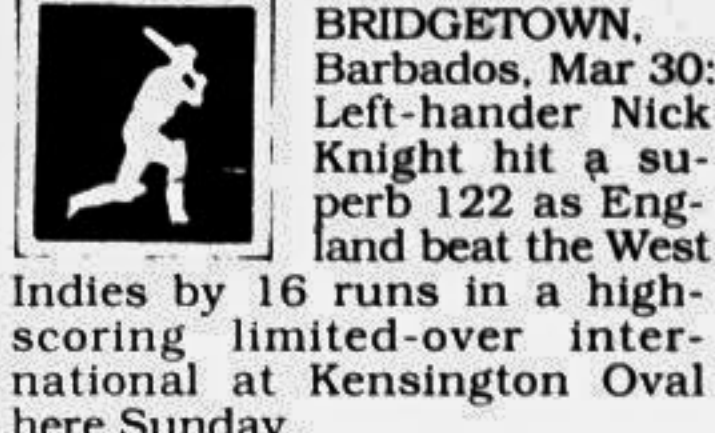


Sport

Knight blazes England's trail Lara ploughs in sands



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 30: Left-hander Nick Knight hit a superb 122 as England beat the West Indies by 16 runs in a high-scoring limited-over international at Kensington Oval here Sunday.

Franklyn Rose lifted the hopes of a packed house of about 13,000 in a sensible stand of 44 for the eighth wicket.

The second one-day international takes place in Bridgetown Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD: Scoreboard in Sunday's first limited-overs international between the West Indies and England.



England opener Nick Knight pulls a delivery from Windies fast bowler Franklyn Rose during his magnificent 122 in the first one-day international at Bridgetown, Barbados on Mar 29.

Lara lashed three sixes and 15 fours in 110 off 106 balls — his 12th ODI ton. The home team eventually fell for 277 off 46.5 overs.

Player-of-the-match knight, 28, from Warwickshire, hit four sixes and 13 fours off 129 balls in just under three hours to notch his third one-day hundred.

Stewart, a right-hander from Surrey, played with slightly less assurance for his 74, which spanned 85 balls and was laced with nine boundaries.

The pair, making use of a perfect batting pitch, launched the England innings in fine style after Lara won the toss.

Even the usually miserly Curtly Ambrose ran into the Marauding Knight, being hauled over the leg side for two sixes.

By the time Stewart was bowled by Courtney Walsh at 165, the opening pair had established a new first wicket record for England against the West Indies in limited-over internationals.

The previous mark had been 156 between Michael Atherton and Graham Gooch in Manchester in 1991.

Knight, who led the England "A" team to Sri Lanka and Kenya last winter, shared another well-paced stand of 62 with Graeme Hick to consolidate the tourists' advantage.

Hick made 29 off 39 balls before he was bowled by Rawal Lewis' leg break.

Knight was run out next ball after a mix-up with Graham Thorpe.

Carl Hooper bowled his off breaks effectively to be the most economical bowler, his 10 overs costing 46 runs.

West Indies reply began with similar flourish. Clayton Lambert and Philo Wallace hit five boundaries in 25 before both fell within two runs of each other in the third and fourth overs.

But that double setback brought the best out of Lara and Carl Hooper.

