

WI-SL one-dayer Stuart steps in for Ambrose

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Apr 11: Past bowler Colin Stuart has been chosen to replace Curtly Ambrose in the West Indies team for a limited-over international against world champions Sri Lanka in Trinidad on Saturday, reports AFP.

Stuart, a 22-year-old from Guyana who captured six wickets for a West Indies Cricket Board of Control XI in the first-class match against New Zealand which ended here on Wednesday, replaces the world's premier bowler, who aggravated a hamstring injury during the last limited-over match against New Zealand.

Andrew Sealy, the executive secretary of the WCBC, indicated that Ambrose's injury is not too critical and he should take his rightful place spearheading the West Indies attack in the first Test at Kensington Oval in Barbados, commencing on April 19.

Stuart's selection is one of the most surprising decisions made by the selection committee of the WCBC in recent times. He has leapfrogged over several other candidates.

Stuart toured England with a young West Indies team in 1993, but had taken just seven wickets in five first-class matches prior to the one against New Zealand.

THE TEAM

Courtney Walsh (captain), Phil Wallace, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Brian Lara, Phil Simmons, Roland Holder, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Browne, Roger Harper, Laurie Williams, Ian Bishop, Stuart Williams, Colin Stuart.

Surrey rope in Julian

LONDON, Apr 11: Surrey, thwarted in a recent attempt to recruit South Africa all-rounder Brian McMillan, have signed Australian fast bowler Brendon Julian, the club said, today, reports Reuter.

Julian will take over from paceman Waqar Younis, who will be touring England with Pakistan this summer, as the Oval club's overseas player.

Surrey chief executive Paul Sheldon said, "We are delighted to have someone of Brendon's quality joining us."

"His arrival will be good for Surrey and I think we will be good for Brendon, since this represents a great opportunity for him to get on the Ashes tour next year."

Surrey cricket manager Dave Gilbert said, "Brendon's signing is a terrific coup for Surrey when you consider that Brian Millan's late withdrawal had left the club in the lurch."

Desert duel from today



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 11: Bitter foes India and Pakistan meet in what should be an exciting first match of the triangular Pepsi Cup here on Friday, reports AFP.

Thousands of cricket-crazy expatriate Asians in this Gulf Emirates expect the traditional enemies to produce high-voltage action in perfect



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batting conditions at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. And the rivals, eager to settle old scores, are in no mood to concede any ground in the eight-day event which also features South Africa for the first time at this popular desert venue.

India and Pakistan have shared the honours in the recent past — India winning the World Cup quarter-final at Bangalore and Pakistan avenging that defeat in the Singer Cup in Singapore last week.

Both teams are keen to snatch the early advantage in the tournament where they play each other twice in the preliminary league, with the top two advancing to the April 19 final worth 30,000 dollars to the winners.

India have more than just money at stake, having won just two of the last 13 encounters at Sharjah against Pakistan since Javed Miandad's famous last-ball six in the Australasia Cup final in 1986.

Encouraged by the pinch-hitting success of the brilliant Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana both India and Pakistan are planning a run riot in the first 15 overs.

While Pakistan are banking on their experienced opening pair of skipper Aamir Sohail and Saeed Anwar to provide the early fireworks, the Indians will have a new pinch-hitting partner for wonder boy Sachin Tendulkar.

The role will fall on former opener Ajay Jadeja, who left Waqar Younis and company dumbstruck with a brilliant 45 off 26 balls in the World Cup quarterfinal.

"We need at least 90 to 100 runs in the first 15 overs," said Indian team manager Sandeep Patil, adding that a target of even 260 may not be enough to defend on the easy-paced wicket here.

"It should be a run feast out there."

Patil, who took over as manager from Ajit Wadekar after the World Cup, said Jadeja would be the opener for all the matches even if he failed to get runs on Friday.

"He's been told to go for it and not bother about the fear of failing," Patil said. "We need big hitting from him, while Tendulkar settles in."

Tearaway fast bowler Prashant Vaidya is expected to make the eleven in place of seamer Venkatesh Prasad, but Patil said he would finalise the team before the toss on Friday.

Pakistan's stand-in captain Sohail, deputising for the injured Wasim Akram, said his team could not afford to be complacent, despite their track record in Sharjah and

the tournament victory in Singapore.

"We've won a lot of matches here, but that's history," he said. "Every tournament is new and you have to play hard to win."

He played down the hype about an India-Pakistan match, adding there was no additional pressure on the players.

"Each game has its own pressure. The pressure may be there for the crowd, but for us



MD. AZHARUDDIN

it's like any other match.

