

# Bangladeshi women for SAF Games

Bangladesh women swimmers for the first time will participate in the fifth SAF Games to be held in Sri Lankan capital Colombo December 22-31. Swimming Federation, sources said here on Monday, reports UNB.

National Women's Sports Association has selected eight swimmers based on their performances in the last national championship for the camp from which four may finally be included in the team.

The two-month long first phase training will start at the Dhanamndi National Women's Complex from July 1.

## DU soccer

Department of Mass Communication and Journalism moved to quarter-finals of the inter-department football tournament of Dhaka University defeating Social Welfare Department by 3-1 in the tie-breaker in a second round match held at the university ground Sunday evening, reports BSS.

The selected swimmers are: Rubina Jesmine, Reshma Parveen, Rehana Zaman and Mahmuda Sarif of Bangladesh Ansars, Mahfuza Rahman, Monira Rahman and Laila Nur Milu of BTMC and Putul Rani Ghose of Rajbari DSA.

National coach Maksudur Rahman is expected to be engaged for conducting the coaching programme. A Japanese coach, now engaged in the training of national age group swimmers, will also look after the training of the women swimmers.

It may be mentioned here that, Bangladesh will participate in all ten disciplines of sports — Athletics, Swimming, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Shooting, Weightlifting, Tennis, Table Tennis and Boxing.

## Saceanu's title

ROSMALEN, Netherlands, June 17: Germany's Christian Saceanu won the Continental grass court championship on Sunday after Dutchman Michiel Schapers squandered two match.



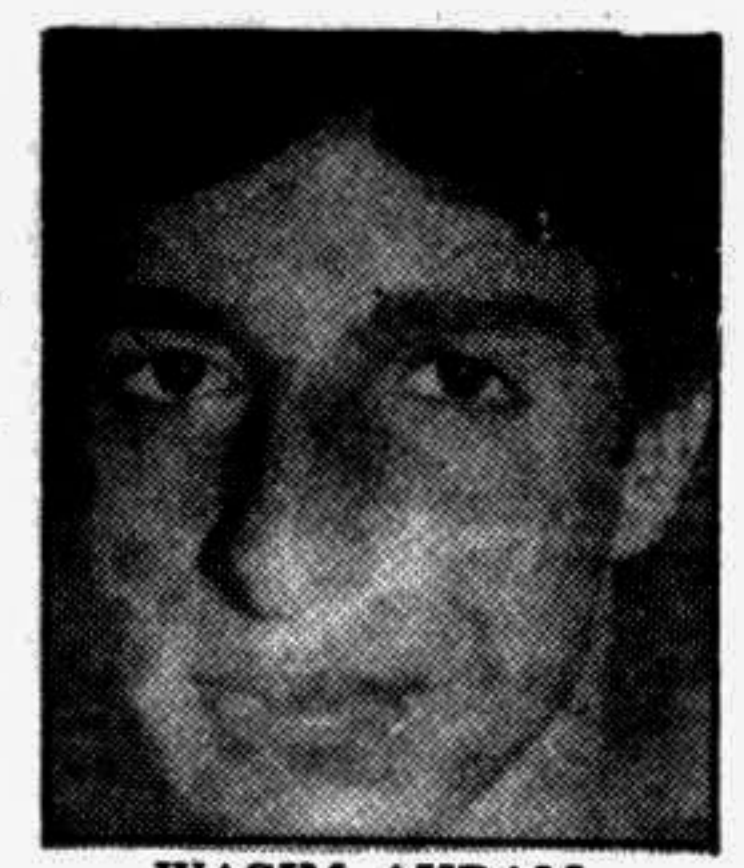
Coach Abdul Hakim briefing the under-23 booters after a regular practice at Dhaka Stadium. The national under-23 squad will participate in the second leg of pre-Olympic qualifying tourney to be held in Kuala Lumpur from July 1. — Star photo by Bitu

# Akram, DeFreitas guide Lancs

LONDON, June 17: England and Pakistan Test all-rounders Phillip DeFreitas and Wasim Akram smashed 80 runs off nine overs to give Lancashire a narrow victory over Warwickshire in the English one-day cricket league on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Lancashire, through to the final of the Benson and hedges one-day tournament and currently second in the Sunday League, sneaked home by four wickets with nine balls to spare chasing Warwickshire's 206 for six.

