

Gazza wants to play

LONDON, Nov 1 (Daily Mail/Internet): Paul Gascoigne has trained all week with the help of Middlesbrough's sports psychologist Chris Barnes in an effort to be fit for a Premiership return on Sunday against Nottingham Forest.

Assistant manager Viv Anderson said: "He's desperate to play but needs a bit more work. He's only had four days and it's not a lot, maybe not quite enough."

Gascoigne left Marchwood Priory hospital in Roehampton last Sunday after 17 days of treatment.

Anderson added: "We've got a practice game and we'll see how he reacts. What he thinks will have a big bearing on whether he plays. He's got to be happy in his own mind."

Gascoigne returned to the club on Monday after being treated for stress, depression and alcohol problems. Team-mate Colin Cooper said: "He's been to hell and back and it's lovely to see him."

"He's a fantastic character, a genuine lad. He always trains well."

"I regard myself as one of the fittest in the club and there's not been much between him and me."

Hodde gets conditional pay rise

LONDON, Nov 1 (Reuters/Internet): England coach Glenn Hodde agreed a new contract with the Football Association (FA) on Saturday that links his income to success on the pitch, the FA said.

Hodde had widely been reported in the English media as asking for a 40 per cent 100,000 pounds (167,900 dollars) a year pay rise to take him nearer to the salary of leading premier league club managers.

A statement from the FA on Saturday said: "Agreement has been reached between the England coach and the FA following a review of his contract. His new financial package is linked to success in Euro 2000. He has been promised further financial rewards the further England progress."

Hodde will need to turn things round if he is to benefit from the arrangement after England's poor start to their qualifying campaign.

After losing in Sweden they were held to a goalless home draw by Bulgaria and struggle to an unimpressive 3-0 victory against Luxembourg.

They have four points from three games and trail Sweden and leaders Poland who both have six points from two matches. England's next qualifier is at home to Poland on March 27.

Hodde's original contract, signed after the departure of Terry Venables following Euro '96, included a clause for a pay rise after the World Cup. Hodde delayed signing it, saying he was unsure how far into the future he wanted to commit himself.

"I was asked to sign a new long-term contract when I came out of the World Cup and I could have trebled my money if I had gone down that route," he said recently.

"Instead, I told the FAI wanted time to think about it, and I was fair with them."

Army athletics

Athletic championships of Bangladesh Army got underway at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium at Mirpur yesterday, reports UNB.

Finals of two events — 5,000 metres run and pole vault — were held on the day. Havilder Elias of Chittagong area won the gold in 5,000 metre while lance naik Mohammad Ali of Savar area bagged the gold in pole-vault.

Hits of 100-metre run and 400-metre hurdles were also held.

Earlier, local Brigade Commander Brigadier Alaudin Mohammad Abdul Wadud formally opened the five-day meet.

Jayasinghe betters her own mark

COLOMBO, Nov 1: Sri Lanka's controversial sprinter and Asia's fastest woman, Susanthika Jayasinghe, today set a new local record in the 100m event to qualify for the Asian Games, reports AFP.

Jayasinghe clocked 11.28 seconds to better her own previous record of 11.40s at the qualifiers here.

She skipped the Commonwealth Games in September, saying that she had not trained and was not mentally prepared to face a race following a sex scandal and allegations of doping.

The Sri Lankan sprang to prominence after winning the silver medal in the women's 200m at last year's World Championships in Athens.

Jayasinghe said she had been financially crippled by the doping scandal, which erupted following a random test in March.

A ban on Jayasinghe was lifted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in late August.

"They cut off my sponsorship. I had to cut down on food because I ran out of money," Jayasinghe said of her ordeal.

Jayasinghe had earlier accused top ministry official of spiking her urine sample with banned steroids after she refused his sexual advances.

The doping scandal eventually became an international controversy and she sought help from local lawyers to prove her innocence.

She said she wanted to get on with her life.

MU at the heels of Villa

LONDON, Nov 1 (Reuters/Internet): Manchester United smashed four goals past Everton on Saturday and moved to within a point of Aston Villa at the top of the English premier league.

Duncan Ferguson scored a consolation goal for the hosts — their first at home all season — but Everton, unbeaten in 10 games before this match, had no answer to United's pace and power.

