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Charlton's magnanimity

ORLANDO, July 3: Ireland manager Jack Charlton said on Saturday he might give some of the money raised on his behalf for a World Cup fine to the family of murdered Colombian player Andres Escobar, reports Reuter.

Charlton said his players were all very upset by the news of Escobar's death. Gunmen shot Escobar in Medellin, apparently because he conceded an own goal that helped hasten Colombia's exit from the tournament.

"Who wants to play international football if you get assassinated doing it?" he told journalists at the Orlando Citrus Bowl Stadium where Ireland meet the Netherlands in the second round on Monday.

"I can't believe people would do a thing like that. It's absolutely dreadful."

Charlton was fined 20,000 Swiss francs (14,900 dollar) and banned from the touchline bench for one match for abusing a referee and linesmen during his team's 2-1 defeat against Mexico on June 24.

Private collections in Ireland have raised more than enough money to cover it — reports in Orlando put the figure at 150,000 dollars — but Charlton plans to donate it to charity.

"Obviously it isn't mine," he said when asked what he would do with it. "Maybe (I'll give) the family of the boy who got shot a few quid (pounds) if they need it."

Sacchi sad

MARTIN, New Jersey, July 3: Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi said on Saturday he was very upset over the killing of Colombian World Cup player Andres Escobar, reports Reuter.

"I feel great sadness over the unjustified killing of a young person," Sacchi said. "This was a senseless gesture."

Escobar died when gunmen pumped a dozen bullets into him outside a restaurant in the city of Medellin. The attack followed a row which is believed to centre on an own goal Escobar scored in his team's 2-1 loss to the United States.

"Soccer is something which affects people have more than we think ... we have to be aware of the way we can influence public opinion," the Italian coach told reporters.

Federation Cup semis deferred

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), organisers of the BEKIMCO 12th Federation Cup football tournament has decided to hold the semifinals after the World Cup.

According to the revised schedule the first semifinal between Brothers Union and Abahani will be held on July 19 while the second between Mohammedans and Mukhtiddha will be played the day after. The final is expected to be held on July 22.

The decision, which came after tournament committee meeting last evening, means the Senior Division football league, earlier scheduled for a July 8 start, will be further delayed.

Johnson makes history

LONDON, July 3: Middlesex's teenage paceman Richard Johnson grabbed a page in the record books on Saturday when he became the first player to take 10 wickets in an innings in England in 30 years, reports Reuter.

Johnson aged 19, grabbed 10 for 45 off 18.5 overs as Middlesex routed Derbyshire for 105 to win by an innings and 96 runs at Derby.

Middlesex showed a sense of history as the England under-19s paceman approached his landmark by bringing on west Indian opening batsman Desmond Haynes to bowl at the other end.

Devon Malcolm almost spoiled everything with a wild swing at Haynes, but Johnson finally joined the elite when Matthew Taylor edged into the safe hands of Mark Ramprakash at third slip.

Donald's timely reminder

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 3: Fast bowler Allan Donald served a timely warning to England's Test batsmen with a fiery five-wicket haul on the opening day of South Africa's three-day match against Hampshire on Saturday, reports Reuter.



PAYING LAST RESPECTS: A man holds up his son in front of the casket containing the body of slain Colombian World Cup player Andres Escobar. A crowd of 3,000 people thronged the colosseum in the city of Medellin on Saturday where the body lay. — AFP photo

Medellin: A legacy of blood

DALLAS, July 3: The gunning down of World Cup player Andres Escobar on Saturday was the most chilling incident yet in a decade of death threats, terror and retribution which have almost destroyed Colombian soccer, reports Reuter.

Escobar, shot 12 times by gunmen in Medellin and killed, apparently because of an own goal he scored in the US finals, was by no means the first victim of a national sport plagued by the influence of drug barons and betting cartels.

A referee was shot dead in 1989, the national championships were suspended for a season and the Colombian 1990 World Cup squad was almost disbanded in earlier incidents.

Most of the problems have centered on Medellin, once the world's cocaine-trafficking capital, where Escobar's Atletico Nacional Club has often been accused of being controlled by the drug lords.