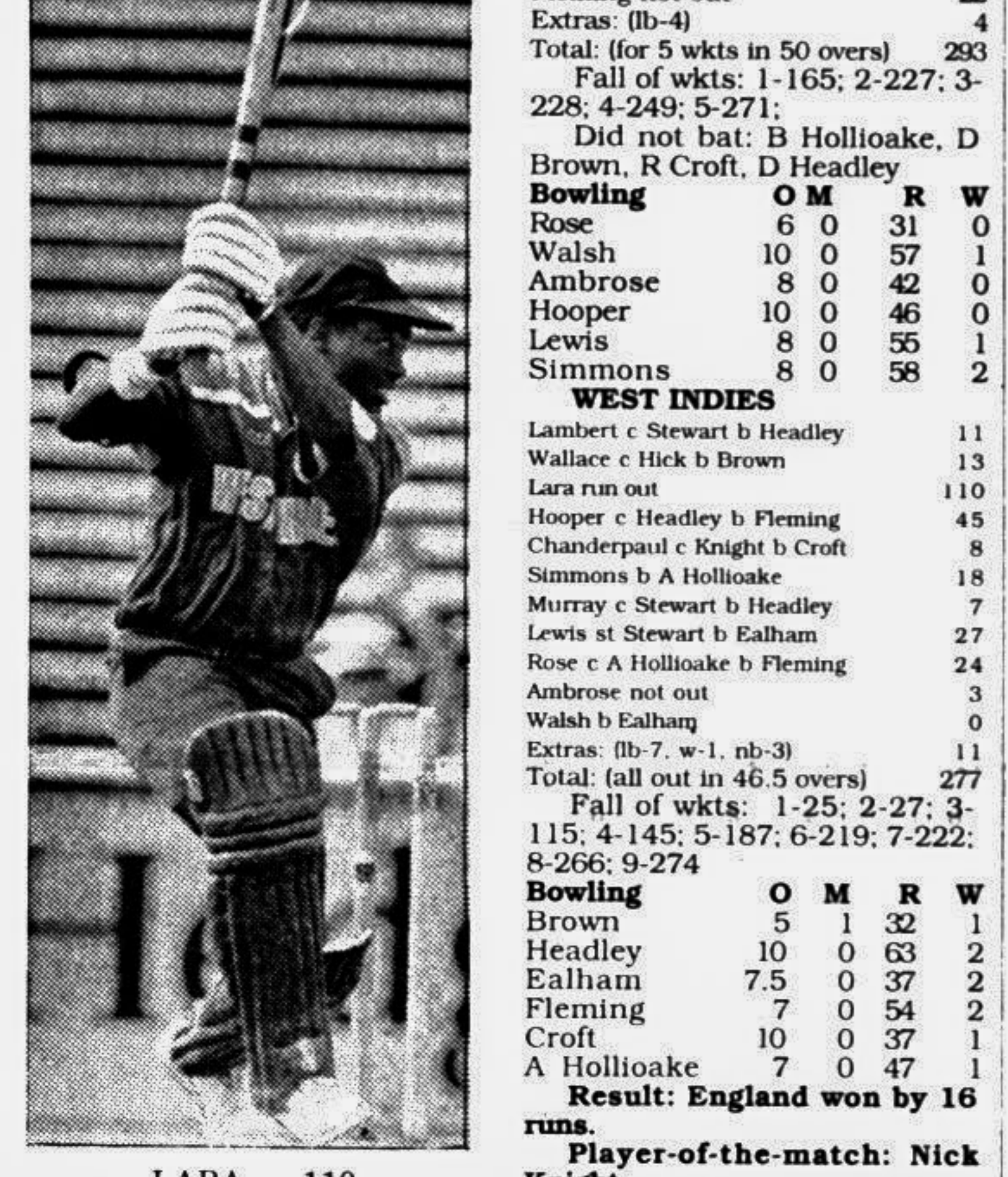
The pair shared a dazzling partnership of 88 off 82 balls in an hour that gave the home team the upper hand.

But Lara lost Hooper and the rest of the middle order could not provide solid support.

Hooper made 45 off just 34 balls with eight delightful boundaries.

Lara was finally run out going for a second run to Ben Hooloake on the cover boundary.

Bowlers Rawal Lewis and



LARA ... 110

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, Mar 30 (AP): Call it off!

The Netherlands face Nigeria in a World Cup warm-up game in Amsterdam five days before the championship starts in June, but there are calls to cancel playing in the World Cup.

Finals in France from June 10 to July 12. The teams are scheduled to meet on June 5 at the Amsterdam's Arena.

