

Sachin becomes father

NEW DELHI, Oct 13: Indian cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar celebrated the birth of his first child — a daughter, on Sunday, officials said, reports AFP.

The news was given by the Bombay Cricket Association before an Indian trial match in which Tendulkar had been due to play.

Tendulkar, one of the world's leading batsmen, became captain of India in August last year.

ATP rankings

MONACO, Oct 13 (Reuters): Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour today:

Player	Points
1. Sampras	4,291
2. Chang	3,385
3. Rafter	2,889
4. Ivanisevic	2,581
5. Rusedski	2,564
6. Moya	2,451
7. Kafelnikov	2,427
8. Bruguera	2,357
9. Rios	2,318
10. Corretja	2,251
11. Kuerten	2,240
12. Muster	2,239
13. Bjorkman	2,182
14. Mantilla	2,127
15. Korda	2,029
16. Krajcek	1,989
17. Enqvist	1,899
18. Philippoussis	1,887
19. Henman	1,877
20. Costa	1,819

Raza bats into record books again!

KARACHI, Oct 13: Hasan Raza, who became the youngest Test cricketer when he played for Pakistan against Zimbabwe in 1996 at the age of 14 years, 227 days, has now become the youngest scorer of a first-class double century, reports AFP.

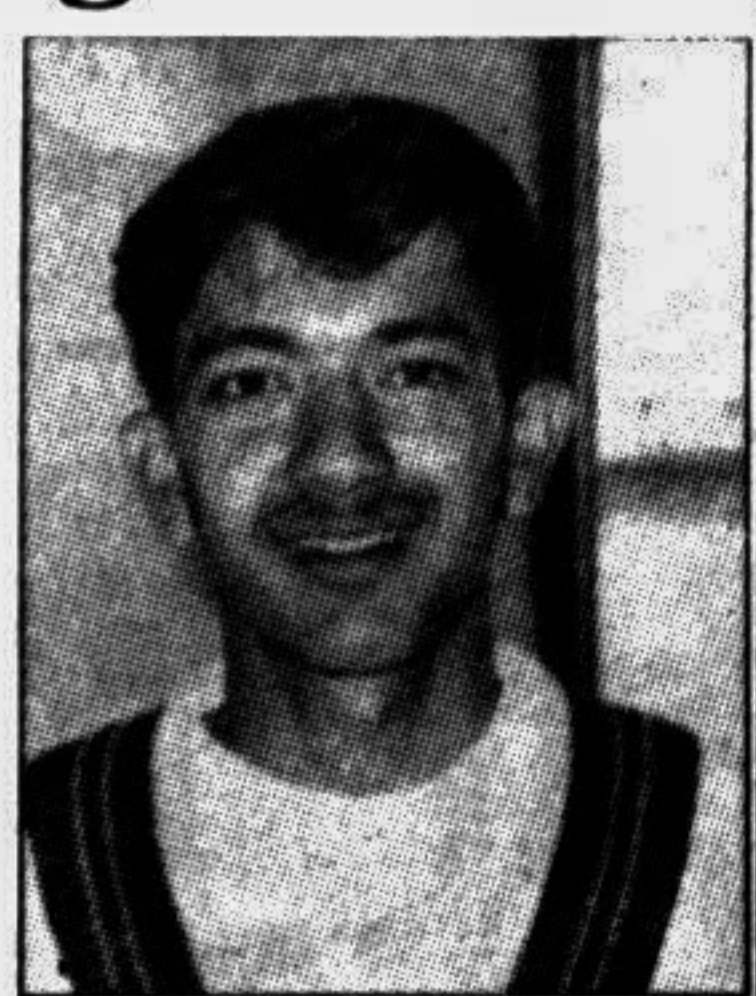
He made an unbeaten 204 at the age of 15 years and 215 days playing for Karachi Whites against Bahawalpur in the national championship on Sunday.

The previous record was set 13 years ago by another Pakistani, Ijaz Ahmed (senior) who scored a first-class double century at 16 years and 96 days.

Raza's innings included 24 fours and a six which he scored off 314 balls. The right-hander was at the crease for 449 minutes.

"It is all due to the blessings of Allah and prayers of my parents," Raza told afterwards. "I am very happy that I have broken another world record but now I want to score heavily and play record-breaking innings for my country."

