

Women's h'ball results

Sports Reporter

Fazlul Huq Women's College recorded a thrilling victory over the Kuwait-Maitri Hall of Dhaka University by five goals to four in the second of the two matches of the first Delta Life Inter-college and hall women's handball competition at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Ajmeri scored thrice while Sumi and Nasreen were on target once each for the collegians. Selina, Kakoli, Kohinor and Shahnaz found the net once for the Maitri girls.

In the first match of the day, Shamsun Nahar Hall outplayed Sher-e-Bangla Women's College 10-3. Tania of Shamsun Nahar Hall was the top scorer with six goals while Rosy scored four. Sultana, Khairun Akhtar and Mirana netted once for the losers.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Ispahani Women's College vs Eden Women's College (3pm)
Rokeya Hall (DU) vs Anwara Muslim Women's College (4pm)

Soccer referees' course from Oct 23

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A ten-day long football referees' training course, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) referees' board and Pabna District Sports Association, will begin on Oct 23 at the Pabna Stadium, according to a BFF referees' board press release issued yesterday.

Interested referees of the other districts are also free to take part in the course at their own expenses. The Pabna DSA will only defray the cost of their accommodation.

All the participants have been requested to be present in person at the Pabna Stadium at 6 pm on Oct 22.

Shah Sports soccer final today

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Ek Jhank Paira Kishore Sangha take on Rokonpur Youth Club in the final of the Shah Sports juvenile football tournament at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium at 3 pm today. State Minister for Education Yunus Khan is expected to give away the prizes as chief guest. The rate of the ticket introduced first time in the meet has been fixed at Taka three.

Barisal soccer

From Our Correspondent
BARISAL, Oct 8: Abahani Krira Chakra has returned to the winning ways with a 2-0 victory over the Ima Overseas First Division football league at the local stadium here today. Ashok and Milan netted once each for the winners. Abahani earned five points from their five previous engagements. Seven teams are participating in the tournament, which began on Sept 24 and the final will take place on Oct 14. Akbarpasha Eleven will be up against Uddipon Club tomorrow.

Cobra, pace car for 1994 Indy

DETROIT, Oct 8: The 1994 Ford Mustang Cobra, which is yet to be built, will be the pace car for the 1994 Indianapolis 500, Ford Motor Co and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway said Wednesday, reports AP. It will be the Mustang's third turn as the pace car. The original Mustang led the racers in 1964, just weeks after the car was introduced at the New York World's Fair. Mustang also was the pace car in 1979, the last full redesign of the car before the new model.

Moni masterminds BCCB win

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A typically aggressive knock by allrounder Enamul Haque Moni helped the touring Bangladesh-Cricketers Control Board (BCCB) XI win their second exhibition match of their tour of the Deccan when they beat ACA President's Eleven by two wickets yesterday, according to a fimsy faxed message received in Dhaka last night.

The Biman southpaw hammered an unbeaten 77 off just 82 balls as the tourists, chasing 183 for victory in 50 overs, reached the target with one over to spare.

Alongwith an effervescent Aminul Islam Bulbul, the young Mohammedan allrounder, Moni dead-lifted the BCCB XI from a hopeless 56 for six. The left right combination of Moni and Bulbul added 80 invaluable runs for the seventh wicket and although the dark and dapper Bulbul left for 36, Moni who served as the vice-captain of the team on its earlier recent tour of India remained at the kill.

