

**Chess Olympia**  
**Bangladeshi men**  
**back on track**

Bangladesh's men's team returned to winning ways in the 33rd Chess Olympiad beating Turkmenistan by 2.5-1.5 points in the ninth round in the Russian city of Elista on Thursday, reports UNB.

With the win, Abdullah Al Rakib earned a 9th round International Master norm. If he can earn the 13th round norm, Rakib will be crowned International Master.

International Master Ziaur Rahman also kept his hope alive for earning the Grand Master norm from this tournament.

After the 9th round, the men's team has 19.5 points with an overall 38th position. The United States of America lead the table with 24.5 points.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's women's team defeated Turkey by 2.5-0.5 points in the 9th round and now has 13 points with an overall 42nd position. China top the table with 22 points.

In Friday's 10th round matches, men's team was playing Grand Master-studded Latvia while the women's team meeting Argentina.

**Div I hockey**  
**Sonali Bank's**  
**fifth win**

**Sports Reporter**

Sonali Bank posted their fifth win in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when they defeated Cantonian Sporting Club 3-1 at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

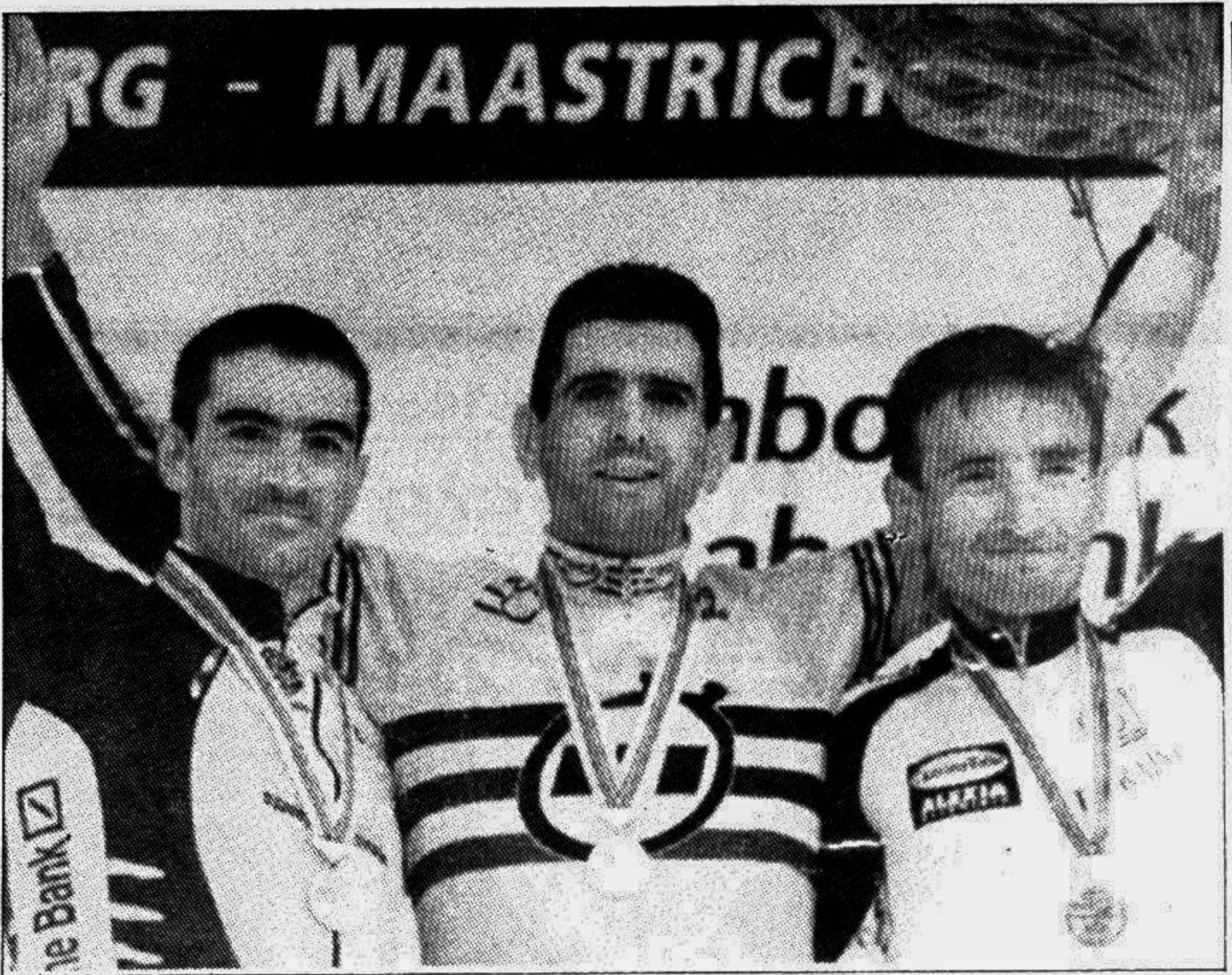
Kamrul, Tito and Monir struck once each for the bankers while Rajib pulled one back for the Cantonians.

