

Zimbabweans in scoring spree

SAHILWAL, Pakistan, Oct 13: Former Zimbabwe captain Dave Flower... Flower was altogether more circumspect, taking 166 minutes in his even unbeaten century...

Lacoste passes away

PARIS, Oct 13: Rene Lacoste, who dominated the tennis world in the 1920s and 1930s and created the famed Lacoste sports shirts with the alligator emblem...

Lacoste won seven major singles titles in his career... Wimbledon twice, the US Open three times...

But perhaps the most meaningful victory over his home country was when he helped France win the Davis Cup in 1927 by beating both Bill Tilden and Bill Johnston...

Lacoste died Saturday in a hospital in his hometown of St Jean de Luz on the Atlantic coast after surgery on a broken leg...

Funeral services were scheduled in St Jean de Luz on Monday, she said.

THE FABULOUS FOUR

Highlights of the careers of the French tennis champions known as the 'Four Musketeers':

RENE LACOSTE (1902-1996): Wimbledon singles champion 1925, 1928.

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French Open single champion 1925, 1927, 1929.

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US Open singles champion 1925, 1927.

Davis Cup 1927, 1928.

JEAN BOROTRA (1898-1994): Wimbledon singles champion 1924, 1926.

Wimbledon doubles champion (with Lacoste) 1925, (with Jacques Brugnon) 1932, 1933.

French Open single champion 1931.

French Open doubles champion (with Lacoste) 1925, 1929 (with Brugnon) 1928, 1934 (with Marcel Bernard) 1936.

Australian Open singles champion 1928.

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Davis Cup 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932.

HENRI COCHET (1901-1987): Wimbledon singles champion 1927, 1929.

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JACQUES BRUGNON (1895-1978): Wimbledon doubles champion (with Cochet), 1926, 1928 (with Borotra) 1932, 1933.

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Shi-Ting retains Wismilak title

SURABAYA, Indonesia, Oct 13: Nana Miyagi was denied the first major title of her career when Shi-Ting Wang of Taiwan retained her Wismilak international crown with a 6-4, 6-0 victory on Sunday, reports AFP.

Second seeded Wang, who didn't drop a set all week, had to battle a resilient opponent in the first set, but then found little resistance in the 2nd as Miyagi's challenge faded.

Although often going for the lines and striking the ball more forcefully than her opponent, Miyagi was also less consistent, and many of Wang's points came from her errors.

Indians abase Aussies

NEW DELHI, Oct 13: India ended a 15-year wait for a Test victory over Australia by winning the one-day off Test here by seven wickets with a day and a half to spare, reports AFP.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble fashioned the win with match figures of nine for 130 as the Australians, barring Steve Waugh, failed to come to terms with a deteriorating Kotla track.

Waugh scored a gutsy 67 not out in the second innings, his team's lone half-century in the match, which only delayed India's victory celebrations in Sachin Tendulkar's first Test as captain.

Australia, who began the fourth day at 168 for six, still 11 runs in arrears, folded up for 234 in their second knock soon after lunch with Kumble grabbing five for 67.

India, lost three wickets chasing 56 for victory, including first-innings centurion Nayan Mongia and Tendulkar, to seamers Paul Reiffel and Glenn McGrath.

Former captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Saurav Ganguly scored 21 each to guide India home 31 minutes before tea amidst wild celebrations by some 10,000 home fans.

The win continued India's impressive run on home soil where they have won 12 of 16 Tests since 1989. India's last Test victory over the Australians was back in February 1981 when Sunil Gavaskar's tourists defeated Greg Chappell's side by 59 runs at Melbourne.

After that, Australia has won four Tests, six have been drawn, and the Madras Test in 1986 produced only the second tied match in history.

Waugh, who failed to score in the first innings, ensured Australia would not go out without a fight after resuming at his overnight score of 32.

He warned off the spinners with a mixture of caution and selective aggression, until he ran out of partners.

Australia were still eight runs in arrears when Reiffel was taken by Vikram Rathore in the leg trap off leg-spinner Kumble for four.

