

Column One

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- 1 Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in The Oval Test was his 11th 10th 14th

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SPORTS TALK



Juergen Klinsmann (German star footballer) 'I am not aware of time running out for me, but I am more concentrated because I know there are just a few years left.'

Pain gives birth to pleasure!

GREENWICH, Connecticut, Sept 10: John Hopper came home from the US Open with a black eye and a smile.

Hopper was struck in the head when Pete Sampras threw his tennis racket into the court-side seats in celebration of his fourth US Open title Sunday, reports AP.

'It's my first Grand Slam black-eye,' said Hopper, 39. 'I could see all these hands coming towards it and the next thing I knew it hit me. It was like getting hit by a meteorite.'

Hopper said that thanks to luck and some defensive maneuvering by his wife, Liz, he was able to hold onto the unexpected gift.

'It was the thrill of a lifetime to be watching him win his fourth US Open and then to have it (the racket) in your hands,' Hopper said Monday after most of the swelling around his left eye subsided.

Hopper said he'd like to see Sampras use the racket again before it is retired to Hopper's den wall.

Hopper said he would like to get Sampras to come back to the area to conduct a children's clinic to encourage youngsters to pursue their dreams through hard work and determination.

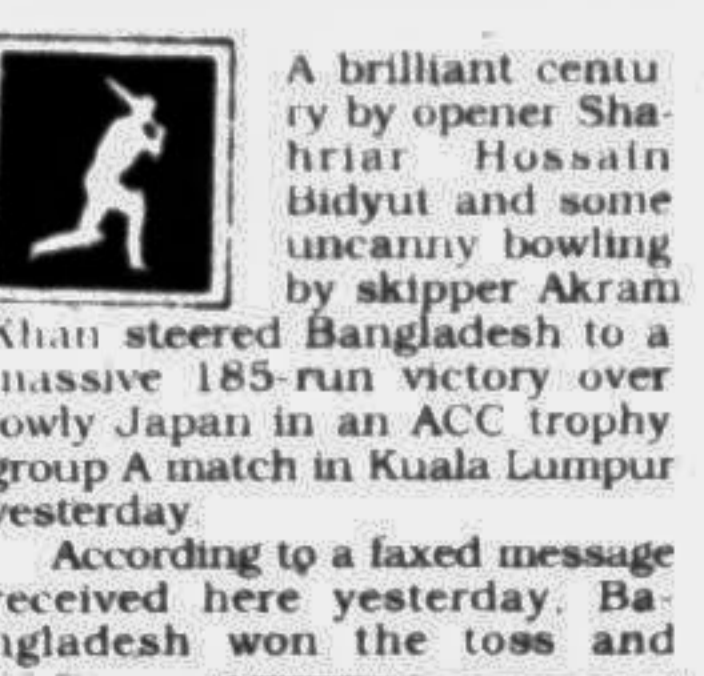
'We could try to get kids from all over to participate and hear Pete, and play with the racket,' Hopper said.

Romanian athlete banned for life

BUCHAREST, Sept 10: Elena Murgoci, a 32-year-old long-distance runner, has been banned for life after testing positive for anabolic steroids for a second time, the Romanian Athletics Federation said Monday, reports AFP.

Women's long jumper Marieta Icu was suspended for four years for using steroids and women's high jumper Monica Jager was banned for six months for using a stimulant.

Nippons struck by Bidyut, caught in Akram's whirlwind



A brilliant century by opener Shariar Hossain Bidyut and some uncanny bowling by skipper Akram Khan steered Bangladesh to a massive 185-run victory over lowly Japan in an ACC trophy group A match in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

According to a faxed message received here yesterday, Bangladesh won the toss and decided to bat against an inexperienced Japan side.

The big total for Bangladesh was mainly possible due to some fine batsmanship from Bidyut and one down Babul Bashar Sumon who added 149 runs to the Bangladesh account in the second wicket stand after they lost opener Harun-ur-Rashid Liton (14) with the team-score on 34.