Sonali Bank, with the win, remained third in the eight-team table having raised their tally to 19 points, one point adrift of second placed Wari Club.

The day's other match between Bangladesh Railway and Bachelors' Club was postponed after 49 minutes due to poor light conditions. Until then Railway were leading by 3-0.

The remaining 21 minutes of the match will be played this afternoon as there are no scheduled matches today.

Meanwhile, Indian hockey umpire Venugopal arrived in the capital yesterday to conduct the remaining matches of the league. Venugopal will also conduct matches of the forthcoming Premier Division league along with compatriot Harkirat Singh Shakhil who is expected to arrive soon.



(L-R) Spaniards Melchior Mauri (silver winner), Abraham Olano (gold) and Sergei Gontchar of Ukraine (bronze) wave from the podium after the elite time trial race at the Cycling World Championships in Valkenburg, Netherlands on Oct 8. — AP/UNB photo

**Starts bowling again**  
**Warne sticks to his guns**

MELBOURNE, Oct 9 (Reuters/Interne): Ace Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne has begun bowling again for the first time since undergoing shoulder surgery in May.

Warne told reporters on Friday that he had begun rolling his arm over with a tennis ball and was hoping to progress to a cricket ball within the next fortnight.

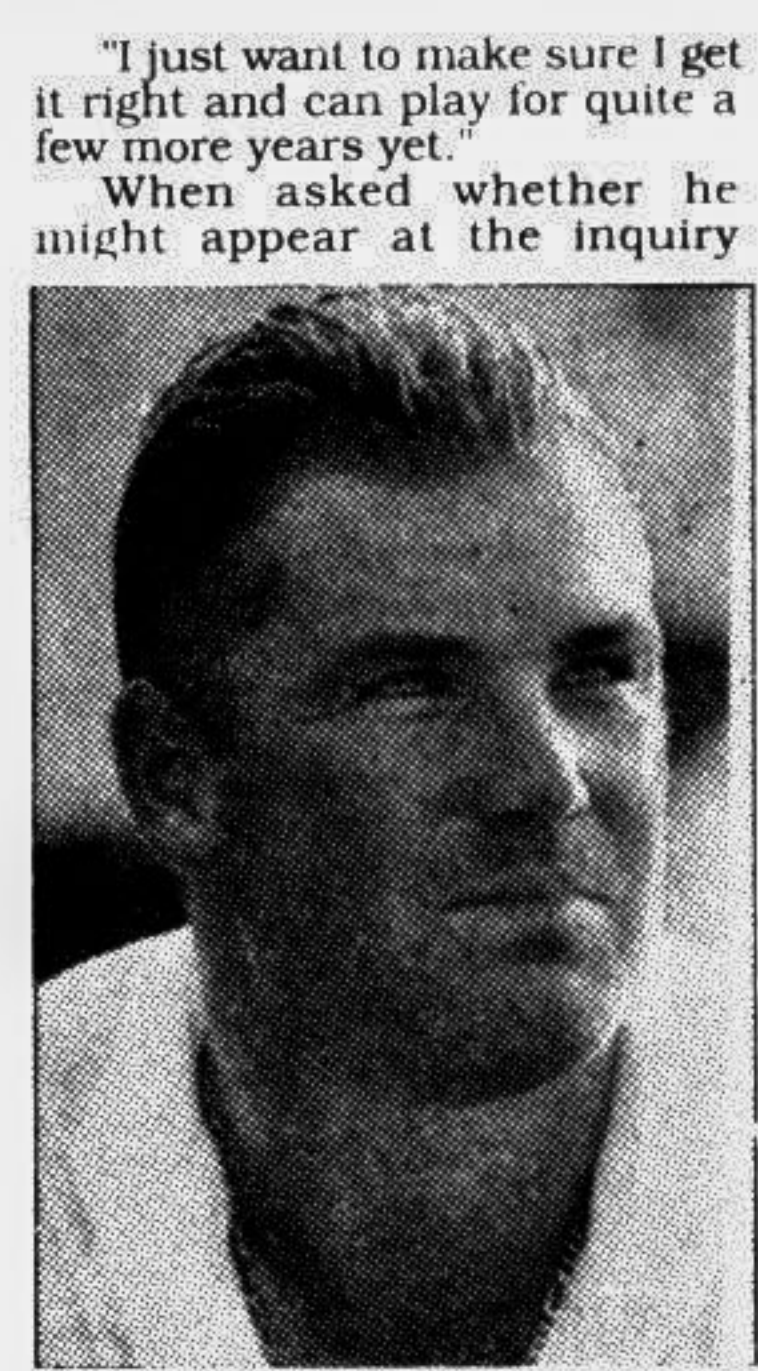
"I felt pretty good," Warne told Australian radio. "Obviously I'd like it to be a cricket ball and start bowling some leg breaks."

