

Boys enter second round

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Boys moved into the final round of the DMFA Cup football tournament as Group D champions, eliminating Dhaka Wanderers 2-0 in the only engagement at the Dhaka Stadium under floodlights yesterday.

With this win the First Division runners-up carved a niche in the final round rubbing shoulders with defending champions Mohammedans, Arambagh Krira Sangstha and the 'team-of-the-year' Mukti-juddha Krira Chakra.

The spirited Bangladesh Boys booters, who dumped Pioneer Eleven 7-0 in their previous match scored both goals in the first half.

Under the inspirational guidance of former national footballer Hasanuzzaman Khan, Bangladesh Boys displayed an attractive brand of soccer with their midfield assuming full control of the match from the word go.

Striker Aamir Khan opened the account in the 38th minute casting in on a flag kick from the right, 1-0.

Winger Bayezid sealed the fate four minutes later when he latched on to a Milon ball through to unleash a powerful right footer from inside the box 2-0.

Dhaka Wanderers, who created several scoring opportunities in the later part of the play

Bubka going to Goodwill Games

ST PETERSBURG, May 3: World-record holder and four-time world champion Sergey Bubka will compete at this summer's Goodwill Games, organisers announced Tuesday.

"I'm eager to compete in the Goodwill Games again," said the Ukrainian pole vaulter, who won the gold medal at the inaugural Games in 1986.

Bubka, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist, has dominated the pole vault event for more than 10 years, setting more than 30 indoor and outdoor world records.

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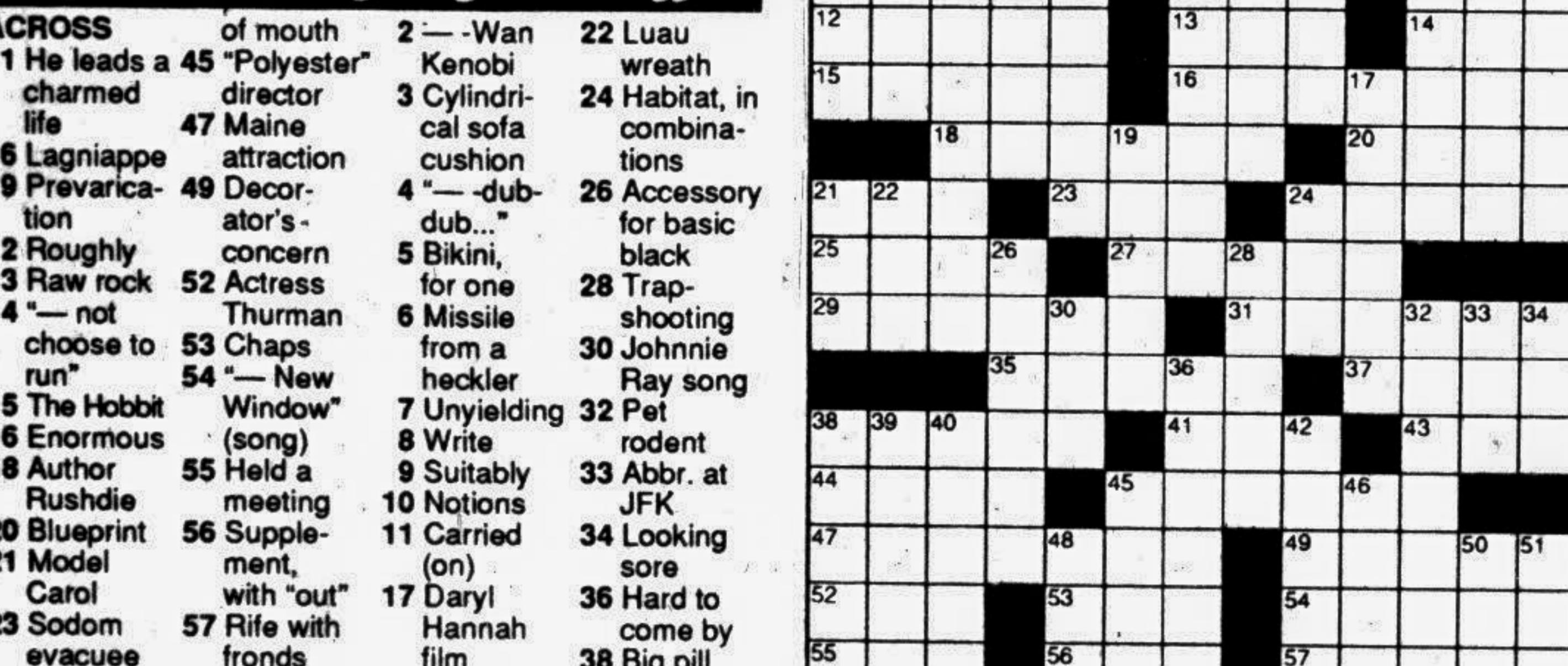


