

**Sports leadership course ends**

The five-day sports leadership course organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), concluded at the Conference Room of the National Sports Council yesterday, reports BSS.

Forty sports organisers from different national sports Federations and sports journalists took part in the course, conducted by two IOC instructors — the Treasurer of the Olympic Council of Asia Santiparb Tejavauja of Thailand and the Secretary General of the Austrian National Olympic Committee Heinz Jungwirth.

The Olympic background, the Olympic movement and its structure, fair play, drugs and violence, women's sports, Olympism and the mass media, government and sports, sports administration, management, sources of revenue, communications, sports medicine and role of the media in sports were subjects discussed in different sessions of the course.

The Austrian instructor Heinz Jungwirth left Dhaka on Thursday for Malta to conduct a similar course there. The Thai instructor Santiparb Tejavauja leaves today for Bangkok.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahbubur Rahman and President of the Bangladesh Olympic Association MA Rouf were present at the concluding function yesterday.

Certificates and souvenirs were distributed among the participants.

**Ground shift damages Montreal Olympic Stadium**

MONTREAL, Sept 13: There was a ground shift underneath the Olympic Stadium on Friday, causing some damage to the huge structure, police said, reports AP.

There were no reports of injuries.

Officials with the provincial Olympic Installations Board were on the scene inspecting the damage to the side of the stadium, built for the 1976 Olympics, and in government offices just beside it.

Staff in the offices of the Montreal Expos Major League baseball team, located on the ground floor of the stadium, were not told to leave, said an employee.

**Samaranch lifts Finnish hopes**

PARIS, Sept 13: Finland's hopes of staging the Winter Olympics have received a major boost from Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch, reports AFP.

The head of the International Olympic Committee made it clear that the Winter Games could now be split between two countries to cater for all the events.

"If a town does not possess all the facilities for certain sports it could ask for these sports to be transferred to another country," Samaranch told the first international conference of winter games organisers in the French Alpine town of Chambéry on Thursday.

Marc Hodler, President of International Winter Sports Federations, explained that it would have to a neighbouring country.

Finland has been unable to stage the Games, despite a leading role in winter sports, because it lacks facilities for downhill skiing.

But it could now look to Sweden for the downhill events and have a realistic chance of hosting the Games for the first time in 2002.

