

Duminy destroys Zim

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

Recalled JP Duminy scored a maiden one-day century as South Africa answered the call of coach Mickey Arthur with a 212-run thrashing of Zimbabwe at SuperSport Park on Tuesday.

Arthur demanded greater all-round ruthlessness after his team took much longer than expected to complete a 45-run victory on Sunday in the first encounter.

South Africa were put into bat and ran riot in the afternoon sun to compile 331-5 off 50 overs before bowling Zimbabwe out for 119 after 34.3 overs and completing a 2-0 series win.

The Proteas used the mini-series against their lowly northern neighbours to warm up for a tour by England that begins on Friday and includes Twenty20, ODI and Test fixtures.

"It was a very good performance and you have to be happy after winning by more than 200 runs. Now we look forward to the challenges posed by England," said South Africa skipper Graeme Smith.

"We are not the finished article and must keep working. We do not see the England series as a chance to settle personal scores, but rather as a new challenge and we must just focus on our game."

Duminy, a 25-year-old left-hand batsman from Cape Town came in at number four and tormented the visiting attack to finish unbeaten on 111 after facing 87 balls in 126 minutes.

His record score included nine fours and two sixes in a virtual chance-less stand as South Africa bettered the 295 runs scored against the one-day minnows in Benoni.

"I just hope I can take this form into the England series. I missed the first Zimbabwe game as a precaution because of shin splints, but I'm fine although there is still a little pain," said Duminy.

Jacques Kallis, another player who missed the first half of the series through injury, struck an 81 that contained eight fours and two sixes and opener Smith bettered a run a ball in compiling 53.

Zimbabwe skipper Prosper Utseya again gambled on a wicket that would aid his spin-

ners and misread the situation once more with Ray Price (3-55) delivering the best return.

Only Tatenda Taibu, century hero of a record sixth-wicket stand on Sunday, offered any resistance to the South African attack, hitting 52 off 71 deliveries before being caught by fellow wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

"It is tough batting against a great team like South Africa but I enjoyed it. I do not deserve the man of the series award, though, as JP Duminy, Jacques Kallis and Hashim Amla played

only once and I played twice," said Taibu.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second and final one-day international between South Africa and Zimbabwe at the SuperSport Park in Centurion on Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA

Smith st Taibu b Utseya 53
Kallis c Chigumbura b Utseya 81
De Villiers b Price 5
Duminy not out 111
Petersen lbw b Price 13
Morkel c Masakadza b Price 14
Boucher not out 31
Extras: (lb-4, w-19) 23
Total: (For 5 wks in 50 overs) 331
Did not bat: McLaren, Van der Merwe, Tsotsobe, Langeveldt.
Fall of wickets: 1-108, 2-121, 3-199, 4-240, 5-273.

Bowler O M R W
Mpfu 10 0 75 0
Jarvis 10 0 76 0
Utseya 10 0 53 2
Price 10 0 55 3
Cremer 6 0 41 0
Chigumbura 4 0 27 0

ZIMBABWE

Masakadza c Kallis b Langeveldt 0
Taylor c Kallis b Tsotsobe 0
Taibu c Boucher b Langeveldt 52
Matsikenyeri c Boucher b Morkel 13
Chigumbura c Smith b Morkel 4
Coventry c De Villiers b Morkel 10
Utseya lbw b Van der Merwe 1
Cremer c b Langeveldt 11
Price b Van der Merwe 9
Jarvis c McLaren b Van der Merwe 13
Mpfu not out 1
Extras: (lb-3, w-2) 5
Total: (All out in 34.3 overs) 119
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-8, 3-40, 4-44, 5-62, 6-73, 7-90, 8-95, 9-112.
Bowler O M R W
Langeveldt 8 2 36 3
Tsotsobe 7 2 23 1
McLaren 5 2 10 0
Morkel 6 2 20 3
Van der Merwe 8.3 0 27 3
Result: South Africa won by 212 runs and clinched the two-match series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: JP Duminy.

