

# Column One

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT Kapil Dev scored only one century in one-day internationals. In the 220 matches that he played for India against nine other countries, Kapil's only plus-100 knock was against Zimbabwe at Turnbridge Wells in June, 1983 — and, boy, what a knock!

Romi Dev's husband scored 175 not out to lift his team from the dead and ultimately give India its only World Cup triumph.

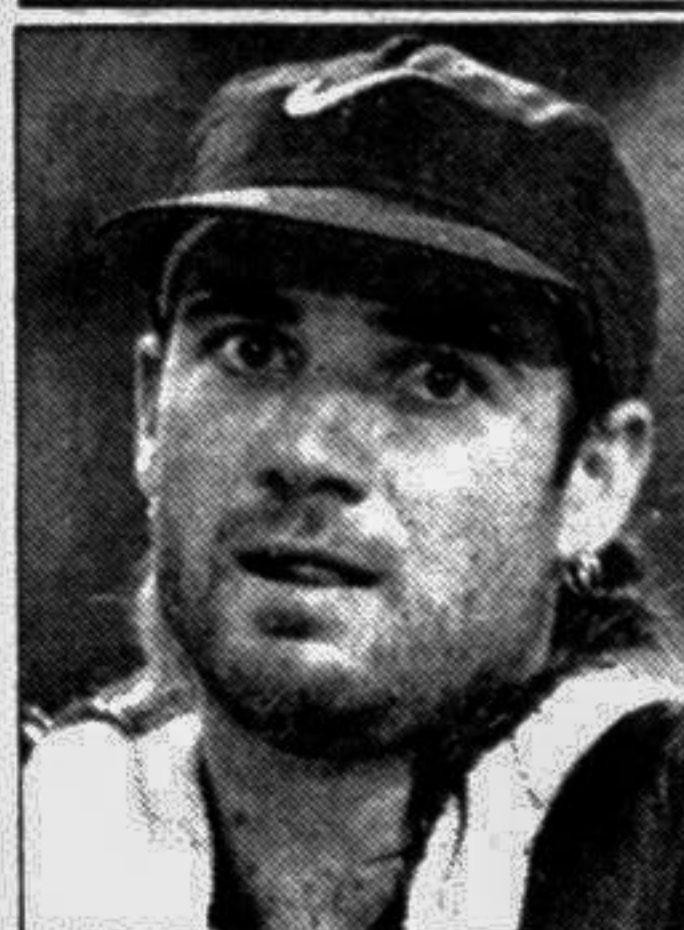
Of course, Kapil scored more than 3000 runs in one-day internationals, including 14, 50-plus knock.

But then he also took more than 250 international wickets, including four matches in which he took four or more wickets.

Against Bangladesh, he played two matches and finished with 14-3-31-3, average 10.33. But he could not score a single run against us; actually, he did not have to bat.

Not bad, when you consider he scored 830 runs against the mighty West Indies.

## SPORTS TALK



### Andre Agassi

(US tennis superstar)

*I'm not here to somehow end up with the trophy. I'm out here to beat the guys who are beating the guys.*

After winning the Lipton Championship trophy.

**Sports**

**WHIZZ KID**

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Sports WHIZZ KID competition-36**

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. May 10, 1996)

- The 2002 World Cup football will be held in:
 

South Korea	Japan	Not yet decided
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- If FIDE is for chess, FINA is for:
 

Billiards	Snooker	Swimming
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- Tennis star Jennifer Capriati is:
 

Swedish	American	Dutch
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- The fastest one-day hundred by Sri Lankan Sanath Jayasuriya is off:
 

46 balls	47 balls	48 balls
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- The man-of-the-series in Pepsi Cup was:
 

Cullinan	Kirsten	Sydney
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### Liverpool's homage to Paisley

**L**IVERPOOL, Apr 27: Liverpool's red and blue armies united on Monday to say farewell to the game's most successful manager, Bob Paisley, reports Reuter.

Past Liverpool and Everton players mingled with supporters for a service led by the bishop of Liverpool, the right reverend David Sheppard, in memory of the former Anfield boss who died in February.

Liverpool's Ian Rush, the only player still at Anfield who played under Paisley, said: "If people take half of what they learn from him into management, they can't go far wrong."

