

Skip's son, Pakistan runs

HAMILTON, Feb 1: Opener Saeed Anwar scored 131 as Pakistan tied on the runs today on the second day of their three-day match against a New Zealand XI, reports Reuters.

Replying to the New Zealand XI's first innings 318 for five declared, Pakistan scored 344 for four declared from 82 overs, taking full advantage of a tame pitch and moderate bowling.

At the close, the New Zealand XI were 24 for one in their second innings. There were also half centuries from captain Salim Malik — who discovered just before play began that he had become a father — and Inzamam ul Haq late in the afternoon, a rapid 49 from the aggressive Basit Ali and compact 33 from the diminutive Asif Mujtaba as Pakistan took the chance to run their batsmen into some form before the three-Test series.

Anwar went to his century from 146 balls, shortly before giving his one chance, on 112, when he flicked paceman Simon Doull through Graham Burnett's hands at second slip. Anwar retired at tea, having paced 268 minutes, faced 188 balls, with 22 boundaries and two sixes.

Malik and Inzamam, who was struck twice by the hard working Doull upon arriving at the crease hammered 40 in the first four over of the final session. Inzamam smashed 18 in

one Doull over, including a six over backward square leg and his half-century took only 52 balls with 10 fours and a six. Malik reached his 50 shortly after from 62 balls. They added 96 in an hour after tea and 95 in 96 balls for the fifth wicket before the declaration.



SAEED ANWAR...131

Altogether the Pakistanis hit 54 fours and six sixes during the day's play.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between a New Zealand XI and Pakistan today.

NEW ZEALAND XI: First innings (overnight 318-5)

Hartland c Shakeel b Ashfaq	49
Poock c Shakeel b Ashfaq	95
Burnett c Shakeel b Ashfaq	59
Howell lbw b Rehman	1
Greatbatch not out	65
Hart c Ashfaq b Shoaib	26

Germon not out 0
Extras: (lb-7, nb-16) 23
Total: (for five wickets, declared) 318
Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-211; 3-220; 4-225; 5-312
Did not bat: D Patel, S Doull, R de Groen, M Owens

Bowling: O M R W

Ataur Rehman	22	4	83	1
Aamir Nazir	18	2	85	0
Ashfaq Ahmed	20	2	71	3
Asif Mujtaba	19	9	29	0
Salim Malik	6	0	21	0
Shoaib Mohammad	8	2	11	1
Basit Ali	4	1	11	0

PAKISTAN: First innings

Sohail c and b Doull	23
Saeed Anwar retired	131
Mujtaba c Germon b De Groen	33
Basit Ali lbw b Doull	49
Malik not out	53
Inzamam ul Haq not out	50
Extras: (lb-3, w-1, nb-1)	5
Total: (for four wickets, declared)	344
Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-143; 3-236; 4-249	

Did not bat: Shoaib Mohammed, Shakeel Ahmed, Ashfaq Ahmed, Ataur Rehman, Aamir Nazir.

Bowling: O M R W

Owens	16	5	54	0
De Groen	18	3	59	1
Doull	17	3	59	2
Patel	13	2	78	0
Hart	18	2	91	0

NEW ZEALAND XI: Second innings

Hartland not out	20
Burnett c Shakeel b Nazir	2
Howell not out	0
Extras: (nb-2)	2
Total: (for one wicket)	24
Fall of wicket: 1-9	

Bowling: O M R W

Ataur Rehman	5	1	15	0
Aamir Nazir	4	0	9	1
Asif Mujtaba	1	1	0	0

Dull draw

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Feb 1: The unofficial five-day Test between England A and South Africa A fizzed out to a tame draw here Monday, reports AFP.

The South Africans, resuming on their overnight score of 156/3, were eventually bowled out for 221, setting England a winning target of 250.

Mark Hott (5/43) and Darren Gough (5/81) were the men who wreaked the havoc among the South African batsmen, showing admirable control of line, length and pace on a very unresponsive wicket. The 10 wickets they shared between them was just reward for their efforts.

Though the target set for the English players was never really on in the four hours left for play, the visitors decided to have a crack at it.

But they were soon in trouble, having Mark Lathwell (4), Hugh Morris (16) and John Crawley (12) back in the hut for just 43 runs.

It was left to the first innings' heroes Alan Wells (46) and Mal Loye (44) to see England out of trouble. Loye fell just two runs before the match was abandoned as a draw.

