

Women shoot team bronze

COLOMBO, Dec 28: Bangladesh got one more bronze when the women shooters finished third in the team event of the air rifle-40 shots event at the Panagoda shooting range here today, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh shooters — Kazi Shahana Parveen, Kazi Ferdousi Parveen and Khaleda Mansoor — scored 1109, six points less than the silver medal winners Nepal.

Sri Lanka got the gold with 1120 points.

Nepal's Anita Shrestha bagged the gold in the individual event of the competition scoring 380 points. Sri Lanka's P I Ramanayake, who also scored 380, was given the silver through the reverse counting system while another Lankan girl Wickremasinghe got the bronze with 375 points.

Bangladesh's gold-medal winner in the 3X20 standard rifle event Shahana Parveen finished fourth with 371 and her younger sister Kazi Ferdousi Parveen was one point behind to place fifth. Khaleda Mansoor scored 368 to finish seventh.

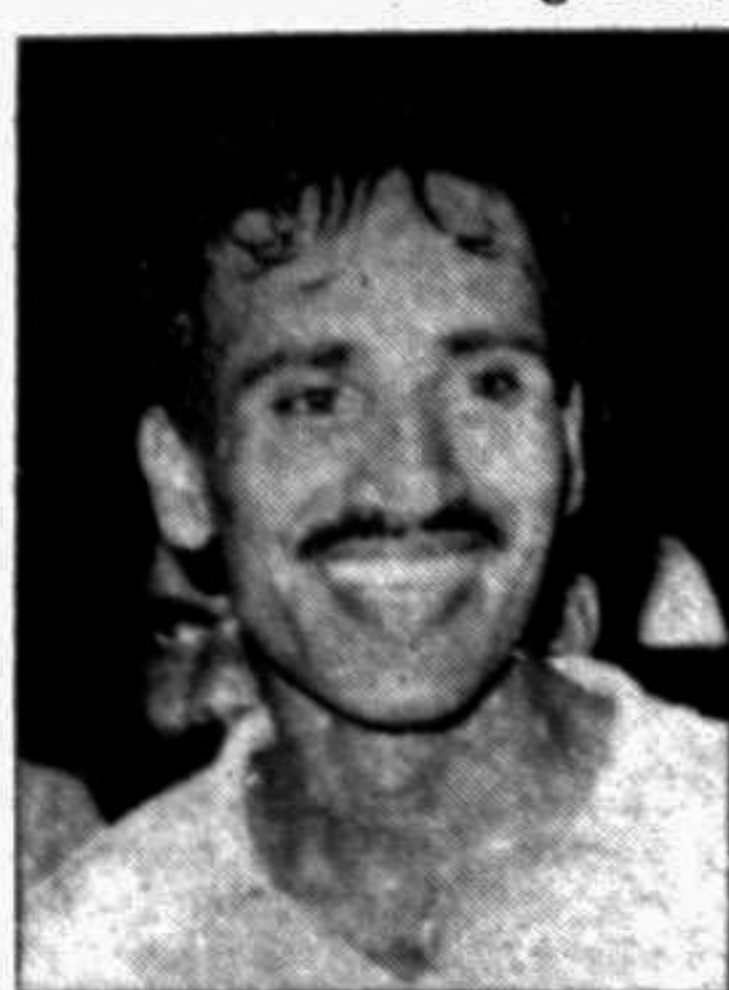
Two favourite events for Bangladesh — the air rifle and air pistol — will commence tomorrow (Dec 29) and the day after (Dec 30) respectively. India won two gold medals in the men's standard pistols, both in the team and individual events. Bangladesh didn't participate in this event.

The Indians won the team title scoring 1672 points, Pakistan got the silver with 1602 points while Sri Lanka won the bronze with 1541 points.

Booters bag bronze

COLOMBO, Dec 28: Bangladesh at last won the football bronze medal of the fifth SAF Games when they easily beat Nepal 2-0 in the third-place play-off at the Sugathadasa Stadium here this evening, reports BSS.

Mamun Joardar and Shethk Aslam scored for Bangladesh.



