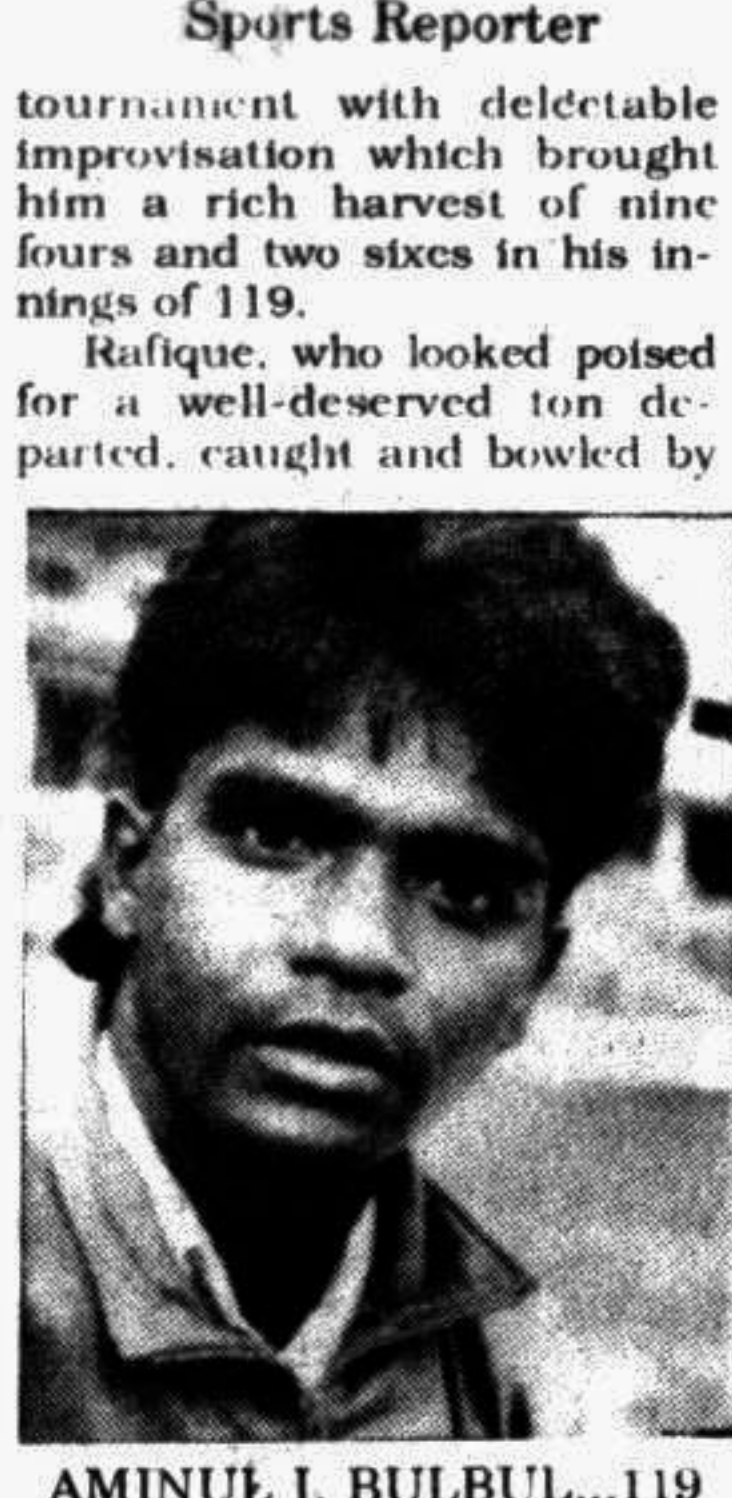


Agrani Bank beat Ajax

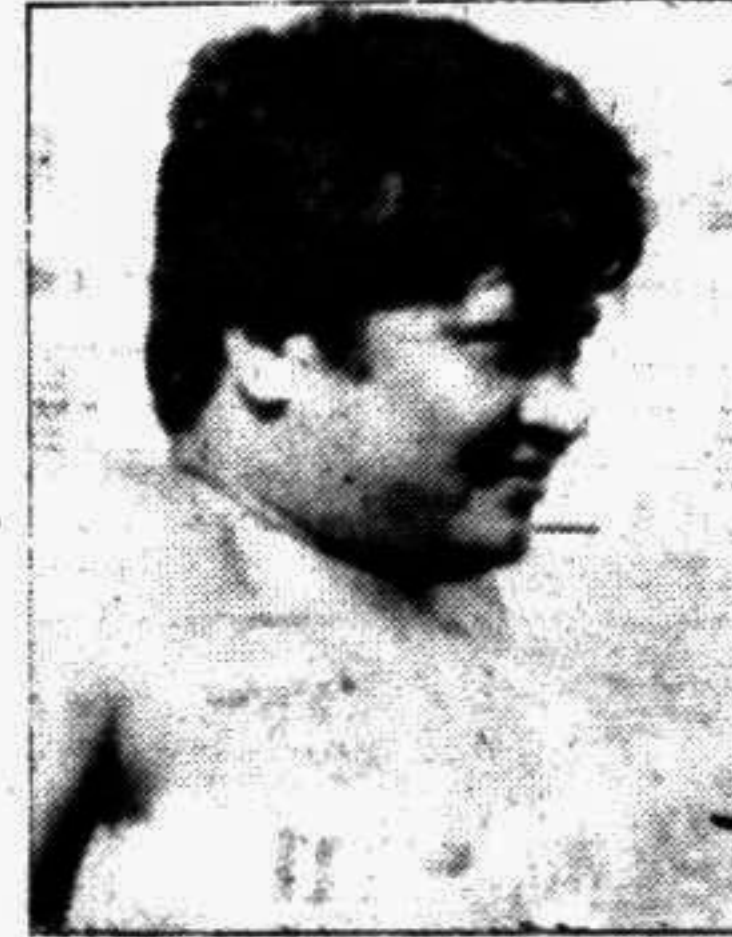
Sports Reporter
Agrani Bank carried out an exciting two-wicket victory against newly-promoted Ajax Sporting Club in the Milars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium.

MSC put BU to the sword

Sports Reporter
Dhaka Moham-medan Sporting Club, aided by a sparkling century from national all-rounder Aminul Islam Bulbul and a fine half-century from former national batsman Rafiqul Alam rattled up a mammoth score of 327 against last year's Navana league champion Brothers Union on the first day of the second semi-final of the Victory Day cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



AMINUL I. BULBUL...119



RAFIQUL ALAM...76

Although the Mohammedan fans, who turned in great strength relished a fine day's work by their favourite batsmen, yet they will all have to wait a while before they can really play a victory celebration.