Jansher heads the field

ZURICH, Feb 1: Pakistan's Jansher Khan leads an all star cast in a tennis style squash event here in March, reports AFP.

World No 1 Jansher, Australians Brett Martin and Rodney Eyles, and British champion Peter Marshall will try the new format as an experiment when they take part in the Grasshopper Cup from March 24 to 28.

Swiss-based Phil Kenyon, of Britain, and South African Craig Wapnick, who won the recent Bern Open, are also in the field.

The same scoring system as tennis will be used. For example a match would be played out as 15-0, 30-0, 30-15, 40-15, 40-30, deuce, advantage, game, and a player serves for the whole game. However, the first player to win 5 games wins the set — and not 6 like tennis — and there are no tiebreaks.

There will be a sixty second break after each game.

Though not part of the Professional Squash Association tour, it has full PSA backing. PSA chief executive Roger Eady said: "Tennis scoring could provide more crisis points during a match."

Christie's choice is London

LONDON, Feb 1: Olympic 100m Champion Linford Christie here on Monday put his weight behind London's bid for the 2002 Commonwealth Games, reports AFP.

Christie, who also holds the world, European and Commonwealth titles, said: London is the centre of the Commonwealth and should be the obvious choice.

"An athletics track at Wembley is just what the sport needs and would provide the centre-piece for the Games."

Two more of Britain's top sporting personalities have also voiced their support for London's bid — England rugby union captain Will Carling and triple Olympic gold medal power Steve Redgrave.

Hernandez's seventh

INGLEWOOD, Feb 1: Unbeaten Genaro Hernandez successfully defended his World Boxing Association junior lightweight title Monday night, stopping Jorge Ramirez at 2:35 of the eighth round, reports AP.

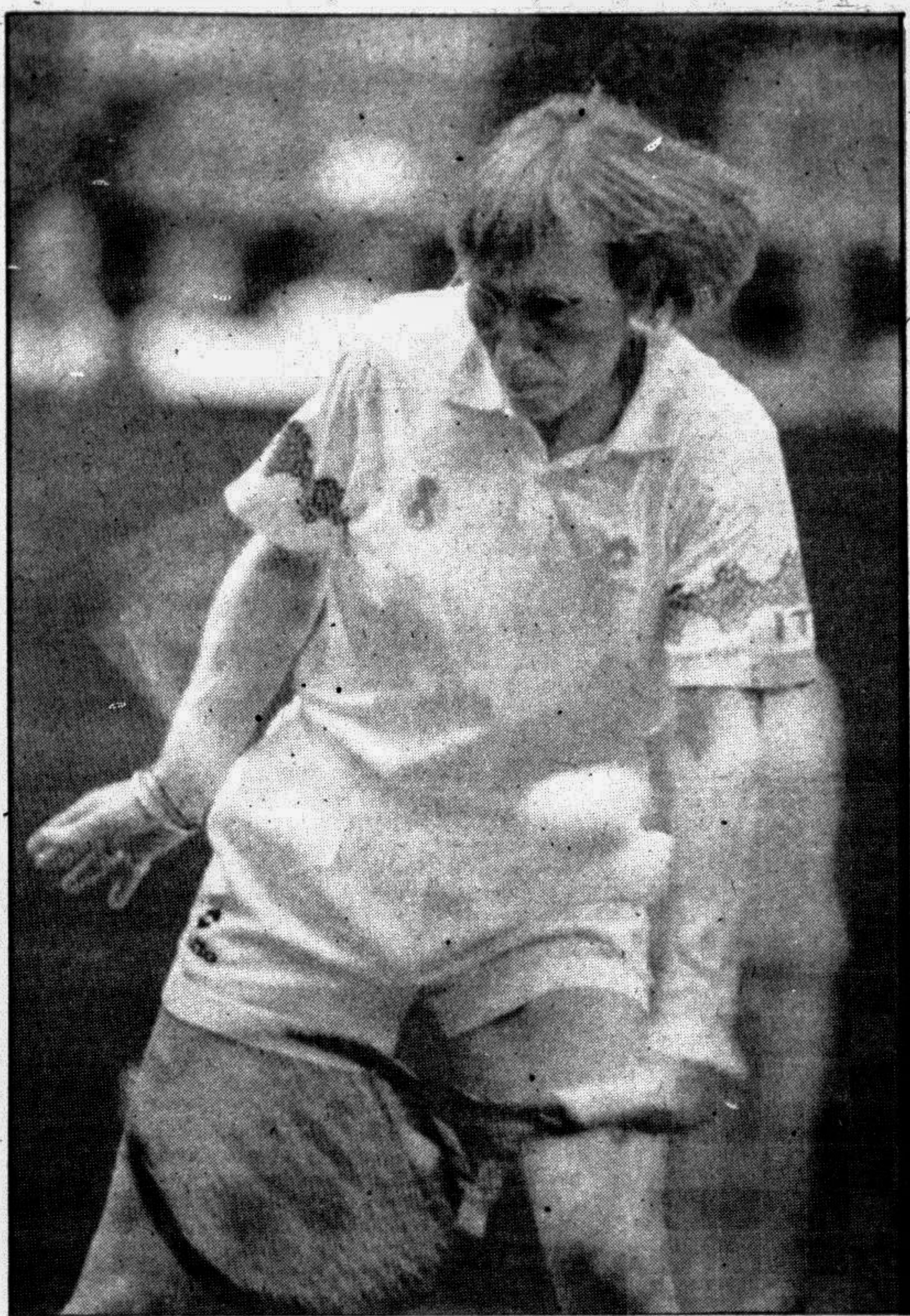
Hernandez, 27, of Mission Viejo, Calif, was making seventh defence of the title he won in November 1991 when he knocked out Daniel Londas in Paris.

