

Alex likes Wimbledon later

REUTERS, Gstaad
Alex Corretja is supporting the idea of Wimbledon starting a week later to ease the pressure on top players.



Winners of the Federation Cup Open Table Tennis tournament pose for photographs after the prize-giving ceremony at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Fed Cup TT Mahbub, Saleha new champs

SPORTS REPORTER
Mahabub won the men's singles title of the Federation Cup Open table tennis tournament while Saleha clinched the women's title at the NSC Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday.



Fans in Cape Town, South Africa sit in a long queue to buy tickets for the cricket World Cup 2003 on July 15.

Lifebuoy soccer

BSS, Dhaka
The Independent and Bhorer Kagoj yesterday moved into the final of the Lifebuoy-Community football tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Boldon misses C'wealth Games

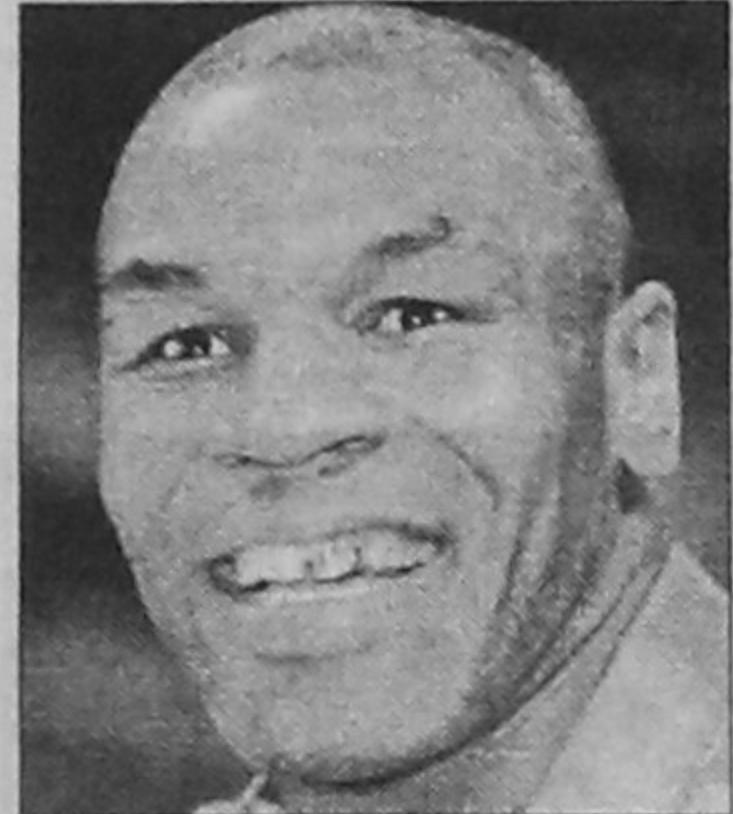
REUTERS, Irvine
Olympic silver medalist and Commonwealth Games 100 metres champion Ato Boldon of Trinidad and Tobago has ended his season and will not compete at next week's Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England.

Tyson wants to fight

Boxing

AFP, New York
Mike Tyson is looking for a rematch against Lennox Lewis, but the reigning heavyweight champion is looking at retirement unless he can achieve a historic payday.

Under contract terms, each would be allowed one fight before they met again.



MIKE TYSON

II, a doubtful prospect.
'These are the perfect opportunity. Retirement is definitely an option.'
Should Lewis decide to return to the ring, he must face mandatory challenger Chris Byrd or lose his International Boxing Federation title - Tyson was the World Boxing Council's mandatory challenger.

Singapore make

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The winless Oman for 66, Kuwait picked up the runs for the loss of only two wickets.

Rakesh Sharma was the only Omani batsman to put up any resistance, finishing on 24 not out.

For Kuwait, Zakar Hussain finished with three for 27, and with the bat Waheed Iqbal scored an unbeaten 36.

In the semifinals on Friday, defending champions United Arab Emirates will play Hong Kong, and Malaysia will play the winner of Wednesday's match between Nepal and Kuwait.

The two sides which make Sunday's final also qualify for the Asia Cup which involves regional big guns India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The 10-nation ACC Trophy draws the non-Test playing nations from Asia and the Middle East.

Sahara
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comes days after India's stunning victory over England in London on Saturday in the final of a three-nation contest.

Bose said Air Sahara's scheme of giving about a 50 per cent on tickets purchased online, begun earlier this year, was doing well and matched the price cuts carried out earlier this month by competitors, which needed no immediate response.

Jet and Indian Airlines slashed fares and launched in early July for travel on select routes between August and October in a bid to boost traffic.

Indian air travel tends to peak in the winter, between November and March, coinciding with the tourist season.

Bose said the airline industry was still hurting from the loss of business after September 11 and the decline in tourist traffic due to a global economic downturn and tensions with nuclear rival Pakistan.

The airline, which is acquiring 14 more aircraft this year to triple its number of flights to reach twice the number of destinations, plans to more than double its market share by next year.

Nalbandian crashes

Tennis

AFP, Umag
The opening day of the 400,000-dollar Umag ATP tournament turned out to be a nightmare for the organisers as night seed David Nalbandian of Argentina lost in the first round here on Monday.

Austria's Julian Knowle 6-4, 6-3. Another Croatian player Zeljko Krajan was even more convincing on home soil, defeating Argentina's Edgardo Massa 6-4, 6-2.