Bidyut, the stout Bangla-

deshi opener who plays for Brothers Union in the Local league, scored 104 runs of 136 deliveries while Sumon was more aggressive with the willow hitting 73 off just 65 balls. Among others, middle order Anilul Alam Bulbul cracked 36 off 20 balls while Jahangir and Khaled Mahmud Sujon were not out on 12 and 3 respectively.

The Japanese were caught in a whirlwind after the rains with six of their batsmen returning to the pavilion without any scores. Opener H Takahashi (25) was the lone Japanese batsman who reached the double figure.

Skipper Akram Khan, the occasional right arm slow medium pacer, was the architect behind Japan's destruction, capturing six wickets for only five runs while left arm spinner Mohammad Rafique took two wickets for ten runs.

In an unusual act, the organisers despatched both Akram and Bidyut as Men of the Match. Thousands of Bangladeshi cricket fans in Dhaka listened to the live commentary of yesterday's match on Bangladesh Betar.

Bangladesh will face Hong Kong in their last group A encounter today. Bangladesh Betar will cover the match live from 7am on Dhaka 'Kha'.

SCOREBOARD BANGLADESH: SH Bidyut c Nakazawa b Fuji 104, HR Liton c Takahashi b Funayama 14, HB Sumon c Takahashi b Funayama 73, Al Bulbul c Makzana b Fuji 36, Jahangir Alam not out 12, KM Sujon not out 3, Extras (nb-6, w-2) 28, Total (for four wickets in 41.5 overs) 270, Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-184; 3-246; 4-246, Did not bat: Akram Khan.

Men of the Match: SH Bidyut and Akram Khan

Salim Shaded, M Rafique, Sajal Chowdhury and Anisur Rahman Bowling: Funayama 10 0 70 2, T Eto 8 0 46 0, S Akagi 7 0 46 0, T Aminno 7 0 34 0, Takahashi 7 0 34 0, H Minami 6 0 21 0, T Fuji 2.5 0 34 2, JAPAN: H Takahashi b Akram 25, N Yoshitaka b Sajal 2



BIDYUT m-o-m: Y Nakazawa lbw Rafique 0, T Fuji c Bulbul b Rafique 0, H Minami c Rafique b Akram 5, T Wamedu b Akram 2, S Akagi lbw Akram 0, T Eto b Akram 0, Funayama st Jahangir b S Shaded 0, T Aminno c b Akram 0, K Kafo not out 0, Extras (fb-4, lb-5, nb-3, w-10) 22, Total (All out in 27 overs) 56, Bowling: Sajal 3 1 11 1, Sujon 4 1 9 0, Rafique 6 2 10 2, S Shaded 5 2 6 1, Akram 6 2 5 6, Result: Bangladesh won by 185 runs.

Men of the Match: SH Bidyut and Akram Khan

Solidarity gymnastics

A 10-day Olympic solidarity course for gymnastics coaches, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association and International Olympic Committee, will begin here from September 21, reports UNB.

Twenty leading coaches from all over the country will take part in the men's and women's artistic gymnastics.

Two British experts - Dave Pearson and Mrs Anne Pope - will conduct the programme.

Fed Cup squash

The third Federation Cup squash competition, organised by Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation, will begin at the Dhaka Club on September 23, reports UNB.

Interested players have been asked to complete entry formalities by September 17.

Fu plans to quit

BEIJING, Sept 10: Fu Mingxia, China's star diver who captured both women's golds at the Atlanta Olympics, intends to retire, saying she's too old at 19 to continue, an official newspaper said Tuesday, reports AP.

Fu told the China Youth Daily she wanted to study, and that she was contacting the management school of Beijing's Qinghua University with the help of China's sports authorities.

'I want to retire,' the newspaper quoted Fu as saying, 'I'm already too old.'

