

Sport

H'ball results

Sports Reporter

Rifles Public School and College trounced Faisal Haque Women's College 15-6 in the first Delta Life Inter-college and hall women's handball competition at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

The winners led the first half 9-4. Rasheda and Jheena were the top scorers with eight and four goals respectively for Rifles School while Azmeri scored thrice for Faisal Haque Women's College.

Tania netted thrice while Nargis and Zeenat were on target twice each for Samshun Nahar Hall.

Selina, Shahnaz and Kakoli reduced the margin scoring once each for the losers.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Vigvarunnisa Noon School and College vs Rokya Hall (DU) (2.30pm)

Ispahani Women's College vs Anwara Muslim Women's College (3.30pm)

Eden Girls' College vs Holy Cross Women's College (4.30pm)

V' ball coaches' course on

Sports Reporter

A ten-day long Olympic solidarity regional volleyball coaches' course, organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation under the aegis of the Bangladesh Olympic Association, began in Dhaka yesterday. Two experts from Japan and Slovakia are in charge of conducting the programme. Three foreign coaches, one each from Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India, along with 27 local coaches are taking part in the course.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain inaugurated the opening ceremony yesterday evening. The BOA general secretary Md Bashir Ahmed and the BVF president Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Navratilova's 1400th

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 15: Martina Navratilova won the 1,400th match of her career Thursday by struggling past Russia's Eugenia Maniokova 6-4, 6-2 to gain the quarter-finals of the Porsche Grand Prix, reports AP.

Reaching the latest milestone of her career wasn't easy for the 36-year-old defending champion. Her serve was broken repeatedly by Maniokova, a qualifier with a world ranking of 214.

"I didn't have much fun with my game and I made a lot of errors," Navratilova said. "But at least I fought and won."

Fourth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France also reached the quarter-finals, but needed one hour, 53 minutes to oust Gigi Fernandez of the United States, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

In other action, Zina Garrison-Jackson joined Navratilova as the second American in the quarter-finals by beating Hungary's Andrea Temesvari, 6-3, 6-1. Germany's Barbara Rittner upset eighth-seeded Julie Halard of France, 6-1, 6-4.

Sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva of Belarus ousted qualifier Karina Habudova, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Navratilova repeatedly made forehead mistakes against Maniokova. She trailed 4-3 in the first set after the two players traded several service breaks.

But after two double-faults by the 25-year-old Russian, the world No. 2 broke back for 4-4 and closed out the set when Maniokova netted a forehand.

In the second set, Navratilova played with more consistency, winning in one hour, 10 minutes.

"I got to know her patterns in the second set. That's why I played better," said Navratilova, who is seeking her seventh title at the event.

In a battle of two doubles specialists, Fernandez's serve was broken at 4-4 in the third set by Tauziat. The French player then fired an ace at match point.

Stich recourses to Pilic

BOLZANO, Italy, Oct 15: World number four Michael Stich, ousted in the first round of the Bolzano indoor tournament on Wednesday night, said German Davis Cup captain Niki Pilic would be his new coach, reports Reuter.

Stich confirmed he was parting company with current coach Mark Lewis a New Zealander, at a news conference after his defeat by Martin Damm of the Czech Republic.

The Czech defeated the top seed Stich 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

A split between former Wimbledon champion Stich and Lewis had been on the cards for some time.

Stich is Germany's number one Davis Cup player and has helped steer his nation to the final of this year's tournament. They meet Australia for the title in December.

Madaripur emerge champs

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Madaripur emerged champions by virtue of the untiring solo efforts of Siddiqur Rahman in the second national youth swimming championship which ended at the swimming pool yesterday. Siddiq, who set two new na-

200m butterfly. The brilliant natant, who copped four gold medals the previous day, added three more to his tally yesterday to become the sole depositor of all seven medals to Madaripur's account.

Siddiq's golden run restarted when he clocked 1:13.55 seconds in 100m back-stroke to

Bashar accounted for one of the four golds of his side, which finished second in the medals table. He took 22:00.96 seconds to snatch the gold in 1500m free-style.