"The bottom line is you have to play better on that day to win a game," Sohail added.

TEAMS

INDIA (from): Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Ajay Jadeja, Navot Sidhu, Rahul Dravid, Sanjay Manjrekar, Nayan Mongia, Javagal Srinath, Prashant Vaidya, Venkatesh Prasad, Vikram Rathore, Ashish Kapoor, Venkatapathy Raju, Anil Kumble.

PAKISTAN (from): Aamir Sohail (captain), Saeed Anwar, Inzamam-ul Haq, Salm Malik, Basit Ali, Rameez Raja, Ejaz Ahmed, Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed, Mohammad Akram, Ata-ur Rehman, Saqlain Mushtaq.

Rival drags Dalmiya down



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 11: South African cricket chief Krish Mackerduhj launched his campaign to head the International Cricket Council (ICC) today with a blistering attack on his rival Jagmohan Dalmiya of India, reports AFP.

Mackerduhj slammed Dalmiya's conduct of the recent World Cup in the Indian sub-continent, and hinted that his rival was trying to buy votes ahead of the July election to succeed present ICC chairman Clyde Walcott of the West Indies.

"I can't distribute free tick-

ets for tournaments and call officials for banquets in South Africa," Mackerduhj said, referring to Dalmiya's lavish hospitality for ICC guests during the World Cup.

"Money can't buy votes. People will vote for me if I am capable, not because I can make them richer. I don't lobby for votes."

"We have certain principles on which we fought for our freedom. These principles will never be compromised."

Mackerduhj, who is here to watch South Africa's maiden appearance at this popular desert venue in the Pepsi Cup starting on Friday, said his country was certain to host the first World Cup of the next century — despite reservations expressed by Indian officials.

The ICC has taken a stand that England will host the next World Cup in 1999 and it would be South Africa's turn in 2003. This will not change. We will not allow it to change," the 56-year-old Mackerduhj said.

Indian cricket chief Inderjit Singh Bindra said last month that the host of the 2003 Cup was still in doubt since the West Indies had expressed their desire to conduct the game's premier limited-overs tournament.

But Mackerduhj ridiculed the suggestion, saying "That man does not know what he was talking about."

"South Africa is eminently capable of hosting the World Cup," he added. "And I can promise we will do a better job than what India did."

The South African team spent nearly 22 hours travelling from Karachi to Calcutta for the opening ceremony. That was unwarranted. We will ensure that no team gets such treatment," Mackerduhj said.

Mackerduhj also dampened Indian hopes that the election

Botham, Lamb's choice

LONDON, Apr 11: Former England captain Alan Lamb said on Wednesday that Ian Botham should be given the job of masterminding a revival in the England cricket team's fortunes, reports AFP.

South African born Lamb, who retired 11 days ago from first class cricket, believes Botham and another former Test captain Graham Gooch are the best candidates to join Ray Illingworth's panel of selectors.

"I think the situation we have got into is farcical. It has stood down as supreme, so we need to replace him with someone else," he claimed.

"Instead, we are going back to the old system of a coach and a chairman of selectors and I think that's wrong."

"One man should be in charge and he should pick the selectors he wants. I would say to Botham 'go and sort it out. We'll pay you to get English cricket right.'"

Botham is one of the eight men standing for two vacancies on the selection panel with counties due to vote next week.

Leading Test and County Cricket Board officials have expressed grave doubts over Botham's nomination because of his extensive media commitments, while some people believe that Gooch would not be able to devote enough time to the job because he is still playing for Essex.

But Lamb said: "I can't see where there's going to be a problem. These are just the sort of people who should be involved. It's time to get younger men in."

Spanish Cup Atletico's

ZARAGOZA, Spain, Apr 11: Atletico Madrid lifted the Spanish Cup here for the ninth time in their history Wednesday after defeating champions Barcelona 1-0 after extra time, reports AFP.

Milinko Fantic scored the only goal before a 35,000 crowd 12 minutes into the extra half-hour after a dour battle as both sides struggled for supremacy.

Barcelona had entered the match as favourites, despite playing second fiddle to their opponent's in the league to far this season, as they went in search of their 23rd Cup success.

Atletico had had the batter of thing in the first half, with Fantic a constant threat to an occasionally shaky-looking Catalan defence, yet for all their territorial supremacy, they had nothing to show for their efforts over the 90 minutes.

But Fantic finally broke the deadlock, deftly heading home a cross from Delfi Gell to the delight of the Madrid supporters at Zaragoza's La Romareda Stadium.

The game was marred by the dismissals of Barcelona's Sergi and Atletico's Solozaval ten minutes from the end as temperatures frayed. In all, eleven players were booked by referee Diaz Vega.

