Nigerian youth

team disbanded,

coach sacked

ment Monday disbanded the

country's youth soccer team

and fired its coach following

the players' "lackluster and

disappointing performance" at

the 9th African Youth Champi-

onship tournament, reports

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

The coach had to be smug-

In its statement, the gov-

gled out of the stadium to

ernment said success on the

soccer field was barometer of a

country's ability to compete in

The announcement showed

the importance the belea-

guered military regime at-

taches 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 down-

ward spiral, condemned by

human rights groups and os-

tracized by many nations. But

its soccer teams have done

well in world competition, and

Nigeria is to host the World

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 penin-

Corretja out

of Dubai Open

Alex Corretia of Spain was

knocked out in the first round

of the Dubai Open tennis tour-

nament by Sweden's Henrik

Holm in a closely-fought clash

Holm, who saved a match

He could have won the con-

test in straight sets as his ag-

gressive service-and-volley

game put him 3-1 up in the

on his good start and lost five

of the next six games to sur-

marning setting to the second and a

But he was unable to build

on Monday, reports Reuter.

point, won 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

DUBAL Feb 7: Eighth seed

by angry fans.

other areas.

Nigeria's Flying Eagles.came

LAGOS, Feb 7: The govern-



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

Honours even in Christchurch

wicket. Then, with Curtly

Ambrose, Benjamin put on 67

in 65 balls for the eighth-

bowled Ambrose for 33, which

Simon Doull back over his

head for six, but lost his off-

for 69 when he had Kenneth

Bryan Young, in New Zealand's

second minings went to con-

secutive balls, both to contro-

Kaiser's \$ 13m

deal with Adidas

Beckenbauer has signed a 20-

million German mark deal [13-

million dollars) to promote

Adidas sportswear for 10 ye-

ars, rejecting approaches from

American company Nike.

winner as a player and man-

ager, has been tied by contract

to Adidas for years but the

Americans offered him more

money to promote their line of

Beckenbauer, World Cup

reports AFP.

sportswear.

MUNICH, Feb 7: Franz

Benjamin eaught behind.

included six fours.

stump next ball.

Danny Morrison finally

Benjamin hit paceman

Morrison finished with six

Both openers. Murray and

He and Chanderpaul put on However, captain Ken Ru-

therford and Andrew Jones

safely negotiated their way to

the close against mostly gentle

bowling. While honours for the

match were even. New Zealand

with a string of defeats behind

alised by a marijuana-smoking

scandal which had seen three

players - Stephen Fleming,

Dion Nash and Matthew Hart -

suspended for the West Indias

in, a gutsy batting display on a

green wicket, including 56

by man-of-the-match Adam

Parore, saw the Kiwis' heads

West Indies to have them five

for 98 as fast bowler Danny

Morrison outperformed his

broken finger suffered by Na-

sh, who has been replaced by

left-arm paceman Murphy

Su'A for the second Test in

West Indies attack was ex-

posed as lacking variety and

they may well consider includ-

ing leg spinner Rajindra

Dhanrai in their eleven for

Wellington on Friday.

The only black spot was a

more illustrious opposition.

They then embarrassed

from Fleming and 100 not out"

However, after being sent

one-day series.

them and had been demor-

They went into the match

came out with most gains.

CHRISTCHURCH. 85 off 87 balls with some shots versial caught-behind umpiring Feb 7: New Zea- out of a baseball manual. indies drew their 77 in 76 balls for the seventhweather-ruined first cricket Test at Lancasier Park today, reports

More than two days were lost to rain and bad light.

Reuter.

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-

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 midwicket off Shane Thomson for

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.

Winston Benjamin smashed

Lise: Agan trotting south

Sunday on a journey that would

take him three months and

miles

kilometres) — all in the name

of friendship between old foes.

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

past 30 years, I remembered

Vietnam as a war," the Los An-

geles native said. "I wanted to

Liscio, an actor and carpen-

ter, said he began to protest

against the Vietnam War when

his Navy stint ended in 1966

The goal of his run is to show

the potential for harmony be-

tween the United States and

Vietnam two decades after the

show Americans to get off

their butts and come over

here, and bring money and not

I think it's a good way to

Liscio's starting point in

Hanoi was the mausoleum con-

taining the corpse of Vietnam's

nationalist father-figure, Ho

Chi Minh. He plans to finish

his run in Saigon, renamed Ho

Chi Minh City, in time for the

20th anniversary of the city's

fall, which brought the war to

one time "Mr Teenage Amer-

ica," came to the Vietnamese

capital last month to race in

the city's second international

fractured his left fibula in De-

cember. A lightweight cast on

his leg fell apart in the middle

of the race, and he finished 23

miles (37 kilometres) in hie

taste of his bigger project - a

solo run down Highway One.

