

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Dickie Bird, the legendary cricket umpire, who will call it a day after the current Lord's England-India Test, is one of sports' most favourite characters. But, Harold Dennis Bird, as he is officially known, has his favourites too.

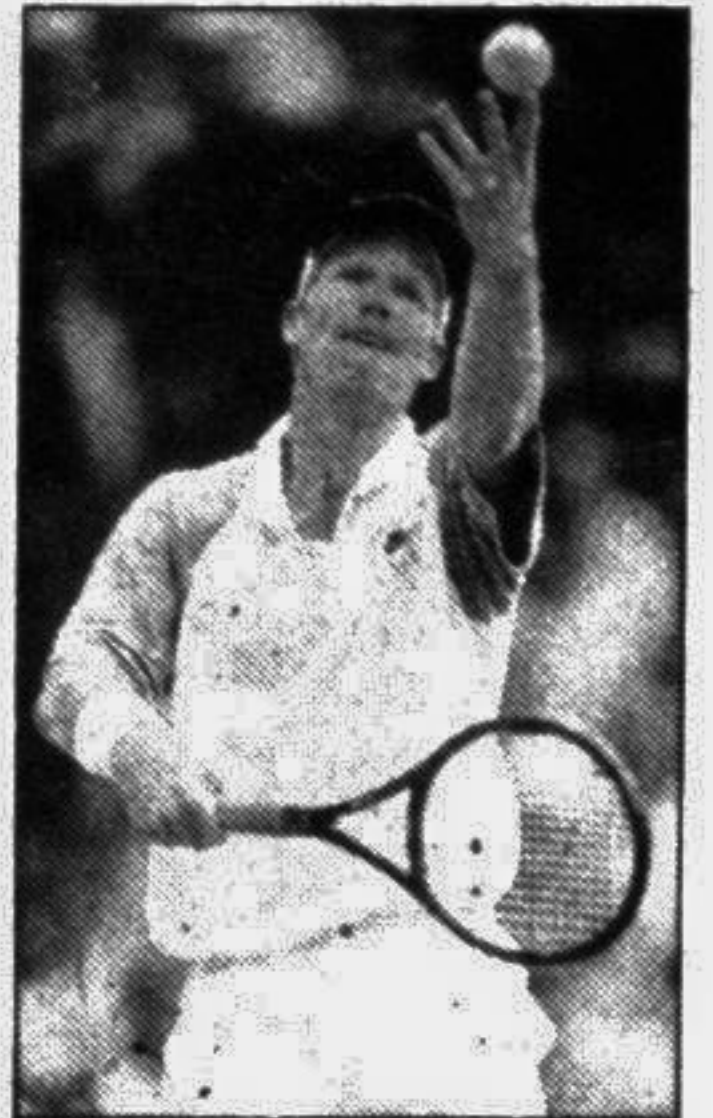
This cricketering hero does not come as a surprise. They include Sobers, Lillee, Viv, Gavaskar and Richards. Among current players he obviously admires Lara, Warne and Sachin.

His favourite magazine is "The Cricketer," of course. He admires Muhammad Ali, loves fish and Ford cars.

This Dickie can be naughty. In his wildest dreams he would most like to spend a day or night with Barbara Streisand. Where? Well, the Oberoi in Bombay is a good guess, because that's his favourite hotel.

How's that for a bird?

SPORTS TALK



Jim Courier
(US tennis superstar)
"I don't feel old. I'm 25 and I'm in the best shape of my life."

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. June 28, 1996)		
1. The fastest woman of the 1995 Madras SAF Games is	Sasankika	Damavathi
2. Sprinter Gwen Torrence is the current Olympic champion in	100m	200m
3. The captain of the Croatian football team in the Euro '96 is	Boban	Suker
4. Bangladesh Rifles have won the premier volleyball league title	5 times	6 times
5. The surname of English cricket umpire Dickie Bird is	Harold	William

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Shutlers' camp

Sports Reporter

The under-14 badminton training camp, organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation, will resume at the Indoor Stadium, Mirpur, from this afternoon.

All the participants are instructed to report at the Stadium by 4 pm.

Siemerink, Stolle in final

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 22: Dutchman Jan Siemerink defeated Briton Greg Rusedski on Friday 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 to reach the final of the Nottingham Open where he will meet Sandon Stolle of Australia, reports AFP.

Siemerink, seeded five, has been watching the European Championships and beating Rusedski was especially welcome after England's 4-1 Wembley win over Holland.