"Early on in my career I was finding it a bit difficult and Bob gave me a kick up the backside — but a nice one and I needed it."

Everton manager Joe Royle added: "The thing that I remember about Bob was what a nice man he was."

"I went to school with his son and he was the same person as a parent as he was a football manager. A very nice man."

"The number of people here today are a testimony to his success as a football manager."

During his nine-year reign at Anfield, Paisley won 13 trophies — three European Cups, six league championships, three FA cups and one UEFA Cup. He also picked up six Manager-of-the-Year awards.

During the hour-long service there were readings from former Anfield favourite Ian Callaghan and Bob's widow, Jessie.

# Warwickshire's solid start



**L**ONDON, Apr 27: South African fast bowler Shaun Pollock made an explosive start to his role as Warwickshire's overseas player with a record four wickets in four balls on his debut on Friday, reports Reuter.

Pollock struck in his fourth over against Leicestershire in the 50-overs Benson and Hedges Cup at Edgbaston, dismissing Gregor MacMillan, James Whitaker, Phil Robinson and Darren Maddy with successive deliveries.

"If someone had said I would make a start like that, I would have laughed at them," said a delighted Pollock who arrived in the county only two days ago as a replacement for fellow South African fast bowler Allan Donald as Warwickshire's overseas player this season.

Pollock had earlier claimed the first wicket of Vince Wells and had figures of five for one as Leicestershire crashed to nine for five after seven overs.

He ended with six for 21 from his allotted 10 overs as Leicestershire recovered to 182 for nine. But Warwickshire comfortably overtook that score for the loss of three wickets and with almost 16 overs to spare.

Pollock became the first man in the competition's 24-year history to take four wickets in four balls, although the dismissal of MacMillan was

controversial with the opener given out caught at first slip when the ball appeared to strike him on the elbow.

But there was no doubt at all about Pollock's other three victims. Whitaker was bowled by one that beat him for peace. Robinson was caught off bat and pad at short leg and Maddy edged to slip.

Pollock said: "I had a few nerves before the start with playing for a new county and wanting to impress everyone from the start. What happened definitely helped to calm me down."

"I had got a hat-trick in league cricket back home but never in the big stuff before. It was the first one at provincial or county level for me."

England all-rounder Craig White showed he has recovered from the side-strain that forced him out of the recent World Cup when he produced an impressive performance in Yorkshire's 69-run defeat of Nottinghamshire at Headingley.

White struck an unbeaten 57 from only 49 ball in Yorkshire's 247 for seven and followed up with two wickets for 58 as Nottinghamshire were dismissed for 178.

Teenager Alex Wharf marked his debut in the competition with an impressive opening spell of two for 16 from six overs as Nottinghamshire fell steadily behind the required run rate. The 19-year-old seamer finished with

four for 29.

The only real resistance came from former Yorkshire batsman Ashley Metchalfe on his first appearance for his new county. He hit 66 from 94 balls and had struck one six and four fours when he became White's second victim, superbly caught in the deep.

Andrew Symonds, who has had trouble deciding whether to be an Australian or Englishman, showed no such indecision against the Sussex bowling as he hit a match-winning 67 in 59 balls for Gloucestershire in their opening round match at Bristol.

Symonds hit two sixes and eight fours and shared a fifth-wicket stand of 108 in 18 overs with Tim Hancock as Gloucestershire won by five wickets.

Symonds, English-born but Australian-raised, caused a storm at the end of last season by turning down a place on England's winter tour of Pakistan saying he wanted to play for Australia.

But having failed to establish himself in the Queensland side last winter, Symonds has signed a three-year contract with Gloucestershire plus an agreement that, if chosen again, he will play for England.

England's chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth is on record as saying Symonds will not be asked twice but a few more innings like this would make him hard to ignore.

# Cricketers should be professionals

K Z Islam



**I**n my two previous articles "It's not a game for lords," and "Nobles and Test Cricket," I had endeavored to establish that being a world-class sportsman in a full time occupation. One just has to look around internationally at any sport and the inevitable conclusion is that each of the sportsmen involved have taken up their respective sports as their careers.

