour this year, toppled Korda, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (10-8).
Third-seeded Stefan Edberg also in danger, shifted his serve-and-volley game into high gear to stave off a valiant comeback by American Aaron Krickstein, 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.
Krickstein led 5-2 in the fourth set, and Edberg had to save four set points to break when trailing 5-3.

Chang said. "When you play a hot-cold type player, and they get on a hot streak, it is difficult."
"I woke up today and I said I was going to win," Karbacher said. "I had a lot of confidence."
Third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, who has never reached the finals here, looked lethargic at times and needed an hour and 26 minutes to overcome 145th-ranked Karine Quentrec of France, 6-3, 6-3. It was a sharp contrast to the Argentine's brisk 6-0, 6-0 first-round win over Radka Zrubakova.
Second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario rolled over Japan's Maoko Sawamatsu, 6-0, 6-0; fifth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez beat fellow American Ann Grossman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; 10th-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniers of Switzerland beat Australian Jenny Byrne, 6-3, 6-2; 13th seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France won 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 over Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands, and 14th-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria routed Argentina's Patricia Tarabini, 6-1, 6-2.
Though Krickstein fell, three other Americans reached the third round. No. 16 seed Malival Washington beat Carsten Arriens of Germany, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, 6-0; unseeded Jonathan Stark edged Argentina's Horacio de la Pena 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), and Derrick Rostango beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Earlier, two little-known French upstarts upstaged the field with their gantkkilling act. The victims couldn't have been more illustrious: Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl. Their conquerors, Rodolphe Gilbert and Stephane Huet, weren't even household names in France.
As of Thursday, Gilbert and Huet were among only three of a 19-strong French contingent still in the men's tournament.
Gilbert, ranked 92nd in the world, ousted Becker, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 in a second-round match Wednesday. He had taken heart from Huet's heroics the day before, a four-set shocker over Lendl by a qualifier with a ranking of 297.
Gilbert said he played soccer goalie as a boy and didn't take up tennis until 11. His biggest victory previously was over Pete Sampras at Key Biscayne in 1991.
Sampras, the No. 1 seed thanks to his edge in the computer rankings over Courier, was to play his second-round match late Thursday against South African Marcos Ondruska.



BASILE BOLI

match by default and the Italians were banned from Europe for a season.
For most of the first half, Milan looked as though they were going to take revenge with relative ease.
Despite struggling to reach their best form in recent weeks, Milan's star-studded line-up showed more composure and tactical awareness in the first 40 minutes despite an intense atmosphere in the Olympic Stadium which had a capacity 64,400 crowd.
Milan coach Fabio Capello left out Dutch star Ruud Gullit, who has been struggling with persistent injuries this season, and favoured 32-year-old Daniele Massaro ahead of former Marseille player Jean-Pierre Papin to partner Dutchman Marco van Basten up front.
The decision seemed to be inspired as the veteran Massaro looked sharp in the early stages, exposing the lack of pace on the right side of the Marseille defence.
And French international Jocelyn Angloma and Jean-Jacques Eydelie looked in real trouble several times when Massaro combined with the speedy midfielder Gianluigi Lentini down Milan's left flank.
Massaro had two superb chances to put the Italians ahead in the first 20 minutes. But he could not quite direct his sixth-minute header inside the right-hand post, and Marseille goalkeeper Fabien Barthez made a brilliant reflex save from the forward's fierce shot from a narrow angle in the 19th minute.
Ghanaian Pele and veteran German Rudi Voeller worked hard for Marseille up front but they rarely looked dangerous until Boli's goal.
The central defender, whose marshalling of the Marseille defence was largely responsible for the French surviving a turbulent early period, rose above his market to head into the far left hand corner after Pele had curled in the perfect corner with his left foot.
European footballer-of-the-year Van Basten, who has played only two full matches since an ankle operation last December, could not reproduce the brilliance he showed when his volleyed goal steered the Netherlands to their European Championship triumph in the same stadium in 1988.
The trophy was just reward for Tapie, who has shown a remarkable drive for success. The sick, self-made Parisian millionaire took over the club when it was in a rundown state seven years ago.

Splashing celebrations

MARSEILLE, May 27: Hundreds of ecstatic soccer fans dived into Marseille harbour on Wednesday night to celebrate their club's European Cup triumph, reports Reuter.
A loud clamour rose from the city as the game ended with Olympique Marseille 1-0 winners over AC Milan.
Thousands of supporters, who had watched the match on television at home and in bars, converged on the main Canebiere Avenue and streets leading down to the port.
"We're the best," they shouted.
Many chanted the name of club president Bernard Tapie, the flamboyant businessman and former cabinet minister who had vowed to avenge Marseille's defeat by Red Star Belgrade in the 1991 final.
Television broadcast appeals for the fans to refrain from driving to Marseille airport as the team was not flying back from Munich until Thursday.
French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur cabled his congratulations. "Will, courage and panache have triumphed," he said.
"In the name of the government, I present all the players my warmest congratulations and I think you."