Vietnam's main north-south

artery. Liscio embarked Sunday

with a plastic brace around his

lower leg, which he said had

mended well enough for the

But the marathon was only a

He ran in it despite having

Liscio, a body-builder and

an end on April 30, 1975.

conflict, he said.

bullets," he said.

marathon.

erase those dark memories.

"Every day of my life for the

1.300

reports AP.

HANOI, Feb 7

Still recovering

from a fractured

leg, long-distance

(2.100

runner Michael

For friendship with old foes Liscio plans to stay cool during his journey by running for only one hour at a time. and he took a modified

beekeeper's hat to fend off any

malarial mosquitoes. At least

eight bananas each day will

provide him with needed

Two Vietnamese will ac-

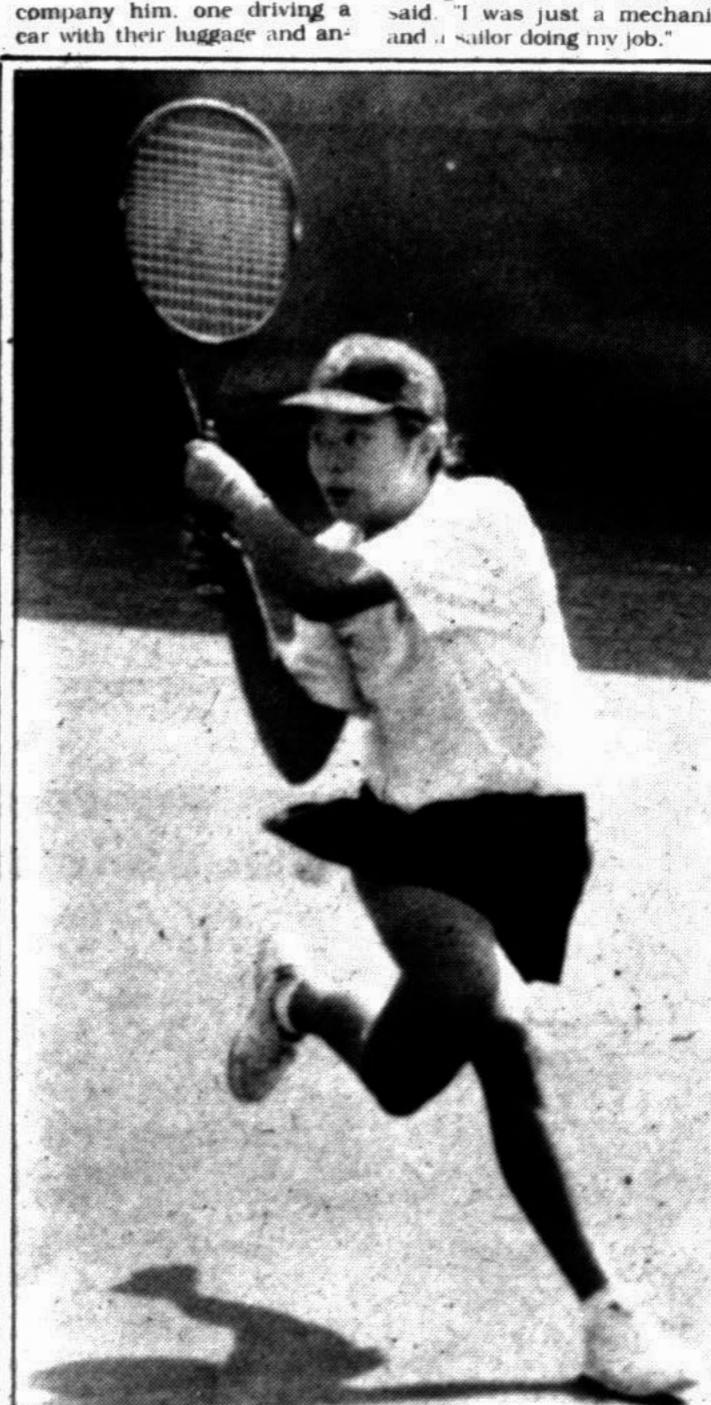
carbohydrates, he said.

other. Le Ngoc Son, who said he quit his job in a hotel night club to film the run.

Wellington.

Liscio said he expects to stop along the way in Da Nang to see what remains of the supply depot he helped build there. .