The basic message that I was trying to convey by recalling briefly the history of Test cricket is that if Bangladesh is to make any impact in the world sports arena we have to develop sportsmen who will take up sports as a full time career. I see a glaring example of this in one of my younger sons who is a tennis player of sorts. If one sees him on the court one would think it's Andre Agassi in the making but because of his studies he hardly gets any time to practice. He will reach a certain level and no more. He travels to various destinations like Kuala Lumpur, Colombo, Singapore to play ITF world ranking tournaments and it goes without saying that he gets eliminated in the first round. "The basic reason is that the players he is up against are full time tennis players. The have no other occupation in life. For example, the Pakistani player, who won the under-14 ITF tennis tournament in Dhaka this year, is the son of a marker of some club in Karachi and plays tennis full time. He hardly goes to school and devotes all his time

to tennis. He is sponsored by some Pakistani company. As a matter of fact, the players that my son meets in the ITF circuits are without exception full time tennis players. Everyone of them is either sponsored by his national federation or by some commercial corporation. This takes me back many years when I went to Karachi to audit the PIA accounts. During the audit, I noticed that one of the office chambers, although fully furnished, was without an occupant. On inquiry I was told that the room belonged to Habib Ahsan, the Test cricketer who was sponsored by PIA. He played cricket round the year, collected his salary and devoted his full attention to the sport fully secure in his mind with a permanent employment in PIA.

If Bangladesh has any ambition of making it to the Test level we have to develop full time cricketers. Promising aspirants must be adopted by banks, insurance companies, commercial organisations, or the government. They must pursue their sporting careers without any worry as to with they will do after their sporting career (which are usually short anyway) comes to an end. With the development of the private sector, we have well established groups who could employ national cricketers on long term contracts and allow them to play full-time.

This brings me to the structure of sports in our country. Personally I feel that the big clubs who spend enormous amounts of money in hiring players are really not improving the standard of the game. Some of them have even be-

come symbols of political parties. As far as cricket is concerned his state of affairs does not exist in any of the Test playing nations. Certainly in our neighbouring countries the premier teams belong to banks, airlines, insurance companies, and commercial corporations.

The outstanding cricketers must play round the year and if necessary the board must take the initiative in arranging a berth for them in clubs of Test playing nations. I am sure that with suitable approach to the cricket boards of Test playing nations we could find suitable places for our players to play in their countries. Even if we send two players to the Test playing nations every year that could take care of the entire team. I have had the privilege of attending international cricket council meetings for five years and I know the fraternal relationship that exists between the participants of these meets, it's all a question of public relations. Since our representatives attending the meets get acquainted with the leaders of other cricket boards and get on a personal term with them it should not be too difficult a task.

We, therefore, now should look for players who are willing to take up cricket as a career and the BCCB must locate sponsors for them and find berth for them abroad. We need sports organisers with vision and with clear cut objectives in their minds to take our cricket forward.

The writer is a former president of the BCCB.

# Mike, David looking ahead



**L**ONDON, Apr 27: Mike Atherton was a picture of misery as England were humiliated in the World Cup, but new team coach David Lloyd can put a smile back on his face, reports Reuter.

Lloyd's timely appointment offers fresh thinking, new ideas and renewed enthusiasm to the national team.

The arrival of Lloyd also dispelled some apparent doubts on Atherton's part about continuing as captain after his side were bundled out of the World Cup quarterfinals on the sub-continent last month.

Atherton has been confirmed as skipper for next month's one-day internationals and the three-Test series against India.

The alliance with fellow Lancastrian Lloyd is an attempt to lift England from one of their lowest ebbs.

England face a difficult twin-tour season — Pakistan follow India — after starting the year with a particularly wretched three months abroad.

Atherton's men lost the fifth and final Test against South Africa in Cape Town at the beginning of January by 10 wickets, giving Hansie Cronje's side the series 1-0.

England then suffered a 6-1 trouncing by South Africa in the one-day internationals, and their depressing form continued in the World Cup as they lost to New Zealand, South Africa and Pakistan, and reached the quarterfinals only by beating minnows the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates.

Atherton's side looked in need of motivating at times, and Lloyd's relish for his new role and ability as a communicator may help to rejuvenate the skipper's approach.