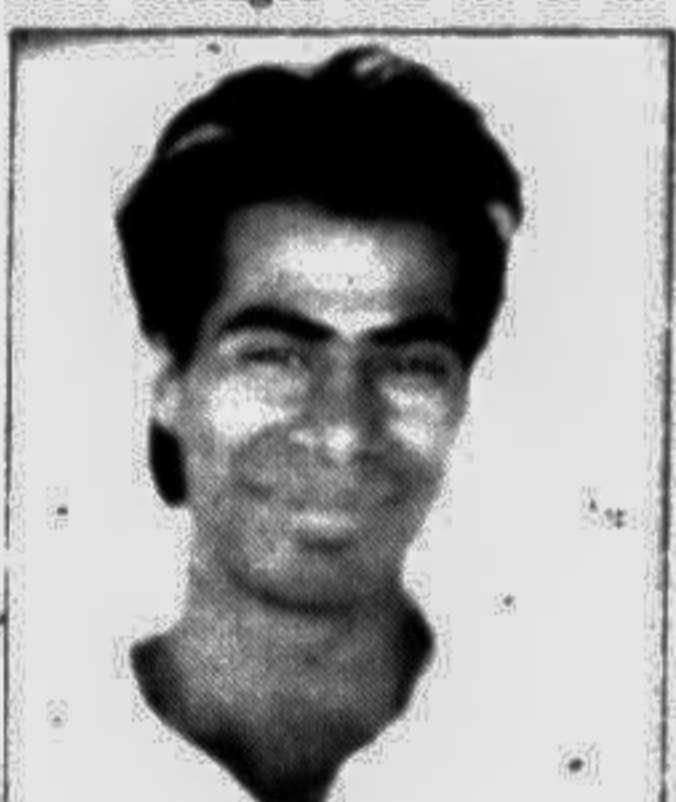
Earlier, skipper Golam Nowsher Prince won the toss and invited his counterpart to make the first use of the railway ground in Vishapatnam.

Anisur Rahman, the young left arm GMCC seamer trapped veteran Prasad in front of the wicket for nine to draw the first blood for the visitors, with 29 runs on the board.

Five runs later, Srinivas, the other opener, departed, run out for 16 and not too long after this, the tall Athar Ali, who

used the seam of the ball well, dealt the hosts third blow removing Rahman for 14.

Although Athar and former skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who had missed the first match, kept the tabs on, ACA managed 182 for seven



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wickets mainly through the efforts of R. Prasad, the other Prasad in the ACA team, and Sriram.

RVCH Prasad top-scored with 52 off 97 balls before becoming left-arm spinner Moni's lone victim. A Sriram, who came at number seven, used the long handle to chip in with a breezy 31 not out made off 36 balls.

Athar was the pick of the Bangladeshi bowlers, taking two for just 11 runs off eight overs, two short of the individual quota of ten overs.

Anis and Moni gave away 36 and 38 runs for their one wicket apiece.

Leg-spinner Waheedul Ghani, who had poor domestic

season last year, was horribly expensive spending 26 runs for his four overs. Bulbul too did not enjoy his four-over stint of off-spinners as his figures of 17 for nought would underline.

Athar Ali was promoted in the batting order in the absence of Jahangir Alam as the BCCB started their victory chase. But the visitors, who are travelling India as a part of Bangladesh's preparation of the ICC trophy, a crucial meet for the associate ICC members to be held in Kenya early next year, were in deep trouble at the onset.

They were three down for seven with Athar, young Shipon, playing his only second abroad match and seasoned Minhazul Abedin Nannu back in the tent.

Faruque stemmed the rot too some extent with in-form Akram Khan, but did not make much headway as the two Abahani players left for 26 and 18 respectively.

A quixotic decision of preferring wicket-keeper Nasu, ahead of an infinitely better Bulbul, cost Bangladesh another wicket before Moni and Bulbul got together to begin what turned out to be a commendable rescue operation. The BCCB XI posted the necessary 185 runs for eight wickets in 49 runs.

Rao was ACA's most successful bowler taking two for 34. Mullick took two for 34. Sriram and Prakash bagged one each.

The BCCB XI lost their first match of the tour to another ACA selection by five wickets on October 7.

Good bye, Srikkanth!

MADRAS, India, Oct 8: Krish Srikkanth, the flamboyant Indian opener who thrilled spectators with his rapid-fire batting, has announced his retirement from cricket, reports AFP.

Srikkanth, 33, appeared in 43 Tests and 145 one day internationals since making his debut against England in 1981-82. He scored 2,061 Test and 4,092 one day runs, revelling in aggressive, unorthodox batsmanship.

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Srikkanth was the captain of the Indian team that toured neighbours and arch-rivals Pakistan in 1989. He performed creditably as his squad returned home with an honourably drawn Test series.

He was removed from the captaincy and sidelined from the team after aggressively championing the players' cause in a fight with the game's administrators over payments.

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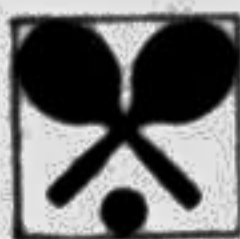
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Ivanisevic rips Pernfors



SYDNEY, Oct 8: Fiery defending champion Goran Ivanisevic slammed down 11 aces Friday night as he scored a quickfire 6-3, 6-2 quarterfinal victory over shell-shocked Mikael Pernfors in the dlr 875,000 Ansett Australian Indoor tennis championships, reports AP.

