

Sport

Nat'l jr tennis finals today

Sports Reporter
Shibul and Dilip will clash today in the final of the national junior tennis competition after winning their respective semifinals yesterday at the National Tennis Complex.
Dilip notched up a 6-1, 7-5 win over Faisal in the first semifinal while in the other semifinal defending champion overcame the spirited Rumon 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
The doubles final will also be held today.

Mariners TT begins today

Sports Reporter
The fifth Mariner table tennis tournament, organised by the Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, begins today at the National Coaching Centre.
The six-day meet, sponsored by Rupali Insurance Company Ltd, will be inaugurated at four in the afternoon by Yusuf Hossain, president of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation.
Seventy-three participants, including some national stars, representing eight men's and nine boys' teams will compete in five events of the meet.
Participants have been advised to report by 3:30 pm at the latest.
The participating teams are: Armanitola JS, Azimpur Young Boys, Azimpur SC, Wari Club, Bangladesh Ansar, Victoria SC, HTMC, Rupali Sangsad and host Mariners Club.
A budget of Taka 40 thousand has been fixed for the tournament, of which Rupali Insurance Company will provide taka thirty thousand.

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Bd Sporting vs Barnak Samaj - (1:45 PM)
Raktim Sangha vs Agrani Bank - (3:00 PM)

Volleyball results

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Fire Service AC, Titus Club and Bangladesh Rifles won their respective matches in the Senior Division volleyball league yesterday at the volleyball stadium.
Fire Service beat Dilkusha S.C. in three straight sets -- 16-14, 15-5, 15-7 -- in the first match of the day.
In the second match of the afternoon, Titus Club defeated Water Development Board by three sets to one.
Titus won the first two easily, 15-5 and 15-6. But Water Development Board took the third 15-12, only to go down fighting in the next 10-15.
Bangladesh Rifles outplayed Sonali Bank 15-1, 15-7, 15-4.

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NSC probe body seeks cooperation

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Members of the investigation commission set up by the government to probe into the affairs of the National Sports Council met the press yesterday at the NSC conference room.
Justice Abdul Wadud Chowdhury, appointed to head the probe following the resignation earlier in the month of Abdul Muveed Chowdhury, sought cooperation from the sports journalists for facilitating the work of the commission.
Expressing his determination to complete the investigations within a fortnight, Justice Chowdhury invited comments and/or specific allegations, if any, in writing, and promised that all such correspondence would be in strict confidence.

City Club, Gandaria post easy wins

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The Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league got underway in the city yesterday with two matches being decided at different venues.
City Club and Gandaria Cricketers comfortably won



Officials of the League Committee being introduced to the players before the start of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium.

their opening Group A matches against Spread Eagles and Azad Sporting Club respectively.
At the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium East, Spread Eagles, batting first, were restricted to 114 for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 35 overs, to which City Club replied with 117 for two in only 19.2 overs to win by eight wickets.
For Spread Eagles, Tipu top scored with 44, Sayeed made an unbeaten 22 while Fahim made 16 and Saiful 10. Al-Amin claimed three wickets for 22 while Nahid took one for 22 and Pappa one for 21.
An unbeaten 75 by Moni, made with the help of ten fours and a six, facilitated City Club's victory. Moni faced only 58 balls.
Shipon made 18 and Zakir 11. Moni and Zakir featured in an opening stand worth 69 runs in only 11.5 overs.
Rubayyat and Sakhawat shared the two City wickets to fall giving away 17 and 38 runs respectively.
In the day's other match, at the Dhanmandi Club ground, Gandaria Cricketers piled up a massive 188 for seven in their 35 overs with Mofiz making a rapid 64 off 62 balls, Fakhrul 41 off 57 balls, and Debu 26.
Nobel took three Gandaria wickets for 22 while Rana got two for 20.
In their turn, Azad Sporting