Holger Obermann, a seasoned German football coach addresses a press conference arranged by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) in connection with the setting up of a proposed football school to harness the talent of budding booters. A familiar figure, Obermann handed over some soccer paraphernalia following a contemplative session on Bangladesh's football future at the conference room of National Sports Council yesterday.

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ACROSS
 1 He leads a 45 "Polyester" charmed life
 6 Lagniappe 49 Decoration
 12 Roughly 52 Actress
 13 Raw rock 53 Chaps
 14 "not choose to run" 54 "New Window"
 15 The Hobbit
 16 Enormous 55 Held a meeting
 18 Author 56 Supple-
 20 Blueprint
 21 Model
 23 Sodom
 24 "Family Ties" mom
 25 Bass
 27 Puccini opera
 29 Straight-
 31 OK'd by the rabbi
 35 Got up
 37 Detest
 38 Singer
 41 Manilow
 43 Bill Gaines' magazine
 44 By word
 2 — Wan Kenobi
 3 Cylindrical sofa cushion
 4 "—dub-dub..."
 5 Bikini, for one
 6 Missile from a heckler
 7 Unyielding
 8 Write
 9 Suitably
 10 Notions
 11 Carried (on)
 17 Daryl Hannah film
 19 Words to live by
 21 Join
 22 Luau wreath
 24 Habitat, in combinations
 26 Accessory for basic black
 28 Trap-shooting
 30 Johnnie Ray song
 32 Pet rodent
 33 Abbr. at JFK
 34 Looking sore
 36 Hard to come by
 38 Big pill
 39 Bakery come-on
 40 Moroccan metropolis
 42 "Columbia, the — the Ocean"
 45 Calendar row
 46 Hitchcock tour de force
 48 Article in "Time"?
 50 B&B
 51 King Kong's handful?
 1 Gridlock component
 19 Words to live by
 21 Join
 Solution time: 26 mins.



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CRYPTOQUIP
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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: "GO AWEIGH!" SAID THE MAD NEWSCASTER TO THE ANCHORMAN.
 Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals D
 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.

City Club soccer tourney from May 13

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The Delbarah Smriti football tournament under the auspices of City Club will begin from May 13.

Only the teams from Premier and First Division will be eligible to take part in the tourney which offers a cash award of 50,000 for the winners and Taka 20,000 for the runners-up.

Interested teams have been requested to complete entry formalities by May 8.

Aussie XI complete clean sweep

MELBOURNE, May 3: An unbeaten 80-run stand between all-rounder Ian Harvey and Andrew Symonds Tuesday lifted an Australian XI to a five-wicket victory and sweep of their three-match cricket series against the touring Indian invitation team, reports AP.

Harvey made 74 not out and Symonds 51 not out as the Australians scored 182 for five wickets in response to the tourists' 178 for seven off 40 overs.

The Australian XI reached the target with 8.3 overs to spare.

Harvey struck three sixes and seven fours during his innings and brought up the winning runs with a reverse sweep shot.

