

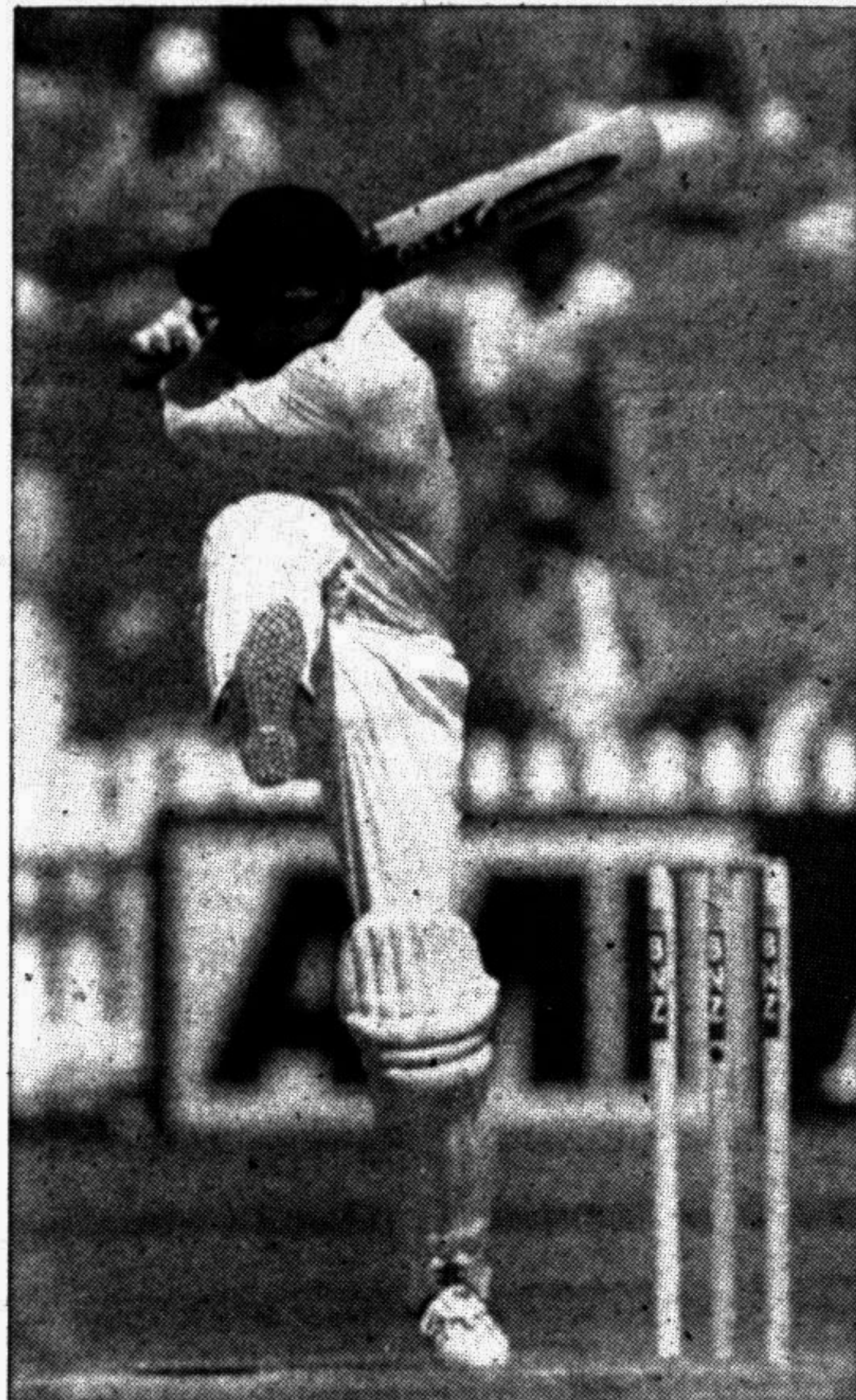
Sport

Lara leaves Kiwis dazed

WELLINGTON, Feb 10: Brain Lara blasted 147 to lead West Indies to a massive 356 for three against New Zealand by the close of the first day of the second Test today, reports Reuter.

