

WC qualifier Mexico maul St Vincent

MEXICO CITY, Oct 31: Mexico beat St Vincent 5-1 in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday but were still jeered off the pitch by a crowd who expected them to equal or beat an 11-goal tally against the same opposition four years ago, reports Reuter.

For the last 30 minutes, the 40,000 fans at the Aztec Stadium began backing St Vincent, chanting "ole" almost every time the amateurs from the Caribbean passed the ball.

Fans also demanded the resignation of Mexico coach Bora Milutinovic, criticised for experimenting with young players in vital qualifying games.

Midfielder Benjamin Galindo, at one stage left out of the team by Milutinovic, opened the scoring with a 20th-minute free kick and converted a penalty eight minutes later.

Second half goals by Brazilian-born striker Zague, Carlos Hermosillo and St Vincent's Dexter Walker, who deflected Ricardo Pelaez's shot into his own net, put Mexico 5-0 ahead and on top of semifinal Group Three in the Concacaf qualifiers.

But St Vincent, trounced 11-0 in a qualifier in the same stadium for years ago, had the last say when Kendall Velox scored with a shot from outside the penalty area two minutes from the end.

Tommy finds his foe

LOS ANGELES, Oct 31: A new opponent was quickly found for HIV-infected heavyweight Tommy Morrison, and it appears he'll be a much more difficult foe than the one Morrison was supposed to meet in Tokyo this weekend, reports AP.

Anthony Cooks, originally scheduled to fight Morrison, was wanted by law enforcement authorities in Oklahoma and promoter Ron Weathers said Wednesday, was on his way back to that state.

Rain forecast for Friday

Taylor offers olive branch



GUWAHATI, India, Oct 31: Australian captain Mark Taylor today attempted to diffuse the New Delhi pollution controversy prior to their match against India in the three-tier triangular tourney tomorrow, reports AFP.

Taylor overrode comments from the team manager Cam Battersby that Australia would not play in New Delhi again because of pollution in the Indian capital.

Wells gets the sack

LONDON, Oct 31: Alan Wells said today he was considering walking out on Sussex as the ultimate protest at the way the county has sacked him as captain, reports AFP.

Wells, in his benefit year at Sussex, had only been back at home half-an-hour after a holiday in Barbados when he was informed of the club's decision to replace him with Peter Moores.

"The way Sussex have handled the whole affair form start to finish has left me with a very bitter taste in my mouth. They have treated me with a lack of respect," said the 35-year-old batsman, skipper for five years.

Wells, who has been with Sussex since he was 17, was informed of his sacking by vice-chairman Alan Wade.

Wells, who made his Sussex debut in 1981 and struck 1,000 runs in a season on 10 occasions, says he does not know whether he will see out the remaining two years of his contract with the club.

"No, I don't think the players have been affected by the pollution," Taylor said in this northeastern city, the venue of Friday's clash against South Africa.

The statement about the pollution came from the manager who is a member of the Australian Cricket Board.

The Australian newspaper said Taylor was however, not happy at the prospect of another rain-affected game.

"It's been a week since we last played a match and the boys are rearing to put bat to ball," he said. "This would have been a good outing ahead of the important game against India."

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Heavy rain over the past week drenched the outfield at the Nehru Stadium here, raising fears of a wash-out on Friday.

The forecast of more rain will come as a boon for Taylor's beleaguered team, whose solitary point in the competition came from their abandoned fixture against India at Cuttack on Sunday.

If Friday's match is also washed out, the Australians will be only a point behind hosts India, whom they play in the decisive league encounter at Mohali on Sunday.

That day-night game will be a straight contest for a place in the November 6 final at Bombay against unbeaten South Africa irrespective of which team has the better run rate.

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South Korea Asian U-19 soccer champs

SEOUL, Oct 31: Hosts South Korea beat their Chinese counterparts 3-0 to win the title of the Asian Youth Soccer Championship (under-19) today, reports Xinhua.

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Man United men upended



PARIS, Oct 31: Manchester United lost their first match in European competition at Old Trafford for forty years when they were beaten 1-0 by Turkish side Fenerbahce in the Champions League on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Just 12 minutes remained on the clock when Fenerbahce's Bosnian striker Elvin Bolic struck to shatter United's proud record of 41 wins and 15 draws.

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front just before the break. Then Roberto Baggio, brought on as a second-half substitute, guaranteed a crucial victory by slotting home the fourth in the 90th minute to ease the pressure on coach Oscar Tabarez.

But the happiest team of the night was Porto, who thumped Rosenborg 3-0 with goals from Zahovic, Drolovic and Artur.

Porto have won all four of their matches to date and can no longer be caught. Milan should progress as, despite losing two matches so far, they have a three-point advantage over Gothenburg and Rosenborg.

