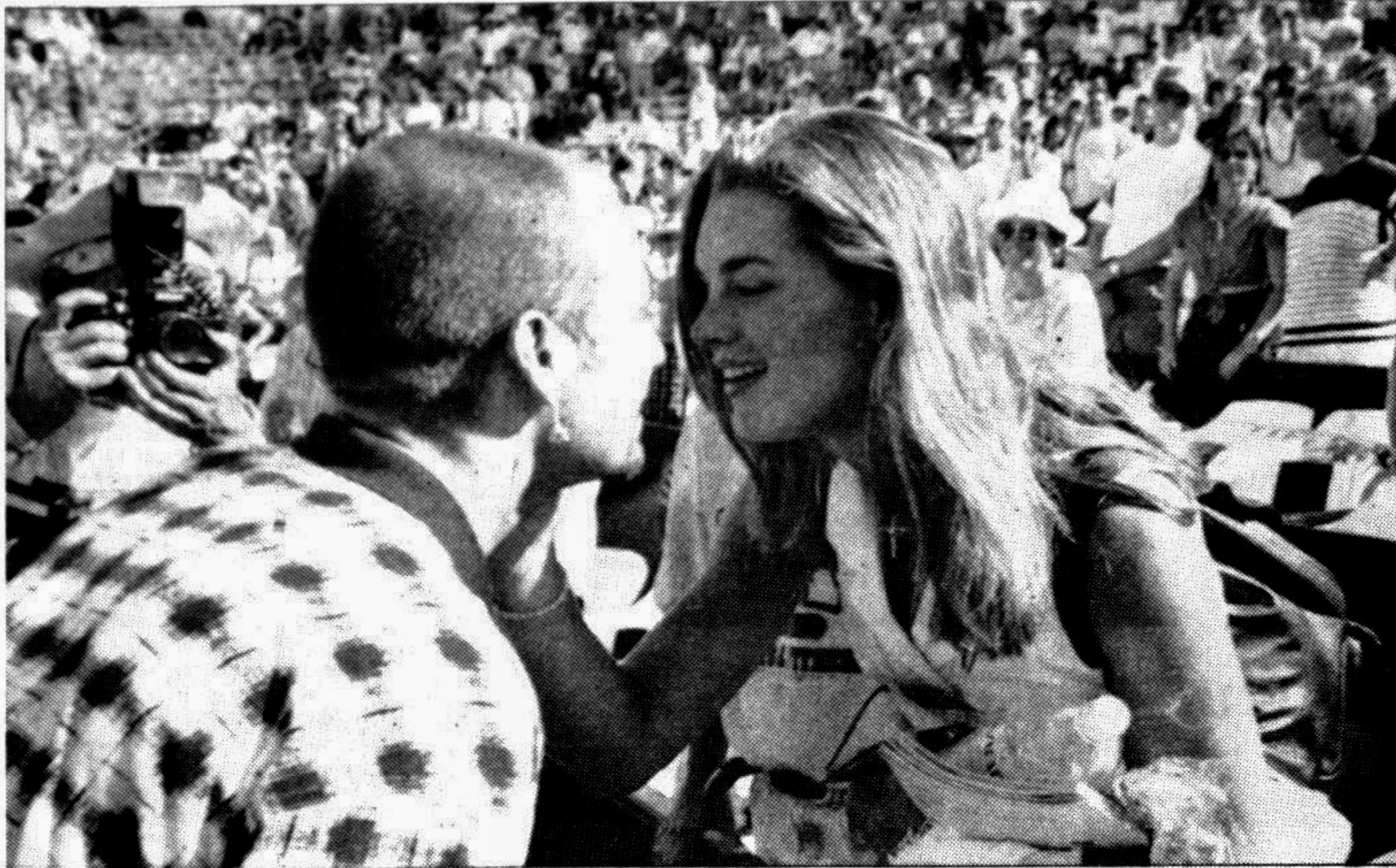


Sport



VICTORS AWARD: America's world number one Andre Agassi awaits a gracious kiss from girlfriend Brooke Shields after winning the Canadian Open in Montreal on July 30. Agassi beat compatriot and world number two Pete Sampras 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. — AFP/UNB photo

Sino eves dethrone ROK cagers

SHIZUOKA, Japan, July 31: China's Barcelona Olympic silver medal winning team jumped past South Korea's Asian Games winners to snatch the Asian women's basketball championships 94-69 in their fourth straight win on Sunday, reports AFP.

