

Federation Cup from June 11

Sports Reporter

The 12th Federation Cup football tournament under the auspices of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) begins on June 11.

This was decided during a tournament committee meeting at the BFF office yesterday.

Four divisional teams along with twenty Senior Division clubs will take part in the meet.

The fixture of the meet will be announced today.

Kiwis enjoy a good day

CHELMSFORD, England, May 30: Dion Nash continued New Zealand's heartening revival on Sunday with the prize wicket of Graham Gooch on the second day of the tourists' three-day match against Essex, reports Reuter.

After New Zealand had declared their first innings closed at 428 for five, Nash dismissed Gooch for 42 and fellow-opener John Stephenson for 32 in an Essex total of 175 for four at the close.

New Zealand, beaten by an innings by Yorkshire in their last outing, badly needed a good performance against the strong Essex side before Thursday's first Test against England.

Resuming at 314 for three, they lost their overnight pair of captain Ken Rutherford (129) and Stephen Fleming (32) early on to Australian paceman Michael Kasprovic.

Adam Parore was forced to retire hurt when he was hit on the elbow by Kasprovic before all rounders Shane Thomson (52 not out) and Gavin Larsen (28 not out) took the chance for some batting practice on a benign pitch.

Former England skipper Gooch, recalled to the Test side on Sunday after missing the tour of West Indies, looked in fine form, scoring his runs off only 59 balls before steering Nash to Martin Crowe at gully.

The rest of the day's play was dominated by Nasser Hussain, who could not force his way into the Test side in the West Indies and was not selected for the first Test at Trent Bridge.

Hussain hit six fours in an unbeaten 53 from 116 balls against some accurate bowling from Nash, who finished with two for 45 from 15 overs, and left arm spinner Matthew Hart who captured one for 55 from 24 overs.

India to play in Singer World Series

CALCUTTA, May 30: The 1994-95 season for the Indian cricket team would start in September this year with a quadrangular series in Sri Lanka, according to the BCCI secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya, reports PTI.

Dalmiya told newsmen here that the Singer World Series featuring India, Pakistan, Australia and the hosts Sri Lanka would begin on September four with Sri Lanka facing India in the inaugural match. The final, which would be played at the Khetarama Stadium in Colombo, would be a day-and-night affair.

Dalmiya said that as per the itinerary given by the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL), there would be four day-and-night matches in the tournament, while the rest would be day matches. All the teams would play against each other, with the top two teams battling it out in the final.



TEAM WORK: Nazar Ali Hossain, Abahani's Iraqi forward gives veteran teammate Sheikh Aslam a hand during the practice session at the club ground yesterday. Abahani take on Brothers Union in the final of the third DMFA Cup scheduled for a 5:30 pm start at the Dhaka Stadium today.

Ireland gun Germans down

HANOVER, Germany, May 30: Ireland threw a huge spanner in the works of Germany's World Cup preparations when they sent the world champions crashing to their first defeat at home for six years with a 2-0 victory on Sunday, reports Reuter.

A 31st minute header from Chelsea striker Tony Cascarino and a 68th-minute strike from substitute Gary Kelly gave Ireland a shock victory over the Germans just three weeks before the start of the World Cup finals.

It was Germany's first loss on home soil since falling 2-1 to the Netherlands in the semifinals of the 1988 European Championship and Ireland's first win over Germany for 34 years.

Although both goals came against the run of play, Germany, fielding five of the team which contested the 1990 World Cup final, looked very ordinary for much of the encounter and frustrated the home fans in the 50,000 crowd.

After defeating the Netherlands 1-0 on Dutch soil last month, Ireland showed what difficult opponents they are going to be in the United States where they meet Italy, Norway and Mexico in Group E.

The Irish last beat the German 1-0 in Dusseldorf on May 11, 1960. Germany coach Berti Vogts will not forget Sunday's defeat in a hurry.