Man-of-the-series: Tatenda Taibu.

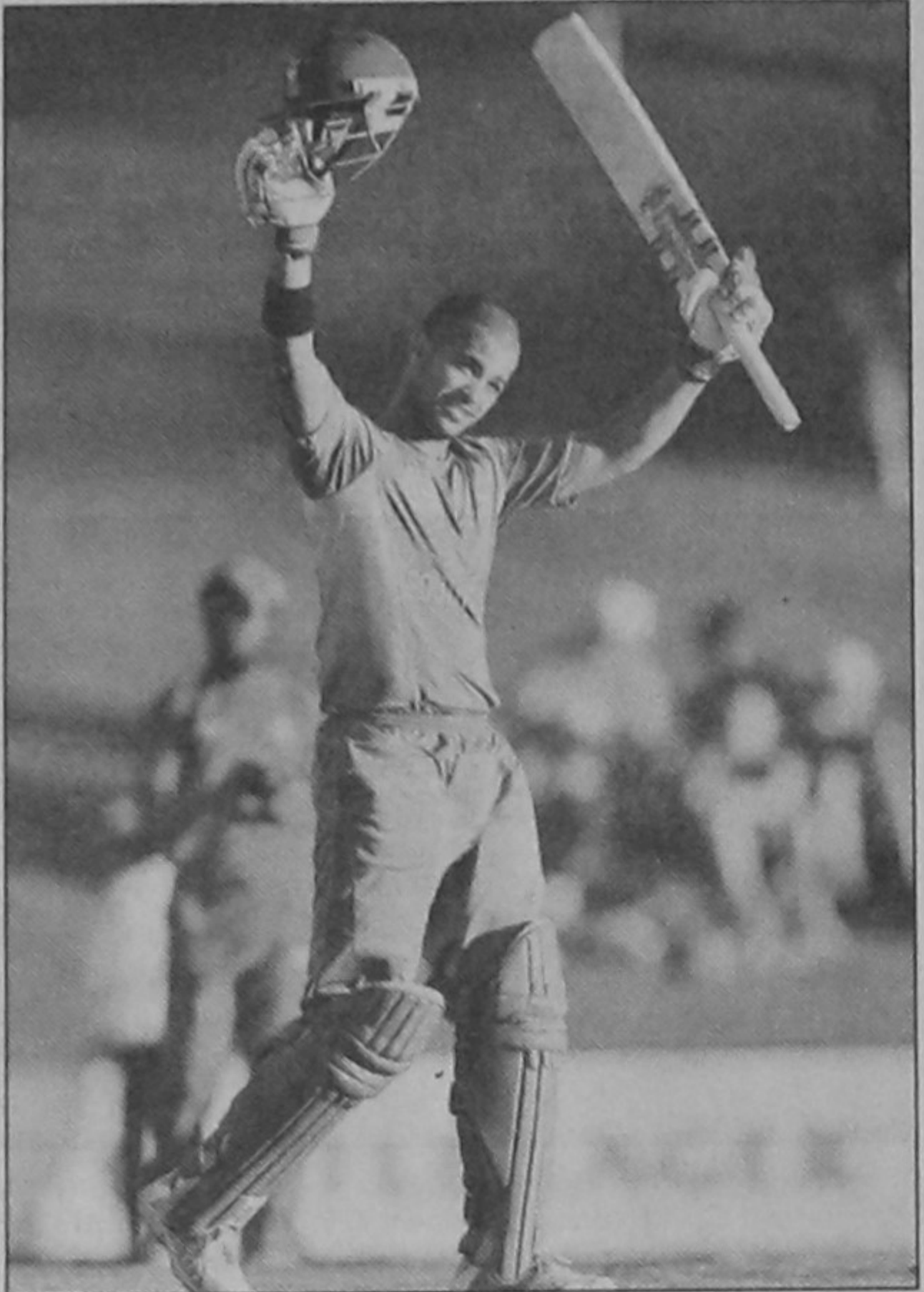


PHOTO: INTERNET

South Africa's JP Duminy celebrates his maiden one-day century off 88 balls during the second one-day international against Zimbabwe at the SuperSport Park in Centurion on Tuesday.

