

West Indians wap Indians



FARIDABAD, India, Oct 17: The West Indies gained an important psychological edge at the start of their tour of India on Monday with a 96-run humiliation of the home side in the first of six one-day internationals, reports Reuters.

Batting first after new captain Courtney Walsh won the toss, they rattled up a useful 273 for five in their 50 overs with Phil Simmons (76), debutant Stuart Williams (61) and Carl Hooper (61 not out) in commanding form.

Then their pace attack went to work, bundling out the top four Indian batsmen for just 21 runs within the first 12 overs, all of them going to shots they should not have played against some very accurate bowling.

Sachin Tendulkar was caught behind without scoring in the first over chasing a Walsh away swinger and Manoj Prabhakar, trying to take his bat away from a pacey Walsh lifter, edged the ball into his stumps.

Captain Mohammed Azharuddin and rising star Vinod Kambli then went in identical fashion, slashing at debutant Cameron Cuffly outside the off stump, and India were sunk.

A stubborn Navot Sidhu (52) and belligerent left hander Atul Bedade (52) tried to inject some hope into a lost cause, but both fell within 15 balls of each other after a 96-run stand.

Not even the wily Kapil Dev — sporting a little pony-tail for the first time and batting with a runner after straining a hamstring while conceding 37 runs in five overs — could change the course of the match.

So easily were the West Indies winning that Walsh, Cuffly and Cummins did not bother to come back for their usual second spell, leaving the mopping up to Simmons, Hooper and even Keith Arthurton's very occasional left arm spin, which took a wicket.

Arthurton also managed to

produce drama with his batting, though perhaps not in the way he might have wished. After contributing 39 out of a 90-run partnership for the fourth wicket, he swung mightily at a short-pitched delivery from Javagal Srinath, missed the ball completely and set off for a bye.

However, when he got back from a second run, just beating a throw that broke his wicket, the third umpire was called into action and studies of the replay showed the tip of Arthurton's bat had nudged off one ball during his follow-through.

Simmons and Williams, who showed no signs of nerves on his one-day debut, gave the West Indies an excellent start.

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match between the West Indies and India played here today.

WEST INDIES				
P Simmons c Mongolia	76			
b Chauhan				
S Williams c Kumble	61			
b Srinath				
B Lara c Azharuddin	10			
b Kumble				
C Hooper not out	61			
A Cummins c Badade	0			
b Srinath				
K Arthurton hit wkt	39			
b Srinath				
J Adams not out	1			
Extras: (b-6, lb-12, w-5, nb-2)	25			
Total: (for five wks, 50 overs)	273			
Fall of wickets: 1-132; 2-148; 3-164; 4-254; 5-254.				
Did not bat: S Chanderpaul, K Benjamin, C Walsh, C Cuffly.				

Bowling: O M R W				
Prabhakar	10	1	45	0
Srinath	10	2	42	3
Kapil Dev	5	0	37	0
Kumble	10	0	54	1
Tendulkar	5	0	32	0
Chauhan	10	1	45	1

INDIA				
M Prabhakar b Walsh	3			
S Tendulkar c Lara b Walsh	0			
N Sidhu c Cummins	52			
b Benjamin				
M Azharuddin c Lara b Cuffly	1			
V Kampli c Adams b Cuffly	5			
A Bedade c Adams	52			
b Benjamin				
Kapil Dev c Walsh	12			
b Simmons				
A Mongolia not out	15			
A Kumble c Simmons	4			
b Hooper				
R Chauhan c Adams	20			
b Arthurton				
J Srinath c Simmons	0			
b Hooper				
Extras: (lb-2, nb-9, w-2)	13			
Total: (all out, 45 overs)	177			
Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-5; 3-12; 4-21; 5-117; 6-129; 7-135; 8-149; 9-176.				

