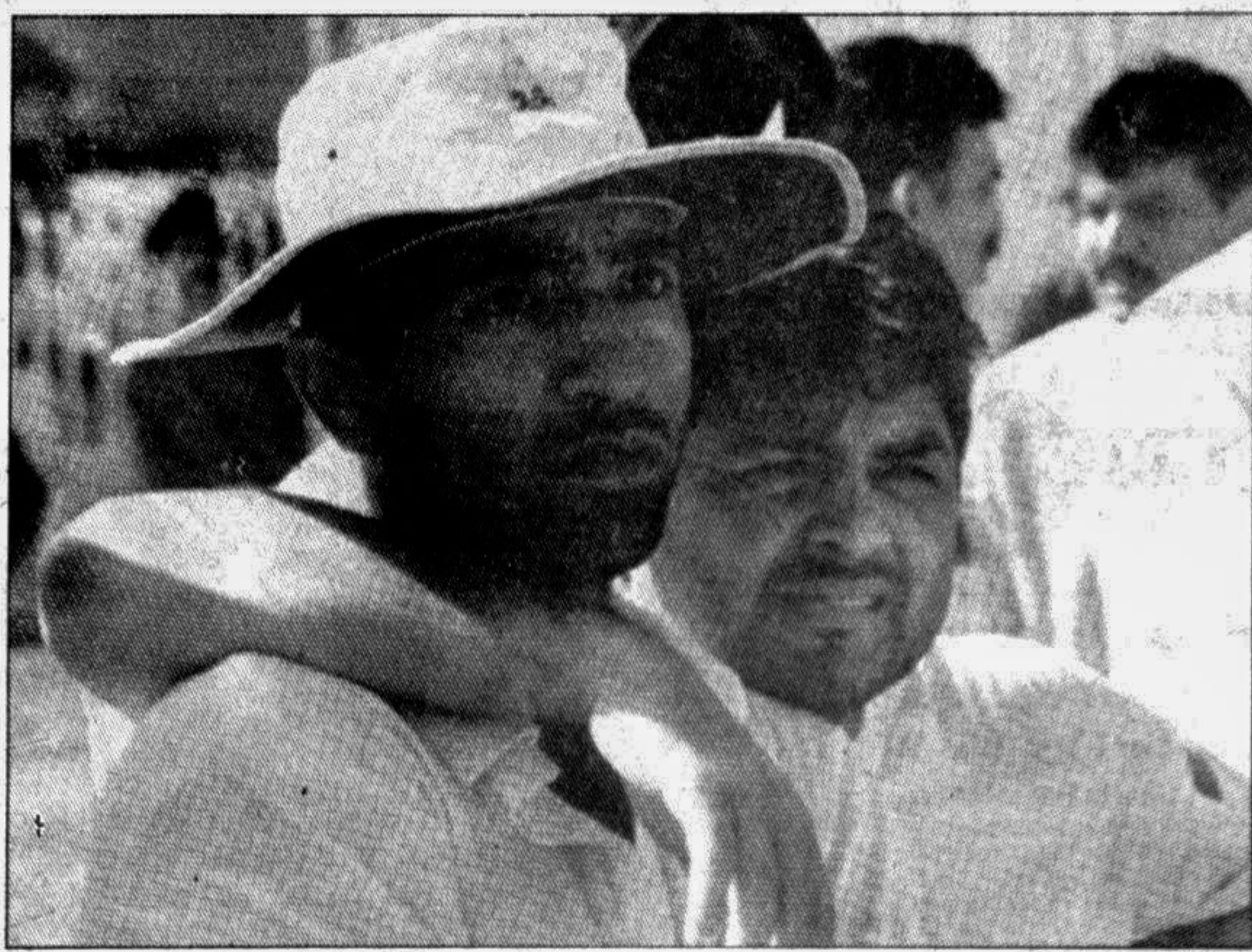


Sport

Hodde justifies his decision

LONDON, Oct 5: England manager Glenn Hodde has defended his decision to allow his players to use energy-boosting injections in the World Cup...



THEIR FACES SAY IT ALL: Saeed Anwar (L) and Pakistan teammate Mushtaq Ahmed wearing a dejected look after the defeat against Australia in the first Test yesterday.

