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Penalty costs Deportivo dear

Barcelona's fourth in a row

MADRID, May 15: Deportivo Coruna missed a penalty a minute before the end of their last match of the season to hand a fourth consecutive Spanish league championship to Barcelona on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The penalty miss by defender Miroslav Djukic costed Deportivo to a 0-0 draw

that of Deportivo, who seemed to have been presented with the league title after a see-saw struggle with Valencia when Nando Martinez was felled in the penalty area in the 89th minute.

Djukic, one of the undoubted Deportivo stars throughout the season, stroked his shot towards the left hand post but Valencia's second string goalkeeper Jose

the Bulgarian who levelled the scores in the 50th minute, controlling a backheader from Guillermo Amor before slamming home a left foot shot.

Brazilian striker Romario latched on to a loose ball on the edge of the area in the 70th minute, took two strides and smashed home a right foot drive which made the game safe for Barcelona.

It was Romario's 30th goal



Barcelona players Ferrer (L), Sergi (C) and Goikoetxea (R), celebrate after their team clinched the Spanish league title for a fourth consecutive time on Saturday. Barcelona beat Sevilla 5-2 on the last day of the season.

at home by Valencia, while Barcelona beat Sevilla 5-2 in Nou Camp Stadium.

Deportivo had led the league by one point before Saturday's games but Barcelona's superior goal difference gave them the championship, their 14th altogether.

The results brought tears of despair to 30,000 fans packed into Deportivo's Riazor Stadium and familiar jubilation to the 115,000 full house in Barcelona.

Deportivo had led the league from the 14th week and at one stage were five points clear of the Catalans. But, with Barcelona showing the form of champions in the crucial final games, the pressure finally told on the relatively inexperienced Galicians.

Barcelona had to suffer agonies in the deciding game against Sevilla, going in at halftime 1-2 down.

But in the second half they turned on full power to sweep the opposition aside and give themselves the perfect launching pad for next Wednesday's European Cup final against AC Milan.

Their agony was nothing to

Gonzalez dived to save.

Earlier Deportivo had several chances and Brazilian striker Bebeto saw two shots on the turn saved by Gonzalez. But Valencia, recovered from a mid-season slump, were always dangerous on the counter-attack and the match could have gone either way.

With developments at both matches being relayed blow by blow on scoreboards, Deportivo's fans went wild when Argentina international Diego Simeone put Sevilla ahead at Barcelona in the 11th minute.

But nine minutes later Barcelona's ebullient Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov restored order with an imperfectly hit volley which bounced past the clutching fingers of Sevilla goalkeeper Juan Carlos Unzué.

The big surprise still seemed a possibility when the Andalusians went ahead again a minute before half-time. Croatian Davor Suker diving to head home near the bar post.

In the second half the impressive skills of Danish international Michael Laudrup and the dynamism of Stoichkov were Sevilla down and it was

of his first season with Barcelona, making him comfortably the league's leading scorer.

Midfielder Jose Bakero put the icing on the cake with a shot over Unzué to make it 5-2 two minutes from time.

In the third match played on Saturday, Athletic Bilbao beat Tenerife 3-2 to qualify for a UEFA Cup place next season at the expense of Sevilla.

The Basques had to win and Sevilla to lose for Athletic to finish fourth and be the third Spanish team in UEFA competition.

The two other places go to Deportivo and third-placed Real Madrid. Barcelona will play in the European Cup again while Real Zaragoza contest the Cup Winners' Cup.

Today's remaining league fixtures will decide relegation and promotion issues between the First and Second Divisions.

The bottom two from Division One go down automatically and the first two from Division Two go up.

Seventeenth and 18th in the First Division play off against third and fourth in the Second to decide if they stay up or take the drop.

Graf going great guns

BERLIN, May 15: World number one Steffi Graf gave her 1993 Wimbledon final opponent Jana Novotna frustrating afternoon during a 6-2, 6-3 victory in the semifinals of the German Open women's clay court tournament on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Novotna, who injured her right ankle in the first set and was later warned for swearing at a line judge, failed to produce anywhere near the same form she showed at Wimbledon where the Czech went close to winning a tense final.

Graf cruised to her 10th consecutive appearance in the Berlin final where she will meet big-serving Brenda Schultz today. The Dutch player powered her way past German seventh-seed Anke Huber 7-6, 6-3 in the first semifinal.

Graf, who had to battle to avoid only her second defeat of the year in Friday's quarter-final against France's Julie Halard, looked in formidable form in the first set.

In the fourth game Novotna turned her ankle as she approached the net for a volley and needed strapping on the

injury. As Graf continued to dominate the match, the fiery Czech was warned after arguing about a line call.