**Penalty corner specialists may dictate outcome**



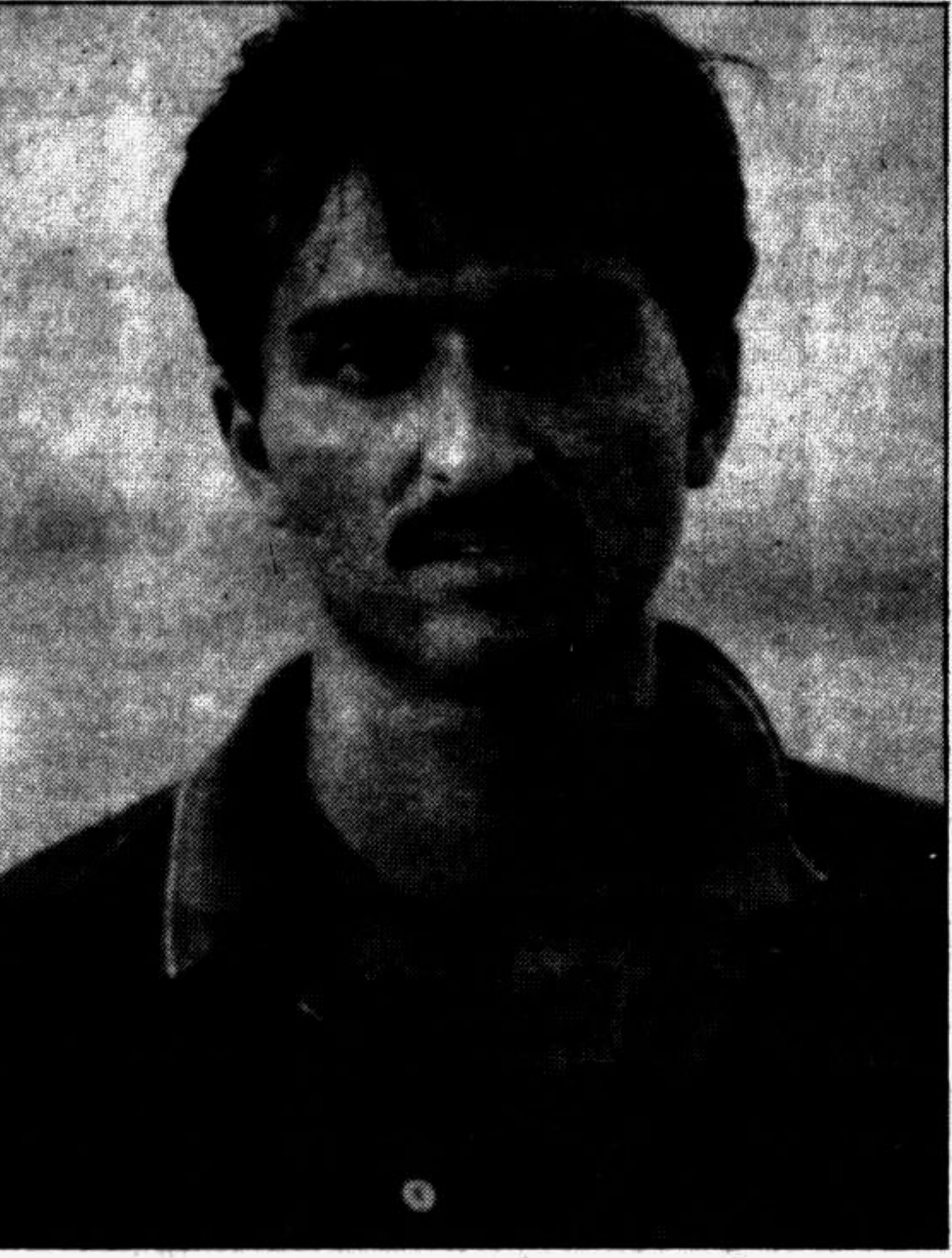
BERLIN, Sept 13: Penalty corner specialists could hold the key to the outcome of the Champions' Trophy hockey tournament starting on Friday, reports Reuter.

Leading performers like Germany's Carsten Fischer, Floris Bovelder of the Netherlands and Pakistan's Khalid Bashir may tip the bal-

The women's competition is biennial and is being held for the third time. The men's event is an annual affair and this is the 13th instalment since 1978.

European champions Germany start then men's action on Friday against Asian counterparts Pakistan.

Australia have been the most successful nation in the men's section winning the event of five occasions. They



KHALID BASHIR OF PAKISTAN — one of the penalty corner specialists.

ance at this top-Class 10-day men's and women's trophies being held jointly in the Berlin Olympic Stadium.

Australia, Germany and the Netherlands, the three countries qualified to play in both the men's and women's events, all bid to become the first nation to achieve a trophy double.

But Pakistan's men and the South Korean women loom as large dangers.

The round-robin event among the world's top six nations was previously held jointly in Amsterdam in 1987 when the women's section was introduced.



Lydersen to move to Arsenal

LONDON, Sept 13: Arsenal manager George Graham has agreed a 500,000 pounds sterling (\$85,000 dollars) deal for Norwegian international defender Paul Lydersen, reports Reuter.

Graham moved in to the market after Arsenal's erratic start to their English Championships defence.

But Lydersen, due to Highbury early next week for a medical, will not be joining his new club until the middle of October.

He plays for Start, currently second in the Norwegian league and chasing a UEFA Cup slot.

The last league games are on October 13 and Lydersen says he will be joining Arsenal after that," said a Norwegian FA spokesman on Thursday.

Lydersen, 26, who has 10 caps, plays at full-back for club and country, but can also operate in central defence.

