

Ziaur Rahman (IM) plans his next move against Tahmidur Rahman in the 10th round of the second United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday. Zia won in the 35th move to remain in the second position on the penultimate day of the 11 round Swiss league competition. — Star photo

# Hosts prepare for worst

CHICAGO, Mar 30: South Americans will rhumba in the streets. Some Dutch men will down gallons (liters) of beer and don women's dresses. And a few Spanish fans might try to pack rockets with their musical instruments.

That's what law enforcement officials in nine US cities have been told to expect of foreign fans who attend the World Cup games this summer, reports AP.

Soccer games abroad sometimes turn into deadly confrontations among fans, but that's not likely to happen in the United States, where the sport isn't well established. Still, the foreign spectators present a potential for cultural misunderstanding and conflict.

"There will be things you haven't seen before," said John Williams, a sociologist at the University of Leicester in Britain. "But it's important you recognise what is dangerous or potentially dangerous, and what is simply strange, exotic and exuberant," he told a conference on sports violence Monday at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Williams, a senior researcher at the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research, said violence isn't inevitable at the games this June and July, despite the nationalist baggage carried by some visitors.

"Soccer is a kind of play-fight," he said. "It's a kind of symbolic struggle between communities." At many games over the last two decades, symbolic struggle turned into real combat, which

concerns organizers in Chicago; Dallas; East Rutherford, N.J.; Foxboro, Mass.; Orlando, Fla.; Pasadena, Calif.; Pontiac, Mich.; Stanford, Calif.; and Washington.

"We know that hooligan elements will come to the United States," said Ed Best, the security director for US World Cup organizers. "To be honest with you, our borders are very porous. That's the simple answer. It's impossible to tell people our borders will be sealed."

A surge of fans crushed 95 people to death on April 15, 1989, during an English Football Association Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at Sheffield, England.

A fire engulfed a wooden stadium at Bradford, England, on May 11, 1985, killing 55 people. Eighteen days later, 39 people — mostly supporters of Juventus of Turin — died when rioting Liverpool fans caused a wall to collapse at Heysel Stadium in Brussels, Belgium, during the European Champions Cup final.

Williams said ineffective crowd control is to blame in most disturbances. He warned US law enforcement officers that they should take time to understand who will be attending the 52-game, five-week tournament.

"It's hard to talk about Europe as a single entity," he said. "They each come with a particular tradition, a particular history, a particular way of behaving and reacting to the policing and crowd-management control."

Some fans, especially from smaller countries such as Ireland, will appear aggressive

while celebrating, but they're harmless, Williams said. Others, such as German youths, will present more problems.

"They're coming here to see some football. And the rest of the time between the games is dead space for them," he said. That's when the youths get bored and start to drink, he said.

Laws against public and underage drinking in the United States could also pose problems — as could a show of police force, which might be seen as a challenge by some German youths.

"Shows of force could backfire with disastrous consequences," said Kevin Young, a sociology professor at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. "Authorities shouldn't expect to control crowds without a sound understanding of the social and political ramifications."

American police have been preparing for the World Cup since the tournament was awarded to the United States on July 4, 1988. They promise uniform rules at all nine sites and will share a database so cities can learn from other sites.

"Officers are being taught some of the unique problems of crowd control with respect to soccer in other cities. For instance, the problems that have occurred in England, in Belgium and in France," said Matt Rodriguez, superintendent of the Chicago Police Department.

Police won't have to worry about the country that seems to provoke most of the disturbances in Europe. All British national teams failed to qualify for the competition.

# Lodhi closer to goal

Sports Reporter

At the end of the tenth round matches of the United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday, the pattern at the top of the table remained rather identical to that of Tuesday with Pakistani IM Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi leading the 40-player meet and Bangladeshi IM Ziaur Rahman breathing on his neck in the second place.

Lodhi, tipped favourite to win this eleven-round Swiss league title, forced resignation from Jamilur Rahman in 37 moves to raise his collection to eight and a half points but left the venue with increasing anxiety as Zia got over with compatriot Syed Tahmidur Rahman on the 35th move.

Lodhi once again opened the attack with the queen's pawn, a strategy he has been using quite frequently these days, and had Jamil, who opted for Modern Defence to defend his black pieces, at the receiving end right from the start. With his defence in complete disarray, Jamil surrendered.