In Group A, four-times European champions Ajax condemned Rangers to yet another miserable night as the Dutch won by the only goal in Glasgow, scored by Arnold Scholten after 38 minutes.

Rangers, Scottish champions for the past eight seasons, have not won a single Champions League match since 1993.

But with so many of their players ruled out through injury or suspension, the match was closer than many in the 42,265 crowd had expected.

And, but for a bad second-half miss by four-million-pound German star Jorg Albertz, Walter Smith's patchwork side might have earned the draw their efforts deserved.

Smith's selection options had been cut to the bone with skipper Richard Gough, Paul Gascoigne, Craig Moore and Alex Cleland suspended and several others, including goal-keeper Andy Goram, out injured.

But Grasshoppers Zurich head the group on goal difference as the collected their third impressive win by seeing off French outfit Auxerre 3-1 in Switzerland. Romanian striker Viorel Moldovan scored twice — once from the spot — in the opening half-hour and Mats Gren hit a third after putting through his own net.

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Jansher's mind on eleventh

LONDON, Oct 31: Pakistani world number one Jansher Khan said on Wednesday he hoped to set a record of winning 11 World Open titles — before retiring by the year 2000, reports Reuter.

That leaves him a target of four more.

But Jansher said he would not mind if he were unable to beat Jahangir Khan's record of 11 British Opens because the record-holder was also a Pakistani.

He was speaking before flying to Cairo for the Heliopolis Open starting on Thursday.

Jansher, who has won the British Championship five times, said he would also play in the German Masters, which begins on November 7, before defending his World Open title in front of a home crowd in Karachi from November 17 to 22.

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Fatal fervour!

ISTANBUL, Oct 31: Turkish soccer fans shot and injured three people, including a 10-month old baby, while celebrating Fenerbahce's historic win over Manchester United on Wednesday night, reports Reuter.

A 25-year-old man firing randomly out of his window in jubilation shot a woman in the stomach and her 10-month baby in the feet, the state-run Anatolian news agency said.

The mother and son, who were sitting on their balcony at the time, were rushed to hospital.

In a separate incident, an 18-year-old youth was shot in the neck by a stray bullet while peering over his balcony to watch ecstatic Fenerbahce fans celebrating in the streets.

Fenerbahce beat Manchester United 1-0 on the English team's home turf — the first home loss for United in 40 years of European competition.

Sacchi's short survival

ROME, Oct 31: Italy's embattled national coach Arrigo Sacchi is set to keep his job for at least the next six weeks, reports AFP.

Sacchi, unpopular since Italy's first round exit from the European Championships and two uninspiring wins in World Cup qualifiers, will have his fate decided by the new head of the Italian Football Federation.

The new chief, Wely expected to be Luciano Nizzola — currently head of the league for Serie A and B clubs, will be elected mid-December.