Italy team for match against Switzerland

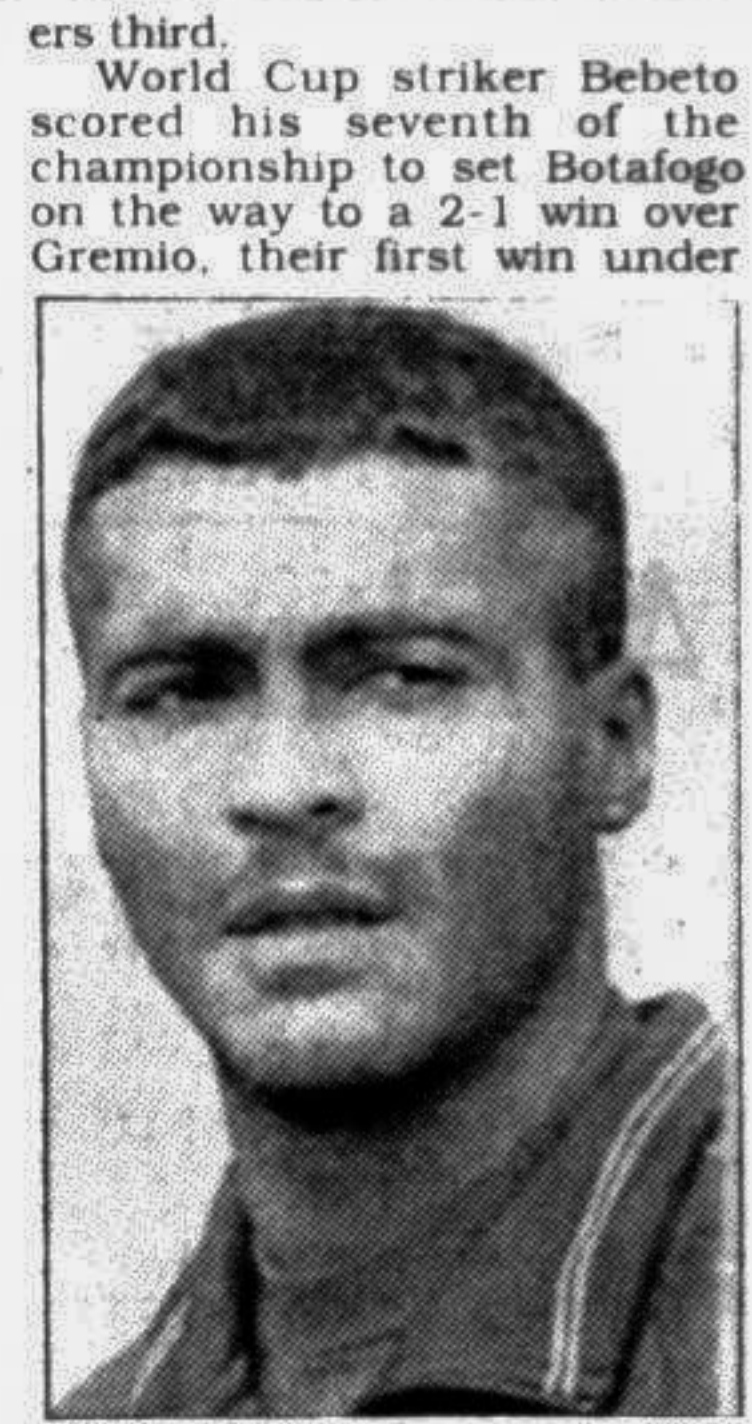
ROME, Oct 5 (Reuters/Internet): Italy squad for European championship Group A qualifier against Switzerland on October 10 in Udine...

Russian squad for Euro '2000 qualifiers

MOSCOW, Oct 5 (AFP): Russian coach Anatoly Byshovet today named his side for European Championships Group Four qualifying matches...

Kisses this time from Romario

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 5 (Reuters/Internet): Romario opted for blowing kisses to the crowd instead of making insulting gestures...