His victory over Rusedski completed a double over British players as he also knocked out British No. 1 Tim Henman in the quarter-finals.

"I've heard enough in the last couple of days about England beating Holland so it was nice to get my own back a bit," Siemerink said.

"But it wasn't really revenge. I like Tim and Greg and you just try to beat the other player - whoever he is," he added.

Siemerink's triumph over Rusedski qualified him for his sixth ATP Tour final. Stolle beat compatriot and sixth seed Todd Woodbridge, 6-2, 6-4, to clinch his place in the final.

Howzzat! Reza-e-Karim?

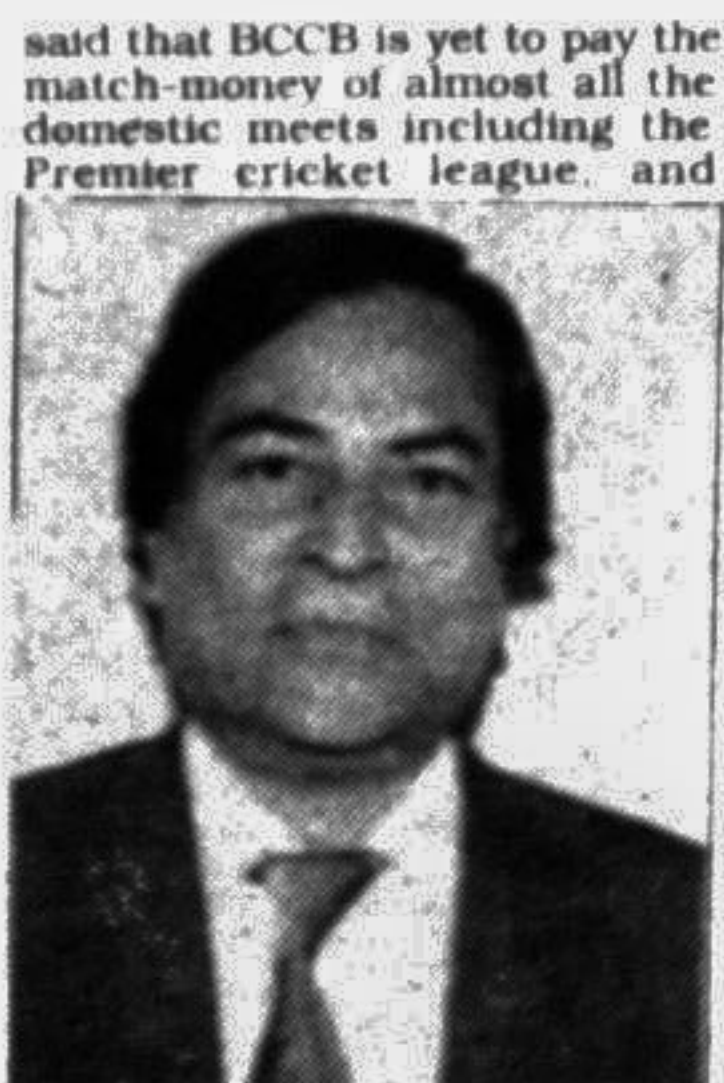
Sports Reporter

With the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) reportedly facing a serious cash crisis, local umpires have demanded their dues, worth about Tk 2,50,000, before the forthcoming tour of USA and Canada by the national team, due to leave for New York on June 24.

It was learnt that the BCCB is yet to pay the aforesaid amount it owes to the local umpires as payments for officiating in various domestic matches.

"We have been requesting the concerned authorities to pay our match-fees for the last one month. But we are not going to tolerate the dilly-dallying attitude of BCCB any longer," said the secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Umpires Association (BCUA) Sallab Hossain Tutul. He further added that the chairman of the Umpires Board Reza-e-Karim must do something before leaving for the United States. Reza-e-Karim, who is also the treasurer of the BCCB, is accompanying the team to USA and Canada as tour manager of the 20-member Bangladesh team.

While elaborating, Tutul



REZA-E-KARIM

the Nirman School cricket championship.

The BCCB told us that they are unable to pay our money before July, but we want it right now. We don't know whether the present ad-hoc committee will continue that long," said Tutul while expressing his fear of a change in

the existing body.

A spokesman for the robbed men of the most thankless job Tutul, however, said the Reza-e-Karim has assured them of paying a handsome amount within the next couple of days.

But insiders in the BCCB revealed to this reporter that various sponsors owe the BCCB almost Tk two crore. Reza-e-Karim, the jack of all trades in BCCB, was not available at the stadium office last night to confirm or deny the claim.