Richards, Garner, Botham honoured

TAUNTON, England, May 27: Ian Botham, Viv Richards and Joel Garner, whose county cricket careers with Somerset ended in acrimony seven years ago, have accepted honorary life membership of the club, reports Reuter.
Former West Indies captain Richards and fast bowling fellow international Garner were controversially dismissed at the end of the 1986 seasons, and England all-rounder Botham subsequently quit Somerset in protest.
Peter Roebuck, Somerset captain when the Test trio left, said: "I think it is excellent news and a very good idea. It is appropriate recognition of their magnificent service."
Roebuck, accused by many supporters at the time of being involved in the decision to sack Richards and Garner, added: "There comes a stage in life when you want to remember the good times."
Botham, Richards and Garner played major roles when Somerset won the Natwest Trophy in 1979 and 1983, the Benson and Hedges Cup in 1981 and 1982 and the Sunday league title in 1979 - the county's only trophy triumphs in its 102-year history.

Derby in B&H semifinal

LONDON, May 27: Derbyshire reached the Benson and Hedges Cup cricket semifinal by winning a controversial bowling shoot-out against Somerset on Wednesday, reports Reuter.
Two days of rain prevented the 55-overs quarter-final being played at Taunton, and Derbyshire won 6-3 in the shoot-out among five players from each side.
Opening batsman Peter Bowler, the last of Derbyshire's five who were selected to bowl, hit the stumps with his second, and final, delivery to clinch a place in the last four.
Bowler said: "It's a bit sad when my bowling can decide a big game like this."
Somerset chief executive Peter Anderson had a request to stage the quarter-final next Tuesday turned down by the Test and County Cricket Board, but he is to propose future rain-hit ties be staged during a convenient gap in the fixtures, ahead of the next round.
Derbyshire have a home semifinal against Northamptonshire, who completed a seven-wicket win over holders Hampshire at Southampton, making 227 for three in reply to Hampshire's 223 for seven.
Leicestershire are home to Lancashire in the other semifinal, both ties to be played on June 8.

Indonesia still good enough

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 27: Indonesia shrugged off a typhoid scare on Wednesday, beating Denmark and virtually ensuring a place in badminton's Sudirman Cup world mixed team semifinals, reports Reuter.
The Indonesians brushed aside what amounted to a Danish reserve team 3-2 in their top group game on the second day.
Denmark, also confident of a semifinal slot after beating England 5-0 on Tuesday, used Wednesday's game as a chance to blood some youngsters.
Indonesia set aside the illness of Bambang Suprianto and took full advantage of the Danes' inexperience.
Suprianto is in a Birmingham hospital with what team officials thought might be typhoid, but results from a second set of tests due on Friday may confirm severe gastroenteritis.
Experienced Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen gave Denmark a 1-0 lead, beating All-England finalist Joko Suprianto 15-9, 17-14.
But the Danish second string were unable to cope in the women's singles and men's and women's doubles as Indonesia swept through. The Danes took the mixed doubles of what was a dead rubber.
England would have to beat Indonesia 5-0 today to have any chance of reaching the semifinals but a 3-2 win, improbable in itself, seems the best the English could hope for.

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South Korea began their defence of the title with an important psychological success over China, taking a winning 3-1 lead after victory in the women's doubles.
Maradona can't shrug it off
SEVILLE, Spain, May 27: Diego Maradona is facing fresh legal action after a judge on Wednesday ruled he should face a separate trial for failing to stop during an alleged high-speed chase with police, reports Reuter.
Maradona has already appeared before the courts in this southern Spanish city for speeding, jumping four red traffic lights and ignoring pursuing police cars while rushing to training earlier this month.
The Sevilla striker told police that the music in his Porsche sports car was on too high and he could not hear the sirens of the chasing police cars.

Zhao decides to hang his racket

BIRMINGHAM, May 27: World men's singles badminton champion Zhao Jianhua is to retire from the sport at international level, reports Reuter.
The 28-year-old Chinese, who won the title in Copenhagen in 1991, will quit after the World Championships starting on Monday.
The announcement was made by manager Wang Wenjiao after China lost 4-1 to holders South Korea in a preliminary round of the Sudirman Cup mixed team tournament on Wednesday.