Warne said he was still frustrated at the time it was taking for his shoulder to heal but was pleased to be making some progress.

He was forced to miss Australia's current tour of Pakistan but hopes to be fit for the forthcoming Ashes series against England, who arrive in Australia later this month.

The first of five tests starts in Brisbane on November 20.

"I've got to make sure it's 120 per cent right before I start doing anything that can do some more damage," Warne said.



SHANE WARNE

into alleged match-fixing by Pakistan cricketers, Warne ruled out any possibility of that happening.

Warne said that he had nothing to add to the statement he made four years ago when he, Mark Waugh and Tim May accused Pakistan's Salim Malik of offering them a bribe to play poorly.

"We signed affidavits and wrote down exactly what happened and we got called liars from a Pakistan judge," said Warne, who withdrew from Australia's current tour to recover from shoulder surgery.

"We told the right authorities, we told our manager, we told all those sort of people and we left it up to the authorities."

May, who has retired from the game but now serves as president of the Australian Cricketers' Association, has also refused to travel to Pakistan to testify.

The former Test spinner said he was dismayed at the way the whole affair had been handled, blaming the International Cricket Council (ICC) for not taking a more active role.

"I think it's been handled poorly from the start. It should have been dealt with four years ago," May said.

"We gave sworn statements in 1995 and we stick by every word of them."

The criticism by the three Australians followed a call by Australia's top cricket official for the ICC to take a more significant role in the investigation.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive Malcolm Speed said he wanted to see the ICC deal with the matter itself or appoint an independent panel to look into it.

The judge who investigated the original charges exonerated the Pakistan players and accused the Australians of concocting the charges.

However, an interim report released by the PCB three weeks ago recommended that Malik, Wasim Akram and Ijaz Ahmad should not be selected until the investigations were completed.

Waugh, the only member of the original trio currently in Pakistan, repeated his allegations of bribery to the government-appointed judge investigating the charges.

But the Australian camp were angry at the way the hearing was conducted, with Australian manager Steve Bernard describing it as an "ambush".

**2000 European Championships**  
**Another week of tense qualifiers**

PARIS, Oct 9: World champions France, England and Spain will all be seeking redemption in the eyes of their fans when they play their second European Championship qualifying matches after making false starts in the competition, reports AFP.

England take on Bulgaria at Wembley on Saturday in a match which they must win after an opening 2-1 defeat in Sweden has already compromised hopes of top sport in Group Five.

