

India A 115/2

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad. Nov 24: An accomplished, unbeaten half century from Jacob Martin lifted India A to 115 for two Monday in their second innings and virtually ensured that the opening 'unofficial' cricket Test against West Indies A would end in a draw in Trinidad, reports AP.

At lunch on the fourth and final day, Martin was 63 and Jagdish Arun Kumar undefeated on 28. The pair put on 56 unbroken for the third wicket to push India's overall lead to 52.

West Indies A were bowled out Sunday for 289 in reply to India A's first innings of 228. India, resuming on 54 for one, quickly lost opener Gagan Khoda for 19, caught at first slip by Chris Gayle off the impressive Dwight Mais.

But Baroda's Martin, who topscored in India's tour opener against Trinidad and Tobago with 82, and Arun Kumar came together in a solid right-handed association.

Martin, who made his one-day international debut against the West Indies in Toronto in September, struck five fours as he added 27 runs to his overnight 36 in the two-hour morning session. The 27-year-old has been at the crease overall for 196 minutes and 138 balls.

Arun Kumar, who opened the batting in the first innings, looked confident during his 60 deliveries, from which he hit three fours. The 24-year-old from Karnataka was in the middle for just over an hour and a half.

Mais, a 22-year-old from Jamaica, took one for 26 off 10 overs to follow his three wickets in the first innings. Nixon McLean, who accounted for Sriharan Sriram on Sunday's third day, captured one for 22 off nine overs.

Rangpur TT

The three-day first invitational table tennis competition, organised by Rangpur Krira Sangstha, will begin on November 30 in Rangpur, reports UNB.

Eight teams — Bangladesh Biman, Bangladesh Ansar, Narail, Gaibandha, Dhaka, Chaudhanga, Rajshahi and Rangpur districts — will participate in the competition in seven events.

The events are: Men's group, men's singles, men's doubles, women's group, women's singles, women's doubles and women's mixed doubles.

Chen sets new world marks

PIRAEUS, Greece, Nov 24: Chen Yui-Lien of Taiwan Tuesday set two world records and won three gold medals, while China's Le Maosheng set another record in the men's competition at the World Weightlifting Championships, reports AP.

Bangladesh mauled

From page 13 Lanka (9-0) had suggested the Koreans were not keen to fire on all four cylinders.

And even before they had taken the field against China today, the Koreans had already qualified with Pakistan for the semifinals from Group A, so there was no spur to rise above their mundane level thus far.

Not even a penalty corner forced by China in the 6th minute, the first of the match, could entice the Koreans to shed their impassivity.

The latter quite easily snuffed out the incipient Chinese threat and proceeded without undue effort to register their third successive and comfortable win in their group.

Yeo Woon Kon started the goal hunt in the 13th minute with a field effort that was emulated by Kang Keon Wook in the 19th and 22nd minutes.

China pulled back a goal in the 25th minute when Wang Hai Feng scored off his team's second penalty corner.

But the goal turned out to be token resistance as Korea went on to emphasize their superiority with goals by Hwang Jong Hyun (37th), Seo Jong Ho (39th) and Jeon Jong Ha (49th).

Korea will have to beat Pakistan on Wednesday in the last group match to help themselves to the easier semi-final against Malaysia on Friday.

More of Sachin

From page 13 5,612 runs in 71 Tests and 8,571 runs in 229 one-dayers. No other batsman in the history of the game has scored 24 one-day centuries, while his tally of 21 Test hundreds is the best among his contemporaries.

But it is his captaincy that will be in focus as the Indians attempt to improve their dismal overseas record of one Test match win since 1987.

Their record in Australia is worse — three wins in 22 Tests — including a 4-0 drubbing the last time they were there in 1991.

"I am not worried about the past," Tendulkar said. "We have to start winning somewhere and this could be the right tour to start a winning streak."

Tendulkar and coach Kapil Dev stressed the key for success lay in adjusting to the Australian wickets in the two four-day games before the first Test at Adelaide on December 10.

