

Greatbatch, Kiwis' worry

PERTH, Nov 9: Opening batsman Mark Greatbatch continued to cause concern for the New Zealand cricket team as it prepared Tuesday for the first Test against Australia, reports AP.

Captain Martin Crowe said the Kiwis could not afford to be without aggressive left-hander Greatbatch when the first game of the three-Test series begins Friday at the WACA Ground.

Greatbatch broke a finger on his left hand during a match against Western Australia almost three weeks ago. He has not played since, but has been able to practice in the nets.

Crowe said his team needs Greatbatch to play because it lacks options at the top of the order.

Bryan Young has not been successful as a makeshift opening partner for rookie Blair Pocock during Greatbatch's enforced absence.

The Kiwi middle-order of Andrew Jones, Crowe and Ken Rutherford is the team's strength.

"But we need Mark playing as an opener to provide a good start," Crowe said.

"If he doesn't play, the top-order is still not quite right. Blair Pocock is still learning his craft, so we are hoping Mark will play. He's the missing link."

Crowe said he was confident the New Zealand bowlers were ready for the Test despite some inconsistent performances during warm-up matches.

"We have a confident attack to take in to the test series," he said.

said. "Chris Cairns, Danny Morrison and Willie Watson are all looking quite good now, while Dikap Patel has also taken wickets."

New Zealand have a good record both in their recent encounters with Australia and at the WACA Ground, where the pitch usually is very fast.

The Kiwis won in Perth in



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1985-86 and drew with the Australians in 1989-90.

In 29 Tests dating back to the first at Wellington in 1945-46, Australia hold an 11-7 advantage with 11 draws.

"As New Zealanders, we love playing Australia and these matches are always the most important games we play," Crowe said.

Meanwhile, Australia may

gamble on playing two spinners in the first cricket Test captain Allan Border said Tuesday. Border said Australia were considering playing both Shane Warne and Tim May on the WACA pitch that usually favors fast bowlers.

No Australian spinner has taken a Test wicket in Perth since 1988 but Border believes the Kiwis could be susceptible to spin when the Test starts on Friday.

"I suppose you have to look at the history of the wicket, which hasn't been too favorable to spinners, but Tim and Shane are class bowlers and I think they can spin on anything," Border said.

"If they bowl well, they'll get a lot of bounce here."

Border played for Queensland in a Sheffield Shield match in Perth a week ago and said he believed a spinner could have proved effective in that match.

"When we played here last week it showed signs of taking turn later in the match," he said.

"Just because it is Perth, there is no reason not to consider both spinners."

The Australian team gathered Tuesday and will have two full days of preparation before the match.

"We have to be wary of what is ahead because we have been bitten by New Zealand a few times," Border said.

"When they appear to be at their worst, they come up and beat you. It is my main task to make sure the guys realise that."

Pakistan dump Thais en route to Asia Cup semis

HIROSHIMA, Nov 9: Defending men's champions Pakistan powered past Thailand 20-0 for their second consecutive win here Tuesday to book a semifinal place with Malaysia at the Asia Cup hockey tournament, reports AP.

Rahim Khan played in devastating for scoring six field goals to lead the Pakistani squad, while Tahir Zaman took home five goals and Shahbaz Ahmad four on their way to the lopsided victory.

With the win Pakistan and Malaysia secured two places in the four-team Group A preliminary round with two wins each over winless China and Thailand respectively.

The two teams will face each other on Thursday.