But Graf, who has won the tournament seven times, was not put off her game and clinched the set with a powerful forehand after 46 minutes.

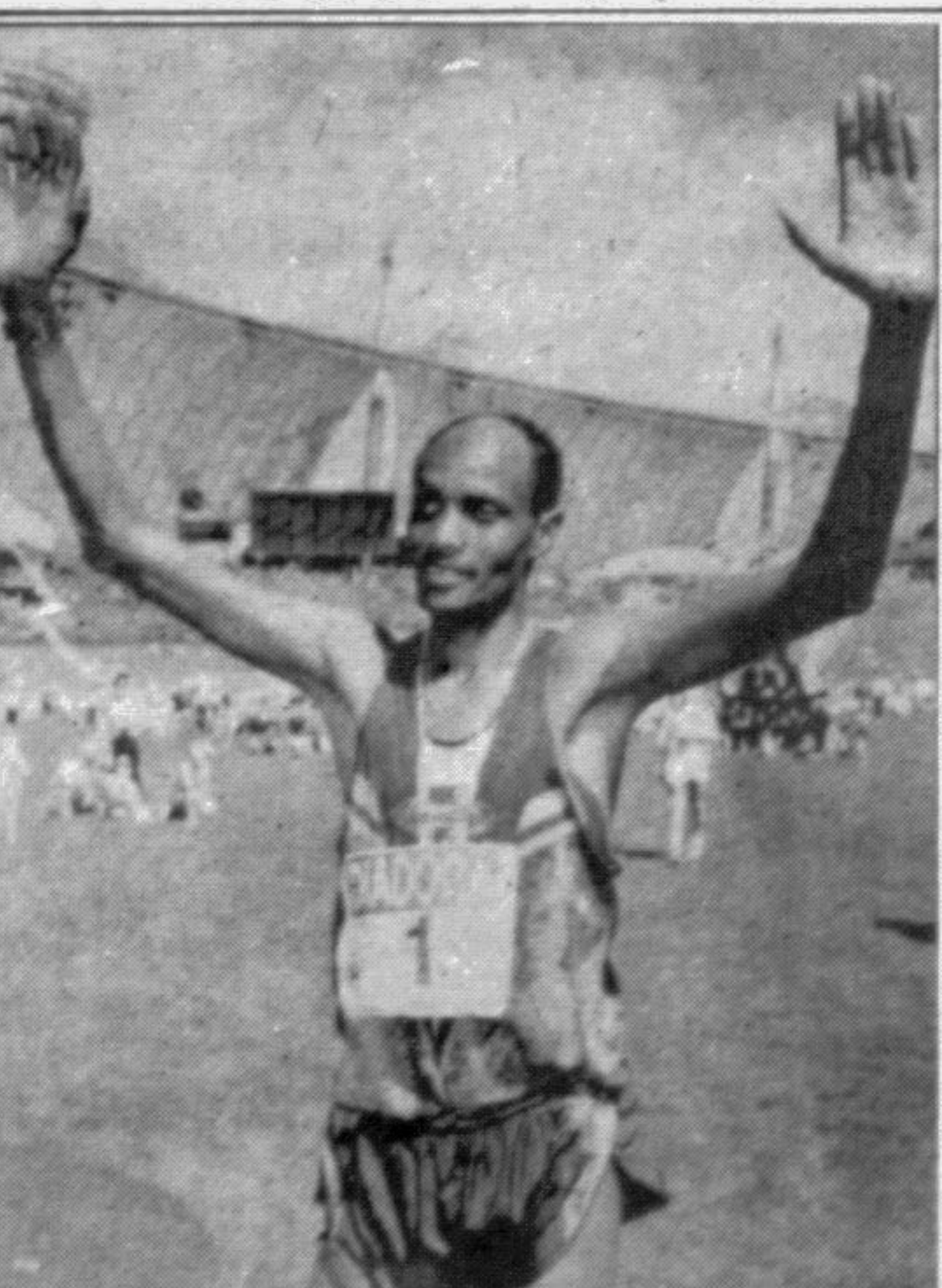
The German defending champion rarely looked back afterwards. After a key break of serve to lead 4-0 in the second set, Graf took advantage of her fourth match point after just 79 minutes.

Huber was unable to cope with Schultz's powerful serve and went down in one hour

and 46 minutes. After losing the first set tie-break 8-6 the German was unable to get back into the match. She saved three match points in the second set but eventually lost her nerve.

Schultz, whose game is best suited to faster surfaces, has looked impressive throughout the Berlin tournament and should provide tough opposition for Graf.

"She is a very good player and has a very good serve," Graf said. "I am going to have to be patient but since I often train with men I am used to dealing with strong serves."



