



Transcom Group chairman and managing director Latifur Rahman (5th from L) and Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division Lt. General Abdul Mubeen (6th from L) pose with the winners of the 13th Transcom Cup Golf Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

Second round

FROM PAGE 17 Mahmudullah Riyad who missed the first round as the all-rounder was in the one-day team for the just concluded series against the Kiwis. Imrul Kayes, who made his international debut during the third one-day match against New Zealand, will join Khulna who play Barisal in the second round at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

Last year's runners-up Rajshahi, who drew the first round match against Barisal, will host Chittagong.

Siddons

FROM PAGE 17 He also wanted to see the batsmen bring some balance into their approach as they discarded their shot-a-minute style to one that was very hard.

But he had special praise for the heroes of the day who rescued Bangladesh from 44 for four to a respectable first day score.

"Both were really good. I think Mehrab (Hossain) was brilliant and Mushfiqur (Rahim) provided good support," said Siddons, who was seen kicking around a football like he does in Aussie Rules.

He misses

FROM PAGE 17 "Of course it is. I mean whenever the team wins or does well, it's a fantastic feeling. Of course there was some excitement in mind but I had a big task ahead. It was an important knock for when I went into bat, we had lost three wickets in no time. It was important to get a partnership," Tendulkar said, of his 142-run stand with Sourav Ganguly.

The tributes

FROM PAGE 17 example for all to understand that hard work always pays. His concentration and dedication is a lesson for others to follow.

"Despite all these achievements, he is such a humble person by nature and a great help to youngsters. Just by watching him in action, youngsters round the world can learn a lot."

Another former great, Gundappa Vishwanath, hoped Tendulkar would continue to play for a few more years.

"He still has a couple of years of Test cricket left in him," said Vishwanath. "He richly deserves all the accolades as he is a truly committed cricketer."

"Like every Indian at this moment, I am proud of his achievements."

Tendulkar's first coach Ramakant Achrekar said he had been "expecting the record for a long time."

"To be where he is today, it takes lots of sacrifices and commitment and I hope he continues to entertain cricket lovers round the globe," said Achrekar.

"Since the time he joined my coaching academy (in Mumbai) as a 11-year-old, Sachin has been a very keen and fast learner who never hesitated to train hard."

"He is a committed cricketer who has set high standards for others to follow. All of us should be proud of his achievements."



Did U Know?

The International Badminton Federation (IBF) was founded in 1934 with nine members and now has over 150 members.

Sachin will go on his terms: Anjali

PTI, New Delhi

Sachin Tendulkar's wife Anjali today said he will not stay a "minute longer" when he is not enjoying the game.

"I can be hundred per cent sure that Sachin will not play for a minute longer when he is not enjoying himself. He is still so eager to go out there and play. He will play as long as he feels he can play," Anjali told reporters in Mumbai.

She also rubbished the speculation that the 'Fab 5' are under pressure from the BCCI for their retirement.

"So far there has been nothing from the Board's side... nobody is telling anyone that you have to retire. I think people respect these guys enough." Recalling the feeling of the historic moment today, Anjali insisted that she was never excited although she was a bit tensed. "It was as usual stressful. I was watching all alone, the kids were in school," she said adding their son Arjun was more worried about his written test in Taekwondo.

"I was sitting in one place and had full concentration on the match."

"Only after he achieves whatever he achieves, it all sinks in and then I felt great," an elated Anjali said.

However, she insisted that Sachin is such kind of cricketer, who never play for records, but only to enjoy the game.

Klinsi backs Bayern

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich coach Jurgen Klinsmann has backed the defending Bundesliga champions to recover from their worst start to the season in 31 years - starting with Karlsruhe on Saturday.

Having led the league from start to finish last season, Bayern are currently enduring their worst start for three decades having lost 1-0 at Hanover and been hammered 5-2 in Munich by Werder Bremen at the end of last month.

And to make matters worse, minnows VfL Bochum poached a 3-3 draw a fortnight ago with two goals in the last ten minutes which dropped Bayern to 11th in the table.

Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has given Klinsmann a guarantee he will still be in office at the end of the season and the ex-Germany boss insists Bayern are on the right track.

"We are going in the right direction, we just need consistency," Klinsmann told German magazine Kicker.

"We will pull through this. You have to take an episode like this on

the chin."

With nine points from seven games, Bayern need to pick up a few more wins before fans cries of "Klinsmann Out!" are silenced around the Allianz Arena and a win at Karlsruhe would help.