SCORE BOARD
Mohammedan SC
Dhagar b Saad 29
Jidar c Arup b Fernando 20

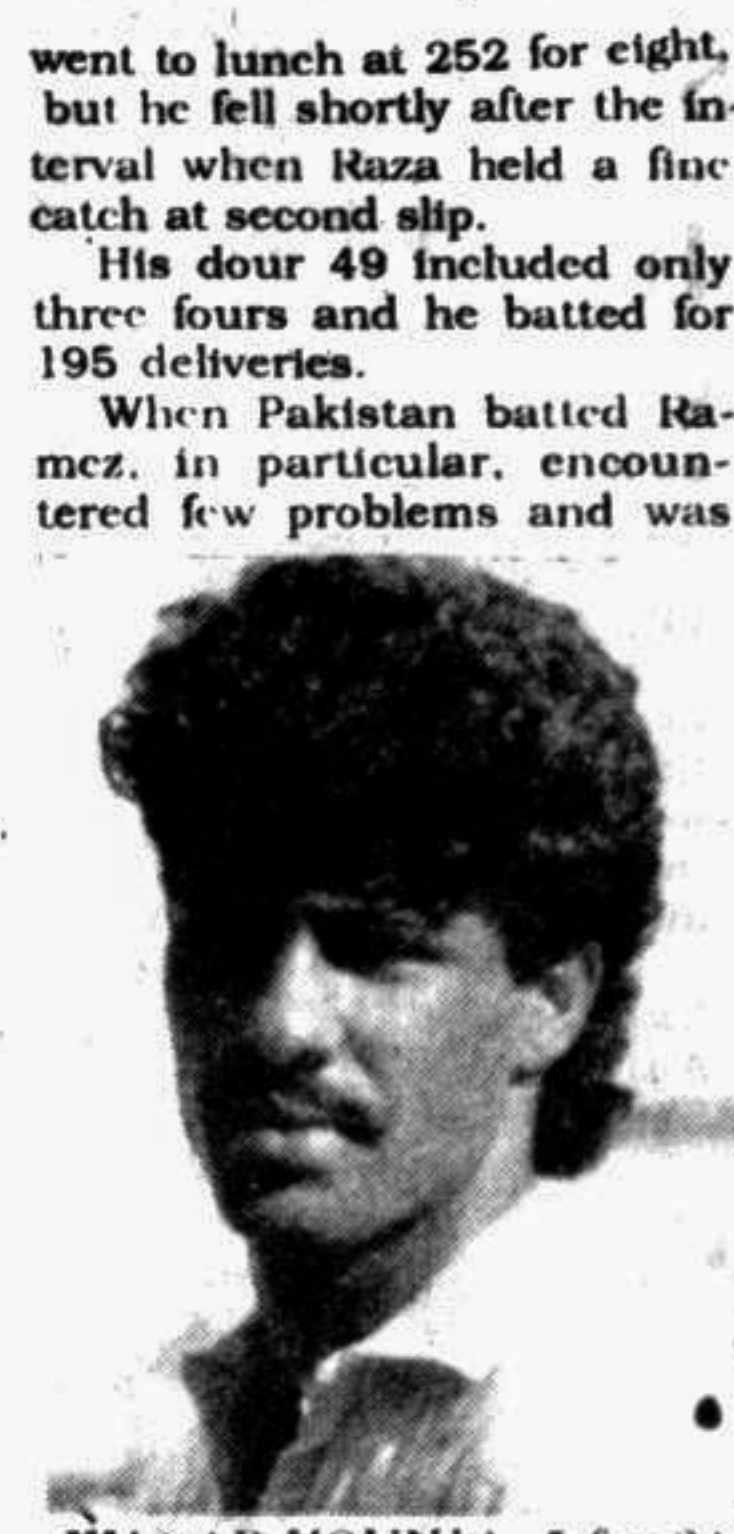


Nachappa skips SAF Games

Sports Reporter
Indian sprint queen and glamour girl Ashwini Nachappa has opted out of the Indian contingent for the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in Colombo Dec 22-31.

Pakistan off to a brisk start

SIALKOT, Pakistan, Dec 13: Pakistan were 72 for no wicket in reply to Sri Lanka's 270 all out at the close of the second day of the first Test match today, reports Reuter.



WAQAR YOUNIS...5 for 84

SCORE BOARD
SRI LANKA
First Innings (overnight 191 for five)
A. Samarasekera c Moin 19

TODAY'S MATCH

Young Pegasus vs Eskaton Sabuj Sangha
New rule to stop time wasting
LONDON, Dec 13: English country sides who fail to bowl their overs in the time allocated during one-day matches will face "significantly increased" fines next season.

While Bulbul rode his luck during his entertaining, albeit chancy innings of 119, Rafiqe, the more experienced of the two, was pure class, taking apart the hopeless Brothers attack with sangfroid and precision.