Bowling: O M R W				
Walsh	5	0	11	2
Cuffly	7	2	19	2
Cummins	7	0	27	0
Benjamin	8	0	48	2
Simmons	10	1	38	1
Hooper	6	0	23	2
Arthurton	2	0	9	1

Result: West Indies won by 96 runs.
Second one-day international: October 20, Bombay.

Triangular series McGrath may replace Fleming

FAISALABAD, Oct 17: South Africa take on Australia Tuesday in a return one-day game in the Wills triangular series, with the Australians hopeful of maintaining their winning spree, reports AFP.

Both South Africa and Pakistan were earlier defeated by Australia, who will be playing their third match.

But Pakistan had a morale-boosting win when they beat South Africa by eight wickets at Karachi on Sunday.

Australia's Damien Fleming, who started his Test career with a hat-trick against Pakistan at Rawalpindi, is reported to have an inflamed right shoulder and may be replaced by Glenn McGrath in Tuesday's match.

Off-spinner Tim May has also been deemed fit and may replace Gavin Robertson, who played in the first two games.

McGrath and May could be the likely replacements for the match against South Africa. Australian coach Bobby Simpson said, adding "We hope to maintain our winning streak."

South African manager Mustafa Khan, noting that his team's batting had been "quite disappointing" in the previous matches, said, "The match against Australia on Tuesday is very important for us."

A defeat would leave them at the bottom of the table, making a comeback difficult.

Washington prevails

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic, Oct 17: American Malivi Washington masterminded a gutsy fightback to win the 290,000-dollar ATP tennis tournament here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Fifth-seeded Washington came back from 3-1 down in the final set to beat France's Arnaud Boetsch 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in one hour 48 minutes.

Washington, who won his third ATP title, had a battle on his hands from the start. Boetsch took the first set 6-4 after breaking in the seventh game.

The American survived three break points in the corresponding game in the following set. He then broke Boetsch's serve, before holding his own, to win the set 6-3 and level the match.

Though Boetsch raced to 3-1 in the decider, Washington notched five games in a row before taking the 42,000 dollar winner's cheque on his first match point.

Washington's title aspirations were helped by the fall of six of the top eight seeds in the first round. Both top-seeded Alberto Berasategui of Spain and second-seeded home hope Petr Korda fell at the first hurdle.

Sainz surrenders lead to Auriol

Carlos Sainz lost his two and a half day lead in the San Remo rally on the penultimate timed stage on Wednesday. Sainz, driving a Subaru Impreza 555, had led the rally through northern Italy since the start on Monday morning and at one point enjoyed a one and a half minute cushion, says a press release.

Although an expert on asphalt stages, the only surface in use, Sainz was niggled by a misfiring engine and eventually lost his lead to his championship sparring partner Frenchman Didier Auriol, driving a Toyota.

For Sainz, not winning one of his favourite events after leading for twenty three of the twenty five stages is disappointing.

Huber beats Pierce

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 17: German teenager Anke Huber beat defending champion Mary Pierce of France 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday to win the women's 400,000 dollar tournament here, reports AFP.