Spain, the laughing stock of the opening round of games a month ago when they contrived to lose in Cyprus, have a weekend off before facing Israel on Wednesday.

And France, decidedly unimpressive when they stumbled to a doleful 1-1 draw in Iceland, travel to Russia.

With only the group winners guaranteed a place in the 2000 finals the trio must ensure they get things right second time round.

**England-Bulgaria: England**  
**Davenport new**  
**world No 1**

FILDERSTADT, Oct 9: Lindsay Davenport became the world's No 1 women's tennis player without swinging a racket Friday when Martina Hingis was beaten at the Porsche Grand Prix, reports AP.

Hingis needed to win to hold off the charging American in the rankings but lost a 3-6, 7-5.



6.6-4 quarterfinal struggle to Belgium's rising star, Dominique Van Roost.

Davenport, the US Open champion, will officially end the Swiss teenager's 80-week reign at the top in the new rankings to be released Monday.

will start favourites against a Bulgarian side which floundered to a 3-0 home defeat against Poland four weeks ago.

And the loss of veteran striker Luboslav Penev, who announced his retirement from international football on Monday, has only served to deepen Bulgarian gloom.

But England coach Glenn Hoddle, who has stalled on signing a new contract and who has made it clear that he will not make a final decision on his future until his side has reached the European finals, still has to raise morale after the Sweden reverse.

He also has a clutch of injury worries.

Inspirational defender Tony Adams, one of six England players rated doubtful for Saturday's game.

The Arsenal veteran missed Wednesday's training session along with forwards Teddy Sheringham, Ian Wright and Darren Anderton, defender Martin Keown and midfielder Ray Parlour.

And Hoddle, who is already without suspended midfielders Paul Ince and David Beckham, admitted, "As things stand at this moment in time I wouldn't put my hat on any of them being fit for Saturday."

Poland will almost certainly leap to the top of the group if they take the points at home to minnows Luxembourg while the Swedes have the weekend off.

**France-Russia** France coach Roger Lemerre will be looking for his first win since taking over from Aimé Jacquet, the Mastermind of July's World Cup triumph.

An away trip to Russia will not be the easiest place to get that in and preparations have gone awry with Lemerre becoming embroiled in a selection row and the fall out of the doping crisis in Italy, where many of the French stars are based.

The selection row erupted after Glasgow Rangers goalkeeper Lionel Charbonnier quit the squad on Tuesday, telling Lemerre that "The way you have handled the squad is all wrong" after Paris Saint Germain's out-of-form keeper Bernard Lama was drafted in to replace first choice Fabien Barthez of Monaco.

Lama had not been in the squad originally and his deputy will be Lionel Letizi of Metz.

Arsenal's exciting striker Nicolas Anelka should win his second cap.

French stars meanwhile queued up to plead not guilty on the doping front with Zinedine Zidane saying he was "deeply shocked" at the rumors flying around, including one which suggested some Juventus play-

ers took cocaine.

Marseille striker Christophe Dugarry, formerly of AC Milan, said: "Anyone who taking drugs must be crazy, would I really want to wreck my life by the age of 35? I've got a child, I'd never do that, and if you have square feet taking epo won't do much for you."

**Ukraine-Andorra:** French rivals Ukraine, who have a win over Russia under their belts, travel to tiny Andorra where they should check up another success.

**Italy-Switzerland:** Italy, despite the doom and gloom emanating from the doping scandal blacking the name of the Serie A, are already well-placed in Group One even before a home clash with Switzerland. They beat Wales 2-0 at Anfield in their opening match. The Swiss have yet to play.

Azzurri coach Dino Zoff is counting on Alessandro Del Piero to end a recent bout of poor form against the Swiss.

Del Piero enjoyed a purple patch last season in the league but flopped in the European Cup final and the World Cup final.

Zoff, however, has said he will keep faith with him for Saturday's clash at Udine.

**Denmark-Wales:** Wales face an awkward trip to Denmark who will be without Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel who has a stomach muscle injury.

The Danes will be motivated after their goalless draw in Belarus first time out — especially since the Welsh are experiencing a bleak run.

The visitors will also be without Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs who badly bruised his foot and ankle against Liverpool last week.

