

Sport

Nannoo sportsman of year

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh national cricket captain Minhazul Abedin Nannoo has been named the sportsman of the year 1990 by the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA).

Nannoo, who is also captain of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the local league, outperformed all the other candidates for the prestigious honour.

In a press release the BSWA said the formal presentation ceremony will be held sometime next November.

Following are the sportspersons who were deemed the best in their respective disciplines last year: Football: Syed Hassan Kanan, (Bangladesh and Mohammedan Sporting); Cricket: Aminul Islam Bulbul (Bangladesh and Birman); Hockey: Burkatullah Chapal

Waqar back in Surrey attack

LONDON, Aug 28: Pakistan Test fast bowler Waqar Younis, the English season's leading wicket taker with 88, returns to the Surrey attack here on Wednesday in a bid to revive their challenge for the county championship.

The 19-year-old from Vehari, who missed the defeat at Northampton because he was worn out, is recalled for the four-day home clash with Sussex at the Oval.

Evergreen CC to play in Div Two

Evergreen Cricket Club earned their rights to play in the Second Division cricket league when they became Group 'A' champions defeating Kathalagan SC by 13 runs in yesterday's qualifying match at Dhaka Stadium.

Evergreen batted first and scored 80 all out. In reply, Kathalagan were bundled out for a paltry 67-run.

Evergreen C C will meet Western C C today in the Div II qualifying cricket final. Both the teams have already been assured of their place in Second Division league.

Jansher sued for divorce

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28: Jansher Khan, the world's top squash player, has been sued for divorce by his Malaysian wife who accuses the Pakistani of assault and failing to maintain their son, legal sources said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The lawyer for Violet Soh delivered the summons on Tuesday to Jansher shortly after he won his opening match at the Malaysian Open squash championships being played in Kuala Lumpur.

Jansher married Soh, a 23-year-old ethnic Chinese teacher and former Malaysian junior squash champion, in May 1989, three years after they met. They have a son, Kamran.

Qatar in Asian handball semis

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug 28: Qatar narrowly downed Bahrain and became the last team to advance to the men's semi-finals at the Asian handball championships here today, reports AFP.

With a score of 23-21 (11-12, 12-9), Qatar ended the second stage in second place with two wins against one loss, putting Bahrain into third spot in the four-team Group One round robin.

In the knock-out semi-finals Friday, they will challenge Seoul Olympic silver medalists South Korea, who shot down China 35-23 (18-10, 17-13) to take top spot in the Group Two competition.

China, second with two wins against one defeat, will play hosts Japan in the other semifinals.

Baltics apply for IOC membership

TOKYO, Aug 28: The Soviet Union's three Baltic republics could make a symbolic appearance at next year's Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch said today, reports Reuter.

An application by Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to rejoin the Olympic movement will be considered by the IOC's executive committee which meets in Berlin in September.

"Albertville is too soon to compete but there will almost certainly be a symbolic representation," Samaranch told reporters.

Joyner-Kersey's loss is Braun's gain

TOKYO, Aug 28: Sabine Braun won the heptathlon at the World Athletic Championships here Tuesday, a day after Jackie Joyner-Kersey of the United States proved she could only be beaten by injury in the multi-sport event, reports AFP.

The 26-year-old German kept up the lead after Joyner-Kersey withdrew Monday when she pulled her right hamstring.

Braun, 18th at the last World Championships in 1987, finished with 6,672 points. Romanian Lilian Nastase took the silver with 6,493 points and Irina Byelova of the Soviet Union the bronze with 6,448 points.

"The key for the success was the long jump where I did my personal best of 6.67 (metres)," Braun said.

Joyner-Kersey had not lost a complete heptathlon since finishing second in the 1984 Olympics. She won the long jump and heptathlon titles at the 1987 World Championships and the Olympics in Seoul where she set the heptathlon world record of 7,291 points.

She won the long jump on Sunday despite a sprain in her right ankle before another injury which dashed her hopes of double golds. Her physician said Joyner-Kersey would be able to run again in about four weeks.

EURO EVES SHINE

Earlier report said, it was European women's day at the World Championships in Tokyo yesterday when Germany's golden girl Katrin Krabbe did the impossible and France discovered a new heroine.

The tall, blonde Krabbe, who has become Japan's pin-up of the Championships, put an end to the stunning run of victories by Merlene Ottey when she won the 100m final.