Tendulkar and paceman Javagal Srinath are the only two players in the 16-man squad who have played a Test in Australia before.

"This is a young team, but full of promise," Kapil said. "Australian crowds will love their skills and talent."



Bologna striker Nicola Ventola jumps to avoid contact with Galatasaray custodian Claudio Taffarel during their UEFA Cup third round first leg match at Bologna on November 23. —AFP photo

UEFA Cup third round first leg Advantage for Atletico, Bayer

PARIS, Nov 24: Germany's Bayer Leverkusen and Spain's Atletico Madrid took an option on a place in the last 16 of the UEFA Cup on Tuesday with away wins in their third round, first leg, reports AFP.

Leverkusen made up for their Champions League exit by winning 1-0 at Italy's Udinese with a goal 15 minutes from the end by Michael Ballack while ex Leeds man Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink was on target as Atletico won 3-2 at Germany's Wolfsburg. Carlos Aguilera scored both the Spaniards' other goals.

None of the four home teams in action on the night managed to register a win as AEK Athens had to settle for a 2-2 draw in Greece against Monaco, who twice led through Ludvic Guliy and Marco Simone only for Themistoklis Nikolaidis to score in the dying embers of both the first and second half.

The French were happy to settle for the draw as they were missing World Cup winning keeper Fabien Barthez and fellow France international David Trezeguet.

The crowd was slashed to barely half the former 30,000 capacity at the Nikos Goumas stadium following damage sustained in the September 7 earthquake in the region which claimed 127 lives.

In the other match, Bologna failed to lift Italian spirits as they were held 1-1 at home by Turkey's Galatasaray, another side who didn't make the second phase of the Champions League.

Giuseppe Signori scored for the hosts midway through the second half but Hakan Sukur levelled with nine minutes left to make the Turks favourites to advance following their home leg.

Atletico Madrid had had a poor campaign in the Primera Liga but they were too strong for battling Wolfsburg, who managed goals from Andrzej Juskowiak and a late Charles Akonnor penalty but were unable to cope with bustling Dutchman Hasselbaink and Aguilera.

Wolfsburg's aptly named coach Wolfgang Wolf said he believed his side were already as good as out.

"If we play as badly as we did today then we have no chance in Madrid, where we'll need to win 2-0."

Atletico coach Claudio Ranieri was satisfied with the evening's proceedings. "It was a good game and they were tough opponents, so I don't think it's all over yet," Ranieri said.