Ivanisevic took just 67 minutes to end Pernfors' challenge but was given a code of conduct warning for smashing his racket on the court in the fifth game of the second set.

Ivanisevic intimidated Pernfors from the first point — when he fired a 188 kph (117 mph) serve straight at the Swede's body.

"He scared the life out of me," Pernfors said. "I thought I was going to die. I was in shock."

Ivanisevic's powerful service game and his searing ground strokes kept the physically smaller Pernfors pinned at the back of the court.

"It's probably the hardest serve I've ever seen," said 30-year-old Pernfors, who never had played the fourth-seeded

Croatian before. Earlier, Petr Korda hit a succession of spectacular winners as he overpowered Australian Davis Cup player Mark Woodforde 6-4, 6-1 in a quarterfinal contest between two left-handers.

Unseeded South African Wayne Ferreira clinched a meeting with Korda when he recovered from a sluggish start to beat American qualifier Jonathan Canter 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Ivanisevic, cheered on by a large contingent of supporters, admitted he and coach Bob Brett had devised a plan to intimidate Pernfors from the start. "My tactic was to try and scare him with my serve," he said.

Ivanisevic lost his temper in the fifth game of the second set — throwing his racket three times — but expressed only a little regret about the outbursts. "I was a little stupid. I was getting angry for nothing," he said. "But for me it is better to get angry than to be too quiet. It's not me to be too quiet. I had to get angry. That's good for me. I play better when I'm pumped."

Ivanisevic said the fans, many of whom waved Croatian fans, had lifted him. "They are so far from home, but they make me feel like I am at home," he said.

The win over Woodforde saw sixth-seeded Korda continue his climb back up the rankings after fearing earlier this year that his career could be in jeopardy.

Korda was treated for an inflamed heart after being stricken by a debilitating virus early in the year — and continuing to play. "With these things you don't know whether it will be two days, two weeks, or a year," Korda said. "It was the worst five days of my life."

Korda is without a tournament win this year but has rediscovered his passion for the sport. He also been working on building up his bulk, but admits: "Schwarzenegger I'm not going to be."

Korda is hoping to climb back to his career high world ranking of fifth after slipping to as low as 13th over the past 12 months. He currently is ranked 11th.

Ferreira will be looking for a repeat victory over Korda, whom he beat in the first round at this year's US Open.

The South African started sluggishly against 284th ranked Californian Canter, who reeled off the first three games and held on to take the first set.

The 22-year-old South African then lifted his game and broke Canter's serve early in each of the final two sets.

The win took him two hours and he clinched it after Canter had bravely staved off five match points.

"He's a lot better than 284," Ferreira said. "He's difficult to play because it looks as if he doesn't care but he hits some great shots."