Whatever said and done, Reza-e-Karim should not leave for the tour without pacifying the umpires in cash as he is also their Chairman, pointed out one umpire.

Besides being the umpires' chairman and the BCCB Treasurer, "Mr Efficient" is also Secretary of Selection Committee, Chairman of Ground Committee, something of the league committee, and so on.

Sports lovers wonder how a personality like Reza-e-Karim whose poor Treasurership has landed BCCB in this mess with dedicated local umpires can be selected once again to manage the national side, and that, too, on a foreign tour. Does BCCB always reward the inefficient?

A 2003 WC in Windies?

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, June 22: Pat Rousseau, the new president of the West Indies Cricket Board, says WICB wants to host the 2003 limited overs World Cup already awarded to South Africa, reports AFP.

"The WICB has had an assurance on more than one occasion at International Cricket Council (ICC) meetings - and it is actually recorded in minutes - that when we wish to host the World Cup we had to raise our hands and say, 'Our time now, and we are ready,' Rousseau said after the close of two days of WICB meetings.

"We have also had it reaffirmed by the ICC that it was discussed in the meetings, and they have offered to confirm that in writing."

"We are going to take the position that we have always said we have the right to hold it and we now want it, and South Africa must, therefore, wait four years to the year 2007."

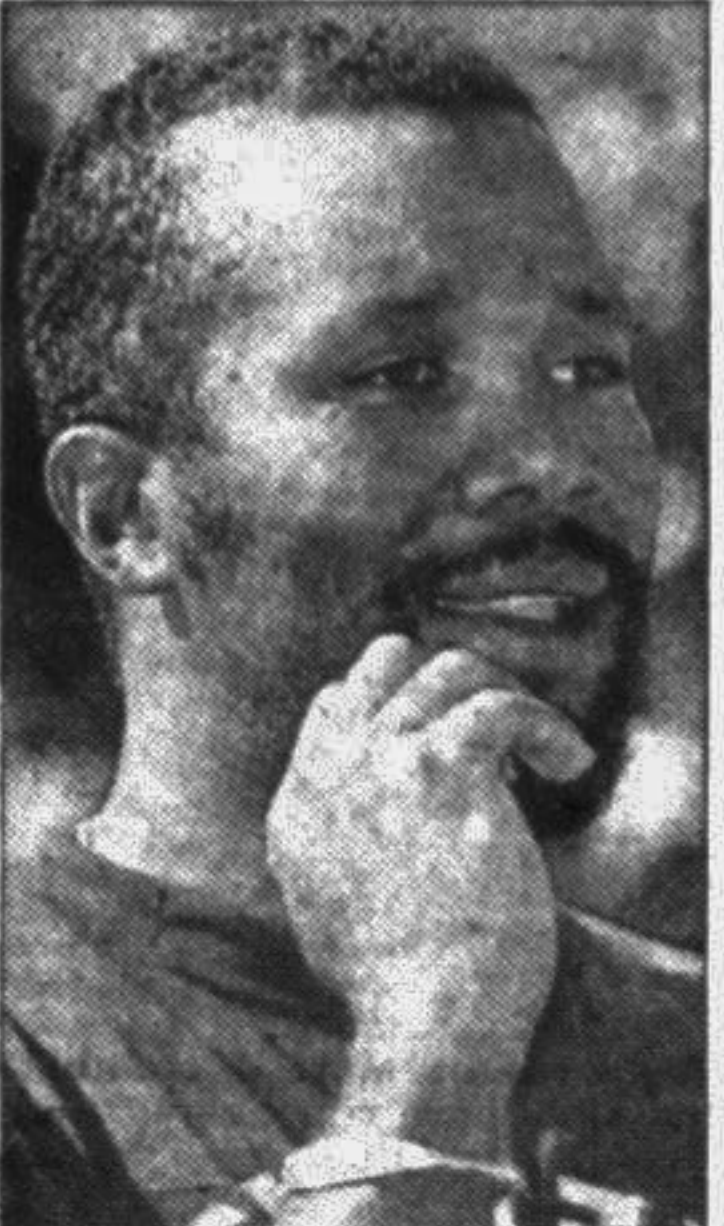
England will host the next World Cup in 1999, the fourth time the event will be staged there. Neither South Africa nor West Indies has hosted the competition.

The sports boycott of nearly three decades prevented South Africa from hosting international events, while limited finances have blocked

West Indies' dream of hosting a competition it has won twice. Rousseau said television revenue that could be generated from the event would allow West Indies to stage the World Cup.

