

May has the last laugh

Basit digs Pakistan out



ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 5: Spinner Tim May, one of three Australian Test players to accuse Salim Malik of offering bribes, dismissed the former Pakistan captain today in their first direct confrontation on the field since the scandal erupted, reports Reuter.

Malik, who was cleared of the bribery charges last month by an internal inquiry in Pakistan, fell cheaply when he was stumped for 16 in Pakistan's tour match against South Australia.

His departure left Pakistan struggling at 79 for four on the fourth and final day at the Adelaide Oval.

But an unbeaten century by Basit Ali steered the tourists to a draw in their last match before the first Test against Australia, which starts in Brisbane on Thursday.

Chasing a victory target of 366 in three sessions, the tourists were 298 for five at the close.

Basit Ali, who scored 101 not out, shared a crucial century partnership for the fifth wicket with Inzamam-ul-Haq, who was eventually trapped lbw by South Australia's fast bowler Mark Harrierty for 96.

May, who has threatened to take legal action against anyone who suggests he conducted his charge against Malik, appeared jubilant when he dismissed the veteran right-handed batsman. Early in his spell of off-spin, May appeared to have words

with Malik as the two rivals crossed paths in the middle after a Pakistan run.

It was Malik's second failure with the bat on his return to first-class cricket after an eight-month exile in the wake of the bribery scandal.

His swift dismissal during Pakistan's first innings on Friday prevented a direct confrontation at the wicket with May, one of three Australian players to accuse Malik of offering money for them to play poorly last year.

South Australia captain Jamie Siddons introduced May into the attack today after Malik had been at the

Tim Nielsen an easy stumping and prompting a celebration by the home side.

May, who was dropped today from Australia's line-up for the first Test against Pakistan, finished with figures of one for 86 from 27 overs.

South Australia, who scored 392 for eight in their first innings before dismissing Pakistan for 276, declared their second innings on 249 for five after close of play on Saturday.

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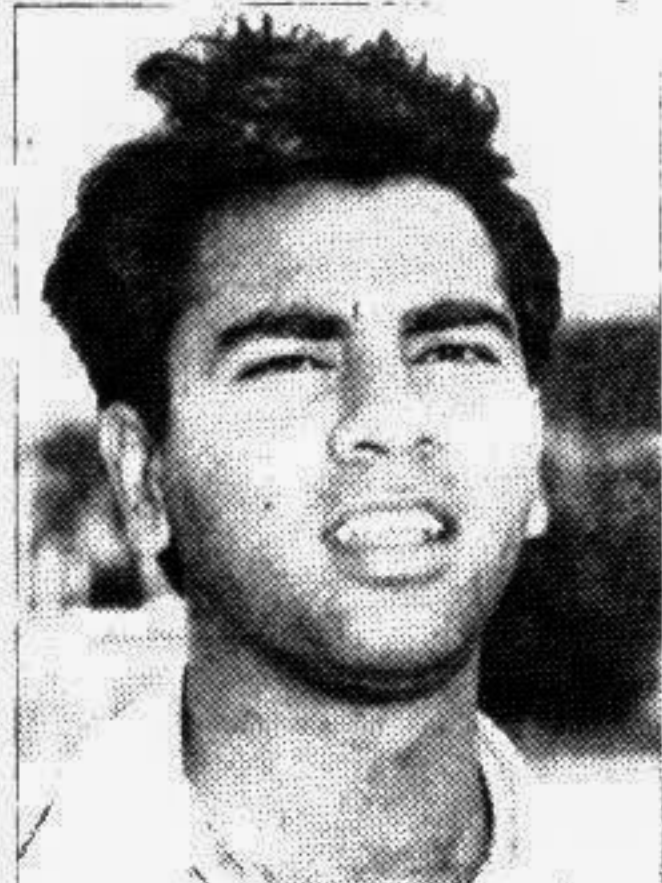
Scoreboard on the fourth and final day of the match between South Australia and Pakistan today:

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** First innings 392 for eight declared and 249 for five declared.

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 276

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings

Sohail run out	17			
Elahi c Gillespie b Harrierty	7			
Rameez c Siddons b Gillespie	10			
Inzamam lbw b Harrierty	96			
Malik st Nielsen b May	16			
Basit not out	101			
Moin not out	13			
Extras:	38			
Total: (for five wickets, 88 overs)	298			
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-30; 3-44; 4-79; 5-203.				
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b> <b>M</b> <b>R</b> <b>W</b>			
Harrierty	16	2	71	2
Gillespie	16	3	58	1
May	27	2	86	1
Blewett	8	3	16	0
McIntyre	18	3	52	0
Johnson	3	0	8	0
Result: Match drawn.				