Zia was even fiercer in handling his white pieces against Tahmid, breaking out of orthodox gameplans to establish control in the centre and his aggressive approach paid off as Tahmid had no choice but to resign. Zia now has eight points to his credit.

Zia's coeval and arch-rival IM Reefat Bin Sattar, after a rather lacklustre performance in the previous games, held up the pressure on the top duo. The reigning national champion outmanoeuvred Indian Paritosh Bhattacharya to up his tally to seven, same as Kalimullah Khan, who beat Ziaur Kader in his tenth round affair.

Half a point behind the Bangladeshi pair, Indian Subhrajit Shah, who enjoyed a short-lived reign at the top position a few days back, has to fourth place all to himself.

# Sampdoria to play in China

BEIJING, Mar 30: The Italian soccer team Sampdoria of Genoa will play China's national side in Beijing on May 15, the People's Daily said today, reports Reuter.

Sampdoria, currently ranking second in the Italian league, have millions of fans in China thanks to live broadcasts of Italian games on Sunday evenings on state television.

The People's Daily said that if for some reason the Chinese national team was unable to play Sampdoria, its place would be taken by the country's Olympic team or the Beijing side.

Italian league leaders AC Milan are due to play two games in China on June 12 and 14, in Shenzhen and Shenyang, provincial cities in the south and north.

# Chang on course

OSAKA, Mar 30: American Michael Chang beat Canadian Greg Rusedski 6-3, 7-5 Wednesday in the second round of the \$1.6 million, 500 Salem Open tennis championships, reports AP.

Chang, the defending champion and No. 2 seed, broke Rusedski's serve in the fourth game of the first set and 11th game of the second in a 90-minute match on the hard courts of the Esaka Tennis Center in western Japan.

Henrik Holm of Sweden, serving 12 service aces, ousted No. 7 seed Brad Gilbert of the United States 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) in another second round match.

Holm broke twice and Gilbert once in the first set and each broke twice in the second. In the tie-break, Holm jumped to a 5-0 lead and allowed Gilbert only one point.

In first-round matches, Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark needed just 70 minutes to beat eight-seeded American Patrick McEnroe 6-3, 6-2.

Carlsen broke in the third and ninth games and hammered in two consecutive service aces to keep the eighth game in the first set.

In the second set, Carlsen broke in the fourth and eighth games as McEnroe bowed out with his third double fault of the day.

American David Wheaton also had 12 service aces but needed three sets to down Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Wheaton double faulted three times as Olhovskiy broke in the ninth game at love and took the first set.

Wheaton rallied in the second set, breaking in the first and third games. He scored the deciding break in the third game of the final set.

Alex Antonitsch of Austria put in only 51 percent of his first serves but edged Martin Damm of the Czech Republic 7-6 (9-7), 6-4. Damm put in 67 percent of his first serves.

No other singles matches were scheduled Wednesday.



Paris Saint Germain defender Patrick Colleter (R) and Arsenal forward Paul Merson jostle for possession of the ball during their first leg European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on Tuesday. — AFP photo

# Gunners get into groove

PARIS, Mar 30: Arsenal emerged as favourites to reach the European Cup Winners' Cup final when they held Paris St Germain to a 1-1 draw in the first leg of their semifinal at the Parc Des Princes on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The London side took the lead through England international striker Ian Wright, who scored his 31st goal of the season after 35 minutes. French footballer-of-the-year David Ginola equalised 15 minutes later.

Arsenal not only defended resolutely but also made the better chances and they now only need a 1-0 win, or even a goalless draw, at Highbury in two weeks to go through to the final on May 4. Their opponents will be either holders Parma or Benfica of Lisbon. Benfica won the first leg of their semifinal 2-1 on Tuesday.

Wright, left out of Arsenal's previous two away matches in Europe at Standard Liege and Torino gave Arsenal the advantage after the English side had battled grimly against the ex-

pected flying start from the French league leaders. But after 35 minutes he glanced home with an excellently taken header.

Brazilian defender Ricardo fouled Alan Smith and when Paul Davis curled in the free kick, the French defenders inexplicably allowed Wright, Smith and Steve Bould to run beyond them. Wright applied the final touch beyond goalkeeper Bernard Lama's despairing dive.