Two hundred metre individual medley gold went to Siddiq whose timing of 2:40.48 was more than enough to ward off the challenges of the other competitors in this event.

Shaheen Hossain who set a new record on October 14, took the gold in 50m free-style. The REB swimmer took 28.06 seconds.

On a day mnemonic of a tragic accident following a hall roof collapse that left near about hundred Dhaka University students killed eight years ago, Shaheen made it an occasion of individual delight, winning another gold with a timing of 1:02.15 seconds in 100 free-style. Madaripur's Siddiq, the champion swimmer, for once settled for the silver medal for his timing of 1:03.47 seconds.

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC)'s Raishan Uddin Ahmed captured the gold in 100m breast-stroke. His gold winning effort took him 1:18.85 seconds.

Six events were settled on the final day of the two-day meet participated by ten teams from within and outside the city.

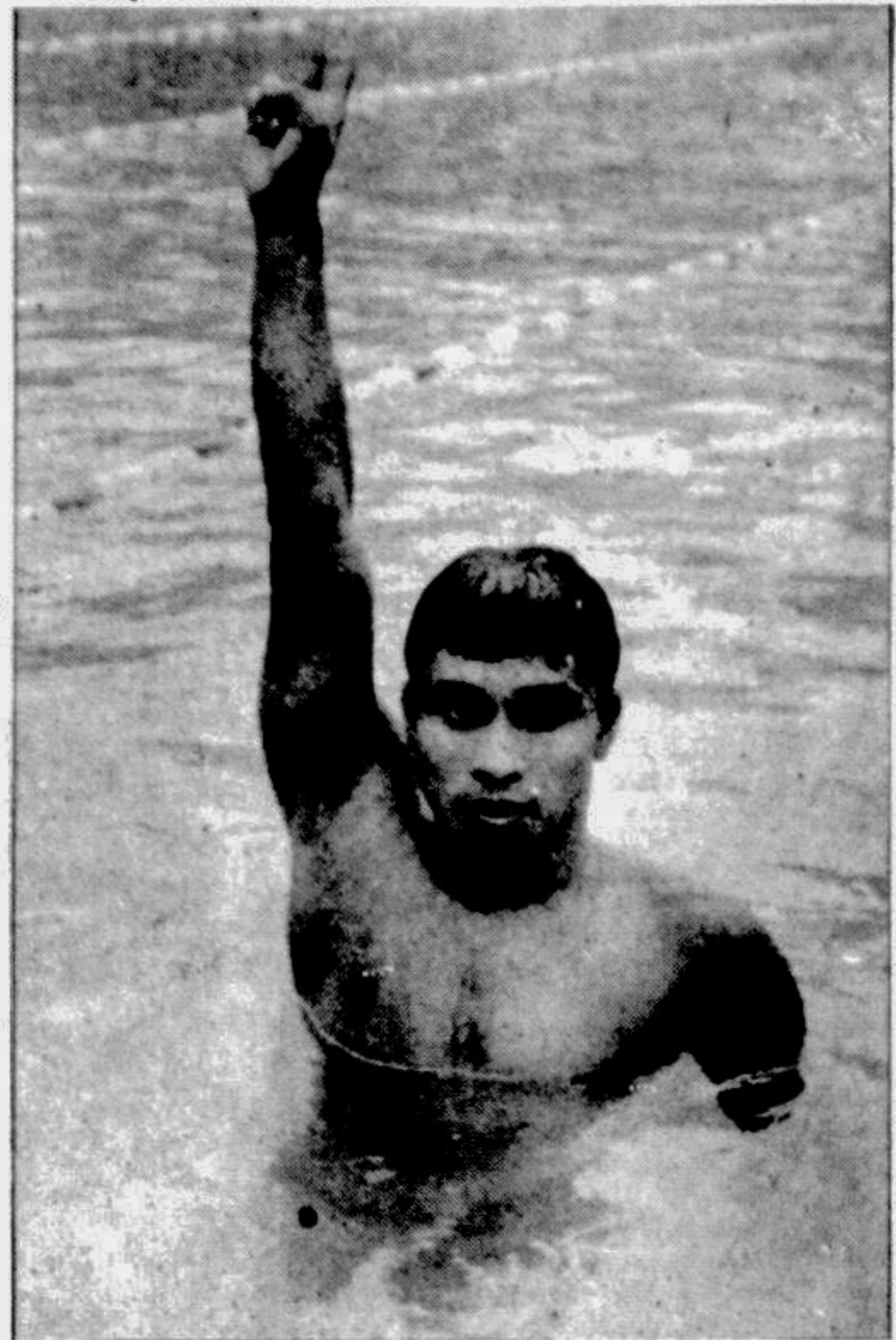
Madaripur finished as the top team with seven golds followed by REB and BJMC who got four and two gold medals respectively.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain gave away the prizes as chief guest.