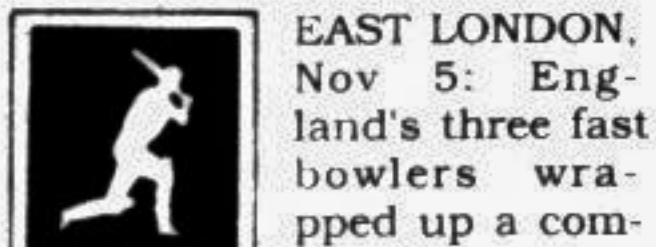
BASIT ALI ... 101 not out

crease for three overs.

After lofting a delivery from May over mid-wicket for four, Malik was dismissed when he attempted to repeat the shot four overs later.

Malik charged down the wicket only to lose his balance, giving wicketkeeper

English pacers play havoc



EAST LONDON, Nov 5: England's three fast bowlers wrapped up a comfortable victory over Border by an innings and 53 runs with more than a full session to spare on the final day of their four-day cricket match at Buffalo Park today, reports Reuter.

Dominic Cork returned match figures of 8 for 81. Mark Iltott took 5 for 36 in the Border second innings and Darren Gough finished with 5 for 39.

The win gave England a much-needed boost ahead of the first Test against South Africa which starts on November 16.

England captain Alec Stewart said, "I thought the boys stuck to it well. To only get 350-odd in the first innings and to still win by an innings was a very good effort."

"It's all about confidence. All our batsmen have got runs and the bowlers have got wickets and that can only be good with the Test match coming up. We outplayed them in all departments and that's why we're so very pleased."

Overnight 153 for six, Border lost their last four wickets for only 13 runs in the morning to be bowled out for 166. Cork, bowling fast and straight, took 5 for 48 and Darren Gough 3 for 30.

England captain Stewart enforced the follow on an only South African batsman Darryl Cullinan was able to occupy the crease for any length of time for the home

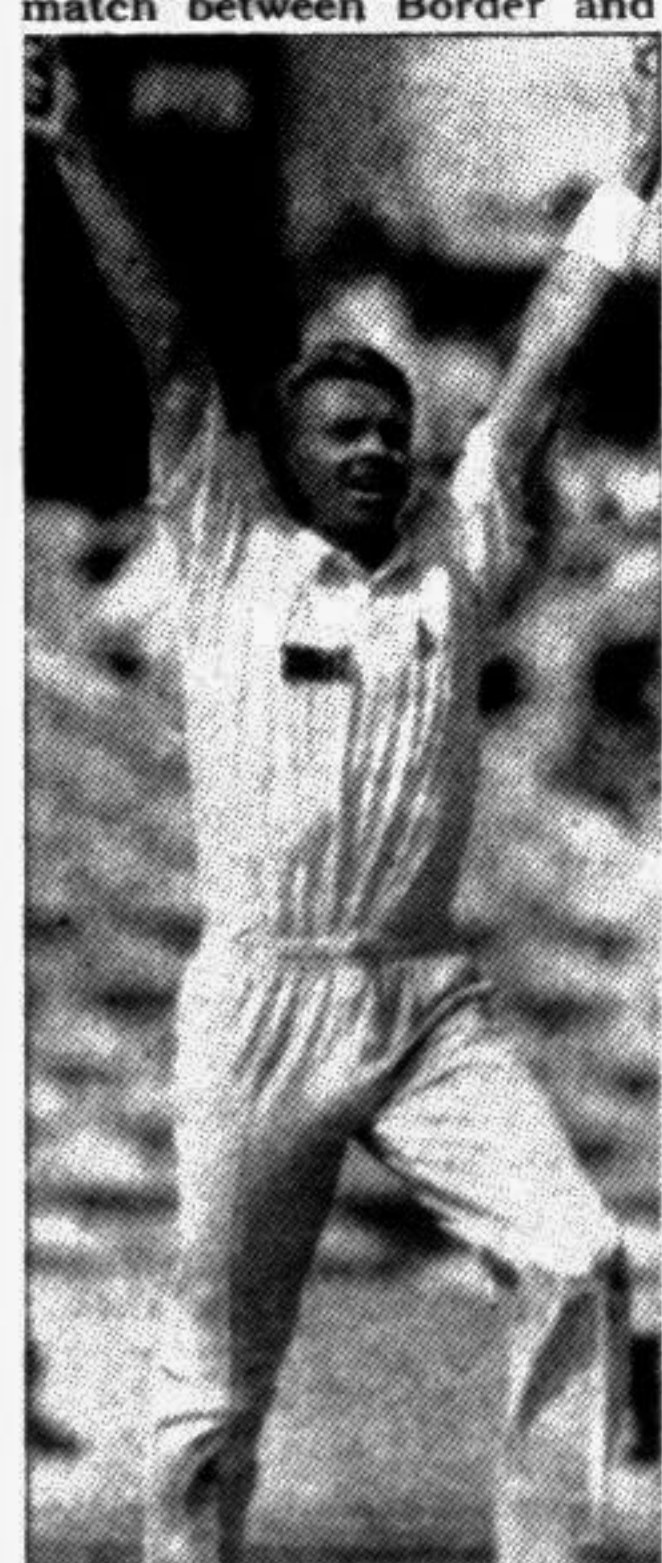
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The 28-year-old batsman, who played for Derbyshire during the 1995 English county season, made 55 runs in the second innings after two-and-a-quarter hours in the middle before cutting a Gough delivery on to his stumps.

