



South Korea's Soek Kyo Shin (L) moves the ball past Australia's Glenn Kingston during their Indira Gandhi Gold Cup hockey encounter at the National Stadium in New Delhi yesterday. The Koreans won 3-1. — AFP photo

### Koreans in Indira Gandhi hockey semis

NEW DELHI, Feb 7: Asian champions South Korea stormed into the semifinals of the Indira Gandhi gold Cup hockey tournament with a classy 3-1 win over Australia Tuesday while Poland held South Africa to a shock 2-2 draw, reports AFP.

The speedy Koreans, Asian Games gold medalists in Hiroshima, proved too strong for the second string Aussies while recording their second successive win in Group B of the eight-nation competition. Versatile midfielder and skipper Park Shin Heum put the Koreans ahead a minute before half-time from a pass by Keon Wook-Mang.

But his Australian counterpart Jason Duff equalised with a stinging penalty corner short two minutes into the second-half. The Koreans, however, asserted their supremacy by banging in two more goals midway through the second session through Keon Wook-Kang and Seung Tae-Song.

### Honours even in Christchurch

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb 7: New Zealand and the West Indies drew their weather-rained first cricket Test at Lancaster Park today, reports Reuters.

More than two days were lost to rain and bad light. The match finished with New Zealand at 61 for two in their second innings after dismissing West Indies in their first innings for 312, 29 runs behind.

The fifth and last day started with West Indies in some trouble at 102 for five, and the only chance of a result was if they failed to score the 40 needed to avoid the follow-on.

But Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who scored his fifth Test half-century in nine innings, and Junior Murray quickly eradicated that chance. Murray was eventually superbly caught with the score at 155 by Darrin Murray at mid-wicket off Shane Thomson for 28.

Chanderpaul also fell to Thomson, bowled for 69, shortly after lunch when he failed to offer a shot. The West Indies quick bowlers then provided the tiny crowd with some batting entertainment.

Whiston Benjamin smashed 85 off 87 balls with some shots out of a baseball manual. He and Chanderpaul put on 77 in 76 balls for the seventh-wicket. Then, with Curtly Ambrose, Benjamin put on 67 in 65 balls for the eighth-wicket.

Danny Morrison finally bowled Ambrose for 33, which included six fours. Benjamin hit paceman Simon Doull back over his head for six, but lost his off-stump next ball.

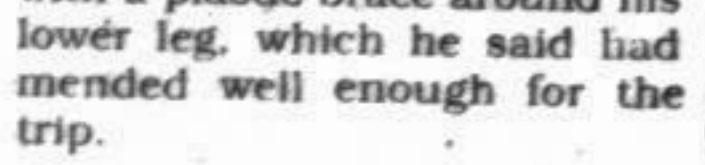
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### Kaiser's \$13m deal with Adidas

MUNICH, Feb 7: Franz Beckenbauer has signed a 20-million German mark deal (13-million dollars) to promote Adidas sportswear for 10 years, rejecting approaches from American company Nike, reports AP.