Div I cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Prime Doleshwar Sporting Club cruised to a 10-wicket victory over Kathal Bagan GCC in the First Division Cricket League at the Dhamondri Cricket Stadium yesterday.

After Abdur Rahman's five-wicket haul, Mehedi Hasan hit an unbeaten 71 and Salahuddin Pappu remained not out on 59 as Prime Doleshwar raced to 140 in 26.5 overs without any loss. Kathal Bagan scored 139 before being bundled out in 46 overs.

At the Jahangirnagar University ground, City Club defeated Agrani Bank Cricket Club by 28 runs. Islam Khan's 120-ball 81 was not good enough for the bankers to overhaul City's 229-9 as they were all out for 201.

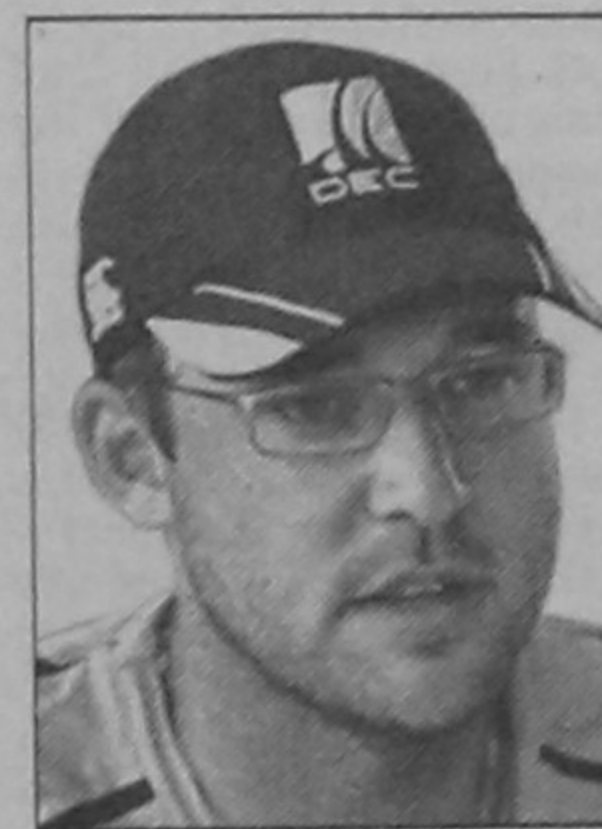
Rupali Bank posted a three-wicket victory against Motijheel T&T Club at the City Club ground.

Kalyan Ashish made 55 and Zakir Hossain 51 as Rupali Bank scored 255 for 7 in 48.3 overs in reply to Motijheel's 251-8.



Did U Know?

Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina is the oldest racer in the history of F1 racing to have won the championship. He was 46 years old when he won in the year 1957.



Daniel Vettori

(New Zealand cricket captain)
"A win away from home is great, we don't have many and it definitely grows the confidence because there are a lot of inexperienced guys in the team who will learn more."
After winning the three-match one-day series against Pakistan 2-1 in Abu Dhabi on Monday.

England lose warm-up T20

Cricket

AFP, Bloemfontein

England crashed to a four-wicket defeat against South Africa A in a Twenty20 match here on Tuesday.

In their final warm-up before the first of two Twenty20 internationals against South Africa in Johannesburg on Friday, the tourists were bowled out for 89 by South Africa's second stringers.

South Africa A also found batting difficult in a match dominated by spin bowlers but won with 15 balls to spare.

The defeat followed easy

wins for the tourists in 50-overs matches against franchise teams in their first two fixtures.

England failed to see out their 20 overs after being sent in to bat. They lost their last seven wickets for 18 runs in 32 balls as their innings lasted for only 17.3 overs.

Tall opening bowler CJ de Villiers started England's troubles when he dismissed Joe Denly and Jonathan Trott inside the first six overs.