The match between Chelsea and leaders Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge was postponed an hour before kickoff because of a waterlogged pitch.

Heavy rain in London made the pitch unplayable and the game was called off.

Champions Arsenal won 1-0 at Coventry City in a match marred by the death of a steward after he was struck by the Arsenal team bus in an accident outside the stadium before the game.

Leicester City beat Liverpool 1-0 and Newcastle United slumped 3-0 at home to West Ham United.

Former Villa striker Dwight Yorke opened the scoring for Manchester United at Goodison Park after 14 minutes.

The Trinidad and Tobago international beat Thomas Myhre at the second attempt after a cross from Paul Scholes. A bizarre Craig Short own



Liverpool's Michael Owen holds off a challenge from a Leicester City player. — AP/UNB photo

goal doubled United's lead nine minutes later when the ball ricocheted off his head and past his own keeper.

Ferguson pulled one back with a header after half-an-hour. Buoyed by the goal, Everton started the second half well and were denied by the woodwork twice.

But Andy Cole cracked a left foot shot past Myhre just before the hour for 3-1 and Jesper Blomqvist scored his first goal for United with a 64th minute header to complete the 4-1 victory.

Arsenal's win saw them stay third, two points off the lead.

Manager Arsene Wenger was pleased with the result but said it was an unhappy day following the death of the steward.

"We are all very sad in the dressing room right now... the atmosphere is not very good."

"The result was great, but what happened was very sad."

Frenchman Nicolas Anelka tapped in a rebound in the 63rd minute after Dutchman Mare Overmars had his shot saved.

Veteran striker Tony Cottee scored the only goal of the match as Leicester City beat Liverpool at Filbert Street.

Afterwards manager Martin O'Neill said: "Cottee has been magnificent for us this season."

"The players went out and battled for the football club and battled for themselves. It was a magnificent effort."

Ian Wright scored two second half goals either side of a Trevor Sinclair strike as West Ham United trounced Newcastle United 3-0 away.

The hosts were down to 10 men at the start of the second half when Stuart Pearce was sent off by referee Graham Poll for violent conduct when he clashed with Sinclair.

Derby County and Leeds United drew 2-2. Wimbledon and Blackburn Rovers drew 1-1 while Sheffield Wednesday and visitors Southampton ground out a goalless draw.

Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest played on Sunday while Tottenham Hotspur entertain Charlton Athletic on Monday.



Australian 'keeper Mark Hickman (R) tries to block the ball during the Champions' Trophy encounter against Pakistan on Oct 31. — AFP photo

POINTS TABLE

Points table after second day's play in the Champions Trophy field hockey tournament on Sunday (tabulated as matches played, won, lost, draw, points).

Holland	2-2-0-0-6
Australia	1-1-0-0-3
South Korea	1-1-0-0-3
Pakistan	2-0-1-1-1
Spain	2-0-1-1-1
Germany	2-0-2-0-0

Three points for a win, one for draw.

Pakistan earn a point

LAHORE, Nov 1: Hosts Pakistan put up an improved show to draw 2-2 with Olympic silver medalists Spain in the 20th Champions' Trophy here, reports AFP.

Pakistan, who lost to South Korea on Saturday, gelled well up front but again showed weakness in defence.

Pakistan and Spain played a barren first half, with both teams failing to find an opening.

The second half saw Sohail Abbas and Baber Abdullah scoring for Pakistan while Spain's goals came from Joseph Sanchez and Juan Escarce.

Pakistan had a golden opportunity to go ahead when, in the 29th minute, Muhammad Anis failed to nudge a pass from Atif Bashir when he had an open goal before him.

The Atlanta runners-up beat Pakistan 2-1 in the World Cup to deny them a place in the semifinals during their title defence in Utrecht, Holland in May.

Spanish forward Xavier Arnaun again failed to show his usual spark and his runs were checked by Pakistani half backs.

Spain earned two penalty corners, but both were thwarted by Pakistani custodian Muhammad Qasim.

Pakistan's only penalty corner in the 10th minute yielded no score.

Spain were hampered in attack when Escarce was shown the yellow card in the 41st minute after he fouled on a Pakistani forward.

