

Reeve lets Mike & Ray have it

LONDON, Nov 10: The former Warwickshire and England all-rounder Dermot Reeve launched a blistering verbal assault on England captain Michael Atherton on Saturday, reports AFP.

Somerset's new coach Reeve rubbished Atherton's captaincy during the World Cup saying he "lacked drive, purpose and flair."

He added: "Add to that his passive body language and you're struggling when the team is up against it."

Reeve, the most successful county captain of the 1990s, was equally critical of the then-chairman of selectors, Ray Illingworth.

He said: "I don't dislike Ray Illingworth as a person but, when I played for England in South Africa and the World Cup last winter, I was surprised and disappointed by his approach to management."

"I believe in getting the best out of players by encouraging them rather than attempting to motivate by intimidation as I did."

Reeve, writing in his autobiography 'Dermot Reeve's Winning Ways' which is due to be serialised in the Daily Mail next week said he was never given the chance to discuss tactics during the meetings.

"Atherton, who should have taken the lead, seemed to want to get the meetings over as quickly as possible. So the team went out badly prepared," he continued.

Reeve's criticism of big-name cricket figures included West Indian Brian Lara who joined him at Warwickshire in 1995 after his record-breaking exploits against England the previous winter.

But the two failed to hit it off and Reeve admitted: "From the start, the chemistry wasn't right between us. It soon got back to me that he was making sniping comments about me on the field."

Enqvist-Martin showdown

STOCKHOLM, Nov 10: Sweden's Thomas Enqvist moved to within one match of clinching successive titles when he battled to a three-set victory over compatriot Thomas Johansson at the Stockholm Open on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Enqvist, who has finished the season on a high note after clinching the Paris Open last week and this week's unbeaten run, conceded his first set in the tournament in beating Johansson 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The 22-year-old Swede, the third seed, will meet American Todd Martin with the winner also booking the reserve place for the ATP World Championship later this month.

Martin enjoyed an easier day's work, advancing when his opponent, Swedish wild card Magnus Norman, was forced to retire due to an ankle injury.

The second-seeded American was leading 6-3, 3-0 at the time.

The two finalists are battling for a reserve place at the year-ending championships, reserved for the world's top eight players, starting in Hanover on November 19.

ATP spokesman Benito Perez Barbadillo said the winner of today's match would play in Hanover should any of the eight players selected withdraw from the championship.

Aussie XI squad named

PERTH, Australia, Nov 10: Michael Bevan, Stuart Law, Matthew Hayden and Greg Blewett, rivals for places in the Australian Test cricket team, were Sunday named in an Australian XI to face the West Indies in a three-day match in Hobart starting on Friday, reports AP.

The quartet is in contention for two vacancies in the Australian team to face the tourists in the first Test, which starts in Brisbane on Nov 22.

Law will captain the team, which also includes young New South Wales pacesman Anthony Stuart, who has made a bright start to the season.

West Australian Brad Hogg is the only spinner named, while wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist gets another opportunity to press his Test claims.

The Australian XI: Stuart Law (captain), Michael Bevan, Andrew Bichel, Greg Blewett, Matthew Elliott, Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Darren Lehmann, Anthony Stuart.

Wright keeps WBO crown

MANCHESTER, England, Nov 10: Ronald Wright won a unanimous decision over England's Enslay Bingham Saturday, allowing the American to keep his WBO light-middweight title in his first defence, reports AP.