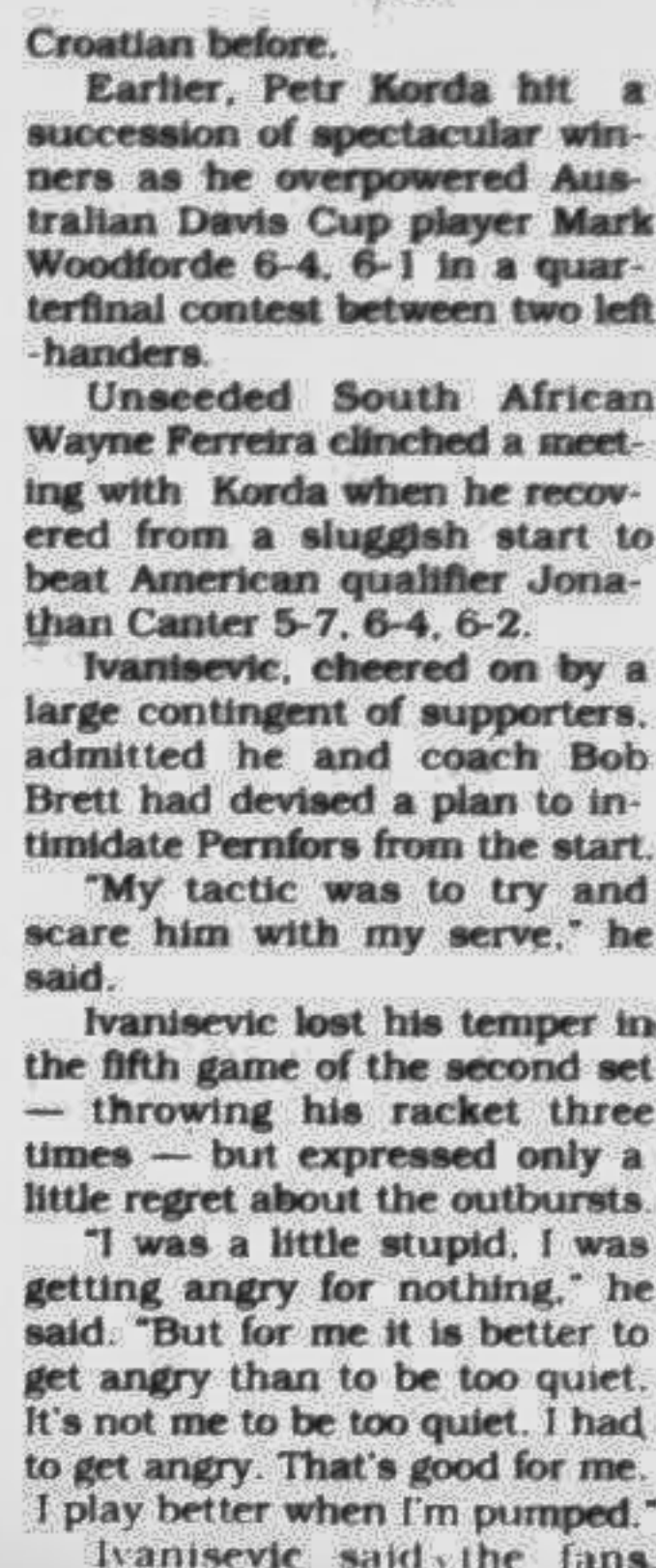
In the last quarterfinal scheduled later Friday, top seed Jim Courier of the United States was to play Peru's Jaime Yzaga.

The winner of the tournament will collect dlr 146,000 US, with the runner-up earning dlr 81,000 US. The event continues through Sunday.

Agassi banned from US Davis Cup
LONDON, Oct 8: Andre Agassi has been banned from America's next Davis Cup match, the international Tennis Federation said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Agassi refused to play his final "dead" singles game against the Bahamas last month after the Americans had already won the tie. His place was taken by Richey Reneberg and the US went on to win 5-0.

The ITF said on Thursday they had fined the US Tennis Association 1,500 dollars and Agassi would be banned from the American's World Group first round tie next March.



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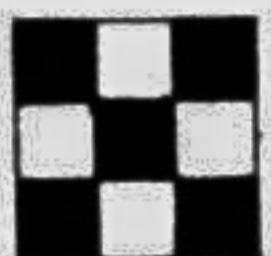
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Short stops short of a win



LONDON, Oct 8: Nigel Short missed a chance for his first win in the Professional Chess Association championship Thursday, and seemed to be in danger of losing when Gari Kasparov offered a draw, reports AP.

Short accepted without hesitation.

Kasparov leads 9 1/2 to 4 1/2, having won five with nine draws. They meet again Saturday, with Kasparov needing 2 1/2 points to retain his title and three to win the match, although 24 games are scheduled in any event.

Grandmasters were unanimous in feeling that Kasparov offered a draw prematurely in Thursday's 14th game, and some people in the audience thought Short had resigned when the game ended.

"Black was much better but I was not sure how I could force a clear win," said Kasparov.

"I think after 34 e5 white was winning. That was quite unpleasant for me." Instead, Short played 34 Qd2, which both players agreed was a mistake.

Asked by reporters whether he had offered a draw prematurely, Kasparov said: "I think the players have some rights too. I was trying hard but was not in the mood to continue to fight. After the quality of the previous 13 games, I think the players were entitled to draw."

After five draws in a row, a reporter suggested that the match was not living up to Kasparov's ideal of "fighting chess."

"Once I made 20 draws in a row. Here we have had five results (wins) after 14 games," Kasparov said. "In the last World Championship match, after 15 games there were only two results."

Short added: "I think the quality of the games is quite high."

Kasparov said his 25th move "lost a tempo," meaning it was a waste of time.

After 33 moves, most commentators thought Short was in position to win. At that stage he had two united passed pawns.