His team failed to find a way past some tight Irish marking

and often looked tactically inept, floating high crosses into the Irish penalty area which were easily cleared by the visitors' defence marshalled by Aston Villa's Paul McGrath.

Ireland pressed the Germans in all areas of the field in the first half hour. The world champions, deprived of a space in midfield, struggled to find any rhythm and looked nervous at the back.

Apart from two long-range efforts from midfielder Mario Basler in the fifth and 19th minutes, Vogts' team had few goalscoring chances despite having most of the game.

But the Irish turned the game around on a rare venture into the German half in the 31st minute. Jason McAteer floated in a speculative cross from the right which German defender Jurgen Kohler failed to reach and Cascarino nodded the ball home at the far post.

German midfielder Thomas Strunz forced Irish goalkeeper Alan Kelly to tip the ball over the bar in a brilliant save in the 39th minute but the dissatisfied crowd whistled the Germans into the dressing rooms at halftime.

The Germans stormed forward after the interval but strikers Jurgen Klinsmann and Karlheinz Riedle failed to find space in the tight Irish defence. Even veteran forward Rudi Voeller, who came on as a substitute for Riedle in his first appearance in a national shirt since 1992, failed to improve matters.

In another Irish breakaway Kelly, who came on at the start of the second half, hit a left-

footed shot from the edge of the area which took a deflection off German midfielder Martin Wagner into the net with German keeper Bodo Illgner stranded.

The Irish fans started singing "always look on the bright side of life" with 15 minutes to go as the celebrations began.

Although the Germans have had poor performances prior to previous World Cups before lifting their form at the right time, they will find it difficult to take the joke so close to the June 17 kick-off in the US.

Vogts' team continue their build-up with another friendly against Austria on Thursday before meeting Canada in Toronto on June 8 in their last test before the finals.

Vogts said he was happy his team had lost in the friendly rather than when his team open the World Cup against Bolivia in their first Group C match in Chicago on June 17.

"We wanted to leave Germany on a positive note but the Irish showed how you can be successful with basic tactics," he said.

"It was not a good match. I expected the midfield to be better and to create more chances. But I'm happy that the defeat came today rather than on June 17."

Ireland's English coach Jack Charlton said too much should not be read into the result.

"We've enjoyed the win but we won't make too much of it," he said. "It was a friendly and the game is 10 yards quicker when you get down to the real business."

Courier's soul searching ...

PARIS, May 30: Jim Courier wants a third French Open title in four years but, if it happens, some may struggle to recognise the smiling man holding the trophy aloft, reports Reuter.

When the American faces his compatriot Pete Sampras in the quarter-finals at Roland Garros he insists the world will find a more cheerful character beneath the trademark baseball cap.

Even those who have witnessed Courier regularly during his career are having to admit the previously sullen 23-year-old seems to have under-

gone a near-total personality change. There was nothing so different about his dogged four-set victory over Frenchman Olivier Delatre in Sunday's fourth round but his weekend interview with the French sports newspaper L'Equipe and post-match demeanour revealed a man apparently desperate to be liked.

Courier, has endured a pronounced slump since losing to Sergi Bruguera in last year's final at Roland Garros and until recently has appeared short of his old desire for success.

"Most of the time, I don't want people to know what I think or what I feel. It's like I was afraid of saying what's really happening. It's stupid ...

I've got a strange personality," he told L'Equipe.

"I had a lot of pressure on me and I was fed up with doing everything I could without any success."

Now Sampras beckons in the quarter-finals, a first meeting on clay between the long-time friends.

So will the newly-appointed Mr Nice Guy spare a thought for Sampras' guest to be the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win four successive Grand Slam titles?

Not a chance. "I'm playing for me. Pete's playing for him. Whatever happens will happen. I'm not really worried about what he's thinking."

Gullit leaves training camp

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, May 30: Ruud Gullit has walked out of the national squad's training camp, the Dutch ANP news agency said on Monday, reports Reuter.