Off-spinners Thandi Tshabalala and captain Justin Ontong took two for 16 and two for nine respectively, while three run-outs within the space of 11 balls further undermined England's effort.

T20 time in Dubai

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for the Twenty20 series. Yousuf, Mohammad Yousuf, Salman Butt and Wahab Riaz have all been left out.

New Zealand have yet to defeat Pakistan in a Twenty20 encounter but have been buoyed by their one-day series success in Abu Dhabi, said captain Daniel Vettori.

"The one-day series win was a confidence booster for us and I am sure the guys will be more motivated," said Vettori, whose team came from 1-0 down in the series.

"The conditions in the one-day matches were favourable to Pakistan and here also they will suit them, but the key thing is that we have a series win and must keep the pressure up and win the Twenty20 as well."

The second Twenty20

match here will be played on Friday.

TEAMS

PAKISTAN (from): Shahid Afridi (captain), Khalid Latif, Imran Nazir, Umer Akmal, Shoaib Malik, Kamran Akmal, Abdul Razzaq, Navedul Hasan, Umar Gul, Mohammad Aamir, Rao Iftikhar, Saeed Ajmal, Imran Farhat, Fawad Alam, Sohail Tanvir.

NEW ZEALAND (from): Daniel Vettori (captain), Shane Bond, Neil Broom, Ian Butler, James Franklin, Martin Guptill, Brendon McCullum, Nathan McCullum, Kyle Mills, Jacob Oram, Aaron Redmond, Tim Southee, Scott Styris, Ross Taylor, BJ Watling.
Umpires: Nadeem Ghouri and Zameer Haider.

Enke commits suicide

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when Lehmann retired in August 2008.

Last season, he was voted the best goalkeeper in the Bundesliga.

But an intestinal infection in September caused him to pull out of the national squad two days ahead of their thumping 4-0 World Cup qualifying victory over Azerbaijan.

This allowed his rival Rene Adler to boost his chances of representing his country in June's 2010 World Cup finals and Adler was in goal for the 1-0 win over Russia last month which saw Germany book their place in South Africa.

Enke only returned to play for his club Hannover 96 just last Sunday in their 2-2 draw with Hamburg and the shaven-headed shot-stopper declared himself delighted to be fighting fit again after being sidelined.

"It has been a long time, almost a quarter of the season.

However, once I resumed training I felt really well," Enke had said.

His death therefore came as a bombshell for those closest to him both personally and professionally.

"We're in shock. I don't know what to say," said national manager Oliver Bierhoff, who along with head coach Joachim Loew, informed Enke's international teammates of the tragedy.

With Germany preparing to face Chile in Cologne, Loew cancelled training on Wednesday and Enke's club president Martin Kind was left stunned by the news.

"It is a total catastrophe. I am finding it hard to understand," said Kind.

Later around 300 of the club's fans and several of his club-mates gathered outside the club's offices as a mark of respect on Tuesday night with many laying down bouquets of

flowers and lighting candles.

Large numbers of people were also present outside the ground on Wednesday to pay their respects.

Enke had also at one time been linked with a move to German giants Bayern Munich where the former German Under-21 international Michael Rensing had not impressed in his first season between the posts.

However, Uli Hoeness, Bayern's general manager, had made clear they were not interested in paying the 10 million euro (15 million dollar) transfer fee.

Several German football pundits had advised Enke, who had previously had spells at Benfica, Barcelona and Tenerife, to leave Hannover for a more prestigious club and one that was playing in European club competition so he would improve his chances of becoming German Number One.

DC Gold Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

Khagrachari Sadar Upazila defeated Mohalchhari Upazila 1-0 to move into the semifinals of the third Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup Football Tournament at Khagrachari Stadium yesterday.

Midfielder Mohammad Mizanur Rahman scored the only goal for the winners in the 88th minute.

Police swimming

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Police Swimming Competition started yesterday at the Uttara Swimming Pool yesterday.