**IGP Cup soccer**

The fifth IGP Cup football tournament began at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground in Dhaka yesterday.

Inspector General of Police Tayeb Uddin Ahmed inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest.

Nine teams are taking part in the competition, organised by the Bangladesh Police children's organisation 'Palraasar'.

On the opening day, Bangsal Udayan Sangha beat Adamjee Rahim Smriti Sangha 3-0.

**Tangail DC Gold Cup from Sept 20**

The Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Gold Cup football tournament of Tangail district will begin on September 20 at the Tangail Stadium, reports UNI.

Most of the leading football teams of the country, including Dhaka Abahani and Mohammedans, will participate in the tourney to be played on a knock-out basis.

On the opening day, newcomers in the Dhaka Senior Division Football League Eskaton Sabuj Sangha will take on Udayan KC at 4 pm.

The groupings and fixture of the tournament have already been finalised.

The grouping for the first phase are:

Group A: Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, Udayan KC, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, East Bengal Club.

Group B: The Mahanagari Football team, Rahmatganj MFS, BKTC SC and Sadharan Bima KS.

Group C: Farashganj SC, Lalbagh SC, Dhanmndi Club and Agrani Bank.

Group D: Wari Club, BKSP, Arambagh KS and the Kishalay Football team.

Dhaka NBL League champions Abahani KC, runners-up Mohammedan SC, Brothers Union and PWD SC will play directly in the quarter-finals against the four group champions.

The matches will be of 80 minutes' duration, with a ten-minute break between the two sessions.

**E Bengal in Bordoloi semis**

GUWAHATI, Sept 13: East Bengal Club of Calcutta, sailed into the semifinals of the Bordoloi Trophy football tournament beating holders Oil India Club, Duliajan, by three goals to nil, yesterday, reports PTI.

The winners led 2-0 at half time.

The Calcutta outfit played brilliant soccer to outwit the Oil Club in the quarterfinal at the Nehru Stadium here with striker Kuljit Singh scoring a hat-trick.

In today's quarterfinal Mohammedan Sporting Club, Calcutta, to meet Shillong Eleven.

**Lydersen to move to Arsenal**

LONDON, Sept 13: Arsenal manager George Graham has agreed a 500,000 pounds sterling (\$85,000 dollars) deal for Norwegian international defender Paul Lydersen, reports Reuter.

Graham moved in to the market after Arsenal's erratic start to their English Championships defence.

But Lydersen, due to Highbury early next week for a medical, will not be joining his new club until the middle of October.

He plays for Start, currently second in the Norwegian league and chasing a UEFA Cup slot.

The last league games are on October 13 and Lydersen says he will be joining Arsenal after that," said a Norwegian FA spokesman on Thursday.

Lydersen, 26, who has 10 caps, plays at full-back for club and country, but can also operate in central defence.

**IGP Cup soccer**

The fifth IGP Cup football tournament began at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground in Dhaka yesterday.

Inspector General of Police Tayeb Uddin Ahmed inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest.

Nine teams are taking part in the competition, organised by the Bangladesh Police children's organisation 'Palraasar'.

On the opening day, Bangsal Udayan Sangha beat Adamjee Rahim Smriti Sangha 3-0.

**Tangail DC Gold Cup from Sept 20**

The Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Gold Cup football tournament of Tangail district will begin on September 20 at the Tangail Stadium, reports UNI.

Most of the leading football teams of the country, including Dhaka Abahani and Mohammedans, will participate in the tourney to be played on a knock-out basis.

On the opening day, newcomers in the Dhaka Senior Division Football League Eskaton Sabuj Sangha will take on Udayan KC at 4 pm.

The groupings and fixture of the tournament have already been finalised.

The grouping for the first phase are:

Group A: Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, Udayan KC, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, East Bengal Club.