As long ago as October 1983 Colombian justice minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla claimed Atletico Nacional and several other professional teams were run by traffickers.

A few months later he was assassinated and the government said drug barons were responsible.

Two years later, Hernan Botero, a banker who the government said was a shareholder of Atletico Nacional, was extradited to the United States and sentenced to 30 years in jail for laundering money.

In 1988, a Colombian book entitled "Cocaine Horsemen." Alleged Octavio Piedrahita was another shareholder Piedrahita was kidnapped in July of that year and found dead on a farm outside the city as he was preparing to sell the team, according to local journalists.

Referees also came under threat in 1988 when Armando Perez was kidnapped for 24 hours and told that officials who made wrong decisions in the championship playoffs would be killed.

Referee Alvaro Ortega was killed by two gunmen in November 1989 after officiating at a match in Medellin between the other city team Deportivo Independiente and America Cali.

Ortega had disallowed a Deportivo Independiente goal and had sent off one of the team's players in an earlier match.

An anonymous caller said he and his bosses had lost a lot of money as a result of Ortega's decisions.

The government then intervened to try to clean out criminal elements from the country's professional clubs and the championship was suspended even though Colombia had qualified for the 1990 World Cup.

In January 1990, German Gomez Garcia, the president of Bogota's Millonarios Club, was shot and wounded while driving his car by two perving gunmen on a motorcycle.

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Belgians not happy over refereeing

CHICAGO, July 3: Belgium will make a formal complaint to FIFA about the standard of refereeing in their World Cup defeat by Germany of Saturday, reports Reuter.

Belgian delegation leader Roger van den Stock said the team were extremely angry about the absence of a penalty award by Swiss referee Kurt Roethlisberger following a controversial second half incident involving their striker Josip Weber.

He said FIFA would be asked what they planned to do about the standard of refereeing.

"There seems to be one referee for the big federations and one referee for the small federations," Stock said.

Belgian officials said they did not expect FIFA to take any official action, such as ordering a replay, but they said they wanted to clarify what soccer's governing body expected referees to do under new regulations aimed at cutting foul play.

"FIFA have told US for months that referees were going to be very severe but look at what happened today," said Guido de Windt of the Belgian Football Federation said. They are not even applying the old rules let alone the new rules.

Belgium feel they should have been awarded a penalty when Weber appeared to be brought down by German defender Thomas Helmer. Helmer did not seem to touch the ball.

"That was a penalty," Belgium's Georges Gruns said. "If that was not a penalty then you should never give it. If the referee had given it, Helmer would have been sent off, we would have scored and it would have been 3-2 with 20 minutes to play."

Belgian officials said the referee should be sent home immediately as an example to other match officials.

Belgian manager Paul van Himst said: "I am totally in agreement with my federation. When you see something like that it is incomprehensible."

Eguavoen, Iroha back in action

FOXBORO, Massachusetts, July 3: Nigeria's two injured aillbacks were back in training on Saturday and hopeful of regaining their teamplaces for the World cup finals second round match against Italy at Foxboro on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Augustine Eguavoen and Ben Iroha both practised with the Nigerian squad in searing heat at lunchtime on Saturday, after missing Nigeria's 2-0 win over Greece at Foxboro on Thursday.

"We really missed their attacking talent against Greece," said coach Clemens Westerhof. "We had to shuffle our defence and it didn't work out as well as I had hoped."

Eguavoen injured an ankle against Argentina while Iroha has a groin strain from the Nigerians' opening match at USA '94 against Bulgaria in Dallas.

Maradona — a star haunted by the man within

DALLAS, July 3: For all his greatness, Diego Maradona was cursed with a human weakness that flawed his genius, reports Reuter.

His exceptional talent and unquenchable determination made him one of the finest footballers in history. But his gifts were undermined by a self-destructive impulse to challenge authority.

On Saturday, after breaking the rules once too often by using drugs to bolster his World Cup campaign, that impulse led to his retirement from soccer at the age of 33.