Fu suggested she wants to quit at the top of her career. 'It's like climbing a hill. When you reach the top, there's no way to go other than down. The further you walk, the further down you go,' the newspaper quoted her as saying.

Fu's quarter and springboard golds at Atlanta made her the first woman in 36 years to win both Olympic events, adding to a gold she won at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

Fu is also a nominee for the 1996 Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year Award.

'Even though I'm not very old, I've been diving for more than 10 years,' she said, then aged 16. 'You could say I'm a veteran.'

Waugh's words of wisdom

SYDNEY, Sept 9: Australian Test all-rounder Steve Waugh believes Sri Lanka's highly distinctive and successful limited overs cricket tactics might not be so successful away from the sub-continent, reports AFP.

Vice captain Waugh and acting Australian captain Ian Healy both praised the Sri Lankans here Monday for their dazzling performances in the Singer World Series tournament but suggested their tactics might not be so profitable on faster wickets.

'I don't think they will like the bouncer wickets as much as the slow, low ones and it will certainly test them out when they play in different conditions,' Waugh said.

'But at the moment they are playing real well,' said Waugh on the team's arrival here following Sri Lanka's 50-run victory over Australia in last weekend's final in Colombo.

Healy said Australia could look at incorporating certain parts of Sri Lanka's style including the ones early batting and sacking its batting order by employing part-time bowlers.

He said Sri Lanka's success had prompted Australia to look at different ways of doing things but stressed not all of their tactics were necessarily suitable for Australian conditions.

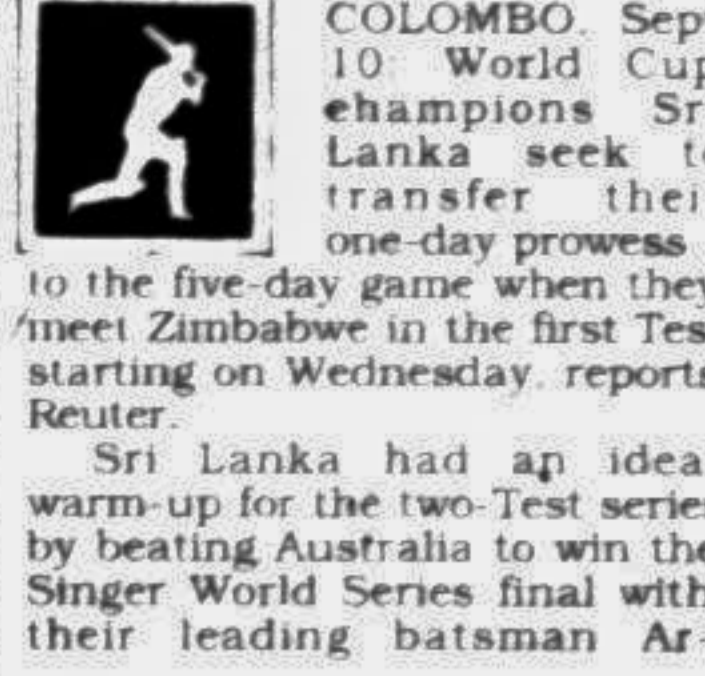
'Those sort of things on the sub-continent you can get away with but part-time bowlers don't serve much of a role in Australia, so we have to be careful,' Healy said.

Healy praised the Sri Lankans but also suggested luck had favoured their swashbuckling, albeit risky, style of top order batting.

'They do it very well but there's no disputing that they've also had a lot of luck so far. In the two games we've played them over there this time, three or four catches each game went out of hand by a metre (yard).'

'But they then have the security factor that they seem to be able to back up when the openers do go and the top order does fall. So they have got the batting very well covered and I think it's one of the best batting orders I've played. It's their bowling that they get away with on the sub-continent. In other conditions we're not so sure but they are definitely the world champions at this stage.'