With all his stars back from their World Cup qualifiers, Klinsmann will have a virtually full-strength side to choose from with only long-term injury victims Willy Sagnol, Christian Lell and Hamit Altintop missing.

The biggest game of the week-end pits league leaders Hamburg at home to fifth-placed Schalke 04 on Sunday.

Schalke are waiting on the fitness of Germany defender Christian Pander and will have striker Kevin Kuranyi leading the attack after he walked out on the Germany squad last weekend.

FIXTURES

Saturday
Werder Bremen v Borussia Dortmund, VfL Wolfsburg v Arminia Bielefeld, Hanover 96 v Hoffenheim, Eintracht Frankfurt v Bayer Leverkusen, Hertha Berlin v VfB Stuttgart, Karlsruhe v Bayern Munich, Cologne v Energie Cottbus
Sunday
Hamburg v Schalke 04

Taibu, Dabengwa star in Zimbabwe win

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Zimbabwe swept aside Ireland with a convincing 156-run thumping in the first ODI of the Kenya Tri-Series in Nairobi. In pursuit of a challenging 303, Ireland lost their first four wickets inside 14 overs - a position from which they could never mount a serious chase, despite an entertaining 38 from the in-form Kevin O'Brien.

It was an important win for Zimbabwe, especially since they were easily beaten by the might of Uganda yesterday. Today, they justified their Full Member status against one of the leading Associates.

Elton Chigumbura led the attack with verve; surprisingly, his new-ball partner was Prosper Utseya, whose offspin and flighted deliveries frustrated Ireland. Niall O'Brien and Gary Wilson both fell to Chigumbura's short-of-a-length attack, and for all the Zimbabweans' admirable discipline, there was less on evidence by Ireland. This was no better exemplified than by William Porterfield's careless slap off Utseya.

At the halfway stage Ireland had tripped to 72 for 6, but there was a brief period of forlorn entertainment when Kevin O'Brien took three huge sixes off 20-year-old Timcyen Maruma, each hammer blow clearing the long-on and long-off boundaries with ease. He

lost his wicket attempting a fourth off Keith Dabengwa.

Ireland nearly survived all 50 overs, but struggled against Ray Price whose ten overs went for just seven runs - the most economical figures by any Zimbabwean in ODIs. Dabengwa mopped up with 3 for 17 from six tidy and controlled overs.

It was Zimbabwe's batsmen who set up the win, however. Hamilton Masakadza was again in terrific form, lacing 72 from 66 to form a solid opening partnership of 71 with Cephas Zhuwawa. Both Peter Connell and Boyd Rankin, one of Ireland's rising hopes, were treated with disdain; they bowled too short too often. Crucially, Zimbabwe never panicked or lost concentration in the usually sticky middle overs; Tatenda Taibu and Chamu Chibhabha grafted 102 in 21.1 overs of intelligent batting.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first match in the triangular one-day international between Ireland and Zimbabwe at the Nairobi Gymkhana Club on Friday:
ZIMBABWE
Masakadza c Porterfield b Johnston 72
Zhuwawa c Rankin b Johnston 16
Chibhabha b Rankin 51
Taibu b Connell 74
Matsikenyeri c O'Brien b Botha 27
Chigumbura c Botha b Connell 33
Dabengwa b Cusack 1
Maruma c Wilson b Connell 2
Utseya not out 3
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, w-14, nb-1) 24
Total: (For eight wkts in 50 overs) 303

Did not bat: Price, Mpofu.
Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-99, 3-201, 4-259, 5-262, 6-266, 7-285, 8-303.
Bowler O M R W
Connell 8 0 68 3
Rankin 6 0 53 1
Johnston 10 0 40 2
Botha 10 0 44 1
McCallan 10 0 47 0
Cusack 6 0 42 1

IRELAND
Porterfield c Price b Utseya 10
O'Brien c Utseya b Chigumbura 2
Wilson c Chibhabha b Chigumbura 0
Botha st Taibu b Utseya 21
White c Chibhabha b Maruma 18
O'Brien c Taibu b Dabengwa 38
Cusack cb Maruma 5
Johnston c Price b Dabengwa 12
McCallan lbw b Dabengwa 25
Connell run out (Chibhabha) 6
Rankin not out 0
Extras: (lb-3, w-7) 10
Total: (All 10 out in 46.1 overs) 147
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-14, 3-17, 4-49, 5-63, 6-72, 7-113, 8-115, 9-149, 10-147.