His place will be taken by Norwich's Craig Bellamy who is promoted from the under-21 squad. Giggs however, hopes to be back for the match against Belarus the following Wednesday in Cardiff.

West Ham striker John Hartson is also out with ankle problems which could give veteran Mark Hughes a chance up front alongside either Dean Saunders or Nathan Blake.

**Germany-Turkey:** Defending European champions Germany open their Group Three programme with a trip to Turkey in a tough baptism for new coach Erich Ribbeck, who replaced Berti Vogts after a poor World Cup campaign.

The Germans were facing a mounting injury crisis on Thursday as news filtered through that skipper Oliver Bierhoff and fellow strikers Ulf Kirsten and Carsten Jancker are all doubtful with injury.

Bierhoff, 30, has made an

explosive start to his AC Milan career but left training Wednesday complaining of groin pains and was only able to take part in a light jogging session Thursday.

Veteran libero Lotthar Matthaus, Mario Basler, Olaf Marschall and Thomas Strunz have already dropped out.

Matthaus should be replaced in defence by Bayer Leverkusen's Jens Nowotny.

Ribbeck has described the Turks as dangerous opponents as Northern Ireland will testify after a 3-0 hiding last month.

**Northern Ireland-Finland:** Lawrie McMenemy's men must pick themselves off the floor in Belfast and beat Finland 3-2 winners over Moldova.

**Spain-Israel:** Since the Cyprus debacle, Spain have appointed Jose Antonio Camacho in place of Javier Clemente, and Camacho is setting great store by new talents such as Bittor Alkiza of Athletic Bilbao, who scored the only goal against the Russians, and Espanyol goalkeeper Toni.

But he will have to do without Real Madrid's Fernando Hierro and Vicente Engonga of Mallorca. Both are injured.

"The important thing is for the players to forget the Cyprus defeat and start again," said Camacho.

**Scotland-Estonia:** Scotland look for former skipper Gary McAllister to bolster their hopes in Group Nine against first Estonia and then the Faroe Islands.

McAllister has not played a first-team club match for seven months but has returned to reserve action following knee surgery in March.

Scotland boss Craig Brown has turned to the 33-year-old after losing John Collins of Everton because of injury. Collins is not the only casualty. Barry Ferguson, David Hopking and Paul Lambert are also unfit and the suspended Craig Murley has to sit this one out.

**Czech Republic-Bosnia:** Group favourites Czech Republic travel to Sarajevo to play Bosnia where the visitors will hope to turn in a better showing than a month ago, when they sneaked past the Faroes 1-0 thanks to a Vladimir Smicer goal.

**Norway-Slovenia:** Group Two appears wide open as Norway bid to repair the damage done by their shock 3-1 home defeat by Latvia when they travel to Slovenia who managed a 2-2 draw in Greece.

**Latvia-Georgia:** Buoyed by their good start, the Latvians will be in a commanding position if they can win at home to Georgia, who scraped past an Albania 1-0 in their opening match.

**SIX NO TRUMPS**  
**A K Sayeedul Huq**

**THE CLASSIC SQUEEZE\***  
(Hand # 115)

<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
▲ S: K84	▲ S: J9
♥ H: 852	♥ H: 743
♦ D: A954	♦ D: 10873
♣ C: KQ8	♣ C: J1093
<b>West</b>	<b>South (D)</b>
▲ S: 1076532	▲ S: A Q
♥ H: QJ109	♥ H: AK6
♦ D: J	♦ D: KQ62
♣ C: 72	♣ C: A654

\* This hand was contributed by Dr Mushfiq ur Rahman who lives in Australia. A long time ago Mushfiq played this hand as declarer and landed the contract by squeeze play.

**Bidding**

South	West	North	East
2 No Trumps	Pass	6 No Trumps	Pass

Bidding was quite perfunctory. South with 22 HC points opened 2 NT and North promptly raised it to 6 NT without further ado. Opening lead was Queen of Hearts.