Up to the Championships Ottey had won 56 100m finals and number 57 and her first gold medal were supposed to be celebrated tonight.

The 21-year-old Krabbe was down for the silver medal and everyone would be happy. Krabbe burst from the blocks and by the 50m point the race was over.

"I feel great to be number one in the world," said the former East German star, whose win gave a united Germany their first gold medal in international athletics.

For the 31-year-old Jamaican the night was a disaster as she came home in third place behind Gwen Torrence of the United States.

"My race was terrible. Before the race I felt fine but I had a bad start. It was just terrible," said Ottey.

The long-legged Marie-Jose Perec became France's latest heroine when she became the 400m world champion.

Her success, more than two decades since Colette Bessou and Nicole Duclos dominated the event, has brought back the glory days of French women athletes.

The 23-year-old Perec came out of the bend before her arch rival Grit Breuer and she knew the race was hers. Spain's Sandra Myers made it an all-European affair by taking the bronze.

Sabine Braun of Germany gave European women a golden hat-trick when she won the heptathlon with 6,672 points but with the absence of



Sabine Braun of Germany raises her arms after the final 800m race of women's seven-event heptathlon competition in the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo on August 27. Sabine Braun won the event with 6,672 points, ahead of the Romanian Lilian Nastase. — AFP photo.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, injured yesterday, it was a hollow victory.

A bitter head wind put paid to American Michael Johnson setting a new world record for the 200m as he cruised to the gold ahead of Frankie Fredericks of Namibia and Canada's Atlee Mahorn.

Johnson, the fastest 200m runner in the world today, looked gold from the end of his first heat and he knew it.

"I came, I did, I'm world champion," said the sprinter known as the 'quiet American'.

Johnson feels he can win 100m, too

TOKYO, Aug 28: Michael Johnson, fresh from his wind-hampered 200 metres win at the World Championships here, says he will try his luck over 100 metres while chasing double Olympic golds and world records over longer sprints next year, reports AFP.

"I'll try 100 metres a little bit for personal satisfaction," said Johnson, who in 1990

became the first man to be ranked world number one in both the 200m and 400m in the same year.

"I'm not going to get in there just to make some money. I think I can run a pretty good 100 metres," said the Baylor College marketing graduate.

Johnson, whose personal 100 m best was a wind-aided 10.13 seconds, ran in the Stockholm Grand Prix 100 m last year without much success.

"I'm capable of running 10.0 or 10.1," he said. "100 metres will help my 200 metres."

A strong head cost Johnson his bid to crack the 12-year-old 200m world record of 19.72 set by Italy's Pietro Mennea in the rarefied air of Mexico in 1979. He won in

20.01, almost three metres ahead of Namibia's Frank Fredericks and Canadian Atlee Mahorn.

But he is raring to lower both 200m and 400m marks. "I think I can break both."

"I'm only 23 now and I have a lot of time to improve," he said, declaring the 200m mark would "definitely" come down as the Barcelona Olympics come around next year.

"In 400, I'm not looking at the record, but there's a very good chance that I could double next year."

Johnson did not compete in 400 here because he had to focus on his 200 amid a tight schedule at the US trials in June. But he said he will go for both at the US Olympic trials in New Orleans in June as there will be an enough break between the two events.

Stuttgart host for '93

TOKYO, Aug 28: The first World Athletic championships under a new cycle of two years will be held in the German city of Stuttgart from August 13-22, 1993, International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) President Primo Nebilo said today, reports AFP.

The IAAF council Wednesday unanimously picked Stuttgart for 1993 and Gothenburg, Sweden, for the Championships on August 4-13, 1995.

Stuttgart and Gothenburg were the only candidates for what would have been the fourth World championships in 1995 under the current four-year cycle. But the Swedish city said they would not be ready for 1993 when the council drafted the two-year cycle earlier this year.

The decision-making council of 25 executives moved forward the dates of the 1993 World Cup in Havana to September 25-27, 1992, in order to avoid a clash with the Championships, Nebilo said.

It also approved plans to hold the world junior championships in Seoul on September

Tyson's bodyguard arrested

LOS ANGELES, Aug 28: A bodyguard for former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was arrested after he allegedly snatched a camera from a free-lance photographer, an official said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

A spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department said the alleged robbery occurred after the photographer had taken a picture of Tyson as he emerged from a Hollywood restaurant.

The spokeswoman, Britta Rodela, said Anthony Ritts, 38, was arrested on Monday night on a complaint from free-lance cameraman Gary Kaplan.