Bowler O M R W
Chigumbura 5 0 18 2
Utseya 9.1 0 29 2
Mpofu 3 0 8 0
Price 10 5 7 0
Maruma 10 1 50 2
Dabengwa 6 1 17 3
Zhuwawa 3 0 15 0
Result: Zimbabwe won by 156 runs.
Toss: Zimbabwe
Umpires: M Erasmus (RSA) and RB Tiffin (ZIM)
Reserve umpire: NN Dave (KEN)
Match referee: Roshan Mahanama (SRI)

India assume control

FROM PAGE 17 Laxman (12) after having got rid of the dangerous Virender Sehwag (35) in the opening session.

But it was paceman Brett Lee (1-56) who gave his team the much-needed breakthrough by breaking the 76-run second-wicket stand between Gambhir and Dravid (39).

Lee, who had looked quite off-colour earlier, tempted Dravid to go for an expansive drive but the batsman ended up inside edging onto his leg-stump.

It was the 291st wicket for Lee, who becomes the fourth highest Australian wicket-taker ever.

Johnson then forced an edge from Gambhir as he tried to drive a full delivery through the covers before dismissing Laxman by having him caught down the legside.

The three quick dismissals in the space of 17 runs turned the tide in favour of Australia, looking to go 1-0 up in the four-Test series for the Border-Gavaskar trophy after the drawn Bangalore opener.

Earlier Sehwag and Gambhir belted a wayward Australian attack

after Mahendra Dhoni won the toss and elected to bat in the absence of injured regular captain Anil Kumble.

Kumble, who turned 38 on Friday, pulled out of the Test on the morning of the match after failing to recover from a shoulder injury.

The explosive Sehwag, who hit Siddle for two fours in an over, appeared in top form during his quickfire knock, which came off 36 balls.

Gambhir joined in the run-fest, reaching his seventh Test fifty and first against Australia by lofting part-time spinner Michael Clarke for two fours on the trot over long-on.

Australia awarded a Test cap to Siddle after paceman Stuart Clark was ruled unfit for the match.

India blooded leg-spinner Amit Mishra, who featured in three one-day internationals for India way back in 2003.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second Test between India and Australia at the Punjab Cricket Association Stadium on Friday:

INDIA: First innings
Gambhir c Haddin b Johnson 67
Sehwag c Haddin b Johnson 35
Dravid b Lee 39
Tendulkar c Hayden b Siddle 88
Laxman c Haddin b Johnson 12
Ganguly not out 54
Sharma not out 2
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-5, nb-3) 14
Total: (For five wkts in 85 overs) 311
To bat: Dhoni, Mishra, Harbhajan, Zaheer.

Fall of wickets: 1-70, 2-146, 3-146, 4-163, 5-305.

Bowler O M R W
Lee 18 5 56 1
Siddle 18 2 80 1
Johnson 20 3 68 3
Watson 14 3 47 0
Clarke 7 0 28 0
White 8 0 26 0
AUSTRALIA: Katich, Hayden, Ponting, Hussey, Clarke, Watson, Haddin, White, Lee, Siddle, Johnson.
Toss: India
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (RSA) and Asad Rauf (PAK)
Third umpire: Amish Saheba (IND)
Match referee: Chris Broad (ENG)

Jaques' back forces him out

AFP, Mohali

Australian opener Phil Jaques will miss the rest of the Indian tour because of a back injury, Cricket Australia (CA) announced on Friday.

Team bosses said the 29-year-old left-hander, who has not played on the tour so far, was being sent home to help him recover in time for the upcoming domestic season.

"Phil has had a long-standing problem with his lower back that has been manageable up until now," team physiotherapist Alex Kountouris said in a CA statement.

"The point has come where the injury is significantly limiting his ability to play, so he will return to Australia to seek specialist opinion on the best course of action."

Chairman of selectors Andrew Hilditch said Jaques' replacement for the final two Tests against India would be named soon.

"This is obviously disappointing news for Phil," said Hilditch. "We're hoping the treatment is successful and he can return to cricket as soon as possible."

"The selectors will be making a decision in a few days' time as to Phil's replacement on this tour."

Jaques, who made his debut in 2005, has so far played 11 Tests and scored 902 runs, at an average of 47.47 with three centuries.

He has also scored 125 runs in six one-day internationals.

Jaques is the second player in the squad to have his tour cut short through injury. Leg-spinner Bryce McGain also went back to Australia and was replaced by Cameron White.

The first Test in Bangalore ended in a draw, while the second Test opened in Mohali earlier on Friday.

The remaining two Tests will be played in New Delhi (Oct 29-Nov 2) and Nagpur (Nov 6-10).