For every outstanding achievement in a distinguished playing career, there was a moment of seeming madness when he overstepped the law or society's moral boundaries.

From the greatest heights he plunged into the abyss. Fans, who marvelled at his majestic skills playing for Argentina, Barcelona and Napoli, despaired at the temperament that compelled him to savage his career with the

knife of self-destruction. Always outspoken with



coaches, teammates and the sport's rulers, Maradona's career fell away soon after reaching its highest peak.

Having led Argentina to triumph in the 1986 World Cup, he then succeeded in turning an average Italian club into champions twice in three years.

But it was at Napoli, where the fans worshipped him as a god, that the downward spiral began which finally wrecked his career amid a World Cup doping scandal.

Maradona's 15-month ban for using cocaine in 1991 effectively killed off a glorious

career. That he fought back to find the fitness that allowed him to grace the first round of his fourth World Cup was testimony to his ferocious determination to be at the top — and in the limelight.

But it was almost predictable that the manic desire to prove himself once more would bring tears.

That his career should end in disgrace rather than acclaim is perfectly in keeping with the psyche that has driven him to the successes barely imagined when he grew up in the slums of Buenos Aires.

According to one of America's foremost sports psychiatrists, Maradona's history of breaking society's laws and moral code was a direct result of a psychological childhood defect that has never been cured.

"He is living in two different worlds. In one, he is a superstar who can act successfully and appropriately on the pitch," said Dr Mark Unterberg.

"In the second, he is driven by old infantile wishes and desires. Both are true for him and his behaviour depends on which has the power. That is his Achilles' heel."

Unterberg, who has spent 16 years treating American football, baseball and basketball players for drugs and alcohol abuse, says superstars like Maradona are usually driven by the child within.

When life gets tough they retreat like a child into some sort of refuge — often drugs or alcohol.

"They do not realise that once they are out of the sports arena they are no different to anyone else. They believe they are special."

"But reality intrudes sooner or later into the myth. When that intrudes these people deal with the pain and frustration and anger by doing something to get out of that state and return to pleasure. Sometimes they turn to drugs because it knocks out reality."

After being thrown out of the World Cup, Maradona lashed out at persecutors.

"I told those people who condemned me without letting me defend myself that they not only took away the happiness of Maradona but of many people who love me," he said.

He tearfully accused FIFA of hounding him ever since his days as a footballer in Italy and said: "They beat the living lights out of me."

In fact, his downfall may reflect aspects of the Argentine make-up, according to Bernardo Neustadt, the country's best-known journalist and a friend of President Carlos Menem.

"We Argentines break the rules. It's a way of life," he said. "Ours is a country in which it's the speculators who win, a country that violated its own constitution every time it felt like it, a country that breached its international commitments," he added.

"Argentina paid with Maradona (for) a way of life, of not heeding the law."

Sampras' second

WIMBLEDON, England, July 3: Pete Sampras of the United States became the first man since Boris

Becker in 1986 to successfully defend his Wimbledon singles title on Sunday when he beat Croat Goran Ivanisevic 7-6, 7-6, 6-0 in the final, reports Reuter.

In temperatures which soared on Centre Court to 47c, the world number one pulled out his formidable array of heavy serves, sweet volleys and punishing ground strokes to wear down the fourth seed.

The match, which lasted just under two hours, was desperately tense and tight throughout the first two sets, with neither dropping serve.

But Sampras, 22, kept his nerve on the big points, winning the first tie-break 7-2 and the second 7-5.

Ivanisevic, famed for his unruly temperament, had kept himself under control until this point.

But two sets down he cursed and berated himself, despite the support of the crowd, and his game fell apart.

Sampras turned on all his power and flair and raced through the last set in just 17 minutes for the loss of seven points.