"I feel we have the capability, with the support of the business community, and the management, to successfully hold the World Cup," he said.

"It is critical to West Indies cricket. It will enable us to successfully develop the base funding, so that many years in



MALCOLM MARSHALL

the future we will be able to generate substantial profits and make an investment."

He said West Indies will make the formal bid at next year's ICC meeting.

The ICC has a very rigid constitution and what is required to change any decision is to obtain what is called a binding resolution.

"With a binding resolution, you have to give six weeks notice of the resolution and you have to get two-thirds vote of the full membership, so we need a minimum of six of the nine Test-playing countries' votes to do it," Rousseau said.

Meanwhile, Malcolm Marshall's appointment as West Indies cricket coach was confirmed by Rousseau.

"I am happy, honoured to be given the post of coaching the West Indies cricket team," he said. "I am always looking to help West Indies cricket any way I can."



Olympic prize for scientists

ATLANTA, June 22: Two scientists whose work spearheaded the fitness revolution will share a 250,000 dollar Olympic prize in sport science, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said on Friday, reports Reuters.

Briton Jeremy Morris and American Ralph Paffenbarger pioneered separate studies demonstrating the relationship between physical activity and the risk of coronary heart disease, the Lausanne-based IOC said in a statement.

"Their research changed the practice of medicine and inspired the fitness revolution," the IOC said in the statements released in Switzerland and Atlanta, host city of next month's Olympic Games.

Morris, 86, and Paffenbarger, 74, will receive their prize at the International Olympic Committee's 105th session in Atlanta next month.

Morris is emeritus professor of Public Health at London University and was an adviser to the World Health Organisation for four decades. Paffenbarger holds epidemiology posts at Stanford and Harvard Universities and at the University of California, Berkeley.

"While especially important to premier athletes, the contributions made by this research helps to improve the lives of all humans," said IOC vice-president Prince, Alexandre de Merode.

Now that the job of coach has been made a permanent position, it automatically qualifies Marshall to become the first coach to be a member of the selection committee.

His first order of business will be to help choose the team for the tour of Australia later this year, but ultimately he hopes to be of the most use to West Indian bowlers.

"Especially the younger bowlers, by passing my knowledge on to them," he said. "Try to help them cut down on no-balls, because I think we do bowl quite a fair amount. Actually, I have been helping out with that at Hampshire (the English county cricket club) and we've only bowled four no-balls for the season."

"I will also try to impart my knowledge to the younger batsmen," he added. "Getting them to believe in themselves and their ability much more and help with the finer points of the game."

The Barbados-born Marshall has been contracted to coach Hampshire until 1998 and Natal, the South African provincial side, for a similar period. However, he and the WICB negotiated his release from the Natal contract and have reached an agreement with Hampshire.