Gidamis Shahanga of Tanzania acknowledges the cheers after winning the annual Munich marathon race with a time of 2:17:27 yesterday.

Peerless Zia

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman beat challenger Ali Amjad Mintu of Dhaka Metropolis to regain solo lead in the qualifying round for the 20th national chess championship after the eighth round at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

With this win Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh Biman raised his collection to seven and consolidate the top spot of the eleven-round qualifying meet.

Ten players with six points each, followed the leader. They are — International Women's Master Rani Hamid and Rezaul Haq of Biman, Kalimullah Khan and Khandaker Kayes Hassan of Ansars, Saifuddin Lablu and Shabana Parvin of BTMC, Abdullah at Rakib of Narayanganj, Ali Amjad Mintu of Dhaka Metropolis, Nahid Miazid of Chittagong and Sheikh Nasir Ahmed of Dhaka University.

Stephenson's spell sinks Hampshire

LONDON, May 15: Franklyn Stephenson, still a considerable all-round force at the age of 35, proved his worth for Sussex yet again on Saturday with five cheap wickets in the English county championship, reports Reuters.

The tall West Indian, who took five for 41 in the first innings against Hampshire, followed up with a burst of five for 39 from 18 overs as the visitors struggled to 112 for five on the third day, of their four-day match at Hove.

Stephenson, who signed for Sussex two years ago, completed the double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets for Nottinghamshire in 1988 during an era when the Trent Bridge pitch was notorious for helping quick bowlers.

With Richard Hadlee, Clive Rice and now Stephenson all departed, the pitch at Trent Bridge now favours the slow bowlers and on Saturday Andy Afford took full advantage to spin Nottinghamshire to victory over Durham with a day to spare.

Left-armers Afford took five for 32 in a 10-over spell to send Durham tumbling from 64 for one to 155 all out leaving Nottingham needing just 113 for victory.

They achieved that target easily after the early loss of Paul Pollard with West Indian Test batsman Jimmy Adams hitting an unbeaten 37.

Graeme Hick, who has gone nine months without a first class century hit 150 for Worcestershire against Gloucestershire the day before the England team for the first one-day international against New Zealand is due to be announced.

Hick overcome a testing spell from West Indian opening bowler Courtney Walsh, the Gloucestershire captain, to record his 73rd first class century with a total of 20 fours and two sixes from 242 balls.

Kiwis crumble yet again

LONDON, May 15: R'n spared New Zealand's blushes on Saturday after another dismal batting collapse but failed to save them from a roasting by team manager Geoff Howarth, reports Reuters.

New Zealand collapsed from 34 for one overnight to 101 for nine in their second innings on the third and final day of their match against an under-strength Middlesex before rain brought the match to a premature close.

"It's not good enough," Howarth said. "People have got to get their act together and start producing the runs."

"We've done a lot of talking about the need for consistency but sometimes talking is not enough."

The experienced players have to pull their weight and start playing as I know they can."

"This is the fourth innings out of six in first class matches on this tour when we've lost a stack of wickets in one session. We've got to toughen up. At the moment positions one to 11 are a problem."

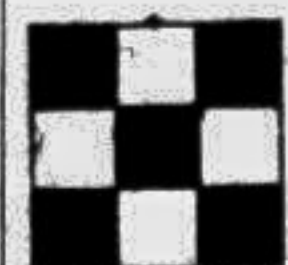
New Zealand, 127 runs ahead of the county champions, who were without five first team players, played one wretched shot after another to give Middlesex every chance of a win before the rain set in.

Captain Ken Rutherford was the worst culprit of all after hitting five boundaries in a promising innings of 23.

Then, as so often in the past, he threw his wicket away, dabbling a delivery from left-arm pace bowler Charles Taylor straight to wicket-keeper Keith Brown.

It took the last pair Dion Nash (17 not out) and Danny Morrison (10 not out) to show the weakened Middlesex at last was not unplayable as they added an undefeated 28 for the ninth wicket, the biggest partnership of the innings.

Kasparov consolidates lead



AMSTERDAM, May 15: Professional Chess Association (PCA) world champion Garry Kasparov extended his lead in the third round of the VSB Bank tournament on Saturday when he beat Dutchman Jan Timman in a hard-fought game, reports AP.

The 31-year-old Russian has two and a half points, a point ahead of both Britain's Nigel Short and world number five Vassily Ivanchuk of Ukraine, who drew their third round game.

Timman, looking for his first win in the four-player tournament, had the advantage of the white pieces, he started with an unrecognised opening, sidestepping Kasparov's huge knowledge of opening theory.

"Obviously he is not prepared to get into an opening debate with Kasparov," said Dutch Grandmaster Gert Lighterink.