SL-Zimbabwe first Test begins today Islanders ready to roll



ARJUNA RANATUNGA avinda de Silva scoring 334 runs in the series without being dismissed once in four innings. 'I am absolutely confident of

beating Zimbabwe because we are playing well at the moment,' said coach Dav Whatmore. 'We don't have a problem with how you win and how you lose. If the players direct all their energies into every game and do their best then we believe the opposition has to do better to beat you.'

Paceman Ravindra Pushpakumara is expected to take the new ball with Chaminda Vaas with the remaining place to be decided between off-spinner Kumara Dharmasena and left-arm spinner Jayantha Silva.

Zimbabwe who drew all three Tests against the Sri Lankans in the only series between the two countries two years ago, look vulnerable in their batting with the experience David Houghton unavailable because of coaching commitments with his English county Worcestershire.

'Houghton is our Aravinda de Silva,' said Zimbabwe team manager Dennis Streak. 'We will miss him definitely. However, we are grooming Craig Wishart to take his place.'

Bad weather which has affected the Zimbabweans' preparation, is forecast for the match with rain accompanied by thunderstorms expected over the next few days.

TEAMS SRI LANKA: Arjuna Rana-

tunga (captain), Roshan Mahanama, Sanath Jayasuriya, Asanka Gurusingha, Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tillekeratne, Romesh Kaluwithra rana, Chaminda Vaas, Ravindra Pushpakumara, Muthiah Muralitharan, Kumara Dharmasena, Jayantha Silva.

ZIMBABWE: Alistair Campbell (captain), Grant Flower, Mark Dekker, Guy Whittall, Craig Wishart, Andy Flower, Craig Evans, Heath Streak.



ALISTAIR CAMPBELL Paul Strang, Bryan Strang, Andrew Whittall, Henry Olonga, Wayne James, Eddo Brandes, Ali Shah.

Tufnell, Silverwood get the nod

Hick left in the cold



PHIL TUFNELL batsman is at a low ebb in this season.

Though, for a batsman like his class has always been the chance to come out of the pale shadow, the selectors didn't consider his name for the selection.

Tufnell's selection provided the biggest talking point. Regarded as the best spinner in the country, he was selected for the Oval Test against West Indies last summer, but omitted from the final line-up.

Since then, however, Tufnell has responded by taking 74 wickets this season - more than any other English spinner - and claimed a career-best 13 for 123 against Lancashire, including that of Atherton last week at Old Trafford.

Chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth admitted that Tufnell's disciplinary record had counted against him in the past, but said a glowing report from Middlesex captain Mike Gatting had put him back in the reckoning.

Tufnell did not have a good tour last time, but he has served his sentence and it is up to him to show us that he can do this time.

Asked about the decision to appoint Hussain as Atherton's deputy ahead of Stewart, Illingworth said: 'It was mainly to do with age. We were looking for the future. We do not know how long Atherton will want to carry on as captain and Stewart is in his 30s, but it is no reflection on him at all.'

England is scheduled to play two Tests and three one-day internationals against Zimbabwe in December and January before heading to New Zealand for three Tests and five one-day matches in January, February and March.

LONDON, Sept 10: controversial spinner Phil Tufnell was recalled to England's 15-man cricket squad Tuesday for England's winter tour to Zimbabwe and New Zealand, reports AP.

Tufnell, who played the last of his 22 Tests against Australia at Adelaide in January 1995, has been left off the England team since then following a series of disciplinary clashes.

The other main surprise in the England selection is 21-year-old Yorkshire last bowler Chris Silverwood, who had

been widely expected to be sent on the A tour to Australia.

England's selectors also looked to the future by appointing Nasser Hussain as vice-captain following his impressive showing as skipper of last winter's A tour to Pakistan. The Essex batsman replaces Michael Atherton's long-term deputy, Alec Stewart, in the position.