Gough had figures of 2 for 9 and Essex left-armers Iltott had 5 for 36 as Border folded for only 132.

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Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day cricket match between Border and



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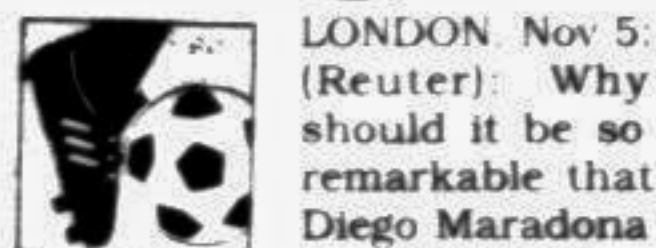
England at Buffalo Park today:

**ENGLAND:** First innings 351

**BORDER:** First innings (overnight 153-6)

Cronje c Cork b Gough	24			
Botha c Russell b Cork	53			
Kirsten lbw b Iltott	1			
Cullinan lbw b Cork	20			
Strydom run out	10			
Palfiraman b Cork	21			
Pope c Iltott b Cork	1			
Howell c Russell b Gough	11			
Fourie not out	0			
Enslie lbw b Gough	0			
Ntini b Cork	0			
Extras: (lb-6, b-8, nb-9, w-1)	24			
Total:	166			
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-81; 3-90; 4-111; 5-141; 6-144; 7-164; 8-164; 9-164.				
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b> <b>M</b> <b>R</b> <b>W</b>			
Iltott	14	4	34	1
Cork	16	3	48	5
Gough	12	4	30	3
Martin	7	2	23	0
Iltott	9	4	17	0
<b>BORDER:</b> Second innings				
Cronje lbw b Iltott	13			
Botha c Smith b Cork	21			
Kirsten c Russell b Iltott	6			
Cullinan b Gough	55			
Strydom lbw b Cork	3			
Palfiraman b Cork	10			
Pope b Iltott	8			
Howell not out	5			
Fourie c Russell b Iltott	0			
Enslie lbw b Gough	0			
Ntini lbw b Iltott	0			
Extras: (lb-10, nb-1)	11			
Total:	132			
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-34; 3-55; 4-63; 5-92; 6-127; 7-127; 8-128; 9-129.				
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b> <b>M</b> <b>R</b> <b>W</b>			
Iltott	13	5	36	5
Martin	5	2	11	0
Gough	9	3	9	2
Cork	12	0	33	0
Iltott	12	1	33	0
Result: England won by an innings and 53 runs.				

Diego in different field



LONDON, Nov 5: (Reuter) Why should it be so remarkable that Diego Maradona is going to speak to the Oxford University Union?

Maybe because, having let others down before with no-shows in a chequered career interrupted by drugs bans, the appearance of the street urchin turned soccer millionaire at a world famous seat of learning needs to be seen to be believed.

If Maradona turns up on Monday night, he will no doubt face barbed if politely posed questions about his infamous "hand of God" goal against England during the 1986 World Cup in Mexico which his Argentina team won.

"He can expect to be asked about the hand of God goal and why he took drugs," an English member of a television panel said in Buenos Aires recently.