UEFA CUP RESULTS AT A GLANCE

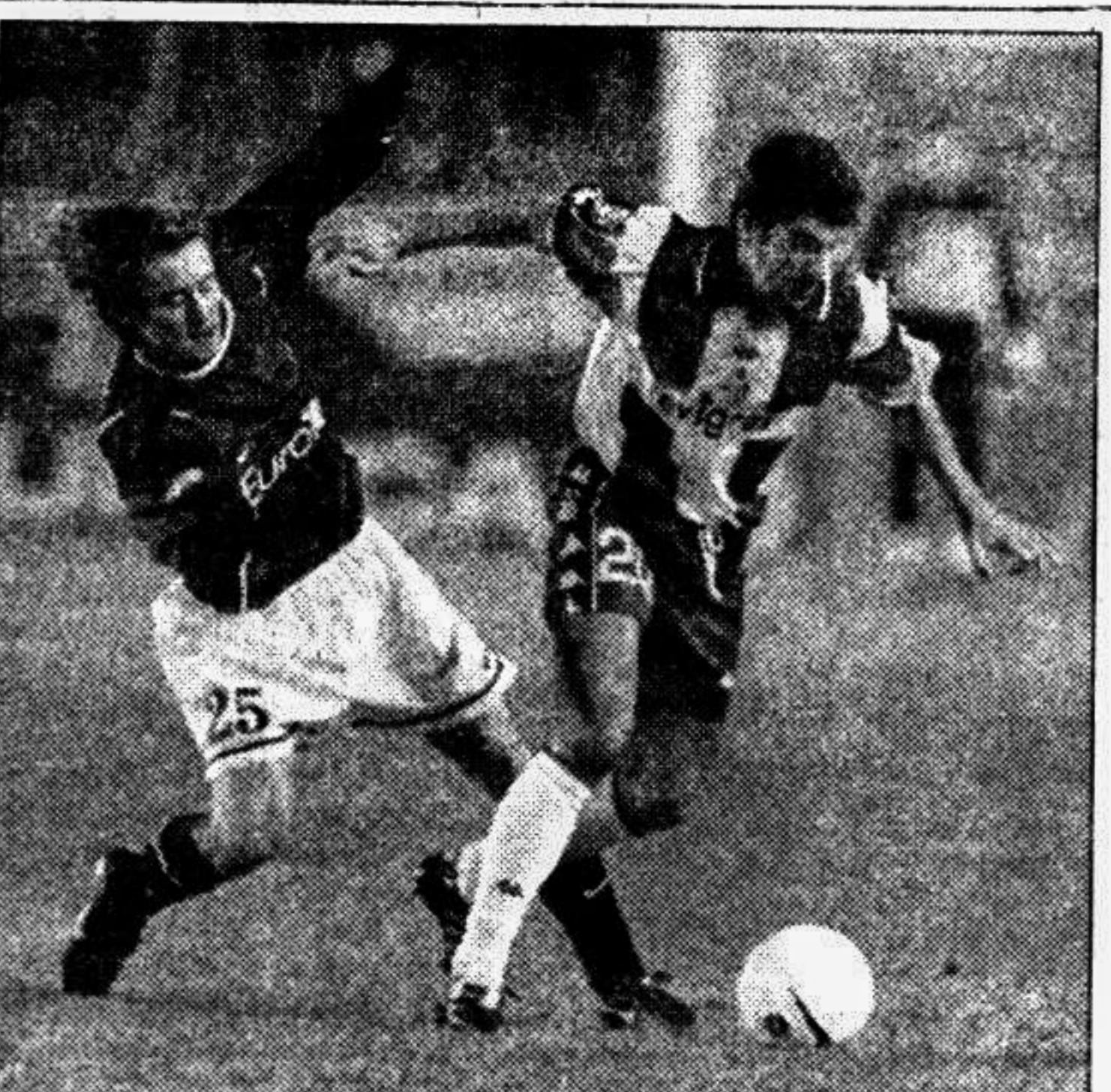
Collated UEFA Cup third round, first leg results on Tuesday:

At Udinese, Italy Udinese (Ita) 0 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 1 (Pallack 75)

At Athens, Greece AEK Athens (Gre) 2 (Nikolaidis 45, 89) AS Monaco (Fra) 2 (Guliy 26, Simone 78)

At Bologna, Italy Bologna 1 (Signori 71) Galatasaray 1 (Hakan Sukur 81)

At Wolfsburg, Germany VfL Wolfsburg (Ger) 2 (Juskowiak 21, Akonnor 83-penalty) Atletico Madrid (Spa) 3 (Aguilera 6, 58, Hasselbaink 37)



FC Porto's Paulinho Santos (R) being challenged by Tomas Rosicky of Sparta Prague during their Champions' League clash at Prague on November 23. —AFP photo

TABLES & FIXTURES

PARIS, Nov 24 (AFP): Second phase European Champions League tables after Tuesday matches (Played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Group A: Porto 1, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, 3; Barcelona 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1; Hertha Berlin 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1; Sparta Prague 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0.

Remaining fixtures: December 8: Porto (Por) v Hertha Berlin (Ger), Barcelona (Spa) v Sparta Prague (Cze), March 1: Barcelona (Spa) v Porto (Por), Hertha Berlin (Ger) v Sparta Prague (Cze), March 7: Porto (Por) v Barcelona (Spa), Sparta Prague (Cze) v Hertha Berlin (Ger), March 15: Barcelona (Spa) v Hertha Berlin (Ger), Porto (Por) v Sparta Prague (Cze), March 21: Sparta Prague (Cze) v Barcelona (Spa), Hertha Berlin (Ger) v Porto (Por).

