

# Hooper hammers Norfolk XI

**ARUNDEL, England, May 14:** Carl Hooper launched West Indies' tour of England by lashing an unbeaten 173 from 140 balls in the unfamiliar role of opener on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Hooper's exhilarating innings, containing nine sixes and nine fours, set up West Indies for a 102-run victory in their one-day match against the Duchess of Norfolk's XI.

West Indies piled up 298 for three from their 50 overs and the Duchess team, limited by county commitments to just two players currently earning a living from first-class cricket, made 196 for eight in 50 overs.

Even though the opposition attack was modest, Hooper looked in wonderful touch as he sped to the highest individual score in the history of the fixture which has been a traditional tour curtain-raiser since the 1950s.

With West Indies' search for a new opening pair becoming



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ing more pressing after their decision of discarding Desmond Haynes at the age of 39, Hooper could be an alternative.

The Guyanese batsman shared partnerships of 104 with Sherwin Campbell (38) for the first-wicket and 133 with captain Richie Richardson (53) for the second.

Hooper offered only one chance, on 62, when he was dropped at long-off by former England batsman Derek Randall off England selector David Graveney, the former Gloucestershire, Somerset and Durham left-arm spinner.

The only bowler to escape punishment was West Indian Vasbert Drakes, who is spending the summer playing for Sussex's second team with a view to becoming their overseas signing next season. He conceded just 33 runs from 10 impressive overs.

Though the passing years have taken the edge off Randall's once brilliant fielding, he showed he can still bat with a touch of Caribbean flamboyance.

Randall made the most of the fact that West Indies used four spinners as he smashed his way to 101 off 75 deliveries with the help of seven sixes.

# Hartley denies Derbyshire

**LONDON, May 14:** Pacesman Peter Hartley seized a hat-trick on his way to career-best figures of nine for 41 to sweep Yorkshire to a seven-run county championship win over Derbyshire on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Hartley ended with a match-haul of 11 for 68 on a bowlers' pitch at Chesterfield as Derbyshire collapsed after looking on course for victory.

Derbyshire reached 76 for two in pursuit of their target of 142 when Hartley tilted the balance by snatching five wickets in nine balls without conceding a run to reduce the home county to 77 for seven.

They slipped to 94 for eight before Allan Warner and Devon Malcolm rekindled Derbyshire hopes by adding 26 for the ninth-wicket.

However, England fast bowler Malcolm was caught off a skier and Hartley bowled Warner to end the innings for 134, securing victory on the third day of the four-day match.

Hartley's hat-trick was completed with the aid of a stunning slip catch by David

Byas to send back Dominic Cork.

Hartley, whose previous best in an innings was eight for 111 against Sussex in 1992, said: "The hat-trick ball was probably the worst one I took a wicket with."

"It was a wide long hop which he tried to run down but David has been catching pigeons in this match."

Kent off-spinner Steve Herzberg had an impressive debut with five for 33 to help his county rout Leicestershire by an innings and 121 runs with a day to spare at Canterbury.

Leicestershire, who followed on 272 behind, crumbled to 151 all out, with England A team left-arm spinner Min Patel taking three for 59.

Herzberg, 27, signed by Kent just before the start of the season, was born in England, but emigrated at the age of nine to Australia where he played for Western Australia in 1991-92 and 1992-93 and Tasmania in the following season.

Durham were facing the prospect of an innings defeat at the Oval after Surrey responded to the visitors' first

innings of 269 with 652 for nine declared.

England opener Alec Stewart went early on the third day for 151 but Mark Butcher contributed his highest first-class score of 167, including two sixes and 25 fours.

Durham were 56 for two at the close, still 327 runs away from making Surrey bat again.

Somerset opener Marcus Trescothick also hit his career-best of 151 to help his side set Northamptonshire 289 for victory at Northampton.

Trescothick faced 186 balls, hitting a six and 25 fours but, despite his fine innings, Northamptonshire were well placed to win by the close when they had reached 206 for three against Somerset's injury-depleted attack.

