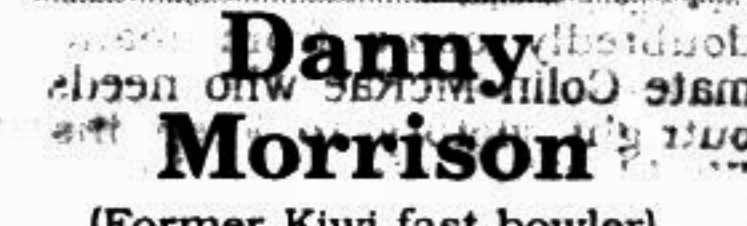


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Danny Morrison (Former Kiwi fast bowler) 'Rixon (current coach) said he thought I was an T person, and put my needs ahead of those of the team ...'

Ba baffles S Africa

LENS, France, Oct 12: Ibrahim Ba scored five minutes after coming on as a substitute to give World Cup hosts France a face-saving 2-1 home win over South Africa in a friendly on Saturday, reports Reuter.

South Africa, who will return to France next summer to make their first ever appearance in a World Cup, took the lead through striker Shaun Bartlett five minutes before the final whistle. It was his seventh international goal.

Auxere striker Stephane Guiverch marked his international debut with France's equaliser, a low, curling shot that went in at the base of the far post in the 53rd minute following a probing ball from substitute playmaker Zinedine Zidane.

Guiverch could have put the French ahead after only 12 minutes but his low shot from a fine through ball by Djorkaeff, the Inter Milan player's best of the match, hit Arendse's near post.

Hamed too hot to handle

SHEFFIELD, England, Oct 12: Naseem Hamed pounded out a seventh-round stoppage victory over Jose Badillo Saturday to hold on to his WBO featherweight title for the eighth time, reports AP.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league opener between holders Mohammedan Sporting Club and promotees Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at the flood-lit Mirpur Stadium. Mohammedans blanked the old-town outfit 3-0. — Star photo

Mohammedans off the mark

Mohammedan Sporting Club got off to a solid start in defence of their Premier Division football league title when they blanked promotees Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society 3-0 at the flood-lit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Midfielder Arman shot the black and whites into the lead in the 40th minute before their striker duo Don and Alfaz sealed the fate of the match sharing two more goals in the second session.

But the popular Motijheel outfit had had some anxious moments as a heavy shower followed by power-cut threatened a wash-out when referee R Alam called off the match 27 minutes into the second half with Mohammedans leading 2-0.

But lady luck finally smiled upon the anxious Mohammedan supporters as the unexpected intruder called it quits after a twenty-minute thunderstorm showoff.

Rahmatganj meanwhile got in the middle quite reluctantly and made an obvious protest to the man in uniform terming the soggy outfield totally unfit for the game. But their plea fell in the deaf ears as an adamant R Alam decided to resume the proceedings.

On an eventful day, which marked the opening of the winter season, Premier Division football...

Hosts dominate Day One

JAKARTA, Oct 12: Indonesia's women weightlifters got off to a golden start Sunday at the Southeast Asia Games, breaking world junior and Games records for their divisions, reports AP.

Sri Indriyani set three Games and world junior marks in the 46-kilogram class. The 19-year-old snatched 77.5 kilograms, beating the old world junior mark of 75 kilograms; lifted 98 kilograms in the clean and jerk (old record, 95 kilograms); and hefted a total of 175 kilograms (170 was the previous record).

All of the old records were set by Indriyani in 1996. Teammate Winarni, meanwhile, set three SEA Games marks to take the gold in the 50-kilogram class.