But the hapless New Zealand bowlers had to wait over three hours for their next success. Their attack was restricted by an injury to off-spinner Shane Thomson suffered on Thursday and the decision to play him in their team was soon exposed.

Table with cricket statistics: WEST INDIES First innings, S. Williams c Parore b Doull 26, S. Campbell c Su'a b Morrison 88, B. Lara 147 b Morrison 147, J. Adams not out 87, K. Arthurton no out 0, Extras: (nb-4, lb-4) 8, Total: (for three wickets) 356, Fall of wickets: 1-85; 2-134; Zealand today



A LARA SPECIAL: West Indian batsman Brian Lara goes for a pull shot during his whirlwind innings of 147 on the opening day of the second Test against New Zealand at the Basin Reserve in Wellington yesterday. West Indies piled up 356 for three at stumps.

injured Winston Benjamin from the first Test team with leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj, who is likely to play a key role later in the match.

SCOREBOARD: Scoreboard on the first day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and New Zealand. Columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Rows: Morrison (21, 4, 66, 2), Silva (25, 3, 91, 0), Doull (20, 4, 93, 1), Hart (16, 0, 82, 0), Jones (8, 2, 20, 0). Includes batting order: S. Chandernaul, J. Murray, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh, K. Benjamin, R. Dhanraj.

Privalova equals own mark

MADRID, Feb 10: Irina Privalova set a world indoor 50 metres record on her way to equalling her own world 60 metres record at an international athletics meeting on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Russian ran the first 50 metres of the 60-metre final in 5.96 seconds, beating Merlene Ottey's previous record of 6.00 set in Moscow a year ago.

Privalova finished the race in 6.92 seconds, equalling the record she set here on the same track in February 1993. 'I like Madrid. I like Spain. It's a very fast track here,' she said.

In the men's 60-metres hurdles, American Allen Johnson exacted revenge on Colin Jackson.

Johnson, who lost to the Welshman in Stuttgart four days ago, was the fastest in the heats and got a lightning start in the final.

Jackson was closing at the line and the two men again finished with an equal time — 7.42 seconds. The photo declared Johnson the winner.

'We had a very close race in Stuttgart and it was close again today,' Jackson said.

Home fans had a Spanish record in the long jump to celebrate. Angel Hernandez jumped 8.13 metres but finished second, one centimetre behind Cuban Ivan Pedrose.

Aussie hockey manager miffed

NEW DELHI, Feb 10: Australian manager Barry Dancer said he was miffed over the suspension of striker Mathew Smith for Saturday's Indra Gandhi Gold Cup semifinal, reports Reuter.

Smith was given a one-match ban after being shown a red card in Thursday's pool match against South Africa.

'Our team is very disappointed and surprised at the decision by the tournament director to suspend Mathew Smith...' Dancer said in a statement.

Dancer said Smith's ban came despite a precedent being set earlier in the tournament when the director decided not to suspend Indian defender Anil Aldrin under 'exactly similar circumstances.'

But tournament director Robert Lycke said Aldrin was booked in two different games while Smith collected two yellow cards in the same match.

In the play-offs for fifth to eighth places, Malaysia beat last year's runners-up South Africa 4-3 and England thrashed Poland 4-1.

FIFA call off World Youth Cup in Nigeria

ZURICH, Feb 10: Soccer's world governing body on Friday cancelled next month's World Youth Championships in Nigeria, citing health problems in the country, reports AP.

FIFA said it will discuss the possibility of an alternative venue next week although officials have said finding another site at such short notice would be tough.

The two-week, 16-team tournament for player aged 20 and under was due to be staged in four Nigerian cities March 11-26. FIFA said it felt obliged to cancel the event following reports of outbreaks of meningitis and cholera in the past few weeks.

'There have been cases of meningitis and cholera reported by health officials in Kaduna and Enugu which together with Lagos and Ibadan were chosen as host cities of the championships,' a FIFA statement said.

'These reports were also confirmed by a member of the FIFA Sports Medical Committee visiting these areas.'