Two bowlers produced championship best performances at Swanesa as 15 wickets fell in the day.

Glamorgan, resuming on 173 for eight, were all out for 212 as medium pacer Ed Giddins finished with six for 87, then West Indian pacesman Hameesh Anthony took four for 47 to help dismiss Sussex for 196.

# Akram stars for Asian stars

**Sports Reporter**

National skipper Akram Khan celebrated his first appearance in an international exhibition cricket match with a brilliant half-century in Kuwait on May 12.

The stocky middle order right-handed batsman, who along with compatriot Aminul Islam Bulbul played for the Rest of Asia XI against the India XI at the desert venue, hammered a blistering 60 as his side reached a fighting 201 in their quota of 50 overs.

Akram clubbed eight fours and a towering six in his enterprising innings.

Although the India XI won the match only by one wicket scoring 202 for nine, Akram grabbed the man-of-the-match award for swashbuckling knock.

Salim Malik, the former Pakistan skipper, was captain of the Rest of Asia XI which featured five other leading Pakistani players and three from Sri Lanka.

For the India's only Srinath and Anil Kumble were the only national players, who did not take part in the exhibition match.

**All India U-16 meet**

**BCCB XI play Dum Dum tomorrow**

**Sports Reporter**

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) team who are now in the Indian city of Calcutta to play in the All-India U-16 invitational tournament will meet Dum Dum Sporting at the giant Salt Lake Stadium tomorrow.

The BCCB Eleven, who have been placed in one group with four other local outfits, will play their second match against Shilliguri Agramami on May 16.

They will take on Friends of Stadium on the next day before being pitted in their last league match against Sports Authority of India on May 18.

Ten teams split into two groups are taking part in the tourney and top two finishers from each group will play in the semifinals to be held on May 20 while the final is scheduled for May 22.

**WC cricket**

**Opening to be held in Calcutta on Feb 11**

**NEW DELHI, May 14:** The 1996 World Cup cricket, cosponsored by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, will have its inaugural ceremony at Calcutta on February 11 next year, officials said Saturday, reports AP.

Sponsored by the Indian Tobacco Company for \$11.29 million, the World Cup will have 17 matches in India, 16 in Pakistan and four in Sri Lanka.



Argentine striker Ariel Ortega (C) dribbles past two South African players Mark Williams (L) and Steve Komphela during their inaugural match of the Nelson Mandela Challenge Trophy at Johannesburg's Ellis Park Stadium on May 13. The match ended in a one-all draw. — AFP/UNB photo

# S Africa hold Argentina

**JOHANNESBURG, May 14:** Marcelo Gallardo fired in a late penalty to gain Argentina a 1-1 comeback draw against underdogs South Africa in an international exhibition match Saturday, reports AP.

Gallardo's 81st minute goal capped a strong Argentina comeback after South African midfielder Doctor Khumalo put the home side ahead in the 19th minute with a low shot that curled past goalkeeper Claudio Bossio.

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Gallardo easily hit the right side after Crowley committed the other way.

Khumalo said he was disappointed by the penalty.

"The ref was too harsh on us," he said. "Every time we touched them, they fell."

But South African coach Clive Barker called the penalty deserved. Despite the draw, Barker said the result showed South Africa had progressed well and could combine straightforward British-style soccer with some of the flair associated with Brazil.

Gallardo agreed, saying his side was "really surprised by the skills and resources of the South African team."

"At times it was hard to get the ball inside," he said through an interpreter. "South African football and African football in general has really improved in recent years."

The game formed part of both team's preparations for upcoming continental championships. Argentina defend their Copa American title in Uruguay in July while South Africa will be hosting the African Nations' Cup finals next January.

# Bruno gets a boost

**GLASGOW, Scotland, May 14:** British heavyweight Frank Bruno moved closer to his fourth shot at a world title Saturday night with a second-round knockout of American Mike Evans, reports AP.

For his third consecutive bout, Bruno made quick business of a lightly-regarded opponent. Evans was down once in the first round and twice in second, failing to rise in the final seconds of the round after Bruno hit him flush in the chin with a left hook.