Debu with three wickets for seven runs, Dipu with two for 17 and Kamar with two for 26 bowled well for Gandaria.
Thirty teams, split into five clusters of six teams each are taking part in the league sponsored by Graphics Limited.
The top two teams in each group will qualify for the super league, the champion and runner-up earning promotion to next season's Milnars First Division league.
Following are the groupings: Group A-- Spread Eagles, Gandaria Cricketers, Cantonian S.C., Young Pegasus B, Azad Sporting Club and City Club. Group B-- Nabin Sangha, Dhanmandi Club, Shantinagar Club A, Mill Barracks CC, East End Club and Eastern Club. Group C-- Azad Boys Club, Lalbagh U.S.C., Orient S.C., Rayer Bazar C.C., Englets C.C., and DOHS Club. Group D-- Ajax Club, Victoria Sporting Club, Kakrail Boys Club, United Heroes, Dhaka Friends Union and Three Star Club. Group E-- Lalbagh Anwar S.C., Eastern Sabuj Sangha, Shantinagar Club B, Rainbow S.C., Bangladesh Boys Club and Wari Krira Chakra.

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Robson recalled
LONDON, Jan 29: Injury plagued Bryan Robson won his recall to international soccer on Monday when he was named in England's squad to

earned the African nation plenty of praise and an invitation to play at Wembley.
Some doubted the England captain would play international soccer again, but new national manager Graham Taylor said soon after taking over that if Robson could regain his fitness there would be a place for him.
Robson has played 10 games for Manchester United since the double operation on his heel and was given a glimmer of hope by Taylor with a place in England's B team match in Algeria last month.
Robson's United colleague Gary Pallister, who won the last of his two caps against Saudi Arabia in 1989, is drafted in for Arsenal skipper Tony Adams, who is serving a prison sentence for drink driving.
After a good goal-scoring run for Nottingham forest there is a recall for Nigel Clough who thought his international future was over after a poor performance in his only match against Chile in 1989.
Squad: Chris Woods, David Seaman, Nigel Martyn, Gary Stevens, Lee Dixon, Stuart Pearce, Tony Dorigo, Gary Pallister, Des Walker, Mark Wright, Steve Hodge, Bryan Robson, Trevor Steven, Neil Webb, Paul Gascoigne, Steve Mc Mahon, David Platt, John Barnes, Chris Waddle, Gary Lineker, Nigel Clough, Ian Wright.

King's Cup soccer

Sports Reporter
Department of Pharmacy beat Department of English by five wickets in yesterday's match of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall ground.
In a match reduced to 28 overs a side from the original 30 due to a late start, English won the toss and made 131 for the loss of six wickets. Mujibur made 39 while Mahub made 22. Tahmidur Rahman took two wickets for 27 runs.
In reply, Pharmacy, thanks to a fine 44 by Asif and another 25 by Subrata, reached 135 for five wickets in 26.2 overs.
Farooq, the English Department captain, made up for his fielding lapses by picking up two wickets for five runs off just two overs.

Reception cancelled

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The reception for distinguished former players and sports organisers of the country scheduled in Chittagong for January 31 and Feb 1, has been cancelled for unavoidable reasons.
The reception-cum-seminar, sponsored by the Chittagong Cosmopolitan Lions Club, will now be held some time in the second week of March, said a press release yesterday.

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ATP's top earners

PARIS, Jan 29: Following are the top 20 men's money winners, as released the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) on Monday:
1. Boris Becker (Germany) 275,894 dollars
2. Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) 185,729
3. Patrick McEnroe (U.S.) 68,448
4. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 67,809
5. Scott Davis (U.S.) 67,673
6. Guy Forget (France) 66,956
7. David Peir (U.S.) 62,815
8. Michael Stich (Germany) 49,030
9. Todd Woodbridge (Australia) 49,248
10. Mark Woodforde (Australia) 36,378
11. Jaime Yagui (Peru) 35,827
12. Cristiano Caratti (Italy) 35,103
13. Goran Pryic (Yugoslavia) 34,590
14. David Wheaton (U.S.) 33,047
15. Karl Newarth (Australia) 31,414
16. Richard Fromberg (Australia) 30,896
17. Nicklas Kulti (Sweden) 27,775
18. Jim Courier (U.S.) 25,584
19. Darren Cahill (Australia) 24,445
20. Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 23,834