The Chinese women, also the runners-up at the World Championships, led 46-31 at half-time on their way to gaining sweet revenge for their loss at the Hiroshima Asian Games last year.

It was their sixth title overall in Asian Championships.

By advancing to the final here, both countries have already achieved berths in the Atlanta Olympic Games next year.

Earlier on Saturday, Japan clinched the final ticket for the Olympics when they squeezed through to beat Taiwan 68-65 in the third place play-off at the Kusanagi Gymnasium in central Japan.

It will be the first time in 20 years that Japan's women's team has been to the Olympics.

Kirghizstan ended at fifth place Saturday, followed by Kazakhstan in the six-nation top league.

Thailand won the second league beating Hong Kong into second, the Philippines into third and Malaysia into fourth. Jordan finished at fifth and Indonesia sixth.

US eves trounce Taiwan

NEW BRITAIN, Connecticut, July 31: Led by three goals from Tisha Venturini, the US women's national soccer team routed Taiwan 9-0 Sunday in its first game of the US Women's Cup '95, reports AP.

Mia Hamm added two goals and four assists while Carla Overbeck and Michelle Akers each scored twice as the US enjoyed their largest margin of victory since back-to-back 12-0 results against Martinique and Mexico in 1991.

The United States dominated every facet of the game, outshooting Taiwan 39-3, including 16-2 in the first half when the Americans held a 6-0 advantage after 45 minutes.

Taiwan did not cross the midfield until the 23rd minute and US goalkeeper Mary Harvey did not touch the ball with her hands the entire game.

"It's not easy to play well against a team that is tentative," said US coach Tony DiCicco. "We wanted to come out and knock the ball around and I think the character of the team showed well tonight because it's difficult to play an up-and-coming team like Chinese Taipei and look good."

The United States next play Australia on Thursday in Piscataway, NJ, before finishing the tournament against world champions Norway on August 6 in Washington.

This marked the first game for the United States since June 18 when they defeated China 2-0 in the third-place match of the Women's World Cup in Sweden.

Before a crowd of 3,782, Overbeck, a veteran defender, opened the scoring when she knocked the ball past goalkeeper Hui Fang Lin in the 13th minute. Hamm followed with a 25-yard free kick in the 18th minute. By the 35th minute, the US squad lead 6-0 with Venturini, Overbeck and Hamm each finding the net.

"I took a lot of time off since the World Cup," Venturini said.

Agassi ends Sampras' run

MONTREAL, July 31: Andre Agassi won the latest duel with American rival Pete Sampras on Sunday, rallying after a first-set loss to win 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in a battle of No. 1 vs No. 2 in the Canadian Open final, reports AP.

Agassi, 25, defended the title he won last year in Toronto and claimed his third Canadian Open championship in four years. He is the first repeat winner since Ivan Lendl won three straight Canadian titles from 1987 to 1989.

This (tournament) means a lot to me," he said.

"This is where it started for me last year, it has special meaning for that. And, it's winning tournaments like this that make you No. 1."

The Centre Court and most of the rest of Jarry Stadium, a former US Major League Baseball park, is to be torn down and rebuilt into a bigger, better, tennis facility for next year.

The Las Vegas native recorded his 400th career match victory, seventh among active players on the ATP Tour.

He ended Sampras' 16-match winning streak, which included a third consecutive Wimbledon title on July 3. Sampras is eighth with 395 wins.

Sampras held the world No. 1 ranking for 82 weeks until he was ousted by Agassi, the reigning US Open and Australian Open champion, on April 10.

It was Agassi's fifth tournament victory this year and second in a row after a win last week in Washington.

Sampras, 23, started quickly on a hot, breezy day on the before a capacity crowd of 10,011.

He served two aces and a service winner to take the first game at love, then broke Agassi's service for a 4-2 lead that clinched the set. It was the first time Agassi dropped a set in five matches this week.