"Lloyd's first priority is the three one-dayers against India starting at the Oval on May 23. "I love one-day cricket and it's vitally important," said

Lloyd. "It's a science. I felt for our players during the one-day series in South Africa and then in the World Cup. It just looked like they had run out of puff at the end of a hard winter."

He added: "I'm a big believer in fitness. I think any sportsman at peak fitness will maintain his standard of performance for a longer time than one who isn't and I'll never be convinced otherwise."

India, touring England for the first time in six years, will certainly be in shape for the one-day series as they have scarcely stopped playing the instant version of the game since the World Cup finished last month.

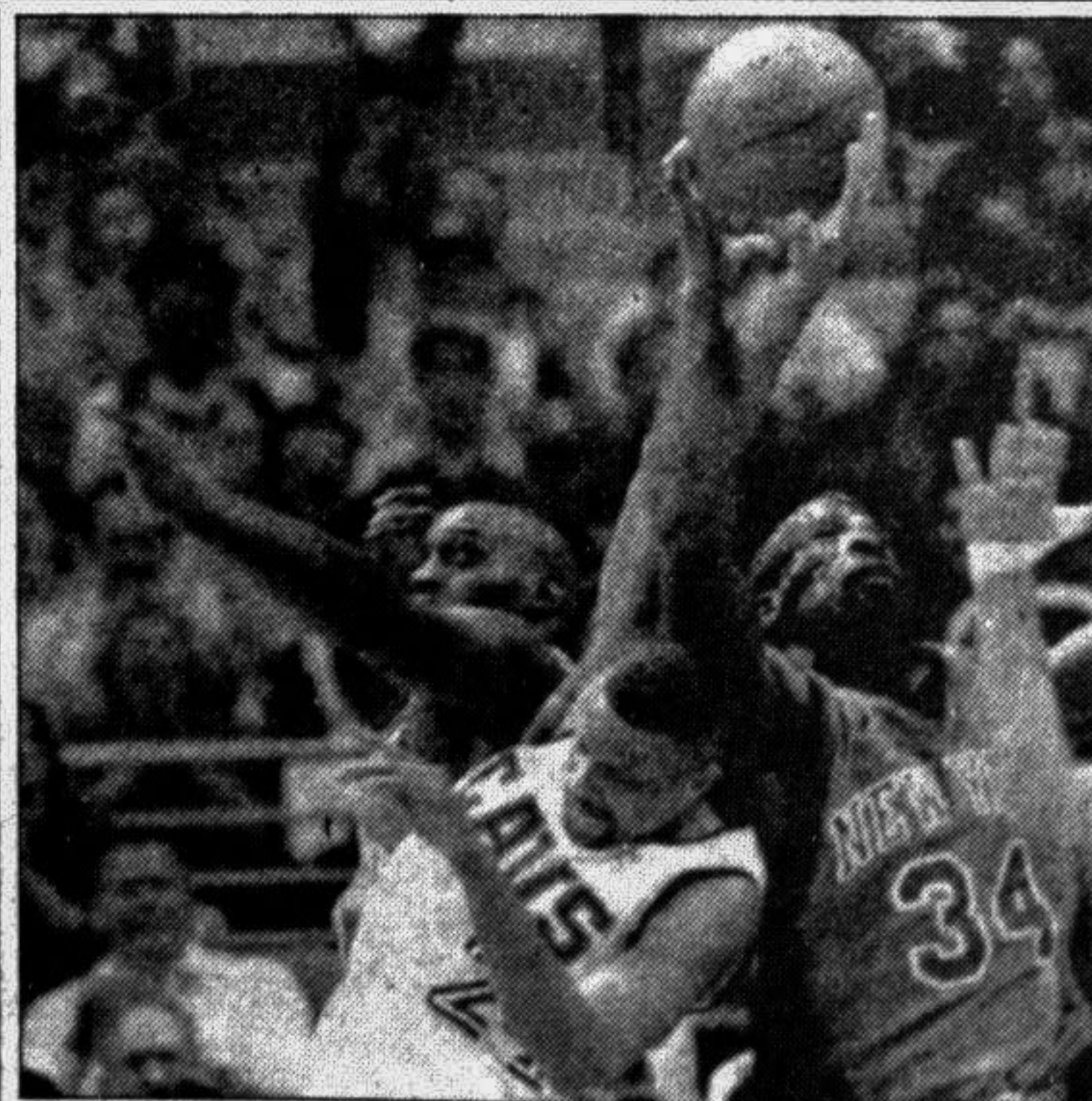
They took part with Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the

Singer Cup in Singapore and then went on to the United Arab Emirates for the Sharjah Cup, with South Africa and Pakistan.