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Group B: Valencia 1, 1, 0, 0, 3, 0, 3; Fiorentina 1, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, 3; Manchester United 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0; Bordeaux 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0.

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\* Top two in both groups qualify for quarterfinals (April 4/5 and 17/18).

Inter-district volleyball

Comilla reached the semifinals of both men's & women's groups in the Incontrad inter-district volleyball championships yesterday, reports UNB.

In the men's group, Comilla beat Rangpur 25-16, 25-22, 24-26, 25-13 in the quarterfinal at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium.

In the women's group, Tangail, Rajbari, Rangpur and Comilla advanced to semifinals at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex.

Both the semifinals of men's and women's groups will be held today.

In the women's group matches, Tangail defeated Rangpur 25-15, 25-22, 24-26, 25-13. Khulna eliminated newcomer Panchagarh 25-13, 23-25, 9-25, 27-25 and 15-8 and Rajshahi beat Kusthia by 25-16, 26-9, 25-15 points.

ITF tennis results

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Nov 24: A total of 16 matches of the singles main draw of the second leg of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Alpha Men's Futures tournament were decided today.

The results are: Dmitri Tomashevich of Uzbekistan beat James May of Great Britain 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; Rohan Bopanna of India beat Shakib Yasir Huda of Bangladesh 6-1, 6-0; David Sherwood of Great Britain beat Balazs Veress of Hungary 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; Larry Hebel of Germany beat K Ivanov-Smoel of Russia 7-5, 6-1; Justin Layne of Great Britain beat Grame Darling of Great Britain 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; Rick Devoese of Russia beat Kaisar Ahmed of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-1; Ashly Fisher of Australia beat Punch Maleka of Russia 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; Anior Kokurin of Uzbekistan beat Willem-Petrus Meyer of Russia 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; Donovan September of Russia beat Viktor Bruthans of Slovakia 6-3, 6-1; Barry Fulcher of Great Britain beat A H M Collins of Bangladesh 6-1, 6-0; Kuni Mijumdar of the United States beat Hendol Pramono of Indonesia 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; Sander Groen of the Netherlands beat Gregory Girant of France 6-2, 6-2; Florian Jeghechek of Germany beat Dilip Pasia of Bangladesh by 6-0, 6-1; Abdul Hamid Makhkamov of Uzbekistan beat his country man Dimitri Mazur 6-4, 6-2; Febi Widhianto of Indonesia beat Minh Le of the United States 7-5, 6-1; and Aslam Qureshi of Pakistan beat Wei-Jen Cheng of Taipei by 7-5, 5-4.

Nat'l youth hockey from tomorrow

The Acme 18th national youth hockey championship begins Friday at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium with Narayanjan taking on Comilla in the opening match, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation president and Air Force Chief Air Vice Marshall Jamaluddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the meet at 3 pm. The tournament is being organised by Bangladesh Hockey Federation.

The Acme Laboratories Ltd, the sponsor of the meet, will provide some Tk 2.25 lakh to run the 19-team tourney.

On the second day four matches will be held with Rangpur meeting Sylhet at 9 am, Gazipur facing Khulna at 11 am, Patuakhali playing Munshiganj at 1.30 pm and Rajshahi encountering Mymensingh at 3 pm.

The participating teams are: Group A — BKSP, Jessore, Dinajpur, Barisal, Chittagong, Narayanjan, Comilla, Gopalganj and Faridpur DSAs.

Group B — Dhaka, Gazipur, Khulna, Rangpur, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Patuakhali, Munshiganj DSAs and Dhaka Education Board.

Azhar fans protest

KOZHIKODE, Nov 24: The one-day South Zone Ranji cricket match between Hyderabad and Kerala was marred by slogan shouting fans of former Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin at the Regional Engineering College ground here yesterday, reports PTI.

Demanding Azharuddin's inclusion in the Indian cricket team and shouting slogans against Indian coach Kapil Dev, a group of Azharuddin supporters surged into the ground, catching the few police personnel on duty at the ground unaware.