Left-arm spinner Arup Bhattacharyya toiled hard for his three wickets at the cost of 63 runs.

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Suhrawardy Cup results

Sports Reporter
Three zonal finals and one semifinal of the eighth Suhrawardy Cup national youth football championship were held at four different venues of the country.

They were finally dismissed 35 minutes after lunch having added 79 to their overnight score. Sanath Jayasuriya, overnight 60, went on to score 77 and together with Hashan Tillekeratne took the sixth wicket partnership to 101.

Richardson calls for better play

ADELAIDE, Dec 13: West Indies cricket captain Richie Richardson called Friday for his team's batsmen to apply themselves more in their upcoming match against India, reports AP.

He was bowled by Waqar at 244. Then Champa Rama-nayake was bowled by Raza who picked up his second wicket and emerged with two for 37 from 24 overs.

India likely to change line up

ADELAIDE, Dec 13: India face a slight fitness problem to one of their successful middle-order batsmen as they prepare to take on West Indies tomorrow and Australia day after at Adelaide Oval in the World Series Cup Matches, reports PTL.

EXPECTED TEAMS:

WEST INDIES: Richie Richardson (captain), Desmond Haynes, Curtly Ambrose, Keith Arthurton, Carlisle Best, Anderson Cummins, Carl Hooper, Brian Lara, Malcolm Marshall, Patrick Patterson, David Williams, Hamesh Anthony.

Olympic flame begins journey to Albertville

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece, Dec 13: The Olympic flame began its Journey to France for the Albertville winter games Friday, after being lit in this ancient town where the Olympics were born, reports AP.

Pioneer league

Sports Reporter
A joint meeting of the officials and captains of the 90 Pioneer football league clubs took place at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Lendl meets Chang in semis

MUNICH, Dec 13: Ivan Lendl, looking and feeling as fit and fresh in his 30s as he did in his teens, moved confidently into the six-million dollars Grand Slam Cup semifinals with a 7-6, 6-3 victory over Swiss Jakob Hlasek on Thursday, reports Reuter.

V Day Kabaddi

Sports Reporter
The Victory Day kabaddi tournament, under the aegis of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation got underway at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday with two matches being decided on the opening day.

Sabera's chehlum

The chehlum of Mrs Sabera Haq, wife of Syed Ashraf Haq, a former secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, was held yesterday.