Reiffel helped Waugh to avoid an innings defeat before Kumble trapped him leg-before to claim his fifth wicket in the innings and ninth of the match.

Australia were only 12 runs ahead at the stage, but Peter McIntyre supported Waugh admirably by adding 41 for the ninth wicket.

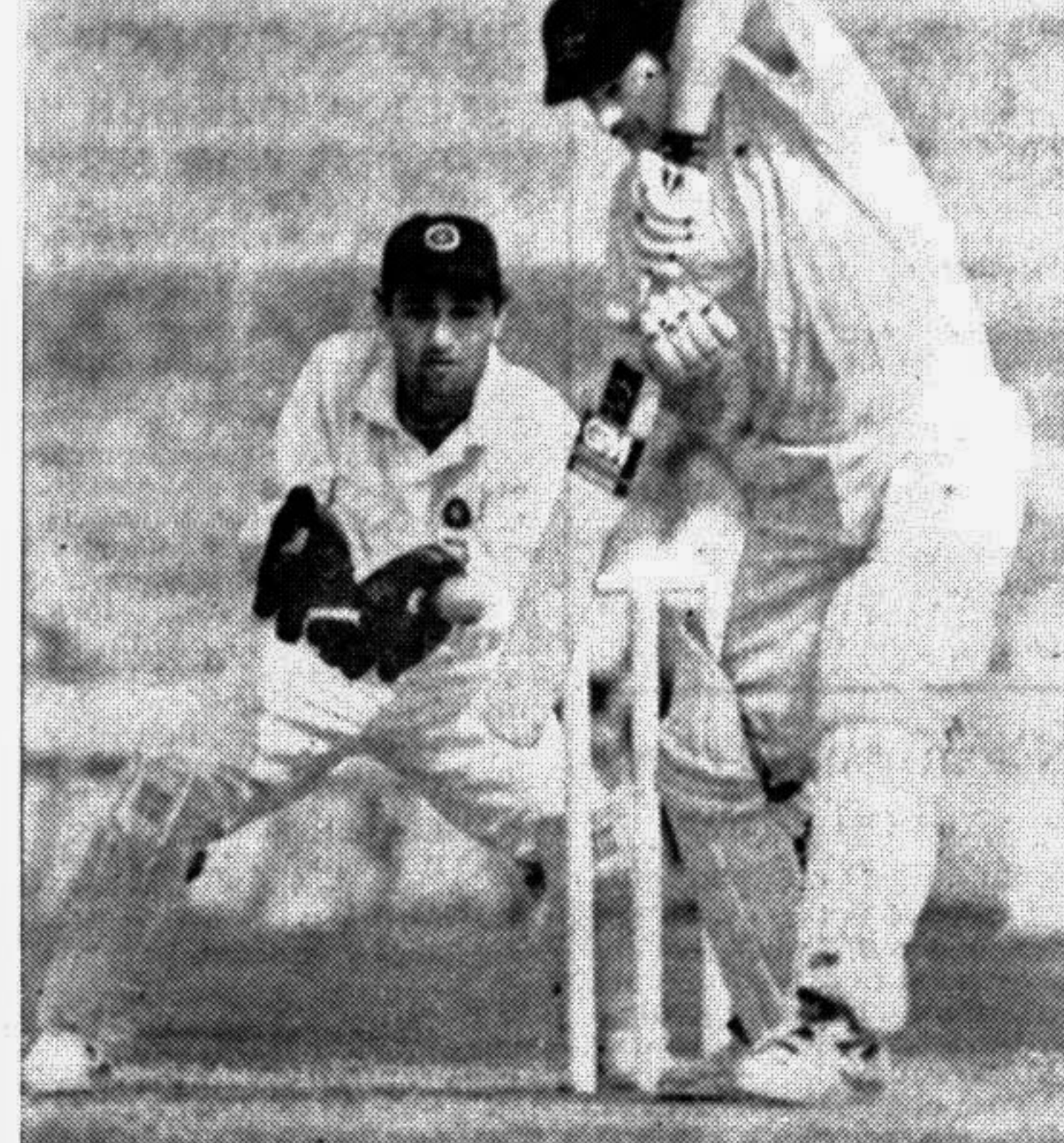
McIntyre, a later-replacement on the tour for Shane Warne, made 16 before being leg-before to Venkatesh Prasad soon after lunch.