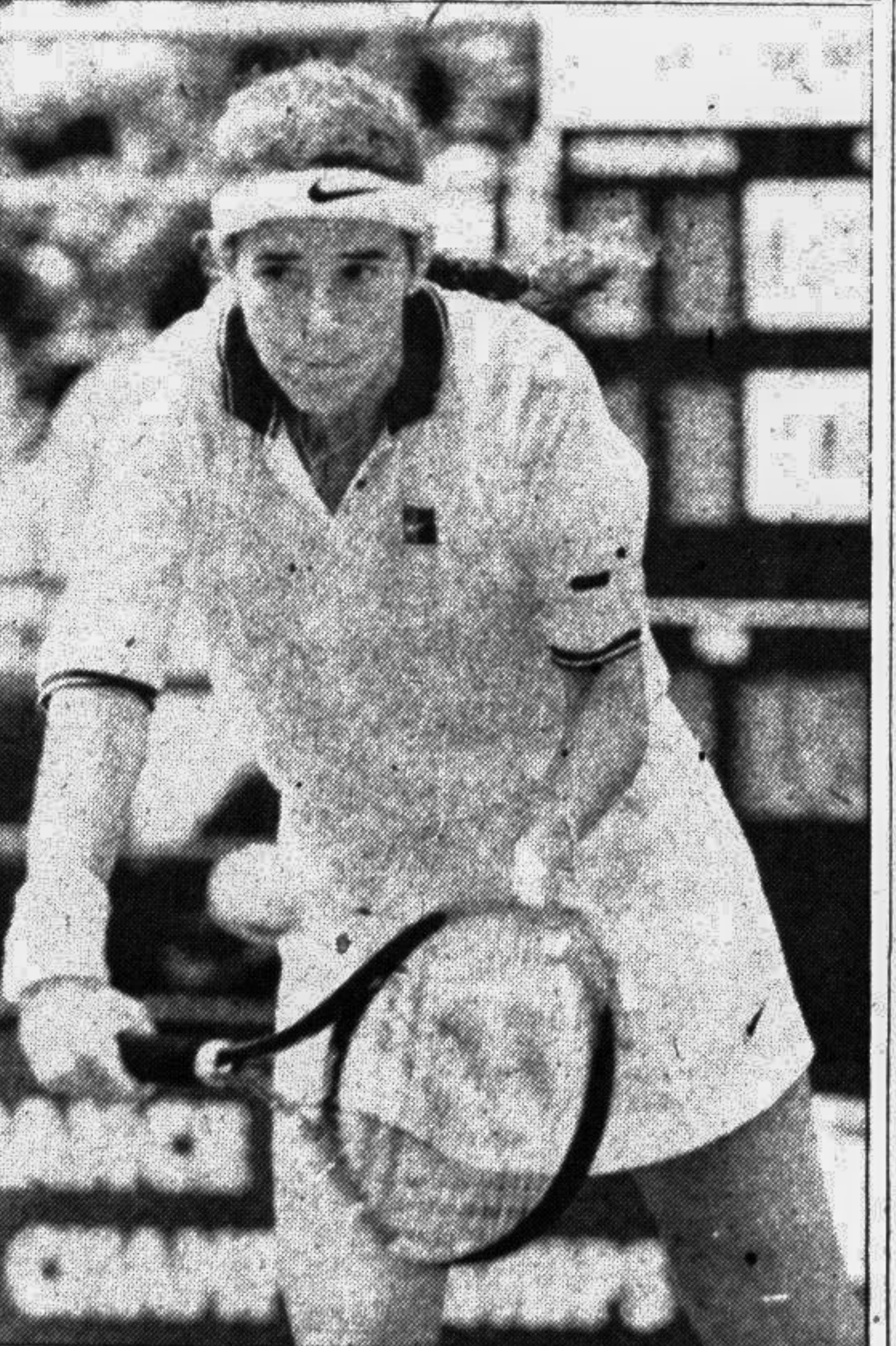
"My Hampshire contract is for the summer and most of the time West Indies will be involved in winter tours," he said. "We only make summer tours to England, and my next one is in 1999 and my contract with Hampshire ends in 1998, so it will not be affected."

Marshall enters at a critical stage in West Indies cricket, after the chaos of the previous year. The task does not appear too great to him, and he thinks captain Courtney Walsh is an exceptional talent.

"We have a number of good players around and Walsh is a good leader," he said. "He likes to lead from the front being a bowler, in my estimation does help because he will know how to bowl particular players and set the fields eventually."

Nor does Marshall think that his first coaching task, regaining the Sir Frank Worrell trophy from Australia, is out of reach.

"It will be a hard tour, but with the players we have around, if we play to our full potential, I do not see any reason why we cannot return with the Sir Frank Worrell trophy."



American Mary Joe Fernandez plays a backhand against her Spanish opponent Conchita Martinez during their international ladies tennis championship encounter at Eastbourne on June 21. Fernandez won 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. — AFP/UNB photo

Pakistan go for peace

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 22: Wasim Akram and Pakistani tour manager Yawar Saeed stressed on Friday that there will be no soured relations during their tour which begins on June 27 against an England amateur XI, reports AFP.

Relations, which were strained to the limit four years ago during the 'cheat' allegations, were played down by Saeed and Test and County Cricket Board cricket secretary Tim Lamb.

Saeed said: "We intend to play the game in its best traditions - we are hoping for a trouble-free tour."

"Our team are friendly with and all know the England team well, so we expect better relations between the sides."

Lamb added: "One can only question the motives of those who wish to reopen old wounds. The relationship between the TCCB and the Pakistan Cricket Board has never been better."

Akram, meanwhile, explained the on-field aspects which Pakistan are currently stressing, saying: "Fielding has been one of the main criteria for selection on this tour."

"England have also gone for good young players who are good in the field. They have looked at young blood for the future and that is also what we are aiming towards."

"Our fielding has let us down in the past and it is something we have been working on for the last three or four years. Some days we do well but on others we lose our concentration and drop catches."

"But now we are improving and all the boys have great enthusiasm. The management team have done a good job and I am satisfied with the fielding and the selection of this squad."