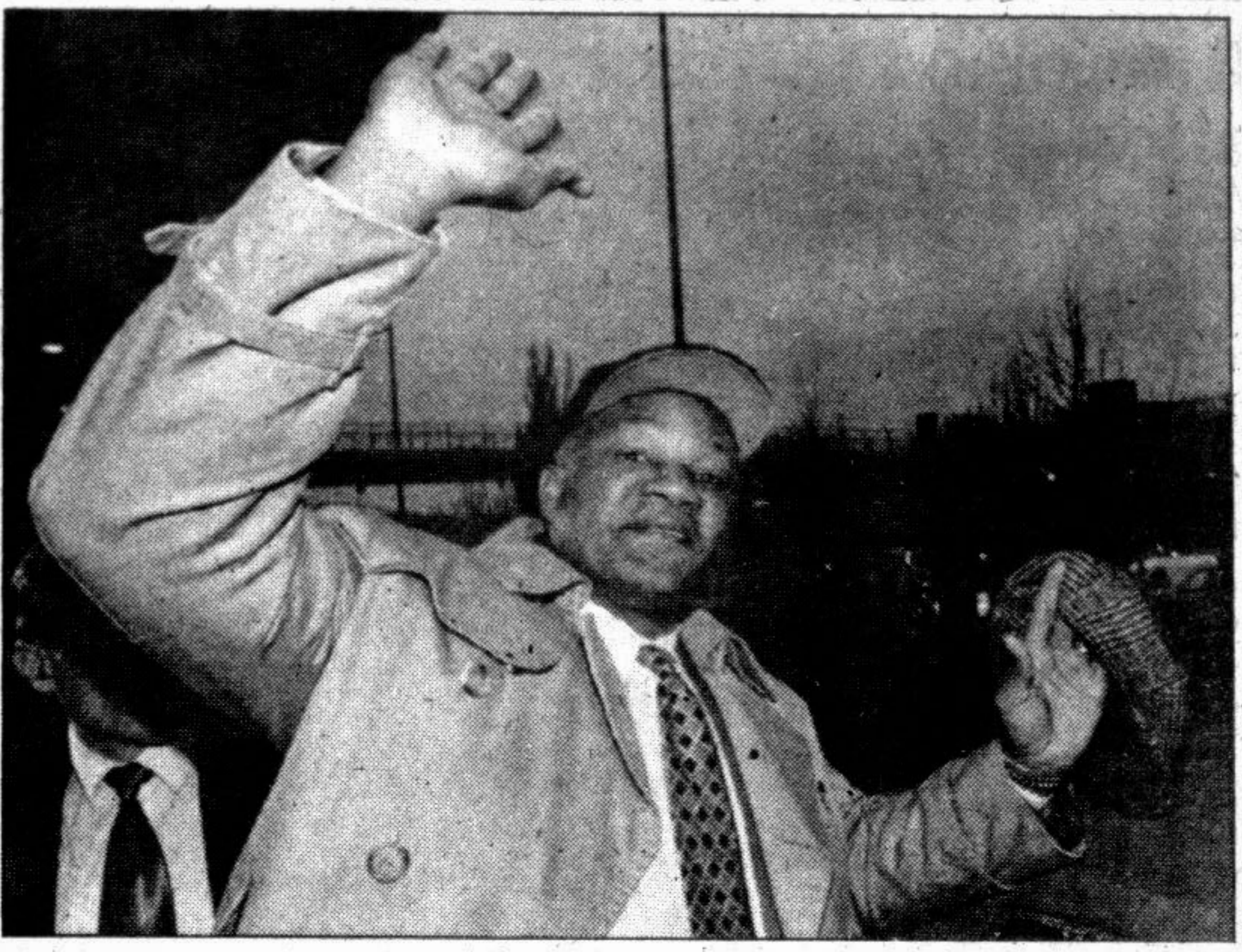
Beckenbauer, World Cup winner as a player and manager, has been tied by contract to Adidas for years but the Americans offered him more money to promote their line of sportswear.

### For friendship with old foes

HANOI, Feb 7: Still recovering from a fractured leg, long-distance runner Michael Liscio is again trotting south Sunday on a journey that would take him three months and 1,300 miles (2,100 kilometres) — all in the name of friendship between old foes, reports AP.

Liscio, 52, was a supply clerk in the US Navy when he last came to Vietnam. He served at the former South Vietnamese port of Da Nang, just one month after the first American combat troops in the country arrived there in March 1965.

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American boxing world champion George Foreman waves to his fans upon arrival at Hamburg Airport from Atlanta yesterday. Foreman, 46, was in Hamburg to give a press conference for his title bout against German Axel Schulz in Las Vegas on April 22. — AFP photo

### Nigerian youth team disbanded, coach sacked

LAGOS, Feb 7: The government Monday disbanded the country's youth soccer team and fired its coach following the players' "lackluster and disappointing performance" at the 9th African Youth Championship tournament, reports AP.

Nigeria's Flying Eagles came third in the tournament, which ended Sunday with Cameroon beating Burundi. The Nigerian team had been the favourite, and after it was eliminated Friday the players had to be locked inside their dressing room to escape attack by angry fans.

The coach had to be smuggled out of the stadium to safety. In its statement, the government said success on the soccer field was barometer of a country's ability to compete in other areas.

The announcement showed the importance the beleaguered military regime attaches to soccer, one of the few bright spots in Nigeria. For years, political problems and economic crises have sent the oil-rich country into a downward spiral, condemned by human rights groups and ostracized by many nations. But its soccer teams have done well in world competition, and Nigeria is to host the World Youth Championship for players under 20 next month. The government said it hoped a new youth team could be created in time for the competition.

The Flying Eagles' defeat was particularly stinging as they lost to Cameroon, with which Nigeria is embroiled in a bitter dispute over a strategic peninsula claimed by both countries. The dispute has strained relations between the governments and led to troop deployments along the peninsula.

