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SPORTS TALK



Aime Jacquet (Former French soccer coach) 'The World Cup was a moment of national communion.'

Fang joining Palace

SHANGHAI, Aug 3: Defender Fang Zhiyi of China's 1997 Premier league runners-up Shenhuia will play for English First Division club Crystal Palace...

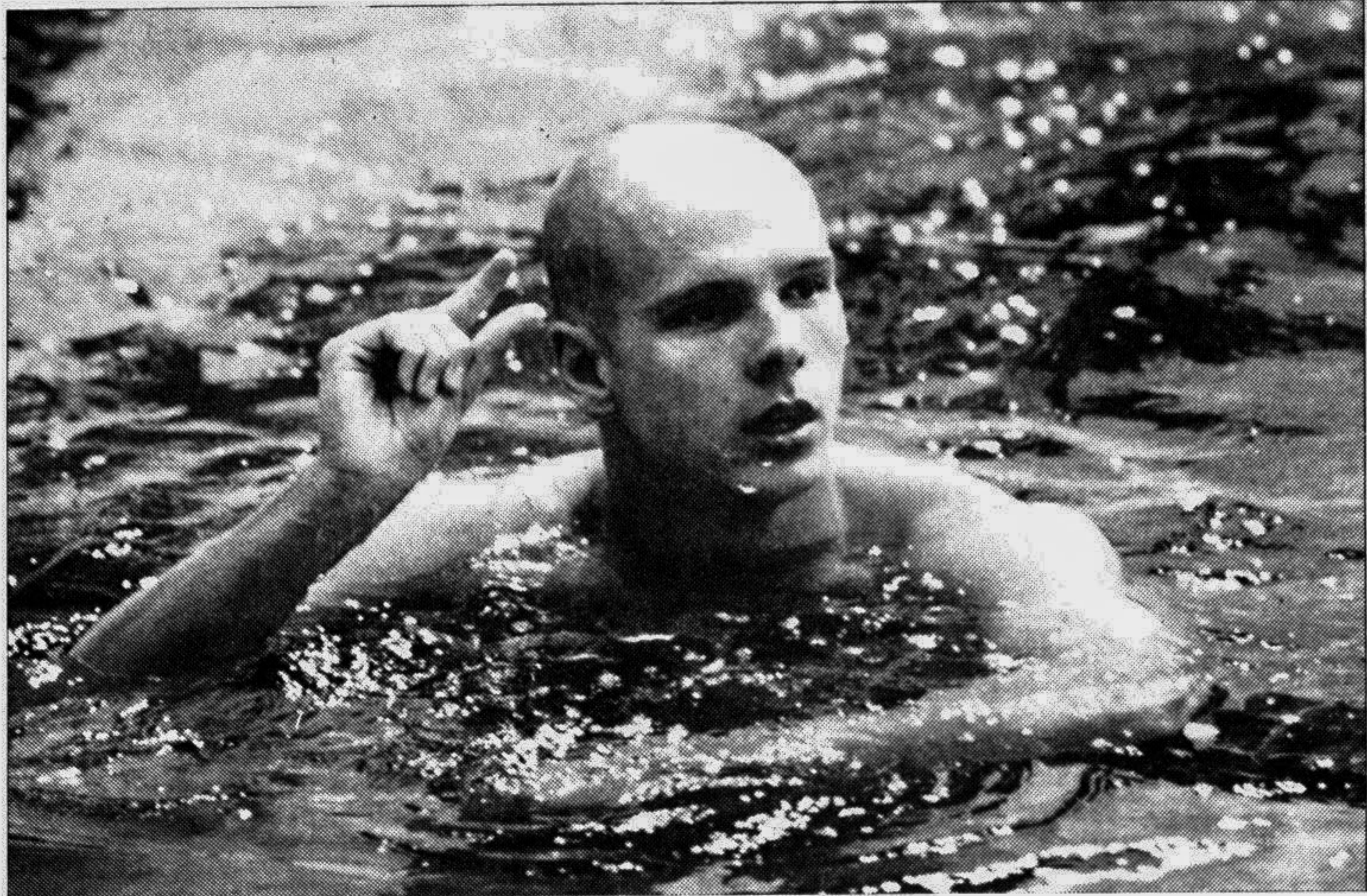
Fang, who was named China's best player in 1995 when Shenhuia won the nation's Premier league...

Crystal Palace advised Shenhuia of a transfer payment of 700,000 dollars...

But a Shenhuia official said the matter was still under discussion.

Crystal Palace, relegated to the First Division after finishing at the bottom of the Premier league last season...

Computer software millionaire Mark Goldberg completed a 36 million dollar takeover of the club in June.



THIS CLOSE: Brazilian Fernando Scherer must be a bit disappointed as he shows that he just missed a world record in the 50 metre freestyle at the Goodwill Games in Uniondale on Aug 2.

Scherer stakes his claim

NEW YORK, Aug 3: Russia's Alexander Popov had better start worrying more about Brazil's Fernando Scherer...

Scherer emerged as a major threat to Popov's reign here Sunday on the last day of the Goodwill Games...

