

England 293/5

Star Sport Monitor
England, powered by a brilliant 122 from opener Nick Knight, scored 293 for five in 50 overs after West Indies skipper Brian Lara won the toss in the first of the five-match one-day series at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados yesterday.

SCOREBOARD
ENGLAND
Knight not out 119
Stewart b Walsh 74
Hick not out 25
Extras: (lb-2) 2
Total: (for one wicket in 40.2 overs) 220

WEST INDIES
P Wallace, C Lambert, B Lara, C Hooper, S Chandernaul, J Murray, F Rose, C Ambrose, P Simmons, C Walsh, R Lewis.

Abahani's 25th anniversary

Abahani Krira Chakra will celebrate its 25th founding anniversary through a five-day programme that begins today at the club ground, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, a founding member of the club, will inaugurate the programme at 3:30 pm.

The silver jubilee festival has been organised by Abahani Samorthok Gosthi (fans' club). The programmes include: Discussions, dramas, painting competitions, blood donations and rallies.

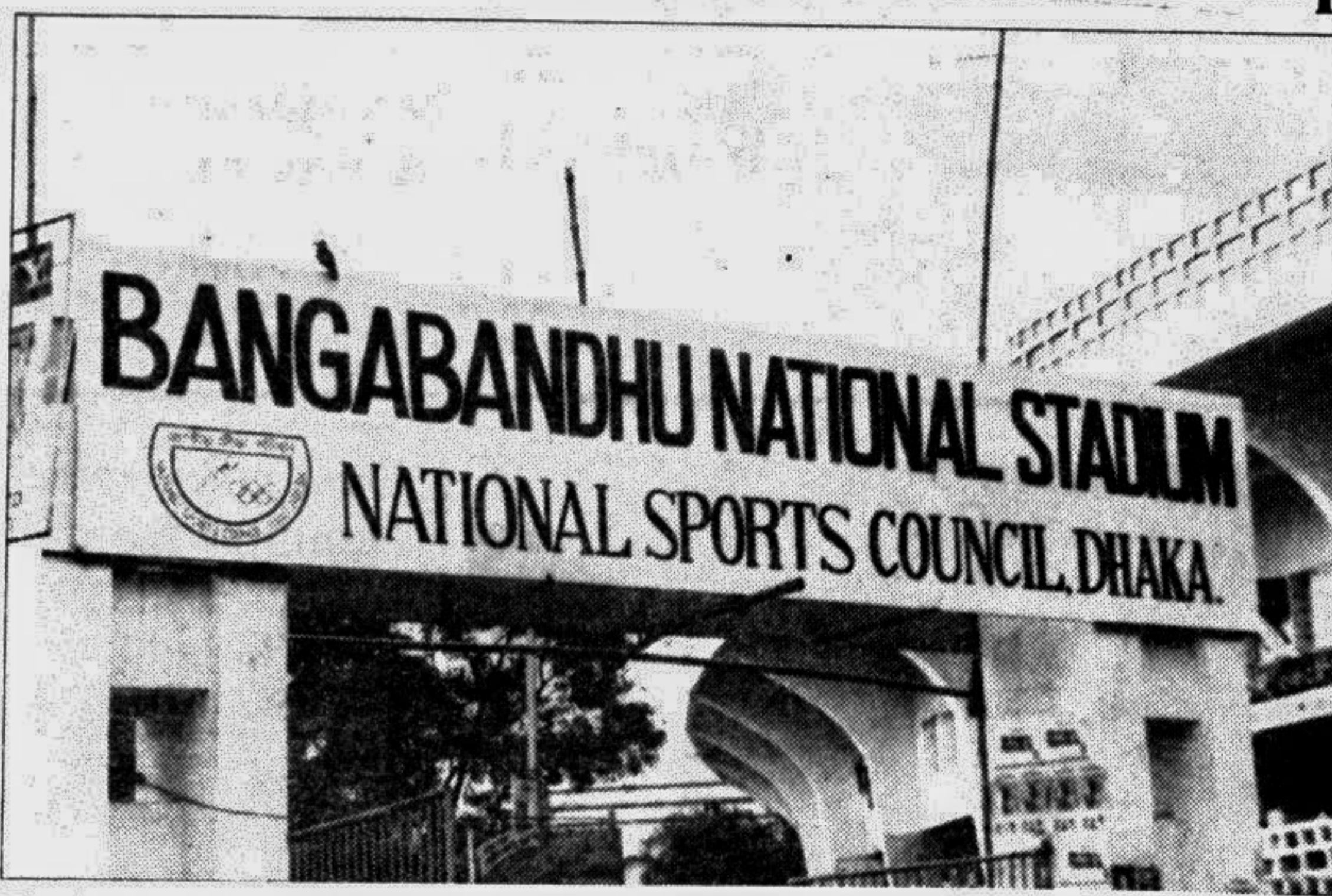
At the inaugural function, the Prime Minister will also hand over 'Sheikh Kamal Gold Medal' to five sportsmen and organisers for their outstanding performances from 1974-98.

