

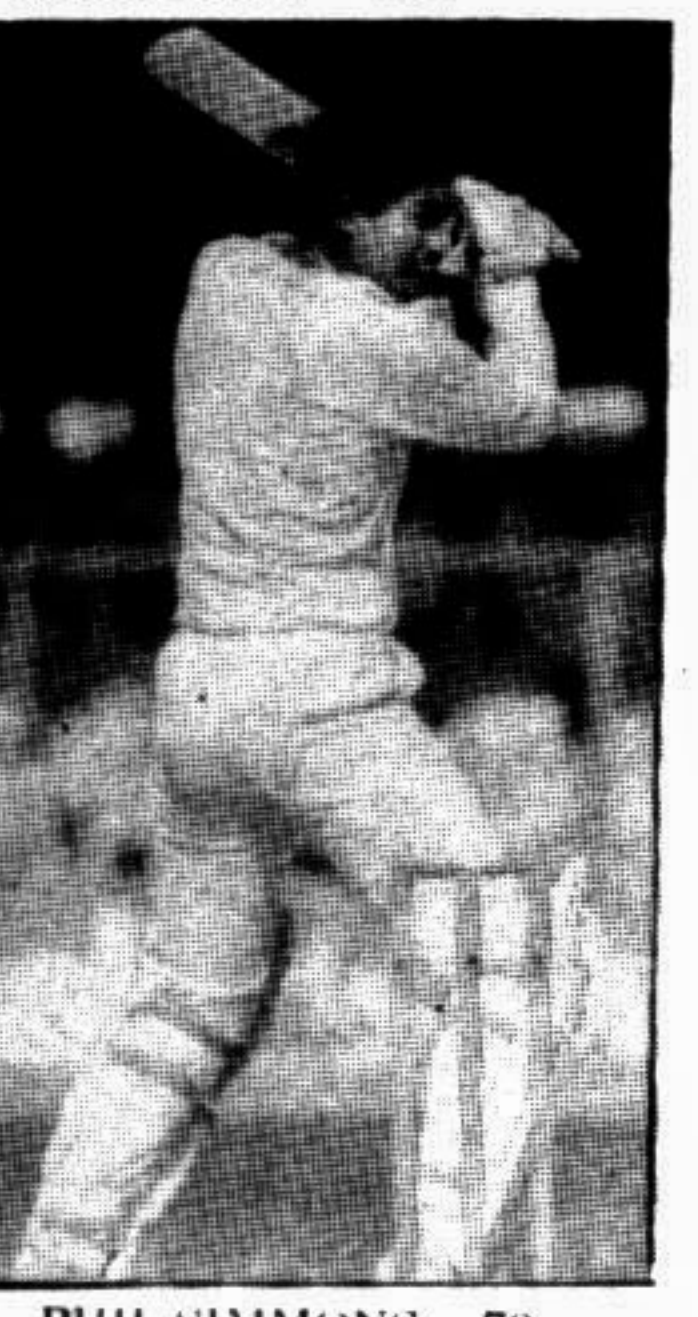
Simmons, Hooper run riot at Guyana

Windies win a thriller

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 19: Phil Simmons and Carl Hooper each hit half centuries to pace the West Indies to a record-breaking five-wicket victory over Australia on Saturday in the fifth and final one-day cricket international, reports AP.