The Pakistanis arrive in June, having not met England at Test level since their controversial 1992 tour here.

After that series — England batsman Allan Lamb accused the Pakistan fast bowlers of ball-tampering, making his allegations in a newspaper article for which he was subsequently fined by the Test and County Cricket Board.

Now old wounds may be reopened when Lamb's hard-hitting autobiography, believed to include details of alleged ball-tampering in international cricket, is published to coincide with Pakistan's tour.



Charles Oakley of the New York Knicks (No 34) battles for control of the ball with several Cleveland Cavaliers players during an NBA tie at the Gund Arena in Cleveland on Apr 25. Knicks won 106-83.

# A jt ROK-Japan 2002 World Cup?

**S**EOUL, Apr 27: In a bid to cool a bitter battle with Japan over who will host the 2002 World Cup, a high-ranking government official said Saturday that South Korea might consider co-hosting the finals, reports AP.

Until now, neither Japan nor South Korea have shown any interest in co-hosting the event. Top soccer officials are scheduled to choose between the two countries on June 1.

The South Korean official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told reporters that soccer officials in Asia, Europe and Africa support the co-hosting idea.

"The idea is likely to become the most powerful view" among the 21 executive committee members of FIFA, soccer's international governing body, he said.

If that happens, South Korea will seriously consider the idea, he said.

Both countries are eager to host the 2002 event, Asia's first ever World Cup finals. The competition has been marred by vicious accusations of bribery and a rekindling of the rivalry between the two countries that dates back decades.

Several concerned soccer officials have come up with the unprecedented Cup co-hosting idea, including a proposal last week by the eight Europeans on the executive committee.

The South Korean bidding committee, however, is still aiming to be the sole host, a committee spokesman Saturday said. Both Japan and FIFA chairman Joao Havelange of Brazil have also rejected the co-hosting proposals.

Many Koreans see national pride at stake in the competition with Japan. They have bitter memories of Japan's colonial rule of Korea from 1910 to 1945, when Koreans were forbidden to use their own language and forced into frontline labor for the Japanese military.

The FIFA executive committee is scheduled to choose the host on June 1 in Zurich.

# It's not too late for tickets

**A**TLANTA, Apr 27: More tickets to Atlanta Olympic events, previously listed as sold out, will be available, after all, reports AP.

Organisers announced Thursday that they will begin selling tickets Saturday to 211 sessions of 17 sports — including basketball, boxing and track and field — that have been sold out. The extra seats had been held back because of the possibility that they would be blocked by television cameras and other equipment.

Also today, organisers announced they will sell tickets to the start and finish of the men's marathon race. The event originally was part of the sold-out closing ceremony, but the race has been moved from evening to morning on Aug 4 because of concerns about the heat.

The medal ceremony for the race, however, still will be part of the nighttime closing ceremony.

The marathon tickets will cost 11 dollars to 32 dollars plus processing fees. The tickets are for seats inside the Olympic Stadium, where most of the race — which can be seen for free on the streets of Atlanta — will be shown on a giant video screen.

All newly available tickets will go on sale Saturday by telephone and through the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games site on the Internet. A Visa Card is required for payment.

# Kawashima keeps WBC crown

**T**OKYO, Apr 27: Japan's Hiroshi Kawashima successfully defended his World Boxing Council super flyweight title for the fifth time with a unanimous decision over Cello Espino of Mexico on Saturday, reports AP.

The 26-year-old Kawashima, who won the title from Mexican Jose Bueno in May 1994, outmaneuvered Espino, 25, the top WBC challenger who was making his first shot at a world title.

There were no knock-downs in the 12-round held at Tokyo's Ryogoku Kokugikan sumo arena.

# Muster's marathon match



**M**ONTE CARLO, Monaco, Apr 27: Thomas Muster survived a two-hour marathon on the clay courts as he rallied to beat 19-year-old Dutchman Sjeng Schalken, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 Friday in the quarterfinals of the Monte Carlo Open, reports AP.