He was freed on Tuesday morning after posting 15,000 dollar bail and will appear in court on September 16, Rodela said.

State doping!

BONN, Aug 28: A number of German women competitors at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo will have been given male hormones when they were younger, a leading German doctor claims, reports AFP.

Professor Werner Franke said on nationwide television that he had a list of athletes from the former East Germany who had been given the hormones.

"Secret experiments were carried out on young girls who were injected with male hormones and who are now top class athletes," Franke said.

He declined to mention names, but said that 100m gold medalist Katrin Krabbe was not among them.

Monwara Begum dead

Mrs Monwara Begum, a national volleyball coach, died of brain cancer in Dhaka yesterday. She was 39, reports BSS.

Her Namaz-e-Zaana will be held at the National Sports Council premises at 11 am today (Thursday).

Shooting contest

The 177 air rifle shooting competition, organised by the Bangladesh Shooting Federation, begins at the National Shooting Range in Dhaka on August 30, reports BSS.

In all, 547 shooters, including 106 women, from 52 clubs will take part in the two-day meet.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to be the chief guest on the concluding day.

ROK, USSR lead world jr handball

STRASBOURG, France, Aug 28: South Korea and the Soviet Union continued to set the pace at the world junior women's handball championships here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Koreans conceded their first point in Group One when they were held to a 29-29 draw by Bulgaria, but the Soviet Union kept their 100 per cent record by beating China Taipei 24-14 in Group Two.

Tuesday's result: Group One: South Korea 29 Bulgaria 29 Denmark 30 China 18 Romania 26 France 16 Standings: S Korea 5 pts, Denmark 4, Bulgaria 3, Romania 2 (+5), France 2 (-7), China 2 (-11).

Group Two: Germany 20 Czechoslovakia 19 Yugoslavia 25 Sweden 23 USSR 24 China Taipei 14

STANDINGS: USSR 6 pts, Czechoslovakia 4 (+7), Yugoslavia 4 (+4), Sweden 2 (-8), Germany 2 (-16), China Taipei 0.

Harding-Andries WBC bout in Australia likely

SYDNEY, Aug 28: Boxing promoter Bill Mordey says he will stage the WBC light heavyweight title fight between Jeff Harding and champion Dennis Andries in Australia if the Andries camp carries out a threat to call off the bout in London, reports AFP.

Mordey said Wednesday that Andries promoter Mickey Duff had complained to World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman about Harding's training arrangements in Britain and threatened to call off the title fight scheduled for September 11.

If he is to withdraw, I think the WBC would rule that I, as the under bidder, would win the bid and I would bring the fight to Australia immediately and place it in Adelaide, Mordey said.

Mordey said he learned from his American agent Don Majeski that Duff was angry at Harding's refusal to train in the same gym as Andries.

Harding is staying at Romford in Essex and training there at the gym of a rival promoter, Barry Hearn, Mordey said.

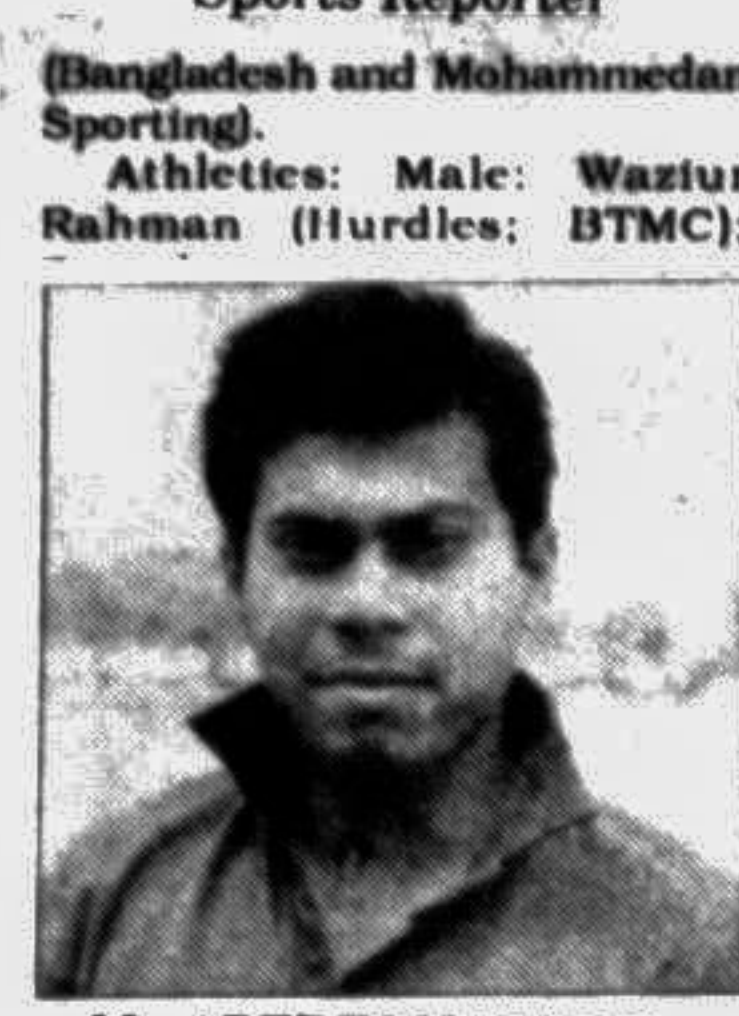
He said Duff had ordered Harding to get out of there and says if he doesn't, he will call the fight off.