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HONG KONG, Jan 29: Martina Navratilova played her first competitive match in two months, beating Gabriela Sabatini 6-3, 6-4 in an exhibition here Monday.
"It was much better than I expected," said the 34-year-old Navratilova, who had knee surgery late last year. "I thought I was feeling old, but my knees are good and now I feel 10 years younger."
Navratilova, who two weeks ago began experimenting with a new serve, broke Sabatini in the second and sixth games of the first set and three times in the second set.
Navratilova, the world's third-ranked player, said every player tinkers with their

the one-year ban handed to club president Bernard Tapie for damaging sporting morale and insulting referees, reports Reuter.
Players' representatives Jean Pierre Papi, the club captain, and Bernard Pardo told a Marseille radio station the strike would continue for as long as Tapie is prohibited from holding office with Marseille.
Millionaire president Tapie was banned by the National Disciplinary Committee (CND) after a nine-month investigation into allegations and counter-allegations of corruption between former Bordeaux president Claude Beze and Tapie.
The last four months of the one-year ban were suspended.
The Marseille players decided unanimously on an indefinite strike for as long as the sanction on Bernard Tapie is not lifted," Papi said.
He and Pardo said the players were outraged at the decision to ban Tapie, which they claimed was aimed at destabilising the highly successful Marseille club, champions and league leaders by five points.
Ironically, the first match which would be affected by the strike is Friday's live television encounter with Beze's former club Bordeaux.

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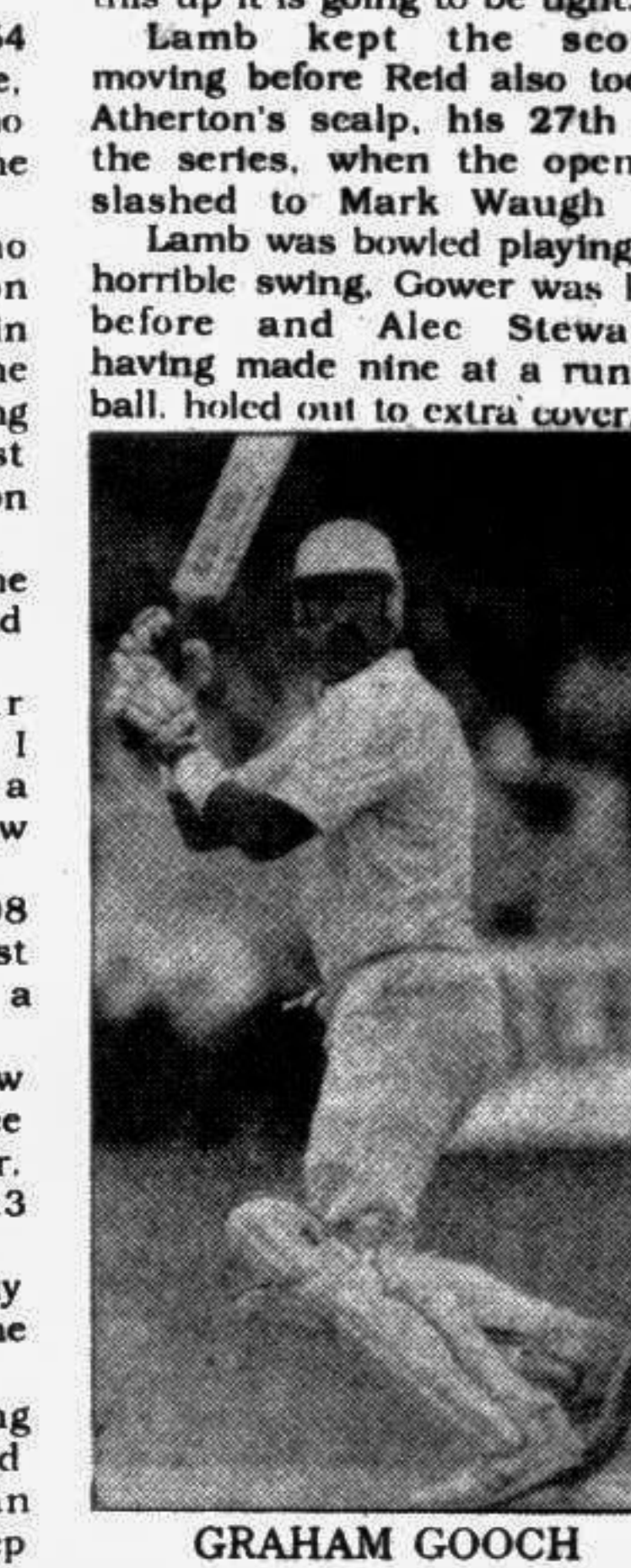
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Gooch's ton is England's sop