Mehrab's timely

FROM PAGE 17 right boxes by scoring whenever he was selected for Bangladesh A and the Academy.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the first Test between Bangladesh and New Zealand at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium on Friday:

BANGLADESH: First innings
Tamim c McCullum b Vettori 18
Zunaid lbw b O'Brien 0
Rajin b O'Brien 20
Ashraful lbw b Vettori 2
Mehrab not out 79
Mushfiqur not out 59
Extras: (b-4, lb-1) 5
Total: (For four wkts in 94 overs) 183
To bat: Shakib, Naem, Mashrafe, Shahadat, Razzak.
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-34, 3-40, 4-44.

Bowler O M R W
Mills 14 6 25 0
O'Brien 17 9 25 2
Oram 15 11 9 0
Ryder 3 1 10 0
Patel 17 5 59 0
Vettori 28 10 50 2
NEW ZEALAND: Redmond, How, Ryder, Taylor, McCullum, Flynn, Oram, Vettori, Mills, O'Brien, Patel.
Toss: Bangladesh
Umpires: Daryl Harper (AUS), Asoka de Silva (SRI)
TV umpire: Enamul Hoque (BAN)
Match referee: Javagal Srinath (IND)

ICL-BCCI talks fail

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Moves by the unauthorized Indian Cricket League (ICL) to gain recognition from the world governing body have been shot down by the Indian board, officials said on Friday.

The International Cricket Council has this month asked the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to hold talks with ICL officials before any decision on accepting the 'rebel' Twenty20 League was taken.

But talks between the BCCI and the ICL in New Delhi broke down late Thursday, with senior officials saying no further meetings were planned.

"There was a meeting at Delhi between officials of BCCI and ICL to see if there was any common ground," BCCI secretary N. Srinivasan said in a terse one-line statement.

"The talks failed and there are no plans for any further meeting."

The ICL, started by Indian media magnate Subhash Chandra last year, runs parallel to the commercially successful Indian Premier League, which is owned by the BCCI.

The ICL has not been sanctioned by the ICC, and most players participating in the tournament have been handed lengthy bans from international cricket by their respective boards, barring England.

ICL chairman Kapil Dev, who did not attend the meeting with the BCCI, said he was "unhappy" at the development.

"I don't know all the specifics,

but I understand the BCCI wants the ICL to be a closed chapter," the legendary all-rounder and India's lone World Cup-winning captain told reporters.

"That, let me reiterate, is not possible. Right now, I would not like to say anything more. Of course, I'm unhappy at what happened."

The second edition of the ICL, featuring former Test captains like Inzamam-ul Haq of Pakistan, Marvan Atapattu of Sri Lanka and Habibur Bashar of Bangladesh, is currently being played in four venues across India.

Among other international stars in the fray, along with Indian domestic players, are New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond, Australian batsman Damien Martyn and Kiwi all-rounders Chris Cairns and Nathan Astle.

Sachin fulfils

FROM PAGE 17 With cricket attracting ever-increasing sums of money, leading cricketers have hit the jackpot of late. Not that Tendulkar will notice the shift. As the Tiger Woods of cricket, he was a multi-millionaire from cricket long before Stanford provided the means for others to join him. Not that he seems driven by money and by all accounts still lives modestly with his family.

Over a glittering career only his time as India's captain can be deemed a failure. Not a natural leader, he struggled to command others as he commanded himself. But bossing bowlers, well, that is his speciality and that could continue for a good while yet.

Murray crushes Monfils

Tennis

AFP, Madrid

Andy Murray reached his fourth semifinal of his last five events as

the Scottish fourth seed crushed France's Gael Monfils 6-2, 6-2 at the Madrid Masters on Friday.

Since Wimbledon, US Open finalist Murray has played his way into the last four at every event he's entered save the Beijing Olympics,

where he lost in the first round to a Taiwanese player.

The 21-year-old will face off on Saturday against the winner from Juan Del Potro and Roger Federer. Should the Swiss win, it would set up a repeat of the US Open final of last month.

Murray improved to 2-1 over Monfils, coached by Lleyton Hewitt's former mentor Roger Rasheed who has instilled training discipline into the free-spirited French youngster.

But the new regime was not enough to make a difference on the day, with Monfils ending on a double-fault, his 31st unforced error of a 67-minute afternoon.

Murray struck 17 winners and 19 errors, breaking on six of his 11 chances.

The loss left Monfils adrift as he aims for a long-odds place in the eight-man season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai, standing 14th with two weeks of ATP play remaining.