He twice hit sixes off the bowling of experienced Indian spinner Venkatapathy Raju.

Earlier, Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar clubbed three sixes and seven boundaries in his innings of 58.

Australian XI captain Stuart Law was the best of the bowlers for his side, picking up 4-27 with his medium pace deliveries.

The three-match series was part of a month-long cultural and trade promotion organised by the Australia-India Council.

Scores:

Indian XI 178-7 (Sachin Tendulkar 52; Stuart Law 4-27). Australian XI 182-5 (Ian Harvey 74 not out, Andrew Symonds 51 not out).

Australians XI won by five wickets.

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Altruistic Kapil

CALCUTTA, May 3: Ace all-rounder and the world's leading wicket taker, Kapil Dev yesterday announced that he would organise two one-day charity matches between India and the Rest of the World for the welfare of Arjuna awardees, reports PTI.

Speaking to newsmen at the Eden Gardens here he said that not enough had been done for Arjuna awardees. "I want to give them something."

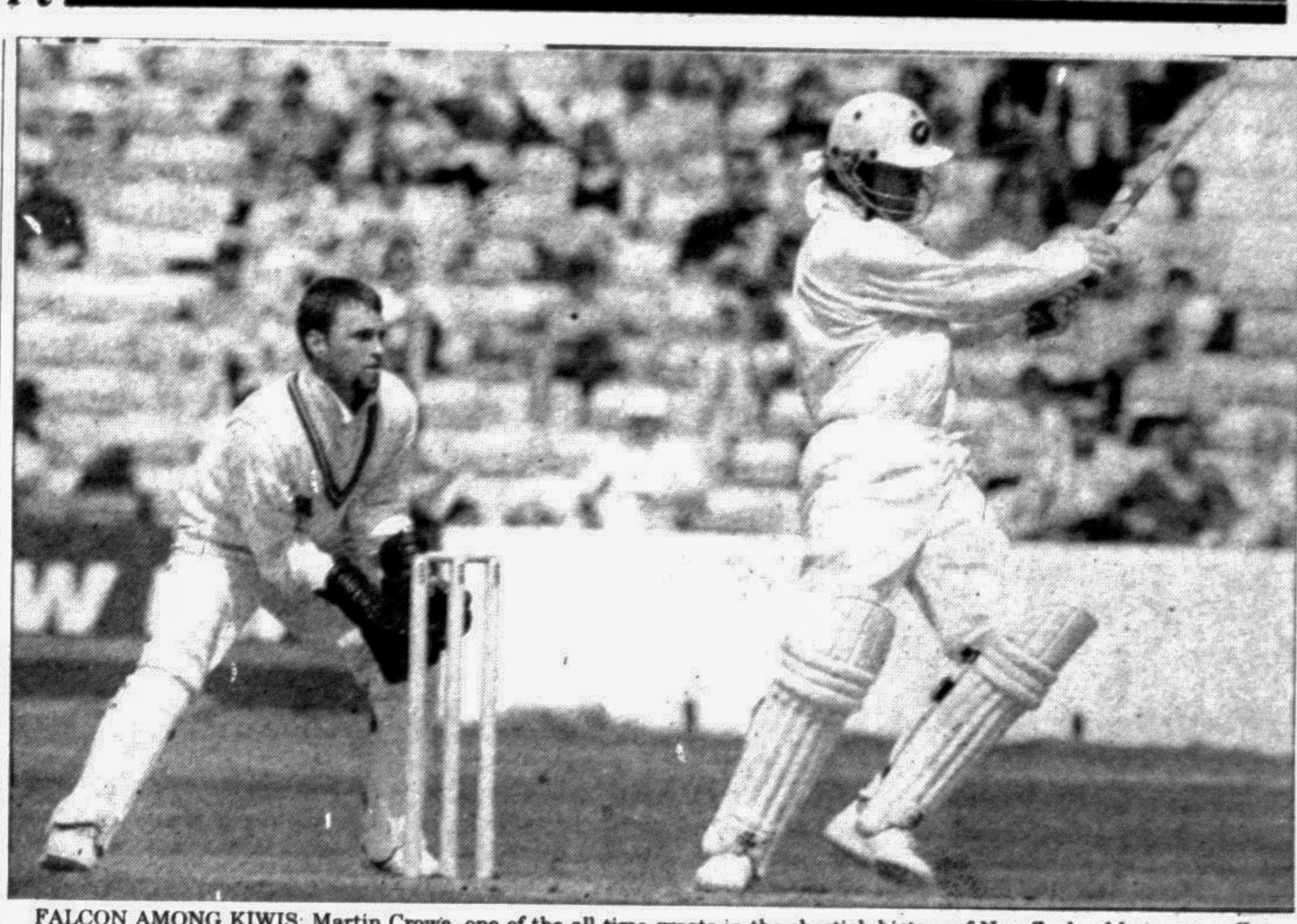
The two matches, to be played at Delhi and Calcutta would be organised at the end of this month.

