

China, S Arabia split points

RIYADH, Nov 7: China deprived Saudi Arabia of a chance to lead Asia's Group A when the Chinese team held their hosts to a 1-1 draw Thursday in Riyadh in a World Cup qualifier, reports AP.

The Saudis started on the attack and scored in the fourth minute from a tap in by Khaled Mussad.

China, aware that only three points would keep them in contention for a berth at next year's finals in France, responded swiftly and scored in the 12th minute through Jiao Hui's header.

China continued to push on in the first half but were met with stiff resistance from the Saudis — especially goalkeeper Mohammed Duayee, who saved a penalty kick in the 42nd minute after he himself obstructed a Chinese player in the penalty area and was booked for the offence.

The Saudis began the second half in full force. China pulled back all their players to hold on to the draw and relied solely on counter attacks.

The Saudi pressure paid off when Sami Al-Jaber won a penalty for his side in the 65th minute after he was fouled in the box. But the Saudis failed to capitalise as China's goalkeeper Ou Chu Liang blocked Mussad's penalty kick to the dismay of the 80,000 Saudis attending the match at the King Fahd Stadium.

With this result, China are all but out of contention.

Saudi Arabia, by contrast, now have 11 points and will be closely watching Friday's match between Qatar and group leaders Iran, who have 12 points. A win for Iran in Doha will automatically send them to the finals.

GROUP A STANDINGS

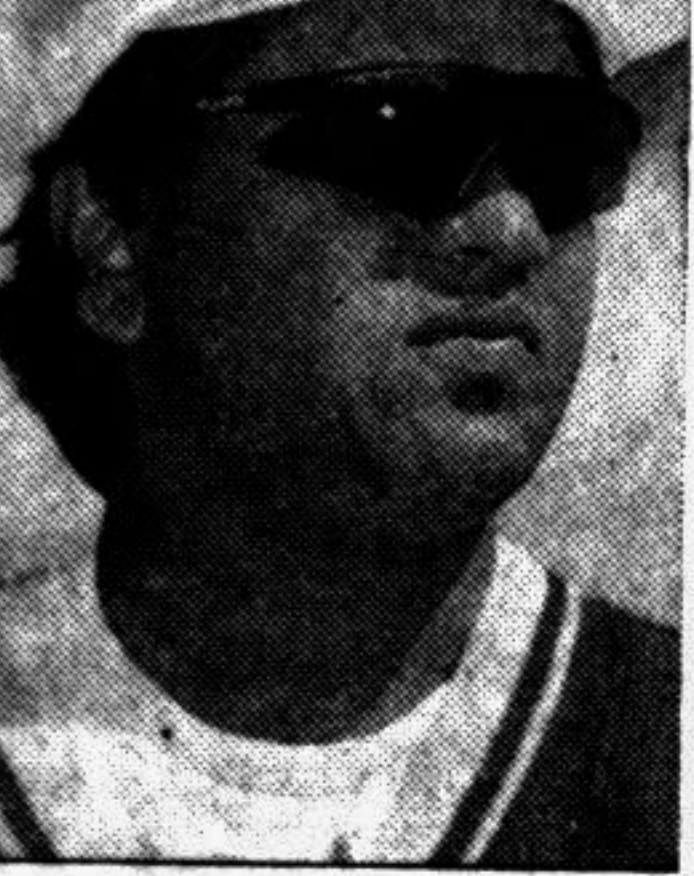
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Iran	7	3	3	1	13	6	12
Saudi							
Arabia	7	3	2	2	7	6	11
Kuwait	7	2	2	3	7	7	8
China	7	2	2	3	10	14	8
Qatar	6	2	1	3	5	9	7

Battle royal at Gaddafi



LAHORE, Nov 7: World champions Sri Lanka clash with South Africa here Saturday in the final of the quadrangular cricket tournament with both teams confident of victory after hitting a rich vein of form, reports AP.

The tournament is the highlight of the golden jubilee cricket season organised to celebrate the 50th anniversary of



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

Pakistan's independence. Ironically, the home team failed to reach the last stage, crashing out with two defeats in three matches. They lost to South Africa by nine runs and Sri Lanka thrashed them by eight wickets. Their only success was an eight-wicket win against West Indies, who lost all three games.

And it was Sri Lanka who spoiled India's golden jubilee celebrations by ousting them from their showpiece Independence Cup in May.

Sri Lanka will be at full strength for the final after resting three of its top players in the last and academic qualification match which they lost to South Africa by 66 runs.