Raza is considered Pakistan's most talented youngster. He has played seven one-day in-



HASAN RAZA

ternationals and one Test match but not made a big innings in any.

His highest score is 40 in one-day match against India in Sahara Cup, Toronto last month.

Shahid Afridi, scorer of the fastest one-day century, recorded the fastest century in Pakistan in the same match on Saturday when he raced to the three figure mark in just 64 balls. Afridi also plays for Karachi.

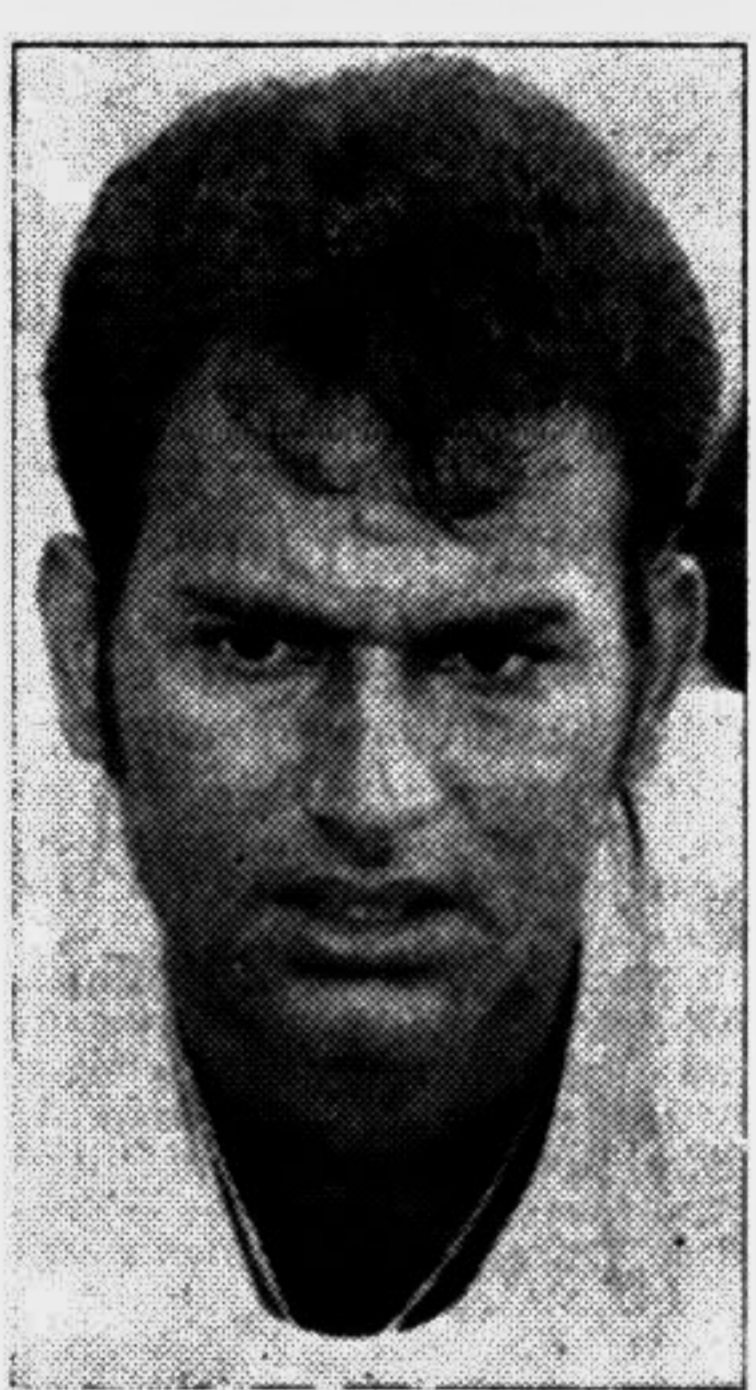
Sohail serves notice

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 13: Aamir Sohail, out of favour with Pakistan officials, boosted his chances of a Test recall today with a century for the Allied Bank Limited (ABL) XI on the second day of their three-day match against South Africa, reports Reuter.

Sohail struck 128, including 22 fours from 199 balls, during 230 minutes at the crease.

His overnight partner Manzoor Akhtar hit an unbeaten 117 containing 20 boundaries from 198 balls before ABL declared at 275 for three at tea.