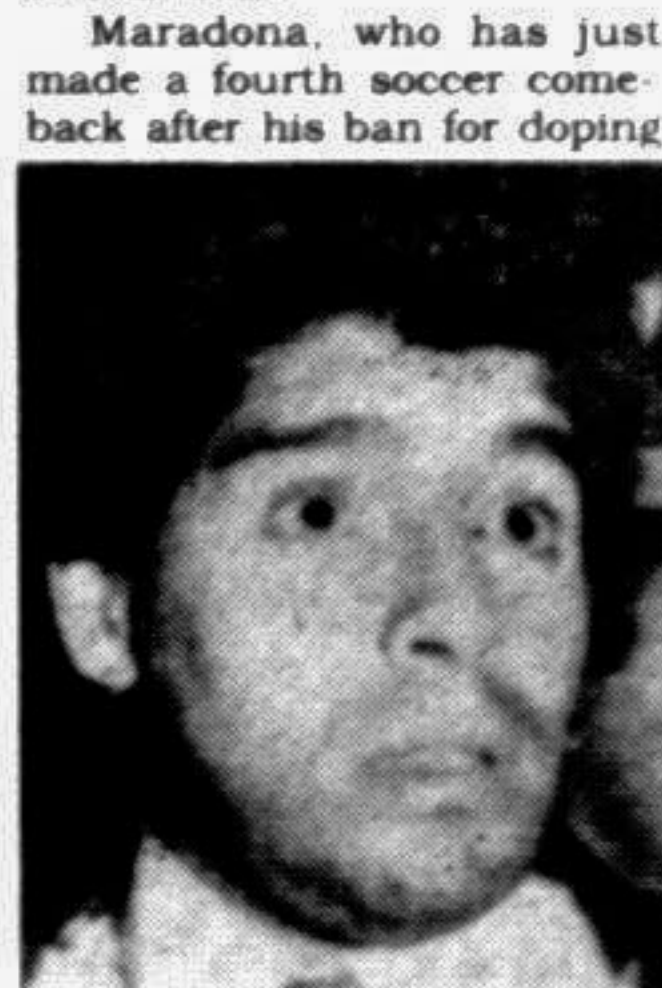
As a popular hero, Maradona is in the company of many peers as a guest speaker at Oxford.

Former Tottenham Hotspur midfielder and current Chelsea manager Glenn Hoddle, in the England team on the receiving end of the hand of God as well as a brilliant second Maradona goal in a 2-1 defeat in Mexico City,

spoke there last week.

Next week's speakers include Marianne Faithfull, 1960s pop icon and former girlfriend of Mick Jagger, and actor and film director Lenoard Nimoy, the Dr Spoke of Star Trek.

Maradona, who has just made a fourth soccer comeback after his ban for doping



DIEGO MARADONA

at the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States, turned 35 on Tuesday - an age when most players have hung up their boots.

But he has a hunger and resilience to remain in the public conscience, as well as some of the skills that made him an all-time great.

He may have lost the acceleration of thought and

body that put him a step ahead of lesser players but he is still so good on the ball as to be one of the best players in Argentina.

When most people thought he would be dependent on his Boca Juniors teammates, they have in fact leant on him in a run of five unbeaten games.

His name is still the one fans chant when Daniel Passarella's Argentina, preparing to meet arch-rivals Brazil in a friendly in Buenos Aires on Wednesday, play badly.

Maradona, whose invitation to the Oxford Union came through an Argentine student, Esteban Cichello Huebner, who is president of the University's Jewish L'chaim Society, will speak about his life for about 15 minutes through an interpreter then answer students questions.

Cichello Huebner said: Diego does not want this (event) to be commercialised.

On his birthday Maradona gave the Argentine sports weekly El Grafico a list of the 10 best and worst moments in his life, some of which he will no doubt touch on at Oxford.

His best moments, he said, were the births of his daughters, his best goal the second against England in 1986 and his best rival Germany's Lothar Matthaus.

McDermott recalled

SYDNEY, Nov 5: Australia cricket selectors today recalled fast bowler Craig McDermott for this week's first Test against Pakistan in Brisbane, reports Reuter.

McDermott, who missed Australia's series win in the West Indies earlier this year after spraining an ankle at the start of the tour, replaced off-spinner Tim May.

Despite May's absence, Australia will still include two players - leg-spinner Shane Warne and batsman Mark Waugh - who levelled bribery charges against Pakistan batsman Salim Malik.

Malik, who was cleared of the charges last month by an internal inquiry in Pakistan, is expected to be named by the tourists for the first Test, starting at the Gabba on Thursday.

McDermott's return for the first match in the three-Test series was the only change from the side that played in all four Test matches against West Indies.

**AUSTRALIA (from):** Mark Taylor (captain), Michael Slater, David Boon, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Greg Blewett, Ian Healy, Paul Reffel, Brendon Julian, Shane Warne, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath.

Ily sees an even series

EAST LONDON, Nov 5: England manager Ray Illingworth predicted a close Test series against South Africa on Saturday, with England just ahead in the batting and the home team having the bowling advantage, reports Reuter.

"I think if we're all playing well, our top six are probably better than their top six," the former Yorkshire all-rounder said.

"With (Allan) Donald and (Brett) Schultz, South Africa may well have the edge on bowling... but it should be a good, even series I think."

Illingworth said he would prefer to go into the first Test at Centurion Park on November 16 with a balanced attack: "I think in the 36 Tests where I captained, there were only two occasions when I didn't play a balanced side."

"I still think it's the right way but, if you do get wickets sloping completely one way, then you've got to go along with that."