Akram will inevitably be competing against a number of his Lancashire teammates - England captain Mike Atherton, Peter Martin and possibly John Crawley and Glen Chapple - in the forthcoming three Tests and one-day international series.

"It will be difficult playing against my former teammates. But it is not Lancashire I am playing against. It is like playing against your friend and I am sure it will be a healthy contest."

Germany gun hosts down

ARMSTERDAM, June 22: Olympic champions Germany won the preview of Sunday's final when they beat their Dutch hosts 3-2 in their final group match in the NCM four-nation men's hockey tournament on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The result gave Germany maximum points from the round robin stage of the event, having scored 14 goals and conceding only four.

It was their efficiency, especially at penalty corners, that brought them their latest win. They forced three corners and scored from the first two of them.

Christian Blunck's long pass led to their first and it was Blunck who scored from the corner, following up a powerful strike by Carsten Fischer in the 11th minute.

Netherlands' only corner of the first half saw Taco van Der Horst's shot blocked at the expense of a penalty which was whipped into the roof of the net by Marc Delissen to level the scores in the 26th minute.

Sven Meinhardt restored Germany's lead from their second penalty corner just before the interval and they went 3-1 ahead in the 53rd minute after Michael Waldhouse laid the ball back for Andreas Becker, the tournament's top scorer, to collect his fifth goal, from close range.

The Dutch got back in the game when awarded a second penalty stroke. Delissen beat Christopher Reitz in the German goal in identical fashion to his earlier penalty. The Dutch had a chance to save the game with a late corner award but Reitz saved two shots.

Seles set for Fernandez

EASTBOURNE, England, June 22: Monica Seles defied a heavy schedule and a suspect left shoulder to sweep into the final of the Eastbourne grass-court tournament on Friday but failed to impress at least one rival, reports Reuters.

France's Nathalie Tauziat, beaten 6-4, 6-4 by Seles in the semifinals, said afterwards she would be surprised if the joint world number one, won Wimbledon, which starts on Monday.

Seles, 22, had earlier beaten Argentine qualifier Ines Gorrochategui 6-3, 6-1 in a morning quarterfinal after rain washed out play on Thursday.

Asked to assess the left-hander's chances at Wimbledon, the 28-year-old Tauziat said Seles was mentally very tough but could struggle against a number of serve-and-volley players.

In the final Seles meets seventh seed Mary Joe Fernandez, who spent over four hours on court, winning her two matches on Friday.

The 24-year-old American upset world number two Conchita Martinez 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a two-hour quarterfinal and then overcame Jana Novotna 6-1, 2-6, 8-6 in a thrilling semifinal lasting two hours and 12 minutes.



BIRD'S EYEVUE: Standing in his last Test match, umpire Harold (Dickie) Bird is turned into a mere onlooker as India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar fails to clear Alec Stewart at close who sways back to hold on to the flier on the second day of the second Cornhill Test between India and England at Lord's last Friday. — AFP/UNB photo

Lord's redolent of Saurav

Test debutant Saurav Ganguly scored a near flawless century to keep India within striking distance of England's first innings total of 344 when stumps were drawn on the third day of the second Test at Lord's last night.

The 23-year-old Ganguly compiled 131, which included twenty sweetly timed hits to the fence in India's 324 for six. South Indian Rahul Dravid was unbeaten on 56 while Anil Kumble was not out on 6. — **SOURCE: BIC**

At lunch, England dismissed India's two best batsmen and had the tourists' 166 for four to remain in control of the Test.

Sachin Tendulkar was bowled by Chris Lewis for 31 and Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin (16) was caught behind off Alan Mullally.

The morning session provided plenty of excitement and after the first hour it appeared India may be on the way to a large total.

Test debutant Saurav Ganguly, who resumed play on 26 not out after hitting five boundaries Friday evening, glanced Lewis for his sixth four on the first ball of the day.

Four balls later Sachin Tendulkar, still on his overnight score of 16, edged an easy catch to Graeme Hick at second slip, but the chance, was dropped.

In Lewis's next over Tendulkar hit a cracking cut shot past point to bring up India's 100. The 50 partnership between the two was brought up in Lewis's third over when Ganguly timed a sweet back-foot drive for four.

India continued to move the score along quickly at the expense of Lewis in his fourth over, when Tendulkar hit two consecutive fours, one towards mid-on and the second back-

ward of point.

Just as Tendulkar looked like he might follow up his first Test century with another 100, he had his off-stump uprooted by a Lewis delivery which moved off the seam, making it 123 for three.