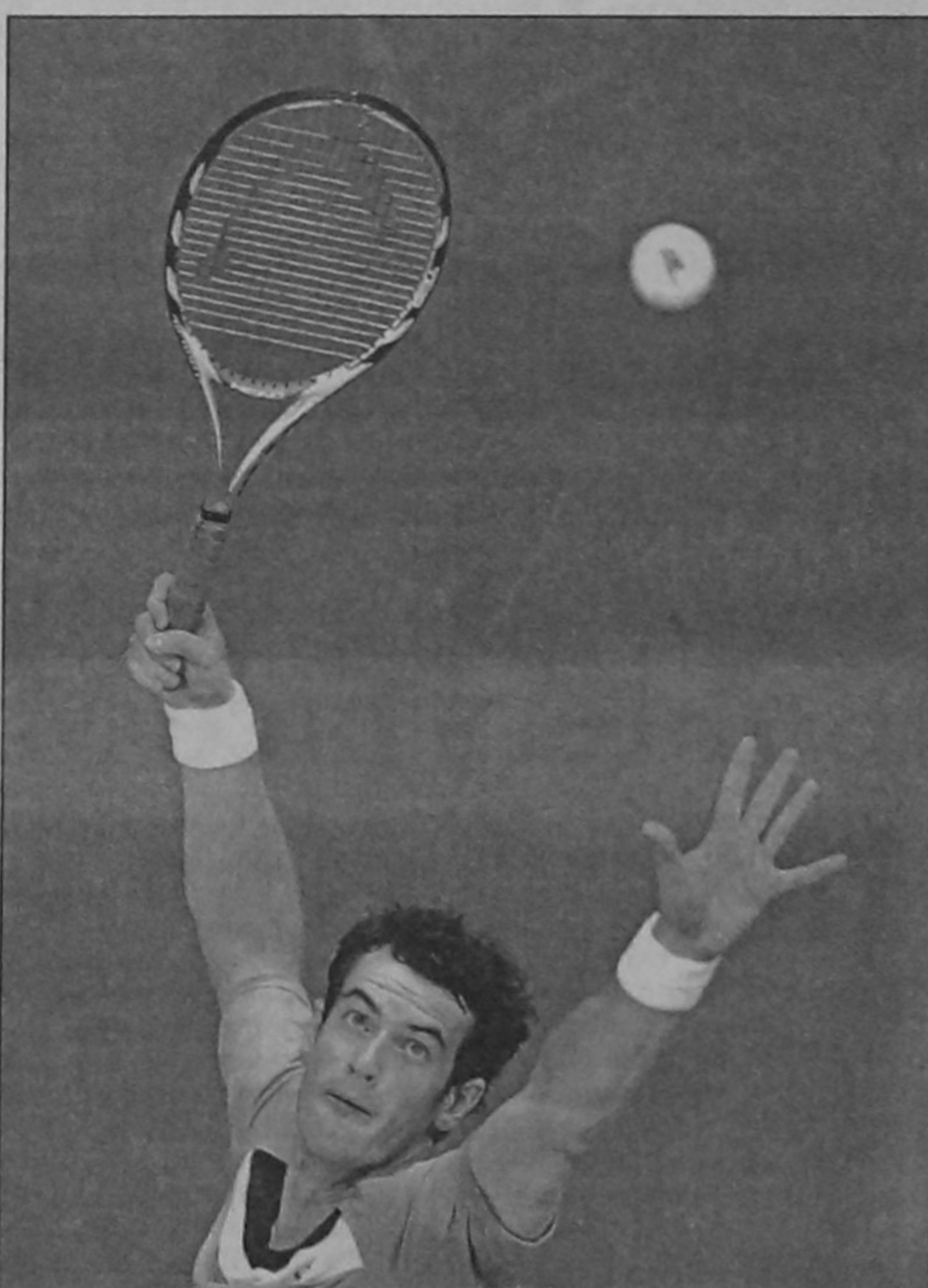
Murray has already qualified along with Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic with four spots still open.

The Scot roared straight back from a break in the opening game, sweeping the opener in 36 minutes with three breaks of Monfils.

The winning momentum picked up in the second set with fourth-seed Murray breaking in the fourth and sixth games for a 5-1 lead.

Murray closed it out as Monfils sent over his service mis-ue to take the loss.

Murray has now won 11 of his last 12 matches, standing 46-14 on the season. He stands 7-2 in Madrid over his career.



Andy Murray of Britain serves to Gael Monfils of France during their Madrid Masters quarterfinal in Madrid on Friday.