"But I'm going in with an open mind on this one because really you can't commit yourself beforehand. If we see that it's a grassy, greenish-top wicket, then we'll probably finish up playing four seamers and the likes of (Graeme) Hick and (Mark) Ramprakash can bowl some off-spin."

Cuban spikers stick course

TOKYO, Nov 5: Defending champions Cuba underlined their top status by beating world number two Brazil in three straight sets at the World Cup Women's volleyball tournament on Saturday, reports AFP.

Seeking their third straight World Cup victory, the Barcelona Olympic champions repeated their excellent performance in last year's World Championship final with a 15-8, 15-13, 15-9 success for their second straight win.

Top three Asian countries - China, South Korea and Japan - also remained unbeaten with two consecutive wins.

Asian champions China overwhelmed African champions Egypt 15-6, 15-3, 15-1, while Asian Games gold medalists South Korea trounced Kenya 15-5, 15-2, 15-3, hosts Japan routed Peru 15-8, 15-7, 15-9 in the last match of the day.

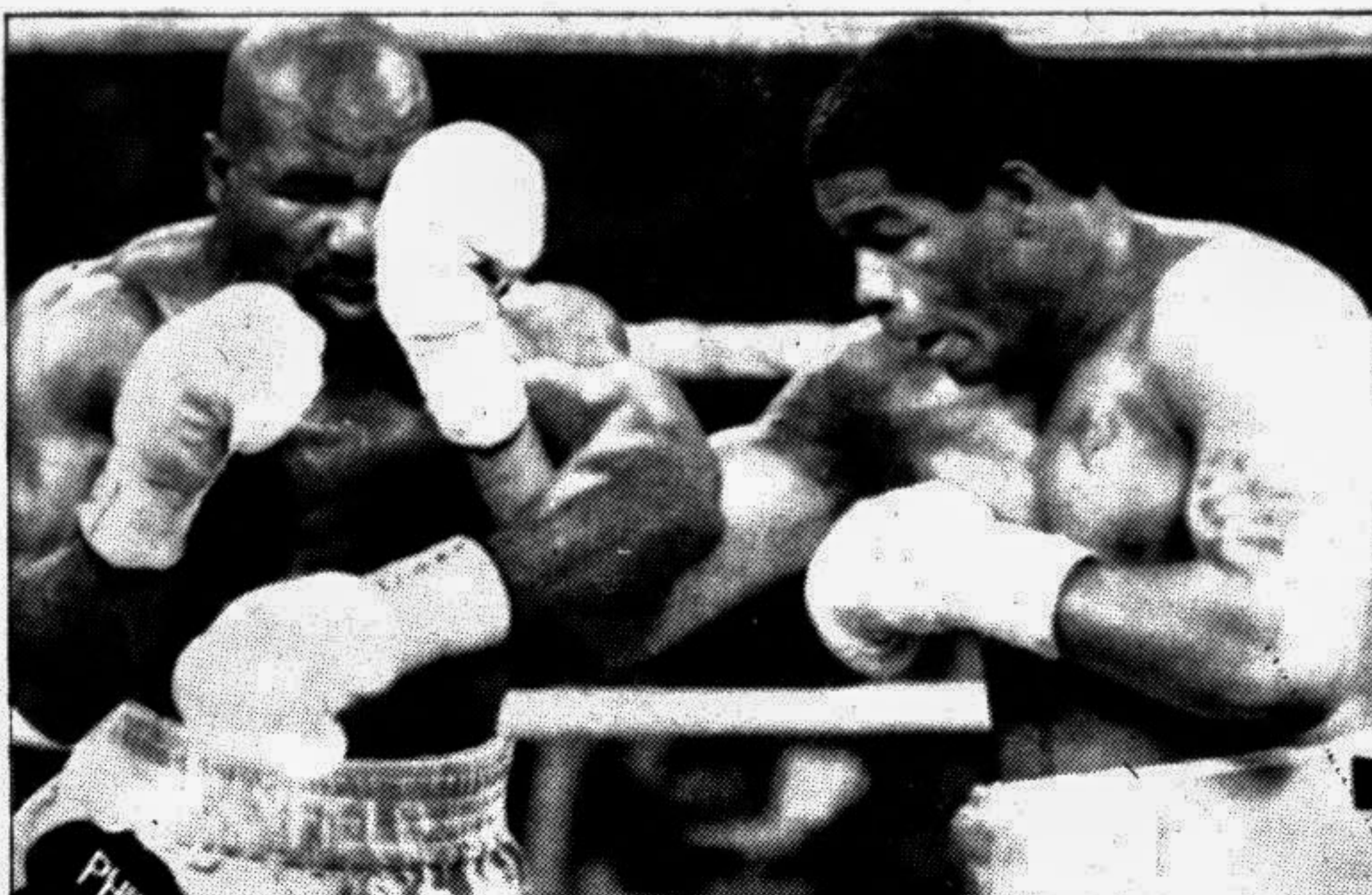
The Netherlands, surprise winners over Russia to capture the European title four weeks ago, whipped Canada 15-11, 15-9, 15-10, and Croatia shocked the Olympic bronze winners, the United States, 16-14, 15-10, 15-13.