In the 55th minute of the match Pakistan finally broke the stalemate. Right winger Haider Hussain initiated a move and passed the ball to Bashir who was fouled by Spanish captain Victor Pujola and the umpire awarded a penalty stroke.

Spain levelled score three minutes later when Sanchez scooped a pass from Arnaun in the net.

Pakistan scored a field goal through Abdullah in the 63rd minute but six minutes later their defence conceded the equaliser when Escarce was left unmarked to put the ball in.

defence at will and scored three field goals.

Bram Lomans opened the scoring for the world champions in the 10th minute with an accurate scoop off Holland's first penalty corner.

A minute later Dirk Buma turned a solo effort into Holland's second goal, sneaking the ball past German goalie Christopher Reitz.

Holland were playing without their captain Ronald Janssen. The Dutch goalie was suspended by tournament director Eric Donegani for one match after Janssen protested a decision and pushed umpire Surjit Singh of Malaysia in the first match against Spain.

Germany pulled one back through Bjorn Emmerling who converted a penalty corner.

The Dutch team pilled on the pressure after the German goal and Piet Geeris slammed home another field goal in the 20th minute after a poor clearance from the German defence.

The Germans found it hard to break the tough Dutch defence, but managed to slip through 27th minute when Christian Atchmann hit an angular shot to score.

Marten Eikelboom scored the fourth goal for Holland when he converted a beautiful pass from Tuen de Nooijer. The goal came in the 30th minute.

India thrash Thailand

BANGKOK, Nov 1 (AFP): First day results of the four-nation men's hockey tournament: India beat Thailand 9-1 (half time 3-0).

India 9 (Samir Dad 9, 24, Anil Aldrin 10, Gagan Singh 38, Sabu Verkey 44, T Varvan 49, Raish Chauhan 54, Dilip Irkey 55, Mohammed Red 65).

Thailand 1 (N Nantsukon 50).

J-League Nakayama breaks scoring record

TOKYO, Nov 1 Daily Mail/Internet): Jubilo Iwata striker Masahi Nakayama scored his record-setting 33rd goal of the season on Saturday to help his team beat Shimizu S-Pulse 1-0.

The goal on a penalty broke the single-season scoring mark of 32 set in 1995 by Masahiro Fukuda of Urawa Reds.

With the win, Jubilo kept one point behind second-stage leaders Kashima Antlers, who beat Bellmare Hiratsuka 2-0. Mazinho and Yutaka Arita scored for Antlers.

With only three matches to play, Antlers lead Jubilo 34 to 33 in the second-stage standings. Jubilo won the first stage and will go to a championship playoff if another team wins the second stage.

A sparse but hearty group of Yokohama Flugs fans turned out to watch what might be their team's last home game — as 7-0 blitz of Cerezo Osaka. Flugs ownership said last week the team would be merged into Yokohama Marinos next season because they could no longer keep Flugs afloat.

Despite news of the merger, Kyoto Purple Sanga was able to score a 2-1 upset over Marinos.

Urawa Reds passed over Marinos in the standings with a 1-0 victory over Gamba Osaka. Masayuki Okano scored the goal in the 74th minute, which vaulted Urawa to fourth in the standings.

Nagoya Grampus Eight got two second half goals from Tetsuya Okayama to beat Kashiwa Reysol 4-2 while Jorge Valdes scored two-second half goals to boost Consadole Sapporo to a 2-1 win over Verdy Kawasaki.

In other action, Vissel Kobe beat Avispa Fukuoka 2-1 and JEF United Ichihara beat Sanfrecce Hiroshima 6-5 on penalties after playing to a scoreless draw.

Farina's pain is Pierce's gain

LUXEMBOURG, Nov 1: Mary Pierce took the 164,250-dollars WTA Tour event here Saturday after Italian opponent Silvia Farina was forced to retire from the final, reports AFP.

The French number two seed was leading 6-0, 2-0 when Farina pulled out with a groin strain.

It was Pierce's second successive tournament win after beating Monica Seles in the Kremlin Cup last weekend, and her third of the season.

The world number eight said she would now take time out to prepare for the two-million-dollar Chase Championships in New York next month.

"I'll take a rest now to prepare for New York. I was playing point by point and didn't realise she was injured at first. It was only at the end of the first set that I realised something was wrong," she said.