The selection of 21-year-old Silverwood means there is no place for either Lancashire's Peter Martin or Dean Headley of Kent. Martin was left off completely while Kent was assigned to the A team for the second year in a row. Silverwood joins Yorkshire teammate Darren Gough, New Zealand-born Andy Caddick, Dominic Cork and Alan Mullally as the England seamers, while Ronnie Irani was given the all-rounder's role ahead of Adam Hoolicoke, who captains the A tour.

C Glamorgan spinner Robert Croft was named to the squad after impressive displays in his international debut in the final Test against Pakistan.

Jack Russell, as expected, was retained as wicketkeeper after being dropped for the final two Tests when England chose to use Stewart behind the stumps to strengthen the batting line-up.

TOUR ITINERARY

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Where solidarity comes first

SARAJEVO, Sept 10: For once results were of secondary importance when world class athletes returned to Sarajevo for the first time in four years on a memorable day in this Bosnian capital on Monday, reports Reuters.

'The heart of our city is beating again,' said Enver Jiga, one of the organisers of the International Amateur Athletic Federation's solidarity meeting, and the re-opening of Kosevo Stadium.

The meeting, featuring 80 athletes from 30 countries including five Atlanta Olympic champions was the biggest international event held in Sarajevo since the end of the war which followed the break-up of the former Yugoslavia.

While the results and performances were second in importance to the fact the event was taking place at all, there were several impressive races on the newly laid track.

John Maycock of Britain, a journeyman middle-distance runner who risked losing his job as a sports development officer, scored the biggest win of his career in the 2,000 metres when he beat new world 2,000 metre record-holder Salah Hissou of Morocco. Maycock clocked five minutes 00.91 seconds, 4/100ths of a second faster than the north African.

The 50,000 capacity crowd was also treated to a superb race in the women's 1,500 metres when Carla Sacramento of Portugal pipped the 44-year-old evergreen Russian, Yekaterina Pockopayeva in a thrilling finish.

There were also wins for Olympic champions Ludmilla Enquist of Sweden in the women's 100 metres hurdles, Balazs Kiss of Hungary in the hammer throw and American Charles Austin in the high jump, but almost every performance was greeted by cheers by the sport-starved crowd.

Bosnia-Herzegovina President Alija Izetbegovic officially opened the meeting being staged in the stadium where the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Winter Olympic were held.

Two dozen white doves, symbolising renewed peace and hope, were released at the conclusion of his speech, which followed a welcome by Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF and a prime mover in organising the meeting.

'Sarajevo, welcome back to world athletics, welcome back to the world of sport,' Nebiolo said to rapturous applause.

Images of the lighting of the torch for the 1984 Games were flashed on a videorecorder shipped in for the occasion. The same Olympic Tower stands starkly today, blackened by the shells that rained on the stadium during the war as artillery fire blasted the city.

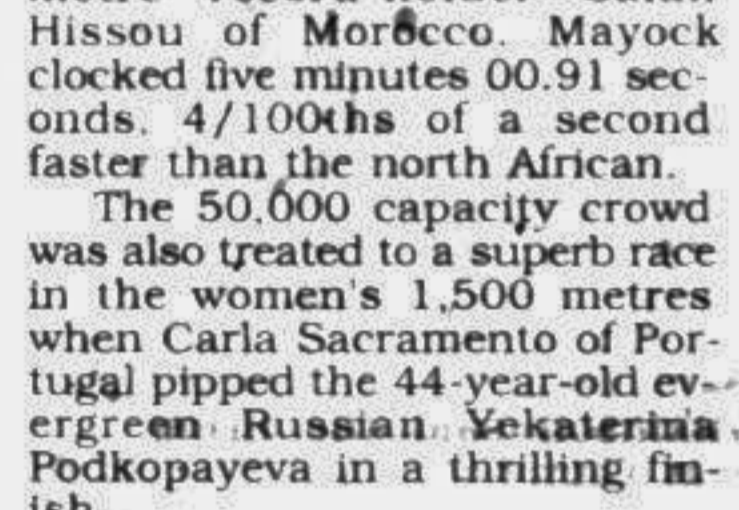
The IAAF and the IOC contributed 1.5 million dollars towards rebuilding the stadium, including new seating, a newly laid football pitch and the athletics track.