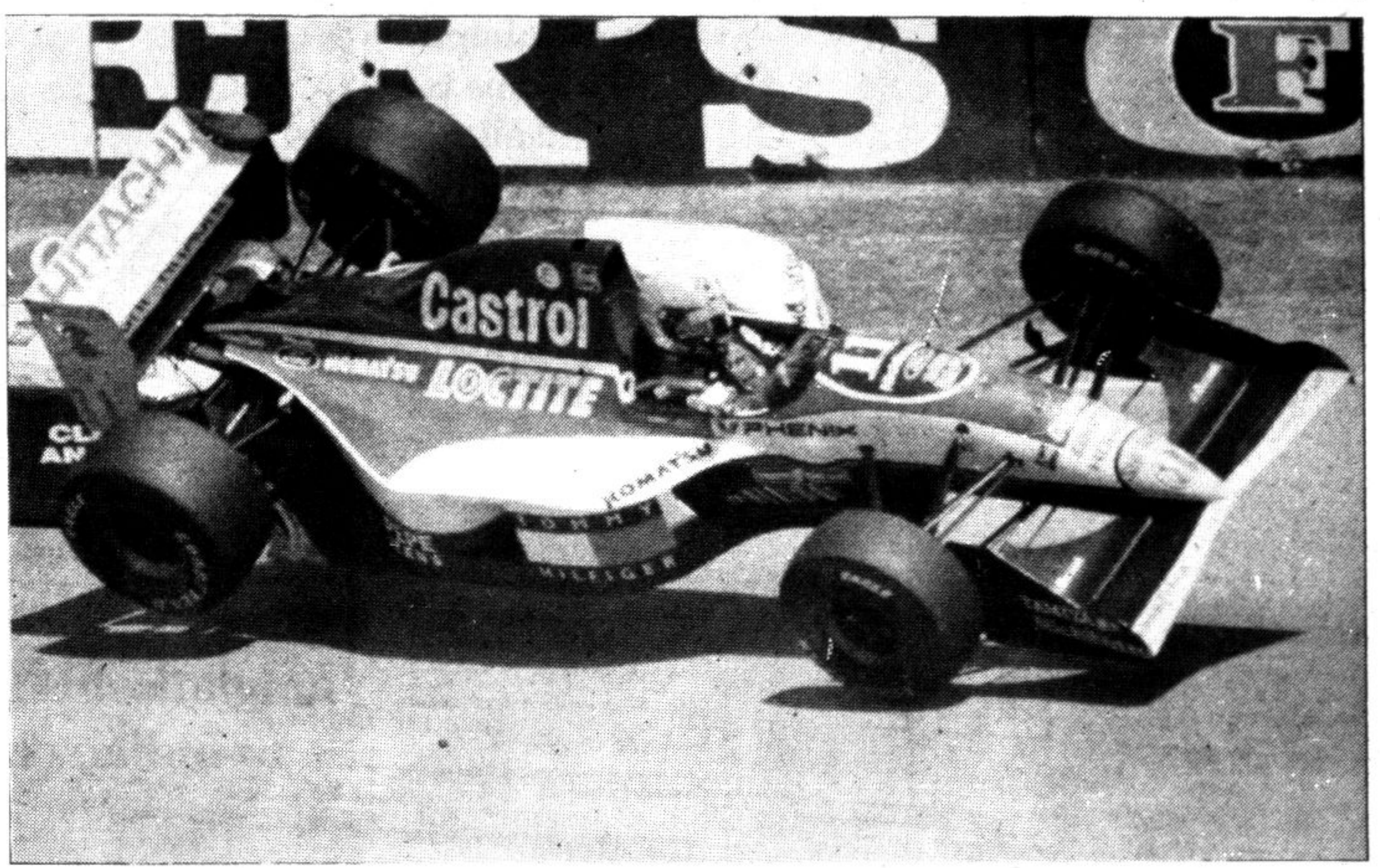
Nine men's and seven women's teams were divided into two groups in the preliminary tournaments and the top two from each group will advance to the knockout semifinals.

In the women's Group B four-team competition, hosts Japan managed to hold defending champions China to a scoreless draw to take second place, leaving Uzbekistan and Thailand behind.

China ended the preliminary with two wins and a draw, Japan one win and two draws, Uzbekistan one win, one draw and one loss, and Thailand three defeats.

On Monday, Indian and South Korean women made the semifinals securing the top two places over Singapore.

The winners of the two teams Wednesday will take of Japan in the semifinals Friday, while the losers will play China.



Pedro Lamy from Portugal becomes airborne in his Lotus Ford on the first corner of the Australian Formula One Grand Prix in Adelaide Nov 7. Lamy failed to complete first lap of his third Grand Prix. — AFP photo

It's going to be docs' Games

ATLANTA, Nov 9: An army of doctors awaits the thousands of athletes and spectators coming here for the 1996 summer Olympics, ready to treat any medical crisis, conduct drug tests and prevent sunstroke in the punishing Georgia heat, reports AP.

