

Gower fails to get nod again

LONDON, Sept 15: David Gower, who has scored more runs than any other Englishman, has been ignored again by England's cricket selectors and will not tour the West Indies this winter, reports AP.

The talented but erratic left-hander, now 36, was widely tipped to be on the 17-man squad announced Wednesday. It was believed his experiences as a former England captain would make up for the absence of opener Graham Gooch, who has decided not to tour.

But the selectors have gone for youth rather than experience and there is no room, either, for Mike Gatting, another former team captain who has just guided Middlesex to the country championship.

Jack Russell, a specialist wicketkeeper who lost his place because the selectors preferred wicketkeeper/batsman Alec Stewart, is recalled. Stewart, who will be vice captain under Michael Atherton, wants to concentrate on opening the batting. The selectors have not chosen a third opener in the squad. Should Atherton or Stewart get injured, they either will send for a replacement, or Robin Smith, who usually bats No. 3, will move up.

Graeme Hick is included despite his known lack of success against fast bowling, one of the specialities of the West Indies team.

Chris Lewis, dropped during

last season's 4-1 home defeat by Australia, returns as the only genuine all-rounder. There are two spinners in



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the squad, leg-spinner Ian Salisbury and left-armers Philip Tufnell. But off-break bowler Peter Such is left out. On fast, flat wickets in the West Indies, however, the spin bowlers are unlikely to be used a great deal.

New Zealand-born Andrew Caddick and Alan Gillesden are among the seam bowlers but there is no room for left-handers Paul Taylor and Mark Ilett.

While the West Indies will be expected to attack the English batsmen with a quartet of fast bowlers, England has only one genuine paceman, Devon

Malcolm. West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, has played against virtually all of the England squad this summer after being called up by Yorkshire as its overseas player.

"It's not going to be easy against us," Richardson said, in a particular reference to the West Indies powerful pace-bowling squad.

"We always like to compete against England and we don't like to be defeated by England."

England won their last game, against Australia, last month after one of their worst ever runs of defeats.

As well as losing four of the six Tests against Australia, England lost previously to Pakistan, India (three times) and Sri Lanka.

The Jan 23-April 21 tour takes in five Tests against the West Indies and five one-day internationals.

The 17 named Wednesday by the selectors:

Michael Atherton (Lancashire), Alec Stewart (Surrey), Robin Smith (Hampshire), Graeme Hick (Worcestershire), Matthew Maynard (Glamorgan), Graham Thorpe (Surrey), Nasser Hussain (Essex), Mark Ramprakash (Middlesex), Chris Lewis (Nottinghamshire), Jack Russell (Gloucestershire), Andrew Caddick (Somerset), Steve Watkins (Glamorgan), Angus Fraser (Middlesex), Alan Gillesden (Kent), Devon Malcolm (Derbyshire), Ian Salisbury (Sussex), Philip Tufnell (Middlesex).

Love's labour lost

BUDAPEST, Sept 15: The woman who was instrumental in Bobby Fischer's comeback to the world of chess last year by organizing his match against Boris Spassky in Sveti Stefan, Yugoslavia, rejected his marriage proposal, the daily Kurir reported Tuesday, according to AP.

"It was me who threw him out, because I realized that he was not the man I thought he was in my dreams," Zita Rajcsanyi, 20, herself a chess player, told the paper. She was not available for comment.

She approached Fischer in 1991 by bombarding him with letters and was flabbergasted at long last to receive a phone call from him some six months later.

"We only talked about chess games, about chess grandmasters Anatoly Karpov and (Garry) Kasparov," she said. "He told me that they fixed their matches and that both are secret agents."

"After the first call he did not call me for another six months, because, as it turned out later, he got hurt, since I had not agreed with his anti-Semitic remarks," Rajcsanyi said.

When they reconciled their differences, the American chess genius invited her to Los Angeles, where they spent six weeks together "as friends."

"This was when the idea of a match between him and Boris Spassky was born," she continued.

In response to a question, Rajcsanyi told Kurir that she was in Sveti Stefan with Fischer as his girlfriend and that he was always very suspicious about women "because he always thinks they want to cheat him. This may have arisen from the fact that his mother left him when he was a child."

After the match we maintained our relationship, but when I took part in his 50th birthday party, he proposed to me, and I refused," she reportedly said.

"He reacted so rudely, he even hurt people who are close to me. Now I know he is in Hungary, but he did not even call me," Zita Rajcsanyi concluded.