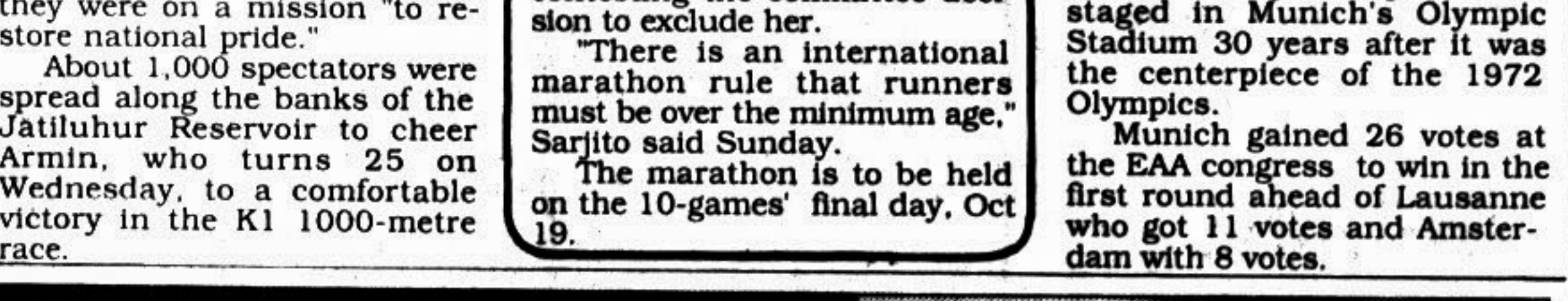
Her snatch of 85 kilograms demolished the old record of 77.5 kilograms, and she also raised the clean and jerk mark from 102.5 kilograms to 105 kilograms and the total lifted from 180 to 190 kilograms.

Kayaker Armin of the host country took the honour of the first gold medal as the nation's athletes started their revenge mission with a rush.

Indonesia, relegated to second behind Thailand at the previous games two years ago in Chiang Mai, won their first seven golds on offer, all six on the canoeing and kayaking programme, and the women's cycling race.

The National Sports Council devoted millions of dollars to this campaign and chairman Wisnomo Arismunandar told athletes before the start that they were on a mission "to restore national pride."

About 1,000 spectators were spread along the banks of the Jatuhur Reservoir to cheer Armin, who turns 25 on Wednesday, to a comfortable victory in the K1 1000-metre race.



BLINDNESS NO BAR ... Two blind chess players engage in a war of wits during the opening day of the four-day outdoor-handicapped chess tournament, which got underway the Shishu Kalyan auditorium yesterday. The tournament was organised by Inter Life Bangladesh to mark the occasion of World White Cane Security Day for the ocular-handicapped person. — Star photo

portedly yet to have received the international transfer clearance. WANDERERS, E END SPLIT POINTS Meanwhile, in the inaugural match of the day, a First Division affair, East End Club and Dhaka Wanderers shared honours to a one-all draw.

In a see-saw battle, Rashedul Alam Dipu put East End ahead even before Wanderers could have settled themselves in the middle. Dipu's strike in the 30 second, a record of some sort, was however neutralised by Wanderers when Tokon let loose a spectacular right-footer in the 13th minute.

Zimbabwe beat Kenya

NAIROBI, Oct 12: Zimbabwe beat Kenya by six wickets with three balls to spare in revised-target match after rain interrupted play twice in the third game of the three-nation President's Cup tournament at Nairobi's Gymkhana Club today, reports AFP.

Zimbabwe finished on 244 for four wickets after 46.3 overs in response to Kenya's 249 for eight from their 50 overs.

Scoreboard of the third match in the President's Cup between Kenya and Zimbabwe in Nairobi Sunday: KENYA Chudasama b G Whittall 37 Oteno c Evans b A Whittall 31 Tikolo c Evans b P Strang 17 Odundo c B Strang b G Flower 23 Modi c Wishart b B Strang 31 Oduyo b P Strang 4 Karim run out 10 M Sheikh c A Whittall b P Strang 4 A Vader not out 13 M Owti not out 2 Extras (b-1, lb-12, w-13, nb-1) 27 Total (for 8 wks in 50 overs) 249

Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-95; 3-149; 4-216; 5-216; 6-224; 7-242; 8-249.