The two sides meet again in ten days time in a league clash at the Nou Camp which will go a long way to deciding who wins the championship.

Bebeto gets the nod

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 11: Striker Beбето was included as one of three over-age players as Brazil coach Mario Zagallo opted to take his Olympic team to Johannesburg for a friendly with South Africa on April 24, the Brazilian Football Confederation said Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The decision is certain to disappoint World Cup hero Romario who has made it clear that he desperately wants a place in the squad for the Games in Atlanta.

Midfielder Rivaldo of Palmeiras and defender Aldair of Italian club Roma were the other over-age players named in the 18-strong squad.

All other players chosen were home-based, meaning that players such as Juninho of English Premier league, Midleborough and Roberto Carlos and Caio of Italy's Internazionale will not make the trip.

Zagallo is coach of both the Olympic and full national sides.

Indian Open reaches qtrs stage

NEW DELHI, Apr 11: Australian Sandon Stolle upset fourth seed Jakob Hlasek and Frenchman Jean Fleuriat beat seventh seed Johan van Herck to reach the quarterfinals of the Indian Open tennis tournament on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Stolle, ranked 107, dropped his first set against Czech-born Swiss Hlasek before winning 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. "I always left I was a better player," the Australian said.

Fleuriat had an easy 6-1, 6-4 victory over Belgium's van Herck, one of four seeds beaten in the first three days of the tournament.

Fifth seed Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden and sixth seed Tim Henman of Britain fell in the first round on Tuesday.

Denmark's Frederik Fetterlein, who ousted Henman, did not survive the second round, losing 6-3, 6-4 to American Jonathan Stark.



Bayern Munich's ace marksman Juergen Kilnsmann (L) tries to stave off a stiff challenge from Tore Pederson of St Pauli during their Bundesliga clash in Munich on April 10. The match ended in a one-all draw.

— AFP/UNB photo

Bayern's great escape act



BONN, Apr 11: Germany captain Juergen Kilnsmann hit one of his most dramatic and important goals of the season on Wednesday to rescue Bayern Munich from an embarrassing defeat at home to mid-table St. Pauli, reports Reuter.

The former Tottenham striker scored an 89th-minute equaliser to snatch a 1-1 draw after St Pauli seemed to be heading towards one of the biggest shocks of the season through a 43rd minute goal from midfielder Oliver Schweissing.

Kilnsmann's late strike lifted Bayern to the top of the table, ahead of Borussia Dortmund who could only manage a goalless draw at relegation-threatened Cologne on Tuesday.

The Bavarians hold a one-point lead but champions Dortmund have a game in hand.

UEFA Cup semifinalists Bayern will need to improve

quickly to keep up their Bundesliga challenge after one of their worst performances this term against the Hamburg club which disappointed a 46,000 Munich crowd.

Bayern chairman Franz Beckenbauer, who has been very critical of the team this year when they have failed to perform, missed Wednesday's game because he was playing golf in Marbella.

It was perhaps better for the players that the former Germany captain and coach was not there to witness their performances.

Bayern were under pressure in the first half, Schweissing forced Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn to make a superb save in the 34th minute before heading the ball into the top left-hand corner to put the visitors ahead.

The Bavarians looked doomed until Austrian midfielder Andy Hargoz's pass gave Kilnsmann space on the right-hand side of the box and the experienced striker fired the ball inside the left-hand post.

Luck propels AC Milan



ROME, Apr 11: A thundering free kick from Roberto Baggio kept Milan six points ahead of rivals Juventus at the top of the Italian soccer league on Wednesday as third placed Fiorentina lost heavily to Lazio, reports Reuter.

Milan, ever closer to their fourth title in five years, overcame Cagliari 2-1 in Sardinia but champions Juventus kept the pressure on and their title race alive with a 2-1 home win against Udinese, despite being reduced to 10 men.

The league leaders without their suspended captain Franco Baresi and injured Librarian striker George Weah, rarely impressed on the Saint Elia Stadium where the unfortunate Cagliari players were credited with all the goals.

An own goal, by Nicolo Napoli, off at shot by Milan striker Dejan Savicevic, put Milan ahead in the 30th minute although the lead lasted only two minutes until Villa equalised. The winner came when Baggio's 79th minute free kick from the edge of the area dipped into the defensive wall and rebounded in off Uruguayan substitute Silva.

Milan have 63 points to Juventus 57 while Fiorentina, who were thrashed 4-0 by Lazio, remain third on 53 points with five matches left to play before the season ends on May 12.

