

Pakistan do fairly well



LAHORE, Nov 1: Pakistan overcame the last minute withdrawal of feared pace duo Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis to score 255 for five on the opening day of the third and final Test against Australia on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Skipper Salim Malik, with a top-scoring 75, and Inzamamul Haq, who hit a fluent 66, led the way after the captain had won the toss and opted to bat on a placid Gaddafi Stadium pitch.

At the close, nine balls early due to fading light, recalled players Ijaz Ahmad (35) and wicketkeeper Moin Khan (39) shared an unbroken sixth-wicket partnership of 46.

Salim and Inzamam shared a third-wicket stand of 123 in 208 balls to help their side overcome a shaky start when openers Aamir Sohail (1) and Saeed Anwar (30) were back in the pavilion with only 34 runs on the board.

Pakistan needed only a draw to win the series. They lead 1-0 by virtue of a one-wicket victory in the first Test at Karachi.

The third Test opened on a dramatic note when Akram and Waqar pulled out of the Pakistan team just half an hour before the start of play.

Akram complained about a sinus problem and a stiff back and Younis said he was suffering from a troublesome hamstring.

"I am meeting the doctor this evening for a minor sinus operation," Akram said, adding "If this had been a one-day game I might have played but I don't want to take any risks for the five-day match."

Waqar denied that he and Akram had pulled out because of a captaincy problem with Salim, who reportedly criticised their bowling in Sunday's final of a triangular limited-overs series Australia won by 64 runs.

It is the first time since the

Auckland Test against New Zealand in 1989 that Pakistan have played without the two pacemen.

The withdrawal of Akram and Waqar forced Pakistani selectors to include pace bowler Mohsin Kamal and off-spinner Akram Raza, after four prior changes to the Test team.

Australia capped Phil Emery, flown in to replace injured wicketkeeper Ian Healy. They also made three other changes from the side that drew the second Test at Rawalpindi.

Justin Langer was included for Steve Waugh, who has returned home because of a strained shoulder. Glenn McGrath came in for Jo Angel.

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session.

The tall batsman, who completed his 1,000 runs in his 19th Test, went back to a delivery that kept straight and South African umpire Cyril Mitchley had no hesitation in raising his finger. Inzamam's fourth Test half-century included 13 fours from 144 balls.

The Australians picked up two more quick wickets soon after tea. Salim was splendidly caught by a diving Michael Bevan at point as he shaped to cut May at 204 and five runs later Basil Ali pushed forward to Shane Warne and Mark Waugh, fielding at silly point, picked up a low catch.

Salim's 23rd half-century in his 80th Test contained 10 fours from 137 deliveries.

Warne claimed two wickets for 96 from 25 overs as the most successful Australian bowler.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN: First innings				
Saeed Anwar b Warne	30			
Aamir Sohail c Emery b McGrath	1			
Inzamamul Haq lbw b May	66			
Salim Malik c Bevan b May	75			
Ijaz Ahmad not out	35			
Basil Ali c Mark Waugh b Warne	0			
Moin Khan not out	39			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-5)	9			
Total: (for five wickets, 80.3 overs)	255			
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-34; 3-157; 4-204; 5-209.				

To bat: Akram Raza, Mushtaq Ahmad, Aaqib Javed, Mohsin Kamal.

Bowling (to date):	O	M	R	W
McDermott	14	3	56	0
McGrath	17.3	6	47	1
Warne	25	6	96	2
May	22	5	48	2
Mark Waugh	2	0	4	0

AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor (captain), Michael Slater, Mark Waugh, David Boon, Justin Langer, Michael Bevan, Phil Emery, Tim May, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath, Shane Warne.

World champs without Ws

LAHORE, Nov 1: Pakistan lost their two finest fast bowlers, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, Tuesday after they withdrew from the third Test against Australia just minutes before it was set to begin, reports AP.

Akram was said to be suffering from sinus and a sore back, and Younis was recovering from a pulled left hamstring.

This is the first time since the third Test against New Zealand at Auckland in 1989 that Pakistan have gone into a Test without Akram and Younis.

The two most feared fast bowlers in world cricket have shared 434 wickets between them in 90 Tests.

Younis quashed rumours that his decision to pull out was linked to a controversy involving Pakistan's captain Salim Malik.