PSG replied with a barrage of corners and when they won a free kick on the right, Ginola's header was only just off the mark.

PSG levelled five minutes after the restart following a relentless opening burst to the second half.

A series of corners produced soaring headers by Ricardo and George Weah, which were both desperately close to finding the target. Then, in the 50th minute Ginola found the target.

PGS's Brazilian midfielder Valdo struck his corner to the near post and Ginola nipped in to nod it home from an acute angle before goalkeeper David

Seaman could react. Arsenal defender Tony Adams and midfielder Paul Merson were both booked but Arsenal were furious when substitute Daniel Bravo launched himself into Wright from behind and there was no yellow card.

After 74 minutes Merson set up what could have been another Arsenal goal. He cut in from the right and fed Smith, who wriggled clear of his markers but Lama was out quickly to smother the shot.

PSG, missing injured centre-back Alain Roche, kept pushing but failed to breach Arsenal's tight defence, the best in the English Premier league with only 19 goals against in 34 games.

Police detained about 200 people, many of them drunken English fans, outside the Parc Des Princes before the match. "It was a preventive sweep to avoid trouble," a police spokesman said. "Most of them were drunk and had no tickets anyway. They were also starting to shove each other around."

No incidents were reported during the match, watched by a 46,000 crowd.

# Saudis manage a draw

RIYADH, Mar 30: Saudi Arabia managed to salvage a 2-2 draw in a friendly Tuesday night against Chile after defender Muhammad Al Gharni scored into his own goal, reports AP.

It was the second World Cup tune-up match between the two sides, of which only the Saudis are headed to the tournament. Chile won on Saturday 2-0.

Al Gharni's foul-up seemingly put the game away from the Saudis reach. He cheated down a cross toward his goalkeeper Muhammad Al-Dayea at the far corner, only to see Dayea leave his position to intercept the ball. Both watched in dismay as the ball rolled into the net.

Chile had taken the lead in the 29th minute of play following a penalty strike from Mario Leppe.

With the Chile attack gaining momentum, Leppe's swift break into the Saudi defence brought an equally tough and quick response from the Saudi defenders, and the ready answer sent Leppe sprawling. Leppe picked himself up to hit true from the spot.

In the 65th minute, Saudi Arabia's Sami Al Jaber was given space on the left. A centre ball from Khaled Al Mused had Jaber in the clear, and his first-time volley deflected off a defender into the Chile goal.

The goal spurred the Saudis into greater efforts, and in the 87th minute a streaking Fahd Al Rehayan, after a sharp one-two with Fuad Anwar, opened up the Chile defense on the right, before cutting into the box in a flash and producing the leveller.

# Brazil stay on Germany's heels

KANSAS CITY, Mar 30: Brazil moved closer to top-ranked Germany in the weekly Sprint Soccer Poll, organisers said Tuesday, reports AP.

After beating rival South American powerhouse Argentina 2-0 in an exhibition match last week, Brazil moved within 14 points of the top spot in the poll, a weekly ranking of the top 10 national teams worldwide as voted on by a panel of international soccer journalists.

Germany, who have maintained the top spot for each of the 13 weeks the poll has been conducted, earned 26 first-place votes in accumulating 368 total points. Last week, Germany dined Italy 2-1 in an exhibition.

Brazil had 12 of 38 first-place votes to total 354 points. The Netherlands fell from third to fifth place with 225 points, despite a 1-0 victory over Scotland.

Colombia moved into third place with 248 points, following by Italy in fourth with 230. Argentina were in sixth place with 190 points and Belgium were seventh with 117.

Morocco, who have not received any votes for the previous 12 weeks, moved into a tie with Cameroon for eighth place with 64 points. Morocco defeated Luxembourg 2-1 last week.

Mexico jumped back into the top 10, grabbing 10th place with 62 points.

Spain, who were upset by Croatia 2-0, fell out of the top 10 with 58 points.

# Navratilova left in the cold

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina, Mar 30: Martina Navratilova lost her opening match to a little-known Argentine for the second week in a row when she fell to Ines Gorrochategui 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 at the 750,000 dollar Family Circle Cup tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The fourth-ranked Navratilova, seeded third here, lost last week to then 231st-ranked Bettina Fulco-Villea 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in Houston, also at a clay court tournament.