ADELAIDE, Jan 29: Captain Graham Gooch scored his first Test century on Australian soil today
as England managed an honourable draw in the fourth Test, reports Reuter.
But Australia, who went into the match with a 2-0 lead and the Ashes already safe, took the series. The fifth and final Test starts on Friday in Perth.
Chasing 472 to win, England made a creditable effort. Openers Gooch (117) and Mike Atherton (87) put on 203 and at one stage England were 246 for one before closing on 335 for five.
Like the preceding Sydney Test, when England chased and even more improbable aim, the match ended with fielders clustered around the bat as fortunes swung back towards Australia.
While the target was never really on - no team has ever made more than 406 in the fourth innings to win a Test - Australia were rattled enough to resort to a spell of leg-side bowling at David Gower, who has a noted weakness there.
There was measurable relief among the Australians when

Gooch was finally dismissed.
Allan Lamb, with 53 in 54 balls, maintained the chase, but when he and Gower, who made 16, both went at 287 the game ended as a contest.
Resuming at 19 for no wicket, Gooch and Atherton took advantage of the gaps in an attacking field to push the score to 115 by lunch, passing England's previous series best opening partnership of 95 on the way.
"I had set out to bat out the day as I did not think we had much chance," said Gooch.
"But at lunch our perspective changed. I thought we might be in with a shout and decided to see how it went."
Gooch, having taken 108 balls to reach 50, needed just 68 balls to press on to a century.
He and Atherton have now put on more than 200 three times in nine Tests together. Their first 100 here took 38.3 overs, the second 21.
Gooch was then brilliantly caught by Geoff Marsh in the gully off Bruce Reid.
"They had been batting unbelievably well," said Australian captain Allan Border. "I thought if they keep