But Minister for Overseas Development Jan Pronk wrote in a Labour Party magazine that it would be a scandal if the match is played because it breaks sanctions imposed to protest Nigeria's poor human rights record.

But Dutch television reported Sunday that the sports ministry has already approved the friendly. France also has given Nigeria permission to play in the finals.

FACE-OFF

They're off! On a collision course for the FIFA presidency, general secretary Sepp Blatter and UEFA

president Lennart Johansson started their campaigns Sunday and the exchanges look like becoming a tough war of words.

"In soccer we talk so often of fair play," Johansson told the Semtungszeitung newspaper. "So why, for heaven's sake, don't they stick to the rules of fair play?" he asked in criticism of Blatter and the man they both hope to replace, Joao Havelange.

Blatter, a 62-year-old Swiss, decided last week to run for the presidency in opposition to Johansson and officially launches his campaign Monday in Paris.

He has already indicated the will offer the job of FIFA sports director to French soccer hero and World Cup organizing committee chairman Michel Platini.

"The time is ripe to bring a great soccer name into FIFA," Blatter said.

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Teams for Six-A-Side cricket

Two Bangladesh cricket teams — Chittagong Club and Commonwealth Club — leave for Bangkok today to participate in the Six-A-Side tournament in Thailand, reports UNB.

The Chittagong Club include former national skipper Shaiful Haq Hira, current national captain Akram Khan, Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Nariul Abedin Nobel, Rubel and Ripon.

The Commonwealth Club are likely to include national vice-captain Aminul Islam Bulbul, Naimur Rashid Rahtul, Raquibul Hasan, Zakir Hossain, Imran Hamid Partha and Iqbal Hossain.

The tournament will begin on Wednesday.

Plan to hold more Ind-Pak hockey

ISLAMABAD, Mar 30: In a bid to promote hockey in the sub-continent, India and Pakistan have decided to hold a six-team hockey tournament next year apart from holding the hockey series annually following the success of the recently held eight-match Test series, reports PTI.

Akhtar Rasool, the chief of the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF), said in Lahore Saturday that he and his Indian counterpart have agreed to hold the six-team tournament sometime next year in which three teams from each side will participate.

There would be two senior teams and one under-21 team from each side in the proposed tournament which would be played on a double leg basis, he said.

Both sides have also agreed to hold a Indo-Pak hockey Test series on an annual basis which would benefit both the teams in their preparations for international tournaments, he said.

While complimenting the Pakistani team for winning the eight-match series he said: "The series against India was tense and thrilling and the outcome of every match was decided in the late 35-minute of each game."

He said the series has helped the two countries to revive the flagging fortunes of their hockey and will contribute in a long way in future development and promotion of the game.

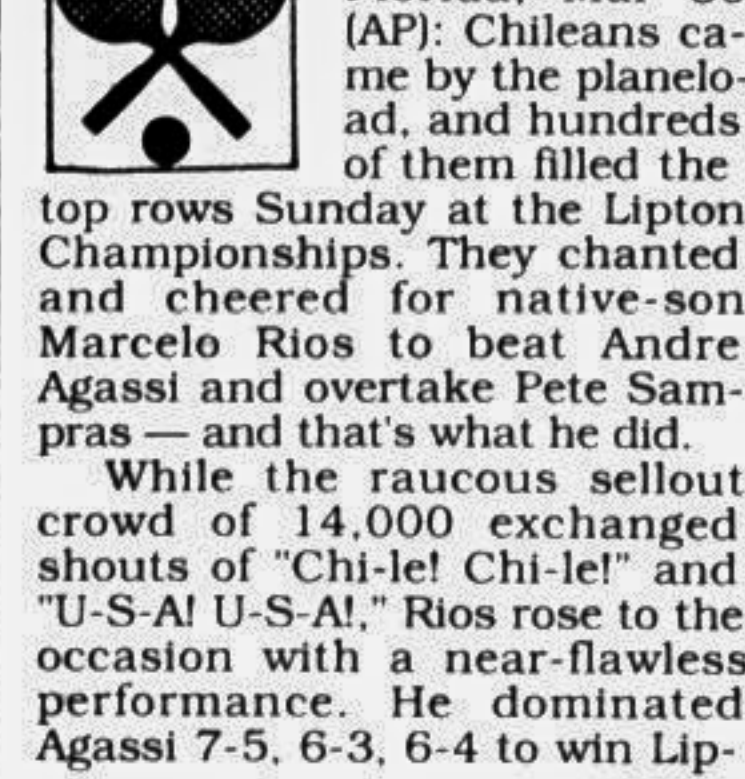
He also said specially a series against India always augurs well for Pakistan as it had played similar hockey series against India prior to the 1978 World Cup and 1984 Olympics and had went on to win these tournaments.