Montreal-born Pierce, 23, plans to concentrate on improving her ranking next year and has ruled out appearing in the 1999 Fed Cup.

Farina, who had already had to take a medical break before her retirement early in the second set, said: "It was on my first serve that I felt a problem but I wanted to persevere as it's never good to abandon a final."

World V'ball Championships Cubans eyeing the sixth

TOKYO, Nov 1: Mireya Luis returns to the court with all-conquering Cuba as they seek their sixth straight major title at the World Volleyball Championships which get underway in Japan Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Cuban women spikers have won the 1991 World Cup, the Barcelona Olympics, the 1994 World Championships, the 1995 World Cup and the Atlanta Olympics consecutively to dominate the world.

Luis, 30, retired after the Atlanta Games, but made a comeback at the World Grand Prix in August, targeting "to win the Sydney Olympic Games" in 2000.

The Cuban women will take on the United States, Bulgaria and Italy in the Group B round robin, leading 16 countries which were divided into four groups in the first stage.

The top three teams from each group will advance to the two-group second stage and the top two from each will then advance to the knockout semifinals in Osaka.

The Cubans' most dangerous rivals are likely to be the World silver medalists Brazil, led by game-maker Fernanda Venturini, who will play Russia, Germany and Dominican Republic.

public in Group C.

Asian champions China, silver medalists at the Atlanta Olympics, will meet South Korea, Croatia and Thailand in Group D, while the Netherlands will play hosts Japan, Peru and Kenya in Group A.

In the men's tournament in

Poelman to fight ban

AUCKLAND, Nov 1: Triple Commonwealth Games medal winner Simon Poelman plans to fight his drug conviction and life ban from athletics, the Sunday Star-Times reported, says AFP.

The decathlete was sentenced to five-and-a-half years jail Friday for importing what the customs department said was the second largest haul of 'ecstasy' seized in the country — 1,990 tablets worth 200,000 NZ dollars (100,000 dollars).

Athletics NZ told Poelman, 35, last week it would ban him from the sport.

Trafficking in drugs outlawed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation carries a life ban, the Times said.

Naseem keeps WBO belt

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Nov 1 (Daily Mail/Internet): 'Prince' Naseem Hamed retained his World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship with a flashy but unimpressive unanimous decision over Wayne McCullough on Saturday.

The Yemeni-born Englishman remained undefeated at 31-0 with 28 victories inside the distance, but had his string of successive knockouts end at 18.

The Belfast-born McCul-

lough, who now lives in Las Vegas, raised his gloves in triumph at Surviving the third round — when Hamed had predicted a knockout — and again after surviving the full 12 rounds. His record fell to 22-2.

"I've got to give it to Wayne," said Hamed. "He was quite strong. I honestly thought I would knock him out clean in the third round. But it was written from God for me to go 12 rounds."

Hamed played on the Halloween holiday theme for his entrance, starting as the Phantom of the Opera at the organ before throwing off his costume, swatting away a few ornamental skulls, strutting through the crowd and then entering the ring with his trademark somersault.

He continued the showmanship in the ring, dancing to varying tempos audible only to himself, throwing lookaway punches, turning his back to McCullough and the Northern Irishman's empty feints and pronounced snorts.