The incident occurred when Azharuddin got to his 50 during the course of the Hyderabad innings.

Play resumed after about 20 minutes. But there was another stoppage when the supporters got restless when Azhar got out at 91.

However, there was no untoward incident and the Kerala innings resumed after ten minutes. The umpires set a revised target for the hosts and play began.

Azharuddin did not take the field when the Kerala innings began and in his absence, vice-captain Venkatapathy Raju led the Hyderabad team.

Despite being a working day, a ten thousand strong crowd had thronged the ground to witness the one-day tie.

A similar incident occurred on November 6 when fans of Azharuddin staged a demonstration at Hyderabad Airport when the Indian and New Zealand teams arrived for the second one-day international to be held at the Lal Bahadur Stadium on November 8.

U-17 World Championship Australia, Brazil in final



CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Nov 24: Australia and Brazil will meet in Saturday's final of the under-17 World Soccer Championship after scoring penalty shootout victories in Wednesday's semifinals, reports AP.

Australia reached their first world final at any level by beating the United States 7-6 on penalties while Brazil beat Ghana 4-2 in a shootout. Both matches finished 2-2 at the end of normal time after the eventual winners squandered 2-0 lead.

Australian coach Les Scheinflug praised his team of "nobodies" which now faces the world's most famous soccer nation for the title.

"I'm ecstatic for the kids who did a marvelous job today," said Scheinflug.

"They kept their cool right through the penalties, which is something we've been practising at training because there was always the chance it would come to this."

With the shootout tied at 4-4 after five spot kicks each, it went into sudden death and was finally settled when US captain Kenny Cutler blasted his kick over the bar.

The loss stopped a 24-game unbeaten streak for the US who had 19 wins and five draws since their first defeat in August 1998.

"I'm incredibly proud of this team, as our entire country should be," US coach John Ellinger said. "It's a great group of guys who are hurting a lot right now."

Australia got off to a perfect start, taking the lead in just the 2nd minute when Aaron Goulding scored in a goalmouth scramble after an incisive cross from the left.

The Jozeys continued pressure paid off again in the 35th minute when Scott McDonald ran on a long pass and cut inside defender Oguchi Onyewu before sliding a right-foot shot low past DJ Countess in the US goal.

Going 2-0 down sparked the United States and just a minute later Landon Donovan made it 2-1 with his third goal of the tournament, sending a curling shot past the despairing dive of Jess Vanstratten from 16 metres (yards).

The US team pulled level just after half time when the ball bounced off Onyewu's shoulder and into the net as he rose above two defenders at a Donovan corner from the left.

Two 15-minute periods of extra time produced no goals but saw US player Seth Tremblay sent off for a late tackle. Australia's Dylan MacAllister nearly won it 14 minutes into extra time, but he put a close range shot over the bar.