Azharuddin then joined Ganguly, who brought up his maiden Test 50 with his eighth boundary, a cut shot off seam bowler Peter Martin.

Azharuddin, who scored 121 in his last test at Lord's in 1990, brought up India's 150 with a trademark clip off the pads the boundary.

He too threatened to knock a big score, but then fell to left-arm seamer Alan Mullally for the third time this series after carelessly edging behind a wide delivery outside off.

Ganguly, playing in his first Test, struck one sweet off-drive off Lewis for four and batted with great maturity to reach 26 not out while Tendulkar moved soundly to 16.

The early part of the day belonged to Russell, who after coming to the crease on Thursday with his side a shaky 107 for five, was finally but after batting for 11 minutes over six hours.

He resumed on 69 and, despite the early loss of Graham Thorpe who played on to Javagal Srinath for 89, Russell was quickly into his stride. He was particularly severe on anything short as he pulled and cut to the boundary with relish.

By the time he was out, a steeping catch to Sachin Tendulkar from a leading edge into the covers, he had faced 261 balls and hit 13 fours. His innings was just four runs short of his Test best 128 not out against Australia at Old Trafford in 1989.

On Friday, wicketkeeper Jack Russell's second Test century allowed England to emerge with a slight advantage

S GANGULY ... debut century

Northants humble Hampshire

LONDON, June 22: On a day of great drama around the county circuit Hampshire recorded their second championship win of the season when they demolished Northamptonshire inside three days by an innings and 72 runs at Basingstoke on Friday, reports Reuters.

Resuming on 58 for six in their first innings, Northants tumbled to 147 all out. Hampshire captain John Stephenson, who had taken five for 27, had no hesitation in enforcing the follow-on and second time around Northamptonshire were only marginally more successful as they were bowled out for 175.

In the other game in its third day, Somerset staged a remarkable fightback against Worcestershire at Bath thanks for their Australian all-rounder Shane Lee.

With Somerset struggling on 98 for six in the second innings Lee smashed his way to 167 not out and shared an unbroken partnership of 278 with Rob Turner who made 100 not out.

It was a record for Somerset's seventh wicket, passing the 240 made by Sammy Woods Vernon Hill against Kent at Taunton in 1898.

Somerset declared on 376 for six, setting bottom county Worcestershire 446 to win.

The six other games were only into their second day, but a number of results are already on the cards.

At Bradford, championship leaders Yorkshire were starting down the barrel after Leicestershire finally declared on 681 for seven with James Whitaker adding 218 to Vince Wells's double century on Thursday. Yorkshire closed on 143 for four with their hopes resting on the Australian Michael Bevan who was 52 not out.

Gloucestershire were also in trouble as they followed on 270 runs behind Nottinghamshire for whom New Zealander Chris Cairns had earlier struck 114, his first century of the season, in a total of 460.

The day's best bowling performance came from Kent's

Mark Ealham who stunned Warwickshire by taking eight for 36 as they collapsed to 136 all out.

But Dougie Brown struck back, following his five-wicket haul in the first innings with six for 52 and Warwickshire were left to chase 286 for victory.

An opening partnership of 245 between Mark Butcher and Darren Bicknell helped Surrey to 382 for four, a lead of five runs over Durham.

Butcher, son of former England opener Alan, hit his third century in four innings and raced to a superb 160, outscoring Bicknell, who made a painstaking 106, by almost three to one.