Dermot Reeve, who made his England debut in last month's one-day international series against West Indies, had put Warwickshire in the driving seat with a personal best



WASIM AKRAM 100 off 97 balls. DeFreitas made 41 and Akram 38 to swing the balance and maintain Lancashire's challenge to leaders Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire kept their 100 per cent record intact

with a crushing eight-wicket victory over Gloucestershire in a rain-hit game.

Paul Johnson hammered an unbeaten 52 in 54 balls as Nottinghamshire comfortably reached their target of 149 in 33 runs.

Richard Blakey cracked an unbeaten 130, the highest score by a Yorkshire player in the league, as his side beat Kent by 67 runs.

Somerset captain Peter Roebuck hit 45 in his side's 198 for nine and then grabbed career-best four wickets for 11 runs as they sent champions Derbyshire to their fifth straight defeat.

Somerset ran out winners by 46 runs after bowling out Derbyshire for 152 and stay third in the table, six points behind the leaders and level with Lancashire.

## Haynes stamps his mark

NORTHAMPTON, England, June 17: West Indian batsman Desmond Haynes hit an electrifying 52 not out against Northamptonshire on Sunday, his first half-century in seven first-class innings on the current England tour, reports Reuter.

There was just time for Haynes to reach his 50 before another heavy rain storm cut short the entertainment with West Indies on 87 for one from 15.1 overs.

With opening partner Gordon Greenidge recovering from a knee operation and Haynes himself affected by a back problem, the West Indies star had yet to make his mark on the tour.

But when the weather finally allowed an hour's play after more than a day and a half of inactivity, Haynes went into action. He took just 49 deliveries to register his 50, crashing eight boundaries in the process.

Greg Thomas, the former England fast bowler, bore the brunt of the onslaught — conceding 46 runs from four overs.

It was not all good news for the visitors. After contributing 29 to an opening stand of 74 Phil Simmons lobbed a simple catch to mid-on when mis-hitting badly against Kevin Curran.

# Navratilova closer to record

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 17: She broke the record she wanted most by winning an unprecedented ninth Wimbledon singles title last summer, but Martina Navratilova is not yet ready to stop rewriting the history books, reports AP.

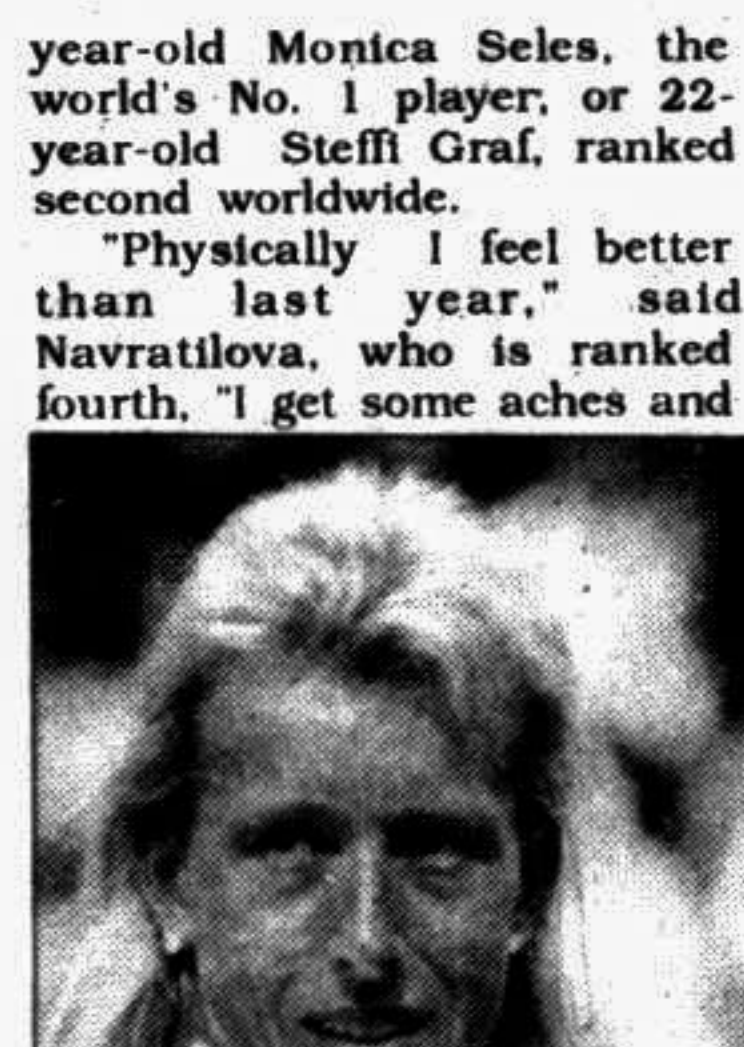
Navratilova, 34, moved within two victories of behind Chris Evert's all-time record of 157 singles championships with her victory at Edgbaston on Sunday and is three shy of Billie Jean King's record of 20 Wimbledon titles.