South Africa, who led by 92 on the first innings, were 83 for two at the close after Hansie Cronje (9) and Jonty Rhodes (14) had been dismissed cheaply. Brian McMillan on 37



SOHAIL ... 128

caught Sohail.

"He is just lightning," Sohail said. "Had there been any other fielder, I promise, he wouldn't have dared to take a strike. Forget about thinking to catch it."

Becker waves goodbye to Germany?

BONN, Oct 13: Boris Becker is planning to leave his native Germany for the Mediterranean island of Majorca where he has already bought land to build a house, the popular daily Bild wrote on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Becker, who confirmed recently that the end of his career was nearing, had bought 24 hectares in Majorca on which he planned to build a luxury estate, Bild said.

In March, the triple Wimbledon champion denied German media reports that he was leaving Germany for good, saying he and his wife Barbara had not made any decision.

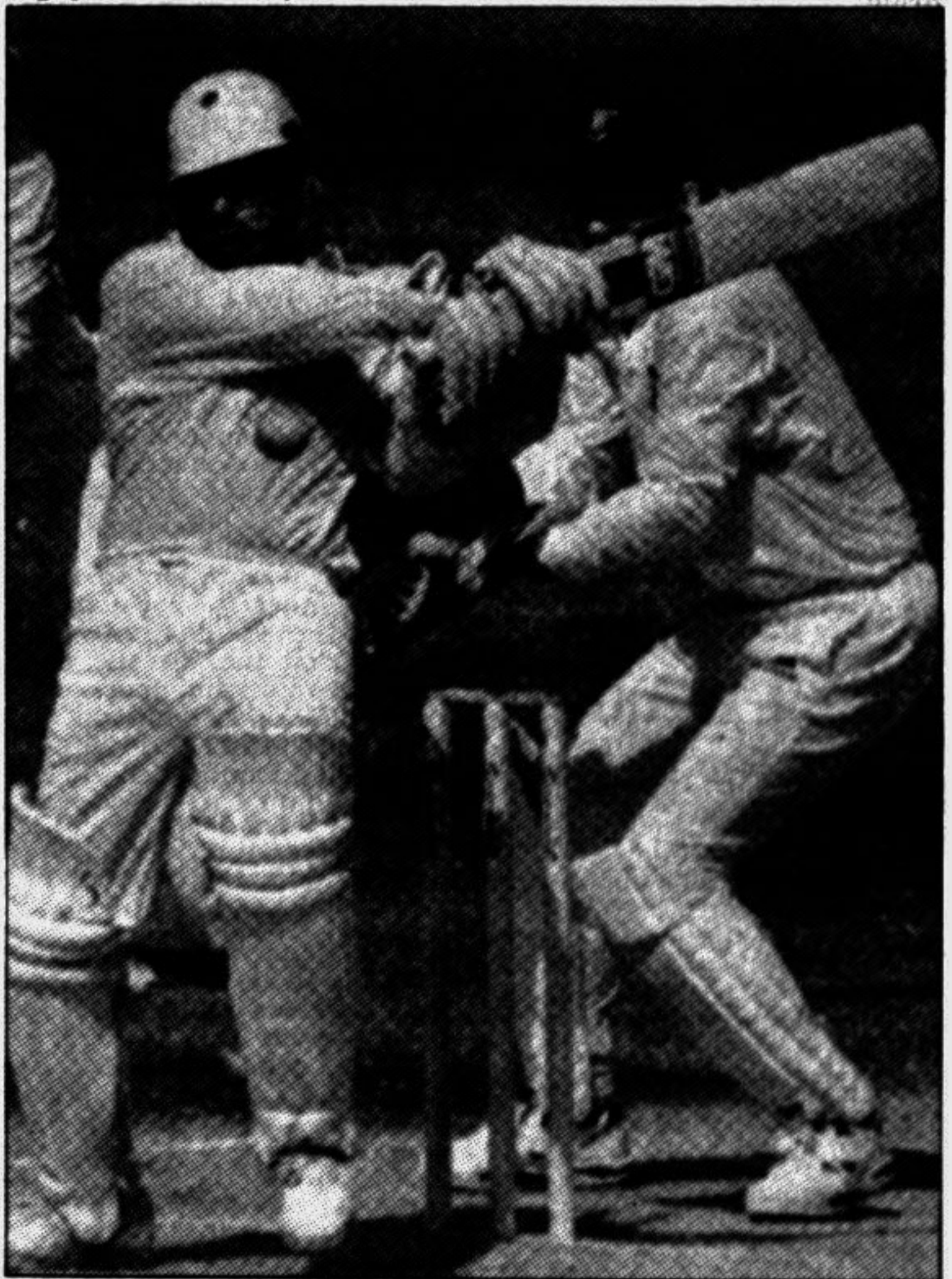
The former world number one had said last year that he wanted to move to the United States when his son was old enough to begin school. But after a raid by German tax investigators on his Munich house during his absence in December, an angry Becker warned he could leave his country sooner.