"No nothing like that," Younis said when asked whether he withdrew because Malik reinstated batsman Ijaz Ahmad, who is also his brother-in-law, without consulting the selection committee.

Malik's decision drew criticism from the committee, some of whom threatened to resign because of Ijaz's selection.

"I don't know about Wasim, but I am happy with the captaincy," said the 22-year-old fast bowler.

Last January, a player revolt led by the then vice-captain, Younis, led to the removal of Akram as captain. Akram was accused of high-handedness and of being influenced by retired cricket captain Imran Khan.

Malik replaced Akram. Akram, who has had repeated trouble with his back, said "I didn't want to break down during the game."

Akram is also expected to undergo an operation for his sinus trouble, said team manager, Intikhab Alam.

Both players are expected to be fit for Pakistan's twin tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe starting later this month.

Cape Towners serious about 2004 Games

CAPE TOWN, Nov 1: Organisers expect to raise 120 million rand (dls 34 million) from the private sector for their bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games, parliament heard Tuesday, reports AP.

Raymond Ackerman, co-chairman of the Olympic Bid Committee, told a parliament panel half the money already had been pledged by six companies.

The National Olympic Committee of South Africa chose Cape Town, known for its rugged beauty, as its candidate to host what would be the first Olympics in Africa.

International Olympic Committee officials are believed to favour South Africa, which was banned from participation for three decades because of apartheid but reinstated for the 1992 Games as the nation negotiated the end of white minority rule.

The nation's first all-race election in April brought Nelson Mandela and the Africa National Congress to power. The government has yet to announce how much support it will give the Olympic bid.

Ackerman urged parliament to ignore opponents of the South African bid who say hosting the Olympics would cost too much when the country needs to concentrate on development to improve living conditions for millions of impoverished blacks.

"We have to explode the myth that hosting the Olympic Games would lose money," Ackerman said. "Since Los Angeles (in 1984), the Olympics have made money."

Officials gave examples of plans to hold down costs such as having 27 cruise ships in Cape Town harbour to house Olympic visitors, rather than building new hotels.

China's own Tour de France soon

BEIJING, Nov 1: China, the realm of the bicycle, plans to launch its own professional cycling tour, modeled after the Tour de France, with the 1995 Tour of China, reports AP.

The 250,000 dollar race will start Oct 26 in Hong Kong, travel to the southern cities of Shenzhen and Canton and move to the eastern port city of Shanghai before its Nov 5 finale in the capital, Beijing, organizers said Tuesday.

Up to 14 top professional clubs and several national teams are expected to compete. The 1993 world champion, 22-year-old Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, is expected to be one of the 126 cyclists on the tour, organizers said.

Although Chinese depend heavily on the bicycle, both for commuting and for moving goods, bicycle racing remains a relatively little known sport here.



Pakistani Inzamamul Haq knows nothing about this one from Australian leggie Shane Warne as he tries a rather awkward sweep during the opening day's play of the third and final Test in Lahore yesterday. Inzamam made a fluent 66 while the hosts managed 255 for five at stumps. — AFP photo

Williams' dream debut



OAKLAND, Calif., Nov 1: On a Halloween night when many kids Her age were trick-or-treating, 14-year-old Venus Williams turned her pro tennis debut into a scary display of precocious talent in a first-round victory at the Bank of the West Classic, reports AP.

Williams played with a veteran's poise in beating No 59 Shaun Stafford 6-3, 6-4 showing off not only raw power on her serve and groundstrokes, but a deft touch with the occasional drop shot and lob.

The victory set up a match Wednesday night between Williams and top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the French and US Open champion this year.

"I don't have to watch her," Sanchez said as she left before Williams took the court to go to the Rolling Stones concert next door. "I'm sure I'll be seeing a lot of her."

In Williams' first tournament of any kind since she was 11, she didn't even bother to sit between changeovers.

"Maybe she doesn't know she's allowed to sit," her coach, Rick Macci, said while watching her. "Maybe she thinks she needs a ticket."

There were more serious lapses in her game that were apparent to Macci. At one point, he wrote on his yellow pad, "Volley, Volley, Volley. Where is it?"