Iraq demolish Yemen 6-1

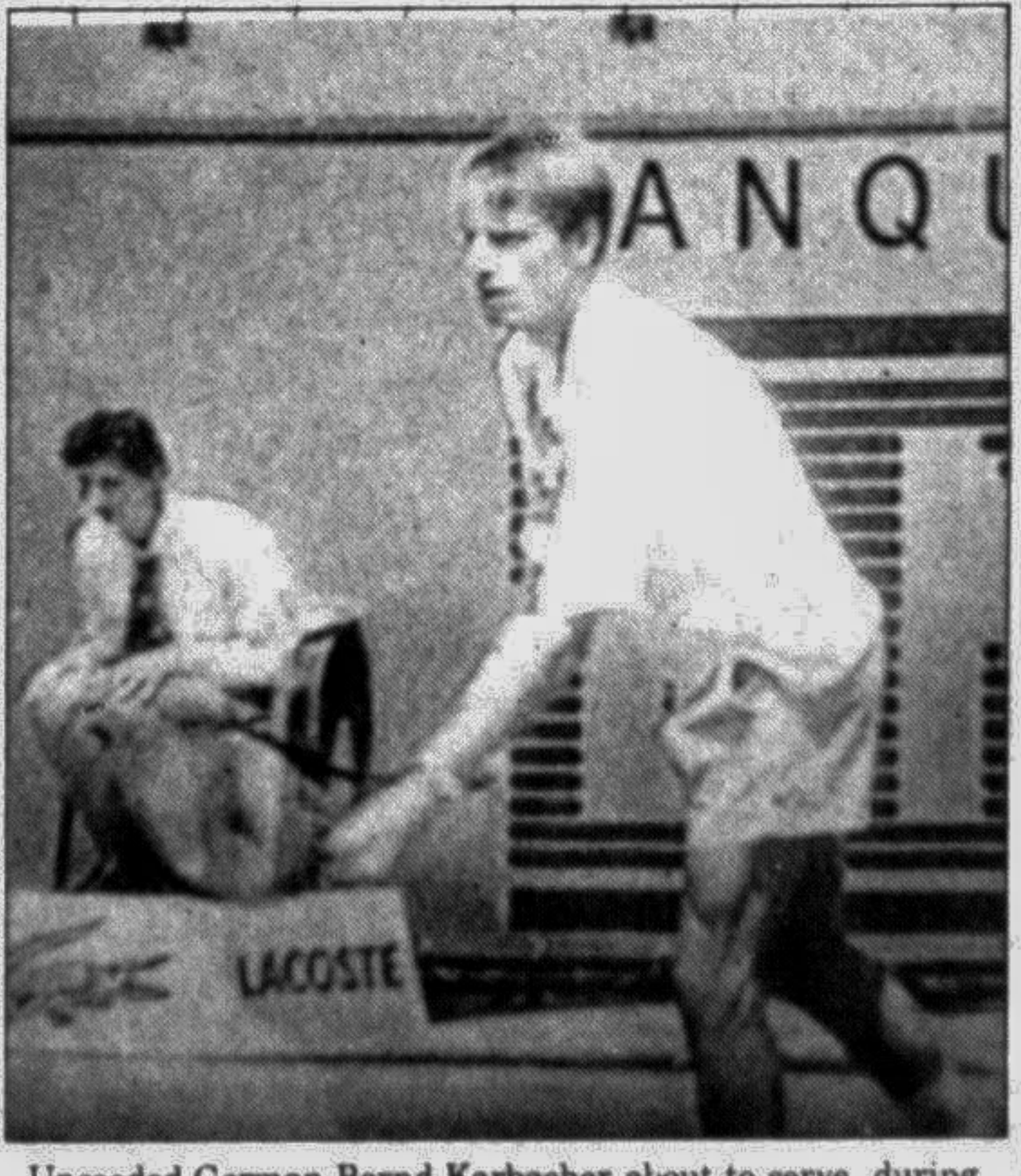
IRBID, Jordan, May 27: Iraq hammered Yemen 6-1 (3-1) Wednesday night in a Group A, first-round Asian World Cup qualifying game, reports AP.
China defeated Jordan 3-0 in an earlier match.
Iraq's Leith Hussein stunned the Yemeni team when he opened scoring in the second minute of the match. Yemen equalised by Issam Dreiban in the 16th minute.

Navy basketball

BNS Haji Mohsin clinched the title of the annual basketball championship of Bangladesh navy which concluded at BNS Shaheed Moazzem at Kaptai in Rangamati on Wednesday, reports UNB.
BNS Mohsin defeated BNS Titumir 60-56 in the keenly-contested final of the three-day meet, said a press release.
Winners led the first half to 34-23.
KS Hussain (28) and MS Islam were the two main scorers for the winners while PK Goswami alone netted 40 points for BNS Titumir.
Commodore M A Taher of BN Flotilla was the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.



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Unseeded German Bernd Karbacher about to serve during his second round men's singles match against American Michael Chang in the French Open yesterday.