Becker and his wife, who is black, have said they want their son Noah to attend school in the United States to avoid the pressures in Germany of having a famous father and so that he might be able to lead a more normal life in a multi-racial society.

Bild said Becker had changed his mind about his destination and opted for Majorca, adding he had already found a school for three-year-old Noah.

The newspaper said the property acquired by Becker was near the small town of Arta. Becker was unavailable for comment on Sunday.

Becker, who will restrict himself to minor tournaments next year, is widely tipped to become Germany's Davis Cup team captain from 1999.



Allied Bank of Pakistan's Manzoor Akhtar whacks Pat Symcox of South Africa on the on-side during the second day's play of their three-day match at the Niaz Stadium in Peshawar on Oct 13. — AP/UNB photo

Champions' Trophy Crucial clash on Tuesday

ADELAIDE, Oct 13: Australia and Germany with six titles each in 18 years of the prestigious Champions' Trophy field hockey competition, face off Tuesday in a key match, reports AP.

Germany, who drew 2-2 with the Netherlands on Sunday, would like to break Australia's perfect 2-0 streak in the competition. In the only other match Tuesday winless South Korea play fellow cellar-dweller Pakistan.

Australian coach Terry Walsh predicted a strong mental battle when his team plays the European champions.

Australia have delighted home fans with a brilliant attack, scoring eight goals in their opening two games in wins over Spain and Pakistan.

STANDINGS

Team	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Australia	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Germany	2	1	0	0	6	3	4
Netherlands	2	1	0	0	3	4	4
Spain	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Pakistan	2	0	2	0	4	9	0
South Korea	2	0	0	2	3	9	0

FIXTURE

- Oct 14: South Korea vs. Pakistan
- Oct 15: Australia vs. Germany
- Oct 16: Netherlands vs. Spain
- Oct 17: Germany vs. South Korea
- Oct 18: Pakistan vs. Spain
- Oct 19: Australia vs. Netherlands
- Oct 20: No games scheduled
- Oct 21: Spain vs. Germany
- Oct 22: Pakistan vs. Netherlands
- Oct 23: South Korea vs. Australia.

Athletes facing housing hassle

JAKARTA, Oct 13: Some teams competing in the South East Asian Games have found checking into their hotel rooms nearly as tough as competing for medals, reports Reuter.

Members of the Philippine beach volleyball team were sprayed today around the reception area at the Mulla Hotel Senayan — a posh hotel built for the 19th SEA Games — waiting for rooms.

The Philippine bodybuilding squad faced the same problem — no rooms.

At the weekend, Malaysian athletics officials fumed over a similar mix-up involving the track and field team.

"We're just waiting, we're not sure what's taking so long," said one woman on the Philippine volleyball team, surrounded by bags.

After waiting for some time, team members went off to eat, leaving a mound of bags stacked in the lobby because they still had no rooms.

SEA Games soccer

JAKARTA, Oct 13: Fierce rivals Indonesia and Thailand stayed on course to meet in the Southeast Asia Games soccer final with victories in their final pool matches Sunday, reports AP.

Indonesia overcame a missed penalty by captain Fachri Husaini in the 15th minute to beat the Philippines 2-0 in front of 80,000 fans at the Senayan Stadium.

Indonesia should top Pool B and Thailand should top Pool A following a 4-0 victory over Cambodia on Sunday.

Newcomer Uston Nawawi scored a goal on his debut for Indonesia after being called up to replace out-of-form Bima Sakti following Thursday's 4-0 win over Malaysia.

The goal appeared to rattle the Philippines but they held on in defense until 25 minutes into the second half.

Indonesia's Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto scored the second after a good pass from Rony Wabba and the fans responded by setting off firecrackers and setting alight to garbage, and even some t-shirts.