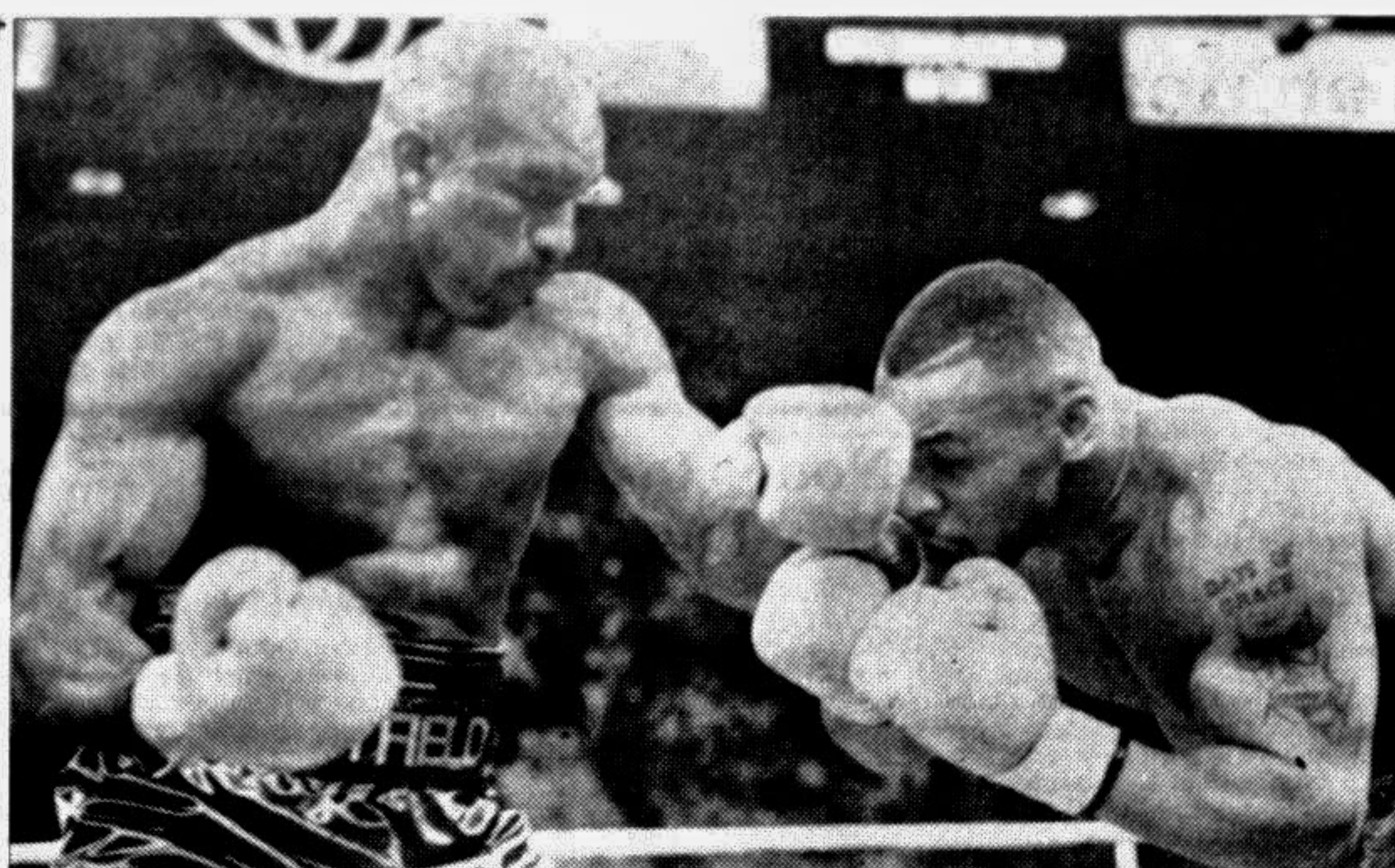
The American, 24, was far more polished and a much better boxer and puncher than the largely unknown Bingham, 33, who was in his first title fight.

Wright, a southpaw, kept the Englishman away all night with his left-hand jabs and had him on the ropes in the 11th and near a knockout.

The three judges scored the fight 120-109, 119-109 and 119-110.

The victory improved Wright's record of 36-1 as Bingham — with no prior international experience — fell to 16-7. Wright's only loss came to Julio Cesar Vasquez in a WBA light-middweight title fight just over two years ago.

Wright won his WBO crown with a decision six months ago over fellow American Bronco McKart.



Evander Holyfield (L) delivers a left against Mike Tyson during their WBA title bout in Las Vegas on Nov 9. — AFP/UNB photo

Holyfield humbles Tyson

LAS VEGAS, Nov 10: In one of the biggest upsets in boxing history, Evander Holyfield pummeled Mike Tyson with nine heavy punches in the 11th round to win the World Boxing Association's heavyweight title on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Tyson, who was rated an 18-1 favourite earlier in the week, was sent reeling into the ropes by Holyfield's onslaught that ended with a huge overhand right hand, and referee Mitch Helsen jumped in to stop the fight.

"The man was out," Halpern said. "He couldn't make adjustments, and I didn't want him to get hurt."

Holyfield, who had dedicated the fight to God, became only the second man to win the heavyweight championship three times, after Muhammad Ali.

From the beginning of the fight, Holyfield, who was thought by many people to be a washed up fighter, stood toe-to-

toe with Tyson and constantly beat him to the punch, especially with many right hand leads that stopped Tyson as he was coming in.

"I was washed up with everybody but I wasn't washed up with God," Holyfield said.

Early in the sixth round, a cut opened under Tyson's left eye, and Halpern interrupted the bout to call the doctor over to examine it and he quickly said Tyson could continue.

But shortly afterward, still early in the round, Holyfield caught Tyson with a short left to the head sending him on the seat of his trunk.

Tyson got up quickly and the two traded punches. But Holyfield landed a solid left-right-left-right combination just before the bell, sending Tyson into the ropes.

At the end of the round the sellout crowd of 16,325 stomped their feet and chanted, "Holyfield, Holyfield."

Both fighters were warned for holding, and Tyson complained of a head-butt in the seventh round. But it was Tyson who seemed to run into Holyfield's head.

Holyfield rocked Tyson again in the 10th round and Tyson struggled to stay on his feet as the bell sounded.