Nebiolo earlier made another attack on leading athletes who had refused to attend the meeting, accusing them of lacking bravery.

'But at the moment they are playing real well,' said Waugh on the team's arrival here following Sri Lanka's 50-run victory over Australia in last weekend's final in Colombo.

Healy said Australia could look at incorporating certain parts of Sri Lanka's style including the ones early batting and sacking its batting order by employing part-time bowlers.

Primo clears his throat



SARAJEVO, Sept 10: World athletics chief Primo Nebiolo claimed on Monday that the track facilities at the solidarity meeting for Sarajevo were better than at the Atlanta Olympics, reports AFP.

Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, made the comment after visiting the Kosevo Stadium.

'We have rebuilt the stadium - it's one of the best track and field stadiums in the world,' he said.

'And we have also rebuilt the warm-up track, which is 50m from the main track. And when I was looking at this, I was remembering Atlanta, where the warm-up track was three kilometres from the main track and our athletes were put on buses with air-conditioning.'

'They were extremely cold and some of the coaches were covering up the athletes so they would arrive at the Olympic Stadium in good condition.'

'In the event that Sarajevo organises the Olympic Games, the track and field athletes will have a better place than Atlanta.'

He also took another swipe at the scores of athletes, who deserted the event here, declining to compete here.

'A great athlete told me, my mother said don't go to Serbia. I tried to explain that Bosnia wasn't in Serbia or Africa but I don't think he understood.'

'Another said I ran round the track at Atlanta with the United States flag around me. If I go to Sarajevo someone will shoot me.'

'I said why do you think they would shoot you and not Nebiolo? Do you think you're more important than Nebiolo? And he is taking his wife.'

Nebiolo also dismissed comments by Helmut Digele, head of the German Athletics Federation and a member of the IAAF council, who claimed that athletes had been informed too late for the Sarajevo meeting.

Digele said: 'We have to be honest. Most of the athletes got this information very late. Some of them only found out in Milan.'

But Nebiolo said minutes later: 'Unfortunately, it's not true. I wrote a personal letter to the athletes two months ago, and I wrote to them and the presidents of the national federations one month ago. The athletes knew they could come.'

Botham yet to swallow his pride

LONDON, Sept 10: Former England all-rounder Ian Botham is to appeal and seek a retrial after losing his libel battle against Imran Khan, his lawyer announced on Monday, reports AFP.

Botham and former Test colleague Allan Lamb took the former Pakistan all-rounder to court in July over what they described as an 'offensive personal attack' on them in 'India Today' magazine in which they claim they were described as racist and uneducated cheats.

Botham is appealing on the grounds that the libel was misdirected during the high court libel action, which they lost in July leaving them with an estimated 400,000 pounds (about 600,000 dollars) legal bill.