Indonesian coach Henk Wullems said he had some anxious moments when his side was holding a 1-0 lead.

"I'm satisfied, but I was really waiting for the second goal. I don't think it was safe with a 1-0 lead," Wullems said.

In other games Sunday, Vietnam defeated Laos 2-1 and Singapore beat Brunei 1-0.

Last nail in Uruguay's coffin

BUEENOS AIRES, Oct 13: Uruguay saw their last hopes of a place at next year's World Cup wiped out Sunday after drawing 0-0 with Argentina, spoiling veteran coach Roque Maspoli's 80th birthday, reports Reuter.

The draw against their arch-rivals, who have already secured a place at the 1998 finals, left Uruguay with 18 points from 15 games, four points behind fourth-placed Peru with only one game left.

The top four teams in the South American qualifying group go to France.

Uruguay, once a major power in the world game, will miss out on their second successive finals and will be absent for the fourth time in six tournaments since 1978.

The failure will be especially poignant for Maspoli, the third Uruguay coach since the qualifiers began in March. Maspoli played in goal on the greatest day in Uruguayan soccer history, when they beat Brazil 2-1 in Rio de Janeiro to win the 1950 edition.

Argentina, who are now leading the table with 29 points, dominated an unusually tame River Plate derby although Uruguay, who had Liber Vespa sent off for a vicious foul midway through the second half, created some chances to keep their hopes at least theoretically alive.

Midfielder Juan Veron was Argentina's outstanding player and three times in the first half came close to scoring with thundering right-foot shots from outside the penalty area.

The first struck the underside of the crossbar and bounced down, the second hit the top of the bar and the third was tipped over by goalkeeper Carlos Nicola.

Nicola also pushed away a curling effort by Claudio Lopez in the 23th minute and saved again just before the break after Hernan Crespo had broken clear.

Uruguay had a penalty claim turned down when Javier

Zanetti appeared to handle the ball but otherwise created no real first half chances and star player Alvaro Recoba was a

Vespa's red card came after one of only a few bad tackles in an encounter generally free of the violence that has marred



Argentine striker Ariel Ortega (L) and Uruguayan Gonzalo de los Santos fight for the ball during their World Cup qualifier at the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires on Oct 12. The match ended in a goalless draw. — AP/UNB photo

lonely, isolated figure.

Nicola continued to defy Argentina in the second half, aided by some superb defending by Juventus' Paolo Montero. The goalkeeper defied Veron on two more occasions and showed cat-like reflexes to save a close-range header by Lopez.

Recoba, who plays for Internazionale in Italy, came more into the game after the break and created his team's best chance, a shot which was parried away by Carlos Roa.

some River Plate derbies in the past.

Argentina coach Daniel Passarella brought off striker Hernan Crespo, who has controversially been included regularly at the expense of Gabriel Batistuta, and gave Juan Emsaider his second full international cap.

Emsaider quickly made his presence felt and narrowly failed to celebrate his chance with a goal when he fired wide at the far post.

Chileans in catbird seat

UNDATED, Oct 13 (agencies): Chile emerged as favourites to grab the final South American World Cup berth after hammering neighbours Peru 4-0 in a crucial qualifying match on Sunday.

Peru were fourth going into the match, which was preceded by a bitter slanging match, but Chile are now ahead of them thanks to a vastly superior goal difference.

Chile's last match is at home to Bolivia, who are notoriously poor travellers, while Peru are at home to Paraguay. The two contenders both made their last World Cup appearances in 1982.

Chile were missing striker Ivan Zamorano, who has scored 12 of their 29 goals in the group, but they hardly noticed as Marcelo Salas scored a hat-trick.

Salas opened the scoring with a 13th minute header and added two more goals in the last ten minutes. Defender Pedro Reyes struck in the 58th minute after Chile had survived some heavy pressure during which Peru's Flavio Maestri twice struck the post.

The atmosphere before the match had promoted mentions of the "war of the Pacific" the two countries fought in the last century but the tension was the envy of Ecuador's coach Francisco Maturana.

"The climate in Chile and Peru with everyone living for their teams, contrasts with the apathy here in Guayaquil," said the Colombian, who guided his own country to the last two World Cups.

Both Chile and Peru have 22 points from 15 games, one more than Ecuador, whose coach is Ecuador's coach Francisco Maturana.