Freedom-fighters meet concludes

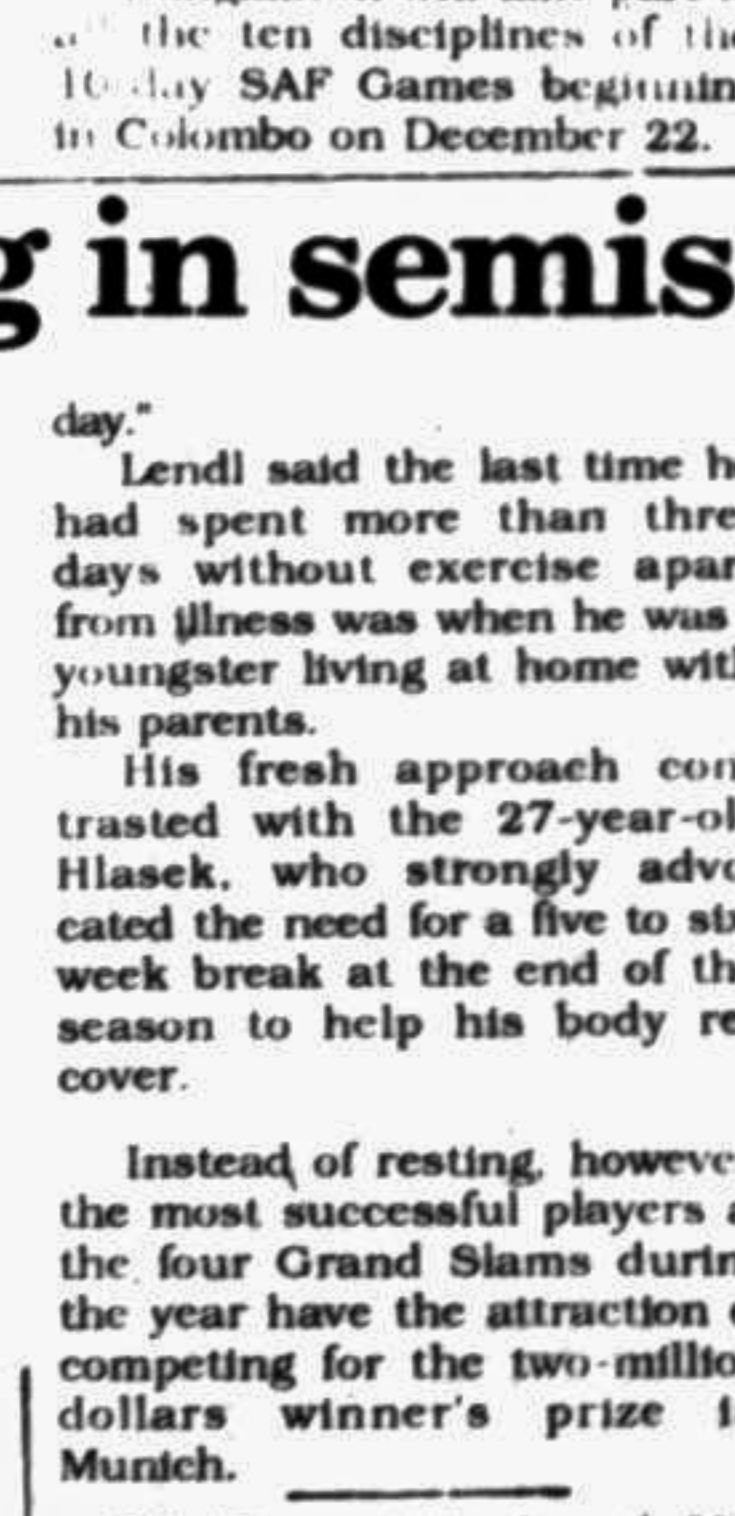
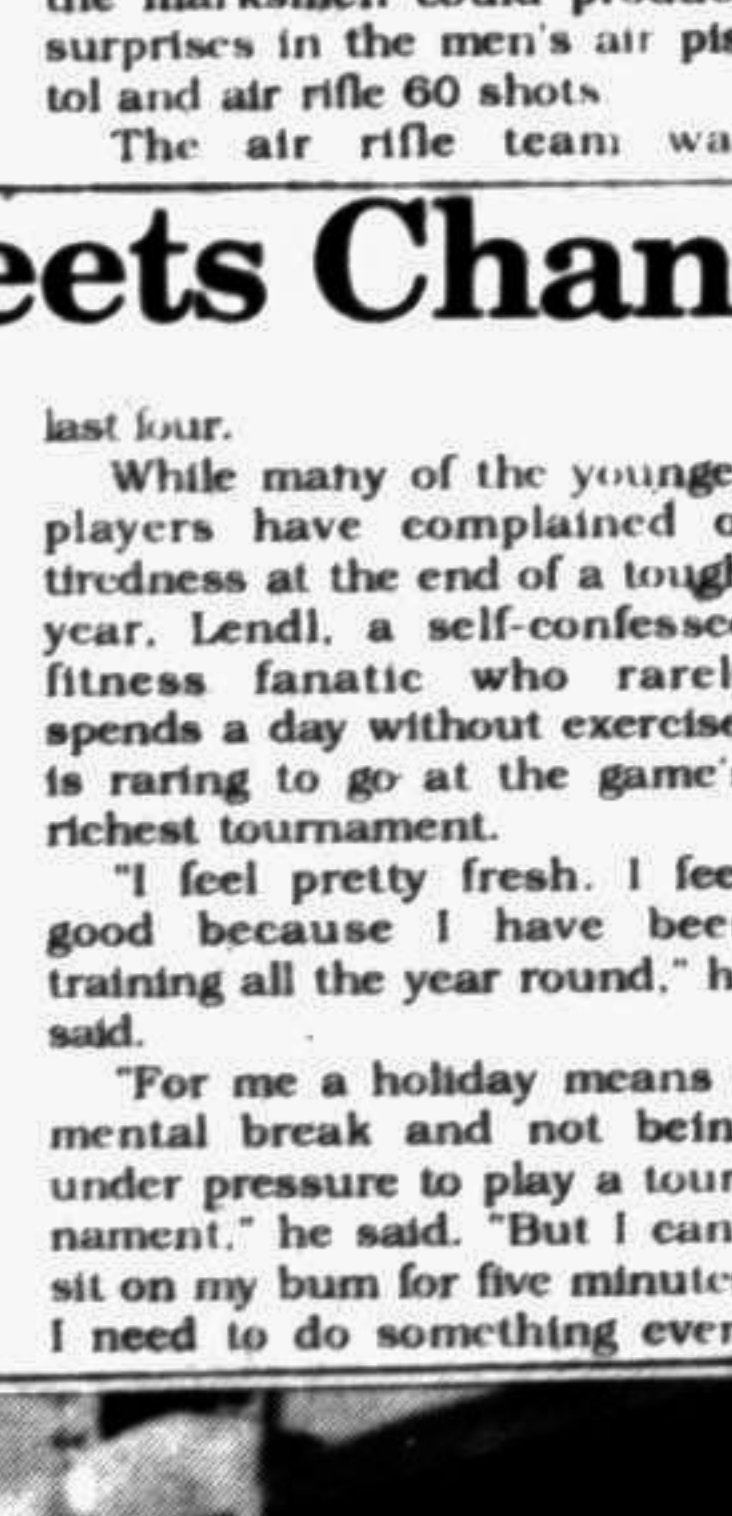