**THE PLAY**

South expressed some reservation about North's hurried jump without exploring the possibility of a GS which appears to be achievable without much fuss — all it needs is for the minor suits to have 3-3 distribution and 13 tricks are there for the taking. However, after winning the first trick with ♠A, he immediately discovers that fate is conspiring against him when he plays ♠K ♠Q and West shows up with a singleton, discarding a low spade. It now dawns upon him that the grand slam is a mirage and even the contract is in jeopardy if the clubs don't break even!

The essence of good play is not simply to accept the vagaries of fate but to guard, if possible, against the worst scenario. This is precisely what South proceeded to do — plotting a course of action against an adverse distribution of the club suit. East has already shown to have four diamonds and if he has four or more clubs, he can be squeezed in one of the two suits. On the other hand, if West holds five or more hearts and four or more clubs, he too can be squeezed. In stead of just making a wild guess and again leaving it to fate in deciding upon the squeeze candidate declarer plays some exploratory tricks to ascertain the card distribution. He plays the ♠A ♠Q, still retaining control, while East discards ♠9 ♠J. Unless East is a brilliant defender, false carding to confuse the declarer, it suggests that East is short in spades, leading to the almost certain conclusion that he has relatively long diamonds and clubs. Thus East is the chosen candidate for a squeeze. Not a foolproof strategy, but at least not based on any flights of fantasy!

What remains is the execution of the squeeze. Declarer has eleven tricks, one less than the contract but has two losers amongst the remaining outstanding tricks. A trick must be lost in order to set in motion one of the fundamental tenets of squeeze play and that is declarer must have precisely one more loser. Which trick should he lose, without destroying his capacity for the subsequent squeeze? The answer is Hearts and declarer proceeds to lose a Heart while still retaining control of all suits. No matter what is led back by East, declarer can manoeuvre to produce the following end play, ending up in either hand.

<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
▲ S: K	▲ S:
♥ H:	♥ H:
♦ D: 9	♦ D: 10
♣ C: Q8	♣ C: J109
<b>West</b>	<b>South</b>
▲ S: 107	▲ S:
♥ H: 10	♥ H:
♦ D:	♦ D: 2
♣ C: 7	♣ C: A65

Declarer enters North with the ♠Q and plays ♠K. East is doomed — victim of a well executed classic squeeze.

**Novotna, Venus ousted**

FILDERSTADT, Oct 9: Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna's chances of becoming world number one for the first time took a blow when she retired in the second round of the Porsche Grand Prix with a back injury.

The world number three is still in contention, along with Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport, for the year-end top spot, but will have extra ground to make up after quitting two games into the final set against Serena Williams.

The 17-year-old American achieved her seventh quarter-final in a tier two tournament or better, but Williams 2-6, 6-3, 2-0 win had looked unlikely when she was a set and a break off serve down.

In the third game of the second set it became apparent Novotna had lost some of her ease of movement. Her ground strokes lost their variety and penetration, allowing Williams to develop a rhythm.