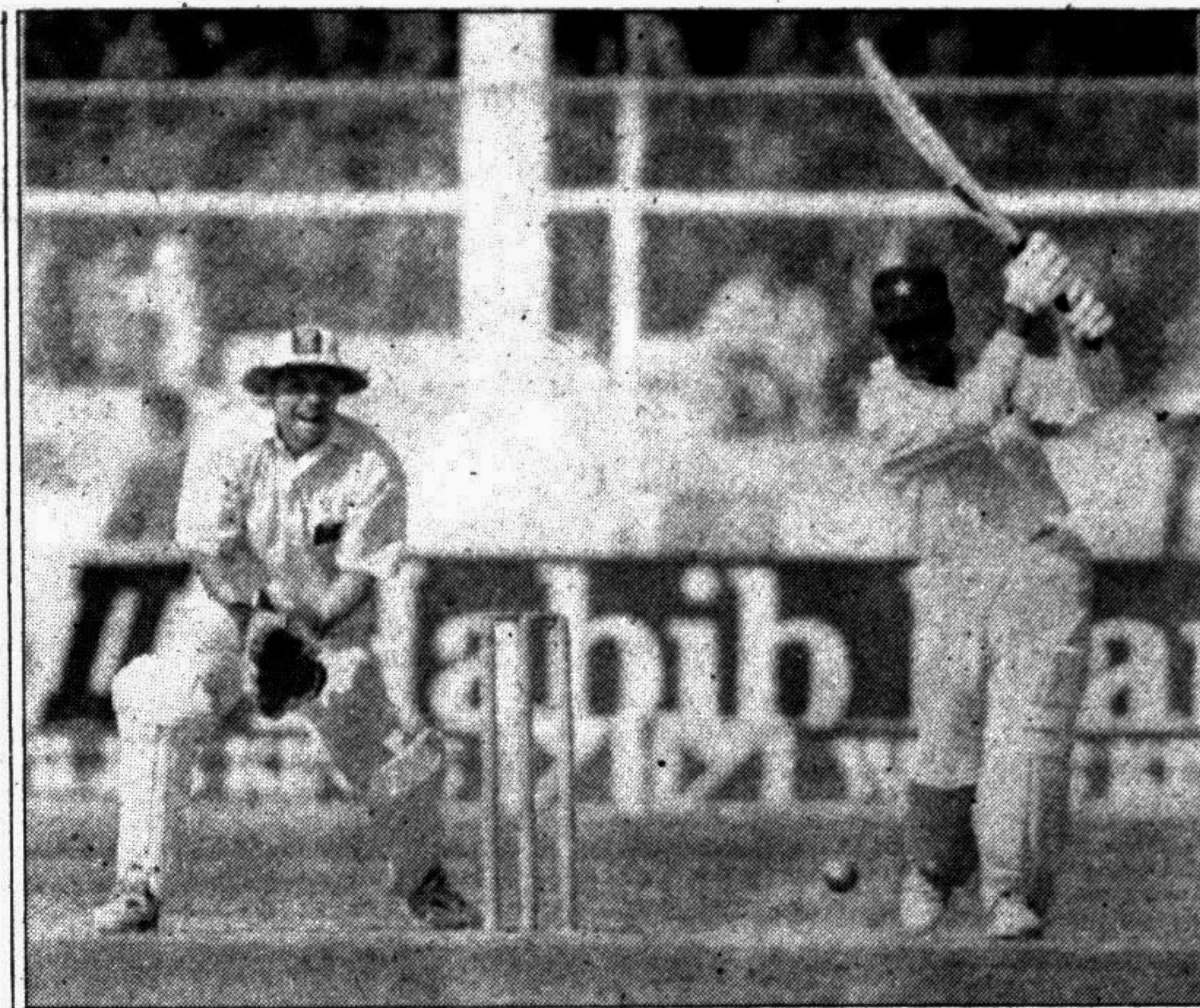
The first set was won from the baseline, with the extra power and precision coming from the 19-year-old German. Huber immediately seized the initiative in the second, dictating the pace of the rallies at will, and often catching the

Frenchwoman off-guard with a sudden change of tempo.

Huber said "At times, I was playing faster than Mary, and I even surprised myself."

Pierce, who had not dropped a set all tournament but committed a string of unforced errors in the final, said: "I've no excuses. Anke played very well."

Pierce fought off three match points before going down in an hour and twenty minutes.



Pakistan captain Salim Malik launches into a cover drive with his characteristic laze against South Africa's Hansie Cronje during Sunday's match of the three-nation tournament at Karachi's National Stadium yesterday. Pakistan kept their chances alive with facile eight-wicket win. —AFP photo

One over, so many to come

HIROSHIMA, Oct 17: Ma Junren returns his army to barracks after winning all of his Asian Games titles — on and off the track, reports AFP.

But the master coach and tactician knows the war will go on against his greatest enemy, China's athletics establishment.