"I didn't know it was a wrong war at the time," he said. "I was just a mechanic and a sailor doing my job."



Jacklyn Yun Ning-fu of Hong Kong makes a double-fisted return during her ninth Toyota Bangladesh international junior tennis championships pre-quarterfinal match at Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Star photo by Enamul Huq

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-

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.

South Korea, who edged past South Africa 4-3 in their first match, are certain to top Group B if they defeat or draw against Poland in their last league encounter on Thursday Australia, who trounced Poland 5-0 in an earlier match, were left with two points from as many matches and a game against South Africa in hand. The Africans and the Poles are tied with a point each.

South Africa have themselves to blame for sharing points with Poland after dominating a large part of the match.

They twice allowed Poland to draw level after taking the ead, the second equaliser coming four minutes from the final whistle through Piotr Adrian.

Shaun Cooke's penalty corner put the South Africans ahead in the 11th minute, before Polish skipper Slawo Mir equalised six minutes later.

Shane Viviers struck for South Africa again in the 52nd minute, but Poland's last-ditch ellort was rewarded when Adrian shot in towards the

Karpov, Gelfand draw again

SANGHINAGAR, India: Feb 7: Russian Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov settled for a draw against Boris Gelfand of Belarus after missing several chances in the second of their tengame World Chess Championship semifinals on Tuesday in southern India, reports AP.

The game was agreed drawn after the 49th move as Karpov checked Gelfand's king repeatedly.

In their opening match on Monday, the two Grandmasters had also settled for a draw.

In the other semifinals. American Grandmaster Gata Kamsky forced a draw after 27 moves and split points in his second game against Valery Saloy of Russia. Their adjourned first game will be played on Wednesday.

"It was a good draw. Gata played well and I realized after BE3 that he was playing for a draw," said Salov after splitting points with Kamsky.

Kamsky endorsed what his rival said. He also said he was just warming up as he had not played much since the Buenos Aires tournament làst year.

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

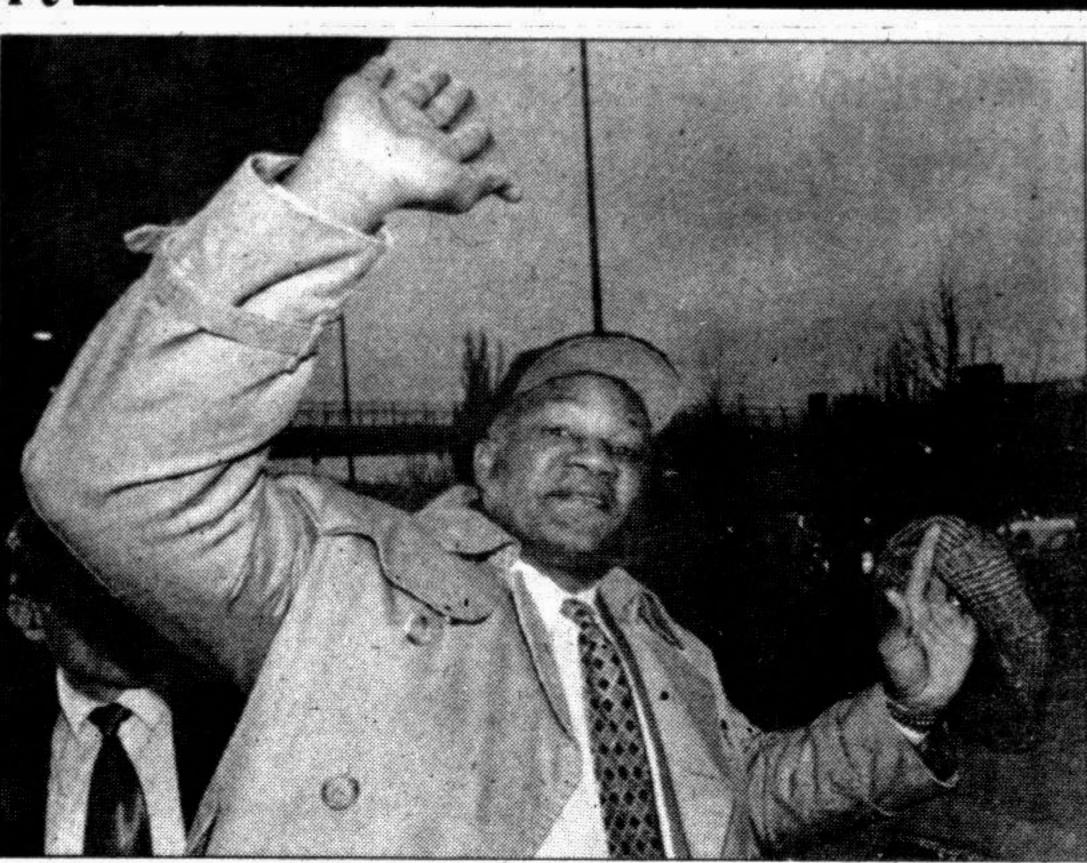
20th anniversary of Vietnam's unification under communism and the 105th birthday of Ho Chi Minh, the nationalist leader who died in 1969. Men and women, most of