Police from different units are taking part in the competition which will host 12 events. Inspector General of Police Nur Mohammad inaugurated the competition yesterday afternoon.

On the opening day, APBN team became champions in the water polo event. Mohammad Mahub Alam of Barisal was adjudged the best swimmer.

Younus given

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The 35-year-old Yousuf, who was not made captain after Inzamam retired in 2007 because of his involvement in religious activities in the moderate rule of Pervez Musharraf, has previously led Pakistan in three Tests and four one-day matches.

Younus said he has no personal grudge against anyone.

"I have taken this decision after giving it serious thoughts, since I am not in the best of form I need rest and there is no personal grudge against anyone, that's for sure," Younus told AFP.

Daily Star in last eight

SPORTS REPORTER

The Daily Star stormed into the quarterfinals of the PEPSI-DRU six-a-side Cricket tournament with all-wicket win over United News of Bangladesh (UNB) at Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Abul Kalam Azad struck an unbeaten 30 to power the defending champions to the target of 60 in 4.3 overs without losing a wicket.

Captain Azad, who was later adjudged man of the match, hit four sixes and one four in his 30-run knock while his opening partner Shamim Ashraf remained unbeaten on 22 that included three boundaries.

Earlier, the holders restricted UNB to 59 for two with Fahad Ferdous scoring highest 16 runs, followed by Sanjoy Gour's 7. The Daily Star takes on Channel today.

Apart from the Daily Star, Kalerkantha, Jugantor, Bangla Vision, Channel i, Shamokal and Naya Diganta booked their quarterfinal seats beating respective rivals at the same venue.

Kalerkantha (73/3) crashed Diganta TV (31/3) by 44 runs, Jugantor (89/3) routed Amader Authority (57/1) by 32 runs, Bangla Vision (118/3) thrashed Amader Somoy (53/4) by 65 runs, Channel i (23/0) overwhelmed Daily Sangram (21/3) by five wickets, Shamokal (20/1) routed Manab Jamin (19/4) by four wickets, Naya Diganta (47/3) beat New Nation (46/3) by three wickets.

Pvt-varsities football

SPORTS REPORTER

Northern University moved into the semifinals of Mentors' Inter-Private University Football Tournament with a lone goal win over East West University at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Babu struck the decisive goal in the very fifth minute.

In the day's other match, Gono University came from behind to hold Presidency University to a 2-2 draw at the same venue.

Saiful Islam put East West ahead in the 25th minute before Sanwar levelled the margin eight minutes into the second half. Asadul then made it 2-1 for Gono University in the 57th minute before Jakir Hossain equalised the margin in the 70th minute.

Keraniganj football

SPORTS REPORTER

Baburgram Krira Chakra beat South Pangoan 5-0 while Lal Komol Sangsad beat Baroghortola 402 in tie-breaker to move to the final of the Keraniganj Football Tournament yesterday.

BCB will do

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Shafiqur Rahman Munna, BCB's director and chairman of the grounds committee.

The next COC meeting will be held in Dhaka on January 9 which will be followed by the Trophy unveiling ceremony.

The BCB boss informed that ICC vice-president Sharad Pawar, who is the chairman of the organising committee, is expected to arrive in Dhaka two days before the ceremony.

Phelps flops in WC

Swimming

AFP, Stockholm

Swimming legend Michael Phelps shunned the high-tech swimsuit and paid the price on a day when four world records were set in the fourth leg of the short-course World Cup here on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old US star failed to qualify for the final in two out of the three races he contested, before finishing the day with bronze in the 100m individual medley.

Phelps, who won an unprecedented eight gold medals at last year's Beijing Olympics, did have the excuse that he chose to anticipate the FINA ban on high-tech bodysuits due to come into force on January 1.

Until then swimmers can choose either to stick with the bodysuits which sparked an avalanche of world records at the world championships in Rome in July or switch back to more conventional attire.

And Phelps, competing for the first time since Rome, opted not to use the controversial suit and clocked 47.77 seconds in the heats of the 100 metres freestyle, the 16th fastest time and 1.84secs slower than the best time set by Sweden's Stefan Nystrand (45.93secs).