Scherer and the World All-Stars won the team title under the unusual Goodwill dual meet format...

Popov beat Pilczuk to avenge a 50m freestyle defeat at the World Championships in January...

Scherer settled for matching South African Peter Williams as the fourth-best 50m freestyle performer in history...

Popov's winning 50m time, 22.27 seconds, would have taken the world title...

Popov's reaction time was the worst in his 50m race but he recovered to win with compatriot Roman Yegorov second...

All the races were pretty tough. I'm pretty tired, Popov said. I never have an easy time.

Pilczuk, disappointed with his time, named Scherer as the top threat to Popov, saying, 'He has a new rivalry with Fernando...'

Based on previous days' times, Popov won the 100m title in 48.86 seconds, edging Scherer by 5/100ths of a second.

Neither man swam the event Sunday as part of team strategy.

Costa clinches Generali Open

KITZBUHEL, Aug 3 (Reuters/Internet): Third seed Albert Costa of Spain claimed his second championship of the year...

Costa used the 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory to capture the \$62,400 first-place prize...

The 23-year-old Costa won eight career titles and all of them have come on clay...

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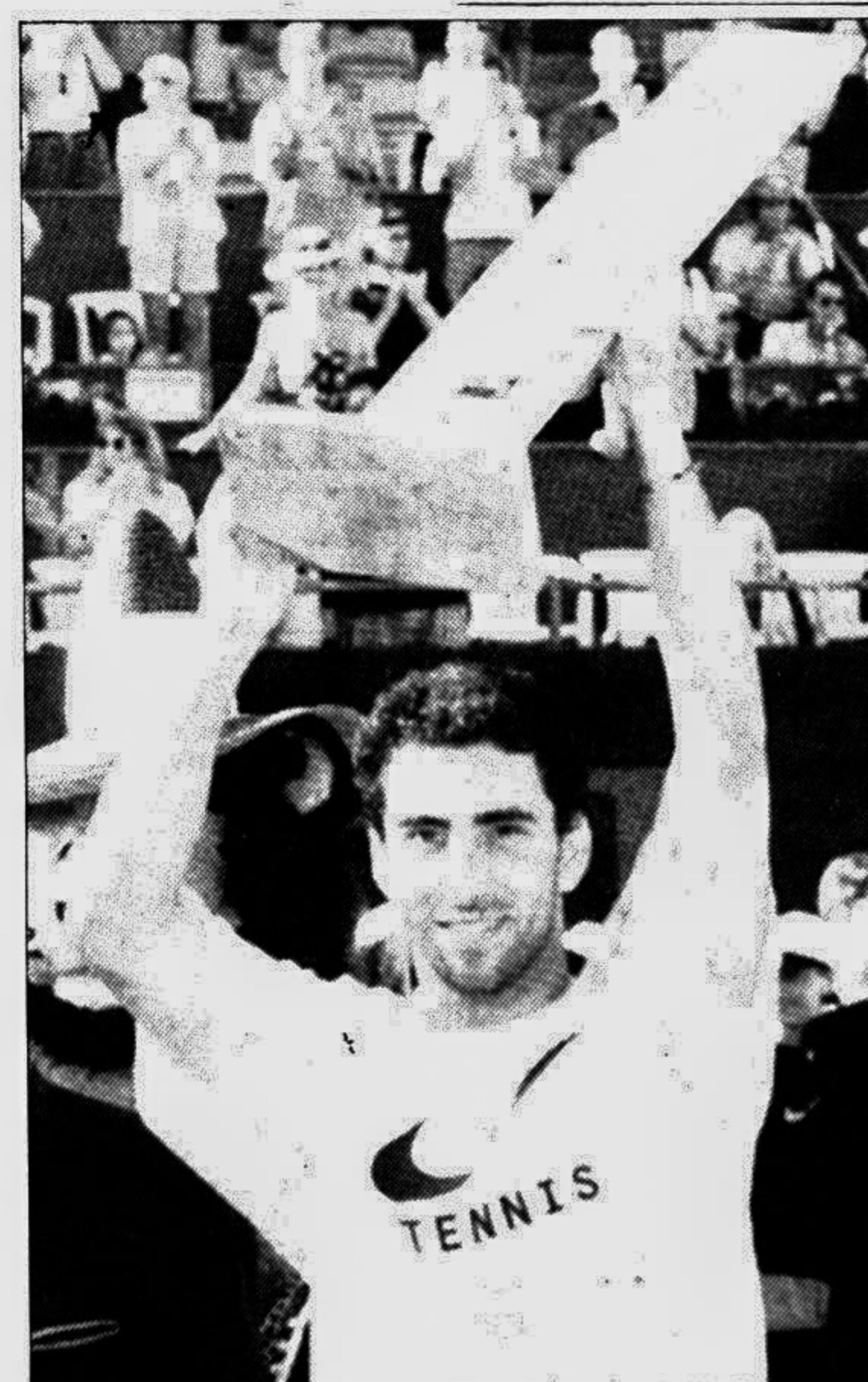
These guys swam better together than they would have as individuals, world coach Sam Frazer said.