The Indo-Pak hockey series this year was revived after more than decade as India first visited Pakistan to play four Test matches and then Pakistan went to India to complete the eight-match series.

The series witnessed some thrilling matches as India after being down by 0-2 initially bounced back to level the series and then took the lead by 3-2 but Pakistan finally won the series by winning the last two games.

Both India and Pakistan are in the process of building their teams for the forthcoming World Cup which is due in Holland in May this year.

Marcelo's epoch-making win



KEY BISCAIYNE, Florida, Mar 30 (AP): Chileans came by the plane-load, and hundreds of them filled the top rows Sunday at the Lipton Championships. They chanted and cheered for native-son Marcelo Rios to beat Andre Agassi and overtake Pete Sampras — and that's what he did.

While the raucous sellout crowd of 14,000 exchanged shouts of "Chile! Chile!" and "U-S-A! U-S-A!", Rios rose to the occasion with a near-flawless performance. He dominated Agassi 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 to win Lipton and claim the No 1 ranking from Sampras.

Not bad for a guy carrying a nation's expectations on his shoulders. "Being the best player in the world for Chile is something, like, not normal," Rios said. "I feel really proud."

The 22-year-old Santiago native is the first South American to be No 1 since the ATP Tour rankings began in 1973.

Until this year, Rios was known primarily for ill-mannered behaviour that made him unpopular with other players and the media. But he actually smiled Sunday and threw his racket only once, tossing it happily into the stands after winning match point.

The former bad boy is now the best. Rios, who entered the tournament at No 3, will end Sampras' streak of 102 consecutive weeks at No 1 when the new rankings come out Monday. Sampras lost in the third round at Lipton by Wayne Ferreira.

Critics contend that Rios ranking is tainted because he hasn't won a Grand Slam. Agassi said Rios deserves No 1 — for now.

Rios, the runnerup at the Australian Open in January, is only the second player to reach No 1 without having won a major tournament. The other was Ivan Lendl in 1983, who went on to win eight Grand Slams.

Rios acknowledged that his edge over Sampras and other top players is slim and tenuous. Several charter planes made the nine-hour flight from Chile bringing fans for the final, and they began chanting and singing an hour before the match. The Davis Cup-type atmosphere inspired Rios, who took a quick 3-0 lead.

The most prestigious title of Rios career earned him 360,000 dollars. He has won 11 consecutive matches, and his 25-3 record this year is the best on the tour.