The final promises to be a more even affair with both teams fancying their chances of lifting the cup and the first prize of 15,000 dollars.

"Our recent form proves that

we are consistent and in the last league match we rested Sanath Jayasuriya, Chaminda Vaas and Muttiah Muralitharan so it will be a different match altogether," Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga said.

Ranatunga, whose side's most glorious triumph came at the same venue when they won the World Cup final against Australia in 1996, said: "I am confident that we will win it."

South Africa are the only unbeaten side in the tournament with two wins scored in the most difficult conditions: fielding second under floodlights. Sides bowling second have found evening dew settling on the ground has made the ball very hard to grip and their performances have suffered accordingly.

"Much will depend on who wins the toss and who bowls last but at least we have the experience of bowling with a wet ball. Both teams have an even chance and the crowd will see an exciting tussle," South African coach Bob Woolmer said.

The two teams have played each other nine times in limited-overs matches each winning four, the remaining match ended without a result.

Sri Lanka have won two other one-day tournaments this year, the Sharjah Cup in April, and the Asia Cup in July at home.

"All that has happened is history and we will put our best, to take the cup. Our main aim will be to restrict their batsmen," South African captain Hansie Cronje said.

We need to score more than 500 if we bat first," he joked.

Sri Lanka will look to Jayasuriya and Aravinda de Silva in the batting department with Roshan Mahanama and Arjuna Ranatunga in support.

South Africa will depend heavily on its pacemen Shaun Pollock, Allan Donald and Lance Klusener to put the brakes on the Sri Lankan batsmen.

Aravinda de Silva needs just three runs to top 7,000 runs in one-day internationals. He and Jayasuriya hit sparkling centuries in their league match against Pakistan.

Gary Kirsten is also in top form South Africa with scores of 89, 64 and 50 in three matches.

Despite the presence of the three best one-day teams in the world, crowds have inexplicably stayed away from the tournament with only the Pakistan-Sri Lanka match filling the stadium.

Organisers have reduced prices of seats in three stands by two-thirds in an effort to attract a big crowd.

The decision to hold all the matches of the tournament at one venue has come under



HANSIE CRONJE

strenuous criticism from certain quarters.

Pakistan's former batting maestro Javed Miandad came out with strong words.

"The board should have spread the event to all cities and it was of no use to hold all matches at Lahore. Look at India, they spread their Independence Cup to all cities and earned good money," Miandad said.

Cricket officials said since only Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore has the floodlights. They were forced to hold all the matches there.

President Farooq Ahmed Khan Leghari will be guest of honour at the final.

Besides distributing prizes he will decorate the past 19 Test captains of Pakistan with medals. Nine Test stars will get lifetime achievement awards.

(Weather-permitting the final will begin at 2 pm (BST). Star Sports will cover the match.)

Becker stoops to Siemerink

STOCKHOLM, Nov 7: Four times tournament champion Boris Becker bowed out of the Stockholm Open in the second round on Thursday, falling to the persistent Dutchman Jan Siemerink 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, reports Reuters.

Both players held their nerve throughout the first two sets with Siemerink taking the first tie-break and Becker the second.

In the third set Becker produced increasingly erratic ground strokes and then threw the match away with a double fault when he was 5-3 down.

"We were pushing each other to the limit. I had my break point chances and he had his. Finally I made the mistake and it was all over," Becker said.

Earlier, Briton Greg Rusedski rose from his sick bed to produce an extraordinary display of serving in a 6-4, 7-6 second-round victory over France's Lionel Roux.

Korda in semis

MOSCOW, Nov 7: Second-seeded Petr Korda of the Czech Republic beat Alex O'Brien of the United States in straight sets Thursday to advance to the semifinals of the 1,255,000 dollars Kremlin Cup tennis tournament, reports AP.

He will face Wayne Black of Zimbabwe, who crushed Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-2 in Thursday's other quarterfinal match.

Korda, who defeated O'Brien 7-5, 6-3, hit the ground in the eighth game of the second set to avoid a powerful overhead smash. He sat up looking pale and crossed himself.

Korda said he has played Black once before, beating him in a tough match on clay in the Czech Republic.

The other semifinal will be determined in Friday's quarterfinal matches. Top-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the only other remaining seed, plays Sargis Sargsian of Armenia. Canadian Daniel Nestor faces Martin Damm of the Czech Republic.