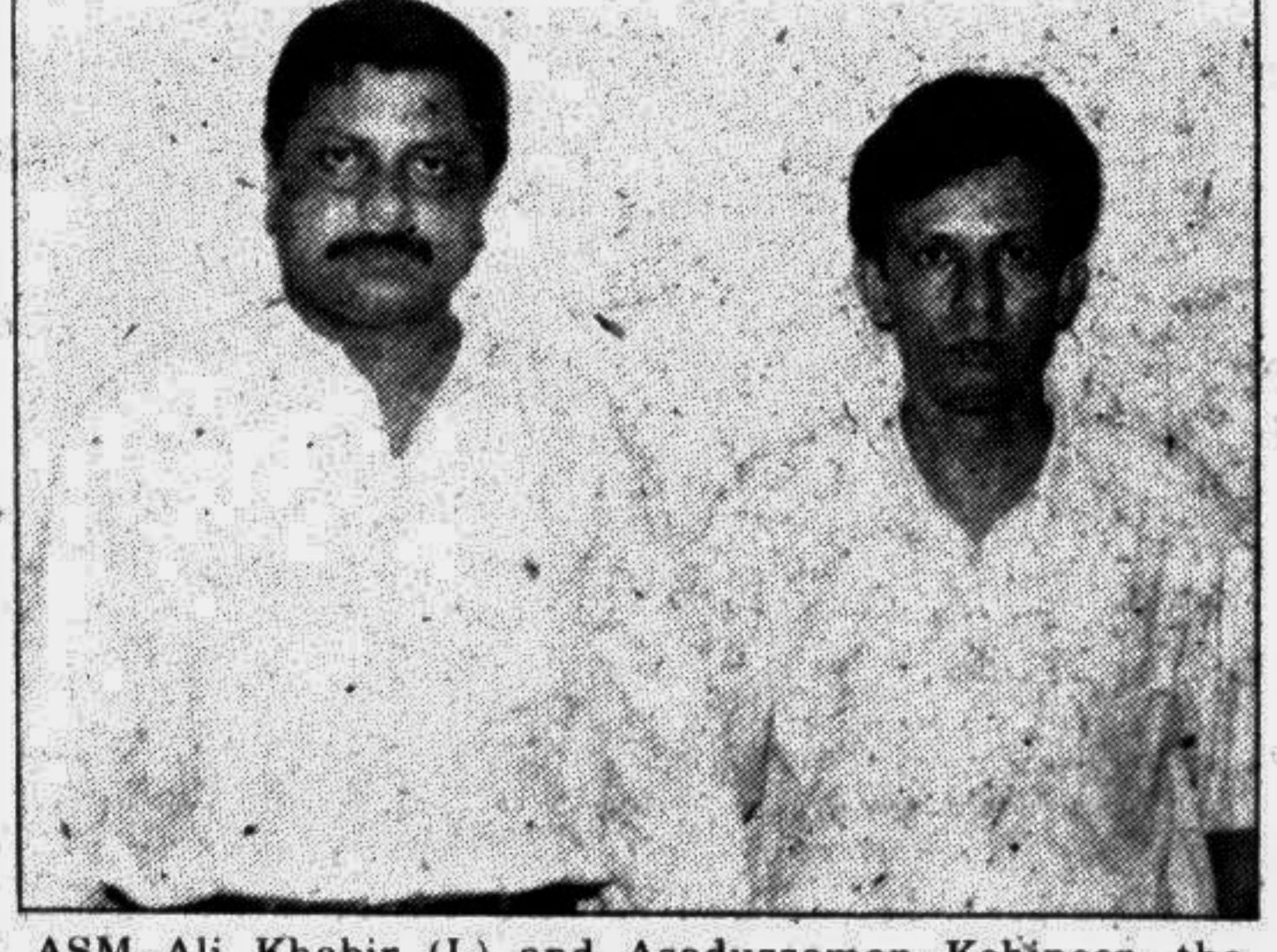
Botham's lawyer Rhory Robertson said: 'We are appealing against the majority verdict of the jury.'

'That will go to the court of appeal.'

Sampras, Chang in Kooyong Classic

MELBOURNE, Sept 10: Newly-crowned US Open champion Pete Sampras took a strong international field for the Kooyong classic here in January, promoters said today, reports AFP.