"I'm just glad to get it out of the way," Bruno said. "There was a lot at stake for me and anything could have happened. I could have been cut and that would have ruined everything."

Bruno, 39-4 with 38 knockouts, has been in the ring less than nine minutes total in his victories over Jesse Ferguson, Rodolfo Marin and Evans since losing to World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis in October 1993.

The 33-year-old Briton, who weighed a career-high 248 pounds (112.7 kilograms), is now expected to challenge current WBC title-holder Oliver McCaull in England this summer.

Like Bruno's two previous opponents, the 36-year-old Evans was widely derided as a hand-picked no-hoper. Stepping in as a replacement for Ray Anis with two weeks' notice, the Chicago fighter weighed in at 270.5 pounds (122.9 kilograms) and lost for the 11th time against 30 wins and one draw.

British bookmakers refused to take bets on the fight, and the British Boxing Board of Control said before the bout it was withholding Evans' purse pending his performance.

Speculation was that the BBCB did this so Evans would have incentive to put up a creditable effort, although British newspapers also reported that the money will be set aside a part of a court action between the fighter and his manager, who claimed Evans was here without his knowledge.

# Serie A beckons Juventus

**ROME, May 14:** Juventus handed nine-man Genoa a humiliating 4-0 home defeat on Saturday to move to the brink of their first Italian League title since 1986, reports Reuter.

UEFA Cup final opponents Parma beat Bari 1-0 but remain seven points adrift with just three league games to play. Parma must beat Juventus in Turin next Sunday to keep their hopes of a first championship alive.

The two meet on Wednesday in Milan in the second leg of the UEFA Cup final when Parma will defend a 1-0 first-leg lead. They brought forward their league fixtures by 24 hours this weekend to give themselves longer to prepare for the final.

Juventus, beaten 3-0 at home by Lazio last weekend, rattled home four goals in the second half in Genoa to virtually ensure their 23rd league title.

Genoa, mired in the relegation zone, had a miserable afternoon with defenders Fabio Galante and Vincenzo Torrente both sent off as Juventus tore them apart in the second half.

Roberto Baggio opened the scoring from the penalty spot. Fabrizio Ravanelli headed the second before Croatian defender Robert Jarni and veteran Gianluca Vialli completed the scoring.

Midfielder Stefano Fiore scored a splendid volley — his first goal in Serie A — to secure Parma's narrow win over mid-table Bari.

Genoa's woes began in the 52nd minute when Galante handled Ravanelli's shot on the line, giving away a penalty and at the same time receiving the red card.

Baggio, whose future at Juventus remains in doubt after his contract expires in June, slotted home the spot kick. Ravanelli headed Juventus further in-front 10 minutes later after a fine run and cross by Vialli.

Genoa goalkeeper Davide Micillo was taken off with a leg injury and his replacement Gianpaolo Spangnolo conceded two goals in the final 11 minutes.

**Brazil to play US at WC site**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, May 14:** World champion Brazil will face the United States on Aug 12 at Stanford Stadium in a rematch of their dramatic encounter at last summer's World Cup, the Brazilian Soccer Federation said Saturday, reports AP.

Brazil also announced these national team games: June 8, AS Roma at Rome; June 29, Poland at Recife, Brazil; August 8, Japan at Tokyo.

This Brazilian squad will be warming up for next year's Summer Olympics in Atlanta, where they will try to capture the only title Brazilian soccer has never won.

Stanford, outside San Francisco, was the site of Brazil's 1-0 second-round win last July 4 the US independence day that eliminated the Americans from the World Cup.

Brazil won despite being down one man after left back Leonardo was sent off in the 42nd minute for elbowing US midfielder Tab Ramos in the face.

Croatian defender Jarni blasted the first from 25 metres in the 79th minute. Vialli completed the rout with a goal from a similar distance in the final minute after the dismissal of Torrente.

Genoa, Italy's oldest club, remain trapped in the fourth relegation spot, a point behind Cremonese, who play away to Torino today.