Ecuador need to beat Uruguay away in their last game and hope that Chile and Peru both fail to win.

Ecuador's Argentine-born striker Ariel Graziani scored the winner in the 27th minute to bury any lingering hopes the Bolivians, who have 17 points from 15 games, may have had of repeating their 1994 appearance.

Graziani, who headed in a

cross by veteran captain Luis Capurro, also missed two glittering chances to add to his tally in the second half of a generally scrappy game.

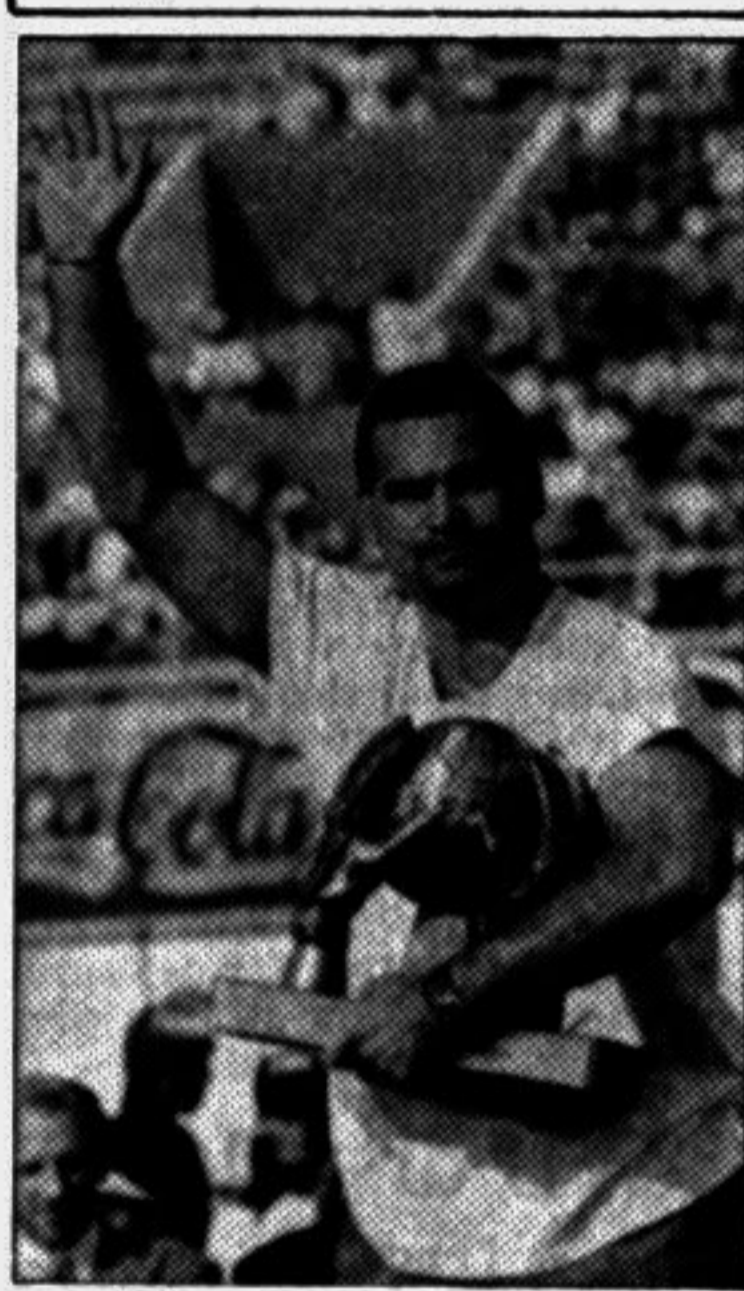
Paraguay missed a chance to go top of the group when they could manage only a modest 1-0

STANDINGS

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Argentina	15	8	5	2	22	12	29
Paraguay	15	9	2	4	21	13	29
Ecuador	15	8	4	3	20	14	27
Chile	15	6	4	5	29	18	22
Peru	15	6	4	5	18	20	22
Ecuador	15	6	3	6	19	16	21
Uruguay	15	5	3	7	13	18	18
Bolivia	15	4	5	6	18	17	17
Venezuela	16	0	3	13	8	41	3

FIXTURE

- Nov 16: Uruguay vs Ecuador
- Peru vs Paraguay
- Chile vs Bolivia
- Argentina vs Colombia.