Did not bat: R Ali Bowling: O M R W B Strang 9 0 35 1 A Whittall 9 0 44 1 G Whittall 4 1 13 1 P Strang 10 1 38 3 Evans 5 0 36 0 G Flower 7 0 40 1 Huckle 5 0 28 0

ZIMBABWE G Flower c Modi b Owti 7 A Flower c Oteno b Odundo 72 G Rennie run out (Odundo) 1 G Whittall c Sheikh b Oduyo 83 Campbell not out 47 Wishart not out 18 Extras (b-3, lb-6, nb-4, w-3) 16 Total (for 4 wks, 46.3 overs) 244

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Result: Zimbabwe won by six wickets after reaching revised 47 overs target.

Imran off to Chechnya

ISLAMABAD, Oct 12: Imran Khan, cricketing legend-turned-politician, left for a visit to Chechnya, his party said Saturday, reports AFP.

Imran head of the Tehreek-i-Insaf (Movement for Justice) party, will stay in the republic for three days, and meet Chechnya leaders, who had invited him, it said.

He will convey support to Chechnya's reconstruction efforts after the 1994-1996 war with the Russian Federation, following a unilateral declaration of independence, the party said.

Imran, husband of Jemima, daughter of late Franco-British tycoon, Sir James Goldsmith, led his party into elections held in Pakistan in February, but failed to win any seat.

Despite the electoral battering the Tehreek has vowed to remain in the arena, vowing to carve out a niche for itself in Pakistan politics.

Heineken Open Gustafsson's

SINGAPORE, Oct 12: Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden became the oldest winner this year of a men's singles title, defeating Germany's Nicolas Kiefer in the Heineken Open on Sunday, reports AP.

Gustafsson, 30, suffering from longstanding shoulder trouble, took more than two hours to beat the injured 20-year-old German 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the final at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

Gustafsson, the No. 7 seed, was a finalist in the China Open and in San Marino, but Singapore gave him his first, title of 1997.

The eight-seeded Kiefer became the year's youngest ATP singles title winner a couple of weeks ago and gave Gustafsson a good fight in a quality match. Kiefer had slipped and injured his right shoulder, wrist and thumb on Saturday when he defeated Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom in the semifinals.

Gustafsson reached the final by defeating compatriot Thomas Johanson on Saturday.

Drug's dark episode

BONN, Oct 12: Former swimming world champion Joerg Hoffmann admitted on Saturday that he had taken performance-enhancing drugs while competing for communist East Germany, reports Reuter.

"I was first confronted by the blue pills in 1988," Hoffmann, who won the 400 and 1,500 metres freestyle world titles for newly-unified Germany in 1991 in Perth, Australia, told German radio Sender Freies Berlin (SFB).

Hoffmann, who also won the European 1,500 metres title four times and held the world record for that event, said the blue pills contained the banned anabolic substance oral-turinabol.

Hoffmann, now 27 and a member of the German team at the European championships in Saville last August, said he had little choice but to take them.

"There was always a political officer standing by," he told SFB. "If I had been the only one in the team to say I'm not taking this, they would have thrown me out."

Bangladesh runners-up in KL Sixes

Bangladesh finished runners-up in the Kuala Lumpur Cricket Sixes when they suffered a four-wicket defeat at the hands of star-studded HSI in the final at the Malaysian capital yesterday.

Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva, one of star recruits of the eventual winners, smashed a dazzling 23 while M Singh, an attacking batsman in the Indian first-class cricket, scored an unbeaten 35 as HSSI, facing a not-so-impressive Bangladesh total of 56 for four, reached the victory 57 for one with three balls to spare in the five-over-a-side ball bashing competition.

Earlier, the Bangladesh total was built around a dazzling 35 by discarded national all-rounder Khaled Mahmood Sujon.

with 52-run win over Johore. His electrifying knock which featured a dozen sixes helped Bangladesh to amass a mammoth total of 102 for one. Meanwhile, in the semifinal, Naimur Rahman Durjoy with a whirlwind unbeaten 71 off 20 balls played the stellar



DURJOY ... 71

On the concluding day of the two-day invitational tourney, Sujon had earlier smashed a 20-ball 90 to inspire Bangladesh to the semifinals

role in Bangladesh 33-run triumph over Singapore, who in their chase of an huge Bangladesh total of 93 for 3, were shot out for 60.