He was then disqualified in the 100 backstroke heats for an overlong push-off.

Phelps did make the final of the 100m individual medley and claimed the bronze in 52.14 behind South African winner Gerhard Zandberg who clocked 51.77 and Russia's Sergey Fesikov (51.86).

The Stockholm meeting was also the first time that Phelps has taken part in a short-course event since 2006 and the first time in Europe

since 2001, also in Stockholm.

"Short course is really different," said Phelps. "There are walls (all the time) ... This morning I said to myself 'let's see if I get through today'. The most important for me is to race. It's what I enjoy the most."

"I wanted to swim at least one (final) this evening. (3rd in the 100m medley) it's not bad given I wasn't in form!" added Phelps, who is expected to swim the 100m butterfly and the 200m individual medley on Wednesday.

The high-tech polyurethane bodysuit was a must to break records in the Swedish capital.

Chinese swimmer Zhao Jing improved her own short course world record in the 50 metres backstroke with a time of 25.82 seconds. She had set her previous mark earlier on Tuesday in the heats with a time of 26.08sec.

Australia's Felicity Galvez broke the 100 metres butterfly mark, timing 55.46 seconds to eclipse the previous record of 55.68sec set by compatriot Jessica Schipper in Hobart, Australia, on August 12 this year.

And Brazilian swimmer Kaio Almeida broke the men's 200 metres butterfly world record, timing 1 minute 49.11 seconds, to better the 1:50.53 set by Russia's Nikolay Skvortsov on February 11 in St-Petersburg.

Nystrand gave the home crowd something to cheer when he claimed gold in the 100m freestyle.

Germany's Paul Biedermann, who beat Phelps in the 200m freestyle at the world championships this year in Rome was forced out of the 100m and 400m freestyle event because of a thigh injury.

Also failing to make it into the final of the 100m freestyle were French speedster Frederic Bousquet (47.53secs), Australia's Famon Sullivan (47.38secs) and Filipo Magnini of Italy (47.74secs).