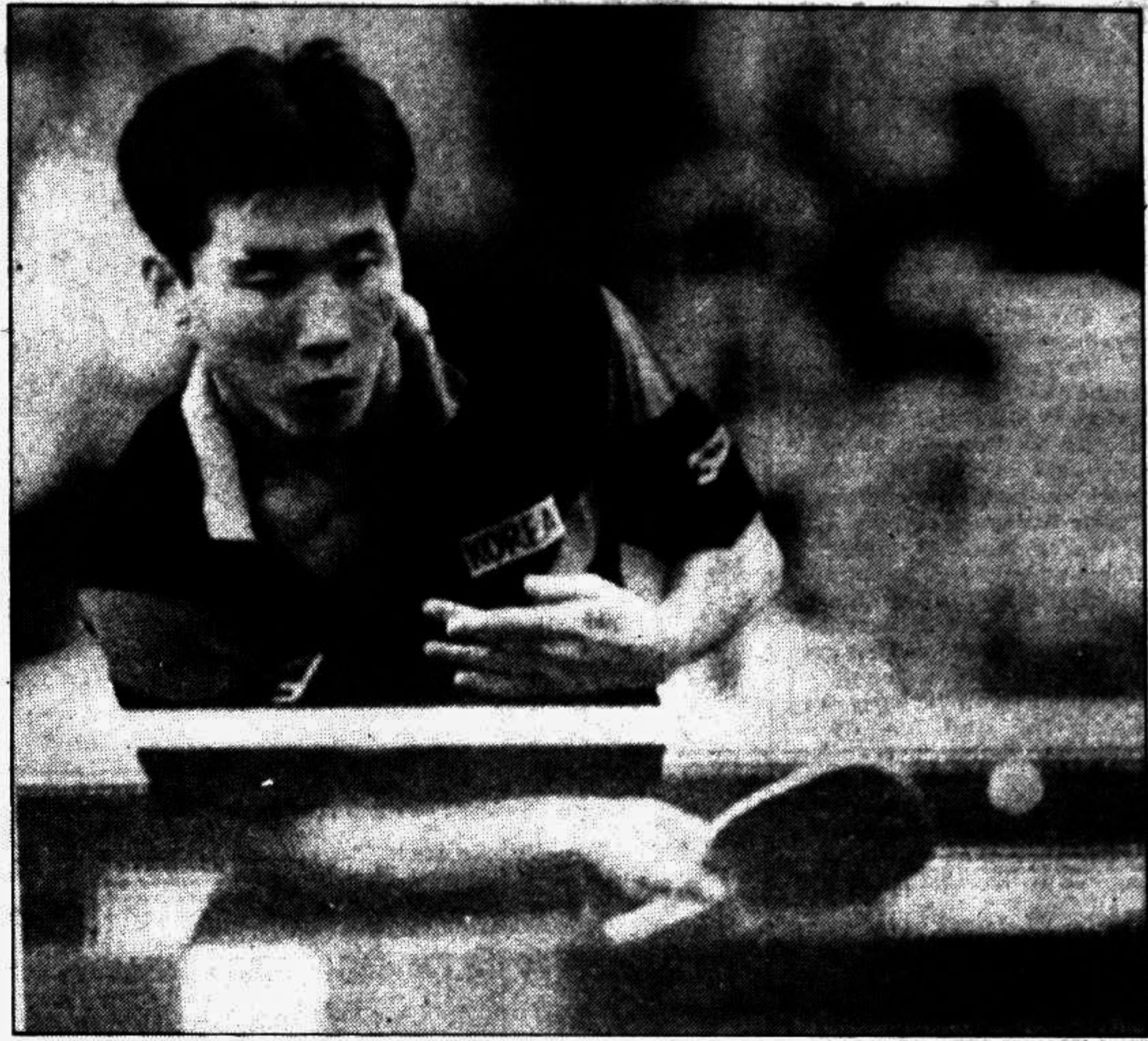
Group B: The Mahanagari Football team, Rahmatganj MFS, BKTC SC and Sadharan Bima KS.

Group C: Farashganj SC, Lalbagh SC, Dhanmndi Club and Agrani Bank.

Group D: Wari Club, BKSP, Arambagh KS and the Kishalay Football team.