But patching people up will be only part of their work.

"We're going to use the Olympics to emphasize healthy behaviour that will keep Americans out of the health care system and so lower its costs," said Dr Louis Sullivan, the former Health and Human Services secretary who is a volunteer Olympic doctor.

"What better example do we have than our athletes—an average group of people who achieved success through health."

Health brochures in various languages, classes or school-children and medical fairs—they'll all supplement the first-aid stations and ambulances athletes and spectators usually get at the Olympics.

And if the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has its way, doctors will be stubbing out cigarettes at the Games as well.

"The Olympics should be smoke free," said the agency's Dr Jeffrey Koplan. "It is blasphemy to combine a tobacco company's product and anything related to sports in the same sentence or the same location."

The past two Olympics, in Barcelona and Albertville, declared themselves smoke free but enforcement was spotty at best.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games or ACOG, hasn't decided whether it will follow the disease control agency's urging to police venues for cigarettes.

"We want to provide a safe environment, but to do it respectively," said ACOG medical planner Elizabeth Martin.

ACOG is amassing about 3,000 volunteer doctors, nurses and first-aid workers for its Olympic Medical Support Group.

These volunteers will spend the next three years, and sev-

eral million dollars, planning how to forestall disease and pollution or heat-related illness at the Olympics, and how best to treat any medical crisis that does occur.

"We're going to have someone right on the spot to handle any problem," said Dr John Cantwell, who heads the Atlanta Olympic Medical Support Group.

The biggest effort may be what Cantwell calls doping control—making sure no athlete uses steroids or other illegal drugs during the Olympics.

To do that, ACOG is helping

Morehouse School of Medicine build a 9 million dollar guarded laboratory for pharmacologists to test blood and urine for drugs and research novel ways to detect them quickly.

Morehouse will work with a yet-to-be-named drug company in testing athletes.

Security has to be tight, said Sullivan, who also is Morehouse's president.

"You have to guard against either a substitution, by someone who might be guilty, or the unfortunate consequence of someone trying to disqualify someone," he said.

'Smoke-free' Winter Games

OSLO, Nov 9: Organisers of the 1994 Winter Olympics pledged on Monday to give smokers a hard time at the Games even discouraging spectators from lighting up outdoors, reports Reuter.

Lillehammer organisers signed a "Smoke-free Games" deal with the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Monday and said their campaign would be stricter than similar anti-smoking efforts at the 1992 Barcelona and Albertville Games and the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

Every ticket for the Lillehammer Games would have a message against smoking, alcohol and litter on the back even at outdoor events, such as cross-country skiing. Loud-speakers would broadcast anti-smoking messages.

"Norway isn't a police state, but competitors can be bothered by smoke from the crowds," said Torill Broach Seeberg, a director with the organising committee. "We won't have any anti-smoke police going round to tell people to stop."

No tobacco would be sold at sports arenas and smoking would be banned at all indoor events.

Lillehammer is also making 80,000 lapel pins inscribed "Smoke-free Olympics" to give to children. Organisers are holding talks with the national rail firm hoping to make all trains from Oslo to Lillehammer — a two-hour ride — non-smokers.

Japan book place

SYDNEY, Nov 9: Japan qualified for next year's volleyball World Championships in Greece with an easy win over Chinese Taipei in a five nation Asia region tournament here late Monday, reports AP.

Japan are unbeaten in three rounds of the five-round qualifier and cannot be denied one of the top two places. Two countries will represent the Asia region at the 1994 championships.

China scored their first win of the tournament defeating Iran 3-0 on Monday.

Graf back into the groove

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 9: Top seed and defending champion Steffi Graf showed no ill-effect from recent foot surgery as she trampled American Debbie Graham 6-2, 6-0 in the first round of the 750,000 dollars Virginia Slims of Philadelphia on Monday, reports Reuter.

Playing her first match since surgery last month to remove bone splinters from her right foot, Graf needed just 50 minutes to advance to the second round of her lone tune-up for next week's season-ending championships.