"Yes, I think about Chris' record because I'm very close now," she said. "Billie Jean's is within reach too. It's possible, but one's farther away. So Chris is the one I'm aiming for now."

Navratilova said it was a great relief when she broke the Wimbledon singles record she had shared with Helen Wills Moody. But that does not mean she has lost her determination to win again.

"It's not an all-encompassing quest win, so I'm much more relaxed," Navratilova said last week at the Edgbaston grass-court tournament.

The Czechoslovak-born American veteran said her age is not a handicap when she faces youngsters such as 17-



NAV RATILOVA pains in my body but I don't have to worry about my knees holding up or about breaking a record. Navratilova also said she has not been disturbed by the publicity surrounding a 10-million dollar suit filed in the United States by long-time companion Judy Nelson. The lawsuit claims Navratilova broke a co-habitation agreement.

same as men and said it is simply a case of due reward for hard work.

"When I started playing there was no money so you truly started playing the game because you loved it and wanted to win," she said. "Because there is money now I'm still playing. If there were no money I would have had to go back to college and get a job like anyone else."

Navratilova said the amount of money available has made tennis more competitive.

"The money we make is unbelievable, but you can have a very, very average baseball player who gets thousands of dollars guaranteed," she said. "Yes, we get endorsements but you have to prove yourself before you get those."

But she is pleased to point out that sportsmanship still exists.

In Navratilova's third-round victory this week over Maya Kidowaki, the Japanese player admitted being hit by the ball as it flew out of bounds — even though the umpire initially awarded the point to Kidowaki.

"I said, 'Wow, sportsmanship still lives,'" Navratilova said. "Everybody's thinking about the rankings and the prize money, so the player aren't as ready to give away points as they were."

# Edberg's first Queen's title

LONDON, June 17: Stefan Edberg, one of the masters of grass court tennis, won his first Queen's Club title on Sunday with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over American David Wheaton, reports Reuter.

Though world number one and a winner twice at Wimbledon where he defends his title next week, Edberg's previous best performance on Queen's grass courts was runner-up to Boris Becker in 1988.

But his comprehensive victory on Sunday lost a little of its gloss when the sixth seeded Wheaton picked up an injury late in the second set of the rain-delayed final.

Wheaton, who had completed a semifinal victory over Swede Anders Jarryd on Sunday morning in a match interrupted by bad light on Saturday, slipped and fell as he

lunged to save a breakpoint in the fifth game.

Helped to his feet by a ball girl, Wheaton clutched at the back of his left thigh and, after holding his serve, summoned the physiotherapist at the next change of ends.

After time out for treatment, the tall American dropped his next serve to allow Edberg to take the only break of the set.

Edberg, who has not dropped a set throughout this 500,000 dollar ATP event, sealed victory after one hour 26 minutes on a love service game.

Wheaton, who beat Edberg in the Key Biscayne semifinals in March, had knocked out fourth seed Michael Chang in the quarter-finals here.

But he always looked the underdog on Sunday afternoon and appeared unnerfed by Edberg's constant problems with his service throw which often prompted the Swede to

stop in mid-action.

That can happen to me sometimes," said Edberg. "That is how I injured my stomach muscle in the (1990 Australian Open) final against Ivan [Lendl] so now I never hit the ball if it is in the wrong place. It is nothing that I do on purpose."

Wheaton's own service was far from perfect. A double fault contributed to a break in the fourth game of the first set and some superb returning by Edberg produced another break to give the Swede the set.