But the Dutch women, considered as the most dangerous floaters to win one of the three tickets for next year's Atlanta Olympic Games, did not measure up to their coach's expectations, despite some inspirational play by Elles Leferink.

"We were the winners today, but I don't think we played very well," said Dutch coach Bert Goedkoop, who explained some of his players were sick and had a slight fever caused by the air conditioning in their hotel in Tokyo.

"Besides, our preparation for this tournament was not perfect. All the players went back to the club system after the European Championships and we came together just 10 days before the World Cup."

"We have to put together the whole system to regain our rhythm again."



Challenger Evander Holyfield (L) makes an abortive attempt to resist a right upper-cut of WBO heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe during the fourth round of their bout in Las Vegas on November 4. Bowe retained the WBO title after knocking out Holyfield in the 8th round.

Bowe buffets Holyfield

LAS VEGAS, Nov 5: Riddick Bowe knocked down an exhausted Evander Holyfield twice in the eighth round and won their third battle when the referee stopped the scheduled 12-round fight at 58 seconds of the round, reports Reuter.

After Holyfield landed a left, Bowe hit Holyfield with a short right to the body and Holyfield fell on to his stomach.

He barely got up at the count of nine and appeared stunned and ready to go down again.

Bowe caught Holyfield on the far side of the ring from the first knockdown with two rights that sent Holyfield into the ropes and down.

Referee Joe Cortez jumped between the fighters and stopped the fight.

"When he stayed down for that long a time, I knew I would get him," Bowe said of the first knockdown.

Holyfield said: "It was hard to get in, I couldn't get in and use everything I had be-

cause his jab kept me out."

Immediately after he won the rubber match of their three battles, he said to Holyfield, "I love you man. I love you."

Holyfield, a two-time world heavyweight champion who had predicted he would knock out Bowe, knocked him down with a left hook just 23 seconds into the sixth round, the first time Bowe had been down as a professional.

Former champion Bowe, 28, got up at the count of seven and Holyfield pursued him into a corner, and it seemed only a matter of a few moments until he would knock the stunned Bowe down again.

But after landing several combinations to Bowe's head, the 33-year-old Holyfield, looking exhausted, backed off and Bowe was able to recover.

In their first bout in November 1992, Bowe won the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles from Holyfield in a decision after 12 rounds, best remembered for a spectacular 10th round in

which the two men stood toe-to-toe furiously pummeling each other.

In their second fight a year later, Holyfield took back his titles on a majority decision. He lost them to Michael Moorer in April 1994.

The second Bowe-Holyfield fight perhaps is best known for "fan man," a paraglider who landed on the ring apron and caused a 20-minute delay in the bout.

"I fought with all I had tonight and all I had wasn't enough. Riddick had more than I did," Holyfield, now 31-3, said.

"My left shoulder was messed up a little bit it wasn't hurt before the fight started," said Holyfield, indicating he hurt it in the third round.

Bowe, who told Lennox Lewis after the fight that "come the first of the year you'll be the first guy I knock out in '96," was asked what he was thinking after Holyfield knocked him down in the sixth round.

"I was thinking the same thing you were thinking: Hell, this ain't right."

Sampras, Becker in final



PARIS, Nov 5: Top seed Pete Sampras defeated Jim Courier at the Paris Open on Saturday to set up an exciting rematch of the Wimbledon final with Boris Becker, report agencies.

Sampras, who tamed Becker in four sets at the All-England Club last July, was made to work hard against fellow-American Courier, before winning 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

German Becker, the third seed, crushed South African Wayne Ferreira 6-1, 6-2 to move within sight of a fourth title in the prestigious indoor tournament.

World number two Sampras, already certain to recapture the number one spot form injured compatriot Andre Agassi on Monday, made a perfect start, breaking his opponent in the opening game with Courier hitting the easiest of forehands into the net.

It was similar unforced error by former world number one Courier which allowed Sampras to take the first set 41 minutes later.

But Courier then lived up to his reputation as a fierce competitor by breaking Sampras to build a 2-0 lead in the second set and again to go 3-1 up before taking the set 6-3.

Courier kept fighting in the decider, which was interrupted for five minutes after five games when some of the lights in the high-tech Bercy arena went out.

Both players held serve until the eighth game in which Courier double faulted to give Sampras his first break point in the set.