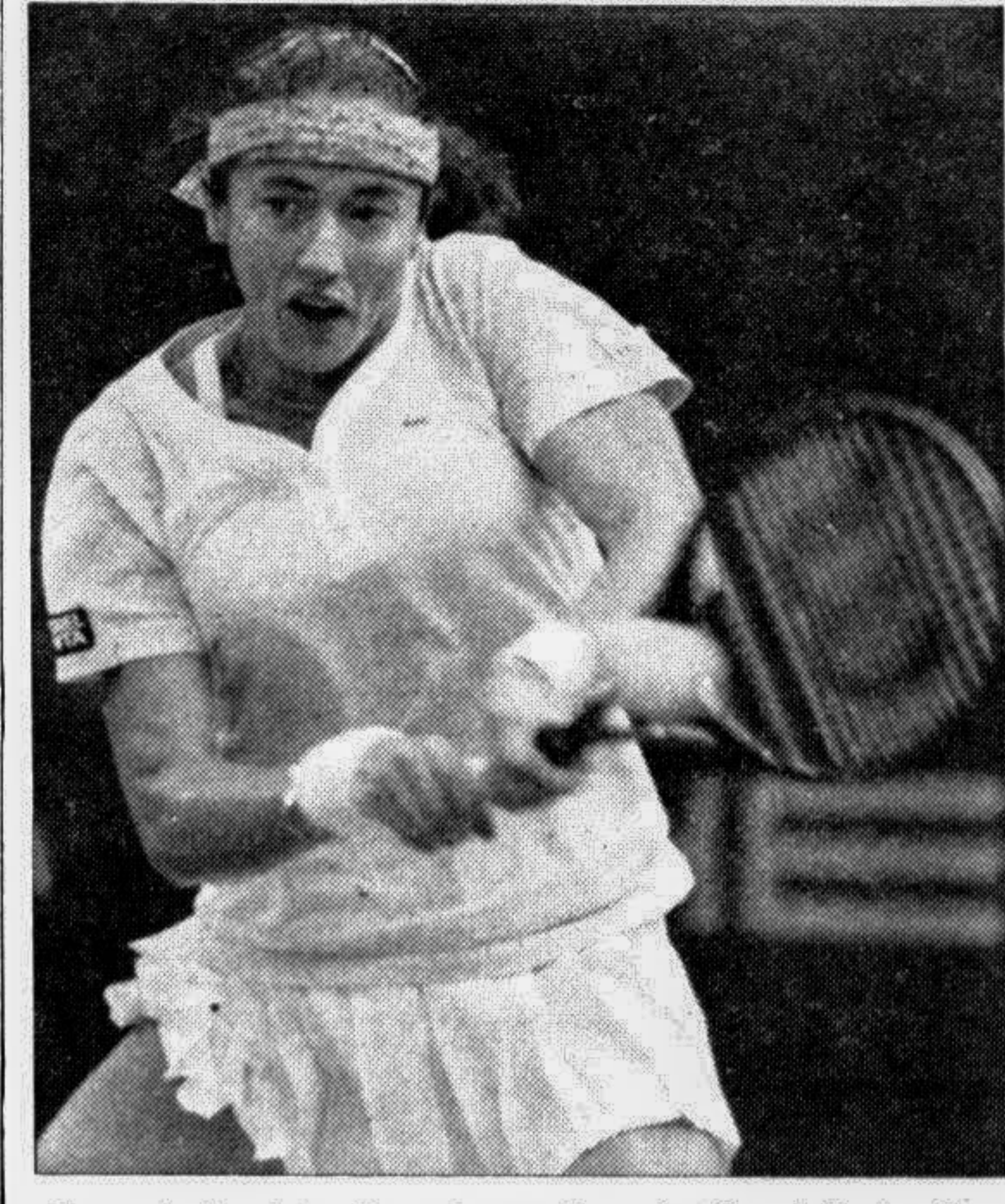
After breaking serve the teenager's confidence visibly escalated, and the match then became a painful tactical struggle for Novotna to find ways to hang on.

Three times the Czech took breaks from play, the first an injury time out when Williams reached set point at 5-3, 40-15 in the second set.

She left the arena, while Williams earned a round of applause from the crowd for performing a hundred skips on court.

"I knew I had to concentrate hard at that stage," said Williams, "I lost a match before when my opponent took injury time out and I lost concentration."

This time Williams had to cope with a bathroom break



France's Sandrine Testud goes for a backhand during her match against German Anke Huber at the Porsche Grand Prix yesterday. — AP photo

**Hadji out for one month**

LA CORUNA, Spain, Oct 9: Deportivo Coruna's Moroccan World Cup midfielder Mustapha Hadji will be out of action for a month after an operation on Thursday on his broken nose, reports Reuters.

Hadji was injured playing for his country against Sierra Leone on Saturday.

**FIFA sees no danger**

LONDON, Oct 9: FIFA insisted on Monday that England's Euro 2000 qualifier against Bulgaria on Saturday is not in danger of being called off, despite the Bulgarian government's refusal to reverse a suspension they imposed on the country's Football Union last month, reports AFP.

FIFA, world football's governing body, had threatened to expel Bulgaria from international competition after the government sacked leading members of the national football association because of a doping scandal.

**Sutton stays loyal to Rovers**

LEEDS, October 9 (Mail/Internet): Chris Sutton faces a second scan on the stress fracture in his left ankle last week but, injured or not, he has committed himself to Blackburn Rovers.