### Corretja out of Dubai Open

DUBAI, Feb 7: Eighth seed Alex Corretja of Spain was knocked out in the first round of the Dubai Open tennis tournament by Sweden's Henrik Holm in a closely-fought clash on Monday, reports Reuters.

Holm, who saved a match point, won 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. He could have won the contest in straight sets as his aggressive service-and-volley game put him 3-1 up in the opening set.

But he was unable to build on his good start and lost five of the next six games to surrender the initiative to the baseline-based Corretja.

Holm's style often gave him an edge but the Swede's game was erratic. He delivered nine double-faults and wasted countless volleys.

Holm took control in the second set when he broke for a 2-1 lead and then went 4-1 up. Another break at the beginning of the third set suggested that the Swede would stroll to victory.

Instead, Corretja raised his game, matched Holm's aggression and broke to 3-3. He went on to lead 5-4 and held a match point, but when victory was in sight, he lobbed the ball long.

Corretja managed to win only two more points in the match as Holm held his nerve to win.

Holm admitted: "I could have lost the match. He puts a lot of top spin on the ball and I'm not fond of that, but I stayed calm and that's why I won."

### Sanchez-Vicario new No 1

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Feb 7: Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain replaced Germany's Steffi Graf on Monday as the top ranked women's tennis player in the world, reports Reuters.

Sanchez assumed the number one ranking for the first time in her career when the ailing Graf lost points for failing to defend her title at Tokyo last week. Sanchez has 307,913 points and Graf has 289,1963.

Graf, who has not played this year due to a calf injury, also lost all her points for failing to defend her title at the Australian Open the previous week.

Sanchez reached the finals of the Australian Open where she was defeated by Mary Pierce. The calf injury is the latest in a series of setbacks for Graf. Graf suffered a back injury during the Canadian Open in August. She managed to make

cent years. The Australian Open was her only Grand Slam victory of the year. She lost to Pierce at the French Open, was upset in the opening round at Wimbledon by Lori McNeil and was beaten by Sanchez in the final at the US Open.

Leading women's tennis rankings issued by the WTA Tour:

1. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spain)
2. Steffi Graf (Germany)
3. Mary Pierce (France)
4. Conchita Martinez (Spain)
5. Justine Henin (Belgium)
6. Lindsay Davenport (USA)
7. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
8. Natasha Zvereva (Belarus)
9. Kimiko Date (Japan)
10. Anke Huber (Germany)
11. Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria)
12. Iva Majoli (Croatia)
13. Brenda Schultz (Netherlands)
14. Naoko Sawamatsu (Japan)
15. Amy Frazier (USA)
16. Sabine Hack (Germany)
17. Lori McNeil (USA)
18. Julie Halard (France)
19. Amanda Joe Fernandez (USA)
20. Amanda Coetzer (South Africa)

### Zina Garrison going strong

CHICAGO, Feb 7: Seventh seed Zina Garrison-Jackson, playing her final year on the tour, defeated fellow American Audra Keller 6-1, 6-0 on Monday, in the first round of the \$30,000 American Amertech Cup, reports Reuters.

Garrison-Jackson, making her 10th consecutive appearance in Chicago, needed just 51 minutes to eliminate Keller.

"Today, I played the best I've played in three weeks," said Garrison-Jackson, ranked 24th in the world. "I'm still enjoying tennis and that's what matters to me."

But the 31-year-old Houston native is resolute in her decision to retire, announced last April.