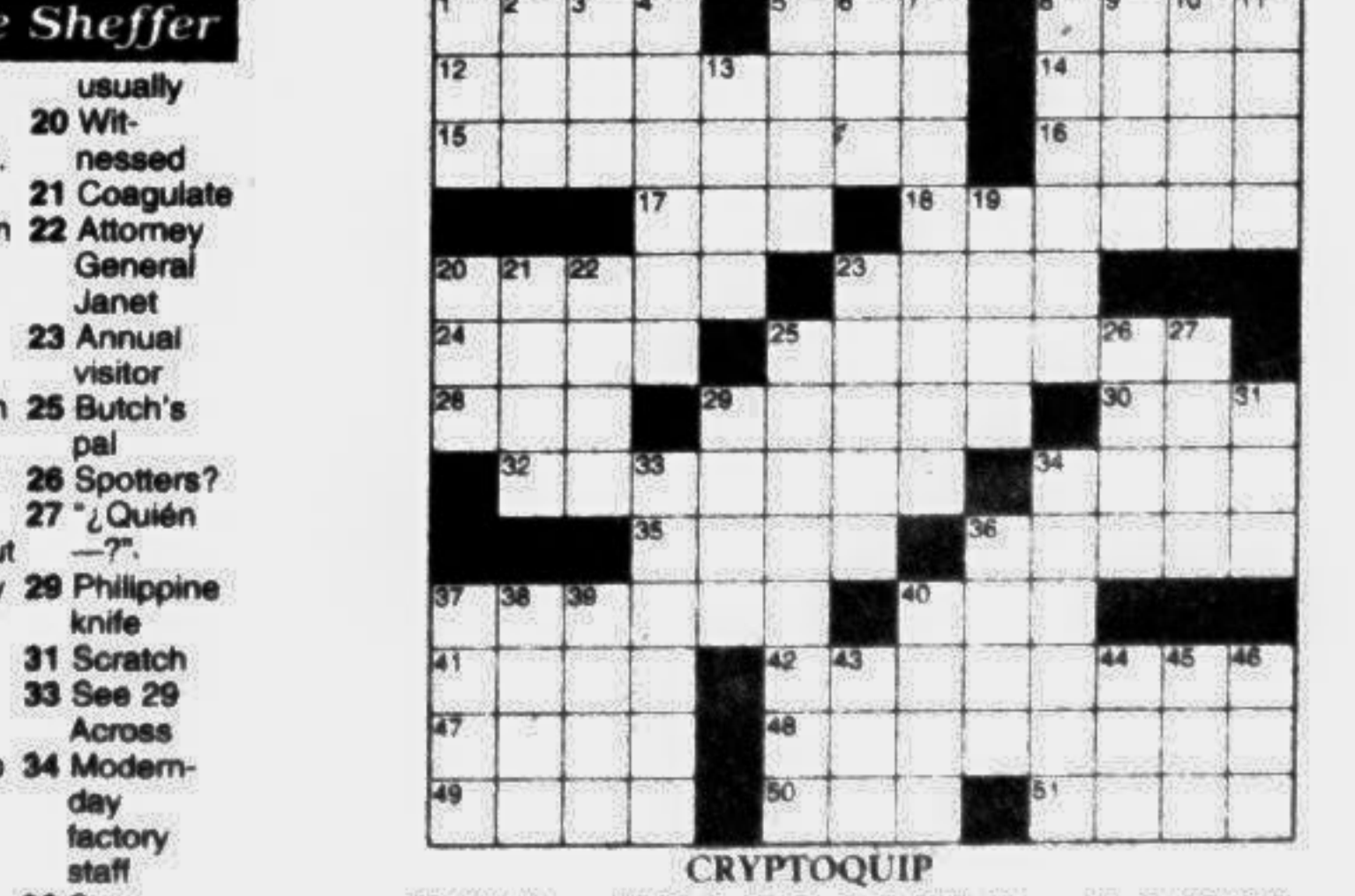
World No 1 Sampras was confirmed for the January 8-11 event along with World No 2 Michael Chang, Olympic champion Andre Agassi and French Open winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov.



ASM Ali Khabir (L) and Asaduzzaman Kohinor, the newly elected president and general secretary respectively of Mariner Youngs Club. - Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptopip: THIS COUPLE DISCOVERED LASTING LOVE: THE VEGETARIAN AND HIS COUCH POTATO

Today's Cryptopip clue: X equals M. The Cryptopip 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.