No reason was given, but ANP said the walkout could be linked to the player's criticism of the training programme.

Recalled after a 13-month absence, Gullit, 32, played the first half of a pre-World Cup friendly match against Scotland in Utrecht last Friday.

The ANP agency added that Gullit had said he would be explaining his reasons to quit to coach Dick Advocaat after the World Cup finals.

But Advocaat was quoted by ANP as saying Gullit should explain as soon as possible to prevent the spread of rumour.

The coach dismissed the suggested link between Gullit's departure and team tactics.

On Friday Gullit was quoted as saying the Dutch team should alter its tactics to cope with the expected high temperatures and humidity in the United States and to counter the likely defensive nature of first-round opponents like Belgium and Morocco.

Advocaat said on Saturday that he would decide how the team played, not Gullit.

Gullit said recently the World Cup finals would mark the end of his international career.

Div II qualifying cricket results

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Khelaghar SKS, Gopibagh Seven Brothers and Oaisis Club became champions from their respective groups after completion of the final of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket matches at different city venues yesterday.

On the western strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Gopibagh Seven Brothers earned a facile 46-run win over Mariner Young's to pave the way to the quarterfinal as Group B champions.

Sent in to bat first Seven Brothers scored a moderate 178 for nine wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.

Openers Tapan and Sadat, who contributed most of the Seven Brothers total, raised 132 runs for the first wicket. Sadat made an sparkling 72 with the help of nine boundaries while Tapan hammered 55.

In reply, Mariner Young's were bundled out for 110 in 28.2 overs with Masum and Rana contributing 20 and 26 runs each.

Mukti of Seven Brothers finished with a three wicket haul for 15 runs while Sunny took two for 21.

At the Jagannath Hall ground, Oaisis Club recorded a massive seven-wicket win over Mohammadpur SS to emerge Group A champions.

Batting first, Mohammadpur survived a humiliating defeat after Lipon, coming in at number five, hammered an unbeaten half century to steer his side to a respectable 111 for nine in the allotted 35 overs.

Lipon, the only batsman to reach double figures for Mohammadpur, scored 54 with the help of five hits to the fence and a huge sixer.

Suja claimed three wickets for 13 runs.

Needing 112 runs for victory, Oaisis Club reached the target in 27.3 overs for the loss of three wickets.

Skipper Pavel, who guided his side to a comfortable victory, remained not out on 40 while Azim, who shared 71 runs with his skipper for the third wicket, made a patient 36.

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Khelaghar became Group C champions eliminating Agami KC by eight wickets.

Sent in to bat first, Agami were skittled out for a meager 99 in 29.5 overs.

Imtiaz (15), Junaid (14) and Khaled (14) were the only double figure scorers for the losers while extras added 20.

In reply, Khaleghar reached the victory 100 in 19.4 overs with Shipon making an unbeaten 40.

Hooper spins Kent to victory

LONDON, May 30: Kent's West Indian all-rounder Carl Hooper upstaged his illustrious compatriot Brian Lara on Sunday by spinning Leicestershire to defeat in the English Sunday league, reports Reuter.

Hooper followed an innings of 33 with four for 37 as Kent beat Leicestershire by 60 runs while Warwickshire's Lara stunned a crowd of more than 3,000 at Lord's when he was dismissed for a first ball duck.

Lara, holder of the world record for the highest individual Test innings, fell lbw to Middlesex medium-pacer Mark Feltham.

Warwickshire survived the shock to beat Middlesex by three wickets and move to second place in the league behind Surrey.



Dutch international Ruud Gullit leaves hurriedly in a car, surrounded by photographers, after holding a press conference in Noordwijk, the Netherlands yesterday to announce that he walked out on the national team and will not play in next month's World Cup finals in the United States.

Dreekmann dumps Krickstein

PARIS, May 30: German teenager Hendrik Dreekmann, the least experienced player left in the field, upset American Aaron Krickstein in straight sets Monday to reach the French Open quarterfinals, reports AP.