Ma's runners, led by stormtroopers Wang Junxia and Qu Yunxia, were so successful in Hiroshima that if he declared his Liaoning base an independent state, it would be hailed an Asian athletics superpower second only to China itself.

His team, now expanded by two male recruits, won six golds, three silvers and three bronzes at the Games — putting it ahead of hosts Japan, who managed five golds on the track to come second in the final medals table.

They won every track event from the 800m to the 10,000m (with silver in the marathon) in the women's competition, while Sun Ripeng became Ma's first male champion in the steeplechase.

Their success was so impressive that hardly any other athlete here got a mention, the one exception being double sprint winner Talal Mansoor and his Qatari teammates.

Impressive, that is, to the rest of the world. China's athletics bosses, gorged on Ma-inspired World Championship successes and world records last year, have become impatient for more.

Medals, it seems, are no longer enough. Only world records will do.

Instead Ma has kept his runners boarded in Liaoning, revealing here they have been hit by injuries, bad form and food poisoning which caused all but Qu to have appendix operations, he also said: "I do not want them to run records at the Asian Games."

There is no one to push them here and this is an in-between year. They will only peak for the Olympics in 1996.

National Olympic commit-

tee secretary general Wei Jizhong, however, claimed their poor form was down to over-training and Ma's diet of a marathon a day.

"Last year we found that Ma's athletes were being trained too hard to break world records," he said.

"I told sports officials to pay attention to this and to stop it." There was some official backing for Ma, however.

Deputy secretary general Zhu Zhongliang argued he should be left to his own devices.



MA JUNREN

The best support, however, came from Wang Junxia herself. As if stung by the criticism of her mentor, the 21-year-old world record holder did not just go through the 10,000m motions on the way to gold, but ran 30min 50.34 secs, the quickest time of the year and the seventh fastest in history.

Then she revealed: "I don't want to sound arrogant but I could have run faster but Ma told me to follow the rest for the first 5,000m and I do what he tells me."

Mansoor, like Ma, found himself wrapped up in off-track controversy when he had to survive five false starts to fulfil his dream of winning an unprecedented third 100m title in a row, in an impressive 10.18 secs.

Another false start in the 200m final meant the 30-year-old soldier, bowing out of athletics after Hiroshima, needed to set off from his blocks ten times in four races before clinching the double.

His accusations of Japanese plot may have been hot-headed — the starting blocks were changed after the 100m, suggesting a technical problem — but Mansoor left the track as a true champion, helping Qatar to a sprint relay bronze on the final day of competition.

The tiny Gulf state, with 300,000 people to China's 1.2 billion, beat the odds with two other champions in Mohamed Suleiman, the Olympic bronze medalist, over 1,500 and Ibrahim Ismail over 400m.

The other nation to impress was Kazakhstan on its Asian Games debut, with golds in the pole vault through world-class Igor Potapovich, the women's 100m through Olga Chichigina and Oleg Sakirkin in the triple jump.

Meanwhile, South Korea won three track and field golds, including the first and last. The finale was won by their 4x400m relay team, while Olympic champion Hwang Young-Cho had opened with a marathon success.

Japan's one major success was Toshihiko Takaoka, who cheered the crowd after a colourless campaign by taking both 5,000m and 10,000m titles in impressive fashion.

The Games athletics showpiece ended with just one drugs scandal when it was revealed Zhang Li, China's reigning champion and the Asian record holder, had been left at home after being tested positive for steroids.

Tragedy sours success

DETROIT, Oct 17: A 42-year-old runner died of an apparent heart attack during the Detroit international marathon here Sunday, reports AFP.

Samuel Grafton of Troy, Michigan, an experienced marathon runner, collapsed after running 22 miles.

Don Johns of the United States and Canadian May Allison won the men's and women's titles in the Detroit Marathon here Sunday.