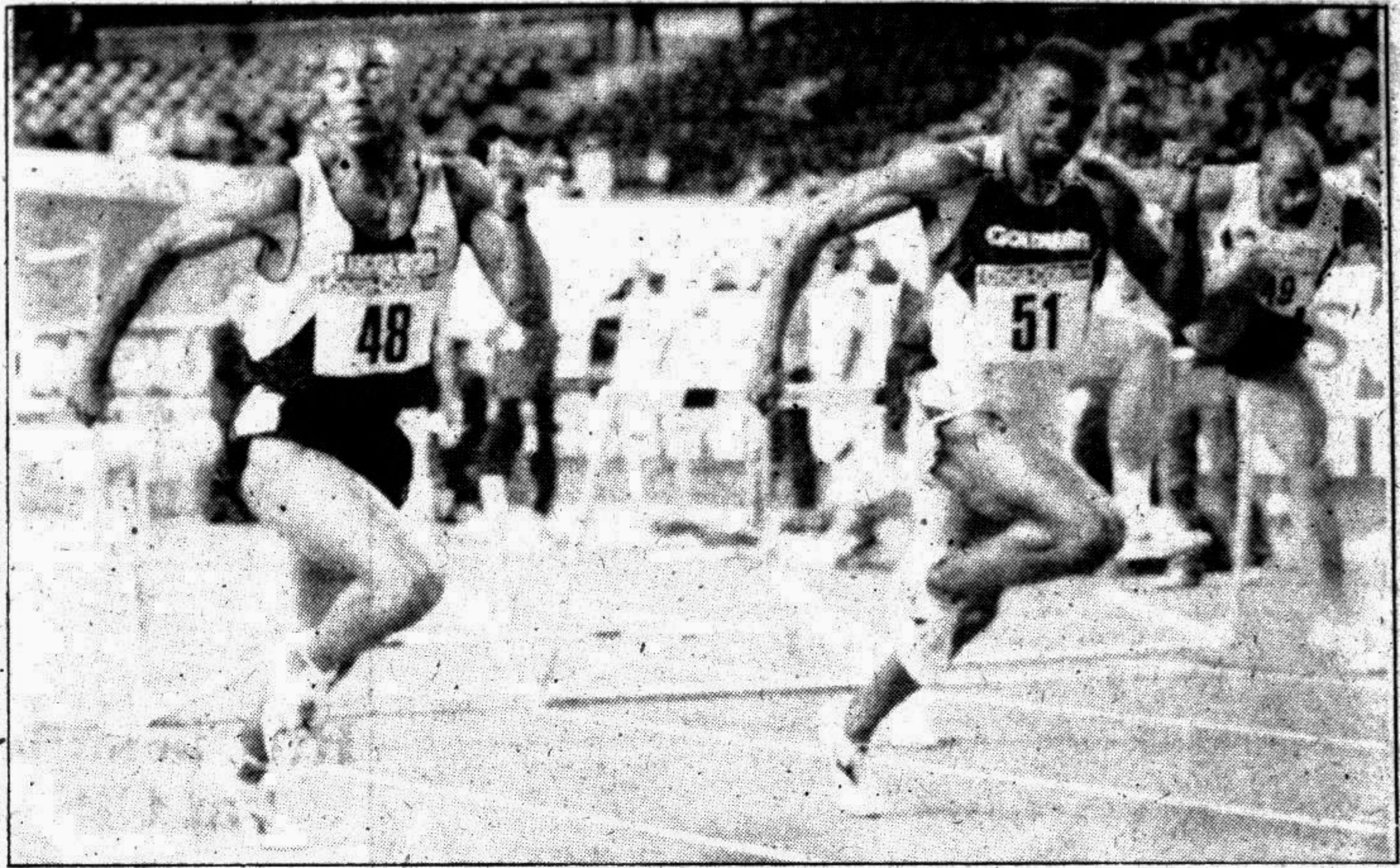
'FIFA regret the need to cancel the event in Nigeria, especially as the Nigerian organizers had gone to great lengths to ensure the infrastructure and logistical arrangements for the tournament,' the statement said.

FIFA executive committee member Jack Warner said in early December the facilities for the tournament were below standard. But, after another visit last month, he submitted a positive report about the venues, FIFA said.