But he and Williams and her family could hardly be disappointed in so impressive a debut, even if there were only a few hundred fans in the Oakland Coliseum Arena. The media through almost equalled the number of fans.

"I really wasn't sure how I was going to do, but once I got out there, I just did my thing," Williams said.

Pam Shriver, once a teen phenomenon herself, was impressed by Williams.

"She has a lot of weapons," Shriver said. "In one match, it's hard to tell. She'll need patience and time, on and off the court. It's going to be great to

have her on the tour, 14 or not. She'll just need tennis in the right doses for the next several years."

Stafford helped Williams out by double-faulting five times, including three times in losing the second game of the match. If Williams was nervous, she didn't show it. Stafford, 25, was the one who looked more out of control.

"I think, for the most part, both of us were tight," Stafford said. "She moves extremely well for her height. She has a good serve, and it's going to get better. My performance wasn't that great, but she played well. She's 14 and capable of doing anything."

Williams won the first point of her first pro match, drilling a serve that sent Stafford lunging wide to her right off court, then following it up with a backhand crosscourt approach

Stoltenberg survives a scare

PARIS, Nov 1: Australian Jason Stoltenberg survived a scare before defeating Russian Alexander Volkov in a thrilling first round match at the Paris Open on Monday, reports Reuter.

Stoltenberg, the highest-ranked player to appear on the opening day of the star-studded indoor tournament, saved two match points before a hard-fought 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 victory.

Davis Cup hero Magnus Larsson of Sweden also reached the second round by beating American Richey Reneberg in straight sets.

Larsson, who beat Todd Martin to give Sweden a 3-2 victory over the United States in a Davis Cup semifinal the last month, beat Reneberg 7-5, 6-4 in the opening match of the tournament.

Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch and Lionel Roux also went through to the next round with wins over Peruvian Jaime Yzaga and German Karsten Braasch respectively.

that Stafford could barely get her racket on.

But Williams lost that first game when she hit a forehand wide at deuce, then couldn't reach a forehand in the corner by Stafford.

Her blue beads clicking on her braids, Williams sighed deeply, strode around the net and bore down to break Stafford back with the aid of the double-faults.

Williams played tentatively much of the 1-hour, 22-minute match.

"You're playing too predictable," Macci wrote in his notes.

"She's playing too vanilla," he then said. "She's trying to go corner to corner. She should be coming in more, going down the line, mixing it up. She can do that."

The second set was 4-4 when Williams ripped a backhand down the line that Stafford smacked wide to drop the game. On the changeover to serve for the match, Williams fairly skipped as she raced to the other side and get it over. She needed only four serves, taking the game at love when Stafford hit a backhand return long.

Williams then showed her only real emotion of the match, jumping up and down at the net.

By turning pro this year, Williams is beating by two months and eligibility rule change by the WTA, like Martina Hingis of Switzerland, who turned pro Oct 4. Williams will be able to play the pro tour without restrictions. If she had waited until next year, Williams would have to go through a phased-in schedule until she reached 18.

In day matches, No 6 seed Amy Frazier, the only seed to play Monday, routed Rosalyn Nideffer 6-0, 6-0.

No 2 seed Martina Navratilova is playing her next to last tournament. The 38-year-old great opens Tuesday night against Marketa Kochta after receiving a first-round bye along with the other top four seeds. Kochta, beat Sandra Cacic 6-3, 7-5.

Tauziat triumphs

QUEBEC CITY, Canada, Nov 1: Nathalie Tauziat of France beat compatriot Karine Quentrec 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 on Monday to win her first-round match at the 150,000 dollar Bell Challenge tournament, reports Reuter.

Seeded fourth, Tauziat is trying to repeat her success of a year ago when she won the inaugural edition of this WTA Tour event by beating Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria in the final.

The only other seeded players in action on the opening day, seventh-seeded Patricia Hy of Canada and eighth-seeded Elena Reinach of South Africa, both advanced to the second round. Hy beat Angelica Gavaldon of Mexico 6-4, 6-4, while Reinach outlasted Canadian Jana Nedjedy 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Sonya Jeyaseelan, a 33-year-old wild card entry, moved on to a second round meeting with Reinach when her American opponent, Stephanie Reece, had to retire due to a strained abdominal muscle.