SHEIKH ASLAM

once in each half.

The two Group champions — Pakistan and the Maldives — will play tomorrow for the gold.

Bangladesh played superb football against the Nepalese, who were declared runners-up of Group 'B' on a toss yesterday after both they and hosts Sri Lanka collected an equal number of points and a similar goal-average in Group B.

The Bangladesh boys completely dominated the game in the first half and also about 30 minutes of the second half. They made a series of attacks

against the Nepalese but succeeded in netting the ball only twice.

One minute before the breather, Mamun Joardar opened the Bangladesh account with a beautiful placing shot (1-0). Mamun received the ball from a Shabbir pass near the box.

The second Bangladesh goal came in the 66th minute when striker Aslam, receiving a lob



MAMUN JOARDAR

from defender Pijush, beat the Nepalese custodian with a perfect header (2-0).

THE TEAMS

BANGLADESH — Mohsin, Pijush, Ata, Rehan, Kaiser, Jewel Rana, Tito, Shabbir, Mamun Joardar (Naquib), Rumi and Aslam.

NEPAL — Upendar Man Singh, Raju, Dev Narayan, Rajesh Manandhar, Rajesh Thapa, Birat Shah, Rajesh, Jiwani, S. M. Shrestha (Dinesh), Basnat and Mani Shah.

MEDALS TABLE

COLOMBO, Dec 28: India remained at the top of the medal table of the 5th SAF Games followed by host Sri Lanka, reports BSS.

India bagged a total of 125 medals while Sri Lanka collected 103 at the end of day today.

All events of the swimming and athletics competitions have now ended.

	G	S	B
India	50	48	27
Sri Lanka	38	28	37
Pakistan	23	28	16
Bangladesh	02	06	25
Nepal	02	05	25
Maldives			
Bhutan			

Maradona to emigrate

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 28: Disgraced football star Diego Maradona said he would be leaving Argentina next March to live in another country. In a television interview on Friday, reports AFP.

The former national team captain, banned from football for doping and found guilty in Italy of drug trafficking, would not say where he is going though he criticised the Argentinian government as being politically worn out.

Maradona, 31, also said he would be touring with a five-a-side football team, in the next few months, to Australia, South Africa and Brazil.

Clubs in the United States and Japan have been trying to tempt Maradona to play for them after his FIFA ban ends in July 1992.

He remains under contract with Napoli in Italy till the end of the 1992-93 season.



Medal winners in the 15th national judo championships pose with chief guest City Mayor Mirza Abbas at the concluding ceremony at the National Coaching Centre yesterday.

—Star photo

Bangladesh fourth with 3 silvers and 3 bronzes

Lankans top athletics table

COLOMBO, Dec 28: Bangladesh finished with three silvers and three bronzes in the athletics competition of the fifth SAF Games which concluded at the Sugathadasa stadium here today. Bangladesh's tally includes a silver and two bronzes on the concluding day, reports BSS.

Bangladesh thus finished fourth in the athletics competition. Sri Lanka clinched the top position collecting 15 golds, seven silvers and 11 bronzes. India finished second with 10 golds, 17 silvers and 10 bronzes, followed by Pakistan with eight golds, five silver and six bronzes.

Bangladesh won the silver today in the men's 4X100 relay with the Bangladeshi quartet of Ranju, Ambia, Mehdi and Shahannuddin clocking 41.34 seconds to finish second. Sri Lanka and India won the gold and bronze in the event with times of 40.82 and 41.61 seconds respectively.

Bangladesh also got two bronzes on the day — in the men's and women's 4X400m relays.

Bangladesh's Abdur Rahim Nayeem, Mehdi Hasan, Milzar Hossain and Ghauddin took three minutes 12.74 seconds to complete the men's four-lap relay.

Pakistan and India bagged the gold and silver respectively clocking three minutes 09.15 seconds and three minutes 09.41 seconds respectively.

In the women's 4X400m the Bangladesh team led by Firoza, Sumita Goswami, Nilufar Yasmin and Nazma Haider Rafeza got the bronze with a time of four minutes 00.07 seconds.