With European countries effectively ruled out because they are in mid-season with all major venues being used already, the alternatives for FIFA are limited. South Africa and Saudi Arabia could be possibilities because they have well-established venues.

The championships are the second major sports event to be called off in the first six weeks of 1995. Two weeks ago, ski officials cancelled the World Alpine Skiing Championships in Sierra Nevada due to lack of snow.

It also is the second time FIFA has had to move a major event because of health problems.



American Allen Johnson (no 51) and Briton Colin Jackson (no 48) are neck and neck during the men's 60 metres hurdles event at the indoor athletics meeting in Madrid on Feb 9. Johnson won in 7.42 seconds. — AFP photo

Kasparov's title on line

COLOGNE, Germany, Feb 10: Garry Kasparov will defend his Professional Chess Association (PCA) world title in Germany in September against a brash Brooklyn-based upstart or a suave, speedy Indian, PCA organisers said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Kasparov, the youngest player ever to achieve chess's pinnacle, will face the winner of a PCA-sanctioned match to be played in the Canary Islands in March between Gata Kamsky of the United States and India's Viswanathan 'Vishy' Anand.

The 1.5 million dollar, best-of-20 game PCA championship match will begin in Cologne on September 10. Its winner will play a challenger from the rival International Chess Federation (FIDE) to become undisputed world champion.

'I think it would be a much better chess event if I play Vishy Anand,' Kasparov told reporters. 'I hope to concentrate just on chess and it would be a nice even without any interference.'

He was referring to the stark differences in the challengers' personalities.

Anand, a 25-year-old former world junior champion now ranked fourth in the world, is a friendly, cheerful man renowned for his rapid-fire volley of moves.

Kamsky, who last year at age 20 leaped to third place from eleventh in the space of six months, is a fiery, temperamental player who was born in Siberia but emigrated to America in 1989 after complaining about 'meddlesome Soviet authorities.'

'If Anand can stand the psychological pressure in his match against Kamsky, he is just a much better player,' the defending 31-year-old PCA champion said.

'His chances are better if he can learn from his terrible loss against Kamsky in India, where he completely outplayed Kamsky in the first five games but then lost his psychological confidence and could not play any further.'

Kasparov said the winner of the PCA championship match would play for the undisputed world title in a match tentatively scheduled for June 1996.

We are negotiating the technical details of the reunification process and it is quite complicated, but nobody can doubt the fact that it is going to happen one way or another,' Kasparov said.

The world of top level chess was torn apart in March 1993, a few months before Kasparov was due to defend his crown against Britain's Nigel Short.

The two players walked out of FIDE when it pushed through a plan to hold the championship in the English city of Manchester. They founded the breakaway PCA and staged their match themselves in London, which Kasparov won.

FIDE retaliated by stripping Kasparov of his title and setting up a new championship, won by fellow-Russian Anatoly Karpov, Kasparov's arch rival.

The unification match will be limited to 16 games played over four weeks with no adjournments and no time-outs for players, measures that will help hold a global audience's attention and boost the sport's television appeal, he said.

Kasparov pledged halfheartedly to play a computer again in Cologne to seek revenge for his shocking loss during a speed chess match last year against a computer using a programme that cost less than 200 dollars.

'He is still sore about losing,' one organiser said.

No stopping Agassi express

SAN JOSE, California, Feb 10: The Agassi express just keeps rolling along on the ATP Tour.

Top seed Andre Agassi, winner of the last two Grand Slam tournaments and 31 of his last 33 matches, pounded out a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 victory over unseeded German Marc Goellner, on Thursday to roll into the quarter-finals of the 328,000 dollars San Jose Open, reports Reuter.

Becker blows Leconte away

MARSEILLE, Feb 10: Top seed Boris Becker took revenge on gifted but erratic Frenchman Henri Leconte in spectacular fashion on Thursday, crushing him in straight sets to reach the third round of the Marseille indoor tournament, reports Reuter.

Former world number one Becker, who was beaten by Leconte in the second round here last year, needed just 57 minutes to cruise to a 6-0, 6-4 win and set up an all-German quarter-final clash with Joern Renzenbrink.