Though Kasparov had two extra pawns on the opposite side of the board, they appeared much less dangerous.

On the next move, Short said he didn't make the winning move because he miscalculated, mistakenly seeing a losing variation ahead.

He and Kasparov agreed that although it was complicated, e5 would have given white a winning advantage.

His position deteriorated rapidly as his passed pawns became blockaded while Kasparov was building up a menacing attack with his extra pawns on the king side.

Both players said they had wanted to make this a 20-game match, but didn't say why they settled on 24. They agreed they would also prefer to ban adjournments — though so far each of their games has finished in one day.

The Times newspaper of London and Telewoud Holdings, based in Rotterdam, Netherlands, are sponsoring the match, which has a 1.7 million pound (dls 2.55 million) purse.

The players have pledged 10 per cent of the purse to the Professional Chess Association, which they formed in February to rival FIDE, the world chess federation.

Christie, Gunnell, Euro athletes of '93
LONDON, Oct 8: Britain's World and Olympic champions Linford Christie and Sally Gunnell have been voted European athletes of 1993, reports Reuter.

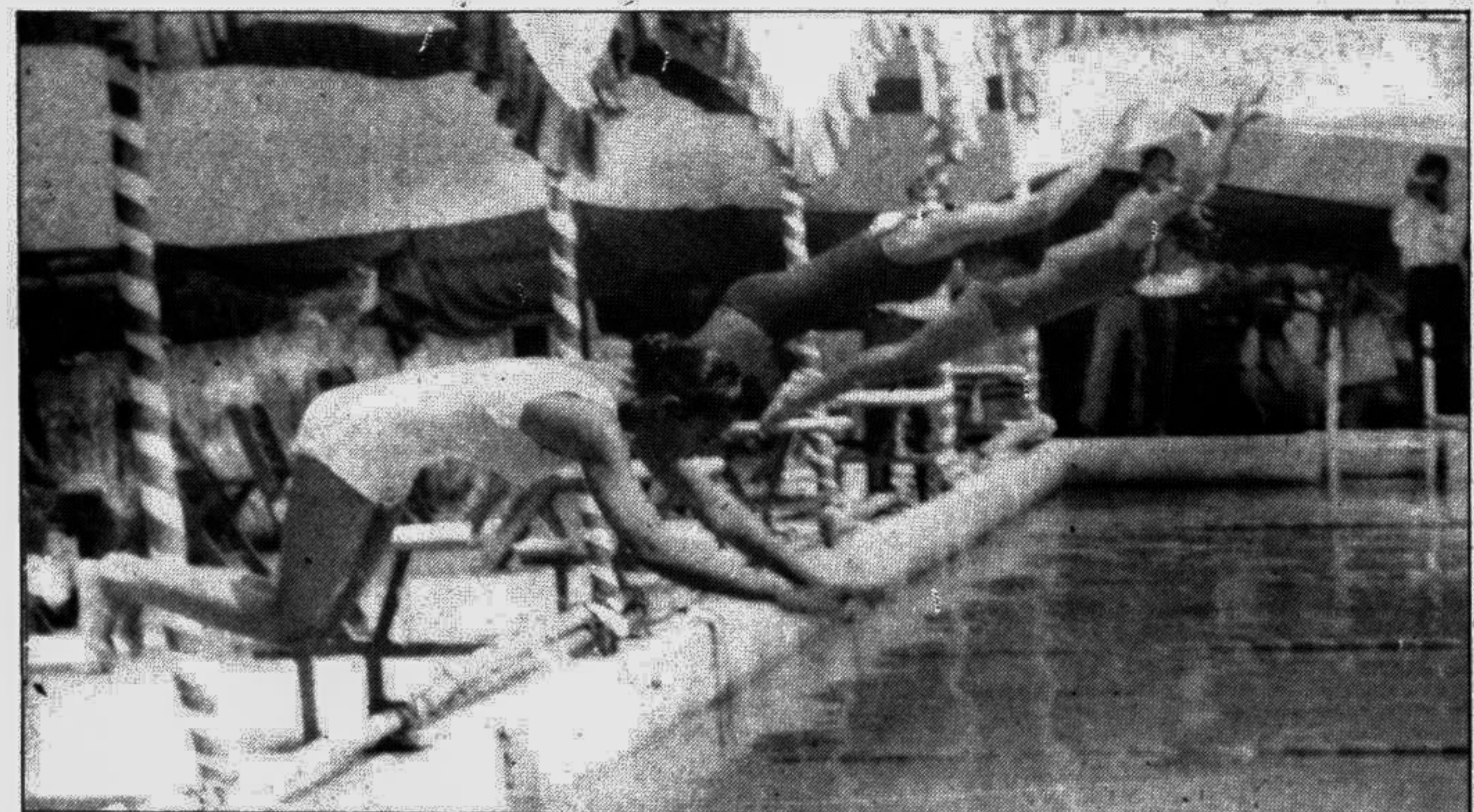
Christie, who added the World Championship 100 metres title in August to his 1992 Olympics gold medal, topped the men's category in voting by the European Athletic Association.