The 18-year-old Jeyaseelan, runner up to Swiss, Martina Hingis in the final of this year's French Open junior event, was ahead 7-5, 1-0 when Reece retired.

The top seed at the Bell Challenge is 15th-ranked Amanda Coetzer of South Africa. Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, ranked 22nd, is seeded second.

Tauziat, now ranked number 30, has slipped 12 spots since her victory here last year and plans to take some time off in the new year to try to regain her old form. "I haven't played well at all this year, starting at the Australian Open," said the 27-year-old from Bayonne.

"I'm going to skip the Australian next year so I can spend a lot of time working on the technical aspects of my game."

The 57th ranked Hy was wary of Gavaldon, ranked 102nd.

Angelica is a very aggressive player and so I tried not to give her a chance to get going," said Canada's top player. "Luckily, I served really well in the first set."

Israel's rich in wreckage

TEL AVIV, Nov 1: Israel is unlikely to become a major force in world athletics but the influx of leading former Soviet athletes looks like bringing the country a level of success it could only have previously dreamt of, reports Reuter.

In the past two years, newly-naturalised Israeli athletes of Soviet extraction have taken Israel into the finals of the Olympics and European Championships for the first time.

And recent news that Ukrainians Inessa Kravets and Zhanna Tarnopolskaya are considering moving to Tel Aviv's elite Maccabi Club and taking Israeli citizenship highlights the transformation in Israeli athletics since the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

If Kravets, the Olympic and European long jump silver medalist and world indoor triple jump champion, and Tarnopolskaya, who won silver for Ukraine in the 100 and 200 metres in this summer's European Championships in Helsinki, switch nationalities, then it is unlikely to be long before Israel wins its first athletics medals in major competition.

Kravets, who is Jewish and Tarnopolskaya, who has a Jewish husband, are among a clutch of former Soviet athletes being urged to seek their fame and fortunes overseas.

Valentin Balakhnjchev, president of the Russian Federation, reflected a view held by all the former Soviet states when he said that athletes should go abroad because of the lack of financial support and poor facilities in the former Soviet Union.

"There is complete freedom now and it is understandable that athletes should leave," he said. "We can't support our

athletes the way we used to under the state system. We're encouraging them to go elsewhere."

Israel is one of the most popular destinations for Soviet athletes who are either Jewish, or who have Jewish connections, and over the past five years there has been a steady influx of Soviet athletes to Israel.

The result is that now more than 40 per cent of Israel's elite pool of talent is of Soviet extraction.

While leading Israeli athletes may not be too happy with that situation, Ilan Goldwasser, new general secretary of the Israeli Athletics Federation, points out that the importance of this trend for Israeli athletics lies not so much in the arrival of former Soviet athletes but in the coaches from the extinct communist empire.

"We are planning for the long term," said Goldwasser.

"There are more than 20 Soviets coaching at a high level, far more than there are native Israelis. Of course, we don't yet know what effect that will have on our athletics. We will see that in a few years."

For the first time this summer, Israel placed two athletes in the finals of a major championship.

Pole vaulter Yevgeniy Kravtsov, eighth in the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, finished seventh in Helsinki and raised the Israeli national record to a respectable 5.75 metres. Discus thrower Sergei Lukashok also reached his final in Helsinki, finishing 11th.

Although those results are significant for Israel, the fact Israel was competing as full members of the European Athletic Association (EAA) for

the first time was a historic development.

In plain geographical terms Israel has no place in European athletics. But its position as an outpost of Asian athletics prompted the EAA to grant it membership.

Hans Sauerbrey, administrative director of the EAA, said: "We decided to make them full members because they were isolated in the Asian association for political reasons."

And Sauerbrey's views were backed from an unlikely quarter on Wednesday, the day Israel signed its peace agreement with Jordan. The Algerian government gave its athletes approval to compete against Israelis for the first time.

"From now on Algeria will not be boycotting multilateral games in which Israeli athletes take part," the Algerian official news agency APS quoted Youth and Sport Minister Sid Ali Lebib as saying.