Hernandez, who weighed the class limit of 130 pounds (59 kilos), raised his record to 30-0-1 with 15 knockouts. Ramirez, also 130, fell to 64-11-3 with 51 knockouts. Ramirez, of Sonora, Mexico, had earned the title shot by winning two straight bouts after losing two in a row.

There were no knock-downs, but Hernandez dominated from the opening bell, winning every round on one judge's scorecard and every round but one on the other two.

Ramirez, 28, was cut badly on the side of his right eye in the sixth round and the bleed profusely. Referee Larry Rozadilla, citing the beating Ramirez was taking, stopped the bout 25 seconds before the eighth round ended.

In an earlier bout scheduled for 10 rounds, Young Dick Tiger of Hollywood, Calif, knocked out Florencio Ibarra of Nampa, Idaho at 2:34 of the first round.



Defending champion Martina Navratilova makes a backhand slice against Japan's Mana Endo in the Pan Pacific Open tennis championship in Tokyo Yesterday. The Czech-born American won 6-1, 6-3. — AFP photo

Smooth sail for top seeds

TOKYO, Feb 1: World number one Steffi Graf and defending champion Martina Navratilova wasted little time or energy today in sweeping aside first round opponents in the Toray Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament in Tokyo, reports Reuters.

Top seeded Graf, fresh from her crushing straight-sets victory in the Australian Open on Saturday, took up where she left off in Melbourne.

Adapting easily to the fast-carpet surface of the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, the German player blitzed Croatian Iva Majoli 6-1 6-0 in only 43 minutes.

World number three Navratilova, making her first appearance in a tournament this year, is seeking her 167th title in her final year as a singles player.

The Czech born American, now 37, disposed of Japan's Mana Endo 6-1, 6-3 in just under an hour.

Graf, who lost to Navratilova in last year's semifinal was very pleased with her performance.

"I've only had one day to adjust to this very fast surface so I'm actually surprised I played that well," said a relaxed Graf.

The 24-year-old was merciless from the start, breaking her young opponent in the opening game and then taking her own first service game to love.

Graf, winner here in 1986 and 1990, served and returned so flawlessly throughout the match that the 16-year-old from Zagreb won points only when the German made the odd 'unforced' error.

"I think it's very hard to beat her at this moment," said the up-and-coming Majoli, ranked 50th in the world. "She played so well. She didn't give me any chances as she was always attacking the ball."

Defying the years, Navratilova powered her way through the first set, her strong serve-and-volley game pushing the 22-year-old Endo around the court.

Navratilova, playing her first match since losing to Mary Pierce in the second round of the New York Virginia Slims in mid-November, said she was satisfied but not thrilled with her performance.

Asked how many tournaments she would like to win in her farewell year, a smiling Navratilova said: "I'm playing in 13, so I'd like to win 14."

Third seed Gabriel Sabatini of Argentina made heavy weather of brushing aside tenacious qualifier Kyoko Nagatsuka of Japan 6-4, 6-4 to set up a second round match against German Marketa Kochta who beat Australian Nicole Provis in the first round.