Fellow-Briton Colin Jackson, who broke the world record in winning the 110 metres hurdles at the Stuttgart World Championships, placed second with Ukrainian pole vaulter Sergei Bubka, World and Grand Prix champion, third.

Hoogland hacks Lim down
OEN BOSCH, Netherlands, Oct 8: Chinese-born Swede Lim Xiaoping, ranked world number two, lost in the first round of the Dutch Open badminton championships to unseeded Monique Hoogland on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Lim had two match points in the third game after recovering from 9-4 down, but failed to capitalise and Dutchwoman Hoogland won 11-1, 3-11, 12-11.

Top seed and world number one Susi Susanti of Indonesia breezed past Japan's Kazue Kanai 11-3, 11-1.



OFF THEY GO: Airborne swimmers stilled forever moments before hitting the pool. A scene from the opening day of women's age-group swimming championship that got underway at the Dhanmondi Women's Complex yesterday.



Defending champion fourth seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia expresses his joy before the large Croatian section of the crowd after recording a quickfire 6-3, 6-2 victory over the Swedish Mikel Pernfors in the quarter-finals of the dlr 875,000 Ansett Australian indoor tennis championships in Sydney on Oct 8. — AFP photo

Fear or lack of motivation?

NEW YORK, Oct 8: It was the question that never came up: Was the NBA's investigation into Michael Jordan's gambling a contributing factor in his decision to retire?

The answer is no, at least for now because NBA commissioner David Stern said the ongoing investigation wasn't finished and Jordan wasn't informed of any of the findings before he announced his retirement Wednesday, reports AP.

Stern said there was "absolutely no connection" between the probe and the retirement, telling The Washington Post: "The investigation was nearly complete. We had a meeting scheduled but we deferred it because of this. Michael said he would still come in because he wants the loop to be completed."

Jordan did contact Stern on Tuesday to tell him of his decision to retire, NBA spokesman Jan Hubbard said.

Jordan said Wednesday he was leaving the NBA after nine seasons with the Chicago Bulls because he had nothing left to prove and was no longer "hungry." He also said he was moving toward retiring even before the murder of his father two months ago.

But it's the league's gambling probe that still follows Jordan. And until it's addressed by the NBA or Jordan, the speculation will continue. With his retirement, even if the NBA discovered problems with Jordan's off-court activities, the league is powerless to do anything.

The most recent gambling problems began during this year's playoffs. In May, during the Eastern Conference finals against the New York Knicks, Jordan and his father spent a night gambling at Atlantic City, arriving back in New York the morning of Game 2. There was such a fuss made over the trip that Jordan didn't speak to re-

porters for nearly two weeks. Before the NBA finals, though, Jordan responded to a book by San Diego businessman Richard Esquinas who claimed Jordan lost dlr 1.25 million to him and they had negotiated a dlr 300,000 settlement.

At that point, the NBA began an investigation into Jordan's gambling on golf and cards. The league also investigated Jordan in 1992 after a ball bondsman was found shot to death with checks from Jordan totalling more than dlr 200,000. There also were allegations that Jordan bet and associated with high stakes gamblers including James Bouler, a convicted cocaine dealer.

Jordan settled one gambling debt with Bouler with a dlr 57,000 check and the NBA investigation ended after three weeks with no action taken.

There is no time-table when the current investigation into Jordan's gambling will be completed.



Petr Korda of the Czech Republic makes a forehand shot against Australian Mark Woodforde in their quarter-final match at the Australian indoor tennis championships in Sydney on Oct 8. Korda defeated Woodforde 6-4, 6-1. — AFP photo