The Serie A programme was being played on Wednesday to make up for matches

lost to an unprecedented players strike on March 16 and 17. The clubs play again as usual on Sunday.

Bari's little known striker Igor Protti and Lazio's Giuseppe Signori, apparently out of favour with Italy coach Arrigo Sacchi, hotted up their battle to finish the season as top scorers by each netting twice to move to 20 goals apiece.

Sampdoria's Enrico Chiesa, uncapped but likely to be included in Italy's squad for the European Championship this summer, also grabbed two goals in his club's 2-0 defeat of Internazionale to take his season's tally to 18.

The match was also a personal victory for Sampdoria's veteran goalkeeper Walter Zenga, returning to his former club after missing much of the season through injury and successful in keeping a clean sheet.

The night was marked by a rash of sendings off in Serie A with only Milan's match and bottom club Padova's 2-1 defeat by Roma reaching the final whistle without a red card.

Juventus played with 10 men from the 63rd minute when international defender Moreno Torricelli was dismissed, apparently for derogatory remarks addressed to one of the linesmen.

Despite the setback the champions continued to assault the Udinese goal and got their reward six minutes from time when Pietro Vierchowod scored the winner.

Udinese had taken a surprise lead against the Euro-

pean Cup semifinalists in the 15th minute through Giovanni Strappa. "Febrizio Reva, in equalised in the 26th."

It was the first time since February that coach Marcello Lippi had been able to fill his first choice attacking lineup of Gianluigi Vialli, Ravanelli and Alessandro del Piero.

Fiorentina who had been challenging for the title all season, look out of the running after their 4-0 mauling at Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Dutch midfielder Aron Winter opened the scoring in the 14th minute off a pass from Croat Alan Boksic. Signori then added two more in the 33rd and 52nd before Italian international Pier Luigi Casiraghi completed the rout in the 83rd.

Fiorentina striker Lorenzo Amoroso was sent off for his second bookable offence in the 55th minute. As he walked off, he made a disgusted gesture at the Lazio fans.

Parma moved up the table to fourth place after beating 10-man Cremonese 2-0 while Inter slid to sixth.

Placenza lost 1-0 to Vicenza in their home match held up for three minutes at the start while the referee ordered banners with racist comments against Milan's black players Weah and Marcel Desailly to be removed from the stands.

At the bottom end of the league, the battle to stave off relegation warmed up with Bari, Cremonese and Torino all level on 25 points after 10-man Bari upset Atlanta 2-1.

Bottom team Padova look doomed on 21 points.

Atlanta 100 days away?



ATLANTA, Apr 11: Organisers of this Summer's Olympic Games said on Wednesday they had 1.7 billion dollars project would be ready for the opening ceremony in exactly 100 days, despite reports of chronic delay and missed deadlines, reports Reuter.

"The projects that are unfinished design," said Billy Payne, chief executive of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG). "We will be ready to celebrate the best Olympic Games ever which will begin in 100 days' time."

All of the construction is now completed. The venues are extremely beautiful and they are extremely functional," he said at a news conference.

Payne was responding to a flurry of media reports which allege a litany of delay and disaster in the ambitious Olympic reconstruction which is transforming Atlanta's city centre.

Despite Payne's assurances, a mountain of work remains to be done at many venues and Olympic sites to prepare them for the world's biggest sporting event July 19 to August 4. Non-ACOG projects such as repaving freeways and

replanting verges has made the city a gigantic hard-hat site.

Centennial Olympic Park, at the heart of the city and the main public focal point for the Games, is still full of diggers and potholes, with little showing through the mud to indicate its finished form.

Work at the aquatics centre is delayed because of a construction accident. Other venues, including the shooting complex and the whitewater sports venue on the Georgia-Tennessee Border, are behind schedule.

The most embarrassing delay is at the 85,000-seat Olympic Stadium, which is being reinforced after faults were found in the steel frame of the grandstands. ACOG and the stadium designers are locked in a multi-million dollar legal battle.

Payne, speaking after a meeting of the ACOG board of directors, declined to give details of the case. "We will do our talking in court and we plan to win," he said.

The Olympic chief's assurances that everything would be ready on time came as little consolation to irate men's hockey teams and officials here for a week-long pre-Olympic trial.

They have arrived for tour-

nament, scheduled to start on Thursday, only to find neither of the venues are ready, putting the whole competition in doubt.

The Morris Brown College pitch, originally to have been the venue of the tournament was ruled out because of a contract dispute. The relaying of the clark Atlanta University pitch has not yet been completed because of recent inclement weather — torrential rains and strong winds.

Teams were testing the possibility of using the clark warm-up area next to the pitch as an emergency venue. A decision was expected later on Wednesday.