Paraguay captain Jose Luis Chilavert waves to the crowd holding the 'world's best goalkeeper' trophy just before their World Cup qualifier against Venezuela in Asuncion on Oct 12. — AP/UNB photo

Wu recalled

BEIJING, Oct 13: The Chinese head coach Qi Wusheng has recalled Shanghai Shenhua defender Wu Chengyong for a World Cup Asian Zone qualifier in Iran, the People's Daily reported on Monday, reports Xinhua.

The Chinese defence is gravely weakened as key defenders Fan Zhiyi and Xie Feng are suspended for one match after they each collected two yellow cards in the previous matches.

Wu, who is originally not selected but now in excellent form, has left Shanghai for Tehran and is expected to arrive at the Iranian capital on Monday.

China, which lost home to Iran 4-2, will face the same opponent in Group A on October 17.

Mexico almost home

EDMONTON, Alberta, Oct 13: Mexico virtually qualified for next year's World Cup after scoring a late goal to force a 2-2 draw with Canada Sunday on a freezing afternoon in Edmonton, reports Reuter.

Meanwhile, Canada were left needing a near-miracle to make their second World Cup appearance.

Ramon Ramirez slipped in behind the Canadian defence to score the equaliser in the 75th minute and earn his team a point after two second half Canada goals in nine minutes had the shivering Mexicans on the ropes.

Mexico have 15 points, three games remaining and a goal difference of plus-16 in the six-team final stage of the CONCACAF qualifiers.

In theory, they still need a point to celebrate qualification but in practice it would take an almost impossible combination of results to deny them a berth in France.

Mexico would have to lose all their games by huge margins while El Salvador would have to beat both the United States and Jamaica and the United States would then have to beat Canada for Mexico to be denied.

Canada, bottom of the group with six points after two games left, require a similarly complex combination of results to add to their 1986 World Cup appearance, when they were knocked out in the first round.

Canada, who suffered in the heat and high altitude of Mexico City when they lost their first encounter 4-0, got ample revenge by staging the game in Edmonton, where temperatures dropped to minus 11 degrees Celsius during the match.

Kieren sets his sights on KL

SYDNEY, Oct 13: Australian Kieren Perkins, double Olympic gold medal distance swimmer, has hinted he will retire before the Sydney 2000 Games unless his form improves over the next 12 months, reports Reuter.

The 1,500 metres freestyle world record holder has been looking forward to next year's Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur after his surprise failure on Saturday to qualify for the World Championships in Perth in January 1998.

Perkins, 24, said he would reconsider his commitment to seek a third consecutive Olympic gold if he missed out again on selection for the Commonwealth titles in April.

"If I'm not performing well, and back on the team by the Commonwealth Games, then it's going to be very difficult for me to get back for Sydney," Perkins told The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

"To be three years away from international competition is just too long," said Perkins, who finished a distant third to winner Grant Hackett and Daniel Kowalski in the 1,500 metres freestyle on the final day of selection trials in Brisbane.

"If the Pan Pacific Championships in 1999 is my next opportunity for international competition, then I think it's going to be very difficult to really get back there," he said.

"But I've got no doubts that by the time of the Commonwealth Games trials next year, I'll be swimming fast."

Perkins also failed to qualify for the 400 metres freestyle on Saturday, the second title he won at the World Championships in Rome three years ago.

His relatively slow time for the 1,500 metres freestyle of 15 minutes, 23.45 seconds on Saturday was more than 40 seconds slower than the world record of 14:41.66s he set at the Commonwealth Games in Canada in 1994.

Several commentators have highlighted the recent birth of Perkins' first child as a significant distraction in his preparations for the world titles.

Newcomer Hackett, 17, won both the 400 metres and 1,500 metres freestyle titles in Brisbane, touching the wall on Saturday in a personal best time of 15:01.46s.

The Daily Star TV Guide

Tuesday 14th October
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme.)