Sion-Spartak tie still on

GENEVA, Oct 12: Swiss champions Sion lost their appeal to European soccer's governing body on Friday against an order to replay their UEFA Cup match against Spartak Moscow, reports Reuter.

UEFA had ordered the September 30 first-round second-leg match, which ended 2-2 with Spartak advancing 3-2 on aggregate, to be replayed after upholding a Sion protest the goals were too small.

The decision means the re-match set for next Wednesday will proceed as scheduled but will be moved from the original venue, Moscow's Lokomotiv Stadium, to the 32,000 Luzhnik Olympic Stadium.

"We're just going to have to replay in Moscow," said Sion president Christian Constantin. "They told us we have to replay so we will replay."

"We would have liked a 3-0 forfeit, we would have liked to play on neutral ground but as we're in a UEFA Cup match we have to bow to their decision."

Sion had asked that the ruling made by UEFA's control and disciplinary committee last Friday be cancelled and the 2-2 result be replaced with a 3-0 win for the Swiss club, qualifying them for the second round against Spain's Real Valladolid.

The result of the first leg in Switzerland, which Spartak won 1-0, will still stand. "After carefully considering all aspects involved and given the circumstances of the case, the board of appeals ruled that the decision to replay the match was appropriate and proportionate," said Rene Eberle UEFA's chief of logistics, reading from a prepared statement.

"It's not a case that requires a forfeit," he added. Sion had maintained all along they were not interested in a replay and would refuse a re-match.

Constantin at one point refused to rule out the possibility the club might seek action in a civil court if their appeal was rejected.

But it was a conciliatory Constantin who emerged from the six-hour meeting saying the matter was over.

"It was much more a political decision than a judicial decision," said Constantin. "But UEFA said they recognised that the match (in Moscow) was unequal, they recognised that Spartak didn't do their job and that the UEFA match delegate could have done things a bit differently."

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In announcing the decision, UEFA also said Spartak would be responsible for all of Sion's travel and hotel costs and the players who had been suspended for the original contest would be allowed to play in the re-match.

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Green Delta Div II hockey

A fine hatrick by Rashed Hassan Rony enabled Dhaka Wanderers Club to beat Dhaka Hockey Club 4-0 in the Green Delta Second Division hockey at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Rashed scored three field goals in a row in the 47th, 68th and 69th minutes while Mahid netted the other goal in the 12th minute for Wanderers.

In the day's second match, Combined Sporting Club beat Utdity Club also by the equal margin at the same venue.

Swapan scored twice. Mamun and Sabu netted one each for the winners, which dominated the first half by 1-0.