MEDALS TABLE

Following is the medals table on the concluding day of the second national youth swimming championship:

	G	S	B
Madaripur DSA	7	3	1
Rajshahi Board	4	1	4
B J M C	2	0	0
B K S P	-	7	1
Kushtha DSA	-	1	2
Rajshahi DSA	-	1	2
Tangail DSA	-	-	1
Jessore DSA	-	-	1
Dhaka DSA	-	-	1



Shaheen Hossain of the Rajshahi Education Board finished first in the 50m free-style in the national youth swimming competition at the swimming pool adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

finish ahead of Moinuddin of Bangladesh Kriya Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP). Day's first gold, however, went to Abul Bashar of Rajshahi Education Board (REB). tional records on the first day, shattered another mark yesterday — the only new record on the concluding day of the two-day meet — creating a new timing of 2:44.92 seconds in

Suspended sentence too mild?

HAMBURG, Germany, Oct 15: German state prosecutors lodged an appeal on Thursday against the suspended sentence handed to Guenter Parche, the man who confessed to stabbing top tennis star Monica Seles, reports Reuter.

A day after the trial finished, Parche walked out of a Hamburg jail carrying a cardboard box of possessions and into a blaze of publicity over criticism that sentence was too mild.

Presiding judge Elke Bosse had declared that Parche, who said he staged the April attack out of fanatical love for Seles's German rival Steffi Graf was emotionally retarded and might not have been completely responsible for his actions.

"We don't exactly agree with the judgment," Hamburg state prosecutor Ruediger Bagger said, announcing the appeal. His office had demanded a prison term for Parche of two years and nine months.

Police guards flanked 39-year-old Parche, an East German lathe operator, and his lawyer Otmur Kury as they made their way to a waiting taxi

French quintet scales Everest

KATHMANDU, Oct 15: Five French climbers from Chamonix along with four Sherpa guides have climbed Mt. Everest, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry announced Thursday, reports AP.

François Bernard, 29, Antoine Cayrol, 27, and Eric Gramond, 31, climbed the 8,848-metre peak on Oct. 6 from the southeast ridge route.

ignoring a crowd of reporters and camera teams. They drove off with a police car as escort. Seles, the former number one player who has not lifted a

racquet competitively since the attack and has now dropped to four in the world rankings, said at her Florida home on Wednesday she was "shocked and horrified" by the verdict.

"Because I still cannot play tennis I am not travelling now, but I fear for my fellow athletes, public figures and other potential victims of senseless crimes who have to go out today and tomorrow, knowing that a criminal who commits such an act will not be punished," she said in a statement.

The 19-year-old Yugoslav-born star, already winner of eight Grand Slam singles titles, is expected to return to competition in time to defend her Australian Open crown in January.

In explaining her verdict, the judge included an expert's opinion that Parche, who said he had wanted to injure Seles to help his idol Graf regain the world number one ranking, was not expected to attack another victim again.

Nevertheless, German newspapers were outraged at the sentence. "Scandalous verdict? The whole world is shocked," screamed a banner headline in the mass-circulation Bild, the country's biggest daily.

Bild quoted Graf as saying she could not understand how the Hamburg Court could have been so lenient.

"How can a man, regardless of the circumstances, endanger another person's life and then leave the court-room free?" Graf asked.