Parma, coach Nevio Scala was jeered by fans last week after his team's lacklustre 0-0 home draw with Genoa.

Parma put on a better show on Saturday. Dino Baggio and Faustino Asprilla both going close to adding to the score against a Bari team with nothing to play for.

But Parma's hopes of glory this season now appear to rest on their UEFA Cup date with Juventus on Wednesday and their two-leg clash with the Turin team in the Italian Cup final next month.

# Arantxa No 1 again

**ROME, May 14:** Arantxa Sanchez Vicario will regain the No 1 spot in women's tennis from Steffi Graf when the new WTA computer rankings come out Monday, reports AP.

Sanchez held No 1, for the first time in her career, from Feb 6 until Graf regained the top spot April 10.

WTA spokeswoman Debbie Edwards at the Italian Open said Sanchez Vicario will return to No 1 regardless of the outcome of her final with Conchita Martinez.

# PSG's delightful double

**PARIS, May 14:** With France's incoming and outgoing presidents in the stands, Paris-St Germain defeated Strasbourg 1-0 on Saturday night to win the French Cup, reports AP.

President Francois Mitterrand and President-elect Jacques Chirac, who assumes power Wednesday, watched as Paul Le Guen knocked in the winning goal at the beginning of the second period.

Mitterrand, who never missed attending a French Cup final during his 14 years as president, awarded the winners' trophy before a crowd of 45,000 at the Parc Des Princes Stadium.

Paris-St Germain had already won the French League Cup and had qualified for the UEFA Cup competition next season. But Saturday's victory will cause them to give up that berth to play in the more prestigious Cup Winners' Cup tournament.

PSG had previously won the French Cup in 1982, 1983 and

1993. Strasbourg last won the Cup 29 years ago.

The match only came to life after a defensive error by Strasbourg's Remi Garde, who allowed Le Guen to rob him of possession. Le Guen worked a quick one-two with Brazilian playmaker Rafi before firing home the winner.

Strasbourg immediately piled on the pressure and thought they had equalised in the 57th minute, Xavier Gravelaine crossed into the middle and Marc Keller's header was helped into the back of the net by PSG goalkeeper Bernard Lama.

But an offside decision by the referee kept the scoreline unchanged, to the delight of the vast majority of the capacity 47,000 crowd.

PSG coach Luis Fernandez

said: "I'm delighted for the players. Over the season, I think we deserved the cup."

Strasbourg president Roland Weller said: "We had a great match, and I congratulate the players. But we made a single defensive error and there was a goal." However, he promised: "We'll be back."

Strasbourg defender French Leboeuf said: "They didn't have many chances, but we knew that if an opportunity came up, Paris could kill us."

"Well, now they've killed us."

# Bremen beat Stuttgart

**BONN, May 14:** German league leaders Werder Bremen cruised to a 4-1 victory over VfB Stuttgart on Saturday, but failed to shake off nearest rivals Borussia Dortmund who beat VfL Bochum 3-1, reports AP.

Mario Basler was the architect of Bremen's victory, laying the ball on for both Bernd Hobsch to open the scoring in the 38th minute, and Marco Bode to make it 2-0 just before the break.

Bode notched his second of the match just after the restart and Basler got his reward with the fourth goal, 10 minutes from the whistle, to become the league's top scorer with 18.

Dortmund put on a far less convincing show against Bochum, and needed a 54th minute penalty, converted by Michael Zorc.

German internationals Andreas Moeller and Stefan Reuter got the other goals, to leave Dortmund on top of the Bundesliga for most of the season, a single point adrift with four matches to play.

Third placed Freiburg continued their fine finish to the season, beating Eintracht Frankfurt 2-1 to go a point clear of fourth and fifth placed rivals FC Kaiserslautern and Borussia Muenchengladbach.

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# Graf indisposed

**ROME, May 14:** Steffi Graf on Saturday pulled out of next week's women's German Open tournament in Berlin after going down with the 'flu, reports Reuter.

Graf, who has monopolised her country's open in recent years by winning eight of the last nine including the 1994 edition, was due to make her first appearance in Berlin on Monday.