Kasparov's craftiest so far

LONDON, Sept 15: With his most impressive victory so far, Garry Kasparov increased his lead Tuesday to 3 1/2 to 1/2 in his breakaway World Championship match against British challenger Nigel Short, reports AP.

The 24-game match resumes with game five on Thursday.

Kasparov has always promised to play "fighting chess," the title of one of his earliest books. He accepted Short's challenge to play the risky "poisoned pawn" variation of the Sicilian defense, which was popularized by former world champion Bobby Fischer.

At move 16, Kasparov astounded watching grandmasters by accepting a second pawn sacrifice. After the game, Kasparov acknowledged this was a risky decision and that he had feared Short would play knight to c4 instead of bishop to d3.

Kasparov admitted taking risks Tuesday, "but with a two points lead it was time to check what he (Short) had in his sleeve."

Short had the opportunity to force a draw by setting up a perpetual attack on black's queen at move 20, but he played for a win. His position deteriorated and on move 27 he made a clearcut mistake, which Kasparov exploited with great accuracy.

Short resigned after the 40th move.

Until Short's blunder on the 27th move, opinions among the grandmasters were fluctuating. US champion Patrick Wolff at different stages predicted win, loss and draw.

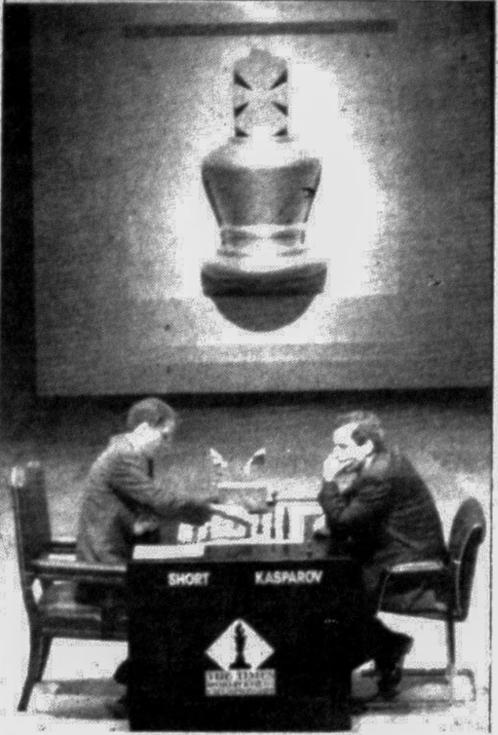
Once again the game ended in a time scramble but this time it did not appear to influence the result.

Kasparov said he was surprised by his triumphant start, and that he understood how Short must feel, having made a similar bad start in his own first match for the world championship.

"Obviously, I felt humiliated," Kasparov said, recalling his match against Anatoly Karpov, abandoned after 48 games. Kasparov started off

with five losses and 22 draws but battled back to trail 5-3 when Florencio Campomanes, president of FIDE, the World

Netherlands, are sponsoring the London match, which has a 1.7 million pounds (dhs 2.55 million) purse.



Nigel Short, the British challenger, makes a move during his fourth match against world champion Garry Kasparov of Russia at the Savoy Theatre, London on September 14. Kasparov, the favourite, leads the 24 match by two games with one having ended in a draw.

chess federation, called off play. In the past, most players in Short's position would exercise their right to a time out, postponing the next game for a day or two. But the rules for this match, as well as a FIDE-sponsored championship under-way between Karpov and Jan Timman in the Netherlands, do not provide for any breaks.

The Times newspaper of London and Teleworld Holdings, based in Rotterdam,

Muster won't play in Davis Cup

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Sept 15: Austria is confident of defeating New Zealand in next week's Davis Cup World Group promotion-relegation tennis match at Pioneer Park, Austrian captain Gunther Bresnik said Wednesday, reports AP.

The Austrian team will be without its No. 1 player, Thomas Muster, who declined the Austrian federation's invitation to play. Muster is in the midst of a long-standing feud with teammate Horst Skoff.

Bresnik will be relying on Alex Antonitsch and Skoff for the contest, which will be played from Sept 24-26.

"We didn't get on a 30-hour flight to come here and lose," Bresnik said.

The Austrians have given themselves more than a week to adjust to New Zealand conditions, although Skoff will join up with his teammates later, after completing tournament commitments in Europe.

Bresnik said the Austrians needed time to adjust to an 11-hour time difference, but were not concerned by it.

"We are used to it," he said. "Last year we had to go to Vancouver, Canada, and that is a nine-hour time difference.... Obviously it would be nicer to play somewhere in Europe."