The tournament is being played on a supreme surface in Moscow's Olympic Stadium. The winner will get 157,400 dollars.

BCCI dismisses Madan



MADRAS, Nov 7: Cricket politics in India claimed its first victim today when Madan Lal was sacked as national coach and replaced by former Test batsman Anshuman Gaekwad, reports AP.

The faction-ridden Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was divided over the sacking of Lal after India's 5-3 win over arch-rivals Pakistan in a one-day international series in September and October.

The board also retained the same five-member selection committee, chaired by Ramakrishna Desai, raising doubts about Sachin Tendulkar's future as Indian skipper.

An anonymous selector told an Indian magazine last month that the board had decided to replace Tendulkar with former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin.

But BCCI secretary Jayant Lele said: "We have not instructed the selectors to sack Tendulkar. We do not know who that selector is and do not even want to know. All I will say is that board will not interfere in selection matters."

The selection committee will meet on Monday to appoint the Indian captain for a home series against Sri Lanka starting later this month.

Under Lal's one-year tenure, India won home series against Australia and South Africa but lost both Test and one-day series in South Africa and West Indies and the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

Gaekwad, 44, previously the junior team coach, played 40 Test matches between 1974 and 1984, scoring 1,985 runs including two centuries.

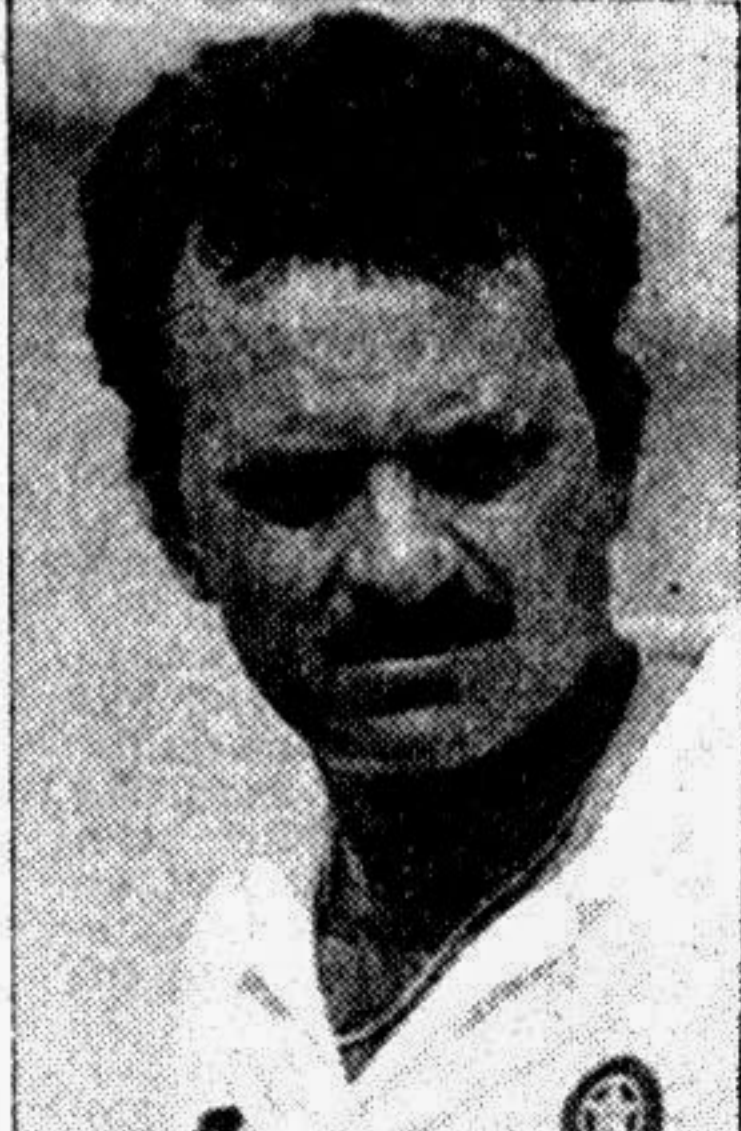
"Madan was not efficient,

but his term was only for one year so we decided to replace him," Lele said.

Sunil Dev, who lost the secretary's post to Lele on Thursday, countered: "We wanted him to stay because he did not do a bad job in the last year."

"He was settling down in the job when he was removed but we could not say anything as we were outnumbered."

Lele — a candidate of International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya



MADAN LAL

— won his post after a bitterly-contested election against supporters of Dalmiya's friend-turned-foe, Inderjit Singh Bindra.