But the eventual winner raised his game a notch in the second, while Sampras began to struggle at the service line.

A turning point came in the final set, when Agassi fought off three break points to hold service for a 4-1 lead.

The result evened the career matchup between the rivals at eight wins apiece, but Agassi has beaten Sampras in three of four meetings this year.

"After the first set, Andre raised his level and I went down a bit," Sampras said. "I had some chances, but I wasn't aggressive enough and he was dictating the play."

"His serve is basically a shot to get you, moving his way. And once he gets you going side to side, he's got you."

Agassi leads Sampras by 1,016 ATP Tour points. Both are next scheduled to play the ATP Championship tournament in Cincinnati Ohio in two weeks, a key warmup for the US Open beginning August 29 in New York.

Agassi earned 254,000 US dollars for the victory while Sampras took home 133,800 dollars.

In the doubles final, the fourth seeded Russian duo of Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskoy scored a quick 6-2, 6-2 win over Brian MacPhie of the United States and Sandon Stolle of Australia. Stolle's father, Fred Stolle had won the Canadian Open doubles final in 1964.

Sino start from scratch

PARIS, July 31 (AFP): China headed for the World Championships next month with Ma Junren, no Wang Junxia and not a lot of hope.

Its dramatic emergence as an athletics superpower, headline news two years ago, now appears stillborn.

Worse still, those Stuttgart successes — which left the country only second to the United States in the final medals table — are widely considered as tarnished.

The Championships in Germany had ended with newcomers Wang crowned as the 10,000 metre champion, Liu Dong as the 1,500 metre gold medalist and Qu Yunxia — who led in a Chinese clean-sweep that stunned the world — the 3,000 metre winner.

Overnight Ma, a former soldier, self-taught coach and dabbler in secret health potions, became as big a celebrity as his army of athletics, a reputation enhanced further by a spree of extraordinary world records a month later in the national championships.

Yet they will all be missing in Gothenburg.

Liu was the first to desert the ranks, after an argument with her disciplinarian mentor over boyfriends and the length of her hair.

The rest mysteriously missed most of the 1994 season, holed up in their Liaoning training camp as rumours began to spread of ill-health, food poisoning (blamed on the use of pesticides in the region), whole-

sale kidney operations and rows over prize money.

Wang soon followed Liu. She and Qu gave Ma, now under heavy fire from China's athletics chiefs, some breathing space with predictable Asian Games successes last year but the 10,000 metres champion soon led a widescale revolt.

Ma, himself in the wars after a car accident and reports of cancer, was openly accused of pocketing the athletes earnings as well as the Mercedes they won at Stuttgart.

Perhaps Wang, who won the Chinese Championships but has decided against running in Sweden, and her colleagues were also tired of a diet of turtle — or was it slug? — soup and a marathon a day.

Only Qu remains loyal, but she, Ma and a new intake of recruits all stayed away from the national trials in May, ruling out a trip to Sweden.

China's four golds and eight medals in 1993 look unmatchable this time.

Only Huang Zhihong in the shot put will defend her title, while Dong Chaoxia, without the Ma seal of approval, will face the daunting prospect of following in Wang's footsteps in the long-distance events.

There are other recognizable names, like Huang's colleague Sui Xinmei, the Asian Games champion (banned for two years for steroids in 1991) and world indoor bronze medalist Ren Ruiping in the triple-jump.

The men will be led by the likes of hurdler Li Tong and long-jumper Huang Geng, a regular 8m-plus performer.

The walkers, too, so impressive in April's World Cup, should be competitive.

But 24-carat gold prospects look desperately thin on the ground.

Surrey seek to sign Chris Lewis

LONDON, July 31: Surrey said today they want to sign England all-rounder Chris Lewis, who was released by Nottinghamshire at the weekend, reports AFP.

Lewis has said he wants to move back to the capital to be closer to his family and has stated a preference for Surrey, rather than Middlesex.

Surrey are equally enthusiastic about the 27-year-old, with director of cricket Mike Edwards saying:

"We are always interested in talented players and it is likely we will be putting some sort of offer to him, possibly this week."