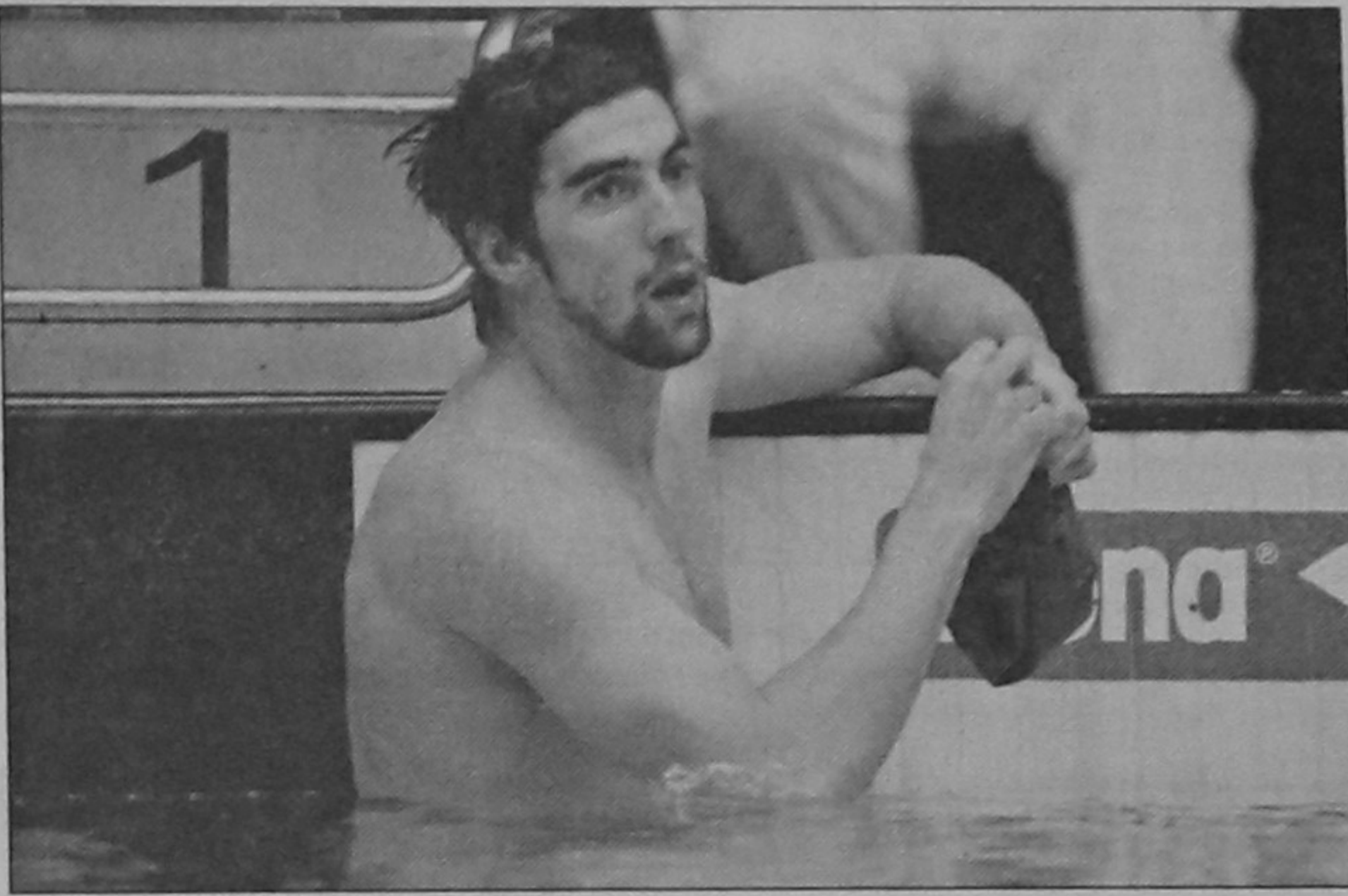


PHOTO: AFP

USA swimming super star Michael Phelps reacts after finishing third in the men's 100m individual medley heat during the short-course World Cup in Stockholm on Tuesday.

Davydenko, Verdasco close in on London

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Russia's Nikolay Davydenko and Spain's Fernando Verdasco tightened their grips on the remaining places at the ATP World Tour Finals in London by reaching the third round of the Paris Masters on Tuesday.

Sixth seed Davydenko cruised past Germany's Benjamin Becker 6-2, 6-1 at the Bercy arena but seventh seed Verdasco was made to dig deep against Italian Andreas Seppi before eventually prevailing 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

French defending champion Jo-Wilfried Tsonga remained in the hunt for a place at the November 22-28 event in the English capital, however, with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Spain's Albert Montanes.

Tsonga, who booked his place in last year's Tour finals by winning here, romped to the first set in just under 22 minutes.

He encountered stiffer resistance in the second before grabbing the decisive break in the 11th match when Montanes double-faulted and went on to seal a 62-minute victory with a forehand winner.

Tsonga is one of three players, alongside Robin Soderling and Fernando Gonzalez, who

still have a chance of pipping Davydenko and Verdasco in the race to London but all three need to at least reach the Paris final to do so.

Six of the world's top players have already secured their places and Davydenko and Verdasco, who currently occupy the last two qualifying spots, are the hot favourites to join them.

Verdasco's victory means that Czech Radek Stepanek and Croatia's Marin Cilic can no longer qualify for the season finale, while Nadal will take on his Spanish compatriot Nicolas Almagro, who defeated Swiss Marco Chiudinelli 6-2, 6-4.

French qualifier David Guez, the world number 179, will meet countryman Gael Monfils after shocking world number 21 Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-4 in their first-round encounter.