Marcelo Rios took another step to another possible final confrontation in two weeks as he also qualified for the semifinals. Chilean Rios, seeded 13th here but rapidly rising, downed Magnus Gustafsson, 6-3, 6-4.

In another quarterfinal Alberto Costa, the last of the three remaining seeded players in the tournament, stopped the run of Spanish qualifier Felix Mantilla, 6-3, 6-3. Costa is seeded 16th.

In the last quarterfinal Cedric Pioline of France, a 1993 finalist here, beat Carlos Costa of Spain, 6-2, 6-3 in a match that started in the afternoon, was stopped by rain and completed more than five hours later on a covered court

under the lights while it was still raining.

The semifinals will be Muster against Pioline and Rios versus Alberto Costa, no relation to Carlos.

Muster, the defending champion here, won his 33rd consecutive victory by topping Schalken but only after coming from 0-2 down in the third set as he took advantage of a tiring Schalken.

Ironically both Muster and Schalken won tournaments in Monte Carlo last year. Muster won the main event a week after Schalken won a challenger event on the same court.

Schalken surprised Muster by taking the first set.

The turning point came in the 11th game of the first set. Schalken has just taken the lead, 6-5 and was about to serve for the first set. A persistent rain had been falling for the last few games but the referee decided to stop it at that time.

Schalken immediately walked off the court while Muster argued against the decision before finally leaving.

"The court was okay, we could have remained playing," Muster said.

And hour and 40 minutes later, they re-started. Although Schalken doubt-faulted twice, Muster was even worse on service returns, putting three into the net, the last two in a row to give Schalken the set.

Schalken double-faulted three times in the first service game of the next set to give Muster a 2-0 lead.

Schalken's serving woes continued as Muster rolled to the second set, 6-1, without Schalken taking a service game.

Schalken went up 2-0 in the third set.

"I had a chance to go for 3-love when he missed a volley but it was only one break," Muster said. "He hit a lot of lines during the match so maybe this time it showed that the luck was over."

"When I broke back I was in control of the match," Muster said.

In the third set, Schalken began to show the effects of playing singles and doubles. He lost his serve three times again.

"I moved him a lot and I got more chances in the second and third set to play my game," Muster said. "Still I didn't finish the points like I am used to, and I got into trouble some times."

Schalken had trouble also.

"Normally I play to a hard hand but for me his was on the other side because he is a left hander," Schalken said. "The next time I will play more to his backhand."

Rios moved into the semifinals of the main tournament after making the semifinals of the challenger tournament in Monte Carlo that Schalken won.

Last Sunday Muster defeated Rios in the final of the Barcelona tournament in a hard-fought three sets. It was Muster's sixth consecutive tournament victory on clay courts.

Rios beat Becker in Thursday's second round.