Bindra, who was BCCI president until last year, has accused

Dalmiya of ignoring India's interest in the world body.

The Indian team's image has also suffered over accusations that selectors and players took bribes.

But Lele said the board agreed to stick with the same selectors despite allegations of bribery and misconduct against two of them.

"We read reports that some selectors demanded money to select a player but there was no evidence. We do not sack anyone from media reports."

Lele added that a judge probing betting and match-fixing allegations will submit his report when he gets back from a trip to the United States.

Indian all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar told a magazine earlier this year that he was offered 72,000 dollars by a teammate to ensure India lost to Pakistan in a limited-overs tournament in 1994.

The BCCI today also sacked Ali Irani, the national side's physiotherapist for the past eight years.

The board appointed a doctor, a former state player, Ravinder Chadha, to accompany the team and said a physical trainer will also be appointed shortly.

Former opening batsman Krish Srikkanth was appointed junior national team coach for one year.

India is due to begin in a hectic international season this month which includes home series against Sri Lanka and Australia and limited-overs tournaments in Sharjah and Dhaka.

Re-Tender Notice Land Rover Engines

Sealed quotations are invited by Rangpur Region Rural Development Programme (RD-9) for procurement of five or six new engines for Land Rover Jeeps. Detailed information about the Land Rover Model is given below:

1. Type of vehicle - Land Rover
2. Model - 110
3. Date of manufacture - 1990
4. Fuel - Diesel
5. Power - 2495 CC
6. Weight of empty Jeep - 1887 Kg

Terms and conditions of supply and payment:

- a. Requisite papers for CD/VAT i.e. Bill of Entry, Treasury challan, Invoice etc. shall have to be submitted with bill.
- b. Quotation should be submitted in sealed envelope addressed to PROJECT DIRECTOR, RD-9 Project, RK Road, Islambag, PO Box-38, Rangpur.
- c. The supply should be made at Rangpur headquarters at the suppliers cost.
- d. The supply has to be ensured within four months from the date of work order.
- e. The quotation must be submitted on or before November 15, 1997.
- f. The quotation shall remain valid for three months from date of submission.
- g. Price per unit on CIF basis plus delivery cost shall be quoted within an estimate of CD/VAT per unit.
- h. Payment will be made by crossed cheque in local currency for CIF & delivery cost in the name of the firm after delivery of articles in good condition. CD/VAT will be paid direct to the Custom Authority by the project.
- i. Assessment of CD/VAT has to be arranged by the supplier within one week of arrival of the goods to the port.
- j. No defective material will be acceptable. Every engine should be tested on the spot. If any one is found defective it should be returned forthwith.
- k. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations in part or full without assigning any reason thereof.

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2. Starting date and time for selling tender schedule : 16th Nov. 1997 (up to 4:00 PM)
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Like Venus like Serena



CHICAGO, Nov 7: Serena Williams, younger sister of US Open finalist Venus, upset fifth seed Mary Pierce 6-3, 7-6 Thursday in only the 11th match of her career to advance to the quarterfinals in the 450,000 dollars Ameritech Cup, reports Reuters.

Top seed and defending champion Jana Novotna overcame jet lag to defeat Amy Frazier 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 and also advanced to the quarters.

The 16-year-old Williams, who will next face second seed Monica Seles, said she has learned from her big sister, who is playing doubles with her in the tournament but not singles. The two won their first doubles match 6-0, 6-0 in 35 minutes and are playing together in only their third tournament.

"Since I've been able to watch Venus, I don't have to make the same mistakes," said Serena, ranked 304th in the world compared to Pierce's number 7. "Some rookies don't know how to close out a match. I had to stay calm and tell myself one point at a time."

Williams and Pierce exchanged service breaks in the first four games of the second set. Williams broke Pierce at love in the 11th game to lead 6-5. Pierce, playing her first tournament after a two-week layoff because of a kidney infection, then broke Williams in the 12th game to force the tiebreaker.

Williams' aggressive cross-court backhand and sharp passing shot, unforced errors by Pierce and a lack of playing time contributed to Pierce's downfall.

"I'm 100 per cent healthy but

not 100 per cent match fit," Pierce said. "I haven't had a lot of time to get back in match condition."

Williams jumped for joy after the match-winner and was joined on the court by her father Richard, who gave her a bear-hug.