The recipients are: Monem Munna (football), Akram Khan (cricket), Rafiqul Islam Kamal (hockey), Harun-ur Rashid MP (organiser) and Salman F Rahman (patron).

Dutch soccer
AMSTERDAM, Mar 29 (AP): Results Saturday in the Dutch First Division football league (home team listed first): PSV Eindhoven 2, NEC Nijmegen 1

Serie A results
ROME, Mar 29 (AP): Results Saturday from the 27th round of Serie A (home teams listed first): Inter Milan 2, Vicenza 1

Udinese 0, Lazio of Rome 2
Juventus 4, AC Milan 1



The historic Dhaka Stadium has been christened Bangabandhu National Stadium. This signboard was installed recently at the gate of the 'big bowl'.

Hosts regain initiative

South Africa regained the initiative after tea on Day 3 of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Pretoria with an excellent display of bowling and sleek fielding to leave the tourists struggling at 93 for seven, a lead of 200 at close of play yesterday.



MURALITHARAN...5 for 63

Strike bowler Allan Donald and Hansie Cronje shared five wickets. In between two run outs including that of top scorer Aravinda de Silva (41) did not help their cause. No less than four batsmen were sent back without scoring.

AP adds: Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, Sri Lanka's leading wicket-taker, grabbed his 12th five-wicket haul in a 38-match career to give his side a 103-run first innings lead before tea.

He extracted appreciable turn and bounce to finish with

5-63 in 30 overs, the third time he has captured five against South Africa in five Tests. Darryl Cullinan saved face for the home side, hitting 103 for his second century in three innings. South Africa were bowled out for 200.

They were never at ease against the spin of Muralitharan, after the pace duo of Ravindra Pushpakumara and Nuwan Zoysa had taken two wickets in the first two overs.

Cullinan was in control throughout his 307-minute innings and has so far been the cornerstone of the batting.

South Africa, resuming the day on 75 for three, lost three wickets in the morning session, leaving Cullinan to resurrect the innings single-handedly.

Hylton Ackerman and Mark Boucher chipped in with 13 runs apiece. The hosts made slow progress to lunch at 141 for six, and after a 33-run stand between Cullinan and Boucher, the innings nose-dived.

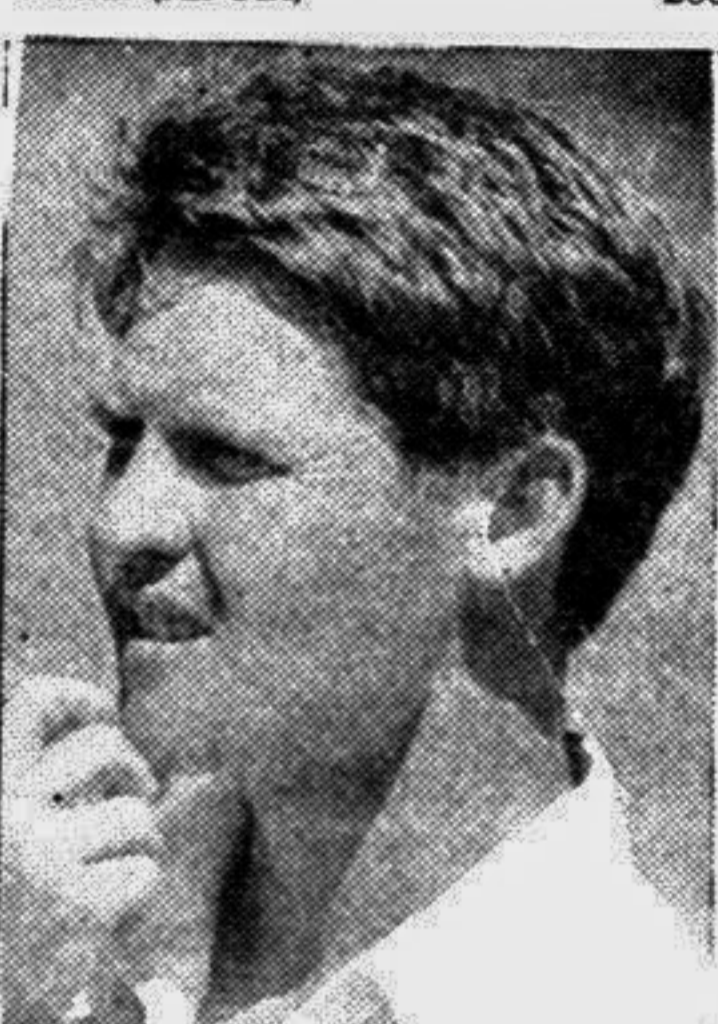
Cullinan, who reached his first 50 in 126 minutes and eight fours, took longer for his second, taking three hours and 106 balls.