"After this verdict, the world has one more reason not to understand Germany," Bild said in an editorial.

Munich's daily Abendzeitung called the sentence "unusual and unusually mild."

Pioline, Stark move into qtrs

BOLZANO, Italy, Oct 15: Second Cedric Pioline of France and unseeded American Jonathan Stark won their second-round matches in straight sets Thursday and moved into the quarter-finals of the \$15,000 Bolzano ATP indoor tournament, reports AP.

Pioline, the only seeded player to reach the quarters, defeated Britain's Jeremy Bates 7-6, 7-5. He took the first-set tie-break 7-4.

Stark, the only American player in the Italian tournament upset fifth-seeded Russian Andrei Chesnokov 6-2, 6-4.

In the first round, the 22-year-old American had eliminated defending champion Thomas Enqvist of Sweden.

In other second-round action at Bolzano, a Czech-born German, defeated Guillaume Roux of France 6-7, 6-3, 6-1.

For Damm, who had upset top-seeded Michael Stich in a first-round match Wednesday night, his moment of glory was short-lived.

In the quarters, Pioline takes on Dutch qualifier Tom Nijssen while Delaire faces Prinosel.

Stark plays the winner of a second-round match between Italy's Gianluca Pozzi and German qualifier Thomas Gollwitzer.

A victory of Pioline in the Bolzano tournament, which awards a top prize of \$15,000, would lift the Frenchman among the top ten players in the ATP lists.



Natants and officials of the Madaripur DSA, who became champions bagging seven golds, in the two-day long second national youth swimming championship. —Star photo

Whatzit gives way to Izzy

ATLANTA, Oct 15: Whatzit, the much-maligned mascot of the Atlanta Olympics, has a new name — Izzy, reports AP. Children chose the name for the big-eyed blue mascot as part of an effort to refine its image by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

Whatzit was criticized for its strange appearance and confusing name, and the public never embraced the 'morphing' concept of the unisex creature. Olympic officials said Whatzit was the perfect merchandising creation because it could change — or morph — into any form.

Versions of Whatzit have included "Itzaboxer," "Itzaswimmer" and "Itzawrestler."

"Itzaflop" may have been more appropriate. The creature was derided with boos during public appearances and trashed by critics. In an attempt to improve the image of the mascot and the 1996 Games ACOG decided to rename it.

ACOG received more than 3,300 name selections from children in the United States and 15 countries and asked a group of 32 Atlanta children to make the final choice.

Suggestions ranged from Atlas to Zubury, including a glut of spinoffs on the original Itza theme.

The Atlanta group pared the list to about 20 names and asked 300 kids nationwide which they liked best.

Izzy was suggested 13 times by American children, ranging in age from 3 to 13, making it the most popular name.

McDonald's joins the team

ATLANTA, Oct 15: McDonald's paid \$40 million Thursday to become the seventh major corporate sponsor for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, reports AP.

Paul Schrage, senior executive vice-president and chief marketing officer of the Oak Brook, Ill. company said the price tag "did give us pause."

However, the hamburger giant was swayed by the intangible benefits of an Olympic association, such as image and prestige.

"After we picked ourselves up off the floor we said, 'OK, how can this fit in? How does this make sense from a value-received point of view?'" he said.

Billy Payne, president of Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, attended the signing at an Atlanta McDonald's franchise.

Atlanta organisers moved closer to their goal of raising \$1.4 billion from corporate sponsors.

McDonald's joins six other sponsors that paid as much as \$10 million: Nations Bank, The Home Depot, Sara Lee, IBM, Anheuser-Busch and John Hancock Financial Services.

Germany, US top seeds for 1994 Davis Cup

LONDON, Oct 15: Germany and the United States were awarded the top two seeds Thursday for the 1994 Davis Cup, while this year's potential champions Australia and semi-finalists Sweden were seeded Nos. 3 and 4, reports AP.

The International Tennis Federation placed the Czech Republic and France fifth and sixth, followed by the Netherlands and Spain.

Unseeded teams rounding out the 16-nation World Group are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy and Russia.