Razor Ruddock files for bankruptcy

TORONTO, Feb 10: Donovan 'Razor' Ruddock, who was paid \$1.8 million for two bouts with Mike Tyson in 1991, plus more than \$1 million for a fight against Lennox Lewis in 1992, has filed for bankruptcy in Florida, reports AP.

The US Bankruptcy Court of South Florida confirmed to the Toronto Star that Ruddock filed for bankruptcy on Feb 2.

His case is to be heard on March 17.

Bruguera pulls out of Dubai Open

DUBAI, Feb 10: Top-seed Sergei Bruguera pulled out of the Dubai open on Thursday when a neck injury forced him to concede against fellow-Spaniard Javier Sanchez, reports Reuter.

Bruguera, a finalist last year, said: 'It's not a nice way to start the year.'

Pele's passionate plea

PARIS, Feb 10: Pele, the world's most famous footballer, appealed to soccer fans here on Thursday to stop the senseless slaughter, reports AFP.

'Football, the people's game, must be protected,' he told AFP on a trip to promote the 1998 World Cup finals in France.

'I know fans identify very strongly with their clubs but they must remember football is a celebration. We go to matches to enjoy ourselves. I'd say to the fans, please, please remember this,' he urged.

In the past two weeks two fans have been killed, one in Italy and one in France. The murder in Italy, involving a supporter of the world's most famous club, AC Milan, sparked off street riots. The killing in France occurred at an amateur game.

Pele also insisted that French star Eric Cantona be banned from all football for attacking a fan at Manchester United's English league match at Crystal Palace last month.

'He's human and everybody can make mistakes but a player must set an example,' he said.

Former England star Sir Bobby Charlton, a Manchester United director, admitted Cantona might not play any more football this season.

Pele suggested that one way to help combat the threat of violence would be for clubs and national federations to make matches a family occasion.

'They should offer free tickets to wives and children. Fans are better behaved in a family environment,' he said.

More entertaining football would also help, said Pele, who added that he had asked International Football Federation (FIFA) president Joao Havelange last week to consider abolishing the defensive wall and throw-in.

Masters head for Bombay

NEW DELHI, Feb 10: Living Legends Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Vivian Richards and Graeme Pollock lead a star parade of former Test stars taking part in the inaugural masters World Cup in Bombay next month, reports AFP.

The 10-day limited-overs tournament, to be played under floodlights at the Brabourne Stadium from March 3-12, has attracted cricketers from West Indies, Australia, England, South Africa, Sri Lanka and hosts India.

The six teams have been divided into two groups for the 45-overs-a-side tournament, with the top two from each half advancing to the semifinals. The winners will receive a purse of 50,000 pounds.

Former West Indian captain Clive Lloyd, who joined hands with Gavaskar and English star Mike Gatting to organise the over 35s event, said Friday he hoped tournament would be held regularly.

'It's a great idea,' said Lloyd, the tournament director. 'But its future will depend on how the event is received and what kind of crowd it pulls.'

'We would like it to have a longer run, but we're just waiting to see how the first tournament goes,' he said.

Gatting, 37, who retired from Test cricket this week, will lead the England team which includes fast bowler John Snow, batsman Derek Randall and spinner Derek Underwood.

Former English captain Graham Gooch, who quit international cricket along with Gatting, declined to take part.

South Africans Barry Richards, Ken McEwan and Pollock, whose best years were spent in isolation because of their country's apartheid policies, are expected to be the star attractions on their return to the centre stage.

Former fast bowler Joel Garner will captain a strong West Indies team which has Richards, Alvin Kallicharran, Gordon Greenidge, Jeff Dujon and Gus Logie in its ranks.

Australia, led by Geoff Lawson, have included former captains Kim Hughes and Graeme Yallop and fast bowler Jeff Thomson. Duleep Mendis will captain Sri Lanka.

World bowling record holder Kapil Dev, who turned 36 last month, has been persuaded to play for the hosts, led by Gavaskar and including Krish Srikanth and Dilip Vengsarkar.

India, South Africa and Sri Lanka have been placed in one group, the other group consists of Australia, England and the West Indies.

