

## Corretja battles his way thru'

PALERMO, Sicily, Oct 1: Top seed Alex Corretja struggled past local wild card Marzio Martelli in three sets Tuesday to reach the second round of the Sicilian Open, reports AP.

Corretja, No 9 in the ATP rankings, needed 2 hours, 35 minutes to defeat Martelli 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the 328,000 dollars clay court tournament. Martelli is ranked 128th.

A winner of three clay events this season, Corretja looked headed for a quick first-round win Tuesday, serving for the opening set at 5-3. But the Spaniard lost four straight games to drop the set.

His groundstrokes regained their customary precision thereafter, though, and Martelli was outmatched.

The tournament lost its first seed when Spanish veteran Javier Sanchez beat No 4 Hicham Arazi of Morocco 7-5, 6-3.

Defending champion Karim Alami, seeded seventh this year, moved into the second round when opponent Andrea Gaudenzi quit in the second set with an eye injury.

With Morocco's Alami serving in the first set, ahead 4-3, Gaudenzi mis-hit a return, and the ball hit him in the face. The Italian continued to play, but retired after losing four straight games to trail, 3-6, 0-2.

Martelli and Gaudenzi were among five Italians who lost Tuesday. Vincent Spadea of the United States overcame Massimo Valeri 2-6, 6-4, 6-0. No 8 seed Francisco Clavet of Spain beat Davide Sanguineti 6-3, 6-1, and Dini Pescaru of Romania beat Davide Scala 7-5, 6-3.

No 5 seed Marcello Filippi of Uruguay, Argentina's Hernan Gumi and Australia's Richard Fromberg also advanced.

## Mitch's mother testifies

NEW YORK, Oct 1: Mitch Green's mother wept Tuesday as she testified that her son felt cheated after a 1986 prize fight he lost to Mike Tyson and looked "grotesque" after Tyson gave him another beating on a Harlem street, reports AP.

Charlene Green, a city Finance Department secretary for the past 29 years, said she was at work on August 23, 1988, when a friend told her that her son and Tyson had fought early that morning.

She said she raced to her home in Jamaica, Queens, and found several television trucks parked in front. She eventually found her son.

"I saw his face," Charlene Green said. "It was horrid. He had a cut right here (putting her finger between her eyes). His eye was swollen. His face was grotesque. Oh, my goodness, looked bad."

That beating, in front of a Harlem leather goods store on 125th Street at 4 am, is the subject of Green's 25 million dollars suit against Tyson in Manhattan's State Supreme Court.

Tyson broke Green's nose, cut up his face and knocked him cold, Green's lawyer, Alan Rich, told the jury Monday in opening statements. Rich said Tyson hit Green's face so hard that he broke his own hand.

In a videotaped deposition played by Green's lawyers, Dr Roger Rose said that last month he examined Green, the hospital reports from the night of the street fight, and two X-rays, as well as newspapers clippings.

Rose said Green "did not have what we could call serious injury." He said the boxer had a nose fracture and a cut between his eyes, but he had no blood in his sinuses, as he would have had with serious facial injuries.

Tyson's lawyer, Robert Hirth, said Green started the fight. He said Tyson simply fought back when, after he tried to walk away, Green grabbed him, ripped his shirt and tried to hit him.

Rich said Green approached Tyson because he wanted a rematch of the fight he lost to Tyson on May 20, 1986. Green blames promoter Don King for that loss, but King is not a defendant, so Rich is trying to tie Tyson to King.

Charlene Green testified that her son had become dispirited because he learned that he was getting 30,000 dollars for the 1986 fight while Tyson was 450,000 dollars from Home Box Office and another 200,000 dollars from the gate.



The jubilant players and officials of the Mukti Joddha Sangsad Krira Chakra. — Star photo

## S Africa 305 for seven



KARACHI, Oct 1:

South Africans Shaun Pollock and Jacques Kallis ensured a respectable total of 305 for seven declared on the first day of the three-day tour opener against a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Combined XI today, reports Reuter.

Pollock and Kallis put the tourists back on track with 92 runs for the seventh wicket.

Rizvi, who toured England with a junior team this year, finished with five for 89 while paceman Abdul Razzaq captured the wickets of Adam Bacher and Brian McMillan in the opening session to finish with two for 77.

At the close, the home team had reached 46 without loss with Ali Naqvi on 32 after surviving two close lbw shots against Pollock and Kallis.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Combined XI and South Africa on Wednesday:

#### SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

Bacher lbw Abdul Razzaq	8
Kirsten c Ramzan b Ali Hussain	27
McMillan c Qadeer b Abdul Razzaq	6
Cullinan c Ramzan b Ali Hussain	45
Cronje b Ali Hussain	35
Rhodes b Ali Hussain	34
Kallis c Qadeer b Ali Hussain	52
Pollock not out	74
Richardson not out	1
Extras (lb-4, nb-17, w-2)	23
Total: (for seven wkt declared)	305
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-35, 3-38, 4-49, 5-159, 6-187, 7-279.	
Did not bat: P Symcox, P	

POLLOCK ... 74 n.o.

Adams  
Bowling: O M R W  
Razzaq 13 1 77 2  
Akhtar 11.2 0 38 0  
Shafiq 2.5 0 15 0  
Malik 21 5 82 0  
Ali Hussain 29 5 89 5

PCB COMBINED XI: First innings

Ramzan not out	8
Naqvi not out	32
Extras: (nb-4, w-2)	6
Total: (for no wicket)	46

To bat: Aamir Sohail, Ijaz Ahmad, Rana Qayumul Hasan, Azhar Shafiq, Javed Qadeer, Abdul Razzaq, Shoaib Malik, Ali Hussain Rizvi, Shoaib Akhtar.

Bowling: (to date) O M R W

Pollock	0	1	19
Kallis	5	3	13
Adams	2	1	5
Symcox	1	0	9

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