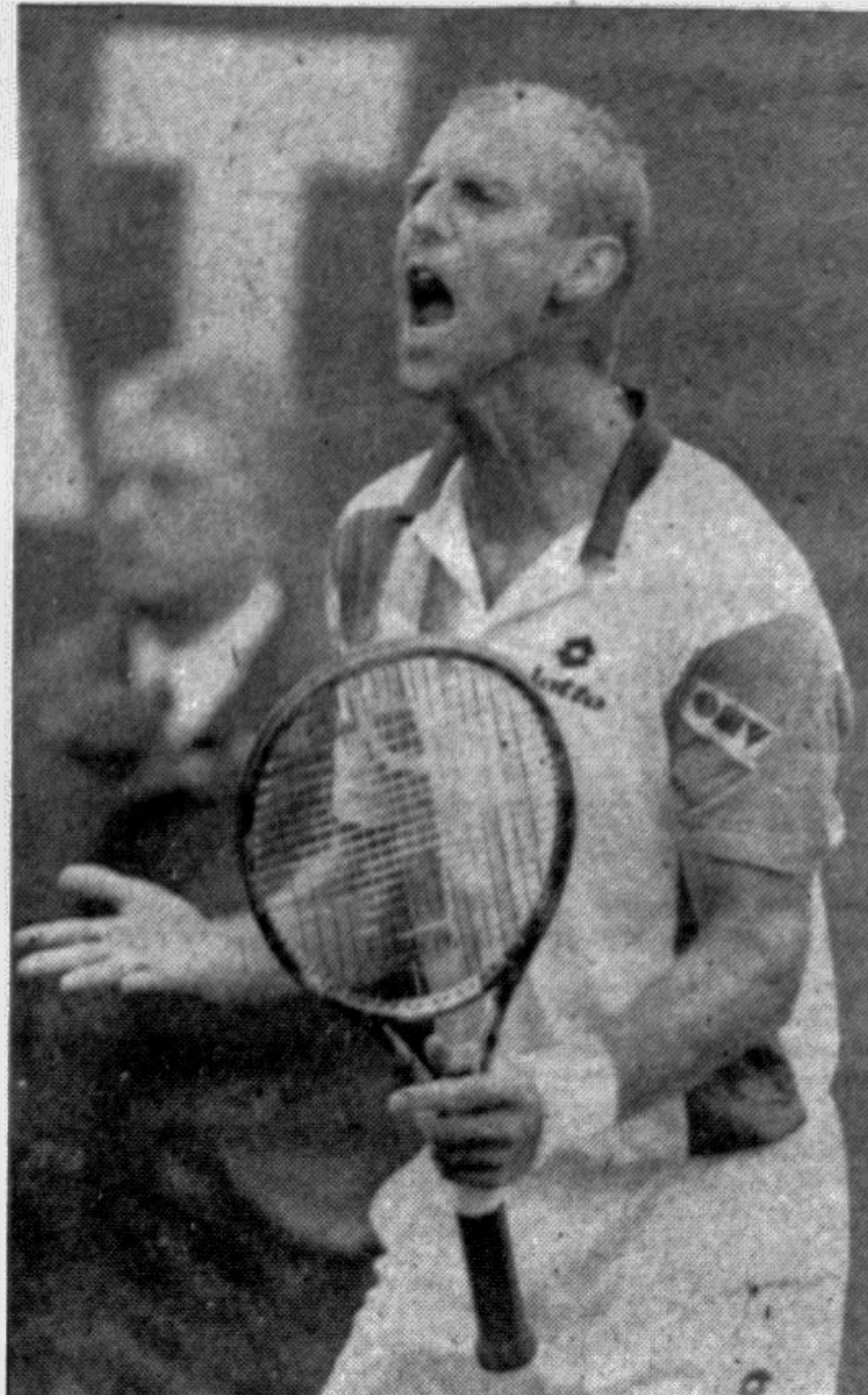
Similarly he had little trouble as he continued his rise in the rankings. He will approach the top 10 next week.

"I think every player wants to be there. Once you're top 10, you want to be top five, then be No. 1," Rios said.

At his rate of improvement he could be one of the challengers for the title at French Open.

Alberto Costa, who eliminated Andre Agassi in less than an hour on Thursday, needed little bit more than that to down Mantilla but still had a problem to advance to a semifinal meeting with Rios.

Muster, Rios and Alberto Costa are the last of the seeded players after a rash of upsets eliminated top players like Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, Michael Chang and Jim Courier. In less than two 1/2 days, the top 16 were ousted from 2.2 million dollars tournament.



Austria's Thomas Muster lets out a growl after winning a point against Dutchman Sjeng Schalken in a gruelling two hour marathon match in the quarter finals of the Monte Carlo Open in Monaco on April 26. Muster won 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

# Kenya's man for the punches



**N**AIROBI, Apr 27: As he dreamed of becoming a heavy-weight boxer and winning an Olympic medals, Omar Ahmed studied the mesmerizingly fast, long-range blows of Muhammad Ali, reports AP.

Africa's best hope for a gold in boxing at Atlanta said he has admired the former heavy-weight champion since he was a youth training at a rundown gym, where his first fight was for a turn at the lone punching bag.

"I have learned quite a lot of boxing tricks watching Ali's fights from video films," said Ahmed, who holds heavyweight titles from the Commonwealth Games, King's Cup, Africa Championships and All-Africa Games.

The 24-year-old postal clerk is not a hard-hitting boxer. His most reliable weapon is his speed. He moves round the ring like a flyweight and delivers snapping jabs mixed with well-timed combinations.