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South Africa 243 all out

COCHIN, India, Nov 10: Karnataka off-spinner Rangarao Ananth took four wickets for 72 to bundle out South Africa for 243 on the opening day of their three-day match on Sunday, reports Reuter.

But the South African bowlers struck back in the last session of play to reduce Ranji Trophy champions Karnataka to 87 for four at the close.

South African batsmen, electing to bat first after skipper Hansie Cronje won the toss, failed to master the Karnataka attack and none of them managed to reach the half-century mark in the face of some tight bowling by Ananth.

Cronje and Jonty Rhodes were top scorers with 46 apiece and were dismissed by Ananth when they had looked set to make big scores.

Cronje struck four boundaries in his 69-ball knock, while Rhodes hit seven fours in 56 balls.

Medium-pace David Johnson claimed three wickets for 76 runs and left-arm spinner Anand Katti bagged two for 43.

Derek Crookes hit a brisk 45 off 39 balls before becoming the first of Katti's victims.

Karnataka batsmen fumbled against speedsters Allan Donald and Lance Klusener. Only Faisal Khaleel showed some resistance with 32 before Test batsman Rahul Dravid and Parvathie Shashikanth steadied the innings.

Mixed delight for Kashima

TOKYO, Nov 10: Kashima Antlers clinched their first Japanese professional soccer J League annual title on Saturday despite suffering their worst defeat of the year with a 5-0 away season-ending loss to Verdy Kawasaki, reports Reuter.

The Antlers, who ended the 30-match season with an unassailable 66 points, knew before the match that the title was theirs.

"It's a great title for us. We were able to maintain concentration throughout a long season and I don't want to count today's loss," said Kashima's Brazilian coach Zico, who reported at the final whistle and gave warm hugs to his happy troops despite the defeat.

Kashima ended three points above Nagoya Grampus Eight and Yokohama Flügels while Jubilo Iwata finished fourth followed by Kashima Reysol, Urawa Red Diamonds and Kawasaki.

Yokohama, which all but nullified its title hopes after losing to Iwata on Wednesday, crashed to a 3-0 loss at Urawa.

Gazza gets a good return

GLASGOW, Nov 10: Rangers and England star Paul Gascoigne is unlikely to be charged after allegations he battered his wife in a drunken frenzy at a top Scottish hotel, police confirmed on Saturday, reports AFP.

While the midfielder star was being praised for his performance in England's 2-0 win over Georgia in the World Cup qualifying match in Athens, it emerged that police were unlikely to launch a formal investigation.

Police in Hertfordshire, where Gascoigne's wife Sheryl is staying, had spoken to her but as no complaint had been made, or was likely to be made, no more action would be taken.

"Sheryl Gascoigne has been seen by Hertfordshire police, and she wishes to make no complaint or statement. No complaint has been made," the spokesman police said.

Hertfordshire police said that they had not visited Sheryl's home in the village of Standstead Abbots, nor were likely to, but had heard through her solicitors that she had "no issues that she wished to discuss with police."

A storm of protest erupted earlier this week when England coach Glenn Hoddle decided to include 29-year-old Gascoigne in his squad for the Georgia game.

Women's groups said Gascoigne should have been dropped and publicly condemned over the alleged incident.

Gascoigne himself told a news conference that he accepted that he had done wrong and that he was having counselling sessions to help him deal with "a rage inside."

Germany owe Moeller one

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The champions took the lead for the second time in the match from a highly controversial penalty.

Camirero and Ensaider bustled into the Barcelona penalty area with the ball. Camirero tried to pull the ball back into his right foot to shoot and French international defender Laurent Blanc ran into him.

Although it was difficult to see what Blanc could have done to avoid the clash, the referee pointed to the spot and Ensaider slammed the ball home to make the score 3-2, threatening Barcelona's 11-match unbeaten run.

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Barca, Atletico split points

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Tender Invitation Notice (2nd Call)

- Tender Notice No : 28/NRD, year 1996-97.
- Name of work : Work of widening Panchdona-Palash-Charsindur road at different kilometres through construction of flexible pavement during 1996-97 financial year. Divided in 4 (four) groups.
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : Amount as per group list should be deposited through Bank Draft/Pay Order/Pratiksha Sanchayapatra/Bonus Sanchayapatra etc from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi Road Division.
- Time limit for completion of work : As per group list.
- Eligibility of contractors : As per group list.
- Offices where tender will be sold : Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Narsingdi/Dhaka/Gazipur/Manikganj/Munshiganj Road Division/Planning & Designing Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/ Planning (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&D), Shibpur/Narsingdi Road Sub-Division.
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- Last date of selling tender : 17-11-96 up to office hours.
- Date of receiving tender : 18-11-96 up to 12:30 PM.
- Date of opening tender : 20-11-96 at the office of the Executive Engineer, Narsingdi Road Division at 12:45 PM.
- Date of holding lottery : 23-11-96 at the office of the Executive Engineer, Narsingdi Road Division at 12:00 Noon.

Group List of Work

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