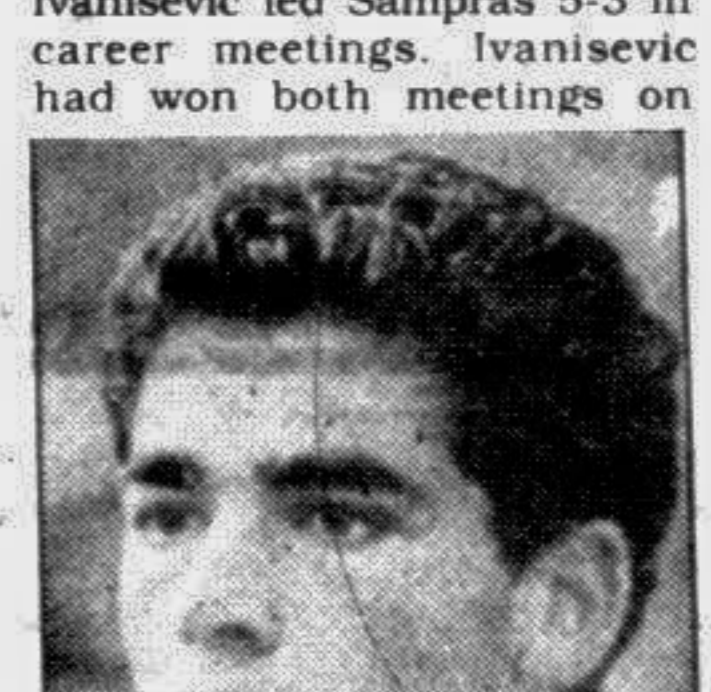
He won the championship with a fine return which Ivanisevic half-volleyed wide.

The match featured two of the biggest servers in the game. Ivanisevic had served 140 aces in his six matches going into the match. Sampras had served 100 aces.

Top seed and world No 1 Sampras has won three of the last four Grand Slam titles. He followed last year's Wimbledon crown with triumphs at the US

Open and the Australian Open. Ivanisevic, ranked No 5 and seeded fourth, lost to Andre Agassi in the 1992 Wimbledon final, the Croat's only previous appearance in a Grand Slam championship match. He was seeking to become the first from his country to win a Grand Slam tournament.

Going into the match, Ivanisevic led Sampras 5-3 in career meetings. Ivanisevic had won both meetings on



grass, including a four-set victory in the 1992 Wimbledon semifinals.

The match was played before an anticipated capacity Centre Court crowd of more than 13,000, including Princes Diana, Prime Minister Nikita Valentic of Croatia, American ambassador to Britain William Crowe and the Duke of Duchess of Kent.

Regardless of the outcome, Ivanisevic will move to a career-high No 2 in the world rankings on Monday. Sampras will remain No 1.

Sampras received 345,000 pounds (dfls 517,500) and Ivanisevic 172,500 pounds (dfls 258,750).

Kantawang going strong

Thailand's Somporn Kan-tawang, who set the Asian record for the highest break when he scored

139 against Chinese Taipei's Sheng Yung-Lin on Friday - the second day of the ongoing 11th Asian snooker championship - maintained his all-win record with two comfortable victories yesterday at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel ballroom.

Kantawang, tipped as one of the favourites to win this 12-nation tournament, began the day with a 4-0 demolition of China's Gen Hulan and then rounded off yet another day of success with a 4-1 win over MG Jayaram of India in the third session.

The in-form Thai, who has conceded only three frames in his four outings, completes his preliminary round engagement today against Sri Lankan Indika Dodangoda in the first session, scheduled for a regulation 10 am start. Dodangoda himself achieved a break of 128 in one of his earlier games.