SL-Zimbabwe second Test begins today

BULAWAYO, Oct 17: Both Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe could be forced into making changes to their line-ups for the second Test starting at Queens Sports Club on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

After the rain-affected draw in the inaugural Test between the two sides in Harare, Sri Lanka are considering replacing wicketkeeper Pubudu Dassanayake and bringing in seamer Kumar Dharmasena and batsman/slow left-armers Sanath Jayasuriya.

"We can either bring in Dharmasena or even another off-spinner in Ruwan Kuldipage for, probably, Ravindra Pushpakumara," said manager Ranjit Fernando. "But on the batting front I'm very happy with the present form of our players."

Despite taking five catches in Zimbabwe's first innings, wicketkeeper Dasaanayake is under pressure behind the stumps and batsman Hashan Tillekeratne may be handed the gloves.

Zimbabwe still have a question mark over left-arm seamer David Brain, suffering from a chest injury incurred on the opening day of the first Test.

"Another day's rest might just see him okay and, at this stage, we're hoping Eddo Brandes will be fit for the third Test," said coach John Hampshire.

"With neither Brain nor Brandes fit and available, then quite frankly we've got a bit of a problem."

TEAMS
ZIMBABWE (from): Grant Flower, Mark Dekker, Alistair Campbell, Dave Houghton (vice-captain), Andy Flower (captain), Wayne James, Guy Whittall, Gary Martin, Heath Streak, David Brain, Stephen Peall, Paul Strang, John Rennie, Malcolm Jarvis.

SRI LANKA (from): Roshan Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha, Sanath Jayasuriya, Sanjeewa Ranatunga, Aravinda de Silva (vice-captain), Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Hashan Tillekeratne, Pubudu Dassanayake, Muttiah Muralidharan, Pramodya Wickremesinghe, Kumar Dharmasena, Ravindra Pushpakumara, Chaminda Vaas.

Whittall fined

HARARE, Oct 17: Guy Whittall became the first Zimbabwean Test cricketer to be fined for dissent in the first Test against Sri Lanka which ended, abandoned because of rain, in a draw here Sunday, reports AFP.

The 22-year-old all-rounder was docked 25 per cent of his match fee of 1,200 Zimbabwe dollars (150 US dollars) by international referee Peter van der Merwe of South Africa for showing dissent to an umpire's decision.

Zimbabwe Cricket Union chief executive officer Don Arnott said the decision was conveyed to him Sunday by Van Der Merwe after the latter heard all the evidence at a specially-convened meeting the previous day.

Whittall seemed to indicate his displeasure to Zimbabwean umpire Ian Robinson for giving him out caught behind off the bowling of Ravindra Pushpakumara on Saturday.

Whittall, who made four said he felt the ball hit him high up on the arm and not on his glove.

Monopoly, Asiad malaise

HIROSHIMA, Oct 17: Whether it is turtle blood, tyrannical training or a gene pool of 1.2 billion people, China leaves the Asian Games groaning under the weight of its golden haul, reports Reuters.

China's onslaught on the Games and its final tally of 137 golds have proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that it reigns the tracks, pools and gyms of the continent. Only Japan and South Korea can come even knee-high to their achievements.

But the rest of Asia, often fighting more basic problems of poverty, malnutrition and poor infrastructure, feel left out in the cold and wonder whether such overwhelming dominance is good for sport on the continent as a whole.

For poor nations, the Chinese juggernaut has crushed the chances of glory they used to enjoy regularly a decade ago.

Gone are the days when a barefoot Indian villager could enjoy his or her moment of glory.

The innocent victors of past eras have been wiped out by the computer-controlled products of Ma Junren's distance running factory or swimming coach Chen Yunpeng's brutal regime at the training pool.

"It is our experience that whenever big countries concentrate on developing their sports, the small countries suffer," said Arne Ljungqvist, vice-president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF).

"For the last 10 years the Asian Games may as well have been called the East Asian Games because of the domination of the big countries China, South Korea and Japan," said Sri Lanka's delegation chief Prema Pinnewale.