Lewis has had a few health problems in the past as well as a rather chequered Test career that saw him pull out with mysterious illnesses more often than he appeared. He made only 37 first-class appearances in his four years with Nottinghamshire, but Edwards added:

"He is going to have a medical before we get down to anything serious."

Smith sidelined

MANCHESTER, England, July 31: England batsman Robin Smith is likely to miss the remainder of the six-Test series against West Indies after sustaining a fractured cheekbone in the fourth Test on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Smith had to retire hurt during England's six-wicket victory after edging a delivery from Ian Bishop on to his face. He will have an operation today.

Skipping dope tests the Linford way

LONDON, July 31: Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie has admitted he has never faced a random dope test at home because the British Sports Council does not have his address, reports Reuter.

A television programme to be broadcast today says members of the British Athletic Federation have Christie's address but have not passed it on to the sports council who conduct the tests.

"The fact that the sports council didn't know where I lived is very concerning for me but, you know, it still doesn't later the fact that I've tested a very large proportion of the time," Christie says on the programme.

Lewis may go to Gothenburg

DENVER, July 31: Eight times Olympic champion Carl Lewis injured leg has improved enough that he probably will go to the World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, but it's too early to tell if he will compete, Lewis' business manager said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Lewis strained his left hamstring while long jumping at the US Olympic festival in Colorado Springs on Saturday.

"He feels substantially better," said Joe Douglas, Lewis' manager. "He plans to see his doctor today and to jog some today and Tuesday, and then decide whether he will go."

"I'm pretty sure he will, unless the leg is really bad. But even if he does, he'll need to have one or two practice sessions there before he decides."

The championships begin with opening ceremonies on Friday, but Lewis would not compete until August 11.

He has said the Gothenburg meeting would be his last World Championships and the 1996 Atlanta Olympics would be his last major event but he would compete in some meetings in the United States and Europe in 1997 before retiring.

Dutch Open Rios

AMSTERDAM, July 31: Chilean qualifier Marcelo Rios won the Dutch Open on Sunday, comfortably beating Dutchman Jan Siemerink 6-4, 7-5, 6-4, reports Reuter.

Rios who had to qualify after arriving too late to make the draw, took the 66,400 dollar first prize after an two hour long match played under a sweltering sun.

The diminutive 19-year-old's powerful forehand complemented cat like agility and deft touches at the net to overwhelm his big serving opponent.

Rios, ranked 57th in the world, said he entered the tournament only after failing to get an immediate flight home to Santiago after losing in the second round of the Mercedes Cup in Stuttgart last week.



A triumphant Andre Agassi holds aloft the Canadian Open trophy after overcoming compatriot Pete Sampras 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the final in Montreal on July 30. — AFP/UNB photo

Wind helps out Pedroso?

SESTRIERE, Italy, July 31: Doubts have been cast over Cuban Ivan Pedroso's world record-breaking long jump at an athletics meeting here this weekend, with Italian newspapers on Sunday questioning the official wind reading for the leap, reports Reuter.

Pedroso leapt 8.96 metres at this high altitude ski resort on Saturday, beating American Mike Powell's record of 8.95 metres at the Tokyo World Championships in 1991.

On a chill, blustery day, Pedroso appeared to have taken advantage of a rare lull in the gusting wind to achieve his record jump, with the wind assistance, reading 1.2 metres per second for the leap, comfortably below the 2.0 metre threshold.

However, some spectators said they saw a man standing in front of the wind-measuring machine positioned alongside the sprint track which leads to the sandpit just before the 22-year-old Pedroso set off.

Thick, low-lying clouds sweeping across the exposed stadium during the event meant the wind gauge was out of vision for television cameras filming the event.

However, video taken by an amateur cameraman alongside the track clearly shows someone in a blue jacket standing very near to the machine.

Pedroso himself said on Saturday when questions were first raised about the jump that he had not been aware of this.

"I just stood and waited. As soon as I thought the wind had fallen under the two metre level I took off," he said of a record that won him a 130,000-dollar red Ferrari sports car.

Italian sports daily Tuttosport charged on Sunday that someone had deliberately stood in front of the small measuring machine, set up on a tripod, for most of Pedroso's jumps.