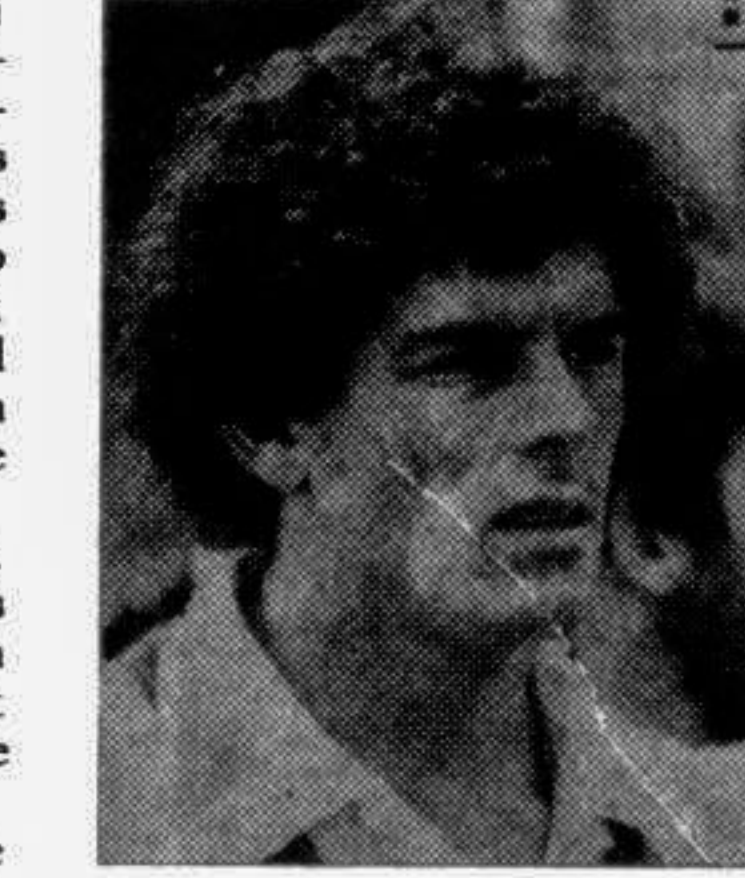


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this up it is going to be tight."
Lamb kept the score moving before Reid also took Atherton's scalp, his 27th of the series, when the opener slashed to Mark Waugh.
Lamb was bowled playing a horrible swing. Gower was leg before and Alec Stewart, having made nine at a run a ball, holed out to extra cover.
Robin Smith and Phillip De Freitas then put up the shutters and Adelaide's sixth successive Test draw was assured.
SCORE BOARD
Australia: First innings--386 (M.Waugh 138, G.Matthews 65)
England: First innings--229 (C.Gooch 87, R. Smith 53, McDermott five for 97)
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Lamb b McDermott 53
Gower lbw Hughes 16
Smith not out 10
Stewart c Jones b McDermott 9
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Extras (b-5 lb9-w-1 nb 9) 24
Total (for five wickets) 335
Fall of wickets: 1-203; 2-246; 3-287; 4-287; 5-297.
BOWLING: O M R W
Reid 23 5 59 2
McDermott 27 5 106 2
Matthews 31 7 100 0
Hughes 14 3 52 1
Waugh 1 0 4 0