Novotna, number 2 in the world, was just happy to be in Chicago, she had arrived Wednesday morning from Moscow where she won the ladies' Kremlin Cup, her third singles title this year.

Frazier had no problem with time zones, just her serve, she held serve only twice in the last two sets. The third set ended with five consecutive service breaks.

"My serve is the weakness in my game," Frazier said. "I think it just broke down."

Novotna, who entered the event with a 48-13 singles record this year, will play France's Nathalie Tauziat in the quarterfinal round.

Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia upset seventh-seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in a second-round match. Basuki also arrived from Kremlin — with a cold but without her luggage, which was lost. Schultz-McCarthy's hard serves didn't make matters easier.

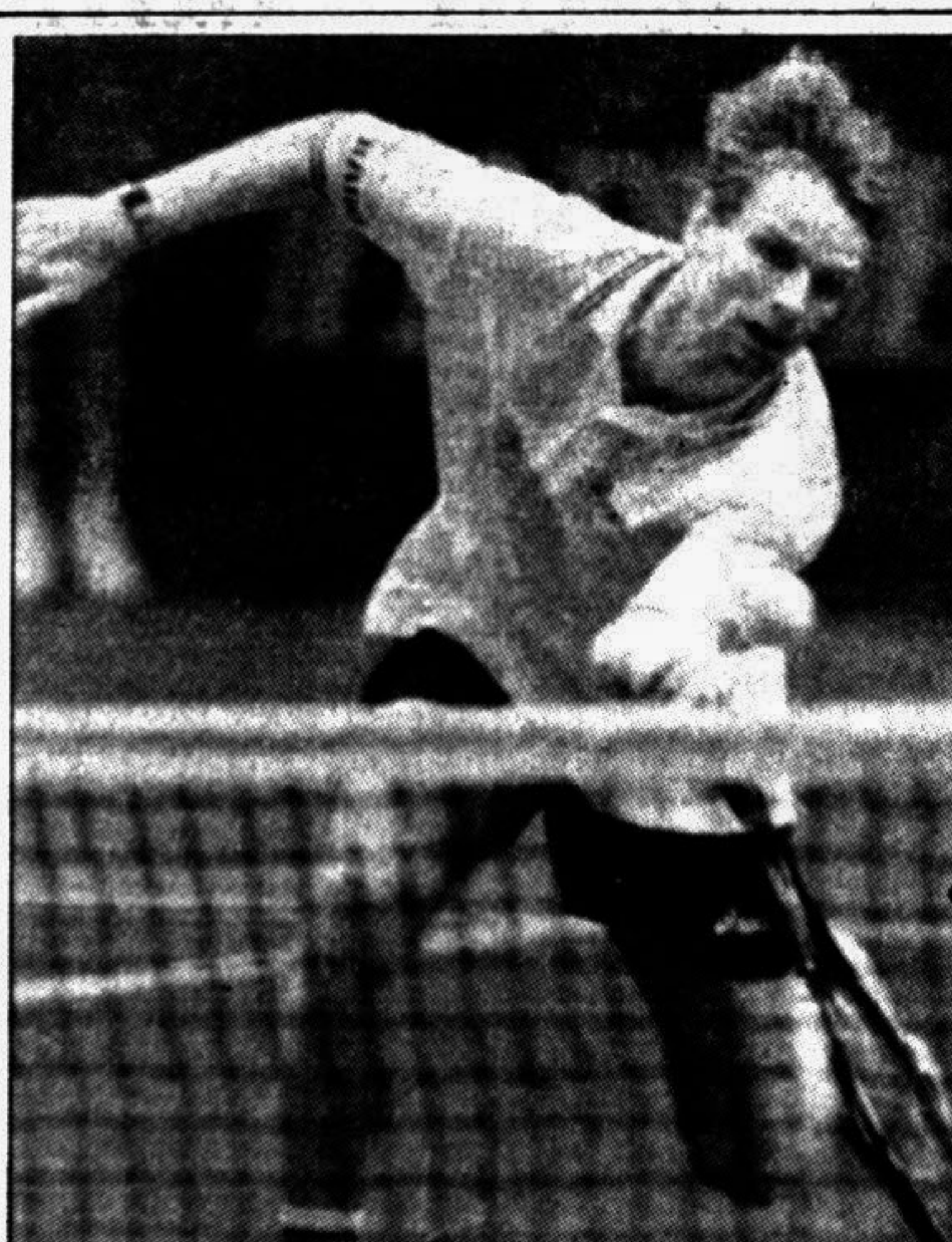
"Before the match I was saying I just had to catch up to them," said Basuki, who will play fourth seed Iva Majoli in the quarterfinals.