Dhaka NBL League champions Abahani KC, runners-up Mohammedan SC, Brothers Union and PWD SC will play directly in the quarter-finals against the four group champions.

The matches will be of 80 minutes' duration, with a ten-minute break between the two sessions.



South Korea's Kim Taek Soo retrieves a shot from Li Gun Sang of North Korea in a group A match of the 555 World Cup Table Tennis Championships on Sept 12. Kim beat Li by 21-16, 21-14, and qualified for the quarter-finals on Sept 13.

**Huang shocks Ma in world meet**



KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13: Commonwealth champion Jorgen Persson of Sweden was the surprise quarter finalist after the preliminary rounds in the 80,000 US dollar 555 World Cup Table tennis championships here Thursday, reports AFP.

Huang, 29, who emigrated from China four years ago, scored wins over China's Ma Wenge, Sweden's Mikael Appelgren and Brazil's Claudio Kano to head Group D.

Ma, the reigning Asian Games champion, went to three sets before edging Appelgren to join Huang from Group D.

In a do-or-die battle, the 23-year-old Chinese, who won the championships in 1989, had a 21-16, 16-21, 23-21 win over Appelgren, ranked eighth in the world.

World Championships singles winner Jorgen Persson of Sweden overcame South Korea's Kim Taek-Soo in a thrilling three set encounter to reach the quarterfinals.

The Swede won 24-22, 8-21, 21-14 to reach the last eight with Kim, pipping North Korea's Li Gun-Sang.

Li, the world's best defensive player, upset Persson in Wednesday's opening match.

Toronto based Huang, using the handshake style, took 35 minutes to edge out the 30-year-old Swede 13-21, 22-20, 21-19 for the second win in Group D. He had upset Ma, China's top-ranked player in Wednesday's first match.

"I am happy to reach the quarter-finals in my debut in the World Cup," said Huang who is competing here as the North American champion.

Persson went down 21-19, 21-23, 20-22 to North Korea's Li Gun Sang while Ma lost 13-21, 19-21 to Johnny Huang, a Canadian of Chinese origin.

Two other Swedes, including reigning World Cup champion Jan-Ove Waldner and veteran Mikael Appelgren, were stretched to three sets before emerging victorious over China's Wang Tao and Brazilian Claudio Kano.

The World Cup is contested annually by 16 top male players, consisting of the champion player from each of the six continents, the defending champion, one player from the host country, the top six players from the world ranking list and two wild cards.

The players are placed in four groups, with the top two

He said that he had problems in the first set but attacked after finding that Appelgren had difficulties countering his smashes.

Defending champion Jan-Ove Waldner beat Asian champion Wang Tao of China and Frenchman Jean Philippe Gatien to remain unbeaten in Group B.

Waldner who had three wins and Gatien, the world number six with two wins, reached the last eight.

Poland's Andrzej Grubba, ranked third in the world, also reached the last eight with drawn Michel Saive, a later replacement for Olympic champion Yoo Nam-Gyu from Group C.

Grubba, 33, the oldest player in this year's championships, defeated Sule Olakeye of Nigeria, former world champion Jiang Jialiang and Saive to head Group C.

Persson needs to beat South Korea's Kim Taek Soo and Peter Jackson of New Zealand to clinch one of the two berths for the quarterfinals.

The 23-year-old Chinese ranked fourth in the world, was off-form but the 29-year-old Huang, who is the North American champion, kept his composure to pile up points.

"I beat Ma in 1987 before I migrated to Canada and I know his style of play," Huang said.

Persson needs to beat South Korea's Kim Taek Soo and Peter Jackson of New Zealand to clinch one of the two berths for the quarterfinals.

The 23-year-old Chinese ranked fourth in the world, was off-form but the 29-year-old Huang, who is the North American champion, kept his composure to pile up points.

"I beat Ma in 1987 before I migrated to Canada and I know his style of play," Huang said.

The players are placed in four groups, with the top two

**Most of Kenyan stars to skip Cairo Games**

NAIROBI, Sept 13: Many of the star Kenyan athletes from the World Championship in Tokyo are not in the 260 athletes and officials who will go to the All Africa Games in Cairo starting on September 20, reports AFP.