The Hong-Kong-based Star TV, whose footprints extend to 53 countries, will telecast all the matches live on its Prime Sports network.

TEAMS: The rival teams, as announced by organisers Friday, are:

WEST INDIES: Joel Garner (captain), Vivian Richards, Alvin Kallicharran, Colin Croft, Jeff Dujon, Gordon Greenidge, Sylvester Clarke, Gus Logie, Ezra Moseley, Carlisle Best, Larry Gomes, Alvin Kallicharran, Collis King.

AUSTRALIA: Geoff Lawson (captain), Graeme Wood, John Dyson, Kim Hughes, Graeme Yallop, Bruce Laird, Greg Dyer, Wayne Phillips, Jeff Thomson, Mike Whitney, Murray Bennett, Bruce Yardley, Terry Alderman.

ENGLAND: Mike Gatting (captain), John Lever, Neal Radford, John Snow, Derek Underwood, Derek Randall, Poal Downton, Bill Athey, Wayne Larkins, Tim Robinson, John Embury, Chris Cowdrey, Derek Pringle.

SOUTH AFRICA: Clive Rice (captain), Graeme Pollock, Ken McKenzie, Barry Richards, Ian Smith, Ken McEwan, Vincent van Der Bijl, Omar Henry, Garth le Roux, Babu Ebrahim, (more players to be added later).

INDIA: Sunil Gavaskar (captain), Dilip Vengsarkar, Madan Lal, Roger Binny, Syed Kirmani, Krish Srikanth, Mohinder Amarnath, Karsan Ghavri, Srinivas Venkataraghavan, Balwinder Sandhu, Yashpal Sharma.

SRI LANKA: Duleep Mendis (captain), Roy Dias, Sidath Wettimuny, Asantha de Mel, Asoka de Silva, Sahilya Ahangama, Somachandra de Silva, Hashan Mendis (more players to be added later).

Meola on the move: UNIONDALE, NY, Feb 10: He tried goalkeeping at the international level, kicking in the US National Football League, goalkeeping in the US Indoor leagues, and acting as on the calendar for later this month, reports AP.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Soda flavor, 5 Joke or choke, 8 Cookbook author, 12 The third man, 13 Former ring champ, 14 Implement, 15 Use an old phone, 16 Preclude, 17 'I didn't know?', 18 High-speed photography item, 20 Competent, 22 Nondancer, 26 Made into lumber, 29 Frequently, 30 'Diamonds - For ever', 31 Folk-song byline abbr., 32 Grand -, N.S., 33 Ballet bend, 34 'Lorenzo's', 35 There, 36 In a heap, 37 Washing-ton city, 40 Slime, 41 Pearl's home, 45 Syndicate head, 47 Quarrel, 49 Coloration, 50 Raw rocks, 51 Farm female, 52 Complain bitterly, 53 Extensive, 54 Aachen article, 55 Whirlpool, 11 TV alien, 19 Evil, 21 Luncheonette order, 23 Lift or Doone, 24 One of HOMES, 25 Oboist's spare, 26 Pack away, 27 'Turandot' tune, 28 Beat, 32 Operated, as by fuel, 33 Piece of a pound, 35 Bosox legend, 36 Thickness, 38 Unfettered, 39 Drop, 42 Distinguishing one, 43 Writer Bagnold, 44 Count (on), 45 Intimidate, 46 Jackie's second mate, 48 Pay with plastic, Solution time: 23 mins.

Cryptoquip puzzle: HGXZ HIZG VDTJ GKIRN UXH HNRK KITC AISZ 'X VRHN AGC'N HUGJD XN.' Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SAID ONE WORKER AT BLOOD BANK TO ANOTHER. 'HE'S SIMPLY NOT MY TYPE.' Today's Cryptoquip clue: A 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.

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বাদা অধিদপ্তর
পরিদর্শন, উন্নয়ন ও কারিগরি সেবা বিভাগ
১৬, আঃ গণি রোড, ঢাকা।
লিফট মেরামত কাজের জন্য
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাদা অধিদপ্তরের ১ একা টি অসল লিফট মেরামত এবং বুচরা স্থাপন
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