He has complained to the WBC president Jose Sulaiman, who will supervise the fight.

But, Mordey said, "Harding wants a closed gymnasium, and the Australians are more than happy where they are."

"He does not want anyone in the gym because he knows their plan is to either put their own sparring partners against him or watch his workouts and report back to the Andries camp, Mordey said.

"Harding will make his own mind whether or not he will attend that gym.



M. ABEDIN NANNOO

Female: Jyotsna Akhter (Javelin; BTMC). Chess: Younus Hassan (Dhaka Metropolis). Shooting: Abdus Sattar Nini

and Atiqur Rahman (Gold medalists at the last Commonwealth Games in Auckland).

Judo and karate: Male: Jance - Alam (Bangladesh Rifles); Female: Nayana Chowdhury.

Gymnastics: Dewan Nazrul Islam (Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation).

Boxing: Ibrahim Mondol (Bangladesh Army).

Kabaddi: Amjad Hossain. Badminton: Sheikh Abul Hashem (Mohammedan Sporting).

Sports Organizer: M Akbar Ali (Former Secretary, Dhaka Metropolis Sports Association).

Best Coach: Osman Khan (National cricket coach).

Referee/umpire: S B Chowdhury Sisir.

Sports Sponsor: Navana Limited.

Aussie manager denies sledging charge

CHILMSFORD, England, Aug 28: Australian under-19 cricket boss Brian Taber blasted accusations that

his players have been guilty of bad behaviour after they had tanned the England under-19 attack again here today, reports AFP.

"There has been no trouble between the two sides," insisted the former Test wicket-keeper.

"Recent press articles alleging sledging and unsporting behaviour in the present series are completely groundless.

"I wish to refute such allegations, and recognise the quality of competitiveness on the field and the harmonious relationship off it between the sides."

Taber's remarks were echoed by England manager Graham Saville.

"I totally agree with Brian," he said. "The relationship between both teams has been superb as, indeed, has been the cricket."

England, crushed by 10 wickets in the opening Test, were on the receiving end once more on the first day of

the second. Greg Blewett and Adam Gilchrist both blasted centuries as Australia reached 375 for seven declared. England responded with 21 for one at the close.

Opcner Blewett — son of Bob, the former South Australian captain — hit an impressive 161 with 22 fours and two sixes in an innings which lasted 306 minutes and 294 balls.

Gilchrist also produced some glorious strokes either side of the wicket on his way to 106, which included 15 fours.

He shared in a fourth-wicket stand of 212 with Blewett, whose innings was eventually ended by Mark Broadhurst.

The Yorkshire paceman was easily the pic, of the England attack and finished with for 85 from 20 overs.

Oh, just for an Olympic gold!

MANILA, Aug 28: The Mayor of Manila is promising a five million-peso (185,200-dollar) reward for Filipino athletes who win gold medals in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, his spokesman said Wednesday, reports AFP.