The former sporting pow-

ers of Southern Asia have also been blasted further back in the standings by the acceptance of the blond, blue-eyed athletes of five ex-Soviet republics to the Asian Games.

The Central Asian invasion also partly explains why China's golden tally in Hiroshima is considerably higher on the last Games in Beijing, when they won 183 golds.

Kazakhstan in particular, with a final medals tally of 25 golds, 26 silvers, 26 bronzes and an overall fourth place, has stolen some of the limelight from China.

"They are Europeans. It is too early to admit them," said Sulapong Ariyamongkol, chief athletics coach of the Thai team.

He said the overwhelming competition from China and Central Asia meant that poorer nations were even less inclined to send teams to as many events as they would in the past.

He added that the only reason Thailand had sent a respectable number of athletes was because Bangkok is host of the next Games in 1998.

The bitter Chinese pill of domination might have been easier to swallow if raw talent from seething millions were the reason for glory.

But China's single-minded and scientific quest for victory, tinged with a shadow of doubt over whether the medal machine may be pharmaceutically powered, leaves a bitter aftertaste for some in Asia.

As well as swimming, diving and athletics, China reigned particularly supreme in gymnastics, weightlifting, rowing and cycling, events where doping is most prevalent internationally. Suspicions of doping within the Chinese squad, where they are hotly denied, are most prevalent at the

swimming pool and on the athletics track.

The abrupt removal of a female discus thrower from the Asian Games team because of a positive test for anabolic steroids before she left for Hiroshima has added grist to the doping rumour mill.

Coincidentally or not, team events and ball sports where the use of drugs is a less guaranteed route to success still remain outside China's commanding sphere of dominance.

China angrily denies any widespread routine of doping in its sporting structures, saying its excellence stems from advanced training methods and sheer bloody-minded hard work.

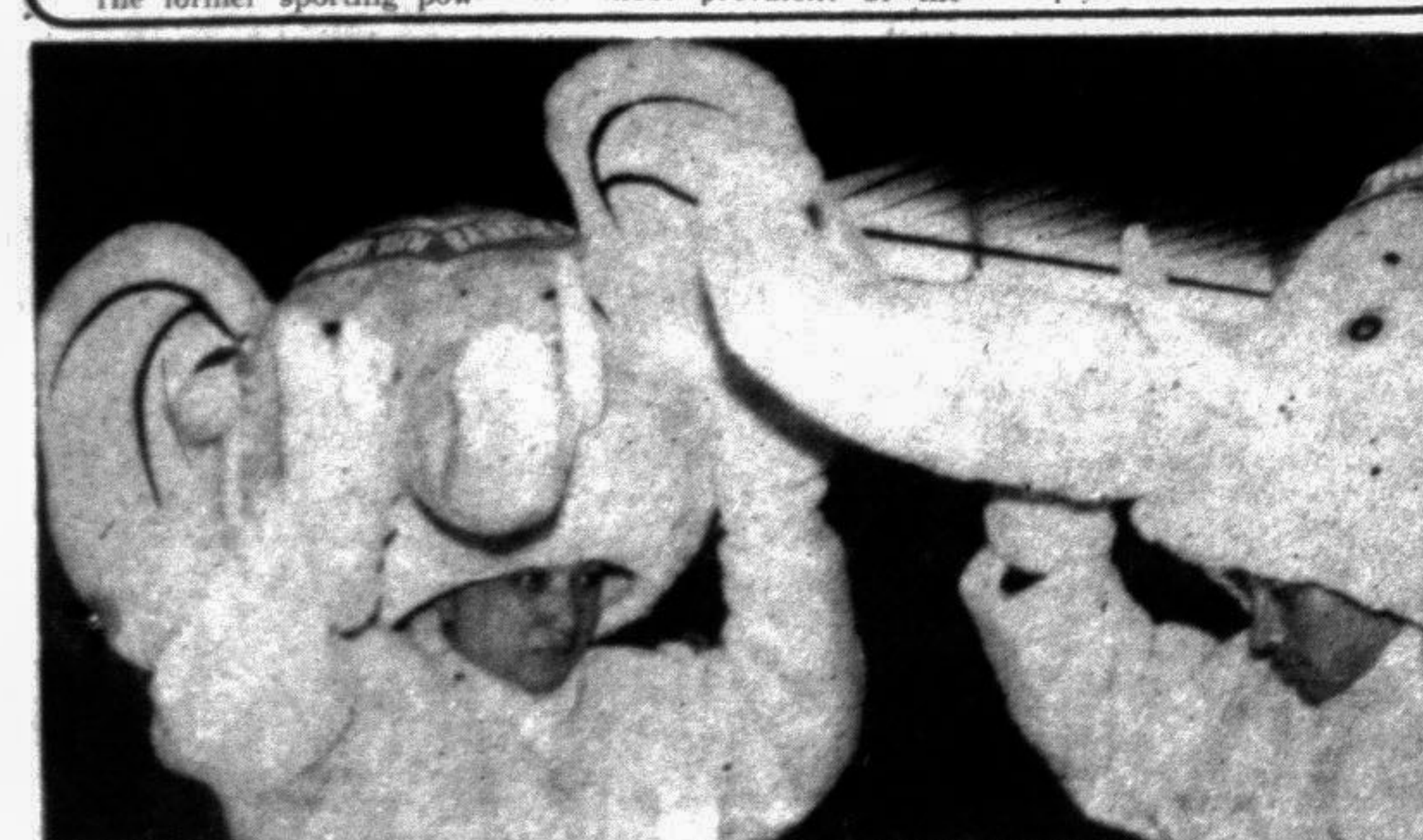
The Olympic Council of Asia, the apex of the continent's sporting bureaucracy, condemned the west and particularly the media for making unfounded doping allegations.