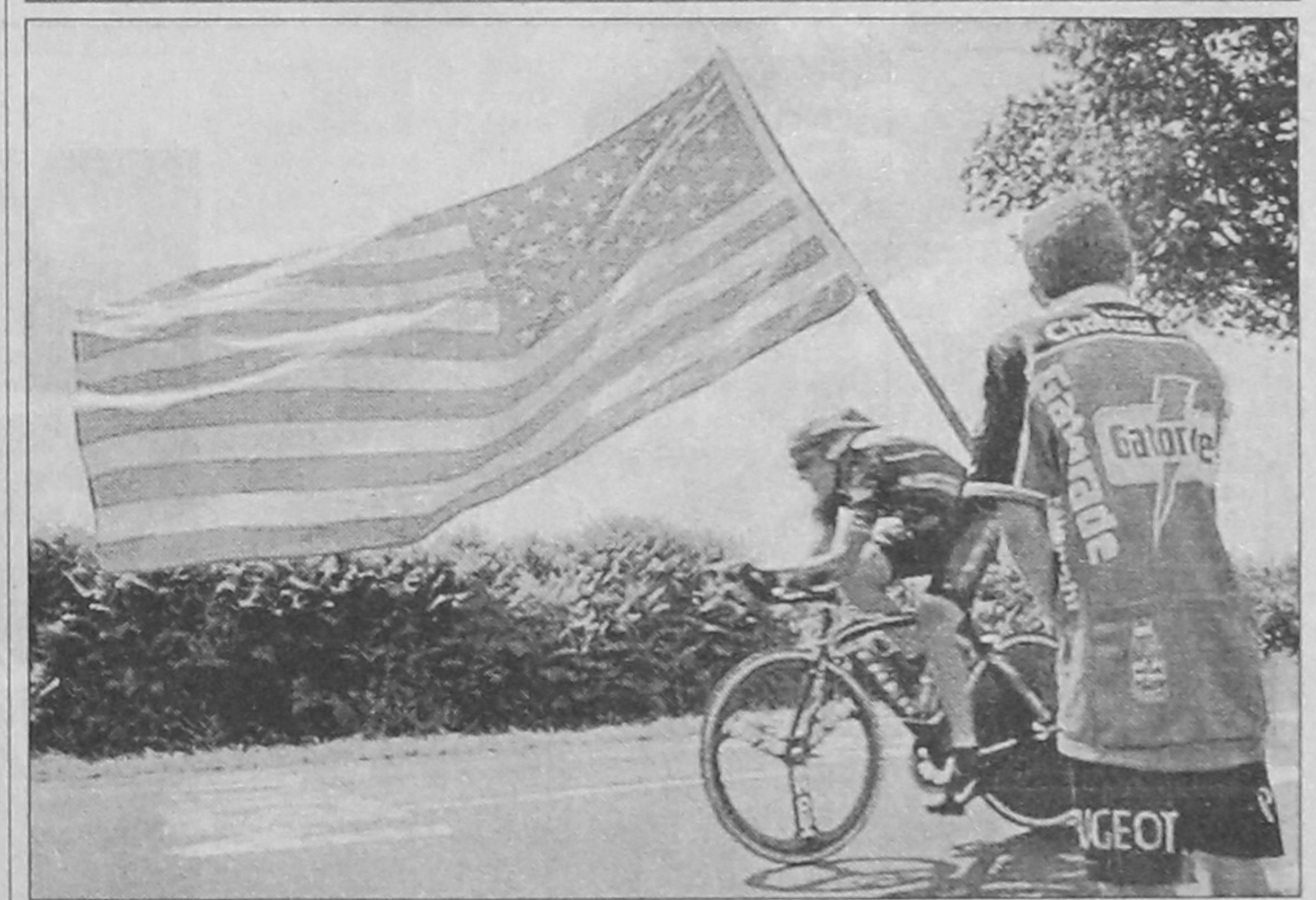
DAVID NALBANDIAN

Money For Nothing

Manchester 2002

AFP, Karachi
The parents of Pakistan's 64 Commonwealth Games athletes have agreed to pay 16,500 dollars if their child defects while at the event, the nation's sport's chief said Sunday.

Pakistan Amateur Boxing Federation president Anwar Chowdhry said no parent would be able to afford to pay the fine. Pakistan has been granted special permission to compete at the Manchester Games, which start on July 25, even though it has been suspended from the 54-member group of Commonwealth nations following President Pervez Musharraf's military coup in 1998.



A child waves an American flag as Lance Armstrong speeds past during the 9th stage of the Tour de France on July 15.

Igor keeps yellow jersey

AFP, Loriet
Race leader Igor Gonzalez de Galdeano retained the Tour de France yellow jersey here on Monday as three-time winner Lance Armstrong only partially closed his gap on the Spanish rider.

US Postal leader Armstrong, who started eighth from last in accordance with his overall position, failed to beat the day's best time of 1hr 02min 18sec set by Colombian Santiago Botero of the Spanish Kelme team on a sun-drenched 52km course from Lanester to here.

It is 29-year-old Botero's second Tour stage win, and his first in a time-trial. Armstrong came second at 11secs to partially close the 34-second gap which existed between him and ONCE rider Gonzalez de Galdeano prior to the stage.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals L

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