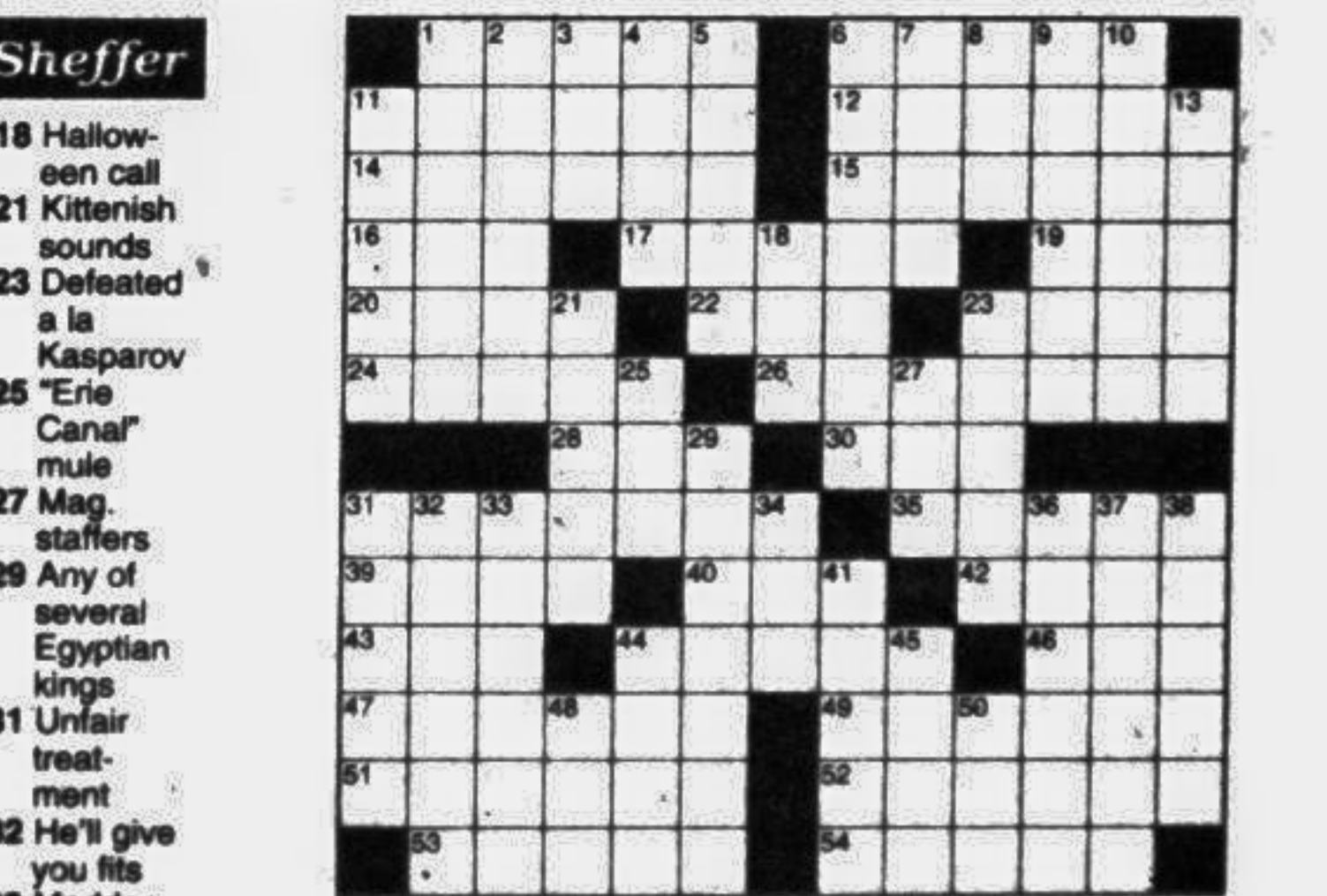
Derbyshire's young quick bowler Andy Harris rocked Middlesex with six for 43 and, with Kim Barnett hitting 55, they extended their lead to 274 as they reached 118 for one.

At Hove, Alan Wells hit 78 as Sussex closed on 162 for five after Jason Lewry had taken six for 44 to dismiss Glamorgan for 133.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Soprano
6 Conserve
11 Trifle
12 Bring in
14 Do more
15 Base coat
16 Inquire
17 Short-coming
19 New Guinea
20 Particular
22 Fish
23 Apporition
24 Ore
26 Mrs. —
28 Kids' card
30 Summer
31 Pre-eminant
35 Psalmist
36 Katzen-
40 Extinct
New Zealand

DOWN
1 Magic
4 Sand-trap
2 Put on the line
3 "— been robbed!"
4 Like most colleges
5 Presbyter
6 Luscious
7 — a man with
8 4, 0, 0
9 Yell
10 Pact
11 Weak
13 Kilmer
18 Hallow-
21 Kitten
23 Defeated
25 "Erie Canal"
27 Mag. staffers
28 Any of several
31 Unfair treatment
32 He'll give you fits
33 Madden
34 Angler's need
36 Renter
37 Door
38 Jack
41 Match
44 Bowling
Hall-of-Famer
Billy
45 O.K.
Corral
46 Leo's
"Home"
50 Adjective suffix



CRYPTOQUIP

HDP SH LG CDPBH MNVM

MVQB AP UNZEUN VET

ETVQQG SETSVEADZH

UNVMH CVGLT

Yesterday's Cryptquip: ISNT A BASIC INGREDIENT OF LASSIE'S DOG BISCUITS COLLIE FLOUR?

Today's Cryptquip clue: S equals G

The Cryptquip 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.