"I had no problem at all," Graf said after extending her match winning streak to 42 and raising her impressive 1993 record to 69-5. "I played well on the points that I had to."

Graf, who said she only resumed practicing 10 days ago, appeared a bit nervous at the start. But she broke Graham in the second game and quickly settled into a groove.

The German world number

one faced just two break points in the match and saved both. Graf allowed Graham to hold serve cutting her lead to 4-2 in the opening set, before reeling off the last eight games of the match.

She demonstrated her old foot speed in the final game when she ran down an angled backhand and subsequent drop shot to reach match point.

Afterward Graf said she was amazed at how quickly she had recovered from the surgery.

Graf, who had been bothered by the foot problem since before Wimbledon said waiting to play this past month was the hardest part of her ordeal.

"I wasn't able to stay on my feet for two weeks," Graf said. "I'm a very active person and it was a really difficult time for me to be doing nothing."

She will next play Pam Shriver, who rallied to a 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Brenda Schultz. Shriver had broken for a 5-4 lead in the third set when Schultz, a hard server, followed a double-fault with a missed volley when close to the net.

In another first-round

match, No. 2 seed Conchita Martinez advanced to the second round when Ginger Helgeson retired because of a stomach virus. Helgeson became ill and gave up with Martinez leading 6-4, 3-1.

Amy Frazier won the opening match of the tournament with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Gigi Fernandez. Fernandez lost on the third match point with two successive double-faults.

No 9 Natalia Zvereva overcame the late charge of wild card Ann Miller 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). Miller tied the second set 0-0, but three wide drives cost her the tiebreaker.

Marianne Werdel prevailed over qualifier Whitlinger 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) after 2 hours, 20 minutes of fierce hitting. Ann Henricksson defeated qualifier Petra Bergar 6-3, 6-4 and Lisa Raymond defeated qualifier Chanda Rubin, 6-4, 6-0.

Raymond, the former NCAA champion from the University of Florida, is a local favourite from Wayne, Pa. She reeled off eight straight games from 4-4 in the first set. She will meet Martinez in the second round.

Kasparov to play a different game

MOSCOW, Nov 9: Russian chess champ Garry Kasparov hit the campaign trail Tuesday on behalf of the pro-reform bloc, Russia's Choice, reports AP.

The world's No. 1 chess player said he planned to tape radio and television ads for the bloc ahead of the December 12 parliamentary elections.

He also plans to campaign for local candidates and make the rounds of television talks shows.

Kasparov, who is virtually a national hero, refused to say how much, if anything, he was contributing to Russia's Choice campaign war chest.

Such questions, he told reporters, were between him and the tax man.

Kasparov is one of the founders of Russia's Choice, which includes some of the key players in President Boris Yeltsin's administration and other celebrities such as musician Mstislav Rostropovich.

Game of kings earns a princely sum

By Lawrence Joffe

Since 1948 only one non-Russian has held the world chess championship. Britain's top player Nigel Short thought he could tame the Russian bear. But in world champion Garry Kasparov he met his match and lost. Despite that outcome, reports Gemini News Service, the matches have revived the chess craze throughout the world and might propel this most intellectual of games into a money-spinning sport.

At first sight it may have appeared somewhat ridiculous — two grown men isolated on an almost bare theatre stage, pushing small wooden pieces across a board, and an audience paying up to £145 for the privilege of seeing them do it.

But this was the World Chess Championship. Not for nothing is chess called the "game of kings." The prize money was a princely record-breaking £1.7 million with the lion's share going to winner, Garry Kasparov. Millions watched the games on television and spin-off events included a British museum exhibit of historic chess pieces.

To win at chess you need experience, intelligence and sheer psychological will-power. Not a drop of blood is spilt, but pre-match interviews had both players indulging in hype worthy of boxer, Muhammad Ali. Nigel Short called Kasparov hairy, arrogant and dictatorial. Kasparov said the games would be "short" like his opponent.

Lentin once called chess "the gymnasium of the mind." Indeed, when it ended both players admitted fatigue and spoke of limiting future matches. British Ladies Champion Cathy Forbes argued however, that "boxers do not stop fighting in round 10 just because they were feeling weary."