The Indians set up a new SAF record in the event clocking three minutes 38.39 seconds, bettering their timing in the Calcutta SAF Games in 1987 by 3.26 seconds.

Sri Lanka bagged the silver in a time of three minutes 43.59 seconds.

Bangladesh's Abdur Rahim Nayeem earned the silver in

the 400m hurdles and Golam Ambia got the silver in the 200m sprint earlier in the meet. Shahannuddin Chowdhury claimed the bronze to the 100m sprint.

In the women's 4X100m relay, the Bangladesh girls came in fourth clocking 48.95 sec

set a SAF record in the event with 14 minutes 23.76 seconds in the Islamabad Games in 1989, improved his own timing by 5.63 seconds to earn the gold.

The silver winner, Madan Singh of India clocked 14 minutes 29.68 seconds while PP Thantirige of Sri Lanka got the bronze with a time of 14 minutes 41.95 seconds.

Bont Amin finished seventh and last in the men's long jump with a leap of 6.97 metres.

India's Shyam Kumar clinched the gold jumping a distance of 7.70 metres followed by Pakistan's Mohammad Urfaq and Benildus Fernando of Sri Lanka taking silver and bronze by jumping 7.42 metres and 7.30 metres respectively.

In the men's 110m hurdles, Wazir Rahman of Bangladesh finished fifth clocking 15.44 seconds.

Pakistan's Ghulam Abbas and Abdul Razaq earned the gold and silver respectively with times of 14.14 and 14.33 seconds. Sri Lanka's Chaminada Fonseka got the bronze with a time of 14.68 seconds.

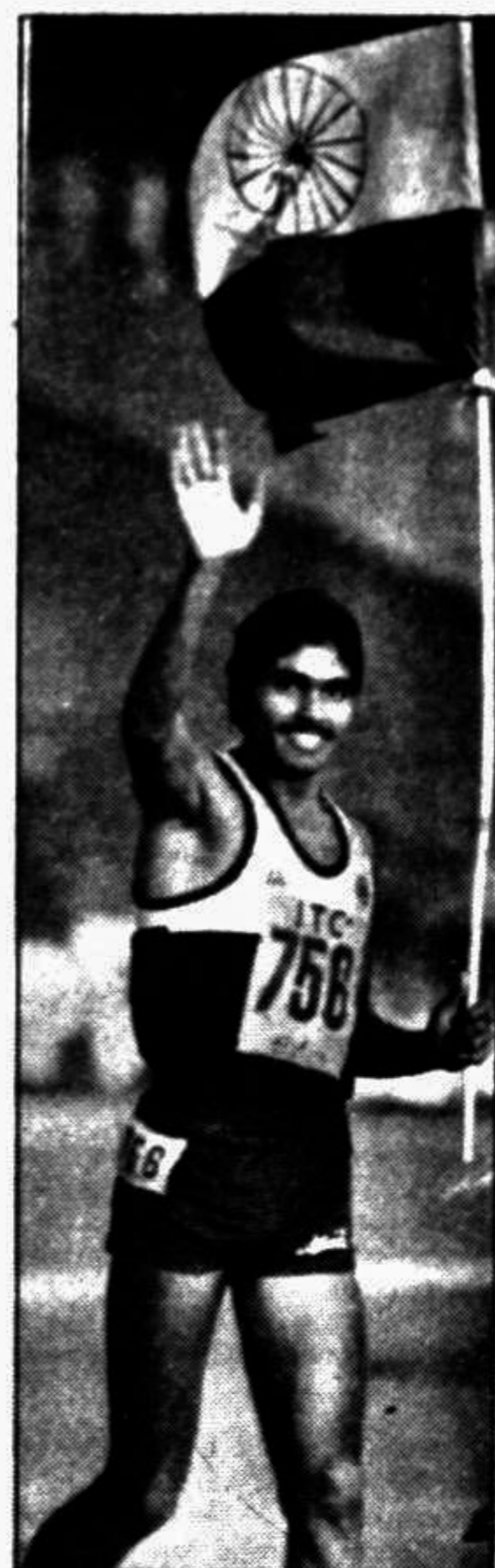
Pakistan earned another athletics gold when Mohammad Rashid finished first in the men's javelin with a throw of 70.32 metres.