In a reversal of the current trend of disloyalty within football, the 25-year-old striker insists that, despite the interest of Aston Villa, he will stick by the club that made him their highest-paid player.

Blackburn said this week that Sutton, their leading scorer last season with 21 Premiership and Cup goals, was not for sale at any price despite an inquiry from Villa manager John Gregory that could have led to an £11million offer.

Evood Park manager Roy Hodgson and his board need not have been concerned. Unlike captain Tim Sherwood, who has become unsettled by Tottenham's attempts to lure him to London, Sutton has no intention of rocking the Rovers boat.

He said: "I am happy at Blackburn. I like the club, I like my team-mates and I like the area. I signed a long-term contract a few months ago and, until I hear otherwise, I intend to see it through."

Sutton's declaration of faith will come as a welcome relief to the club's fans. They have still

**13th Asiad**  
**Tickets from next week**

BANGKOK, Oct 9: Tickets for the 13th Asian Games in Thailand in December will go on sale across the region next week, organisers said Friday, reports AFP.

Around 14,700 tickets of the total of 77,000 have so far been sold in Thailand for ceremonies at the start and end of the Games and tickets for other events go on sale at the end of the month, organisers said.

The December 6-20 Games will feature 38 sports and all 43 Olympic Committee of Asia member countries but there are fears the region's economic crisis could overshadow the event — some nations have already cut the size of their teams.

Ticket prices range from a quarter of dollar to 20 dollars and go on sale on October 15.

More expensive smartcard passes for the opening and closing ceremonies, which allow spectators to pay taxi fares and for food and phone calls, will also be available.

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not forgiven Alan Shearer, the other half of the SAS duo which took them to their first major championship in 81 years, for deserting them in favour of Newcastle United the year after.

Graeme Le Saux is still persona non grata following his move to Chelsea 14 months ago. David Batty was another big name to depart following the end of Kenny Dalglish's regime and this summer Colin Hendry joined Rangers, while Sweden striker Martin Dahlin has intimated he will be unhappy to remain as a fourth-choice front man.

However, Sutton said: "Blackburn have been good to me and I enjoy my football here. Why should I leave?"

I have not spoken to anybody about what I have heard about Villa and nobody has spoken to me. Right now I am more concerned about getting fit and looking forward to playing again."

The injury has kept Sutton out of the last three games. A first scan a fortnight ago revealed the minor fracture and he will not know until next week how much longer he will be idle.

He said: "There is no long-term threat, but I don't think I will be available for our next game, at Middlesbrough on October 17."

"Even if I get the all-clear I have not been training properly for some time. It is important that I do not risk breaking down again by returning too early."

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

1 Impale	41 One of place	23 Home to gravity
5 Lid	42 Ninny girls	24 Office eqpt
8 Sicilian spouter	45 California city	25 "Go, team!"
12 Hardy cabbage	46 Clear	26 Matter?
13 Copy	48 Jose's hand	27 Velcro's forerunner?
14 Picture of health?	49 Wire measure	28 Altar
15 Balboa, e.g.	50 Al Hirschfeld's daughter	29 Two cents' worth
17 Prop for Sherlock	51 Cereal choice	31 Moo goo gal pan pan
18 Prefix for arm or able	52 Exploit	34 Morse morsel
19 Eruptive Holyfield	53 Jittery	35 Pastoral piece
20 Sheen	54 Timetable, for short	37 Spacious
21 Sushi candidate	55 Hack's	38 Starter home?
22 Seek damages	56 Substitute	39 Admitting a draft
23 Dorn raid loot	57 Find fault	40 Actress Turner
30 Peruke	58 Brainstorm	41 Allies' boss
32 "Bloodline" author	59 Off-white	42 Liquid in Bell's lab
35 Erstwhile acorn	60 Citric quaff	43 Spill the beans
37 America's Most Wanted" host	61	44 Obedience-school lesson
		46 Ostreich's kin
		47 Chemical suffix

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

**Yesterdays answer**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterdays Cryptoquip: YOU COULD SAY A RETTICENT PERSON IS DEFINITELY THE STILL LIFE OF THE PARTY.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O throughout the puzzle. Single letter words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.