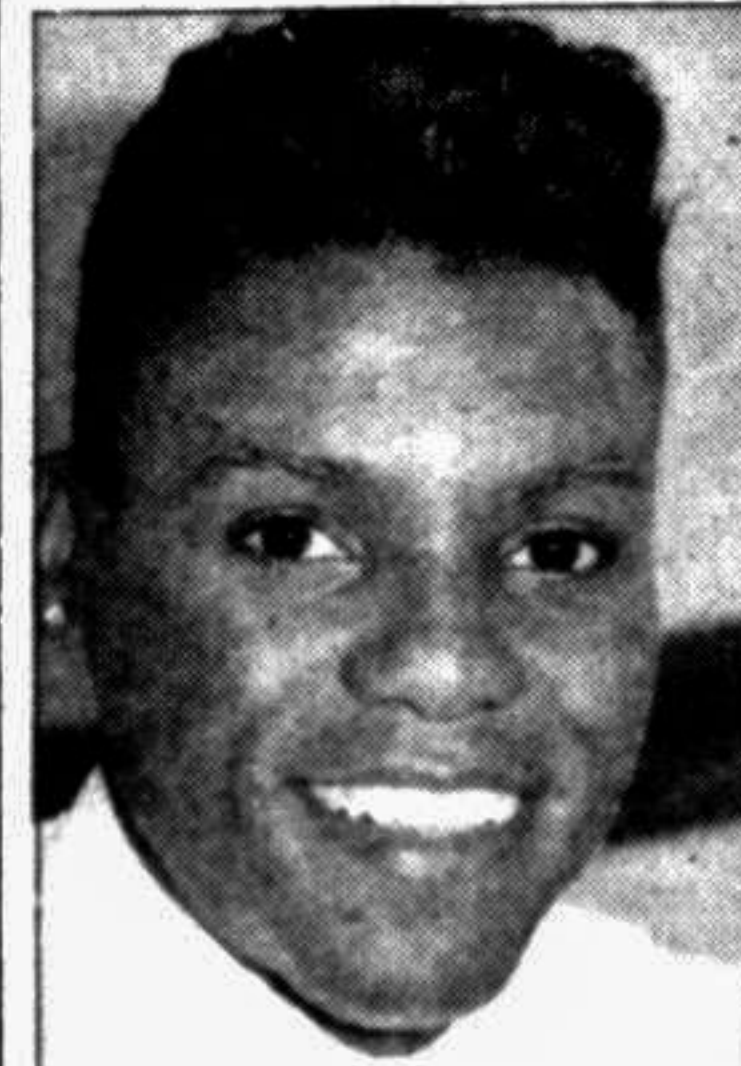
Wheaton had three breakpoints in his favour, two of them in one game in the second set. But every time he failed to convert.

The 21-year-old Wheaton had played until the light faded on Saturday night trying to finish his semifinal against Jarryd. He needed only 12 minutes more on Sunday morning to finish off the seventh seed 6-3, 6-4.

## Lewis plans to buy new car

NEW YORK, June 17: Carl Lewis hopes to buy a new car out of his day trip to France on July 1st when he races Ben Jonson for the first time since the Seoul Olympic final, reports AFP.

"I need a new car — and



CARL LEWIS with good rear mirror", he quipped after running his fastest time for three years.

The 29 year Lewis ran 9.93 sec to finish behind Leroy Burrell in his world record-breaking 9.90 sec 100m at the US Championships.

# Bovelanders nets half a dozen

PARIS, June 17: Free scoring Floris Bovelanders grabbed six goals as World Cup holders the Netherlands crushed Poland 10-1 on Sunday to become the first team to seal a place in the semifinals of the European Cup, reports Reuter.

Bovelanders feat took his tally for the weekend to nine following a hat-trick on Saturday against another luckless East European team, the Soviet Union.

It also put him eight goals ahead of anyone else in the scorers' table with 13 so far, already threatening the European Cup record of 16 set by his fellow country man Paul Litjens.

Bovelanders, who has scored 119 goals in 138 internationals, revived his team's fortunes after an early shock.

Dariusz Musialowski scored for the Poles from the first penalty corner of the match after just two minutes, the first goal conceded by the Dutch in four matches of the

tournament.

Bovelanders replied from the second Dutch penalty corner four minutes later and the World Cup holders were soon ahead.

Stephen Veen picked up two goals, Gijs Wouterings a corner goal and Bovelanders converted a stroke to see the Dutch into a 5-1 interval lead.

Bovelanders made it five goals in a row when he scored the first four of the second half, all corner conversions in succession between the 53rd and 62nd minutes.