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caught behind to terminate the innings. Mongia, whose first innings 152 earned him the man-of-the-match award, was trapped leg before by Reiffel for no score as India began the modest run chase.

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Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras. Lists players like S Waugh, Azharuddin, Kumble, Prasad, Reiffel, Ganguly, Tendulkar, McGrath, McIntyre, Kapoor, Warne, Prasad, Reiffel, Ganguly, Tendulkar, Azharuddin, Kapoor.



Australian all-rounder Steve Waugh plays a forward defensive shot on the fourth day of the one-off Test against India at the Feroze Shah Kotla ground on Sunday. The Aussie right-hander remained unconquered on 67. But still that was not enough to avoid a seven-wicket defeat with more than a day to spare.

make India 26 for three. But Azharuddin sealed India's superiority in the match with three successive boundaries off McGrath. Ganguly brought up the win by driving McIntyre to the cover fence.

INDIA: Second innings: Rathore b Reiffel 14; Mongia lbw Reiffel 0; Ganguly not out 21; Tendulkar b McGrath 0; Azharuddin not out 21; Extras: (nb-2) 2; Total: (for 3 wks) 58; Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-25; 3-26.

AUSTRALIA: First innings: 182 (M Slater 44, A Kumble 4-63, S Joshi 2-36, A Kapoor 2-30); INDIA: First innings: 361 (N Mongia 152, S Ganguly 66, P Reiffel 3-35, P McIntyre 3-103); AUSTRALIA: Second innings: Taylor c Rathore b Kapoor 37; Slater c Azharuddin b Johnson 0; Ponting b Prasad 43; M Waugh c Mongia b Kumble 23

Result: India won by seven wickets. Man-of-the-match: Nayan Mongia.

Hingis-Huber showdown

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 13: Sixteen-year-old Swiss star Martina Hingis moved into the finals of the 450,000 dollar Porsche Grand Prix on Saturday, defeating Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport of the United States 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, reports agencies.

In Sunday's final, Hingis will face Germany's Anke Huber, who defeated Judith Wiesner of Austria 6-1, 6-1.

Fourth-seeded Davenport dominated the first set, but Hingis regained control in the next two sets and clinched the match in 92 minutes.

Hingis, No 10 in the world rankings, won her first international tournament this year, defeating Barbara Paulus of Austria in Prostějov, Czech Republic.

Hingis has shown her mettle on the circuit this year as one of tennis' rising stars, advancing to the finals in Hamburg and at the Italian Open, and to the semifinals of the US Open.

At Wimbledon this year, Hingis — who was born in Slovakia — teamed with Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic to win the doubles title. The win made Hingis — who was 15 at the time — Wimbledon's youngest ever champion.