New Zealand's team will be led by Brett Steven, who is ranked 38th in the world and holds a win this year over Pete Sampras.

Veteran Kelly Everden is expected to get the other singles spot on the New Zealand team ahead of juniors Stephen Downis and James Greenhalgh.

Austria lost to France in its World Group match earlier this year, while New Zealand beat Japan to gain its chance of promotion.

The contest will be played on an indoor Supreme surface.

Bahamas Davis Cup team named

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept 15: Davis Cup veterans Mark Knowles and Roger Smith were named to the Bahamas team that will face the United States in a qualifying round match here late this month, reports AP.

Smith, rated 191st in the world, and Knowles, ranked 168th, have sparked Bahamas into their first-ever qualifying appearance. Bahamas defeated Chile 3-2 and Uruguay 4-1 earlier this year.

Knowles won the deciding fifth match against Chile and swept both singles and his doubles with Smith against Uruguay.

Jarryd back in Swedish Davis Cup squad

BORLANGE, Sweden, Sept 15: Doubles specialist Anders Jarryd, who recently underwent his eighth knee operation, was included on Tuesday in Sweden's squad for the Davis Cup semifinal against Germany next week, reports Reuter.

The two singles slots will be contested by Stefan Edberg, a second round casualty in the US Open, Magnus Gustafsson and Magnus Larsson.

If Jarryd, 32, fails to recover in time, Edberg will team up with Henrik Holm for the doubles.

Samaranch plans to carry on

PARIS, Sept 15: Juan Antonio Samaranch, who wields a power many heads of state would envy, believes he must carry on as president of the International Olympic Committee, reports AP.

"You cannot abandon office when there is no clear-cut successor," he told AFP this week.

The 1994 Congress in Paris will decide the way the Olympic movement evolves. I believe it's important we have an experienced leader to take the movement through the problems arising at the turn of the century to be able to pass on the relay at the Centenary Games in 1996," he added.

The 72-year-old Spaniard will have been IOC president 17 years by 1997 if, as seems very likely, he is re-elected for another four-year term next week.

He has been through the upheavals caused by two boycotts and the painful transformation from an outdated amateur organization into a multinational body which will have turnover in excess of two billion dollars between 1993 and 1996.

When he took over from the Irish peer Lord Killanin in 1980 the IOC had reserves estimated at 241,000 dollars. Assets are now about 86 million dollars.

He is disarmingly frank about the treasure chest. "We had to establish a reserve to allow the Olympic movement to survive any situation. If it doesn't have this financial guarantee it will not survive," he said.

His biggest concern is stopping the movement spiralling out of control and that means improving relationships with the international federations which run the individual sports.

Atlanta's contract for the 1996 Games limits athletes and officials to 16,500. Samaranch may not be able to do much about Atlanta but he certainly wants to bring in more sports for the 2000 Games and without cutting down on the number of athletes.

That means telling the flock of officials who accompany teams they cannot come. It might not seem to be a revolutionary move but these are often the people who vote in the committee rooms.

However as Samaranch, the man who has always ruled by consensus, will no longer be worried about winning votes he may well be tempted to tell the

Times opposes Beijing bid

LONDON, Sept 15: China must not be allowed to stage the Olympics Games in 2000 because of its political repression, the Times newspaper said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

In an article in its leader column, the Times said the release on Tuesday of political prisoner Wei Jingsheng was a token humanitarian gesture apparently intended to persuade the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to give the game to Beijing.

Beijing's official slogan "A more open China awaits you" bore little relation to the "autocratic reality" of China, the Times said.

"The IOC's duty is not simply to ensure that the Millennium Games are financially viable, smoothly organised and drug-free. It must also protect the spirit to internationalism enshrined in the political charter," the Times said.

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LEAPING LEGEND: Sergei Bubka, the legendary pole vaulter from Ukraine, lands with clenched fists to celebrate his successful clearing of a height of 5.60 metres to win his patented event on September 14 in the Indian invitational track and field meet at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

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Charity begins at home

MOSCOW, Sept 15: World chess champion Garry Kasparov has donated 5,000 dollars to Armenian victims of the five-year war in the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave in Azerbaijan, prominent Armenian author Zori Balayan said on Wednesday, reports AP.

Balayan, who is a member of the Nagorno-Karabakh Assembly, said the money was the latest of several donations by Kasparov for Armenian orphans and invalids. Kasparov's mother comes from the region.