India's Kuashal Lahan and Khurshed Ahmed Khan of Nepal bagged the silver and bronze medals with throws of 6.06 and 64.80 metres respectively.

In the men's marathon, Sri Lanka snatched the gold when K A Karunaratne covered the distance in two minutes 24.33 seconds. Nepalese runners' Bishan Singh Rawat and Tina Bogal collected the silver and bronze medals clocking two minutes 33.13 seconds and two minutes 40.15 seconds respectively.

Sri Lanka won another gold and a bronze medal when Sriyani Kulawansa and Tilak Jinadasa finished first and third in the women's 100m hurdles clocking 13.65 and 14.24 seconds.

India's Reeth Abraham got the silver with a time of 14.18 seconds.



BAHADUR PRASAD...gold

ons. Sri Lanka won the gold in 45.71 seconds followed by India and Pakistan who claimed the silver and bronze medals respectively clocking 46.30 seconds and 48.75 seconds.

India won the gold and silver in the men's 5,000m run. Bahadur Prasad, who had

Spikers to play hosts for bronze

COLOMBO, Dec 28: Bangladesh lost 0-3 to India in the semifinal of the volleyball competition of fifth SAF Games at the Sugathadasa indoor stadium here today, reports BSS.

India took 44 minutes to trounce Bangladesh 15-5, 15-9, 15-0 and move into the final.

Bangladesh will now play Sri Lanka for the bronze tomorrow morning. The Lankans were crushed by Pakistan 15-5, 15-3 and 16-14 in the second semi-final today.

Defending champions Pakistan will play India for the gold on December 30.

In the women's volleyball, hosts Sri Lanka won the gold medal beating India by 15-1, 16-17, 15-12, 15-7 in the final match today at the same venue.

Bangladesh earlier got the bronze in the event finishing third in the three-team competition.

Sri Lankan 1-2 in men's tennis

COLOMBO, Dec 28: Sri Lanka confirmed the gold and silver medals in the men's singles of the fifth SAF Games tennis competition when two Lankans entered the final of the event beating their opponents at the National Tennis Complex here today, reports BSS.

J Wijeyasekera beat Pakistan's Mushaf Zia 3-6, 6-1 and 6-3 while Umesh Walloppillai outplayed Asif Ismail of India 6-2, 6-1 in the semifinals today.

In the women's singles, KV Nirupama of India and L Weerasuriya of Sri Lanka moved into the final.

Nirupama defeated Pakistan's number one Farah Khurshid 7-5 and 6-1 while Weerasuriya eliminated Indian N Joshi 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals today.

Both the men's and women's singles finals will be held tomorrow.

Khulna win 2-0 in Suhrawardy Cup

Sports Reporter

Khulna DSA outplayed Nilphamari DSA by two goals to nil in the inaugural match of the final round of the eighth national youth under-19 football championship for the Suhrawardy Cup held yesterday at Naogaon Stadium.

The winners led the first half 1-0.

Asaduzzaman netted the first goal for Khulna in the 22nd minute of the first half.

Asaduzzaman scored again in the 20th minute of the second half to seal the fate of the match.

Abdul Matin of Nilphamari DSA was shown the yellow card.

Organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation, ten teams split into two groups, are contesting the finals for the trophy.

TODAY'S MATCH

Netrokona vs Comilla

TOMORROW'S MATCH

Chittagong vs Tangail.

Cricket leagues resume today

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division and the Milners First Division Cricket leagues restart today at two different city venues.

Both leagues were held up due to the inclement weather and unplayable conditions over past few days.

At the Dhaka Stadium reigning Navana champions Brothers Union will take on Rupali Bank while at the Mirpur City Club ground, Paleet, Bangladesh Railway will take on Ajax Sports Club in a Milners encounter.

Both matches start at 9-15 in the morning.