Ahmed's biggest competition in Atlanta will be 1992 gold medalist Felix Savon, 28.

The Cuban has won the World Championship heavyweight gold medal an unprecedented five times and is also

the three-time Pan American Games champion.

In a boasting manner not unlike Ali's, Ahmed said he is not afraid of Savon.

"I have faced more difficult opponents," he said at a training camp in suburban Nairobi. "In case we meet, he should expect a proper beating."

Peter Mwarangu, Kenya's national boxing coach for 30 years, said Ahmed has the speed and stamina to beat Savon and anyone else in Atlanta.

"If he maintains his confidence, I don't see why he cannot win a gold medal," Mwarangu said.

Besides looking up to Ali, Ahmed said he also draws inspiration from the late Robert Wanjala, the 1988 Olympic champion and the first African boxer to win a gold medal.

Wanjala turned pro after winning the Olympic welterweight crown but died of head injuries sustained in a 1994 fight in Las Vegas with American David Gonzalez.

"Wanjala did us proud," Ahmed said. "We all remember him for his achievement. That's why I want to win a gold medal in Atlanta and dedicate it to Wanjala."

Ahmed is fatalistic about the hazards of his profession.

"We Muslims treat death as natural," he said. "When I'm in the ring, I just concentrate."

Like most of Kenya's top boxers, Ahmed had a humbled beginning in the sport.

# FINA lessens Volk's burden

**S**TOCKHOLM, Apr 27: Swimming's world governing body FINA said on Friday it has halved a two-year ban imposed on Australian coach Scott Volk after a positive drug test was returned by one of his swimmers, Samantha Riley, reports Reuter.

"After Volk's appeal, a new decision was taken by postal vote," FINA secretary Gunnar Werner said from his home in southern Sweden.

"I suppose it is a fair decision," Riley, world 100 and 200 metres breaststroke champion, tested positive for the banned pain-killer propoxyphene metabolite at the World Short Course Championships in Rio de Janeiro last December.

The substance was in a headache pill Volk had given Riley in what he later described as a "moronic" act.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Bankrolls
  - Vagrant
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  - 12 List's end
  - 13 Avail
  - 14 "Sad to tell..."
  - 15 Shot
  - 16 Suggest a need for
  - 17 Sals-mander
  - 18 Un-ament?
  - 20 Verdi opera
  - 22 Big dogs
  - 26 Viz.
  - 29 Halloween outcry
  - 30 "Zp-a-Dee-Dee"
  - 31 Next as...
  - 32 Chignon
  - 33 100 centavos
  - 34 Put on the line
  - 35 Actress
  - 36 Russel, in fans
  - 37 Sluggo Rod
  - 37 Wire-haired dogs
  - 40 Bay bouquet
  - 41 Whitman's "Song of..."
  - 45 Limerick writer, e.g.
  - 47 Slight touch
  - 49 Acknowledge
  - 50 Between gigs
  - 51 Ram's mate
  - 52 Pool member?
  - 53 Puts together
  - 54 Flushed
  - 55 Differently
  - 21 Where not to throw bouquets
  - 3 Moist
  - 4 Fizz liqueur
  - 5 Trumpet's cousin
  - 6 Doc Passos trilogy
  - 7 Amount charged?
  - 8 Ling-Ling, e.g.
  - 9 Dogbane shrub
  - 10 Bill, potentially
  - 11 Superlative as suffix
  - 19 Columnist
  - 21 Altar affirmative
  - 23 Rifle with activity
  - 24 Simplicity
  - 25 Presentation
  - 26 Surveillance
  - 28 Show
  - 27 Oil rig
  - 28 Kept back
  - 32 City that's not Little Rock?
  - 33 Excerpt
  - 35 Unprocessed
  - 36 Show
  - 38 Word on as otherwise blank page
  - 39 Stick, in the mud?
  - 42 Big name in dare-devilry
  - 43 Telescope part
  - 44 Unrestrained
  - 45 Zadora or Lindstrom
  - 46 Un-matched
  - 48 Emotion of the dumb-struck

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT CHIC FRENCH RESTAURANT IT'S VERY POLITE FOR YOU TO SAY "SILVOUS PLATE."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals I.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.