Dreekmann will face Sweden's Magnus Larsson, who crushed Jaime Yzaga of Peru, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Larsson, ranked 46th in the world, had never advanced past the third round in three previous French Opens.

Krickstein made critical double faults early in the fourth-round match, while Dreekmann, 19, played with cool consistency in a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Dreekmann is ranked only 89th in the world, has never won a tournament, and lost in straight sets in the first round of the Australian Open this year, his only previous Grand Slam.

Of the 10 German men entered here — including No. 2 seed Michael Stich — Dreekmann was the only one to get past the second round. He beat 121st-ranked qualifier Dimitri Poljakov of Ukraine, upset 15th-seeded clay-court expert Carlos Costa of Spain, then beat 35th-ranked American veteran Richey Reneberg.

Krickstein, ranked 33rd, ousted a listless Stich in the second round, but admitted afterward that he would need to play better to keep advancing. He went on to win his third-round match, but his opponent was a qualifier from the Czech Republic, 272nd-ranked Radomir Vasek.

Krickstein jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first set, but double-faulted to allow Dreekmann to draw even; then double-faulted twice to go down 4-5

before the German served out the set.

Krickstein went down a break early in the second set, broke back to level at 4-4, but immediately conceded another break that cost him the set.

In the third set, Krickstein saved two match points with sizzling serve returns before hitting a backhand wide to give Dreekmann the victory.

Dreekmann and Krickstein are in the upset-filled bottom of the men's draw, in which only one seed — No. 5 Goran Ivanisevic — was among the eight players reaching the fourth round.

Ivanisevic was playing later Monday against Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy, while Albero Berasategui of Spain faced Javier Frana of Argentina.

Nastase banned

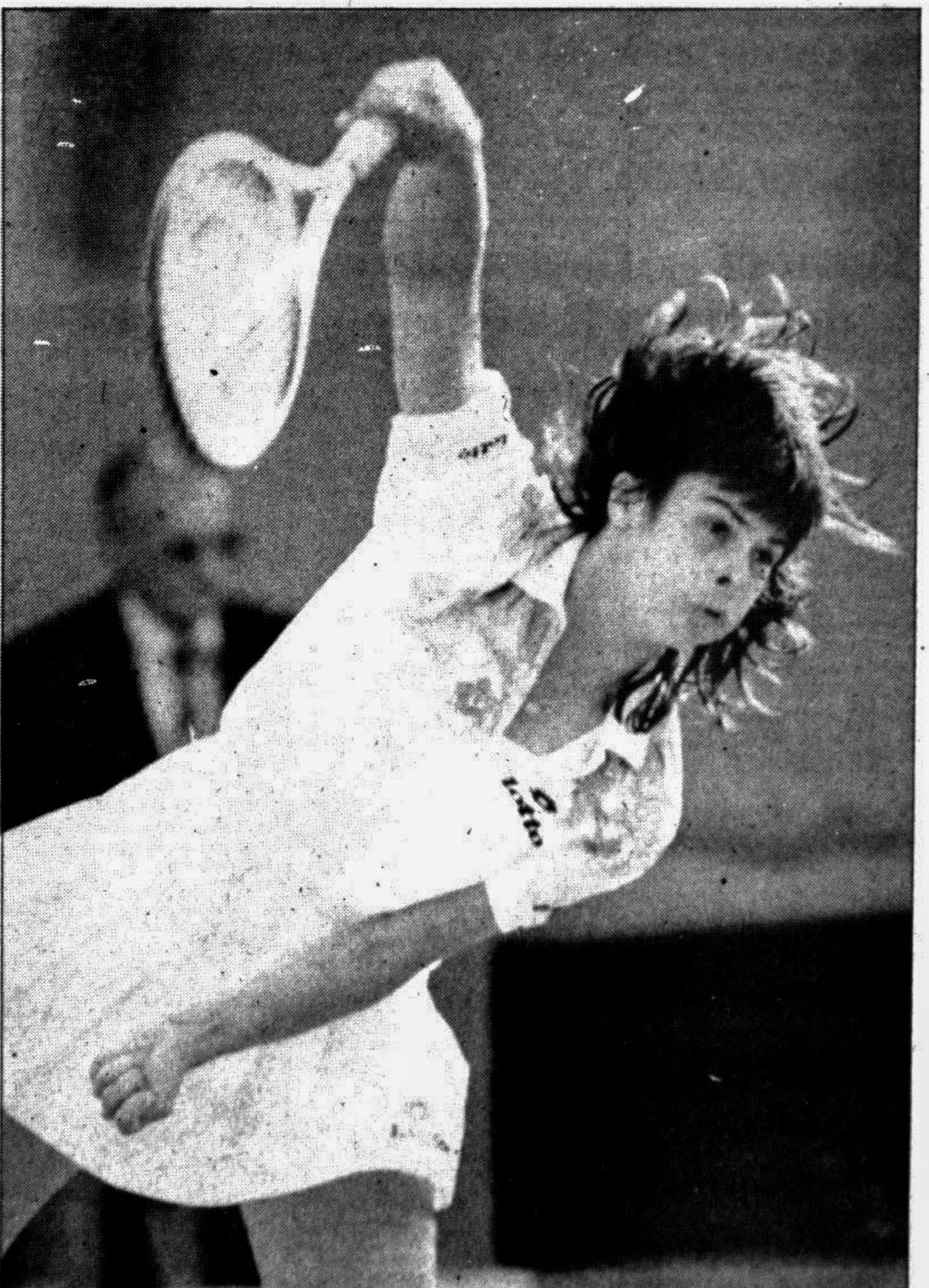
PARIS, May 30: Romanian Davis Cup captain Ilie Nastase was suspended Monday for cursing and intimidating officials during the tie against South Africa in March, reports AP.