But Women's Tennis Association (WTA) tour officials at the Italian Open said the world number one had withdrawn suffering from what doctors diagnosed as 'flu symptoms.

Graf has been advised to take a six-day break, keeping the German on the sidelines until the French Open later this month and depriving her of vital match practice on clay.

# Ajax on course

**AMSTERDAM, May 14:** European Cup finalist Ajax Amsterdam took a major step towards retaining their Dutch League title with an ultimately comprehensive 3-0 win at lowly MVV Maastricht on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

MVV held the champions at bay for 34 minutes when Finnish striker Jari Litmanen found Ronald de Boer. Although de Boer's effort hit the bar, Nigerian Pindri George scored from the rebound.

Ajax now unbeaten in the league for five days short of a year and for 30 matches this season, went 2-0 up in the 57th minute when a well-worked move between defenders Danny Blind and Frank de Boer set up Marc Overmars for a chance and the young Dutch international striker made no mistake.

The third goal came in the 72nd minute when George provided midfielder Edgar Davids with a chance to crack a powerful shot past goalkeeper Rein Van Duijnshoven.

Ajax remain top of the table with 53 points from their 30 games, six points clear of Roda JC Kerkrade with both sides having four matches left to play.

Ajax, who play AC Milan in the European Cup final in Vienna on May 24, need just three more points to retain their domestic title and secure a berth in next season's European Cup whatever the outcome of their match against Milan in three weeks time

# Dugdale wins a reprieve

**WELLINGTON, May 14:** Ken Dugdale, who was banned for life for attacking a referee, has been appointing assistant coach of the New Zealand national soccer team to tour South America next month, reports AP.

English-born Dugdale, now 44, was suspended 'sine die' after head-butting referee John Perkins while playing for the Stop Out club against Wellington Diamond United in 1979.

Dugdale and opponent Andy van den Ende were sent off following a scuffle, and on his way to the dressing room Dugdale assaulted the referee.

He never played again, but in 1982 successfully appealed against the ban to allow him to begin a successful coaching career.

"To this day I don't know why I did it," Dugdale said Saturday of his attack on Perkins.