Regarding his "sack" from the Indian team, he replied, "It is nothing unpleasant for me. I am keeping fit and doing lots of exercise and if selected, I would be glad to play."

On his post retirement plans, he said: "When the time comes till let you know. I have enjoyed playing for the last 16 years and given my cent per cent on the field. I'm still fit to play international cricket."

He refused to comment on the recent debacle at Sharjah, but described the defeat of India at the hands of Pakistan as "sad."

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FALCON AMONG KIWIS: Martin Crowe, one of the all time greats in the shortish history of New Zealand batsmen, rolls his wrists over his favourite pull shot during New Zealand's warm-up match against Surrey at the Oval on May 2. One of

— AFP photo

Thomas Cup in Jakarta from May 10

Hosts face strong challenge



JAKARTA, May 3: Malaysia and Denmark will be Indonesia's toughest challengers in the men's

Thomas Cup badminton

championship scheduled for Jakarta on May 10-21. Indonesian star Heryanto Arbi said, reports Reuter.

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The Indonesian team will be led by Arbi, Ardy, Joko Suprianto and Hermawan Susanto in the singles competition.

Rey Mainaky and Ricky

ATP's top 20

MONACO, May 3: Leading men's rankings issued by the ATP Tour on Monday, reports Reuter.

1. Pete Sampras (USA) 5,035 points

2. Michael Stich (Germany) 3,223

3. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 2,897

4. Jim Courier (USA) 2,876

5. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) 2,706

6. Sergi Bruguera (Spain) 2,655

7. Michael Chang (USA) 2,548

8. Andrei Medvedev (Ukraine) 2,400

9. Todd Martin (USA) 2,266

10. Thomas Muster (Austria) 2,119

11. Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 1,993

12. Petr Korda (Czech Republic) 1,951

13. Boris Becker (Germany) 1,918

14. Cedric Pioline (France) 1,758

15. Carlos Costa (Spain) 1,477

16. Marc Rosset (Switzerland) 1,455

17. Arnaud Boetsch (France) 1,415

18. Andre Agassi (USA) 1,379

19. Wayne Ferreira (South Africa) 1,366

20. Richard Krajicek (Netherlands) 1,351

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"We made a decision early on not to invite Tonya Harding, but we didn't send out written invitations to any athletes. We asked the seven team leaders to make arrangements," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

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"I just wish they could have done it in a little bit different way," she said. "They could have at least asked and invited me or just called and said I'm sorry but we would really like

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Harding feels offended

NEW YORK, May 3: While other members of the US Olympic team were being invited to a White House reception, figure skater Tonya Harding says she was hurt to find "an empty envelope" in her mailbox, reports AP.

"I thought that was kind of cheesy," Harding said in an interview on Rolonda Watts' syndicated talk show, "Rolonda". Asked the meaning of the empty envelope, Harding said: "I don't know."

When asked to produce the envelope, however, Harding did not. The US Olympic Committee said, it was never sent.

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