Keating joins Beijing bashing

SYDNEY, Sept 15: Prime Minister Paul Keating has urged the International Olympic Committee (IOC) not to allow political pressure to override sports ideals by picking Beijing over Sydney as the host for the 2000 Games, reports AP.

Keating made the call during a news conference at the end of a visit to Washington Tuesday. Australian Associated Press reported here Wednesday.

Beijing and Sydney are widely regarded as the front-runners for the hosting rights, ahead of other bidding cities: Berlin, Turkish capital Istanbul and Manchester, England.

The 90-member IOC will decide the games site through secret ballot in Monaco on Sept 23. Keating, on a two-week tour to the United States and Europe, will be there leading an Australian delegation when the decision is made.

Organizers of Sydney's bid have consistently argued that Australia's oldest and most populous city will provide the best facilities for athletes but fear Beijing might win because of political and economic pressure from China.

He said the committee needed "to keep the integrity of the Olympics clear, in terms of the process of the selection and the motivation of selection... Geopolitics is not the business of the IOC."

Smith stops Tillery

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, Sept 15: Heavyweight James "Bonecrusher" Smith floored Elijah Tillery, then stopped him in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round heavyweight fight Tuesday night, reports AP.

Smith, 40, a former WBA champion, dropped Tillery with a right counter late in the sixth round. Tillery was on his feet after taking an 8-count but was unable to continue and referee Rudy Battle stopped it at 2:51 of the sixth.

Tillery tried to make a fight of it, landing some short inside combinations during the early rounds.

Karpov goes one up again

ARNHEM, Netherlands, Sept 15: Former world champion Anatoly Karpov crushed Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman in the sixth game of the FIDE World Chess Championship on Tuesday, retaking the lead in the match, reports Reuter.

From the early stages of the game it was clear that Timman's king was in grave danger. The Russian showed no mercy in launching a checkmating attack which won the game in 33 moves.

Karpov leads the match by a clear point, 3-1/2 to 2-1/2, the first time he has led since the opening game. Players score one point for a win and half a point for a draw.

Karpov, controlling the white pieces, took up Timman's challenge by venturing into the sharp Vienna variation of the queen's gambit.

The line chosen by Karpov had been analysed in depth by

Karpov's second (expert assistants), Vladimir Epishin and Mikhail Podgats. For the first time they left their hotel base to watch the opening moves in the auditorium here.

In the past four games Timman has held the opening initiative but today Karpov's seconds had obviously done their homework well. Karpov exuded confidence, making his first 10 moves in only five minutes.

Timman tried to counteract Karpov's opening preparation but seemed shocked when the Russian checked the Dutchman's king by plunging a knight right into the centre of his position.

Timman took almost 40 minutes to reply but was forced to leave his king in the centre, subject to attack.

"Oh, it's terrible," moaned Dutch international master Paul Boersma as he watched Timman fall further and further behind on the clock searching for a way to save his king.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 It's all in black and white
- 5 School org.
- 8 Greet the villain
- 12 Harold of Broadway
- 13 Samovar
- 14 Within: pref.
- 15 Fateful day of 44 B.C.
- 16 Everywhere
- 18 Cartoonist's tools
- 20 Unanimously
- 21 Unfavorable vote
- 22 Fire wood?
- 23 Poultry buy
- 26 Slander
- 30 Plato's H
- 31 Marceau character
- 32 Erstwhile acorn
- 33 Short rope
- 36 Get stuck
- 38 Goose, in Guadalupe
- 39 Kegler's target
- 40 Metaphor
- 4 A "definite maybe"
- 5 Like most knock-knock jokes
- 6 Arduous journey
- 7 Actress — Alicia
- 8 1960s sitcom
- 9 Data, for short
- 10 Ollie's pal
- 11 Aching
- 17 Grate
- 19 Singer
- 22 Cleo's bosom companion
- 23 Sheet of animation
- 24 — distance
- 25 Bad review
- 26 Succor
- 27 Angler's need
- 28 Show-biz union acronym
- 29 Supplement
- 31 Mad-money hiding place
- 34 "— Against the World"
- 35 OK in any outlet
- 36 English course, for short
- 37 Occasionally
- 39 Short and fat
- 40 Burn somewhat
- 41 Norse trickster god
- 42 He gave us a lift
- 43 Gymnast Korbut
- 44 Look lecherously
- 45 Russian range
- 46 School book
- 48 "— the ramparts..."

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: VERY RIGID LIBRARIAN LIKED TO DO EVERYTHING BY THE BOOK.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P 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.