The athletics squad of 38 men and 17 women will be led by world champions Billy Konchallah (800m), Yobes Ondieki (5,000m) and Moses Kiptanui (3,000 m steeplechase).

But not included are Moses Tanui, Patrick Sang (3,000m steeplechase silver medalist), Wilfred Ganda Kironchi (1,500m silver medalist), Peter Pono, Paul Ereng, Julius Karuki and veteran runner Jane Ngotho.

Only three boxers who went to the last African Games in Nairobi in 1987 made the squad this time.

**Delaitre upsets Svensson**

BORDEAUX, France, Sept 13: Olivier Delaitre and Fabrice Santoro continued the French domination Thursday by gaining the quarterfinals of the dlr 300,000 Bordeaux Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

Delaitre upset second-seeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 while Santoro, the No-2 seed, topped Carlos Costa of Spain, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2.

That upped the total to five French players in the quarter-finals of the tournament. Guy Forget, the defender and No. 1 seed, Arnaud Boetsch and Thierry Champion made the final eight with victories Wednesday.

Also winning in the second round was Germany's Alexander Mronz, the eight seed, over Tari Benhabib of France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The tournament, continues through Sunday and offers a dlr 38,800 winners' check.

**Stolle stuns Krishnan**

BRASILIA, Sept 13: Unseeded Sandon Stolle of Australia continued his string of upsets by eliminating 15th-seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India on Thursday to reach the quarter-finals of the Brasilia men's tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Stolle, who knocked out top-seeded Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia in straight sets, came back after losing the first set 2-6.

Krishnan appeared to be heading for an easy win, but Stolle, ranked 205th, struck back to win the second set 6-2 and the match in the third set 7-6 (7-1).

Unseeded Brazilian Marcelo Saliola, 17, who on Wednesday knocked out second seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain, was eliminated by 16th-seed Francisco Montana of the United States in straight sets.

Todd Martin of the United States, seeded 14th, beat third seeded Francisco Clavet of Spain 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

Stolle, who knocked out top-seeded Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia in straight sets, came back after losing the first set 2-6.

Krishnan appeared to be heading for an easy win, but Stolle, ranked 205th, struck back to win the second set 6-2 and the match in the third set 7-6 (7-1).

Unseeded Brazilian Marcelo Saliola, 17, who on Wednesday knocked out second seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain, was eliminated by 16th-seed Francisco Montana of the United States in straight sets.

Todd Martin of the United States, seeded 14th, beat third seeded Francisco Clavet of Spain 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

**Indonesian shuttlers' dilemma**

JAKARTA, Sept 13: Indonesian Badminton Federation chief General Try Sutrisno, has threatened to drop the country's world class players from next year's Olympics if they keep complaining about their contracts, the Jakarta Post said today, reports AFP.

"I will not hesitate to punish any player who still complains over the contract," said Try, the armed forces Chief of Staff who also chairs the All-Indonesian Badminton Federation (PBSI).

"Even if he (she) is a star player I will drop him (her) from the list of shuttlers being groomed for next year's Barcelona Olympics," he added.

A row broke out last week over the contract fees, led by the All-England champion and world number one women's player Susi Susanti who complained that she had only received 12,000 dollars from the contract this year.

Other players have joined in demanding a fairer share of the 300,000 dollars annual contract fee which the PBSI conceded with the racket producer Yonex.

Susanti had threatened to quit unless the PBSI resolved the problem but she has since softened her position, saying that she was merely asking why her share was only half that of Ardi Wiranata, the nation's top men's player who also clinched the All-England title this year.

Try said he would expel players who were motivated solely by money instead of bringing honour and glory to the nation.

"I see no reason why we should keep depending on such money—hungry players in international tournament," he was quoted as saying.

**Harding's revenge**

LONDON, Sept 13: Jeff Harding expected a war and wanted his title back. He got both, reports AP.