# SOCCER SCENARIO

## Robson's PSV Dutch champs

EINDHOVEN, June 17: PSV Eindhoven, coached by Bobby Robson of England, clinched the Dutch First Division championship on goal average of Sunday, reports AFP.

Eindhoven finished with 53 points, the same number as bitter rivals Ajax, but took the title by virtue of a goal average just two better.

Both teams won their Final game 3-0 on Sunday. Ajax beat Vitesse Arnhem and Eindhoven overcame FC Volendam. Robson, who took over the side sponsored by electricals giant Phillips after taking England to the World Cup semi-finals, twice lost the English championship at the last gasp as manager of Ipswich Town.

Previously vice-captain during the New Zealand tour in January, when he scored a record 267 runs in Wellington, De Silva, 26, also led a Sri Lanka A team during a tour of England last year.

Also last year the dashing right-hand batsman notched up 165 against Australia.

Gurusinghe, 24, is a good left-hand batsman and performed well during the New Zealand tour.

Former Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga was dropped from a 27-strong pool of players up for selection to the national team for the two-month England tour starting next month.

## Aravinda Sri Lankan skipper

COLOMBO, June 17: Sri Lankan cricket officials today named Aravinda de Silva as skipper and Asanka Gurusinghe as vice-captain for the forthcoming tour of England, reports AFP.

The cricket board has not given a reason for excluding Ranatunga, but the team manager had slammed him for having a haughty attitude and double standards, during the New Zealand tour.

## Boxer hospitalised

SAN ANTONIO, June 1: Challenger Kid Akeem Antifwohse was hospitalised in critical condition with a blood clot in his head after being beaten by IBF junior bantamweight champion Robert Quiroga on Saturday, reports AP.

The IBF title bout went the full 12 rounds.

## Novosadov stretched off

GUIMARAES, Portugal, June 17: Soviet goalkeeper Andrei Novosadov was stretched off in the last minute after helping his team to a 1-0 victory over Egypt at the World Youth Soccer Championship on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Sergei Cherbakov broke away and got the opener for the European champions in the sixth minute. But the African title holders were undeterred by the early setback and Novosadov had a torrid spell as they went for the equaliser. Although Cherbakov came close to his second goal in the 16th minutes, the Egyptians continued to dominate the Group C tie.

## Red Star doubly lucky

BELGRADE, June 17: European Cup winners Red Star Belgrade completed their 18th Yugoslav soccer title success on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Red Star beat Sloboda Tuzla 4-3 to take the championship with an eight-point margin over Dinamo Zagreb. The Belgrade team dominated the league from the start and won 25 to 36 ties played, losing only five.

They scored record 88 goals and collected record-equaling 54 points. Red Star striker Darko Pancev scored 34 goals, setting another Yugoslav record.

## US draw with AC Milan

CHICAGO, June 17: The United States national team played to a 1-1 draw (0-0 halftime) with AC Milan of Italy in an international soccer friendly on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: US Hugo Perez (51st minute); AC Milan-Marcio Van Basten (61st). Attendance: 41,572.

## Tunes up well

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 17: Martina Navratilova tuned up for her Wimbledon defence with a straight-sets victory over a spirited, if third, Natalia Zvereva in the final of the Edgbaston women's grass court tennis tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Zvereva, a quarter-finalist at Wimbledon last year, finished her rain-delayed semifinal only an hour before facing the American number one seed and succumbed 6-4, 7-6, 8-6.

Navratilova also had to play her semifinal on Sunday morning after rain washed out Saturday's programme, but dispatched Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-2 in just 56 minutes.

Zvereva, the Soviet number four seed, was involved in a titanic two-and-a-half hour struggle in her semifinal with last year's Wimbledon runner-up and defending Edgbaston champion Zina Garrison before triumphing 2-6, 7-6, 8-6.

Games went with serve in the first set of the final before Navratilova broke to lead 5-4.

Zvereva pushed the 34-year-old American to the limit in the second set, battling back from 3-5 down to lead 6-5 and then leading 4-2 in the tie-break before finally surrendering 8-6 after one hour 35 minutes.

# Banzai, Nagano 1998!

TOKYO, June 17: There was wine in the streets and music in the air, and the magic number was 1998 as the city of Nagano celebrated Sunday its selection as a Winter Olympic host, reports AP.