Basuki, 26, had another minor crisis this week. She was unable to attend a Chicago Bulls NBA game here.

"I couldn't get a ticket," she said.

Tauziat defeated Sabine Appelmans of Belgium 6-1, 6-2 in other second-round action

while eighth-seed, Lisa Raymond beat Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-4, 6-2. Raymond will play third seed Lindsay Davenport in the quarter-finals.



Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands in action against Boris Becker of Germany at the Stockholm Open quarterfinal on Nov 6. Siemerink won 7-6, 6-7, 6-3. — AP/UNB photo

The Daily Star TV Guide

Saturday 8th November

(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme.)

BBC

6:00 BBC World Headlines
6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: Classic Adventure 7:00 BBC World Headlines 7:05 Weekend World: Horizon 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 USA Direct 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 HARDTalk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: Window On Europe 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Panorama 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 World Living: Classic Adventure 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 HARDTalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 BBC World Headlines 3:05 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The World 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 This Week 6:00pm BBC World Headlines 6:05 Weekend World: Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Living: Film 7:30 BBC World Headlines 7:05 Weekend World: Rough Guide To The

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CHANNEL V

6:00am Rewind VJ Sophia 7:00 Turn On T [V] 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 9:30 By Demand VJ Trey 10:30 Amped 11:00 Over The Edge 11:30 70's Rewind 12:00noon Speak Easy 12:30 Kewell Walls Live & Legendary 2:30 Billboard US Countdown 4:30 [V] Hour Special 5:30 The Ride 6:00pm Turn On T [V] 7:00 Udam Singh 7:30 BPL Oye 8:30 Liberty First Day First Show 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Turn On T [V] 10:00 Close Up Close Encounters 10:30 Turn On T [V] 11:00 V Spot 11:30 Turn On T [V] 2:00 Music Update Tokyo 2:30 Turn On T [V] 3:00 Asian Top 5:00 Turn On T [V] 5:30 Freestyle

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninnad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Family Fortunes 10:00 Sunet Verna's Style Gurus 10:30 A Questions of Answers 11:00 Travel Asia 11:30 BBC Documentary "Around The World in Eighty Days" 12:30 Batman 1:00 Denver The Last Dinosaur 1:30 Sabar Rider & Star Sheriffs 2:00 Around the World in 80 days 2:30 Bakeman's Ooh La La 3:30 Gaatha 4:30 Jubilee Plus 5:00 Britania Margold Tea Time Cinema: "Police Officer" Jackie Shroff, Karishma Kapoor 8:00 Awaaz 8:30 Kiran Kher Today 9:30 Star News 10:00 Ard Shatabdi 10:30 Newstrack 12:00 Rin Ek Do Teen 12:00mn L A Law 1:00 STAR News 1:30 Movie: "Finnegan Begin Again" 3:30 Hardcastle and McCormick 4:30 The Darling Budds of May 5:30 21 Jump Street

STAR SPORTS

1:30 Asian Football Show 2:30 Spanish League Highlights 3:00 Sports Unlimited 4:00 Sports India 4:30 Table Tennis ITTF Pro Tour Polish Open — 2nd Semi Final 6:30 Cricket Up Close 7:00 World

Wrestling Federation Raw

9:00 1997/98 UEFA Champions League #3 11:00 1997/98 UEFA Champions League #4 2:00 Pakistan Quadrangular Series Final — 1st Session LIVE 5:30 Asia Sport Show 2:00 Pakistan Quadrangular Series Final — 2nd Session LIVE 10:00 Sports Unlimited 11:00 World Cup Qualifying Matches Kazakhstan Vs Japan

STAR MOVIES

10:00 Gold: Narrow Margin 15:12 Friday Fury: Bloodfit VI — Ground Zero 18:20 After Dark: The Colour of Night 18:40 Adventure: The Viking Sagas 15:30 Action: Blackbelt 15:30 Family: The Tadpole and the Whale PG 9:30 Family Asterix Vs Caesar PG 11:30 Comedy: Get Crazy 15:13 Thriller: Narrow Margin 15:30 Friday Fury: Bloodfit VI — Ground Zero 15:30 Thriller: The Colour of Night 15:30 Action: Mega Force 15:30 Extreme Close-up

PTV

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