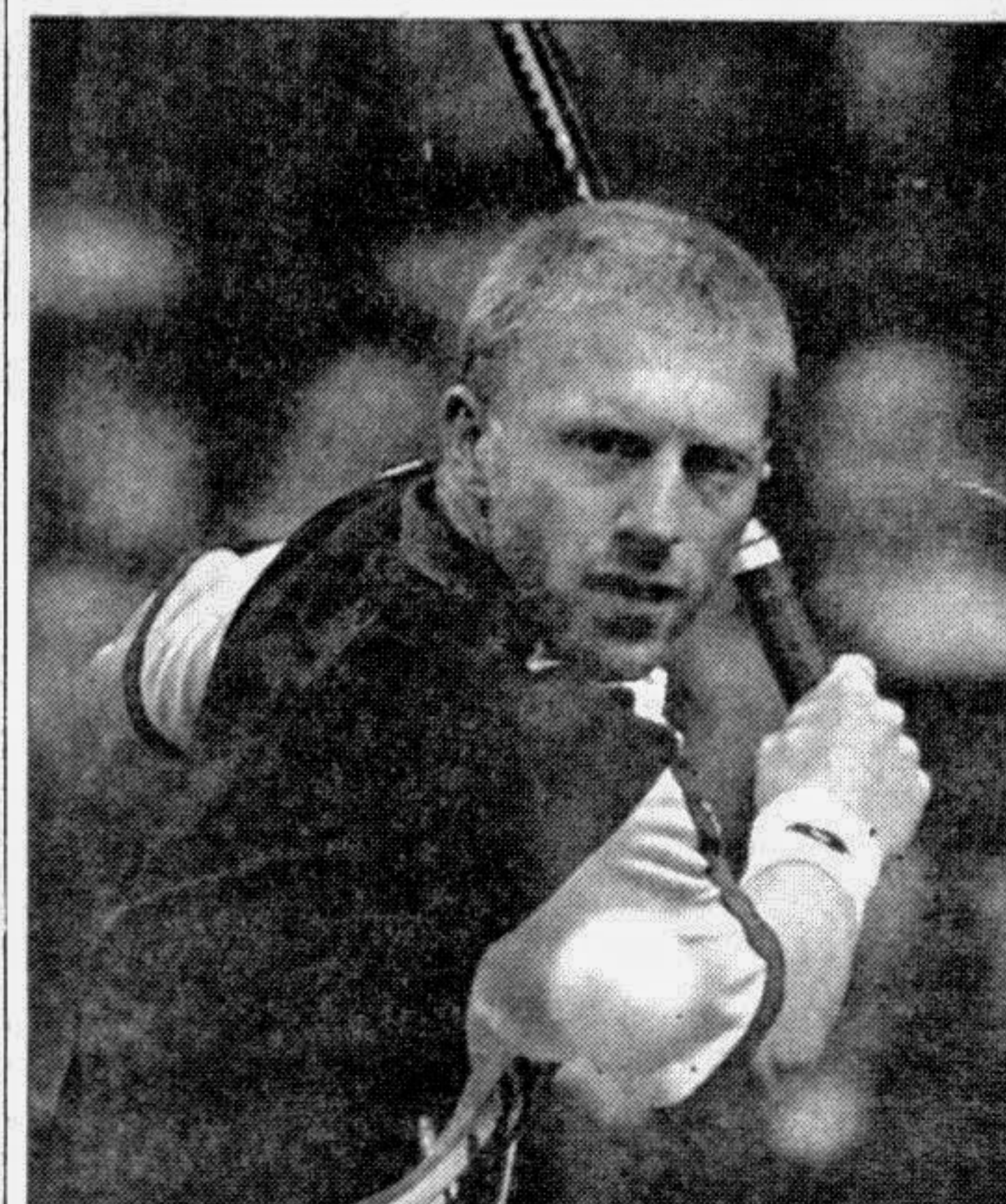
Hingis routed Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario on Friday to advance to the semifinals. Davenport eventually lost her nerve after the Hingis comeback. At 5-3 down, she netted a backhand to face match point and then hit the ball past the baseline in the next point to give Hingis the match.

"She played the game very quickly in the first set. I was under a lot of pressure and she attacked all the time," said eighth seed Hingis.

Becker, Siemerink in final

VIENNA, Oct 13: Boris Becker overcame another hurdle in pursuit of his first title since injuring his wrist at Wimbledon when he beat American Todd Martin 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the semifinals of the 800,000 dollar CA Trophy on Saturday, reports

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But the 28-year-old German kept his calm to reverse matters and profit from a backhand volley which went wide to break and clinch the second set 6-4.

Despite dropping his serve once in the deciding set, Becker broke his opponent three times, the last to complete victory after an hour and 32 minutes.

Siemerink, ranked 36th in the world, will contest his second final here after losing to Germany's Michael Stich in straight sets in 1991. He has made seven appearances in Vienna and reached the quarter finals five times.

"I have no idea why I always play so well here," he said. "When I make by schedule I always try to stick with tournaments where I know I always do

Kawashima keeps his belt

TOKYO, Oct 13: Hiroshi Kawashima of Japan stopped Domingo Sosa of the Dominican Republic in the second round on Saturday to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight title, reports Reuter.