"I was excited to be here," Navratilova said after the two-hour, 48 minute second-round match. "I hit the ball well in practice, it's a nice day and I was excited to be out there, win or lose."

"I enjoyed the match more than the one at Houston. I have nothing to hang my head about.

I did as well as I could." Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain won her second-round match easily, defeating Dutchwoman Kristie Boogert 6-1, 6-1 in 61 minutes.

The top eight seeds received first-round byes. Navratilova who lost to the 52nd-ranked Gorrochategui was a pale imitation of the dominating star she once was. She double faulted five times and lunged at volleys awkwardly in an effort to survive.

"I was thinking whether I should come in or stay back," said Navratilova, who was disappointed that the crowd was not more supportive of her. "My shot selection was pretty good, but my execution not so good."

A nervous Gorrochategui lost her opening two serves to give Navratilova a 3-0 lead in the first set. But then she set-

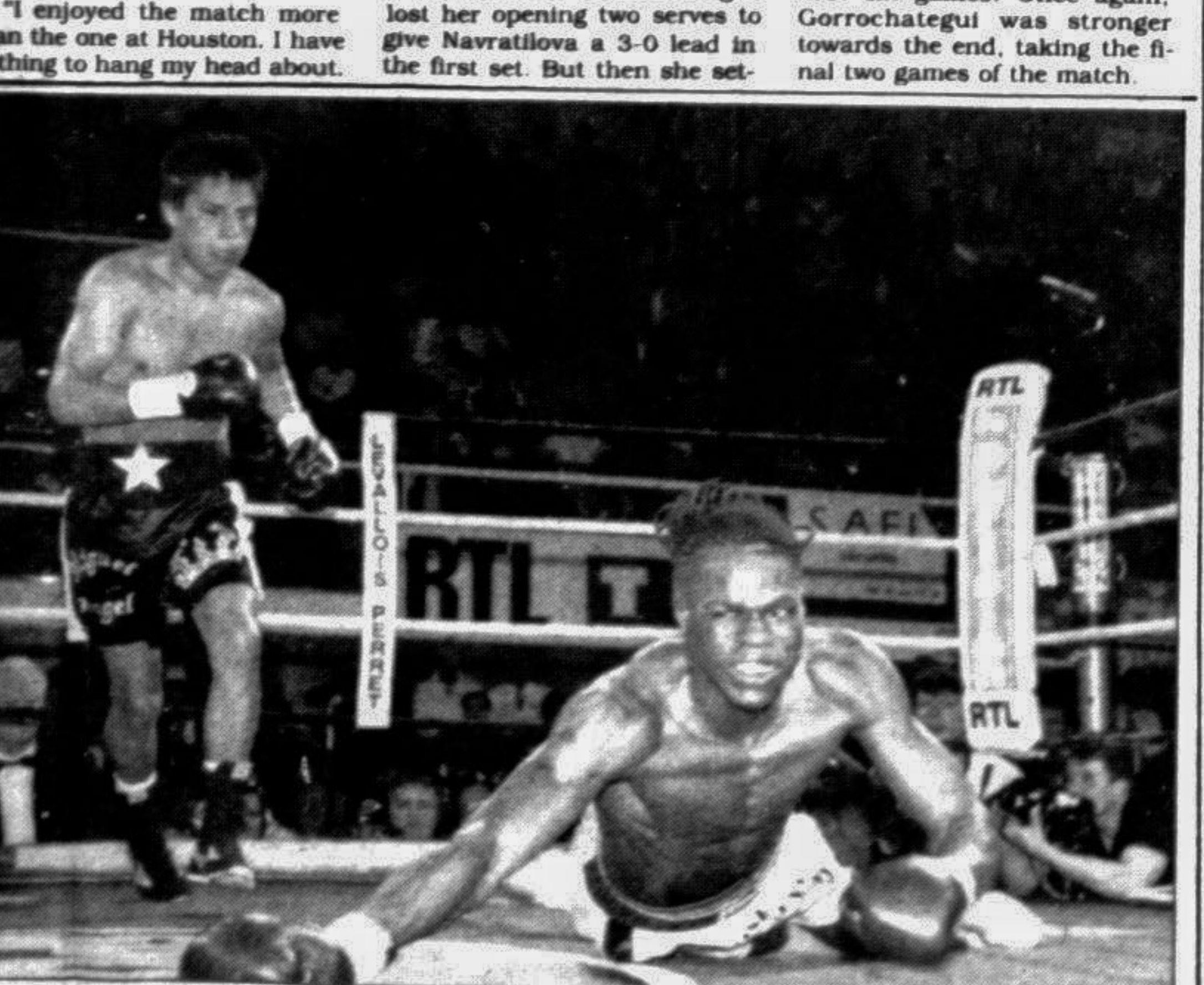
ted into the match, which was bad news for Navratilova. "It was unbelievable," Gorrochategui, 20, said of playing the 37-year-old Navratilova.