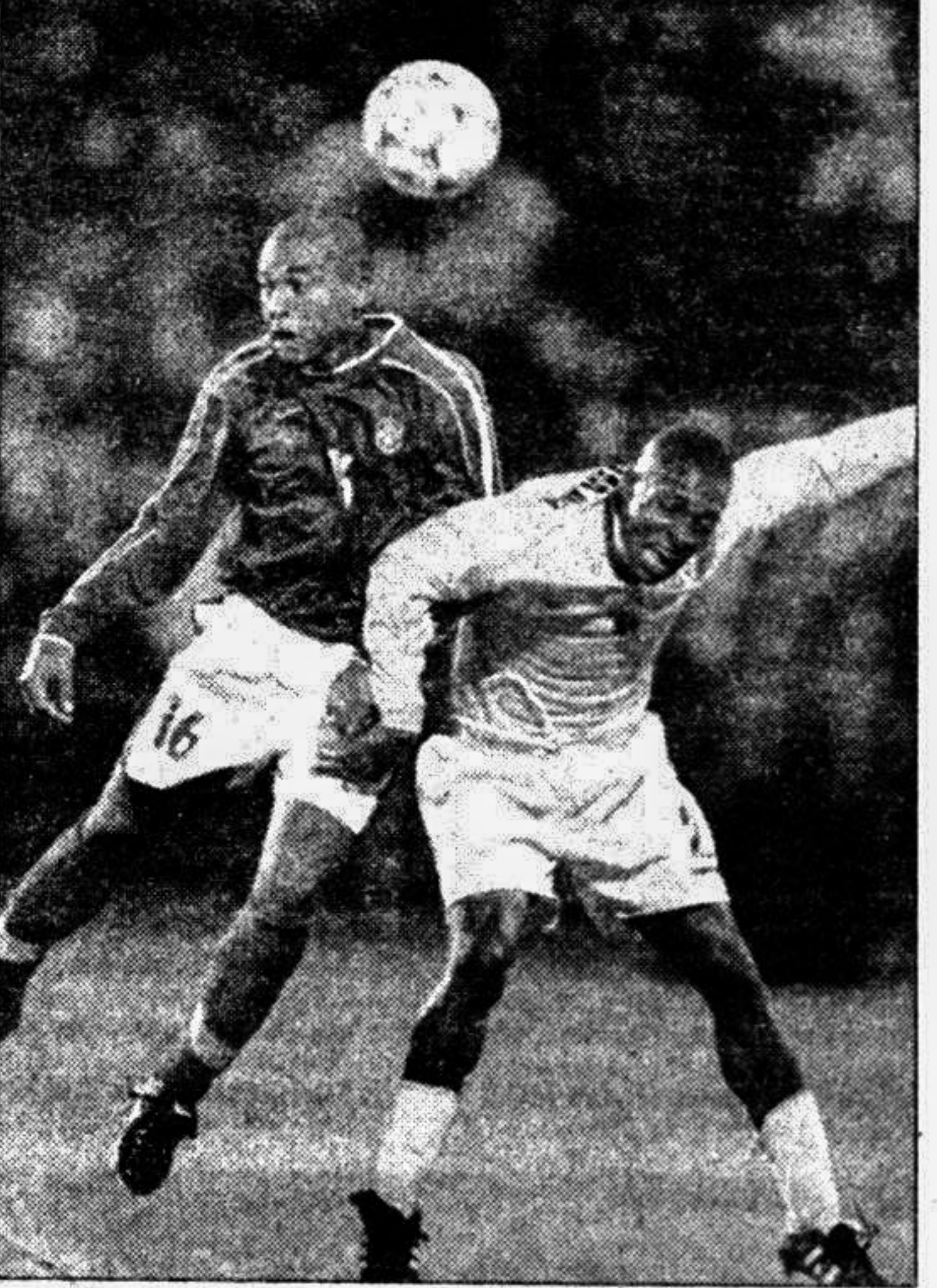
In the later semi Brazil also got out to a 2-0 lead before being pegged back by Ghana.

Leonardo, who shares the famous name with the veteran AC Milan star, got the first on 25 minutes with a powerful 25-metre (yard) volley which took a slight deflection.

Two minutes later Brazil went two up as Ghana's Stephen Tetteh deflected the ball in for an own goal.

Brazil looked sluggish at the start of the second half and Ghana found a way back into the game on 66 minutes when Nathaniel Lamptey headed in a Benayעד in an equalizer for his sixth goal of the tournament.

Ding-Bortey's luck ran out in the year ago, avenging their defeat by Ghana in the 1995 final.



Brazilian striker Leonardo (L) is locked in an aerial tussle with a Ghana defender during their U-17 World Championship semifinal in Auckland yesterday. —AFP photo

Intercontinental Cup Palmeiras dreaming big

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Nov 24: The Brazilian champions of South America are having a dismal time of it at home, but their spirits are high as they prepare to take on Manchester United for the title of unofficial world club champions next week, reports AFP.

Sao Paulo-based Palmeiras are out of the play-offs in Brazil's national championship after finishing 10th in the league, but the Copa Libertadores kings said Wednesday they had what it takes to win the Intercontinental Cup.