But Sabatini, a three times winner who has failed to win a tournament since the Italian Open in May 1992, said she was pleased with her form.

Two times winner and sixth seed Manuela Maleeva Fragniere of Switzerland, playing in her penultimate tournament before retiring from tennis after next week's Asian Open in Osaka, downed Belgian Dominique Monami 6-2, 6-3.

The Bulgarian-born Maleeva-Fragniere next plays qualifier Li Fang of China.

It will be a ten-way race

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Feb 1: A record 10 countries will compete for the right to stage the 2002 Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee said Tuesday, reports AP.

The bidders are Alma Ata, Kazakhstan; Graz, Austria; Jaca, Spain; Ostersund, Sweden; Poprad-Tatry, Slovakia; Quebec City, Quebec; Salt Lake City, Utah; Sion, Switzerland; Sochi, Russia, and Tarvisio, Italy.

Salt Lake City, Jaca, Ostersund and Sochi are bidding for the second straight time. Salt Lake City, narrowly defeated by the Japanese city of Nagano in the bidding for the 1998 Olympics, is the current favorite for 2002.

The IOC will select the host city at its session in Budapest, Hungary, in June 1995.

The IOC said the record interest in the 2002 Olympics confirmed the appeal of holding the Winter Games in separate years from the Summer Games.

This month's Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, mark the beginning of a new cycle in which the Winter and Summer Games are staged every two years. The next Summer Olympics will be in Atlanta in 1996, followed by the Winter Games in Nagano in 1998, and the Summer Games in Sydney, Australia, in the year 2000.

Bids from 10 cities, however, may be viewed with alarm by some IOC officials. IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch has been seeking to streamline the bidding process in order to reduce the costs and travel involved.

Konishiki gets his wish

TOKYO, Feb 1: American sumo wrestler Konishiki has been granted Japanese citizenship, the Justice Ministry said Tuesday. The decision opens the door for the hefty native of Hawaii to open his own training stable, reports AP.

Konishiki, whose real name is Salevaa Fuaulu Aitane, was the first foreign wrestler to become an ozeki, or champion, sumo's second-highest rank, a position he held for 39 tournaments from 1987.

Though Konishiki, who is 30, says he does not intend to retire, reports in the media have speculated that he was staying in the ring despite poor performances recently because of a Sumo Association rule banning foreigners from opening their own training stables.

Sumo's heaviest wrestler at 264 kilograms (580 pounds), Konishiki was demoted for a tournament held last month because of a poor win-loss record in November.

Hindered by chronic knee problems, Konishiki bombed in the January tournament also, winning only two of his 15 bouts, and faces demotion again before he wrestles next in March.

If Konishiki does open a stable after retiring, he would be only the second foreign-born wrestler to do so. The first was Jesse Kuhaulua, also born in Hawaii, who became a stablemaster in 1986. Kuhaulua, now known as Azumazeki, was naturalized in 1980.

Chang holds off challenge

SAN JOSE, Feb 1: Top-seeded Michael Chang struggled with his serve but hung on to beat fellow American Tommy Ho 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the San Jose Open on Monday night, reports AP.

Chang, ranked ninth in the world, needed 88 minutes to defeat Ho, committing five double faults and getting only 49 per cent of his first serves in.

Ho broke Chang's serve twice, the second time when Chang was serving for the match at 5-2. That game went to deuce six times, with Chang blowing two match points and double faulting once.

"I hit a few double faults today, but I didn't think I served that bad," said Chang, who skipped the Australian open and has been taking time off to improve his serve and power. "Speedwise, it could be more consistent, definitely."

In the second set, Ho took advantage of Chang's second serves but couldn't come back from two breaks down.

"He served fairly well until the last game when he was trying to serve it out," said Ho, ranked 152nd. "For him to have a big first serve is a plus, but he has other good parts of his game. It helped me for him to miss some first serves."

Chang advanced to face Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen, a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Ken Flach.

In earlier first-round matches, Steve Bryan took fifth-seeded Karsten Braasch of Germany to a tiebreaker in the first set before falling, 7-6, (7-4), 6-4. Braasch, ranked 55th in the world, served 17 aces.