The real appeal of the game lies in seeing two young minds in total concentration, allowing viewers to guess the winning moves and see the beauty of chess in action. For seven weeks in September and October the British challenger, Nigel Short, 28, pitted his talents against the world champion, Garry Kasparov, 30, from Russia.

The venue was the plush Savoy Theatre in London. Flanked by gigantic horse-head knights, the players sat in total silence except for the ticking of their time-control clocks. Huge

television screens displayed their moves while spectators listened to commentaries on ear-phones.

Next door in Simpsons on the Strand, site of the first world chess championship in 1886, grandmasters sat in the saloon bar with their chess boards, analysing every passed pawn and flanking attack.

Not since Bobby Fischer beat Boris Spassky in 1972 has a non-Soviet stood a real chance

bulldog. On the board, however, he is not timid. At age 12 he beat a ten-time British Champion and in 1984 became Britain's youngest ever Grandmaster. After a string of successes in 1992 he defeated former world champion Anatoly Karpov 6-4 and in 1993 beat Holland's Jan Timman for the right to challenge Kasparov.

According to the contest rules, the first to gain more than 12 of the scheduled 24

Short was satisfied. "I took a long time to get started but eventually fought back. I certainly learnt a lot." With a touch of newly acquired British understatement, the five-times champion Kasparov said: "At least we deserve credit that the public was not bored."

The Soviet Union may be no more, its army a sorry shadow of its former self, but when it comes to chess, Russians are still the strongest. Actually Kasparov is only Russian by adoption. Born to a Jewish father and Armenian mother in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, he felt like an outsider in the mainly Russian Soviet chess elite. Three years ago he fled Baku to escape the war between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

"Garry is an extraordinary person, a genius," says his British-born manager Andrew Page. "Most chess-players are fairly single-minded, but he has a tremendous range of interests and an amazing ability to apply his analytical brain to other areas. He is far and away the most remarkable and charismatic player."

Kasparov left the Communist Party to back Gorbachev and today advises Yegor Gaidar's Democratic Choice Party on policy. He also runs a political consultancy for corporations interested in investing in Russia.

His chess opponent in 1984 and 1985 was the Party's man and world champion, Anatoly Karpov. Karpov's ten-year rule seemed supreme. His play frustrated all opponents, including at first Kasparov. But when Kasparov started winning Florencio Campomanes, president of the official world chess body, FIDE, cancelled the match.

The fury unleashed then is still playing itself out. After frenetic negotiations, Kasparov and Short shunned the FIDE's to play in London under the flag of the new Professional Chess Association (PCA).

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Knights of chess

World champions since World War II	Year	Name	Country
	1948-57	Mikhail Botvinnik	(USSR)
	1957-58	Vassily Smyslov	(USSR)
	1958-60	Mikhail Botvinnik	(USSR)
	1960-61	Mikhail Tal	(USSR)
	1961-63	Mikhail Botvinnik	(USSR)
	1963-69	Tigran Petrosian	(USSR)
	1969-72	Boris Spassky	(USSR)
	1972-75	Bobby Fischer	(US)
	1975-85	Anatoly Karpov	(USSR)
	1985-	Garry Kasparov	(USSR/Russia)

of wresting the title. Yet for all his brilliance Short failed. Kasparov seemed to cast a spell on him and Short frittered away winning chances. Satriests started drawing analogies with the British economy.

Only on game 16 did he win a game (as opposed to a draw). Even that was some achievement — Kasparov had lost a game 18 months before, to Vishwanath Anand, India's top Grandmaster. And Ray Keene, the match organiser, indicated that after game 9 Short and Kasparov had even scores.

Slightly built, bespectacled and pale-faced, Short hardly looks like the plucky British

games would win. Kasparov drew on October 19 to keep his crown, and drew again on Oct 21 to win outright.

Said Hungarian chess expert Laszlo Lindner: "The games were really exciting and interesting. I was impressed with Nigel's initiative. With this experience of a long match he will do better next time."

Cynics derided "exhibition chess showboating," but match arbiter Carlos Falcon praised the "good behaviour, which made for better chess." Ray Keene, never lost for hyperbole, called the games "the most thrilling since Spassky-Fischer."