The game crystallised into a traditionalist against modernist battle, with Timman aggressively pushing pawns to occupy the centre and Kasparov, increasingly cramped for space, putting pressure on the centre from the flanks.

The heavy-browed Kasparov spent more than his usual amount of time frowning and pacing up and down the playing arena, while Timman's Dutch compatriots in the analysis room started to get excited about the slight advantage he seemed to have.

"Timman tried to approach

Kasparov psychologically. The D-pawn is the spear point of his position," said Dutch International Master Paul Boersma, as he watched one pawn march into the heart of the Russian's defence.

With his back to the wall, Kasparov defended precisely and began to counter-attack. The curly-haired, Dutchman watched his rampant pawn buckle, but switched his attack to the king's side.

Again the world champion parried, and as time drained away a complex series of exchanges left Kasparov with better placed pieces and a threat to Timman's king.

On the last move before the 40-move time control the 42-year-old Dutchman blundered

Gogean reigns supreme

STOCKHOLM, May 15: Gina Gogean of Romania performed a near-perfect programme on the balance beam Saturday to win the all-around title at the women's European Gymnastics championship at the Stockholm Globe Arena, reports AP.

Gogean scored 9.912 points for her performance and received a total of 39.411 for all four disciplines, far better than her total score of 39.061 at the World Championships in Brisbane, Australia, in April, where she finished fourth.

The Romanian was followed by Russians Svetlana Chorkina and Dina Kochetkova, who shared the silver medal with 39.224 points each.

and fell into the mating trap.

By contrast, Short's game against Ivanchuk followed known lines of the ancient Ruy Lopez opening for the best part of 20 moves. Subtle strategic threats lurked and pieces manoeuvred before each chose backward pawns as points of attack.

Neither looked like breaking through and a draw was agreed after 53 moves.

The tournament includes all but one of the contenders in 1993's two rival World Championships.

The missing name is Russian Anatoly Karpov, ranked two in the world on playing strength, who last autumn beat Timman for the International Chess Federation (FIDE) world crown.

Kasparov and Short, who were due to contest the world crown under FIDE's auspices, broke away last year and founded the PCA to run their title match. FIDE retaliated by staging a new championship between losing semifinalists Karpov and Timman.

In Monday's fourth round 25-year-old Ivanchuk has white against Kasparov and Timman white against Short, 29.

The VSB tournament, with total prize money of 37,500 guilders (20,000 dollars) has six rounds with players meeting each other twice, once with the white pieces and once with black.

Standings after three rounds:

1. Kasparov 2½ points
2. Short, Ivanchuk 1½
3. Timman 2

Bremen win German Cup final

BERLIN, May 15: Last year's league champions Werder Bremen rescued some pride from their disappointing season when they beat Second Division Rot-Weiss Essen 3-1 in the German Cup final on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Bremen, who could finish only eighth in the Bundesliga and failed to impress in the European Champions' league, clinched the Cup with first-half goals from Dietmar Beiersdorfer and Austrian Andreas Herzog and an 88th-minute penalty from New Zealander Wynton Rufer.

But the Bundesliga team had to endure a nervous second half before Rufer made sure of victory.

Essen, bidding to win the Cup for the second time after 1953, put the more glamorous northern side under intense pressure after forward Daouda Bangoura pulled a goal back in the 50th minute.

Werder were relieved to pick up the trophy for the third time after triumphs in 1961 and 1991.

More importantly, Otta Rehhagel's team were able to seal a place in Europe next season in the Cup Winners' Cup, a competition they won two seasons ago.

Essen had caused an upset by reaching the final.

The club have major financial problems and licensing irregularities and forced to play amateur football in a regional league next season.



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Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

- Which one of these countries was eliminated from the 1974 WC without losing a match? Italy ☐ Chile ☐ Scotland ☐
- When was the red card first used in a World Cup? 1970 ☐ 1974 ☐ 1978 ☐
- Who is credited with the first-ever World Cup hat-trick? Fontaine ☐ Dorado ☐ Stabile ☐
- Who scored the first hat-trick in a World Cup Final? Pele ☐ Piola ☐ Hurst ☐
- Who was the first player to get a red card in a WC Final? Garrincha ☐ Dezotti ☐ Monzon ☐
- Who scored Germany's winning goal in the 1990 WC Final? Klinsmann ☐ Voeller ☐ Brehme ☐
- How many World Cup appearances did Pele make? 12 ☐ 14 ☐ 16 ☐
- Which country played in the 1978 World Cup? Austria ☐ France ☐ Peru ☐
- When was the first-ever goalless draw in a World Cup? 1938 ☐ 1958 ☐ 1978 ☐
- Who captained the World Cup-winning German team in 1954? Rahn ☐ F Walter ☐ O Walter ☐

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