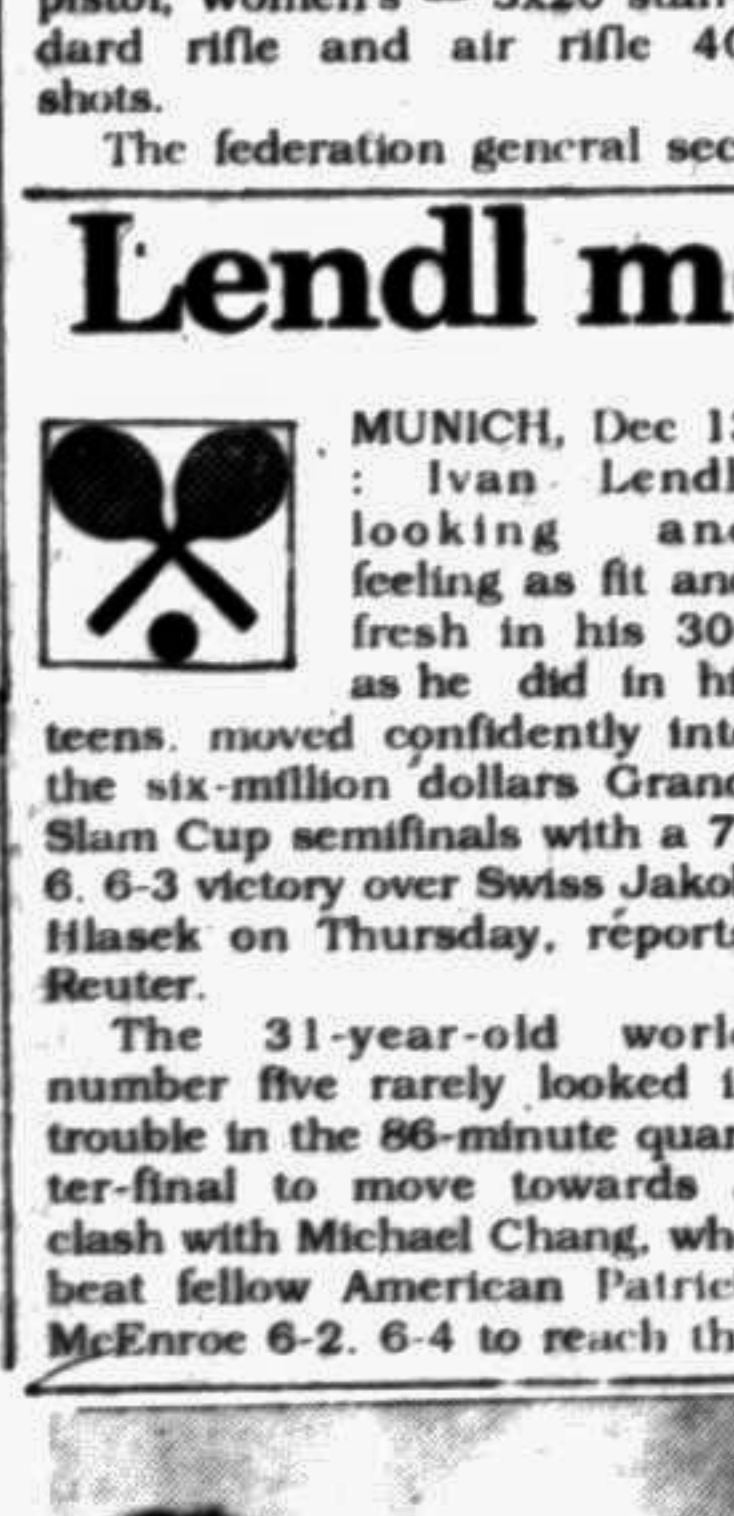
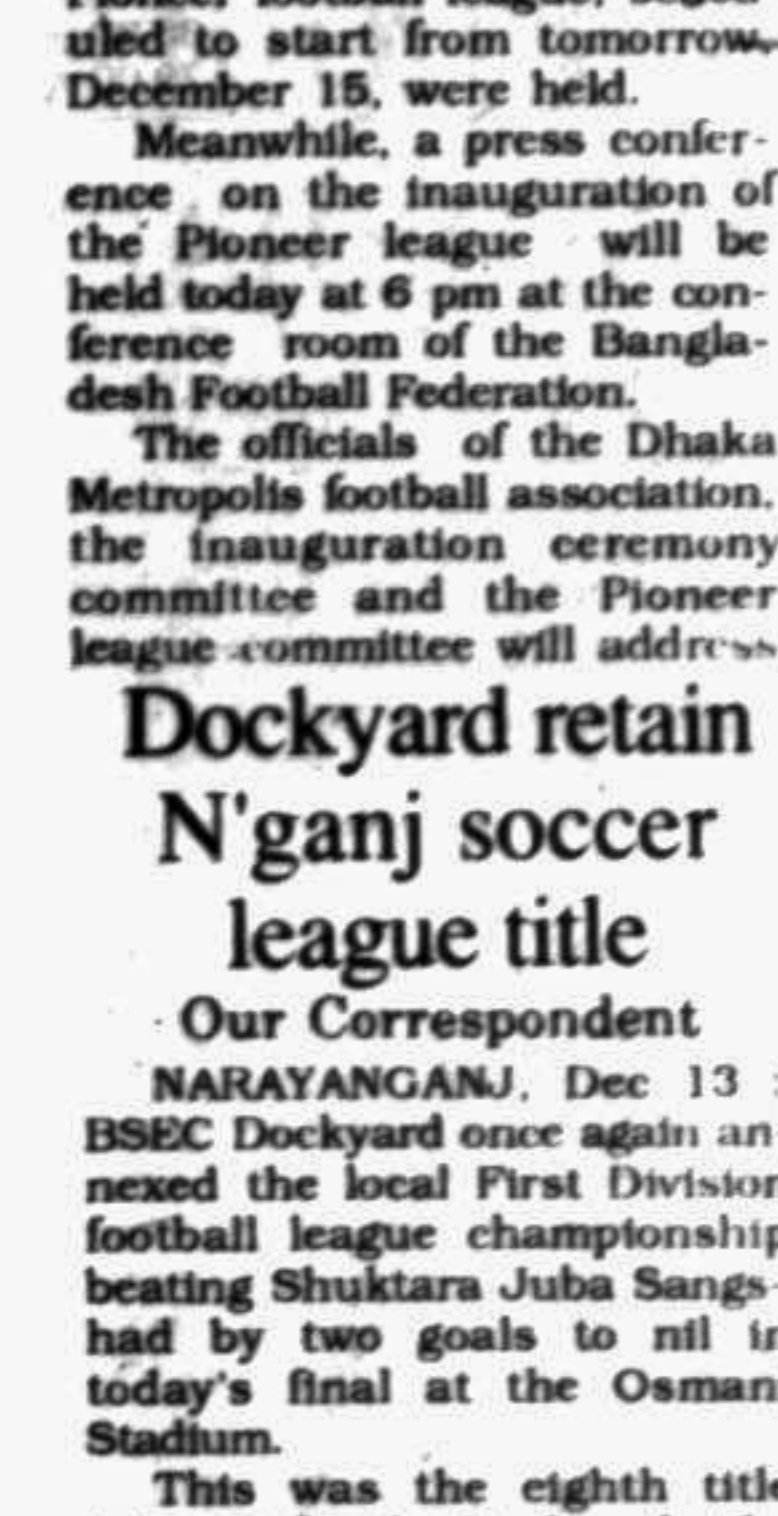
The prize-distribution ceremony of the annual sports competition for the families of the Liberation War martyrs and wounded freedom fighters was held yesterday under the auspices of the Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust at the ground adjacent to the Jatiya Sangsad.