The Cuban athlete, enjoying a magnificent season, recorded four valid jumps in all, an early jump with a wind assistance above the 2.0 metre threshold then three in a row well under that level, culminating in the world record-leap.

One other competitor in the long jump managed to make a leap with the wind level within the legal requirements.

And just before Pedroso's record leap US athlete Ka'reem Streete-Thompson jumped 8.20 metres with a 4.4-metre tailwind.

Terry's ton goes in awry

SOUTHAMPTON, N. England, July 31: Paul Terry's second century of the season in a brave show of resistance from Hampshire at Southampton was not enough to prevent Young Australia completing a comfortable victory by 10 wickets on Sunday with a day to spare, reports AFP.

Terry struck 104 and shared with vice captain John Stephenson a stand of 199 for the second wicket as Young Australia struggled to repeat their performance of the previous day.

Then, pace bowler Michael Kasprovic took five for 19 as Hampshire collapsed to 100 all out in response to the massive Young Australia first innings total of 527 for seven.

Hampshire began the third day at 126 for one in their second innings still needing another 301 to make

Young Australia bat a second time.

Terry struck 18 fours before lifting occasional spinner Matthew Elliott to Peter McIntyre at mid-wicket.

Stephenson made an aggressive 89, which included a six off McIntyre and 16 fours, before being leg before wicket to McIntyre without offering a shot.

From 207 for two Hampshire lost three quick wickets when Stephenson, Paul Whitaker and Mark Nicholas all fell in quick succession.

But Kevan James and Adrian Aymes continued the resistance by putting on 67 for the sixth wicket until James, who had made 34, provided wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist with one of his three catches in the innings.

Kasprovic quickly dismissed Shaun Udal but Hampshire refused to give up as Aymes and Heath Streak put on another 75 for the eighth wicket.

Aymes became another victim of Kasprovic after making 61 but Hampshire carried on with Young Australia willing against the unexpected fight-back.

Cardigan Connor struck six fours in his 32 but the innings ended with the dismissal of Connor and streak to successive deliveries.

Streak hit 14 fours in his 69 before he was last out to leg-spinner McIntyre.

McIntyre had a mixed day with his three wickets costing a mammoth 175 while Kasprovic took three for 120.

Hampshire were all out for a defiant 446 but Young Australia were left needing only 20 to win and they achieved this after 16 minutes in the sixth over.

Irani inspires Essex

LONDON, July 31: A 47-ball century by Ronnie Irani kept Gloucestershire kept Essex on top of the Sunday League but Warwickshire and Lancashire also registered win to keep alive their hopes for the title, reports Reuter.

Irani's unbeaten 101 boosted Essex to 303 for seven with skipper Paul Prichard (78) and Graham Gooch (51) making other important contributions.