Sampras converted it with a fine volley to lead 5-3 and went on to seal the match with a blistering forehand

stroke on match point after one hour and 56 minutes of superb tennis.

"It was tough but it's always tough against Jim because we know each other so well," said Sampras, who will play his second Paris Open final after losing in 1991 to Frenchman Guy Forget.

"I'm quite pleased with my game at the moment but it's certainly not going to be easy against Boris, who always plays well here."

But the Wimbledon and US Open champion may have an injury problem for Sunday's final against Becker.

During the semifinal clash the top seed injured his ankle.

"I jammed my right foot a little," said Sampras. "I iced it down after the match and hopefully it won't be a problem Sunday."

"Boris struggled here a little bit this week but his game really came together to beat Ferreira," he said, adding: "It was a hell of an effort."

Becker, who had needed

three long battles to reach the semifinal, wasted no time as he advanced to his fifth Paris Open final in just 68 minutes.

Becker, a winner here in 1986, 1989 and 1992, added, "I'm particularly pleased because this is my favourite tournament."

"When I'm not playing a Frenchman the crowd support me and they helped me tremendously all week."

The former world number one broke Ferreira twice in the first set to wrap it up in 37 minutes as his opponent struggled with his serve and accumulated unforced errors.

Ferreira won his serve in the opening game of the second set but then dropped the next six games, hitting an easy forehand into the net on match point.

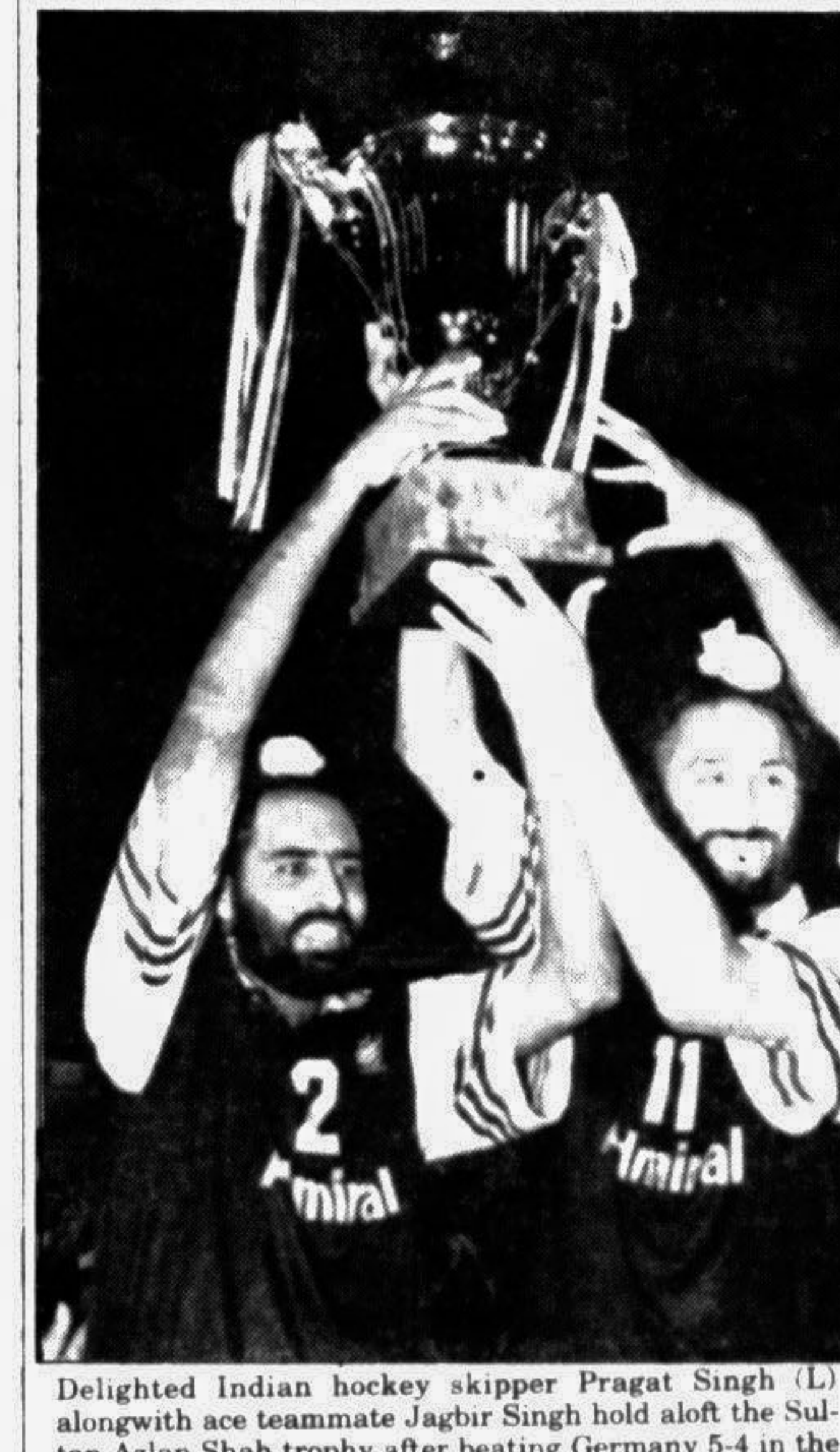
"I just had a bad day and the match went so quickly that I didn't really have time to get any better," said the South African, who warned not to count Becker out in his match against Sampras.