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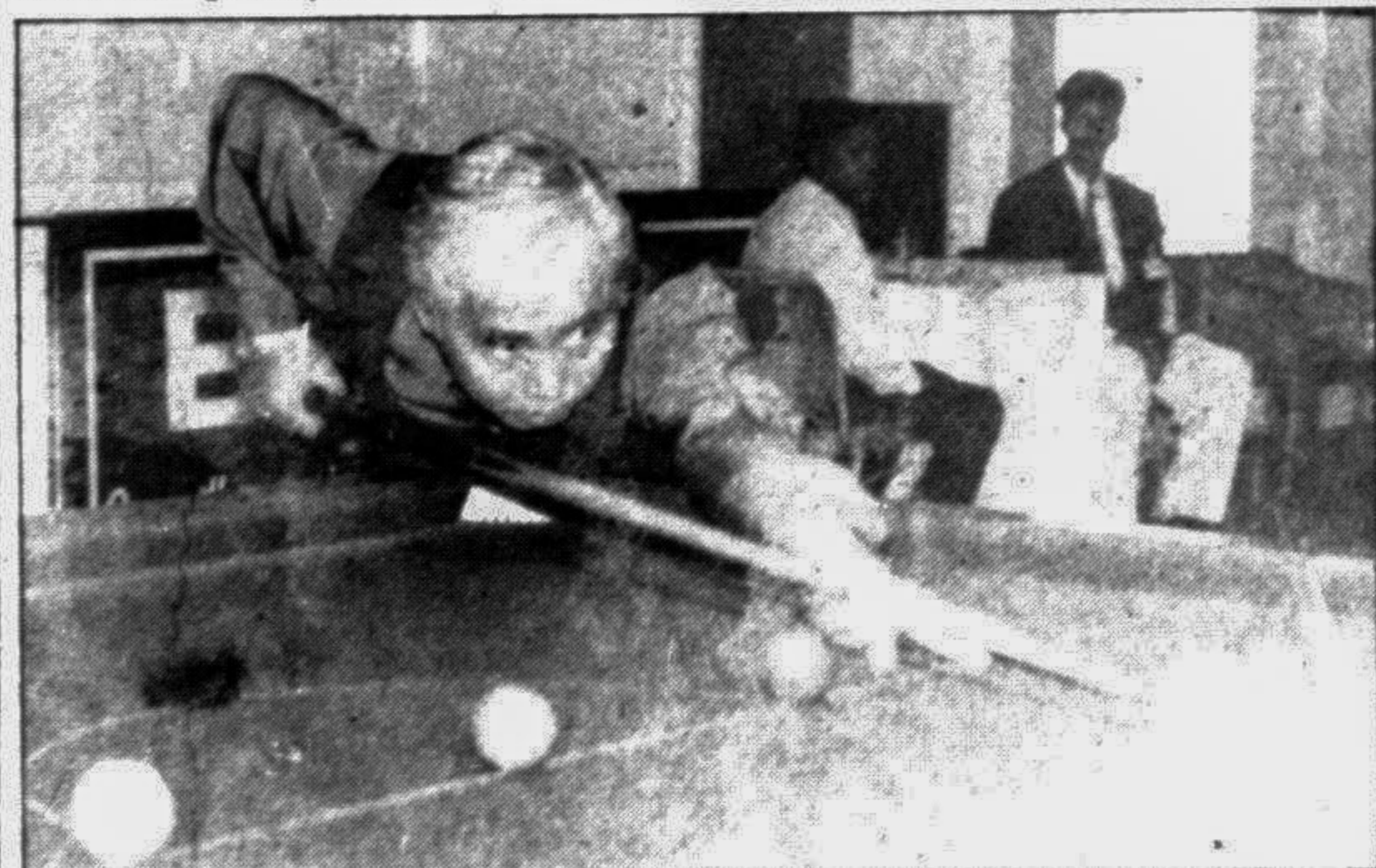
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Mirza also won his other match of the day against Ricky Chew of Singapore by a slightly tight margin of 4-2.

Lankan Dodangoda, spurred on by his remarkable showing the previous night when he scored a break of 128, dumped Sheng Yung-Lin of Chinese Taipei 4-0 in the third session.

The third session also saw a major upset when Singapore's Freddie Soh edged past Thailand's Preecha Saeb 4-3. The other match of the session between Hong Kong's Chan Kwok Min and Zhang Guoming of China produced a 4-0 scoreline against the Chinese player.