At the two glamour events of the Asian Games Chinese women were particularly invincible, the swimmers gaining a full house of 15 golds. The Chinese track and field stars won 22 gold out of 43 events.

The IAAF's Ljungqvist said China had made superhuman efforts in recent years to dominate strength and distance events which are relatively new to the female sporting agenda, such as running distances, 1,500 metres and above and weightlifting.

With no established records in these fields it was easier for China, eager to establish its reputation as a world sporting superpower, to make its mark on untested events, Ljungqvist said.

It is a sad fact for the rest of Asia, who in future will be even less inclined to spend precious money on sending teams to the Games only to return home empty-handed.



Performers wearing the costume of the mascot for the 13th Asian Games to be held in Bangkok stop for a chat prior to the closing ceremony of the 12th edition in Hiroshima on Oct 16. The Bangkok Games will be held in 1998. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	42 Fractional suffix	mountain range	21 Calendar abbr.
1 With 6	44 Common French verb	2 — even keel	23 Opp. of mult.
Across, U.S. military group	46 Pinches	3 Nome dome	24 "Prepared" org.
6 See above	50 Take back on	4 Born in a way	25 Oohs' mates
12 Craving	52 Entertain sumptuously	5 Wooden, in a way	26 Detective
13 Complex	54 Lawrence's bailiwick	6 IOU	28 Recondite
14 Rose's home, in song	55 He cometh	7 Vietnam metropolis	30 Actor
15 It's taxed	56 Former head of 1 and 6	8 Letter-head abbr.	31 City near Marseilles
16 "...in corpore —"	57 First name of 56	9 "I" strain?	33 Waikiki wreath
17 Outside, in combinations	Across	10 Give way to anger	34 Coop dweller
19 Catcall?	DOWN	11 Jet forth	38 Pauline's situation
20 "Man — Mancha"	1 French-Swiss denizen?	12 Shaker —, Ohio: abbr.	41 Broadway backer
22 Greek peak		18 Medical-school	42 Mouth, jocularly
24 "Humbbug!"			43 Big
27 Take the "bottle"			
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