Woodies in Paris Open final

PARIS, Nov 5: Australia's top-seeds Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde swept into the final of the men's doubles at the 2.25 million dollars Paris Indoor Open late Saturday when they beat third-seeds Grant Connell and Patrick Galbraith of the United States 6-3, 6-4, reports AFP.

They will play the unseeded Americans Jim Grabb and Todd Martin for the title.

Grabb and Martin put out the French wild-card lineup of Guillaume Ranoux and Rodophe Gilbert in an exciting three-set clash 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.



Delighted Indian hockey skipper Pragat Singh (L) alongwith ace teammate Jagbir Singh hold aloft the Sultan Azlan Shah trophy after beating Germany 5-4 in the final in Kuala Lumpur on Nov 4.

India's fine treble

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5: India won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament for a record third time when they edged Olympic champions Germany 5-4 on penalties after both teams played to a 2-2 draw in the final at the Tun Razak Stadium today, reports AFP.

The Indians led twice in the match but the German's superior penalty-corner set-piece moves provided the equaliser for the match to end in a draw at the end of regulation time.

In the nerve-racking penalty shoot-out, the Indians had Ashish Ballal to thank for when he saved the all-important fifth flick take by Germany's experienced Michael Green.

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Earlier, Germany had scored their flicks through Henning Hellwig, Patrick Bellenbaum, skipper Michael Waldhauser and Frank Gemmrig while India's flicks taken by Harpreet Singh, Mohamed Razi Nabil, Mukesh Kumar Nandancori, Gavin Ferreira and Ramandeep Singh all found their marks.

With that triumph, India salvaged some pride after finishing fifth out of six teams in the Berlin Champions' Trophy last month where Germany were victorious.

Old foes renew rivalry

HONG KONG, Nov 5: World champion Heryanto Arbi of Indonesia recovered from a sloppy first game on Saturday to beat South Korea's Lee Kwang-Jin and take his place in the Hong Kong Open final against compatriot Allan Budi Kusuma, reports Reuter.

Arbi, the top seed and defending champion, stormed back after a dreadful opening game to defeat the aggressive world number eight 5-15, 15-7, 15-6.

He showed no sign of the thigh injury which has kept him off the circuit for three months, and thrilled the crowd with several brilliantly-executed jump smashes.

"The direction of the court was switched from the earlier rounds and I took a while to become accustomed to the draught," said Arbi. "I was a bit scared before the competition as this is my first tournament for several months but I have gained in confidence every game."

Kusuma, the second seed, had too many shots for unseeded Dane Martin Lundgaard Hansen in the other semifinal and raced to a 15-4, 15-3 triumph.

"I beat Arbi the last time we played, in the semifinal of the Malaysian Open, and I hope to win again tomorrow. We practice together all the time and know each other's game well - it will be a good attacking final," said Kusuma.

Indonesian teenager Mia Audina, the heroine in her country's Uber Cup victory over China two years ago, reached her third final of the year with an upset victory over world champion Ye Zhaoying of China.

Fifth-seeded Audina kept her composure after losing the first game and was helped to an 8-11, 12-10, 11-4 victory by a string of uncharacteristic errors by number two seed Ye.

Aussie coach rallies behind teenage doper

SYDNEY, Nov 5: Australia's head swimming coach Don Talbot criticised the United States on Saturday for not taking stiffer action against one of its swimmers who tested positive for steroids and called for an official Australian protest, reports Reuter.

Talbot said the decision by US swimming's national board of review to place 15-year-old distance swimmer Jessica Foschi on probation for two years had the potential to undermine the US anti-drugs campaign against China.

The board decided against a two-year suspension for Foschi who was 14 when she returned a positive test for the banned substance mesterolone after a 1,500 metre freestyle race at the National Championships in Pasadena, California, in August.

The Chinese were banned from the Pan-Pacific Championships in Atlanta last August after positive tests by seven of its swimmers at the Asian Games in Japan last October.

Talbot said he was trying to contact Australian Swimming Inc. national executive director Vena Murray about protesting to the Americans.