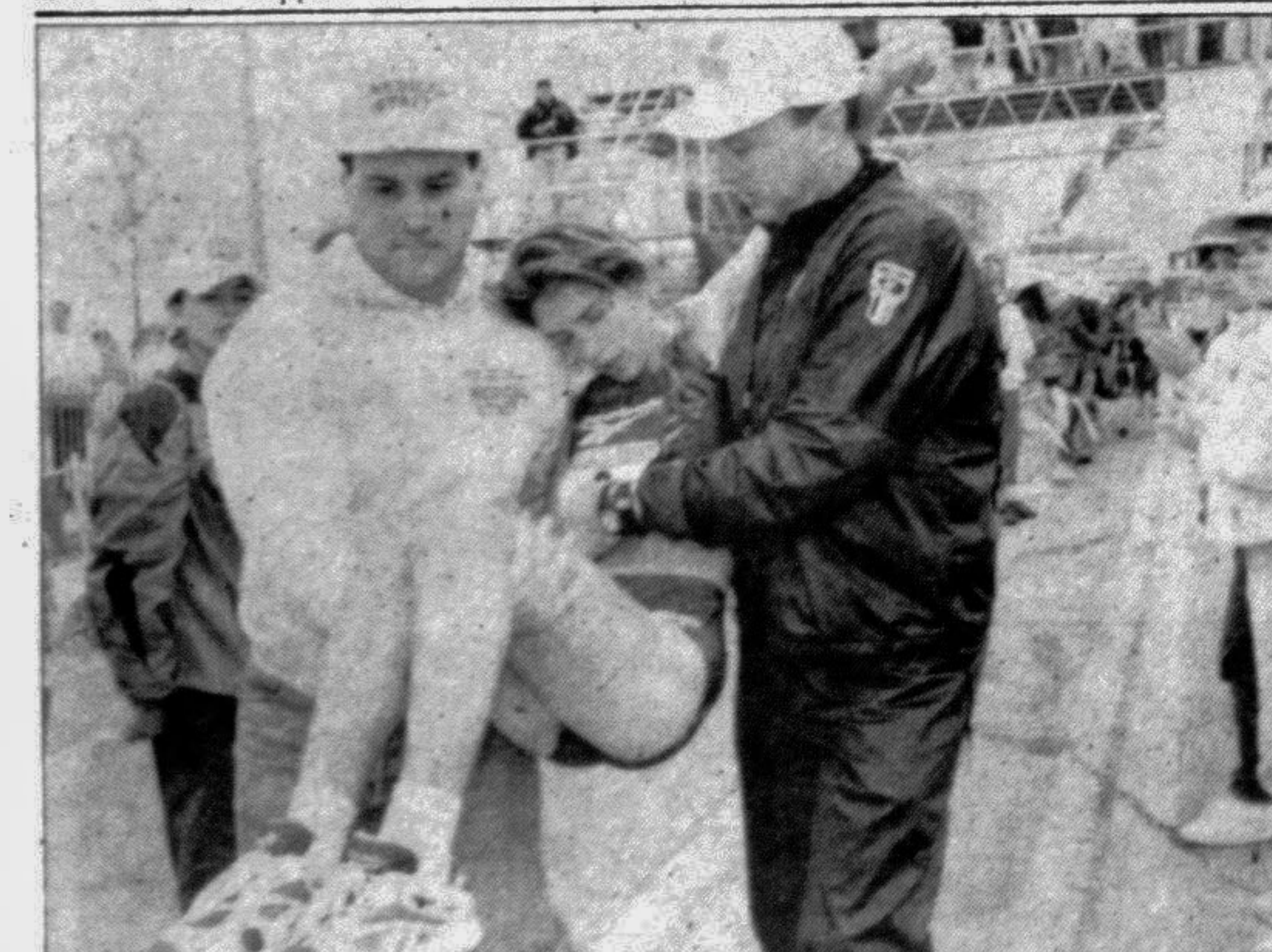
In the past Algeria, as a member of the Arab front, has rejected any contact with Israel.

While all of these changes are good for sport in Israel, there have been less savoury aspects of change.

On the negative side two former Soviets now wearing the star of David on their blue and white uniforms have tested positive for drugs.

Javelin thrower Vadim Bavkin and 400 metres hurdler Aleksey Bazarov have tested positive for steroids and received the maximum penalty of a four-year ban.