Even the shell-shocked

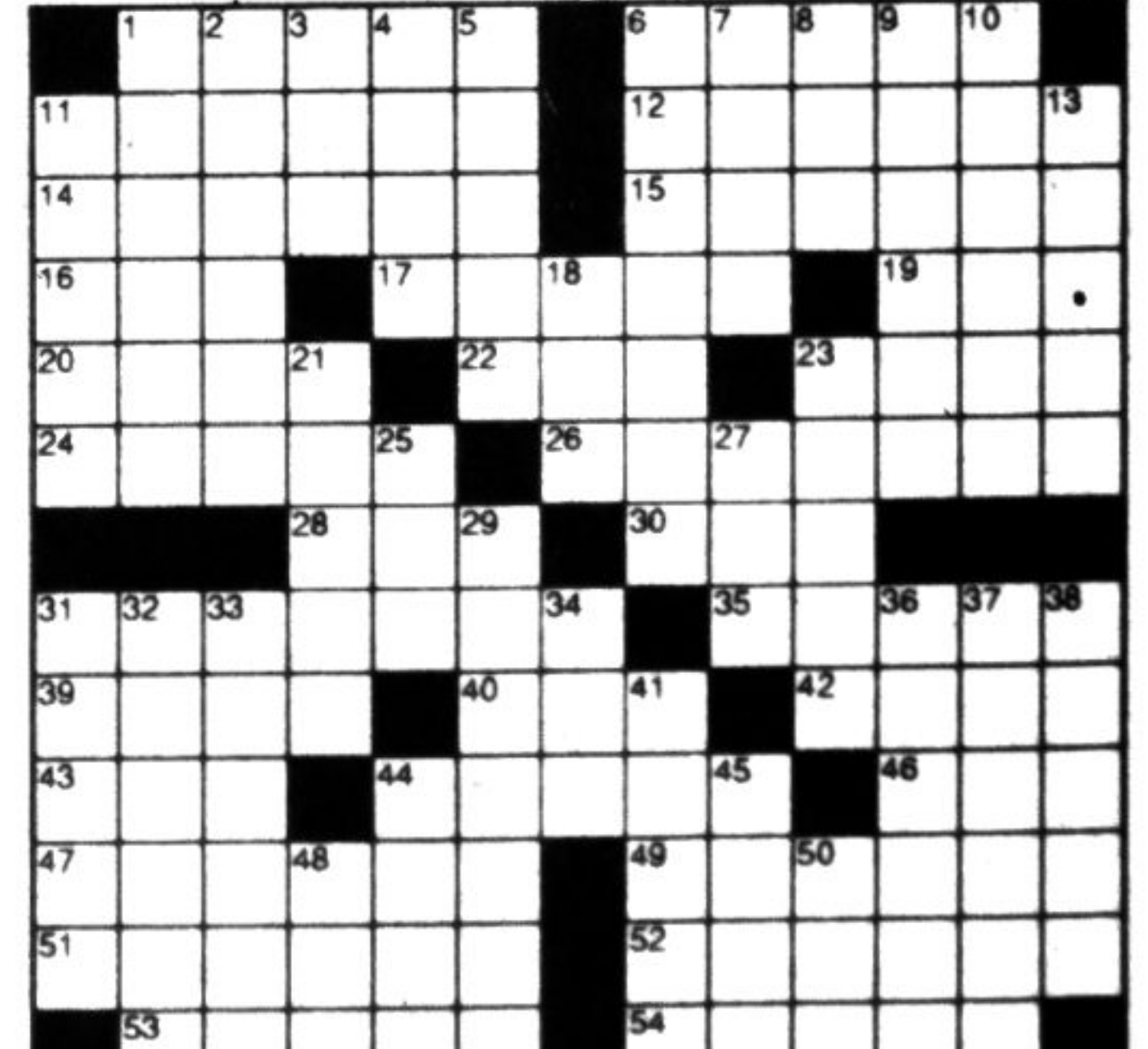
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: DEPENDABLE CHIROMANCER'S RESORT DESTINATION: PALM BEACH.

Today's Cryptquip clue: V equals C. The Cryptquip 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.