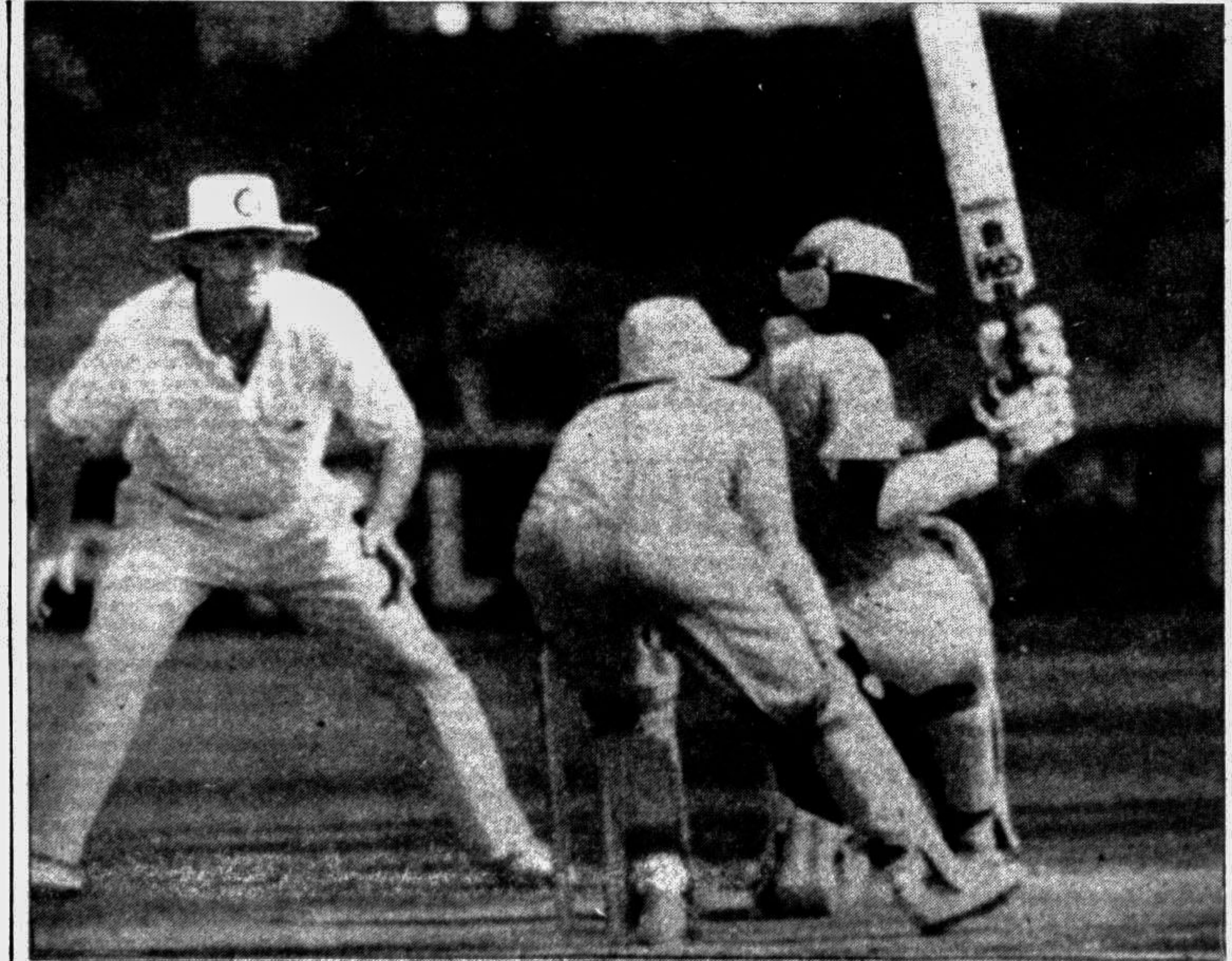
Mayor Gemiliano Lopez has pledged one million pesos (37,040 dollars) himself and has obtained commitments from tobacco and beer tycoon Lucio Tan and plastics magnate Wilson Gatchalian for another million, the spokesman said.

Filipino athletes have never won an Olympic gold, their best harvest being a silver in boxing in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Lopez is trying to get Antonio Cojuangco, president of the Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Co. and Andres Cortiano, president of San Miguel Corporation, to donate the other two million.

However, this offer only applies to medal events and does not apply to exhibition events, the spokesman said. Both Lopez and Tan had previously offered a million pesos each to any gold medalist in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Arienne Cercens, a Filipina, won a gold medal in bowling in Seoul but this failed to count as bowling was only an exhibition sport. However, Tan rewarded her with a million pesos anyway.



Sri Lanka's Gurusinha (R) is bowled by Englands Phil Tufnell for 34, on August 27 in their one-off Test at Lord's. — AFP photo.