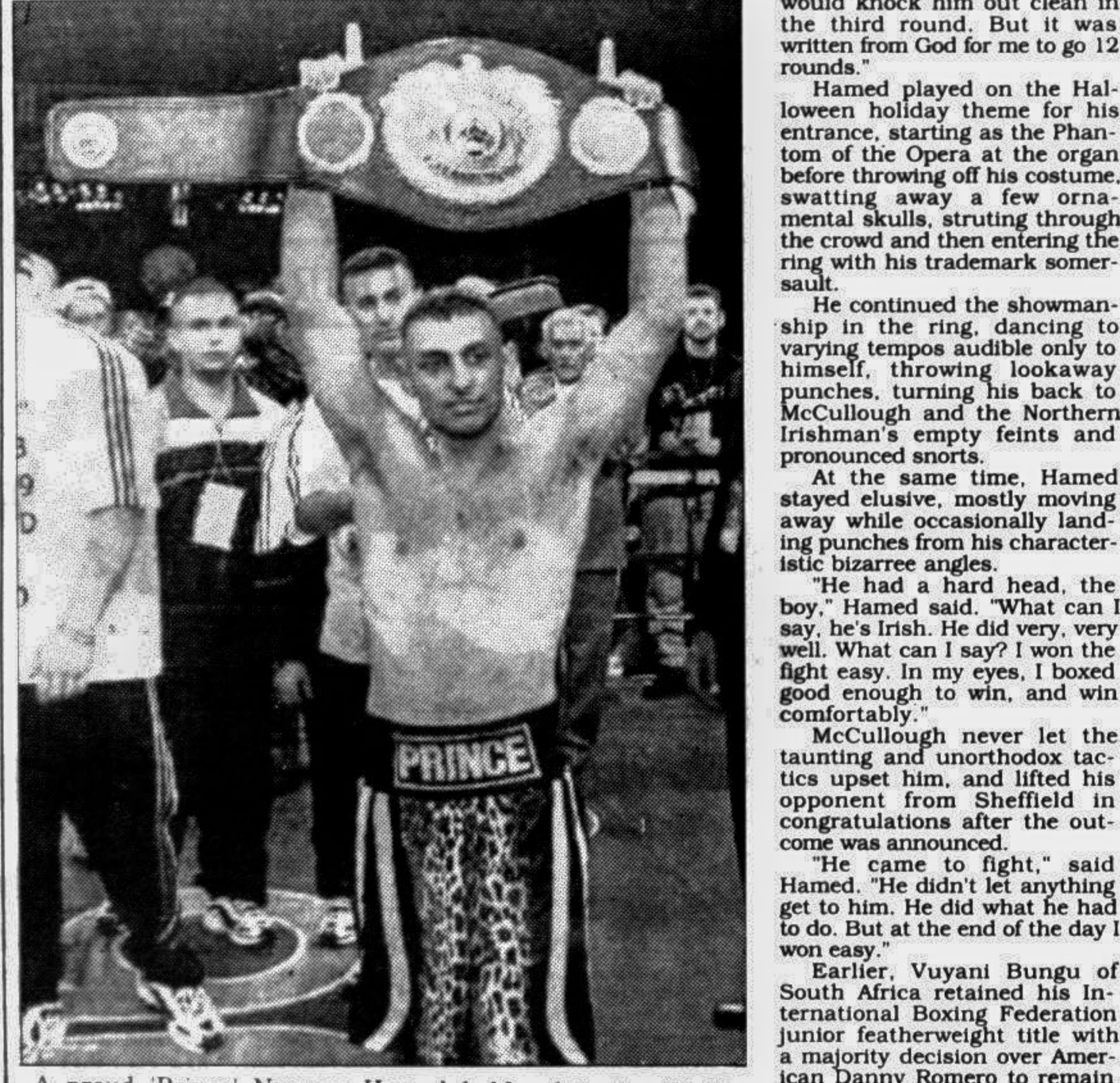
At the same time, Hamed stayed elusive, mostly moving away while occasionally landing punches from his characteristic bizarre angles.

"He had a hard head, the boy," Hamed said. "What can I say, he's Irish. He did very, very well. What can I say? I won the fight easy. In my eyes, I boxed good enough to win, and win comfortably."

McCullough never let the taunting and unorthodox tactics upset him, and lifted his opponent from Sheffield in congratulations after the outcome was announced.

"He came to fight," said Hamed. "He didn't let anything get to him. He did what he had to do. But at the end of the day I won easy."

Earlier, Vuyani Bungu of South Africa retained his International Boxing Federation junior featherweight title with a majority decision over American Danny Romero to remain one of the contenders hoping to cash in on Hamed's elevation of their lighter weight range into the big money.



A proud 'Prince' Naseem Hamed holds aloft the World Boxing Organisation featherweight belt after defeating Wayne McCullough in the championship bout in New Jersey on October 31. — Internet photo

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1. Brian Lara hails from	Trinidad & Tobago	Barbados	Jamaica
2. Bangladesh played their last ODI against	Kenya	Sri Lanka	India
3. Overs per side in the 1975 World Cups was	50	55	60
4. Pakistan beat England in 1992 WC final by	22 runs	2 wickets	14 runs
5. In which year did S Africa attain Test status?	1926	1928	1954

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