Kawashima pinned Sosa to the ropes with a flurry of blows before referee Laurence Cole stepped in to stop the fight after two minutes 15 seconds of the second round.

It was the sixth title defence for Kawashima, 26, who extended his record to 20 victories, with 14 knockouts, against two losses and one draw.

The 33-year-old Sosa, ranked eighth in the WBC list, was making his third attempt at a world title. His record now stands at 28-3.

Juergen right on target

BONN, Oct 13: Germany captain Juergen Klinsmann silenced his critics with two goals as Bayern Munich won 4-2 at Cologne on Saturday to draw level with VfB Stuttgart at the top of the German First Division, reports Reuter.

Klinsmann managed to score for Germany in their easy 5-1 victory over Armenia in a World Cup qualifier in mid-week. But the 1990 and 1994 World Cup star needed to find his scoring touch in the Bundesliga to get the critics off his back.

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But the former Tottenham forward was listening to cheers again on Saturday. He was also involved in Bayern's second goal through a penalty when he was brought down in the area in the 56th minute. Midfielder Mehmet Scholl struck home from the spot.

Cologne replied with a goal from Ralf Hauptmann in the 59th minute and a penalty from Austrian forward Toni Polster in the 77th. But Bayern made sure of the vital three points with a 90th minute goal from Marcel Witekczek.

Stuttgart were 2-0 up at half-time against Rostock after goals from Germany's Euro '96 striker Fredi Bobic in the 25th minute and Bulgarian international midfielder Krasimir Balakov in the 38th.

But Rostock's Nigerian striker Jonathan Akpoborie struck back in the 74th before forward Steffen Baumgart hit a last-minute equaliser to snatch a point.

Reigning champions Borussia Dortmund won 2-0 at home to struggling Duisburg and moved up one place to fourth. But the Champions League contenders are still four points behind the leaders.

Vaas in need of sprint queen's help!

COLOMBO, Oct 13: Sri Lanka's pace bowler Chaminda Vaas who is having trouble with his run-up, is taking lessons



CHAMINDA VAAS from the country's sprint queen Susanthika Jayasinghe, officials said, reports AFP.

The training is supervised by outgoing coach of the Sri Lanka team, Dave Whatmore, officials said adding Jayasinghe was helping Vaas correct his style.

Jayasinghe, a double gold medalist at the Asian Games, was chosen because of her expertise in the 100m. Sri Lanka's team manager Dulip Mendis said: "We are hoping to get this done in a few days," Mendis said.

Whatmore, an Australian national, is leaving the team after the upcoming Sharjah tournament to join the Lancashire county as head coach on a year's contract.

He guided Sri Lanka to their sensational World Cup triumph in March and is to fill the position vacated by England coach David Lloyd. Whatmore had played seven Tests for Australia, the last in 1979.

Kumble's kiss of death

NEW DELHI, Oct 13: India's Anil Kumble on Sunday stamped himself as a worthy challenger to Shane Warne for the title "sultan of spin" with a mesmerising display of leg-break bowling to destroy Australia's top-rated batting lineup.

Kumble, who had the centre-stage to himself with Warne absent through injury, finished with match figures of nine wickets for 130 runs in India's crushing seven-wicket victory over Australia in their one-off Test in New Delhi.

Leg-spin bowling is enjoying a renaissance with four bowlers jostling for the master's title — Warne, Kumble and Pakistan's Mushtaq Ahmed.

"I am glad I have delivered the goods," Kumble 26 next Thursday, told Reuters after the match following a lacklustre English tour.

Kumble and Warne are both key weapons in their team's bowling Arsenal but the similarities appear to end there.

The tall, bespectacled Bangalorean stands in stark contrast to the chubby, well-built Victorian.

He flights and turns the ball sparingly, while his googlies and flippers are not as visible as those of the Australian.

Warne, a far more vicious turner of the ball, would probably have been at his deadliest on the dry, cracking pitch at the Feroze Shah Kotla ground.

Kumble does not seem to relish the comparison. "It is difficult for him to bowl like me and difficult for me to bowl like him," he said last year. "Comparisons just creep in but I feel we are different."