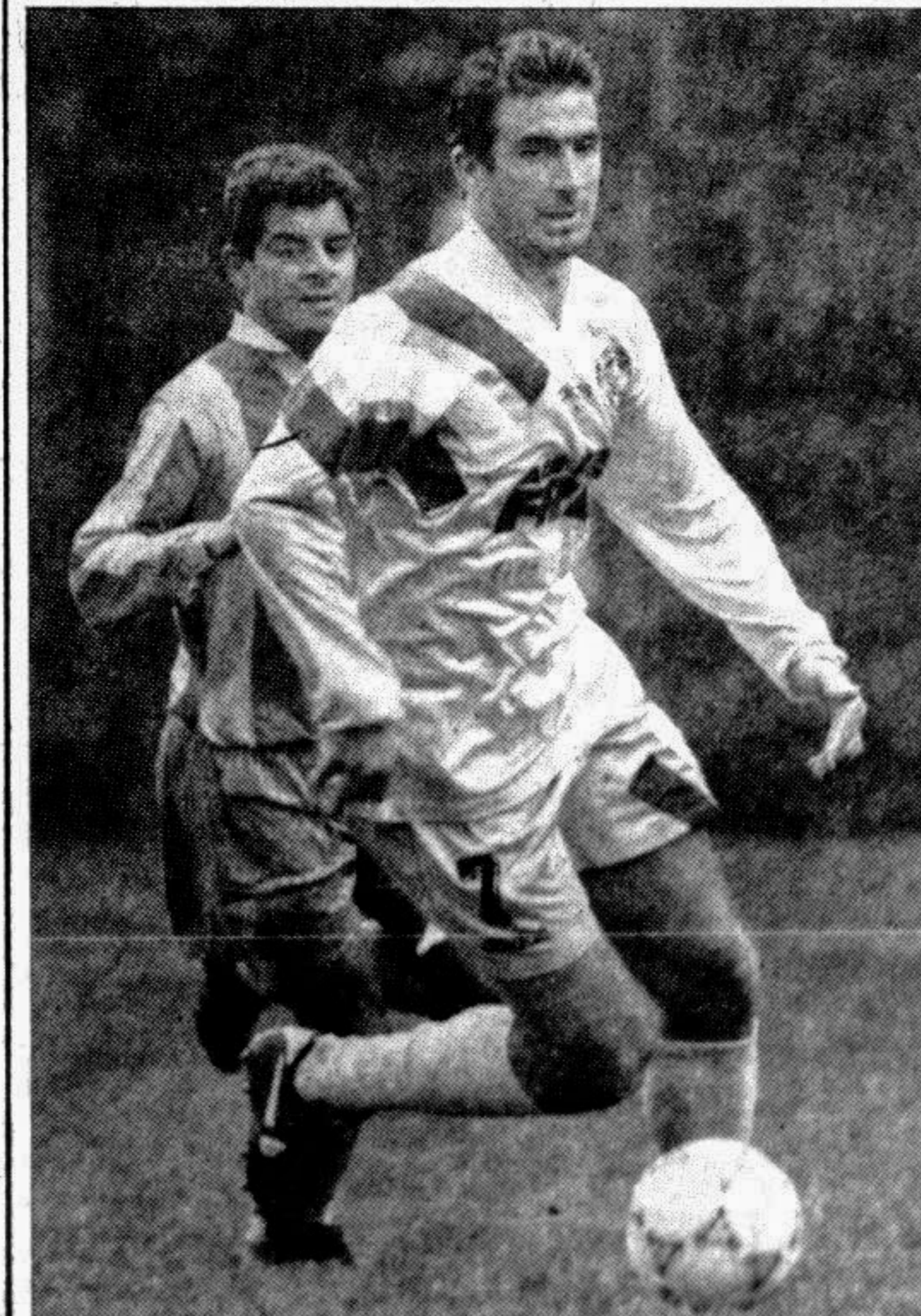
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Eric Cantona (R), Manchester United's French striker, makes his way past an opponent defender during a friendly match to benefit the "Action Michael Platini" in the western Paris suburb of Marly-le-Roi on Saturday. — AFP/UNB photo

# Franca upsets Larsson

**PINEHURST, North Carolina, May 14:** Argentina's Javier Frana prevented the US Clay Court Championships from turning into an all-Swedish title showdown by upsetting No. 1 seed Magnus Larsson 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in Saturday's semifinals, reports AP.

The unseeded Frana move into Sunday's final and will take on another Swede, second-seeded Thomas Enqvist. Enqvist advanced with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over American David Wheaton. He has dropped just one set through the first four rounds of the event.

Frana, by contrast, has been extended to three sets in each of his last three matches. Yet, it was Larsson who may have been more affected by fatigue after playing a 2-hour, 35-minute match against Jared Palmer on Friday.

After splitting the first two sets, Frana finally broke through in the eighth game of the deciding set. He then held serve easily to advance to his second final in three weeks.

As hot as Frana has been recently, Enqvist was even hotter.

He has won two tournament titles already this year while improving his world ranking from No. 60 to a current high of No. 19.

In the semifinals, he neutralized Wheaton's serve-and-volley game with a sharp serve and an even better return. Enqvist was successful on 72 per cent of his first serves. He has eight aces.

Australian Mark Woodford and Todd Woodbridge, the No. 1 ranked pair in the world, will play second-seeded Alex O'Brien and Sardon Stolle for the doubles title after posting semifinal victories Saturday

# Aussies lead

**ADELAIDE, May 14:** Australia outclassed England to win the second hockey international 3-1 here Saturday to gain a 2-0 advantage in the six-Test series, reports AP.

Australia, bronze medalists at last year's World Cup in Sydney, led 2-0 at half-time.

Paul Lewis opened the scoring in the 13th minute while man-of-the-match Jay Stacey scored in the 30th and 58th minutes.

England pulled back to 2-1 early in the second half with a goal from Jason Lee.