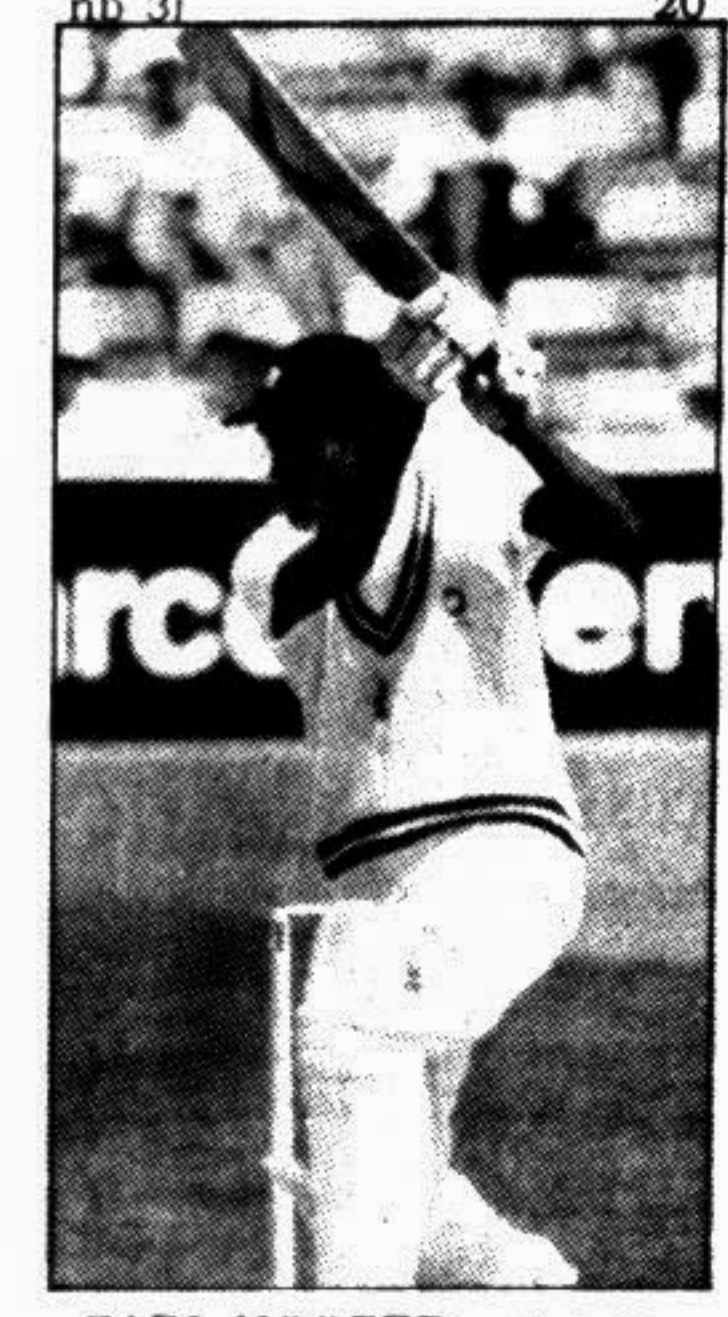
overs later, his sweetly timed drive plucked out of the air by Slater at wide mid-off. Hooper hit six fours and a majestic straight six which hit the roof of the press centre, continued out of the ground and smashed the rear windshield of a Mercedes Benz parked outside.

Ambrose, to his groin. Lara, to his buttocks and McDermott, to his right shoulder.



PHIL SIMMONS... 70

The West Indies slipped to 193 for five in the 31st over. But Adams, in association with Roland Holder, in his first game of the series, batted sensibly and shared in a vital, unbroken stand of 94 in 17 overs.



CARL HOOPER... m-o-m

Taylor was eventually caught off deep midwicket off off-spinner Hooper in the 33rd over at 166 for two.

Total: (for nine wickets) 286 Fall of wickets: 1-78; 2-166; 3-203; 4-203; 5-205; 6-229; 7-259; 8-276; 9-286.

Kamsky, Anand still even

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Mar 19: American Gata Kamsky was a solid pawn up but could only manage a draw Saturday against Viswanathan Anand of India in the eighth game of the Professional Chess Association World Championship finals series, reports AP.

Both Kamsky and Anand have four points. Players receive one point for a victory and a half-point for a draw. The first to reach 6.5 points in the 12-game series wins.

In Saturday's game, Kamsky appeared better throughout. He emerged from the opening with the bishop pair and a spatial advantage. Kamsky won a pawn on move 24 while Anand fought for counterplay with a rook on his seventh rank.

Draw for Cup Winners' UEFA Cup semis held

GENEVA, Mar 19: Holders Arsenal and English compatriots Chelsea have avoided meeting in the semifinals of the European Cup Winners' Cup, setting up the chance of all-London club final on May 10, reports Reuter.

The Cup Winners' Cup semifinal draw pitted Arsenal against Italy's Sampdoria, who took the title in 1990.

Collins ends Eubank's reign

MILLSTREET, Ireland, Mar 19: Steve Collins survived a 10th round knockdown to become the first fighter to beat Chris Eubank Saturday and add the World Boxing Organization super-middleweight title to his middleweight crown, reports AP.

The 30-year-old Irishman, who fought 19 times in the United States and was once USBA middleweight champion, floored the British fighter in the eighth and then hung on for a unanimous verdict.

Collins now is 29-3-0, and his three defeats were in world title challenges to Mike McCallum, Reggie Johnson and Sumbu Kalambay before he returned to fighting in Ireland.

backward roll on the canvas. Eubank, apparently well down on points at that stage, was more aggressive in the next round but also took some good combinations from the challenger.



Ireland's Steve Collins is lifted by supporters after becoming the new WBO super-middleweight champion by dethroning Briton Chris Eubank on a points decision in Dublin on Mar 18.

a corner and was up at six. Eubank then frustrated his own corner, especially trainer Ronnie Davies, but not following up that knockdown with any more meaty punches. He stayed off Collins who was allowed time to recover.

But he produced his best punch with the 10th round only eight seconds old. Eubank pushed Collins back with a left that delivered a right cross that caught the Irishman on the chin. Collins slumped into

Kipkeoch laid to rest

NAIROBI, Mar 19: Paul Kipkeoch, the Kenyan distance runner who died last week, was buried at his home in the Rift Valley region late on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Kipkeoch, widely regarded as one of the finest athletes to come out of Africa and 10,000 metres winner at the 1987 Rome World Championships, died from tuberculosis and cerebral malaria on Monday, aged 33.