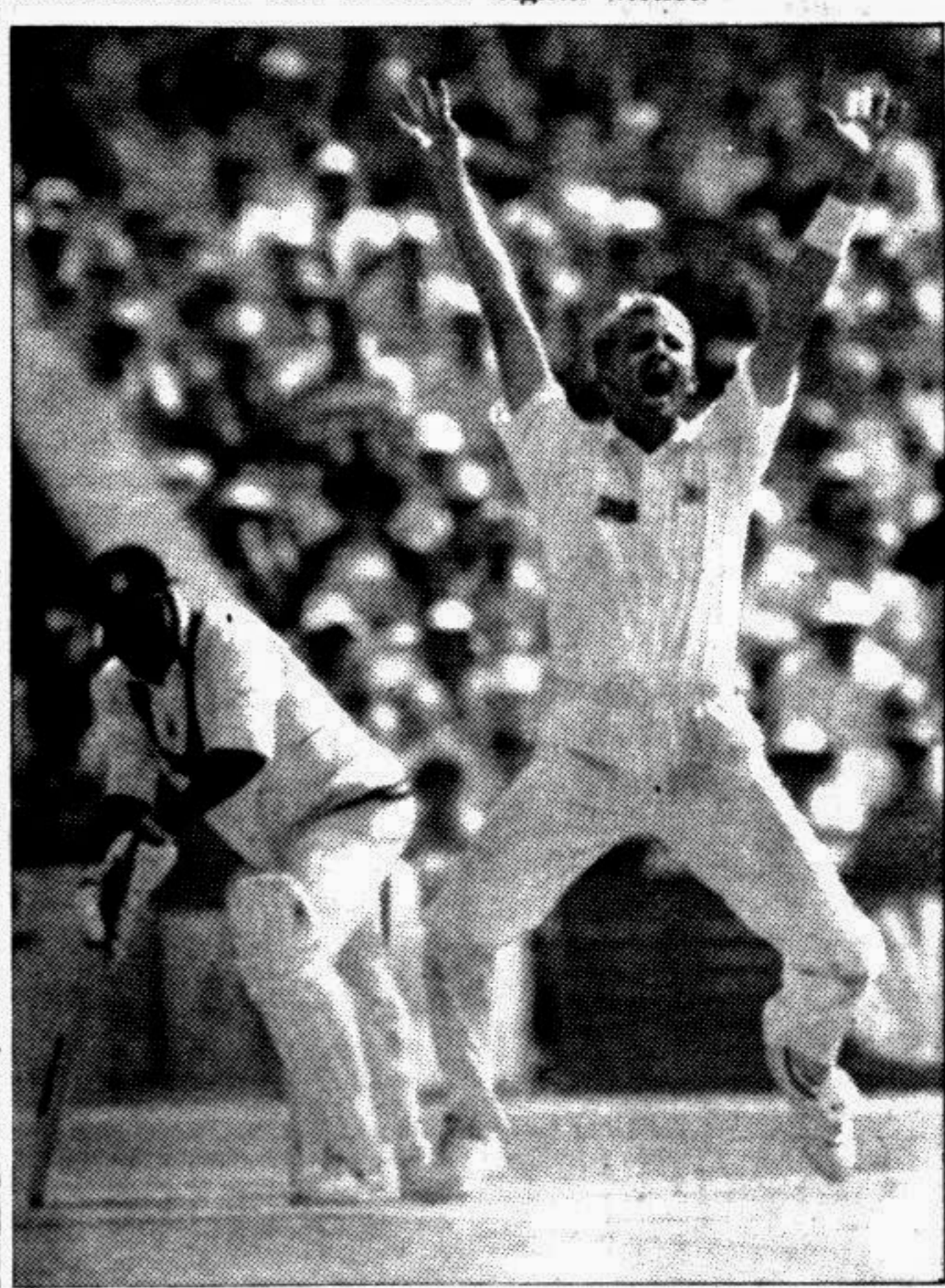
Gloucestershire managed only 235 in reply before they were all out in just over 36 overs.

It left Essex still leading with 34 points from 12 games but Warwickshire stayed just two points behind with a match in hand after beating Northamptonshire by 24 runs.

Lancashire also stayed well in contention with an 87-run victory over Somerset at Taunton and, with two games in hand and only six points behind, could also overtake the leaders.

Lancashire rattled up an impressive 268 for two in their 40 overs with Neil Fairbrother (86) and Graham Lloyd (88) sharing in the county's second highest Sunday League stand as they put on an unbeaten 179 for the third wicket.

Somerset never looked like threatening that total in reply, only skipper Andy Hayhurst's unbeaten 70 offering much resistance in a disappointing 181 all out.



A DREAM COME TRUE: England's current sensation Dominic Cork appeals successfully to have West Indian Carl Hooper leg before wicket, thus completing a memorable hatrick during fourth day's play of the fourth Test at Old Trafford on July 30. — AFP/UNB photo

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Ferry Division, Barisal
(RHD), Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No. : 02 of RHD, Ferry Divn., Barisal/1995-96.
- Name of work : As described below.
- Eligibility of contractor : (RHD), general category contractor as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
- Availability of tender schedule : 1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn., Barisal/Khulna.
2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Patuakhali.
3) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Sub-Divn., Barisal. (Only office hours. No tender will be sold on the date of opening of tender schedule).
- Tender receiving officer : 1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Circle, Khulna.
2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn., Barisal/Khulna.
- Last date of selling tender schedule : 12-8-95 (only office hours).
- Last date of receiving tender schedule : 13-8-95/29-4-1402.
- Date and time of opening tender schedule : 16-8-95/1-5-1402 at 1 PM.

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