I doubt the Goodwill Games will ever have the world team again. If you are too good you never get asked back.

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Spaniard Albert Costa shows off the Generali Open trophy after beating Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy in the final in Kitzbuhel, Austria on Aug 2.

African Nations' Cup qualifiers

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Liberia, with both George Weah and James Debbah in their line-up, also got a vital away goal in going down 2-1 to Niger in Niamey.

Musa Massa scored three minutes from time to offer Liberia a relatively easy task in their return match in Monrovia in two weeks.

Burundi's Jean-Marie Mbuyi scored the only goal of their match against Tanzania in Bujumbura on Sunday...

There were disappointing debuts for the tiny countries of Djibouti and Sao Tome...

Djibouti lost 3-0 to Kenya on Friday and Sao Tome, playing their home match against Togo...

Equatoria Guinea were also beaten on home soil, going down 2-0 to Gabon.

Corbitt has cancer PERTH, Australia, Aug 3: Former Australian Olympic hockey star Greg Corbitt...

Corbitt, 26, a member of the Australian side which won the silver medal at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992...

He said he was lucky he had been picked by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for random drug tests on June 21.

The agency was rarely thanked by athletes, but its tests could save his life, he said.

A philosophical Corbitt said his illness was just another challenge he had to overcome.

Despite his illness, Corbitt continued playing until Sunday — and was in good enough touch to score four goals to help his Perth team...

I was a bit emotional, but I have not played or felt better in three years, he said.

Corbitt was also a member of the Australian team which won the World Cup bronze in Ipoh in 1990 and Sidney in 1994.

Neil leads Lancs' way



NEIL FAIRBROTHER Anthony McGrath began the collapse by taking two wickets apiece, before Gough (four for 30) polished off the tail.

LONDON, Aug 3: Neil Fairbrother blasted an unbeaten 82 Sunday to help Lancashire to a 20-run victory over Leicestershire...

Leicestershire appeared on target to pass Lancashire's 183 for seven when Vince Wells (49), Phil Simmons (27) and Ben Smith (35) laid a solid foundation...

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Skipper Tom Moody (47) and Vikram Solanki (38) put on 74 for the first wicket...

111 between Matthew Wood (64) and Lehmann (59) had earlier propelled Yorkshire to 202 for nine...

Cassara and veteran opener Kim Barnett (46 n.o.) shared an unbeaten stand of 99 as the hosts reached their target of 156 with 5.1 overs to spare.

England bowler Dominic Cork's three for 26 had slowed down Kent's progress as they stumbled to 155 for eight...

An opening stand of 74 between prolific batsman Mal Loye (43) and Rob Bailey (32) set Northamptonshire on their way to a five-wicket win against Nottinghamshire...

Curtain falls on Goodwill

NEW YORK, Aug 3 (AP): When the Goodwill Games settled in New York for 15 days, Ted Turner's mini-Olympics had three primary objectives.

Fortunately, none of them involved making money.

Michael Plant, president of the Games, said their intention was to produce interesting and compelling television through sports...

The games accomplished all of that, although most of it was done in privacy.

Even though high-profile names were sprinkled throughout the competition, they proved to be a tough sell.

Looking at New York, we were not naive enough to believe that we would sell out every night, Plant said.

Television provided better numbers for the organizers. Through Wednesday, Goodwill Games telecasts on the WTBS averaged 1.5, slightly higher than for Atlanta Braves games...

International sport is something that very few companies are putting forth the effort to support, he said.

But Williams serve is fast becoming one of the most dangerous weapons on the WTA Tour.

Lindsay outslugs Venus

PALO ALTO, California, Aug 3: Top seed Lindsay Davenport roared back from a 0-3 third-set deficit to claim a hard-fought victory over third seed Venus Williams...

It was the first international for Sao Tome, an island nation off the West African coast...

In a seesaw battle between two towering, overpowering players, Davenport bore down late in the match...

The third-ranked Davenport, who beat Steffi Graf in the semifinals, was brimming with confidence...

I've been very consistent this year and maybe I should have won a few more tournaments, but if I play like I did this week...

Hardcourts are what I grew up on, said Davenport, who has been very consistent this year and maybe I should have won a few more tournaments...

Certainly, there are the Olympic Games and the World Championships and other types of competitions, but it drops off significantly from there.

So the Games press on, with the next edition set for 2001 in Brisbane, Australia.

There also are plans for a winter edition, the first probably in lake Placid, New York, in 2000.

Plant said Goodwill officials will have an operational plan in place for Brisbane within six months...

That means that despite the losses, Turner and Time Warner are happy with the event, which generated 5 million dollars for the Boys & Girls Clubs and UNICEF...

We will not discuss any final tally of revenue or expenses, as is the policy with any other project of the company.

And that's why there will be Goodwill again in 2001.

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The speedy third seed rode that momentum to a 3-0 lead in the final set, but Davenport battled back...

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The 6-foot-3 (1.90 m) Davenport ended the first set with her money shot, a blistering cross-court forehand...

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The 6-foot-2 (1.87m) Williams double faulted in the third game.

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