Belated vindication for Whitney

ADELAIDE, Jan 29: Left-arm paceman Mike Whitney earned his reward two years late for superb bowling against the West Indies when he was named today in a 16-man Australian cricket squad to tour the Caribbean.
Whitney, who has not played Test cricket this season, was the only selection for the five-Test series against the West Indies to cause surprise.
Thirteen of the squad have played against England in the current series while off-spinner Peter Taylor has played an important role in Australia's one-day campaign.
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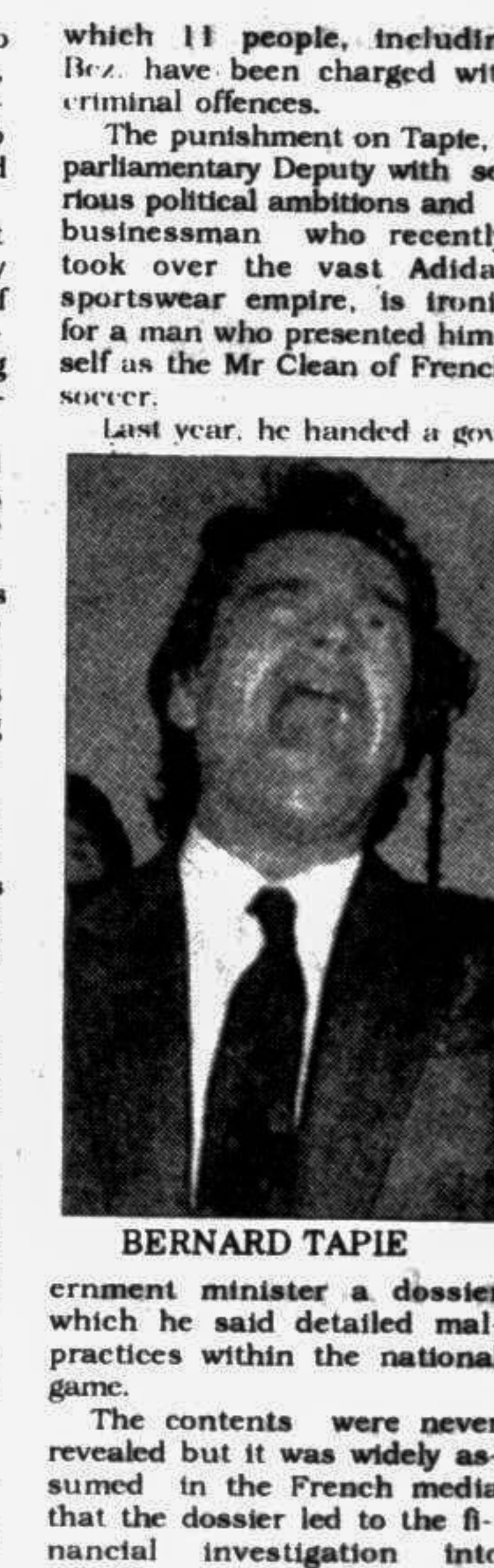
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BERNARD TAPIE

Bordeaux's affairs and the downfall of Beze, Tapie's sworn enemy.
Beze's allegations that Tapie and Bernes had fixed matches last season were seen as a riposte.
The former Bordeaux president claimed Tapie and Bernes tried to fix Marseille's matches with Bordeaux, Caen and St Etienne.
But it was the impulsive Tapie's reaction to refereeing decisions which went against him that got him into hot water, rather than the allegations by Beze.
After Bordeaux beat Marseille 3-0 in a league match, Tapie wrote a menacing letter to referee Gerard Biguet, contesting a penalty awarded to Bordeaux and his decisions to disallow a Marseille goal.
Tapie has already got himself into trouble with the European Football Union (UEFA), who reprimanded him in November for falsely claiming Belgian referee Marcel van Langenhove was bribed.
Van Langenhove, who was cleared by UEFA, officiated at Marseille's European Cup semifinal match in Lisbon with Benfica last season. Benfica reached the final with a goal that appeared to have been helped into the net by a player's arm.
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FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said he accepted there was a need to clarify some aspects of the law and their referees' committee would probably issue more detailed guidelines at next month's meeting.
But he said there was no question of turning back.
"We have seen there is a lack of conformity over the interpretation of the rules," he said.
"The thinking behind the rule is very clear, that is to protect the attacking player. We are considering withdrawing this, but perhaps we need to give referees more extensive information."
"I am convinced that in a few months the situation will calm down. Whenever there is a new ruling it is difficult to interpret."
English referees are so concerned about the criticism they have organised a series of meetings with players, managers, league and F.A. officials

to thrash out the problem.
In a recent English League Cup tie, World Cup referee George Courtney sent off Southampton's Jimmy Case for tripping Manchester United skipper Bryan Robson although he was some distance from goal and another defender was closing in on him.
Later in the game, Courtney booked United goalkeeper Les Sealey after he brought down Rod Wallace and gave away a penalty in circumstances which according to FIFA demand a dismissal.
Wilkinson, whose Leeds side play United next and who saw the incident, urged soccer's rule makers to tackle the problem urgently.
"The F.A. has to tell FIFA the directive isn't working. It's a bad law and I feel sorry for the referees -- they're in an intolerable situation," he said.
But an English F.A. spokesman said they considered referees were applying the rules as they were intended to.