Muralitharan began the home side slide as he had skipper Hansie Cronje (10) stumped and then forced Shaun Pollock (one) to play on.

In between, medium pacer Pramodaya Wickremasinghe chipped in with the wicket of Jacques Kallis (12). Kallis was dropped twice in the space of three balls in a Muralitharan over and failed to make full use of the reprieve, edging a catch behind going for a wild swipe.

Boucher after 73 watchful minutes swept Muralitharan to Jaysuriya at square leg.

SCOREBOARD
SRI LANKA: Second Innings
Jaysuriya b Donald 16
Atapattu c Boucher b Donald 7



CULLINAN... 103

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-11; 3-75; 4-103; 5-122; 6-137; 7-170; 8-182; 9-186

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SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Centurion Park on Sunday.

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Pakistan sweep ODI series

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Pakistan muscled past Zimbabwe to win the over-limit series 2-0, defeating the hosts in a high-scoring second match at the Harare Sports Club Ground yesterday.

Put into bat, Zimbabwe, who lost the first one-dayer by the same margin Saturday, piled up a huge total of 272 for four after exhausting their quota of 50 overs. Opener Grant Flower, who hit a fluent 81, put on 64 runs in 15.4 overs for the first wicket with his captain Alistair Campbell.

Set to score more than 5.44 runs per over, Pakistan got off to a flying start with their opening pair of Saeed Anwar and Shahid Afridi blasting 57 runs in only 6.3 overs. Afridi departed first after his cameo 20-ball knock of 32 which included two fours and three twining sixes. Mohammad Wasim was adjudged player-of-the-match for his priceless 76.

Young middle-order batsman Yousuf Youhana chipped in with 66.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the second and final one-day international between Zimbabwe and Pakistan at Harare Sports Club on Sunday:

ZIMBABWE:
G Flower st Latif b M Hussain 81
Campbell st Latif b M Hussain 12
Goodwin run out 47

Did not bat: C Wishart, C Evans, P Strang, A Huckie, M Mbangwa.

PAKISTAN
Anwar c Streak b G Whittall 25
Afridi c A Flower b Streak 32

Result: Pakistan won by four wickets; clinched the two-match series 2-0.

Player-of-the-match: Mohammad Wasim.
Player-of-the-series: G Whittall.

Jansher seeks another British Open
LONDON, Mar 29: Jansher Khan will be trying to prove that his era as the world's leading player is far from over when he starts the defence of his British Open title here tomorrow, reports AFP.

Although the six times champion is a candidate for the accolade of the greatest of all time, he has suffered the loss both of his World Open title and his world number one ranking in the past four months.

Jansher has also been troubled by illness, injury and loss of form and personal problems, while a trio of younger rivals have moved to within range of being able to beat him.

In my own mind I am still the number one. I feel as though I am, and, inshallah, that is what I will be able to show at the British Open," said Jansher.

Much will depend on the state of the champion's knees, which were bandaged during his successful defence of the Super Series title earlier in the month, and caused him to withdraw from the defence of his Austrian Open title in Linz immediately after wards.

Jansher needed a cortizone injection to reduce the discomfort when he flew home to Peshawar ten days ago, and doubts about his fitness will remain at least until he plays a far from easy opening match against Belgium's Stefan Casteleyn.

Records fall at Paris
PARIS, Mar 29: Britain's James Hickman, Russia's Andrei Korneev and Germany's Mark Warnecke all registered world records in their individual events Saturday at the World Cup short-course finals, reports AP.

Hickman smashed the world record in the men's 200m butterfly, clocking 1 minute, 51.76 seconds to knock almost a second off Russia's Denis Pankratov record of last year.

Hickman, who also won the medley, was almost eight seconds ahead of second-placed Hisayoshi Tanaka of Japan.

Elsewhere, Russia's Andrei Korneev finished in 2 minutes 7.79 seconds in the 200m breaststroke to also clinch a world record, beating the old best of 2:07:80 by Australia's Phil Rogers in 1993.

Germany's Mark Warnecke equalled his own world record in the 50m breast stroke, ending in 26.97 seconds.