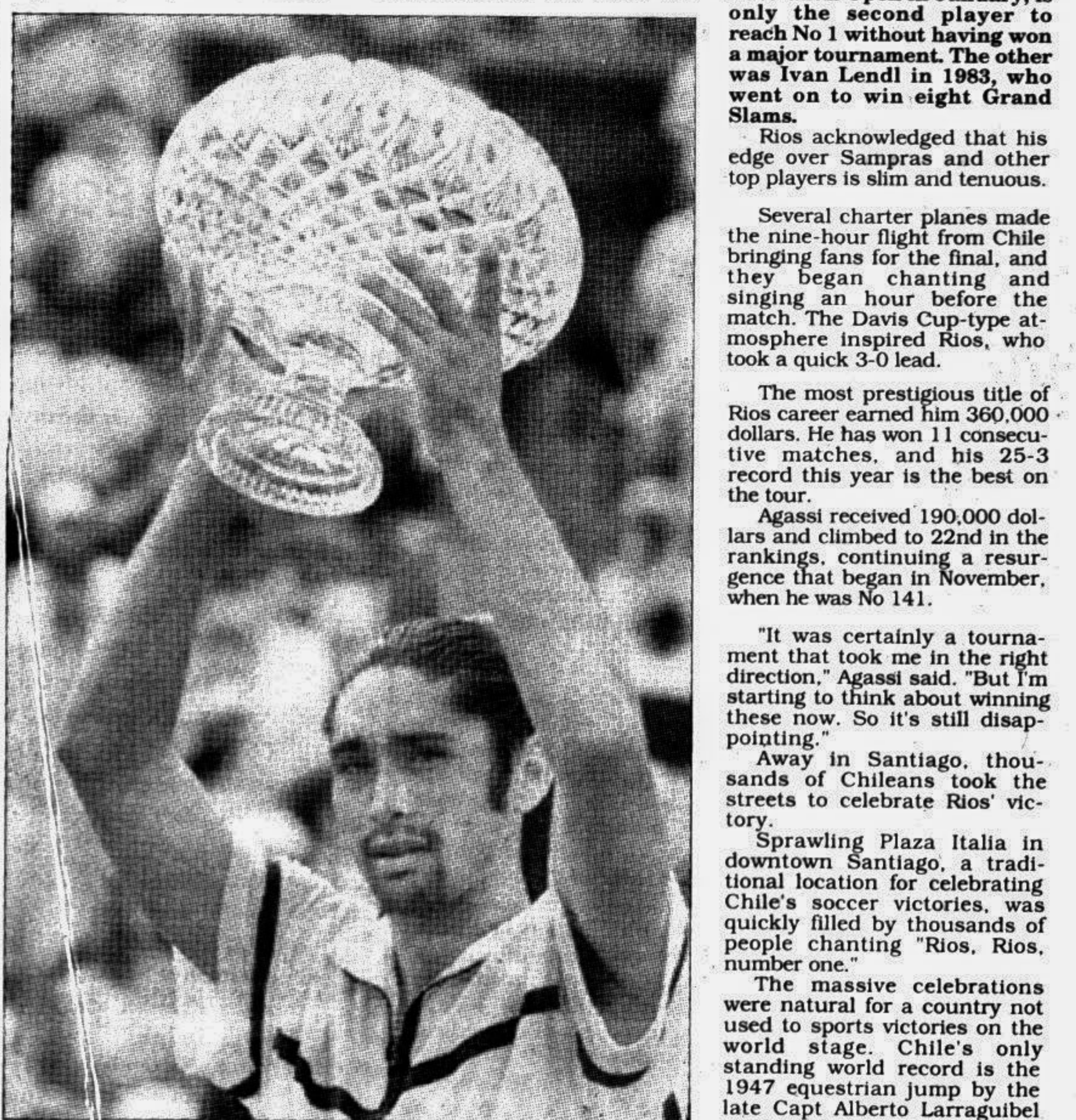
Agassi received 190,000 dollars and climbed to 22nd in the rankings, continuing a resurgence that began in November, when he was No 141.

"It was certainly a tournament that took me in the right direction," Agassi said. "But I'm starting to think about winning these now. So it's still disappointing."

Away in Santiago, thousands of Chileans took the streets to celebrate Rios' victory. Sprawling Plaza Italia in downtown Santiago, a traditional location for celebrating Chile's soccer victories, was quickly filled by thousands of people chanting "Rios, Rios, number one."