The decision to ban Nastase for Romania's next tie was announced by the international Tennis Federation management committee in Paris during the French Open.

Nastase was twice warned and then ordered off the court for audible obscenities and "constant abuse and intimidation of officials" during the first match of the Euro/Africa Zonal Group 1 tie.

He was allowed to return onto the court for the second and third days of the tie after apologies from the president and general secretary of the Romanian Tennis Federation.

Romania's next match is against Britain in Manchester, England, July 15-17.



Argentine Ines Gorrochategui serves to Croatian Iva Majoli during her fourth round match in the French Open in Paris on Sunday. Gorrochategui won 7-5, 6-4.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Exercise a la Clinton

4 Beauty's love

9 Purse

12 Copper head?

13 Viewpoint

14 George's brother

15 Grownup kid?

17 Fall behind

18 Samuel's teacher

19 Louise's pal

21 Small ape

24 Slithery

25 "The Greatest"

26 Flushed

28 Nouveau

31 Window ledge

33 Knightly address

35 Poky

36 Serf

38 Energy

40 Article in "Paris Match"?

41 "— Show of Shows"

DOWN

1 Holyfield tactic

2 Sapporo sash

3 Hair-salon gunk

4 Waco school

5 They get started at

6 Past

7 Chalkboard

8 Leash

9 Nightstick

10 Composer

11 Wildly

16 Beirut's land: abbr.

20 Site of the Olympics

21 Long cut

22 Opponent of Jimmy and Bjorn

23 "White Wedding" singer

27 Pick-pocket

29 Whet

30 Rams'

32 Robber's sackful

34 Disgust

37 It'll wind up on your head

39 Orison

42 Queen (Sp.)

44 Ball

45 Mangle

46 Verdi opus

50 Cap

51 E.T.'s craft

52 Jones' partner

53 Daniel's place

Solution time: 29 min.

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: TOO MUCH IMBIBING WAS TURNING THE FORMAL DANCE INTO A FANCY DRESSED BRAWL.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals R

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.