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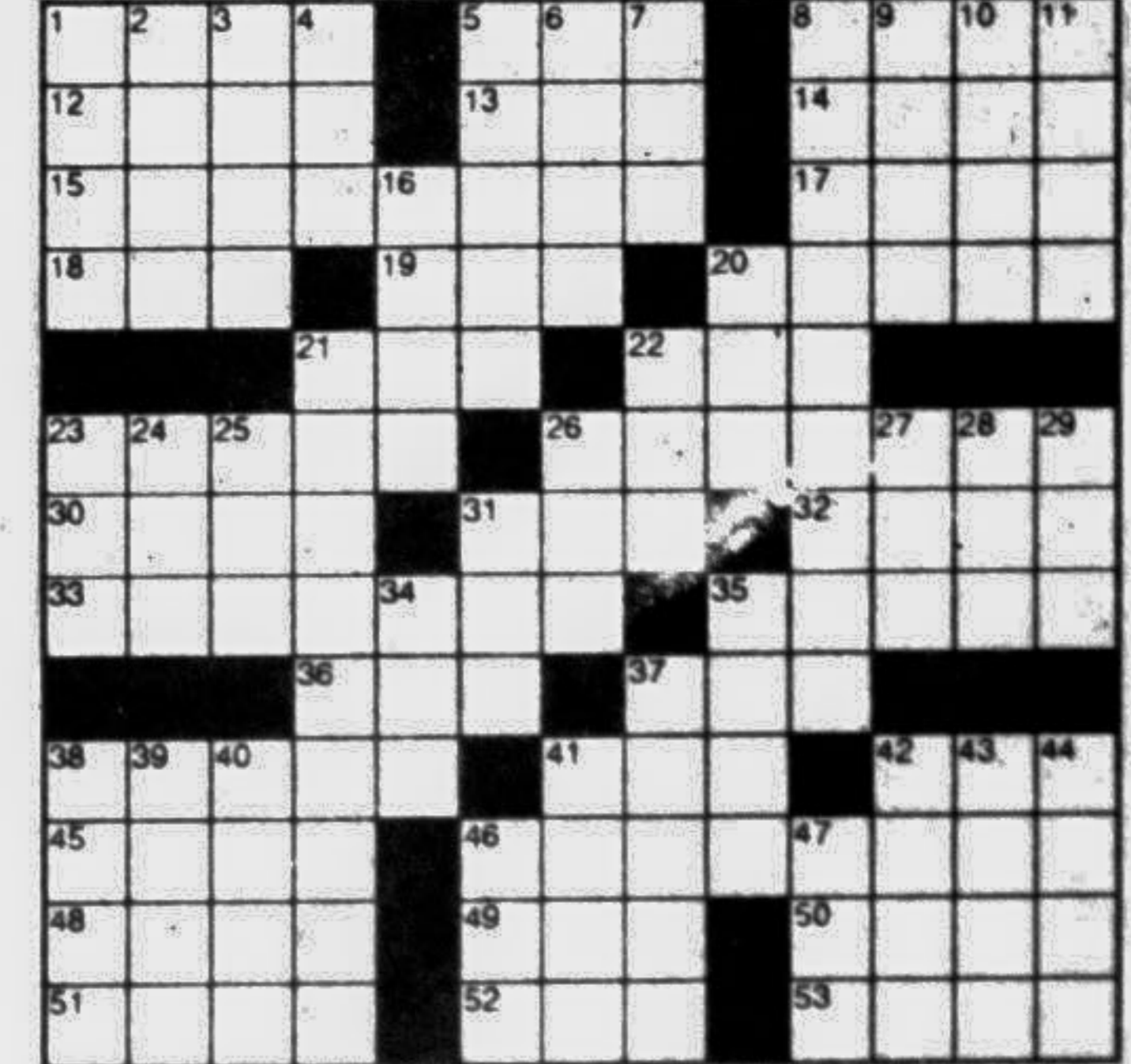
Zulkiflipdm S A Halim, one of the two cueists from Brunei, is in action against Zhang Guoming of China during their Group A preliminary round match on the fourth day of the 11th Asian snooker championship at the ballroom of Sheraton Hotel yesterday. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 26 Rendered harmless
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- 35 Defense Secretary Les
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SPURNING THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL, SHE DIVULGED SHE HAD A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals C

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.