There was one initial worry — whether an ancient Buddhist temple could accommodate the 4,000 people who showed up to watch the selection news on a special 4-by-5-meter (13-by-16 foot) television screen.

About 2,000 people had been expected at the Zenkoji temple for the 3:30 am (1830 GMT) announcement, said Shuji Maduda, general manager of the Nagano Winter Olympic Bid Committee.

"Banzai, banzai... Nagano, Nagano, Nagano," the crowds shouted as the announcement of the International Olympic Committee's vote on the 1998 host city came on the screen at Zenkoji, around which the city was built eight centuries ago.

On Sunday, merchants passed out 1,998 bottles of wine free to people in the streets. Steaks went on sale for 1,998 yen (14 US dollars), about half their usual price, Masuda said.

All 4,000 stores in Nagano staged bargain sales, he added, and one department store passed out lucky red and white

buns to its first 500 customers.

"Most Nagano citizens believed we had a 50-50 chance" of bringing the 1998 Winter Games to the city of 350,000, nestled in the mountains of central Japan, Masuda said.

There were parades, dances and music festivals in at least two parts of town, he said.

Hundreds paraded through Shiga heights, where many of the ski events will be held, carrying banners welcoming the decision.

But groups that had campaigned to keep the Olympics out of Nagano, claiming Games facilities would hurt the environment, vowed to keep up their efforts, Kyodo News Service reported. Nagano will be only the second Winter Olympics host in Asia. Sapporo, in northern Japan, was host in 1972.

Shiga, which joined in the Nagano bid this time, tried for the 1940 Winter Games. It lost out then to Sapporo, but World War II stopped the 1940 Games altogether. Nagano lost out to Sapporo in 1972.

Going into the vote, Nagano officials stressed that North America has been awarded five Olympics since 1976, when the Summer Games went to Montreal. Japanese officials also were hoping the IOC

would remember criticism over its choice of Atlanta over Athens, but place of the Olympics, for the centennial Summer Games in 1996.

For the 1998 Games, Nagano planners envision total construction costs, not including roads and other transportation networks, of 315 billion yen (2.4 billion dollars), most of it to be raised through taxes.

The current state of transportation to Nagano, 180 kilometers (110 miles) northwest of Tokyo, was a major drawback in the city's presentation to the IOC. But Nagano promised to expand airport facilities and link the city to Tokyo with a super-express train that would reduce the trip from three hours to 80 minutes.

The present lack of suitable hotel rooms and already built facilities also was cited as a minus for Nagano.

But Nagano showed a capacity for effort and fund-raising.

About 1,000 Nagano bid committee officials and boosters went to Birmingham, England, for the IOC meeting, and about 11 million US dollars had been poured into Nagano's publicity campaign since 1985.

# Italy win on penalties

STOCKHOLM, June 17: Italy struck a psychological blow with a penalty shootout victory over European Championship rivals the Soviet Union on Sunday thanks to debutante goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca, reports Reuter.

The substitute keeper, who replaced Walter Zenga in the second half of the final of the four-nation tournament, made an excellent save in the shootout as Italy won 3-2 on penalties after the sides were level 1-1 at the end of extra time.

Although honours were shared in the final that neither side wanted in this dress-rehearsal tournament for next year's European Championship finals, the result was a triumph for Italy manager Azeglio Vicini.

Under pressure to resign after losing to Norway earlier this month, Vicini's charges earned a vital edge for their decisive clash in Moscow in October against the Soviets, who lead their championship qualifying group.

The Italians were rocked when Soviet striker Igor Kornjejev scored in the first

minute with a blistering 18-metre shot.

Midfielder Giuseppe Gianini volleyed in the equaliser in the 43rd minute after Roberto Mancini elegantly lifted a free-kick over the defensive wall.

The two sides, who had hoped to avoid each other because of their forthcoming championship clash, created few chances in a dull second half.

Pagliuca, who plays for champions Sampdoria, earned Italy the 160,000 dollars first prize with his full-length save from Vasily Kulikov as two other Soviets, Igor Shalimov and Alexander Mostovoy, missed with their penalty kicks.

Stanislav Cherchesov saved the first penalty, hit by Nicola Berti.

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# Boost for McEnroe

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 17: John McEnroe notched his 41st career Davis Cup singles win on Sunday by beating Spain's Emilio Sanchez before heading to England to continue his Wimbledon preparation, reports Reuter.