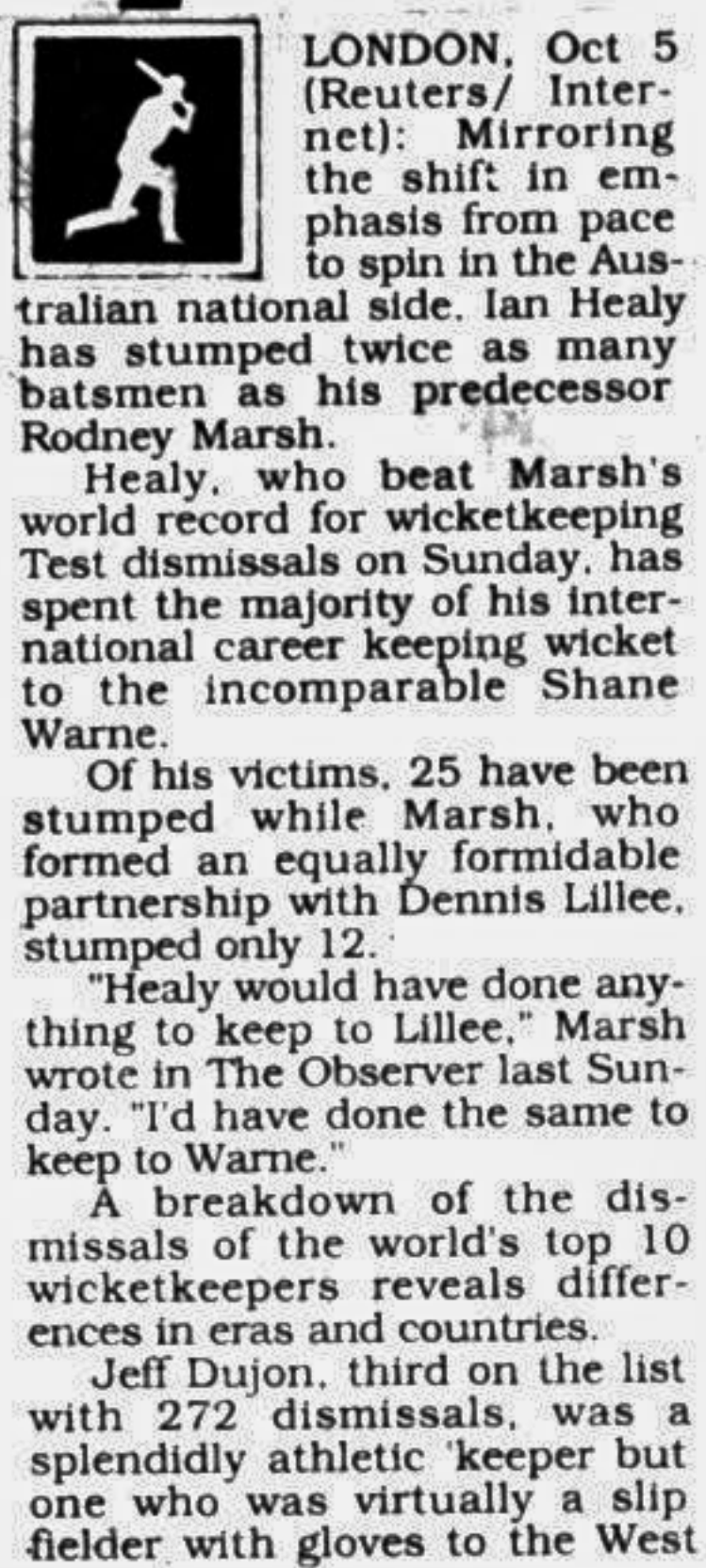


ROMARIO

Boca Juniors increased their lead in the Apertura (Opening) championship to five points after a 3-0 win over Platense...

Spin & hands of Healy

LONDON, Oct 5 (Reuters/Internet): Mirroring the shift in emphasis from pace to spin in the Australian national side, Ian Healy has stumped twice as many batsmen as his predecessor Rodney Marsh...



India's fast bowlers, England's Alan Knott, fourth with 269, was brilliant standing up to the stumps to the medium-pace spin of Derek Underwood...

Ajax in search of foreign aides

AMSTERDAM, Oct 5 (Reuters/Internet): Dutch champions Ajax Amsterdam said on Monday they were in talks with Belgian first division team Germinal Ekeren...

Bayern drop first points

BERLIN, Oct 5: Borussia Dortmund, showing signs of jelling in a rebuilding year, on Sunday stopped Bayern Munich from equalling their own Bundesliga record...