A cagey coach Luiz Felipe echoed Giovanni Trapattoni, who said superior tactics were the key to his Fiorentina side's 2-0 defeat of the Red Devils in their European champions league tie on Tuesday.

"I've studied Manchester United since we won the Libertadores Cup final. It's in my mind," Felipe told reporters here after Palmeiras arrived in Japan on Tuesday night for the November 30 showdown against Manchester United.

The Intercontinental Cup — between the European club champions and the South American club champions — has traditionally been the World Club Championship Final, determining the best club team in world football.

However, this year the winners will only be able to claim that accolade for six weeks as FIFA will stage the inaugural eight-team World Club Championship in Brazil in January.

That event will have teams representing every continent.

For Felipe and Palmeiras' gifted centre-forward Paulo Nunes, this year's Intercontinental Cup has an added edge.

Felipe coached the Gremio side containing Nunes which lost in a penalty shootout to Ajax of Holland in the 1995 world club final.

"In 1995 everybody thought Ajax would win it easily and almost won it," he said.

Zinho, Sampaio, Junior Baiano and Paulo Nunes — had a "50-50" chance against the English champions.

In midfielders Zinho and Sampaio, Palmeiras may hold a secret weapon. The two played for J-League side Yokohama Flugs in the mid-1990s and are likely to get a warm reception from the Tokyo Nation! Stadium crowd next Tuesday.

Zinho was also delighted to be back in Japan and identified the Manchester United defence, which blundered badly against Fiorentina in the European champions' weak point.

"But they also have a vulnerable point -- I don't think their defence is so tight," the 32-year-old said.

Palmeiras were crowned club kings of South America in June when they won a penalty shoot-out 4-3 against Colombian side Deportivo Cali.

Manchester United booked their ticket to Tokyo with the most thrilling European champions final ever, beating Bayern Munich of Germany by two last-gasp goals in May.

United would be the first English side to win the Intercontinental Cup while Palmeiras have also yet to win that title — this was their first Copa Libertadores success.

However, many Brazilian sides have won the unofficial "world championship" — Pele's side Santos won in 1962 and 1963, Flamengo were victorious in 1981, Gremio in 1982 and Sao Paulo in 1992 and 1993.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Stars university city, 5. Miles away, 9. Na Na precursor, 12. Glenn, attraction, 13. Yepre-mian of football lore, 14. Man-handle, 15. Rainbows, 17. Detergent brand, 18. Farsi spoken here, 19. Vulgar, 21. Impudent, 24. Sand-paper texture, 25. Use a paper towel, 26. Readings, 30. Citrus drink, 31. Jeans material, 32. Bills partner, 33. Coconut cookie, 35. Tartan tribe, 36. Subsequently, 37. English university city, 38. Group of alumni, 40. Banthee's cry, 42. Smack, 43. Guess, Matlock, 48. Livy's lore, 49. Idle site, 50. Lipinski leap, 51. Golden, in Grenoble, 52. Coloring agents, 53. Slench, 2. Bavarian peak, 3. Last letter, 4. Cut out, 5. Pearl, 6. Mosque city, 7. Branch a la, 8. Pulpit, 9. Make a — of oneself, 10. "Listen!", 11. Vacationing, 16. To experiment, 20. Unaus' kin, 21. Made like Leander, 22. Daughter of Amnon, 23. Onlooker peak, 24. Cheshire countenance, 26. Field hand, 27. Rock producer, 28. Brian, 29. My Three —, 31. Not naked, 34. Osh's mates, 35. Last place in the league, 37. Brooklyn sch., 38. Nigger neighbor, 39. Prom night transport, 40. Just Begun!, 41. Dogfight battlers, 44. Remuneration, 45. Pink-slip, 46. Bearing item, 47. Service club member.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters S O U C U N J A Q C N Q Q C U and G B N Q L Q B J U S I Q U A L B I. Clue: Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A WHIMSICAL PHOTOGRAPHER GRINNED AND SAID, "SOMEDAY MY PRINTS WILL COME." Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals B.

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