Harun bags 50m free-style gold

India's Xavier fastest swimmer

COLOMBO, Dec 28: Bangladesh's Harunur Rashid bagged a bronze in the men's 50m freestyle clocking 25.37 seconds in the swimming competition of the fifth SAF Games which concluded here today, reports BSS.

India's Sebastian Xavier became the fastest swimmer of South Asia winning the 50m freestyle gold clocking 23.95 seconds bettering his previous record of 24.89 seconds established in Islamabad in 1989.

Another Indian, Joseph Chavira, collected the silver with 25.31 seconds.

Bangladesh's Tahir Hossain finished fifth with 25.59 seconds.

Xavier grabbed another gold today in the 200m individual medley with a time of two minutes 15.03 seconds. Sri Lanka's star swimmer Julian Bolling fetched the silver clocking two minutes 18.82 seconds while his compatriot Ohefari Dulapandan got the bronze with a time of two minutes 24.67 seconds.

Bolling, who was trained by an Australian coach here, had five golds, two silvers and one bronze to his credit in the swimming competition of the Games and was adjudged the best sportsman of the Games

by the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA).

Bangladesh chef-de-mission to the Games Major (Retd) Qamrul Islam, MP, gave the crest of the association to Bolling.

His cousin Dipika Channugam, who snatched seven golds and two silvers in the Games, was declared the best sportswoman of the Games by the BS-WA. President of the Sri Lanka Olympic Association Roy De Silva gave away the Association's crest to Dipika.

In the men's 4x100m medley relay, Bangladesh placed fourth, covering the distance

in a slow four minutes 17.02 seconds. India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka collected the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively with times of four minutes 08.47 seconds, four minutes 15.90 seconds and four minutes 15.90 seconds.

Sri Lanka's pride Dipika Channugam won her seventh gold in the women's 200m breaststroke with a time of two minutes 52.70 seconds while fellow Lankan Tehani Weerasinghe and Sajini Shetty of India claimed the silver and bronze medals respectively with two minutes 59.38 seconds and three minutes 03.20

seconds.

Bangladesh's Mahmuda Sharif and Sofia Akhtar were fourth and fifth, clocking three minutes 19.91 and three minutes 21.03 seconds respectively.

Dipika Channugam established a new record in the event bettering the previous record of India's Lorraine Verghese (three minutes 05.70 seconds) set up in Nepal in the first SAF Games in 1984.

India's Bula Chowdhury also created a new SAF record in the women's 100m butterfly with a time of one minute 07.09 seconds against her previous mark of one minute 08.18 seconds, established in the first SAF Games in Nepal.

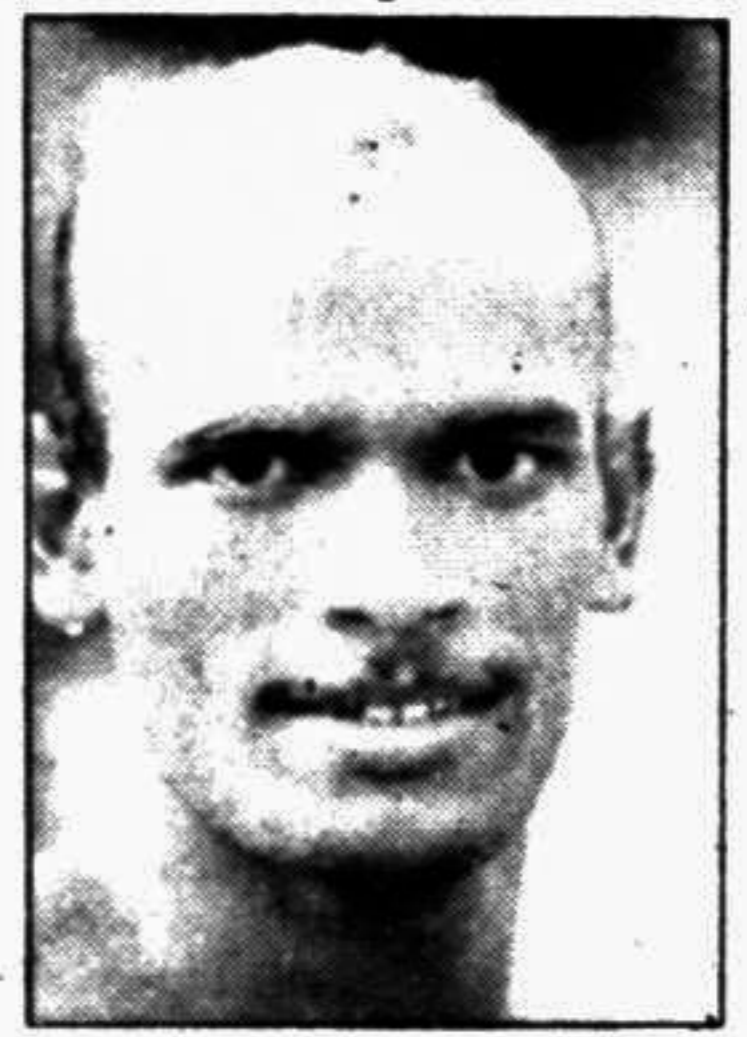
India led the medals tally in the swimming competition of the Games with 16 golds, 13 silvers and nine bronzes.