Germany will play Australia for the 1993 championship Dec 3-5 in Dusseldorf.

The ITF bases its seedings on numerous factors, including the countries' past performances in the Davis Cup and the rankings of the players likely to be taking part.

A record 109 nations have entered the competition for 1994. The draw, which will take place Tuesday in London, will determine whether the No 1 seed goes to Germany or the United States, who had to beat the Bahamas in the qualifying round last month to stay in the World Group.

The first round of the World Group will be played March 25-27, with the second round set for July 15-17, the semifinals on Sept 23-25, and the final Dec 2-4.

In regional play, South Africa, Switzerland, Croatia and Britain were seeded in Group One of the Euro-African Zone. Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Romania, and Zimbabwe were unseeded.

In Group One of the American Zone, the seeds are Argentina and Brazil. Other nations competing are Bahamas, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

In Group One of the Asia-Oceania Zone, Korea and New Zealand were seeded. China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan and Philippines are also in the group.

Vengsarkar to lead oldies

NEW DELHI, Oct 15: Former captain Dilip Vengsarkar will lead India in a three-nation veterans cricket tournament to be held in various parts of the country from Tuesday next, reports PTI.

Pakistan and South Africa are the other two participating countries in a seven-match series.

The tournament, organised by the Veteran Cricketers Benevolent Fund Trust, will have each team playing the other twice and the top two teams will play the final at Calcutta's Eden Gardens on October 30.

VCBFT president Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi said at a press conference here today that the matches would be of 45 overs each side.

He said a former Indian player of 'great repute' had agreed with the idea of such tournaments for 'senior' cricketers, but had expressed inability to play. Pataudi preferred not to name the cricketer.

The Indian team consists of Dilip Vengsarkar (captain), Sandeep Patil, Karan Ghavi, Balwinder Sandhu, Roger Binny, Syed Kirmani, Anshuman Gaekwad, Madan Lal, Surinder Khanna, Parkar

Radmarkar Shivalkar and K Jayarkar.

PAKISTAN YET TO CONFIRM

Earlier Reuter reports, India cricket officials said on Thursday the sub-continent's prospects of hosting the next World Cup could be threatened if Pakistan did not arrive on schedule for a planned tour next month.

Pakistan is scheduled to play in a six-nation tournament to commemorate the Cricket Association of Bengal's (CAB) diamond jubilee next month, then stay on for a series of three Tests and three one-day matches.

However, the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) has yet to confirm the team will come and has publicly expressed its concerns over security following threats from a militant Hindu group based in Bombay to burn stadiums if they were allowed to play in India.

Indian cricket officials, who asked not to be identified, said the BCCP had been told that unless the Pakistani team arrive, India are likely to go back to the International Cricket Council (ICC) and pull out of hosting the World Cup in 1995.

The ICC, which awarded the World Cup in February jointly

to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, would then review its decision, the officials said.

They said the BCCI had assured Pakistan of adequate security for the CAB tournament and the tour, postponed in 1990 and again in 1991 because of Hindu-Muslim violence in India.

The BCCP had told India that a final decision on whether the Pakistani team would come to India would have to wait until a new government was formed in Islamabad following last week's elections.

BCCI ON TAMPERING

Indian cricket authorities have decided to penalise ball-tampering in domestic competitions, a Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) spokesman said on Thursday.

He said umpires had been told to change the ball for one of substantially inferior quality if they detected any attempt to lift the seam of the ball.

The rule is an experimental one for the current season, which has just started. Previously the ball was replaced with one in similar condition.

"Should the seam be lifted, the umpire shall change the ball for one of much inferior condition to that in use prior to the contravention," the experimental rule says.

Top trio tumbles in Tokyo

TOKYO, Oct 15: All three top seeds — Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker and Michael Chang — were ousted Friday in the quarter-finals of the \$1 million US dollar Seiko Super tennis tournament, reports AP.

Tenth-seeded American Todd Martin beat top-seeded Edberg

of Sweden 6-4, 6-4 in just 100 minutes on the artificial court of Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium.