Friendly cricket
The Jatiya Press Club (JPC) will play a friendly cricket match against Dhaka Club on April 3 marking the 27th national and independence day, reports BSS.

Venus wins starlets' duel

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 29: In a battle that was billed as a glimpse into the future of women's tennis, Venus Williams, aged 17, beat 16-year-old Anna Kournikova 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 in the Lipton Championship Final on Saturday, reports Reuters.

But it was all a bit of an anticlimax. Except for the first set in which Kournikova performed with a maturity far beyond her years, the one hour 30 minute match played out like most junior contests at any junior tournament around the world.

Finally, the 25th-ranked Kournikova's game tumbled as fatigue set in. "I think I just got a little bit tired physically," Kournikova said. "It shows me that she didn't beat me. I lost."

Williams agreed that she won the match because Kournikova lost the battle. "I think that usually when people do lose, they beat themselves," Williams said.

Kournikova had reasons to be tired following a breathtaking historical run to the final which she became the first player to consecutively beat

four top 10 players in row - No. 4 Monica Seles, No. 9 Conchita Martinez, No. 2 Lindsay Davenport and No. 8 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

"Sometimes people get on fire and you have to extinguish the fire," said end, the Lipton brought Williams a second career trophy in a fourth career final. She won her first title last month at the Oklahoma City tournament.

Despite the less than entertaining final, both women will move up in the next rankings which comes out Monday.

Williams heads into the elite top ten for the first time by taking over the 10th-ranking. Kournikova will attain a career with 16th-ranking.

With Kournikova ahead 6-2, 2-1 with a break in the second set it looked like she was on the verge of winning her first career title in her first career final appearance.

But that's when the Russian started to crumble and catch up with Williams in the unforced error department.

By the end of the match, Kournikova posted 53 unforced errors to 38 for Williams.

Williams' unforced error count moved in the reverse manner - she had 14 in the first set and 17 in the second set, but only seven in the third.

"I really wasn't ready to play at all," said Williams of the first set. "I might as well just have been someone else."

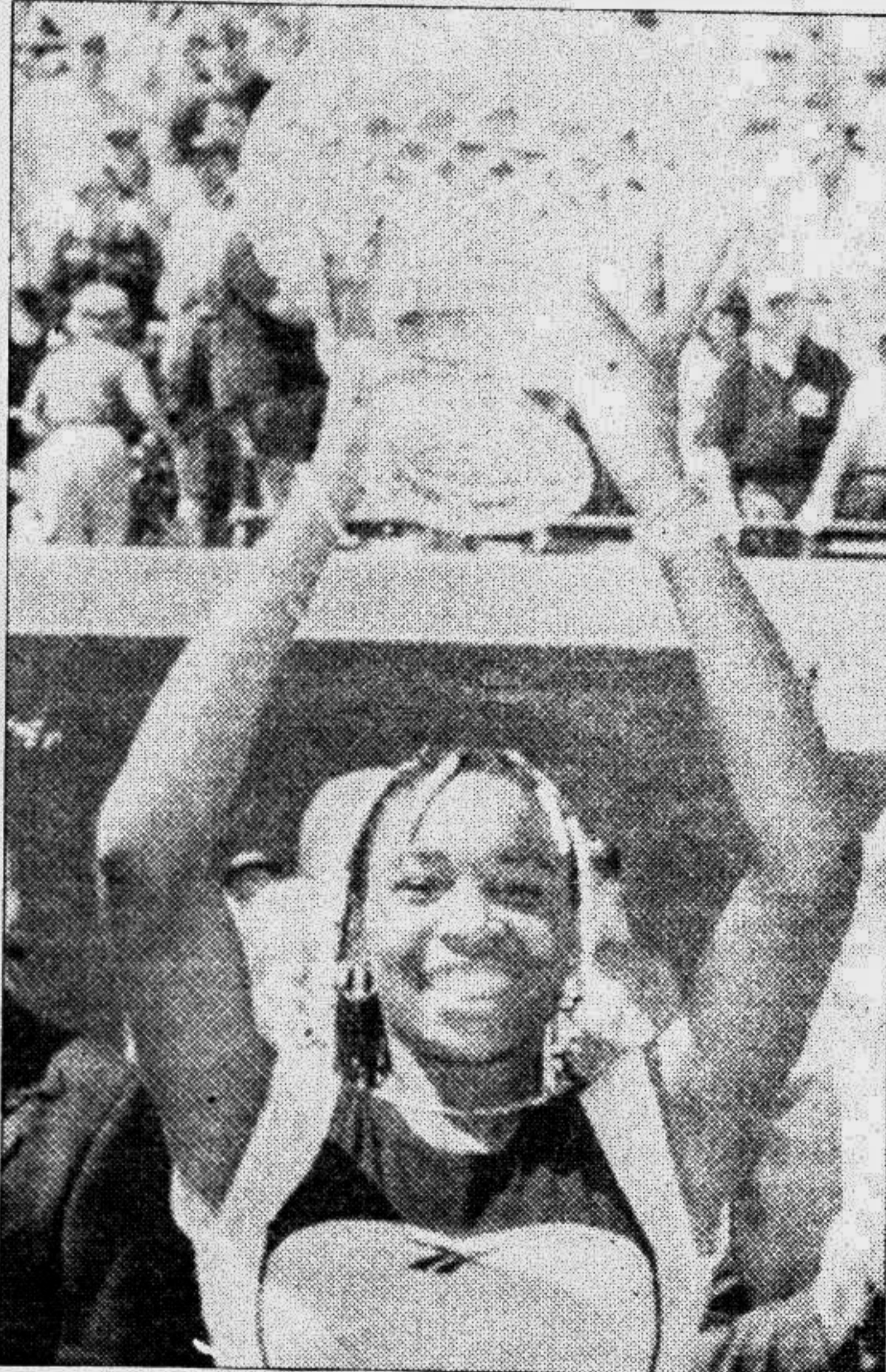
"I think that Anna played well also. I think she really came out there with a plan - a plan to win the Lipton. And I wasn't really prepared for that. But slowly I adjusted to it and I was able to come through."