John Ngugi, world cross country champion in 1987 and 1988 when Kipkeoch finished second, paid tribute together with Kip Keino, who spoke of "a free and graceful" style in which Kipkeoch won his races.

Chadwick passes away

SAN DIEGO, California, Mar 19: Swimming pioneer Florence Chadwick, who broke the record for swimming the English Channel in 1950, and later became the only woman ever to swim the waterway in both directions, has died at the age of 76, a friend said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Bob Breitbard, founder of the San Diego Hall of Champions, said Chadwick had been suffering from leukemia for more than a year. She died at her San Diego home on Wednesday.

On August 8, 1950, Chadwick set a new time of 13 hours and 31 minutes, breaking the previous record held by Gertrude Ederle by more than one hour, when she swam from Cap Gris-Nez on the French coast to Dover, England.

She returned five years later to do it again, this time by swimming from England to France, against the tide and current, in 13 hours and 55 minutes — 11 minutes faster than the previous record set by Bill Pickering of England.

Jones defends IBF crown

PENSACOLA, Florida, Mar 19: Roy Jones Jr had a sellout crowd in his hometown shouting his praises Saturday night, and he even won grudging admiration from Vinnie Pazienza, who wants to be his next opponent, reports AP.

Jones overwhelmed Antonio Byrd, knocking him down twice and stopping him at 2:06 of the first round in his first defence of the IBF super middleweight title before a crowd of 9,300 at the Pensacola Civic Centre.

Lee wins Dong Marathon

SEOUL, Mar 19: South Korea's Lee Bong-Ju won the 1995 Dong-A international marathon on Sunday, accelerating over the last two kms (1.25 miles) to win in two hours 10 minutes 58 seconds, reports Reuter.

The three were together with two km to run in the 42.195 km (26 mile) event in Korea's ancient capital of Kyongju, before Lee pulled away to triumph 30 metres (100 feet) ahead of Nururak.

punches. Then, at the one minute mark, Jones crashed home a right hand to Byrd's head that hurt him. Jones left to the attack and dropped Byrd at 1:16 with a right-left to the head.

Byrd, 167.5 (75.8 kg), got up immediately and took a mandatory "eight" count. About 30 seconds later, he went down again from a flurry of punches, but his time he was up at "three."

He let my fool him into trying to trade with me. That's where he made his mistake. I'm too fast to trade with," said the unbeaten Jones.

Defending champion Manuel Mathias of Portugal, a pre-race favourite, came in with two hours eleven minutes and 52 seconds to take fourth place.

Furuseth upstages Tomba

BORMIO, Italy, Mar 19: Ole Christian Furuseth edged Olympic champion Thomas Stangassinger by 0.26 seconds on Sunday to earn Norway the first season victory in the closing event of the World Cup competition — the men's slalom, reports AP.

As slalom king Alberto Tomba was sidelined by a first-run disqualification, Furuseth clinched his seventh career victory — his first in World Cup since 1992 and his first in slalom in five years. He recovered from a bad second-run mistake which almost knocked him out of the race.

shooting for a 12th season victory, to tie the 1976 total of French ski great Jean Claude Killy.

Tomba's race lasted a few seconds as he straddled on the tricky top section of the Stelvio course, hitting the second gate with the tip of his left ski.

Olympic champion said. "I was also thinking to start in the second run wearing shorts. I competed today only to please my supporters. I am very tired, stressed after a long, demanding season," Tomba added.

He appeared relaxed and in good humor at the finish line. He was only annoyed for cutting his right hand slightly with the sharp edge of his skis.

Fastest in the first run, in 49.74 seconds, Furuseth ended up in a winning aggregate time of one minute, 40.99 seconds.

Stangassinger, an Austrian, was runner-up in 1:41.25. Young Frenchman Yves Dimier was third for the second time this season, 0.87 seconds behind the winner.

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The annual prize giving ceremony of Loreto School was held at the Russian Cultural Centre on Saturday. Nasreen Rahman, Principal of the school is seen handing over prizes for various competitive events.

Chelsea, who won 2-1 on aggregate against Belgium's Brugge, were drawn to meet Real Zaragoza of Spain.

Parma, who won the Cup Winners' Cup in 1993 when they beat Antwerp in London, play Bayer Leverkusen of Germany.

An Arsenal-Chelsea Cup Winners' Cup final is rated a 9/2 shot by British bookmakers William Hill, who have made Sampdoria 5/4 favourites. Arsenal and Zaragoza are both offered at 3/1 and Chelsea 5/1.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include 'shop call', 'Sea flyer', 'Gospels follower', etc.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid and solution. The solution is: NCA FCDOTCF NCA SRN ERVVKWXT R VWZC VRXZCAV, GOF RBB NCA TDF SRN R GOE NFAAV. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CANNIBAL'S PIGGISH SON WAS THROWN OUT OF SCHOOL FOR BUTTERING UP THE TEACHER.