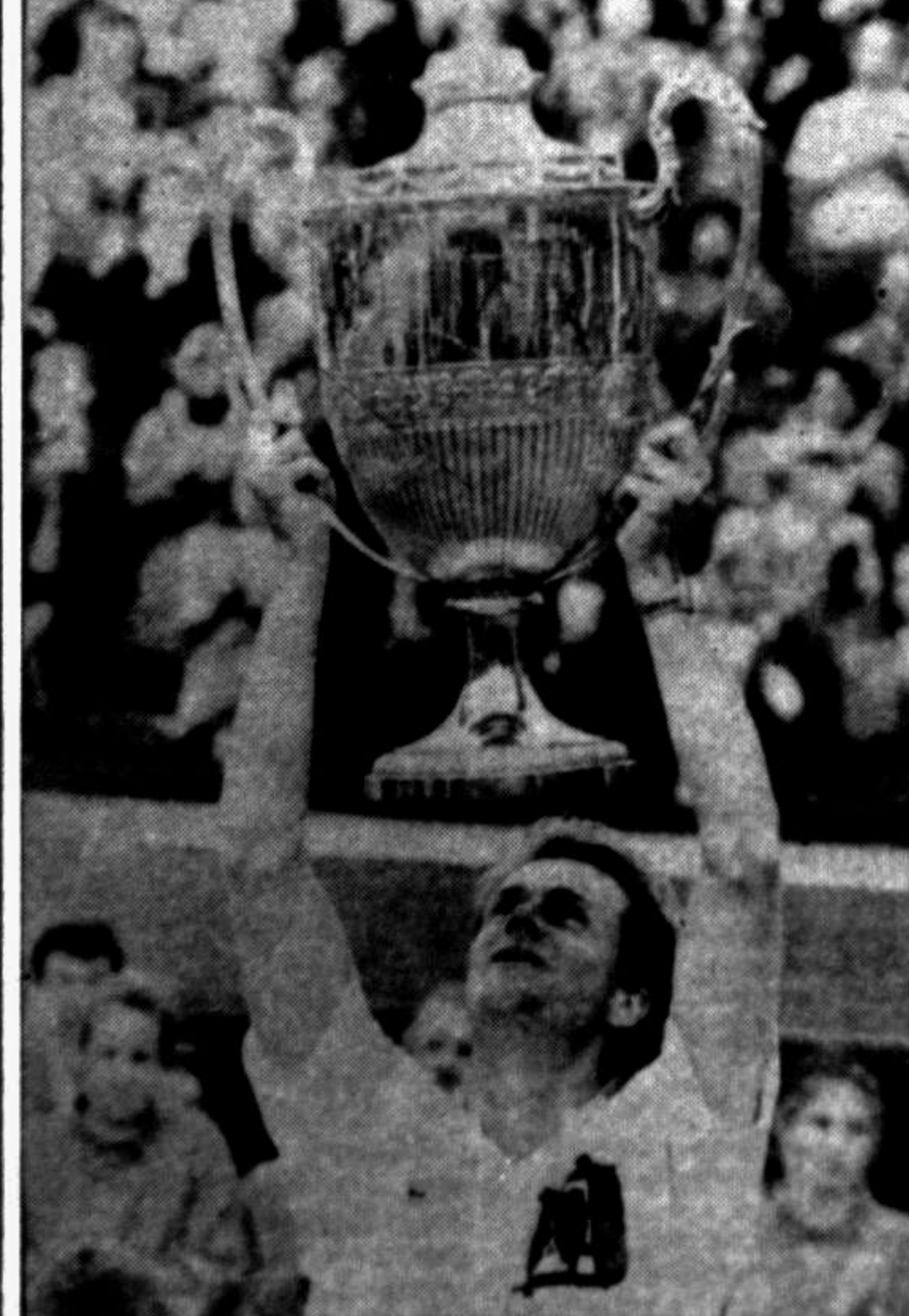
The United States had clinched the World Group quarter-final by taking a 3-0 lead with Saturday's doubles win before McEnroe posted his 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory on the Newport Casino Stadium's grass court.

Following McEnroe's vic-

tory, Tomas Carbonell prevented a shutout loss for Spain by beating American doubles specialist Rick Leach 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.

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Sweden's Stefan Edberg holds the Cup that proclaims him winner of the Stella Artois Championships at London's Queen's Club on Sunday. — AFP photo