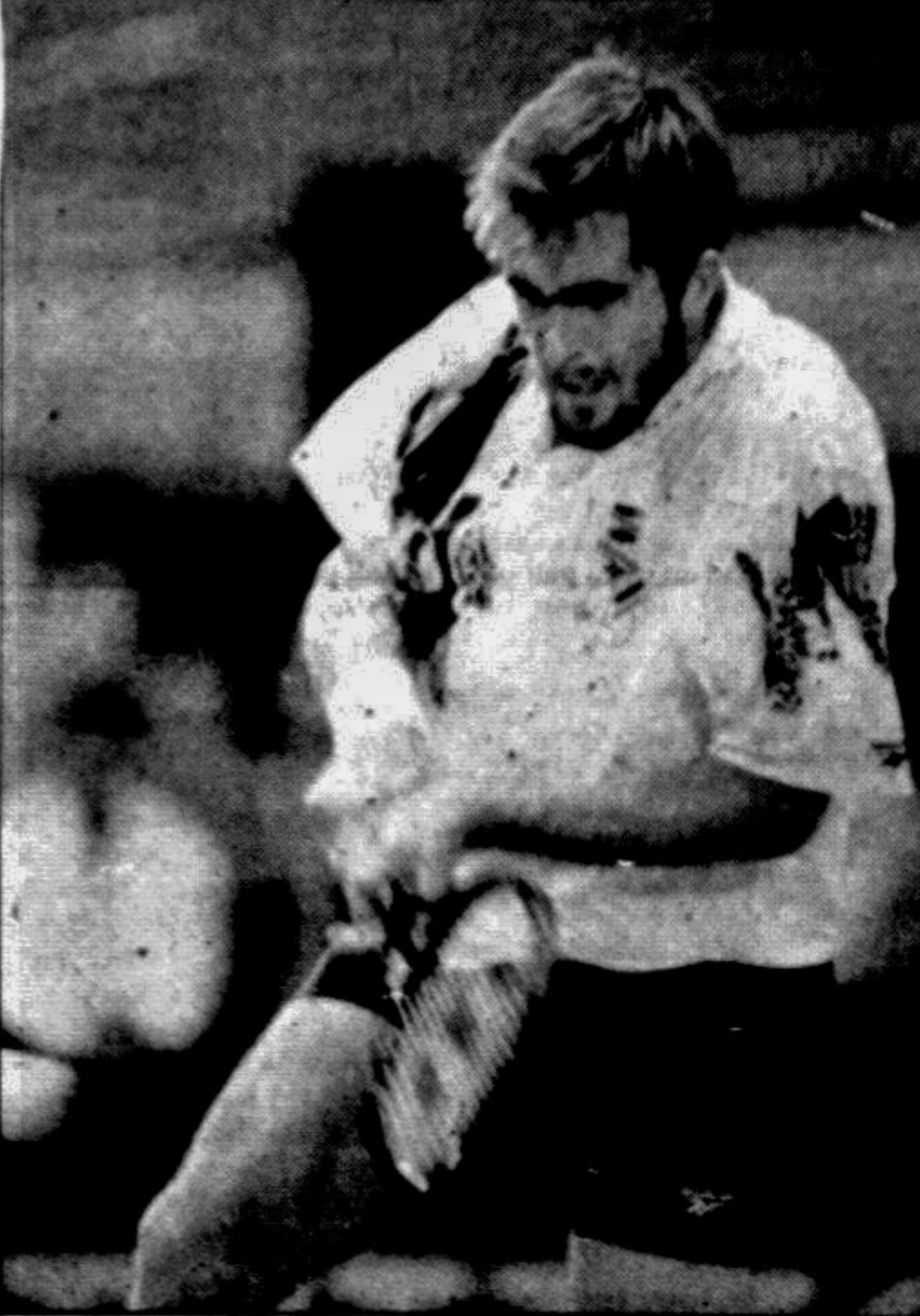
Ninth-seeded Ivan Lendl outlasted second-seeded Becker of Germany 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7/2).

And unseeded Canadian Greg Rusedski, ranked 130th in the world, battled more than 2

1/2 hours with third-seeded American Chang before posting a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) triumph.