BBC
6:00am BBC World News
6:30 World Living: Tomorrow's World
7:00 BBC World News
8:00 World Business Report/Asia Today
9:00 BBC World News
10:30 World News
11:00 BBC Newsday
12:30 News
1:00 BBC World News
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Simply South 9:30
Revenge Des Out There 10:00
Liberty First Day First Show
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70's Rewind

STAR SPORTS
12:30 Inside the PGA Tour
1:00 Omega Tour 1997
Yokohama Singapore PGA
Championship 2:00 XIX Sea
Games 6:00 Heineken Open-
Q/Finals 10:00 XIX Sea Games
2:00 World Qualifying Matches
Qater Vs Saudi Arabia 4:00
Table Tennis, ITTF Japan
Open-2nd Semi Final 6:00 XIX
Sea Games 10:00 Grand Prix
Mobile One Race Day 10:30
Formula One Japan Grand Prix

STAR MOVIES
12:00 Movie Cinema
Wives 2:00 Action: The
Tattooed Dragon 4:00 Horror:
The Abominable Dr. Phibes
5:30 Comedy: Last Resort

PTV
08:00 TILAWAT AUR TAR-
JUMA/HAMD/NAAT 08:20 CAR-
TOON 08:30 KHABRAIN 08:45
BEAUTY CARE 08:50 Fun
Kadha 09:10 Dhanak & Health
Tips 10:05 HARA TANAH HEY
DEEPAK 10:30 ENGLISH FILM:
Home Improvement 10:55
MILLI NAGHMA 11:00
KHABRAIN 11:10 Serial 12:00
SPORTS HOUR 12:55 QURAN-
E-KHAHEEM 1:02 BISMILLAH
1:15 THE SCIENCE SHOW
2:00 Yeh Jaham (Music video)
2:25 Animated Classics 3:15
Geography & Sammar School
4:20 Mithi Sona 5:00 Allah
Huma Labbaik 5:25 Serial 6:25
AIUJ COURSES 7:00 Serial
7:45 ENGLISH NEWS 8:15 UN
Quiz 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break for
Headline News 10:00
Khabarnama & Commercial

EL TV
7:00 Yeason Ki Bara 7:20
Haseen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:40
Sur Saal 8:20 Bajaj Darpan
8:30 Abhimanyu 9:00 Chehere
9:30 Teen Do Paanch (Serial)
10:00 Hindi Feature Film 1:00
Jaguar-Its My Choices 1:30
Anabi 2:00 Sorry Meri Lory
2:30 The Peep Show 03:00
Naye Nagme 3:30 Dillagi 4:00
Scandal (Serial) 4:30 HFF 7:20
Haseen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:30
Serial: Campus 8:00 Jungle
Toofan... (Games) 8:30 Zee
News 8:40 VIP-Number 1 (Top
Chart) 9:30 Public Demand VJ
Abbas & Nisha 10:30 Zee
News 10:50 Zee Business
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Hindi Feature Film: (B/W)

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Ghoshghosh 9:00 Tere Sur Mere
Geet 9:30 Once More-Hindi Film
Trailer Show 10:00 Spinning
Wheel 10:30 Gunjan
11:00 Over Drive 11:30 Hot Mix
12:00 Old Pop/Surajini 12:30
Telebrand Show 01:00 Ilu Ilu
01:30 Win Your Dreams
(Shopping Prog) 1:50 Mast
Masala-Hindi Film Trailer Show
2:00 Gurji Prog 3:00 Hindi
Feature Film 5:00 TSN 5:30

SONY ET
8:30 Khoya Khoya Chand
(Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Silver
Spoon (Sitcom) 9:30 Dennis
The Menace (Hindi Dubbed
English Film) 10:00 Dream Of
Jeannie (Hindi Dubbed English
Film) 10:30 Daily Soap-
Paribartan (Serial) 12:30 Baat
Ban Jaye 1:00 Naye
Nazam/Mere Ghar Ana Jindagi
1:30 Hai Zindagi Bai Zindagi
2:00 Hum Panch (Rpt.) 2:30
Kaz (Rpt.) 3:00 Parverish (Rpt.)
3:30 Khana Khazana 4:00
Chattan 4:30 Amaanat 5:00
Celeste 5:30 Mrs Madhuri Dixit
(Comedy Serial) 6:00 Daily

ZEE TV
6:00 Special Report 6:30
Zee News & Business (Rpt)
7:00 Bhaiki Songs 7:30 Jagran
8:00 Zee Business Show 8:30
Zee News-Update & Business
9:00 Disney Hour Cartoons
10:00 Jhatpat Khana
10:30 Bourmivale Quiz Contest
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