"It's the first time I've beaten a top player. Navratilova was my idol when I was young. If she retired before I had a chance to play her, my tennis career would have been missing something."

In total, there were 40 break point opportunities in the match. Gorrochategui broke serve nine times and Navratilova broke serve eight times.

Navratilova surrendered the second set by losing the final two games.

In the deciding set, there were four service breaks in the first six games. Once again, Gorrochategui was stronger towards the end, taking the final two games of the match.



Mexican WBC world champion Miguel Angel Gonzalez sends French challenger Jean Baptiste Mendy sprawling during their world lightweight championship title bout in Paris on Tuesday. — AFP photo

# Senegal prove their worth

SOUSSE, Tunisia, Mar 30: Senegal, who originally failed to qualify for the African Nations Cup finals, reached the quarter-finals at the first attempt on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The west Africans were included in the 12-team tournament only after the disqualification of Algeria, but their 2-1 win over Guinea at the Olympic Stadium in Sousse earned them a place in the final eight.

Their win came despite having defender Moussa Camara dismissed 11 minutes from time and conceding a last-minute penalty.

Goalkeeper Cheikh Seck, adjudged to have fouled Guinean captain Aboubacar Camara, saved the spotkick from the St Etienne striker to ensure his team's victory.

Camara, a regular with the French First Division team, put Guinea ahead just before half-time, but Senegal replied with two quick goals after the interval.

Momath Gueye converted a penalty in the 46th minute and then Athanas Tendeng scored the winner five minutes after the interval.

Senegal's victory also ensured a quarterfinal place for Ghana, who join Egypt, the Ivory Coast, Mali and Nigeria in the next round.