Federer and Nadal form part of a star-studded draw in the 2.75 million-euro final Masters tournament of the year, with injured American Andy Roddick the only absentee from the world top 15.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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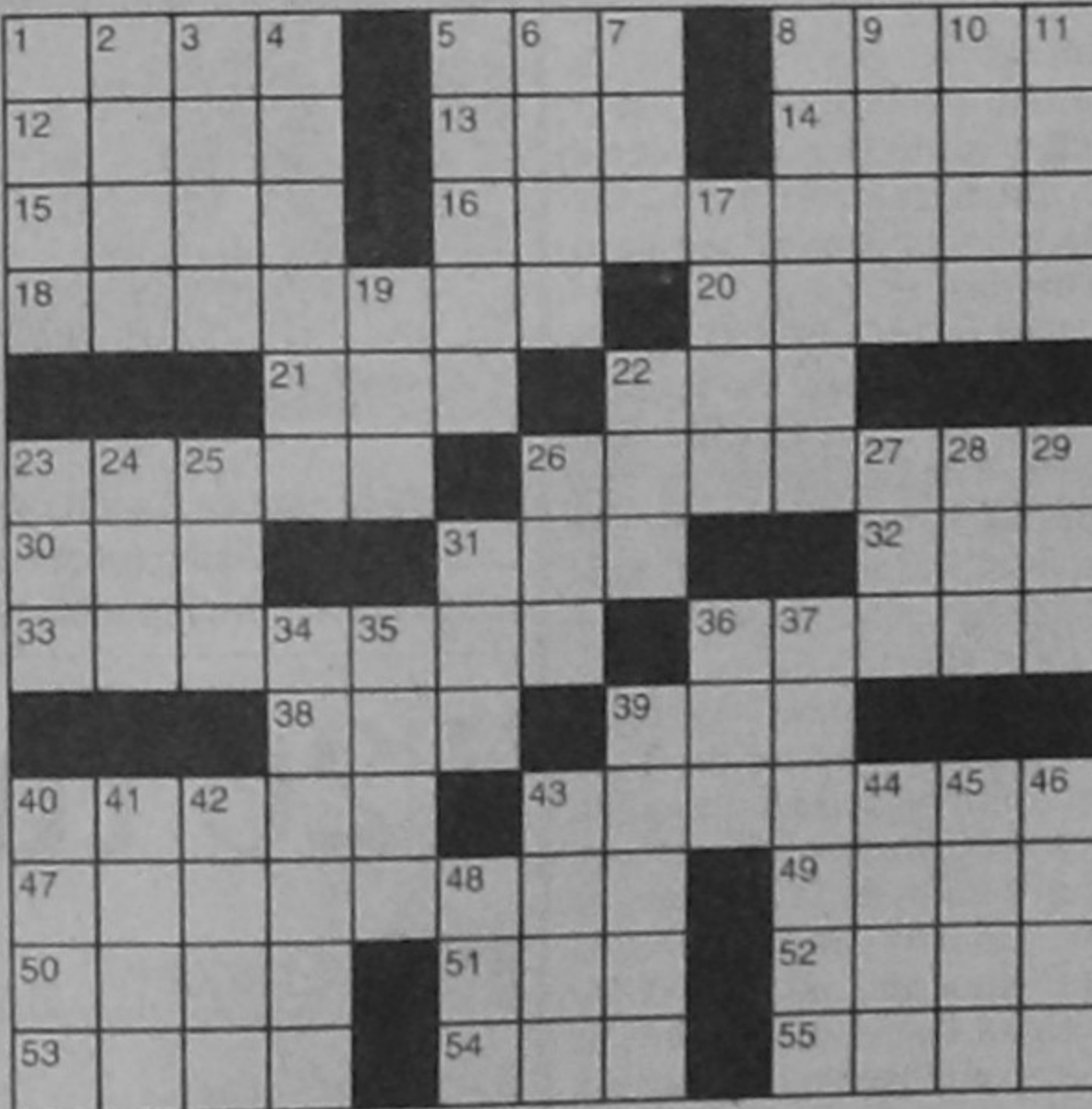
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