The six nations involved are Argentina, India, Pakistan, South Korea, Britain and the United States.

Payne pointed out that ACOG had targeted completion of the hockey venue for the Games and not for pre-Olympic play.

The ACOG executive heard that 91 per cent of the 1.7 billion dollar required to stage the Games was in the committee's coffers, with plans for raising the rest safely on target.

Payne announced a proposal at the meeting to build a museum in Atlanta to preserve the city's Olympic heritage.



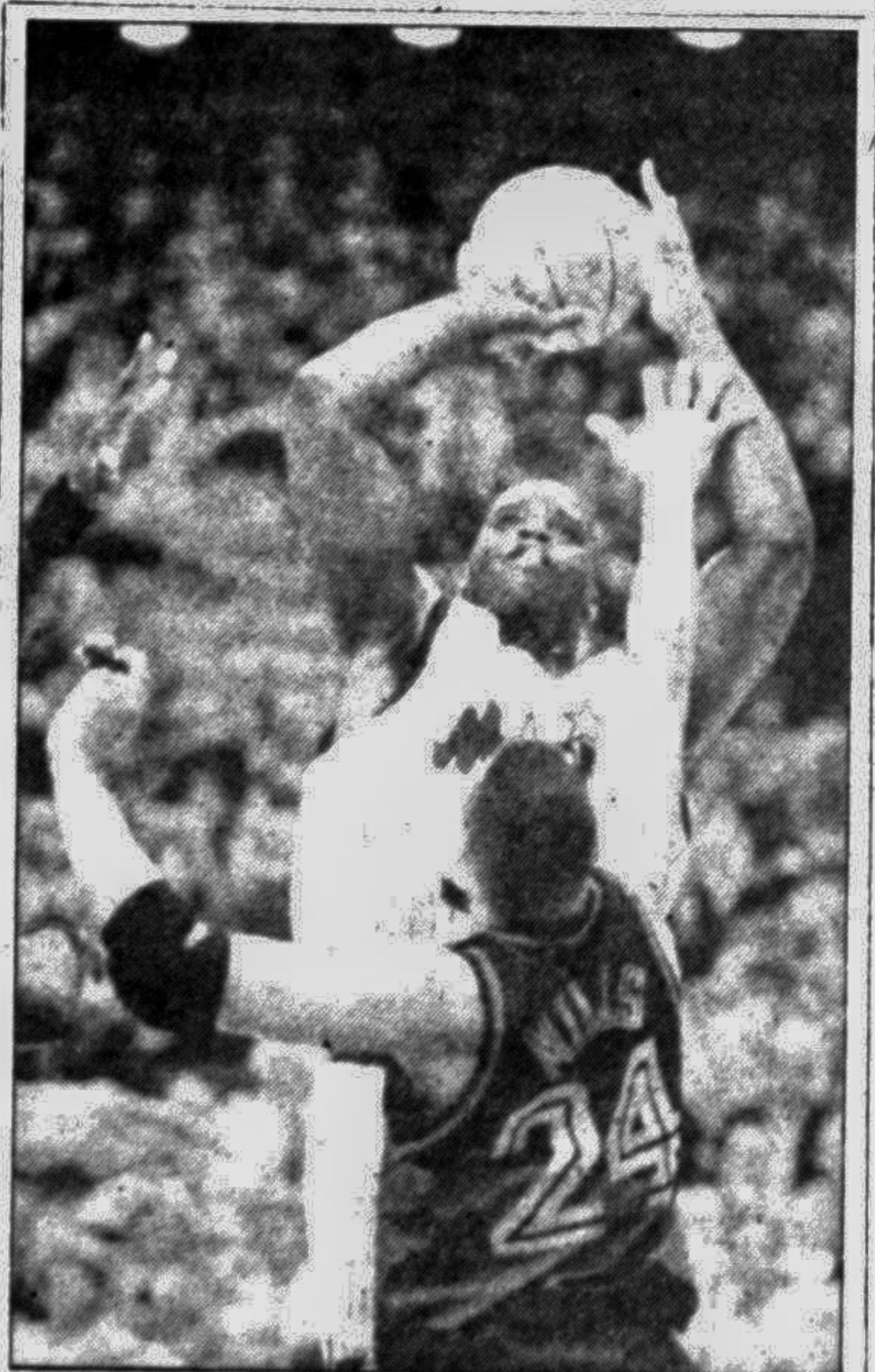
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Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando Magic goes over the top of his challenger Chris Mills of Cleveland Cavaliers for a two-point score during their NBA clash at the Orlando Arena on April 10.

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