The massive celebrations were natural for a country not used to sports victories on the world stage. Chile's only standing world record is the 1947 equestrian jump by the late Capt Alberto Larraguibel on Huaso.

In the women's doubles final Martina Hingis and Jana Novotna beat Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Natasha Zvereva 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.



NUMERO UNO: Marcelo Rios of Chile lifts the Lipton Championships trophy after overcoming crowd favourite Andre Agassi 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 in the final at Key Biscayne, Florida on Mar 29.

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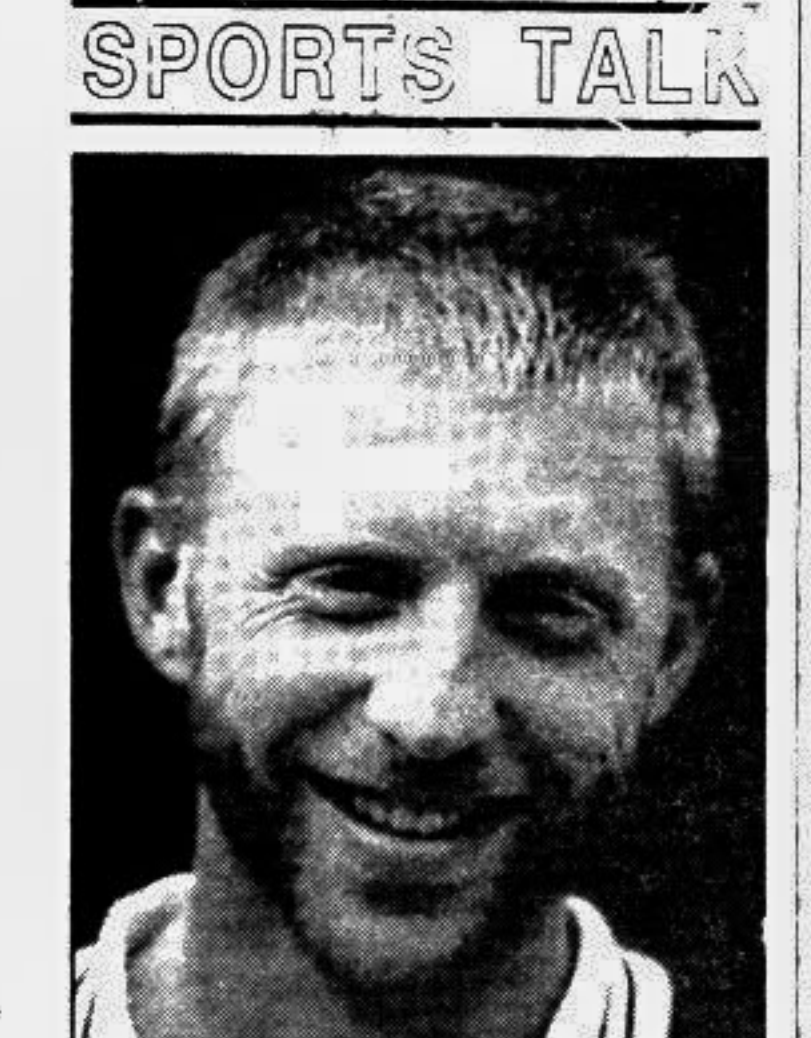
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Schools h'ball semis today

Both the semifinals of the ninth Bata schools handball tournament will be held today at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium, reports UNB.

Group A champions BAF Shaheen School & College will take on Rajbarh Police Lines High School in the first semifinal at 3:30 pm while Group B champions Shahid Nabi High School will meet Rajdhani High School at 4 pm.

Paraguay hold Colombia

NEW HAVEN, United States, Mar 30: Result of a warm-up match between World Cup qualifiers Colombia and Paraguay played here Sunday, reports AFP.

Colombia-1 (Comas 11), Paraguay-1 (Benitez 42)

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