The Australian survived a brutal 12-round fight with defending champion Denis Andries of Britain to recapture the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title Wednesday night.

Harding won a split decision: He won 115-114 and 115-113 on two judges' cards while the third scored the fight a draw at 114-114.

Despite 12 rounds of furious 5'-5"-wagging, there were no knockdowns.

"It was the toughest contest I've ever seen," said Adrian chief medical officer to the British Boxing Board. "A credit to the fitness of both fighters."

Harding raised his record to 21-1 while Andries, fell to 39-9-2.

Harding took the title from Andries with a 12th-round knockout in Atlantic City in June 1989. But Andries, who was born in Guyana and fights out of the Kronk Gym in Detroit, recaptured the crown

with a seventh-round knockout in Melbourne last year.

"This fight was just as hard as the first two," Harding said. "He's a warrior. He's as hard as a 25-year-old. I knew it would be a war. I'm just happy to have the title back."

Despite cuts around both eyes and bruises all over his face, the 26-year-old Harding appeared relatively fresh at the end of the fight. Andries, who is officially listed as 37, looked exhausted and wobbly.

Andries dominated the early rounds, pummel with roundhouse punches. But the Australian never buckled and soon began to take control of the fight with inside punches.

"When I heard it was a split decision I thought 'oh no'," Harding said. "But the judges were right to disputed the decision."

"I thought I just about scraped home," he said. "He is a worker—throwing a lot of pitter-patter punches. But while he produced the quantity, I threw the quality ones."

Andrie hoped to set up a rematch with Thomas Hearns, who beat him in 1987.



The new WBC Right Heavy weight world champion Jeff Harding of Australia celebrates after his victory over Dennis Andries in a split decision at the Hammersmith Odeon in London on Sept 11.

**No signs of settlement yet**

FORT WORTH, Sept 13: Navratilova's former companion has more legal help, but she and the nine-time Wimbledon champion still haven't come to terms on a settlement of Judy Nelson's paternity suit, reports AP.

Navratilova's attorneys are seeking to have Nelson's lead attorney, Jerry Loftin, disqualified, saying he unjustly gained financial data pertinent to the case. Loftin represented Navratilova in previous matters.

Amid Wednesday's wrangling over Loftin's status, Navratilova and Nelson tried unsuccessfully for a second day to reach an out-of-court settlement. Nelson, with her new attorney, Larry Bracken of Fort Worth, met again with Navratilova and her attorneys behind closed doors.

Talks broke off by early evening and both sides announced they had agreed not to discuss the progress of their conversations.

The latest flurry of talks came at the end of the third day of a pre-trial hearing to determine whether Loftin should be disqualified from the case. The hearing was scheduled to continue today.

Navratilova said through a spokeswoman that Loftin was slowing attempts to settle the lawsuit.

"That's baloney," Loftin said. Nelson countered angrily that it was Navratilova's attorney, Mike McCurley of Dallas, who was the stumbling block.

"We had an agreement but her attorney wouldn't let us carry it out," Nelson said angrily. Later, she added, "We do find when we're talking together, but he is adding stipulations that make it impossible."

Navratilova said she would not settle until Loftin is removed.

"I am still willing to listen to settlement offers from Judy Nelson, but not until Loftin is disqualified and Judy Nelson acknowledges the invalidity of the non-marital cohabitation agreement," Navratilova said in a statement.

Nelson contends Navratilova reneged on the 1986 agreement, drafted by a paralegal. In it, Nelson was to get half of the estimated dlr 5 million to dlr 9 million Navratilova earned during their seven-year relationship.

The former State Bar of Texas general counsel, called to the stand by McCurley, said Wednesday that Loftin should be disqualified.

"There is an obligation for Mr Loftin to properly supervise a paralegal," Steve Peterson testified. "A lawyer should not be a witness, an advocate in a case."

Peterson said Loftin should also be disqualified because he is fighting a former client and improperly supervised an employee.

Beann Sizemore, Loftin's paralegal, testified earlier Wednesday.