The changes in athletics are reflected elsewhere. Israeli soccer clubs now play in the three European Club competitions and its basketball clubs have had a fair measure of success in that sport's continent-wide competitions.



Chicago Marathon women's winner Kristy Johnston of the USA is carried by medical personnel as she collapsed after crossing the finish line on October 30. Johnston won with a time of 2:31:34. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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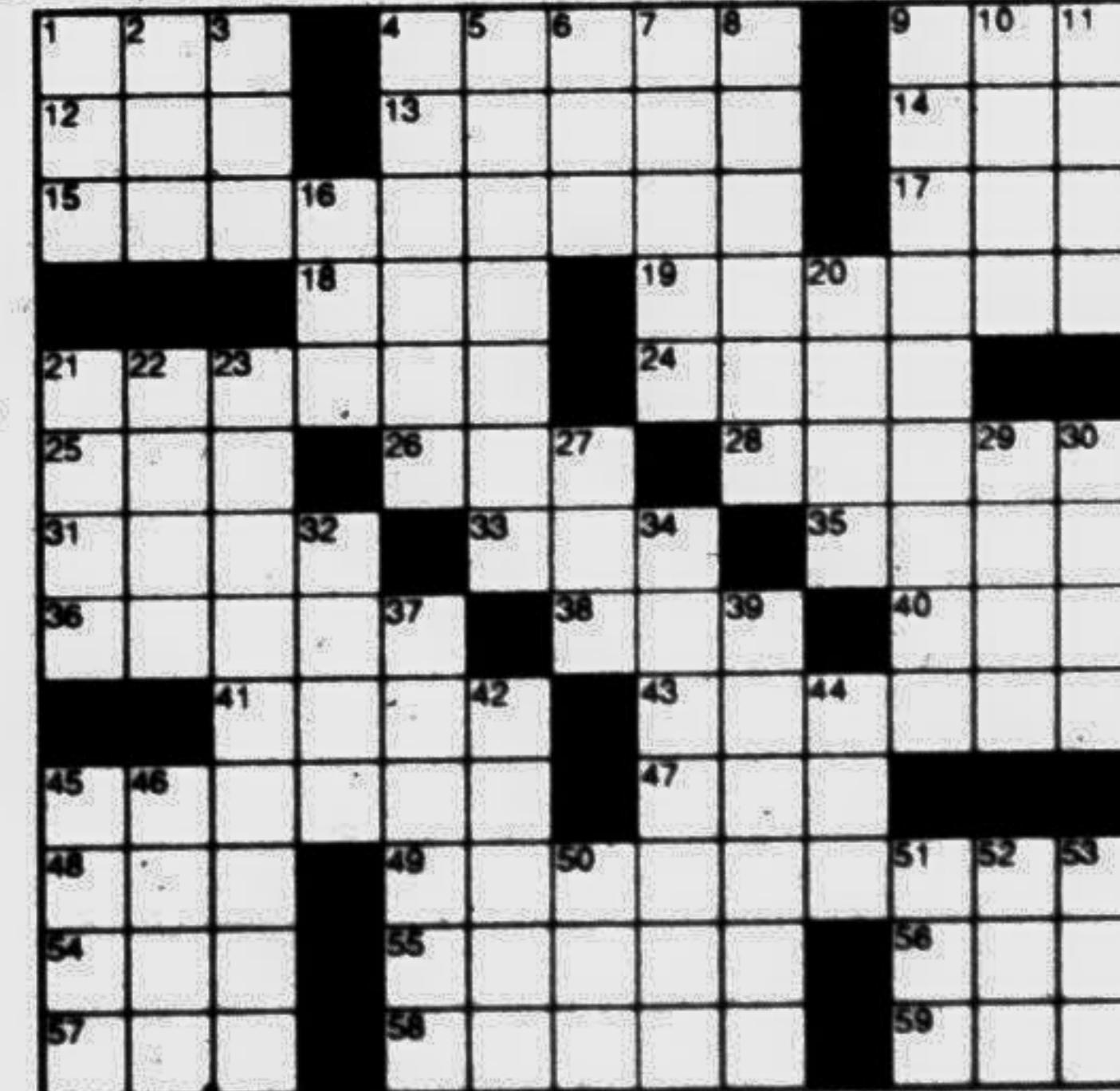
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