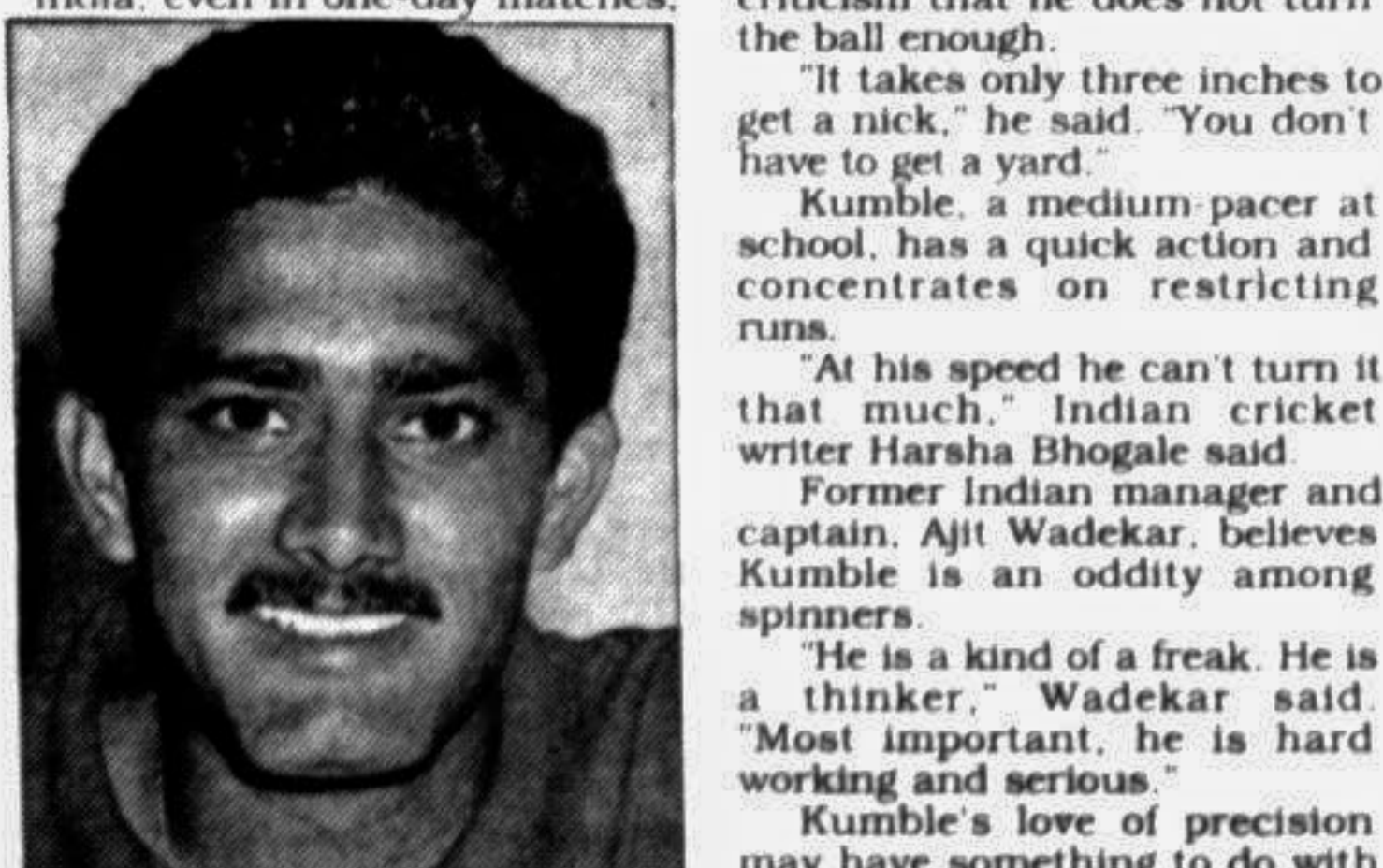
Kumble's nine-wicket haul in New Delhi in his 27th Test took his tally of Test wickets to 123 at a cost of 3,126 runs, for an average of 25.414.