them Vietnamese, will compete in two separate seven-day races through parts of northern Vietnam. The men will set out from

Hanoi and race 720 kilometres (447 miles) before returning to the capital. Female cyclists will follow a 207-kilometre (129-mile) course. Race organisers expect par-

ticipants from Thailand, Singapore. Laos and the United States, the paper reported.

About 195 athletes competed last May in Vietnam's first international bicycle race which commemorated the nationalist Vietnamese victory over the colonial French in the 1954 battle of Dien Bien Phu. They included riders from Laos. Thailand and Burma.



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

Sanchez-Vicario new No 1



RG. 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 Reuter. Sanchez assumed the num-

ber 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 307.9131 points and Graf has 289.1963.

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

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 430.000 dollars Ameritech Cup, reports Reuter. Garrison-Jackson, making

her 10th consecutive appear ance 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.

Bangladeshi v'ball in S Arabia

Sports Reporter 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 Fash-

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.

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ST PETERSBU- Australian Open the previous cent years. The Australian 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



SANCHEZ-VICARIO

the finals of the US Open but lost to Sanchez-Vicario in three sets when her back injury flared up again.

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 Grafs least productive season in re-

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.

RANKINGS

Leading women's tennis rankings issued by the WTA

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3. Mary Pierce (France)

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Natasha Zvereva (Belarus) 9. Kimiko Date (Japan)

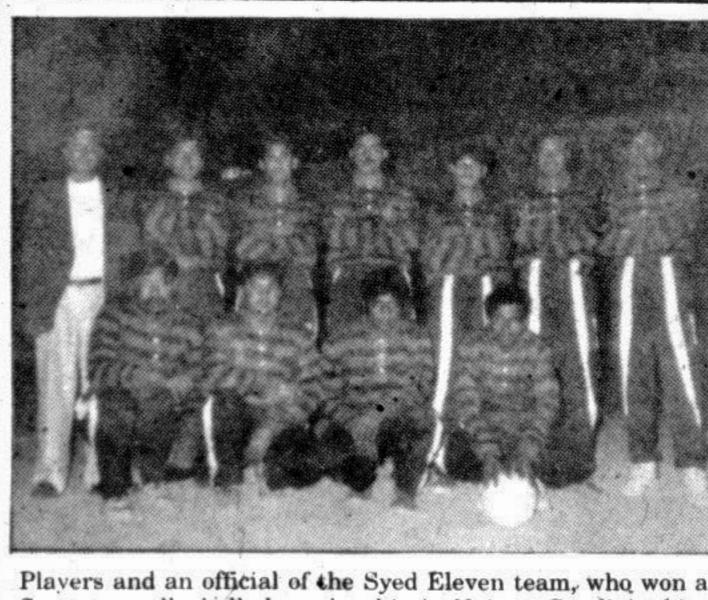
10. Anke Huber (Germany) Magdalena Maleeva (Bul-

12. Iva Majoli (Croatia) * 13. Brenda Schultz (Nether-

17. Lori McNeil (US)

18. Julie Halard (France)

Africal



five-team volleyball championship in Najran, Saudi Arabia. - Star photo

Youth Championship for players under 20 next month. The government said it hoped a new youth team could be created in time for the competi-

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario

Conchita Martinez (Sp-

7. Gabriela Sabatmi (Argentina)

14. Naoko Sawamatsu (da-

15. Amy Frazier (US) 16. Sabine Hack (Germany)

19. Mary Joe Fernandez

render the initiative to the baseline-based Corretja. 20. Amanda Coetzer (South Holm's style often gave him

in edge but the Swede's serve 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 ag-

gression 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 Corretja managed to win only two more points in the

match as Holm held his nerve to win. Hold 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

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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ARLNGOADA ARQMT LZNML LRQND V D O D Q ' J V Z O J S JSDT G AGOQ. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BREAD DELIVERY VAN DRIVER BRAGGED TO US THAT HE'S ROLLING IN

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.