Anirban cricket

Sports Reporter
The Anirban Victory Day Cricket tournament, organised by the Anirban Kirta-O-Sanskriti Sangha, began at the Manikdi playground, Dhaka Cantonment yesterday with Anirban Sangha beating Khilgaon Jack Club by 56 runs in the 35-overs-a-side match.

Dockyard retain N'ganj soccer league title

Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Dec 13: BSEC Dockyard once again annexed the local First Division football league championship beating Shuktara Juba Sangha by two goals to nil in today's final at the Osmani Stadium.



This was the eighth title triumph for the Dockyard side. Laxmi put the winners ahead in the 19th minute while Swapan, who became the highest goal scorer in this year's 12-team league with seven goals to his credit, doubled the margin in the 32nd minute of the second session.

The captain of the BSEC Dockyard team receiving the Narayanjanj First Division football league championship trophy from State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain Khoka after beating Shuktara Juba Sangha 2-0 in yesterday's final at the Osmani Stadium.

These four teams are taking part in the tournament. Today, Fire Service taken on Police while BDR clash with Ansars.

Li Col (Retd) Zaimul Abedin, PSC, Managing Director of the Trust was also present on the occasion, says a Trust press release.

Scene from the month-long annual sports competition for disabled freedom fighters, organised by the Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust, which concluded in the city yesterday.

Only a year later, Hirwani had a disastrous series in West Indies, getting only five wickets in three Test matches at a very high cost.

But the West Indies batting line-up has undergone a dramatic transformation with Gordon Greenidge, Viv Richards and Jeff Dujon retiring and Gus Logie absent due to injury. And the newcomers could find Hirwani a problem.

With Navi Shastri having recaptured his bowling form, India's attack looks stronger and better balanced than when they started their campaign in Perth a week ago.