No. 6 seed Renzo Furlan of Italy had no trouble with qualifier Brian Devening, beating him 6-2, 6-1, and eighth-seeded Luiz Mattar eliminated Brandon Coupe, a San Jose State student playing in his first pro event. Matter defeated Coupe, 6-3, 6-3.

The \$1.28 million tournament, the first North American stop on the ATP Tour, is being held for the first year in the new San Jose Arena after being held in San Francisco since 1977.

Rashidi Yekini claims God is on his side

Nigerian soccer star Rashidi Yekini is at the top of his game. And with the African Nations Cup and the World Cup both slated for later this year, his timing could not be better. But as this Gemini News Service profile shows, life for an African sports star in Europe can be fraught with difficulties, including racism.

By Phil Minshall

Award-winning soccer star Rashidi Yekini has the recipe for sporting success. "God is the top secret behind my goals," says Yekini, a devout Muslim. "My goals come directly from God."

"That is why many times I go into a game and some opponents boast that they would prevent me from scoring. I simply laugh at them. No man can stop what God has decreed."

His unwavering faith has helped get Nigeria into this year's World Cup finals in the US and into the African Nations Cup in Tunisia in March. It has also helped him overcome the racist taunts from rival supporters of Vitoria Setubal, the Portuguese club for which he plays in Europe.

"Racism exists but I prefer to ignore it," he says. "The important thing is what is in your heart and conscience. Some spectators from other clubs make monkey noises. Ha, ha it just goes to show how stupid they are because they don't know there are also white monkeys! Monkeys aren't only one colour."

But it is the national level with which he is most concerned. "Nothing gives me greater pleasure than scoring for my country," says the 30-year-old striker.

It was his goal-a-game pace in Nigeria's eight match World Cup qualifying rounds that secured the Super Eagles trip to the US. The display also helped Yekini pick up accolades off the field as he was named Africa's Footballer of the Year by both the Confederation of African Football and the influential Afrique magazine.

Only the Balon D'Or (Golden Ball) awarded by France Football escaped him, going instead to his West African rival, Abedi Pele of Ghana. In the African Nations Cup, the draw means Pele's Ghana Black Stars are unlikely to meet Nigeria before the semi-finals.

If both teams progress, which means there will be little opportunity for a direct comparison between Africa's two leading strikers.

But already the last laugh goes to Yekini who will be in the thick of the action at the World Cup while Pele will once again have to watch the world's

greatest soccer spectacle on television.

And Yekini is tipped to make as big an impression on the world stage this year as Cameroon's Roger Milla did in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Superlatives have not always been associated with Yekini's name. During the 1980s, occasional outstanding goals were punctuated by a number of barren games. He hardly played during the qualifying rounds for the 1990 World Cup or 1992 African Nations Cup but was recalled for the 1992 finals in Senegal and left Dakar clutching the Golden Boot as the tournament's top scorer.

The way he has matured into a regular goal-grabber has invited comparisons with world's best, including the great Dutchman Marco Van Basten.

But it has not always been easy for him to make it into

the Super Eagles' line-up. The Vitoria Setubal management has frowned on his leaving Europe to play for the Nigerian side.

On one occasion the club coach complained about it to the Portuguese press, says Yekini: "I told him nobody, really nobody, can stop me playing for my fatherland. Nigeria is my birthplace and I will return after my career in Europe."

Yekini has since warned the Portuguese club's management that he will continue to do his best in Europe but will appear for Nigeria whenever required. "Even if Nigeria were playing against ants and cockroaches and I am in the team, I will go," he says.

Racist chants and the battle to leave his club for national team matches is only part of the trouble Yekini has faced since moving to Portugal in the 1990-91 season. Feeling he is underpaid despite a goal-scoring outburst that secured the club's promotion into the Portuguese first division last season, he says he will tolerate them and then get out when his contract expires in May.

"I would say to other footballers, don't come to Portugal," Yekini says. "You are just coming to waste your time."

"There's nothing in Portugal," he says. "Nothing to write home about. The whole place is dry. All I do is play my football and listen to music."

Despite his recent international triumphs and his anguish in Portugal, Yekini is philosophical about the day when he can develop his talents elsewhere.

"I told myself that God wanted me to make some sacrifice at the club before proceeding to greater things," he says. "I believe my fortune still lies ahead." — GEMINI NEWS

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RASHIDI YEKINI

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUR BALLOON TRIP ABOVE THE ALPS IS STILL UP IN THE AIR.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals W

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.

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