On Sunday he completed his seventh five-wicket haul in a Test innings with five for 67 in Australia's second innings.

The wrist-spinner returned best figures of seven for 59 in one innings and 11 for 128 in the match against Sri Lanka in Bangalore in the 2nd Test in August.

Police and hospital authorities were now investigating the cause of his death.

Lucknow in 1994. In this year's World Cup held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, Kumble was a leading wicket-taker with 15 victims. Kumble has been an asset to India, even in one-day matches.



ANIL KUMBLE where spinners are sometimes seen as easy targets. "In one-day games, all you have to do is be accurate," Kumble said. "You have to bowl according to the situation. In the last couple of years I have bowled in the slog overs."

Kumble took his 100th one-day international wicket in the World Cup semifinal at Bangalore, where he also took his 100th Test wicket against New Zealand last year.

Kumble is not worried by criticism that he does not turn the ball enough. "It takes only three inches to get a nick," he said. "You don't have to get a yard."

Kumble, a medium pacer at school, has a quick action and concentrates on restricting runs.

"At his speed he can't turn it that much," Indian cricket writer Harsha Bhogale said. Former Indian manager and captain, Ajit Wadekar, believes Kumble is an oddity among spinners.

"He is a kind of a freak. He is a thinker," Wadekar said. "Most important, he is hard working and serious."

Kumble's love of precision may have something to do with his training as a mechanical engineer. He is also extremely health conscious and when he played county cricket in England last year he took along his parents to help with his vegetarian diet.

Caen baffle Marseille

PARIS, Oct 13: Angry Bastia fans hurled missiles on to the pitch after an unpunished tackle by Monaco's Emmanuel Petit left Slovacian striker Lubomir Morvick with a fractured ankle in a 0-0 draw in the French First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

And fans in Marseille, angry at their team's shock 1-0 home defeat by a Caen side that had not won before this season, hurled stones at police and had to be dispersed by tear gas. Several policemen were slightly hurt.

The Bastia fans at the Furi Stadium, scene of riots that left 15 people dead during an ill-fated French Cup match against Marseille five years ago, reacted when Petit also went in hard on Moravick's substitute in the second half.

Play was held up for several minutes and a missile struck the referee on the head. But when the fans had calmed down the match resumed.

Outside of Marseille's Velodrome Ground, scene of euphoria in the glory days of the former European champions, several players needed police protection from angry fans as they left after the match.

A police officer said: "These incidents, rare in Marseille, were caused but only a few dozen people and were only due to their disappointment at seeing OM (Olympique Marseille) beaten on their own ground."

The draw at Bastia left both sides joint third as champions Auxerre climbed above them with a 1-0 home win over Lens. Midfielder Antoine Siberski, likely also to stand in for injured Captain Sabri Lamouchi in the crucial European Cup Champions League clash with Grasshopper Zurich on Wednesday, converted a penalty in the 76th minute.

Brazilian midfielder Leonardo scored his seventh goal of the season as Paris Saint-Germain won 1-0 at Metz to go seven points clear at the top.

Leonardo struck in the 32nd minute following a rebound from a shot by fellow Brazilian Rai.

Bottom club Nancy, like penultimate Caen, also won for the first time — and away, too. They beat Jean Pierre Papi's Bordeaux with an early goal by Northern Ireland forward Phil Gray.

Bordeaux, beaten at home for the second time in a row, had forward Kaba Diawara sent off in the dying minutes for dissent after the referee declined to give Papi what looked like a valid penalty.

Defender Teddy Bertin converted two penalties in Le Havre's 4-1 home win over Lyon, who played the better football but were guilty of poor finishing.

Three other players were sent off, taking the season's total to 28 in 12 rounds of matches.

Guingamp's French international defender Vicent Cadella, capped for the first time in midweek, was shown the red card near the end of his team's 2-1 loss at in-form Strasbourg, who climbed six places to fifth.

Striker David Zitelli's third-minute opening goal for Strasbourg was his third in two games and took him to the top of the scorers' list with nine.