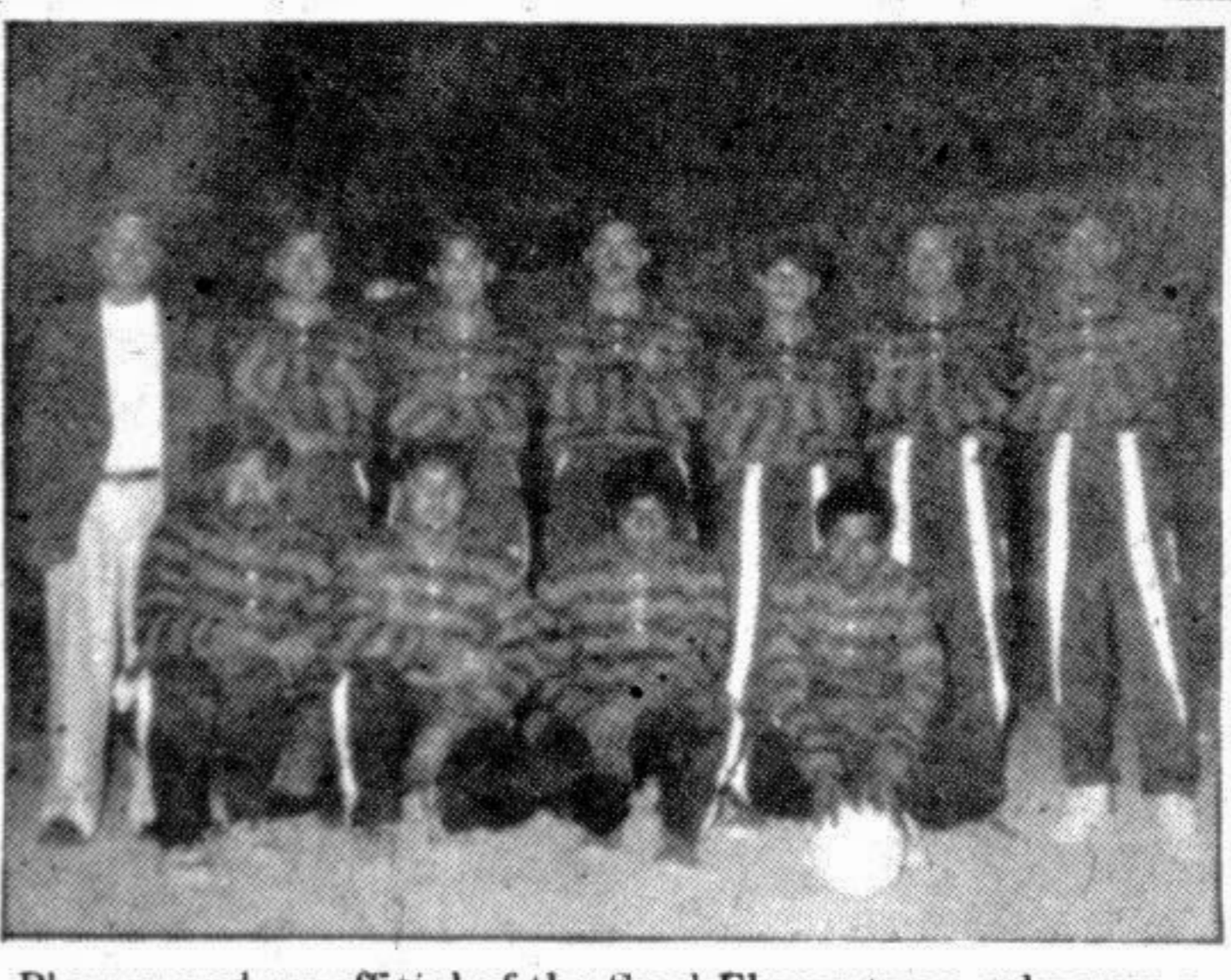
SANCHEZ-VICARIO

Graf tried to return for the season-ending Virginia Slims Championships in New York but lost to Pierce in her second match. That loss capped Graf's least productive season in recent years.

### Bangladeshi vball in S Arabia

Syed Eleven beat Najran Mineral Water Company 15-10, 12-15 and 15-7 in the final of the five-team volleyball meet, sponsored by Al-Medina Fashion.

Confined to the Bangladeshi community in the Saudi Arabian city of Najran, the tournament featured Syed Eleven, Najran Mineral Water Company, Arise Airport Villa Greens, Syed Greens and Arise Airport Villa Reds.



Players and an official of the Syed Eleven team, who won a five-team volleyball championship in Najran, Saudi Arabia. — Star photo

### Vietnam steps into scenario

HANOI, Feb 7: Vietnam announced plans Tuesday to hold an international bicycle race this May, reports AP.

The "Back to the Roots Race '95" will feature about 500 cyclists, more than twice the number who participated in the country's first such competition last year, the state-run Vietnam News said.

The planned race underscores Vietnam's effort to build stronger international links in sports as well as in business and politics, since it started to open up to the non-communist world in the late 1980s.

The race will mark the 20th anniversary of Vietnam's unification under communism and the 105th birthday of Ho Chi Minh, the nationalist leader who died in 1969.

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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 24 mins.

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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 G A G O Q

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** BREAD DELIVERY VAN DRIVER BRAGGED TO US THAT HE'S ROLLING IN DOUGH.

**Today's Cryptoquip clue:** A equals D

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.