"I was always ahead but I never felt that I was playing better than Stefan," Martin said. "I wasn't able to break away. I was just fortunate enough to make the most of my chances."

"I had a few chances but missed the ball by an inch," Edberg told reporters. "It was a pretty close match but he took the opportunities."



Todd Martin of the United States makes a backhand return to sweep Sweden Stefan Edberg aside in the quarter-finals of the Seiko Super men's tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Martin won 6-4, 6-4. —AFP photo

In the first set, Martin broke the second and the 10th games while Edberg broke the seventh.

Edberg kept the second game of the second set despite two straight double faults. Martin broke the 10th game when Edberg netted a volley.

In a two-hour battle of services, Lendl, a Czech-born American, fired 19 aces against Becker's 20 and needed a third-set tie-breaker to take the match.

Chang, ranked seventh in the world, got off to a good start by winning three of the first four games, two of them at love.

But the 20-year-old Rusedski blasted powerful services, including nine aces, and found his rhythm as the match progressed. Chang had just two service aces.

Rusedski broke the fourth game of the second set and then kept the seventh and ninth games at love.

In the 12th game of the third set, Chang saw four match points slip away as Rusedski kept the game after seven deuces.

After tying 6-6 in the tie-break, Chang hit a lob long and Rusedski blasted a service ace to win the match.

"This week I've been very lucky," Rusedski said. "I feel like I served really well today."

"His service was the major factor today," Chang said. "It made it tough for me."

Crescendo in hood-bashing

LONDON, Oct 15: British Prime Minister John Major has phoned his Dutch counterpart to denounce the violence caused by England football followers in Rotterdam, reports Reuter.

Major's office said that in a call to Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers he condemned the four days of violence by hundreds of English hooligans in the run-up to England's 2-0 defeat against the Netherlands on Wednesday night.

Lubbers told Major the Dutch police had managed to keep the situation under control.

British newspapers called for the hooligans to be flogged and jailed and have their passports confiscated.

Racy tabloids gave splash coverage to the clashes with Dutch police under headlines reading "Our garbage and shame."

The Daily Star declared: "The passports of known louts should be confiscated for good. They deserve to be flogged and made to break rocks for five years with their heads."

Its rival, the mass-circulation Sun fumed: "They should be punished so severely it wipes the smirks off their faces. Confiscate their passports for at least 10 years. And lock them up every Saturday afternoon for six hours."

The middle-brow Daily Express endorsed the confiscation of passports, but also said the courts must tackle soccer thugs.

"They must sentence with an eye to ensuring that on way or another these thugs are

grounded here in Britain.

"If they are not behind bars, they can, at least, be restrained by orders requiring them to report to the police when England are playing abroad."

"Read yobs the riot act," trumpeted its fellow tabloid Today, adding that Britain should press the Dutch authorities to give trouble-makers "a taste of Dutch prison food."

The left-leaning Daily Mirror said there was one benefit in England's loss to the Netherlands. "At least, our yobs will not now be inflicted on America during next year's finals."

Even the seriously included

Indonesia to host ABC men's championship

JAKARTA, Oct 15: Indonesia is to host the 17th Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) men's championship next month, it was announced here Friday, reports AP.

ABC vice-president Sordarno said 18 countries would compete in the event from November 12-21.

They are Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, North Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates.

Guardian broadsheet ran an editorial on the violence, stating: "There are times when sport isn't worth it. Times like Rotterdam last night... what happened was disgrace."

Major vowed to take firm action to stamp out soccer hooliganism, telling Sky Television on Wednesday night: "I think they're a disgrace... I think they're an embarrassment to this country and we must look to see what action we can take to stop it occurring again."

Soccer fans deported to Britain, some of around 800 rounded up in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, were arriving back peacefully on Thursday by plane and ferry, police reported.

Earlier, another Reuter report adds: about 1,000 English soccer fans were arrested over four days of violence ahead of their team's World Cup qualifier defeat in the Netherlands, but fewer than 100 were accused of serious offences, police said on Thursday.