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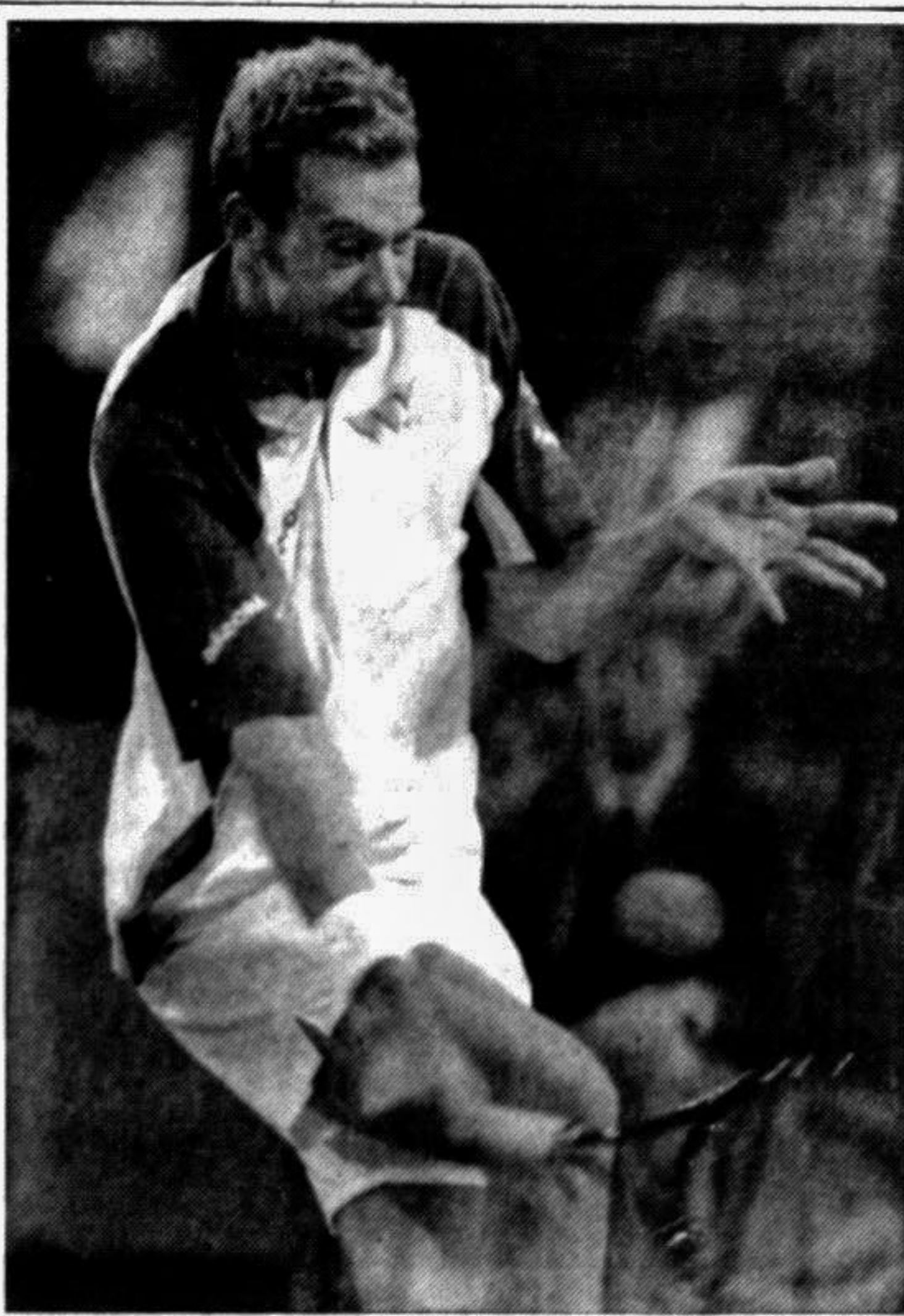
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Marc Rosset of Switzerland plays a backhand against American Pete Sampras in a second round match of the Paris Indoor Open on Oct 30. Rosset won 6-4, 6-4.

Pete follows fellows' lead



PARIS, Oct 31: Former champion Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic led a continuing mass exodus of favourites from the 2.5 million dollars Paris Indoor Open here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

World number one Sampras, a winner twelve months ago, went down tanelly in straight-sets to Switzerland's man mountain Marc Rosset in just 75 minutes.

The 6ft-7in (2.01m) Rosset, who was a finalist to Andre Agassi here in 1994, thumped down a score of aces to overwhelm the American who was clearly having an off-day.

The Swiss player now faces Spain's 16th seed Felix Mantilla for a place in the quarterfinals.

Earlier Boris Becker, who triumphed in Stuttgart last weekend, was upset by the undisciplined and noisy crowd and crashed 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 to 20-year-old Spaniard Carlos Moya.

The angry sixth-seeded

Gervase protested about the behaviour of the spectators and described the atmosphere inside the grass-walled Bercy Stadium as a "madhouse".

He was also upset by the inadequate changing-rooms and a giant television screen on the outside which distracted him.

Moya who beat Britain's Tim Henman in the opening round, now faces either 12th-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden or Richey Reneberg of the United States.

Goran Ivanisevic, who won here in 1993, suffered a recurring nightmare when he crashed at the first hurdle for the second year running — and to the same player — Paul Haarhuis.

The fifth-seeded Croatian, who has already qualified for the ATP Championship finals in Hannover, hardly put up a fight and his Dutch opponent raced to a 6-3, 6-2 win.

Haarhuis, who chalked up his victory in just 54 minutes, now takes on eleventh-seeded Todd Martin of the United States.

Organisers and sponsors, already reeling from the loss of so

many of the tournament's top names, were rocked still further when third-seed Thomas Muster, complaining of a recurring hip injury, was also forced to quit.

Muster, who also had to pull out of his opening match at Stuttgart last week, decided to scratch after dropping the first 26-minute set to Stefan Edberg.

"This injury has been with me since Hong Kong in April and it's not getting any better — that's for sure," said Muster.

Edberg, 30, has announced that he will retire after Sweden's Davis Cup final against France next month.

He now plays Dutch qualifier Fern Wibier for a place in the last eight and must fancy his chances of repeating his 1990 success in the event.

Three other seeds — Andre Agassi, Jim Courier and Wimbledon champion Krajcek had already bowed out of the tourney.

In other match, Wimbledon runner-up and 13th seed Maliva Washington of the United States beat Czech player Martin Danm 6-4, 6-2.

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