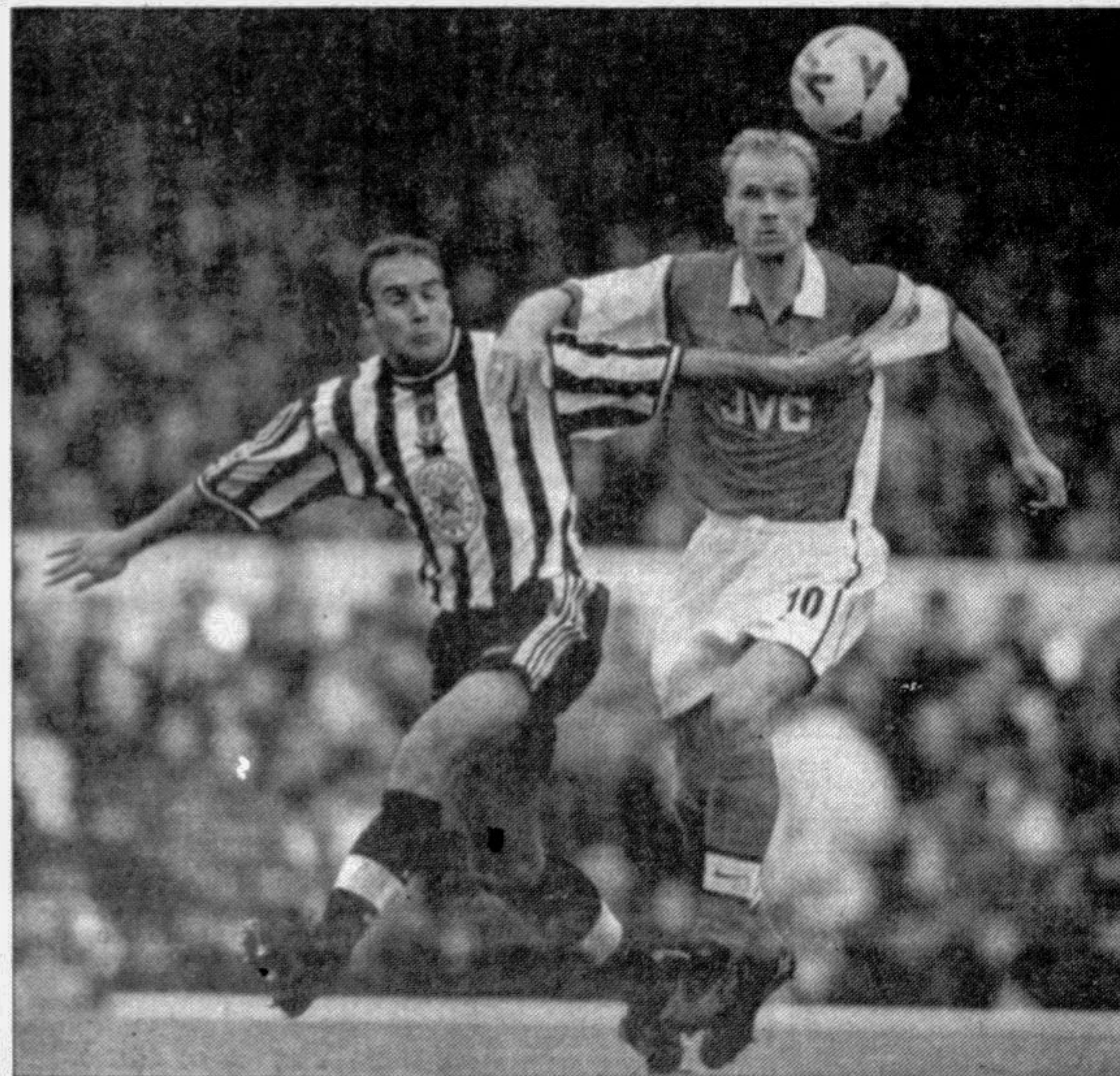
Fiorentina ride on Edmundo

ROME, Oct 5: Gabriel Batistuta had a quiet day, but another of Fiorentina's many weapons hit the target Sunday to keep the club alone atop the Italian league...

goals aplenty, but both were held in check. This team knows how to win when it struggles. It has character. Fiorentina coach Giovanni Trapattoni said...

Confederations Cup fixture

MEXICO CITY, Oct 5 (Xinhua): Following is the calendar of the January 8-20 Confederations Cup soccer tournament to be played in Mexico...



DENNIS THE MENACE: Arsenal's Dutch superstar Dennis Bergkamp tries to get the better of Newcastle defender Laurent Charvet during their English Premiership clash at Highbury, London on October 4.

Bergkamp breaks his jinx

LONDON, October 5 (Mail/Internet): Dennis Bergkamp restored the natural order of things by reminding Newcastle of the undiminished potency of Arsenal's football...

nothing. The England captain rarely broke free from Adams in an intriguing duel from which Arsenal's former England captain emerged triumphant...

ing minute with great reflex saves from headers by Fredrik Ljunberg and Tony Adams. But there was not much he could do about Anelka's goal in the 28th minute...

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq. BY DOUBLING SIX HEARTS, EAST PUSHED THE OPPONENTS TO A MAKEABLE CONTRACT. (Hand # 112)

THE PLAY. Against 6 No Trumps West had an opening lead problem. From Q 10 8 he did not like to lead a Spade. He therefore led a small Diamond.

INTER 2, PERUGIA

At Milan, Djorkaeff was brilliant, providing the play-making and leadership that some thought Inter would lack with the veteran Baggio and Brazil's Ronaldo sidelined by knee injuries...

Betis shoot Real down

MADRID, Oct 5: Real Madrid dropped out of first place in the Spanish soccer league Sunday after a 1-0 loss at home to last-place Betis in the fifth round...

Belgrade tie postponed

DUBLIN, Oct 5 (Reuters/Internet): Irish soccer officials said on Monday their European Championship qualifier with Yugoslavia had been postponed from October 10 to UEFA had indicated it could be played a month later...

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. 1 Players together 58 Force unit bane 19 007's first film foe...