Hingis wins another cup

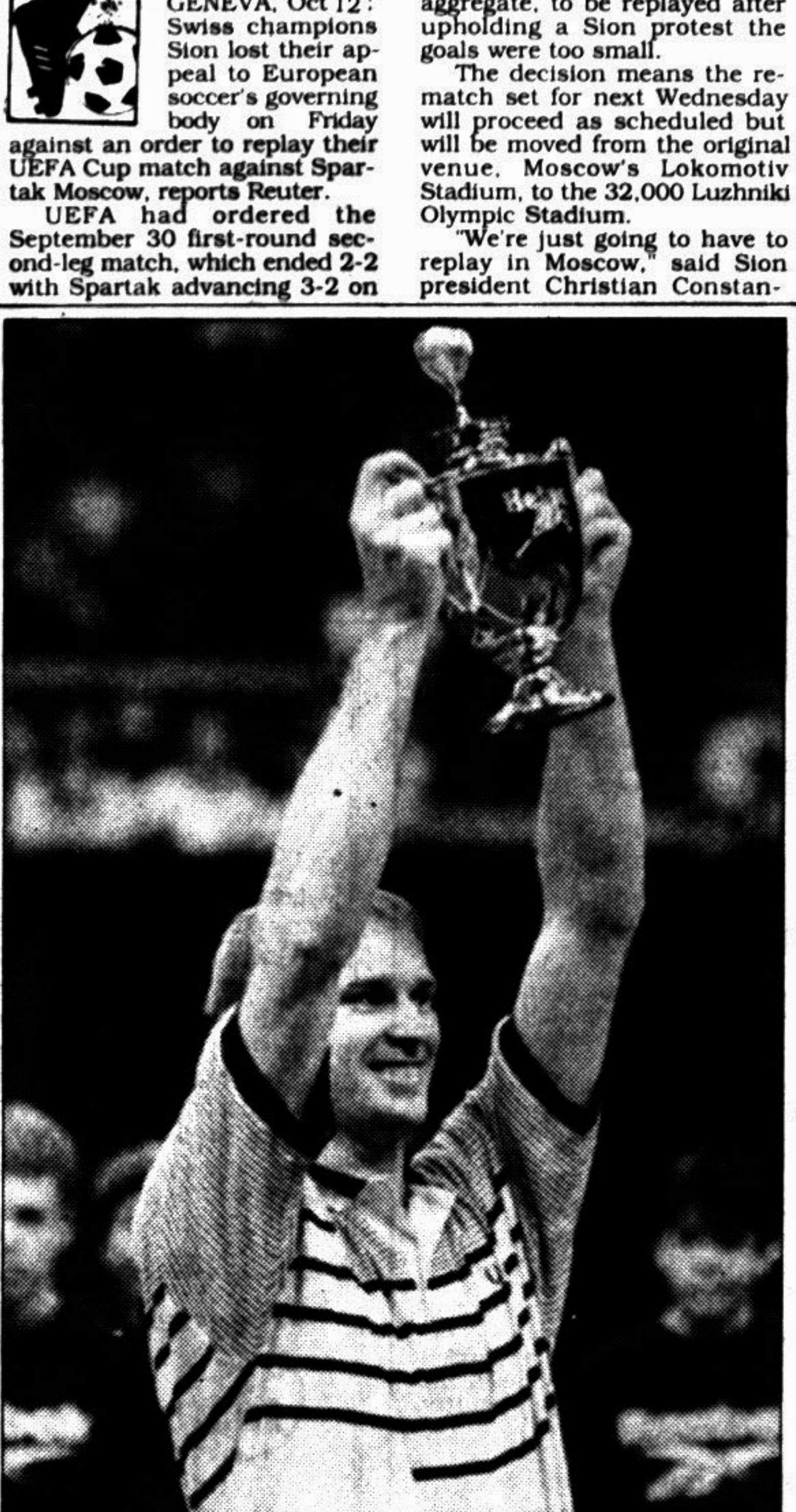
FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 12: Top-ranked Martina Hingis easily beat unseeded Lisa Raymond of the United States 6-4, 6-2 Sunday to win the 450,000 dollars Porsche Cup tournament for the second year in a row, reports AP.

The 17-year-old Swiss was never overexerted against Raymond, who interrupted the first set at 5-4 to have a high injury treated. Hingis used the three-minute break to play a training match with a ball-boy, delighting the 3,000 spectators.

Raymond lost the thread completely upon her return, allowing Hingis to wrap up the match easily.

On Saturday, Hingis avenged a defeat by Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, beating her 6-2, 6-1 in the semifinals. Coetzer had knocked Hingis from the semifinals two weekends ago in Leipzig, handing Hingis only her third defeat of the year.

Raymond, ranked 23 in the world, defeated Irina Spirela of Romania 6-3, 6-1 on Saturday to move to the finals.



Swede Magnus Gustafsson holds aloft the trophy after beating Nicolas Kiefer of Germany in the Heineken Open final in Singapore on Oct 12. Gustafsson won 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. — AP/UNB photo

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