In the first set, Kournikova raced to a 4-0 lead before Williams held her serve at love in the fifth game and stayed on serve for the remainder of the set.

When Kournikova squandered the 2-1 lead in the second set by allowing Williams to break back in a long fourth game, the tide turned in the American's favour.

From that point on, Williams won 11 of the remaining 14 games, only losing the seventh and eighth games of the second set and the sixth game of the final set.

Although Williams admitted the final match lacked some lustre, she felt it was a perfect indication of the younger generation leaving their calling card on women's tennis.



VENUS HAS ARRIVED: A delighted Venus Williams holds aloft the Lipton Championship trophy after her 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 triumph over Russian Anna Kournikova in the final at Key Biscayne, Florida on Mar 28.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98
1st Prize: Philips 20" Smart TV
2nd Prize: Philips 14" B/W TV
3rd Prize: Philips Food Processor
4th Prize: 2 Dozen Philips Bulbs
Consolation Prizes: Caps & T-Shirts
All Prizes Courtesy: Transcom Electronics Ltd.

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules
Information
A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June 10 to July 12, 1998.

SIX NO TRUMPS
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Good Hand Play (Hand #3)
North: S: KXX, H: J10XX, D: QXX, C: 10XX
West: S: J10XX, H: KQXXX, D: AXX, C: CXX
East: S: A QXX, H: XXX, D: J10X, C: CXX
South (D): S: X, H: A, D: K9XXX, C: AKQJXX

Girls power to the fore
KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 29 (Reuters): Venus is rising, sister Serena is gaining and Anna is nipping at their heels.
Of course, they're all chasing Martina Hingis, still the solid number one in women's tennis. Not since Martina Navratilova and arch-rivals Chris Evert were exchanging groundstrokes and Grand Slam trophies has women's tennis featured so many charismatic teens known simply by their first name.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer
ACROSS
1 Toe woe
5 Links stat
8 Silents
12 Emanation
13 Author
14 OPEC member
15 New York Stock Exchange
17 Chap
18 157 1/2 degrees on the compass
19 Resort destination
20 Emulates
21 William Master-son
22 Scroog-ey cry
23 - fever
26 New Orleans, with 'The'
30 Give - up (help)
31 Irritate
32 Villa d' -
33 'So what?'
36 'Non-sense'

CRYPTOQUIP
LTZCGZUOO, HKJI DEB
H Z T C O U Z E L G Z L B I H G C B E H
K Z I H D I H Z T T G I I J Z E
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TELL ME, HONESTLY, IS SELFISHNESS ONLY A STATE OF MINE?
Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals G
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, words and words using an apostrophe give you clues locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round One
Ends April 15, 1998
Tick (✓) the correct answers
1. World Cup '98 begins on June 10 June 11 June 12
2. Brazil has won the World Cup Twice Thrice Four times
3. No. of teams in WC '98 is 16 32 48
4. First World Cup football was held in 1926 1930 1934
5. Whose eyes? Ronaldo's Gullit's Zola's
Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) Age
Father's name Occupation
Address
Telephone (if any) Signature Date
Write with ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star. You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 1."