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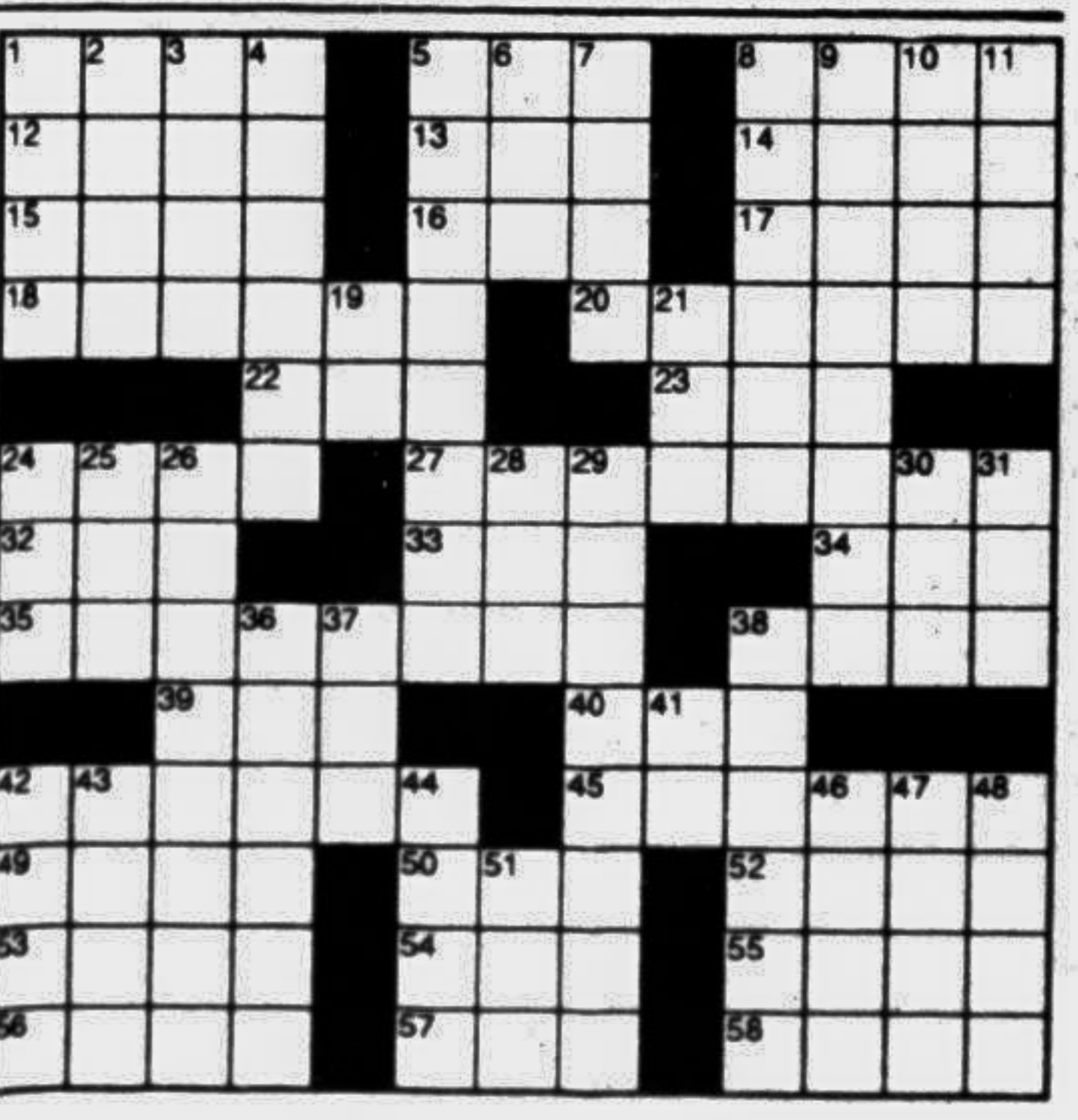
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  - 5 Helium, for one
  - 8 Chopin's companion
  - 12 Mature
  - 13 Mischief maker
  - 14 Alberto's "aloha"
  - 15 Part of 39
  - 16 Put to work
  - 17 — take arms...
  - 18 "Citizen Kane" star
  - 20 "High Noon" star
  - 22 Indivisible
  - 23 Pacific's counterpart: abbr.
  - 24 Spring occurrence
  - 27 Jimmy of baseball fame
  - 32 Round Table address
  - 33 Shell out
  - 34 Born
  - 35 Lamp fuel
  - 36 Inoperative, as a battery
  - 39 Tulsa sch.
- DOWN**
- 1 Boast
  - 2 Italian bread
  - 3 October rock
  - 4 "Chicken"
  - 5 Verdi
  - 6 Some radios: abbr.
  - 7 Detail, for short
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  - 9 The Wright idea
  - 10 Archibald of basketball
  - 11 Entry
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  - 21 One in a row?
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  - 25 Waste not a moment
  - 26 Claiming superiority
  - 28 Author Fleming
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  - 31 Played the first card
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  - 37 California's Big —
  - 38 Offset, as costs
  - 41 Opposite of 40
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  - 43 Hodge-podge
  - 44 Marching band horn
  - 46 Come in last
  - 47 Thought
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  - 51 Blossom's pal

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**GOODWILL BOCA**  
**ARMOR SPIDER**  
**RYAN EEL**  
**OLGA CABO UMP**  
**ROO DEMON COO**  
**KOO ASEA SKIT**  
**DAH DRAW**  
**JANGLE DAVIS**  
**ALEE GOODTIME**  
**MOWN GAM CLEW**  
**BUST SKY HATS**

Yesterday's answer 8-5



**CRYPTOQUIP**

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 P Y C O L O Y I E R X Y  
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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SAID WEALTHY MAN TO INDULGED SON, "WHERE ARE YOUR MANORS?" Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals B

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.