Sri Lanka were placed in the second position with 14 golds, 12 silvers and 11 bronzes followed by Bangladesh with one gold, one silver and eight bronzes.

SWIMMING TABLE

The final medals tally (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze, total)

	G	S	B	Total
India	16	13	09	38
Sri Lanka	14	12	11	37
Bangladesh	01	01	08	10
Pakistan	00	05	04	09



XAVIER...fastest swimmer



BOLLING...five golds

Limpar's injury compounds Arsenal's woes

LONDON, Dec 28: Anders Limpar, Arsenal's Swedish international, has been ruled out for six weeks with a broken jaw, reports AFP.

The skilful winger sustained the injury along with three cracked teeth in Thursday's shock 1-0 defeat at Luton, which rocked the Gunners' chances of retaining the English league title.

He was taken off after 36 minutes' suffering from double vision after receiving a kick in the face from Mark Pembroke.

A fractured jaw was diagnosed overnight and on Friday Limpar went to hospital for X-rays and treatment. He has not been detained.

Arsenal manager George Graham, who was furious with

his side after the defeat at Kenilworth Road, said: "We didn't need this. You don't like to see anybody get an injury like this."

"I have the X-rays in front of me and you can see the crack. Anders has been doing well for us lately, but he never had a chance at Luton because the injury came after only a minute."

"I thought it was serious at the time, but the referee did not even give a free kick for the challenge."

"He kept complaining about it, but we kept him on for a while because we thought it would wear off."

Midfielder David Hillier, who missed the Luton game with a shoulder injury, is also doubtful for Saturday's trip to Manchester City.

New City signing Steve McMahon is likely to be absent as well after being injured just three days following his arrival at Maine Road.

The 900,000-pound buy from Liverpool suffered a hamstring injury in his debut against Norwich on Thursday and limped off in the 70th minute.

City's player-manager Peter Reid said: "It could be a big blow for us because it was obvious to everyone yesterday that he's a quality player who I would rather have in my side than against me."

"I will give him until as near as possible to the kick off against Arsenal to see if he can shake off the injury, but it must be touch and go."

"We haven't beaten Arsenal while I've been at City, so a win

would be very welcome. We lost at Highbury in August when the Gunners ended our unbeaten run."

City's last win against Arsenal at Maine Road was in April 1977, but despite that 3-0 success, they were relegated.

Meanwhile, Peter Beardsley hopes Everton can shake off the hangover from last weekend's 4-2 loss at Arsenal and Thursday's 1-0 home defeat by Sheffield Wednesday to beat his old club Liverpool at Goodison Park.

"We're looking forward to it," said the ex-England striker. "We've got to start taking our chances. It has happened a lot this season that we've been in that position and failed to kill people off."

"We played well enough to at least get a draw at Highbury and to win yesterday. We're unhappy as far as points are concerned, but there were some pleasing things in the performances."

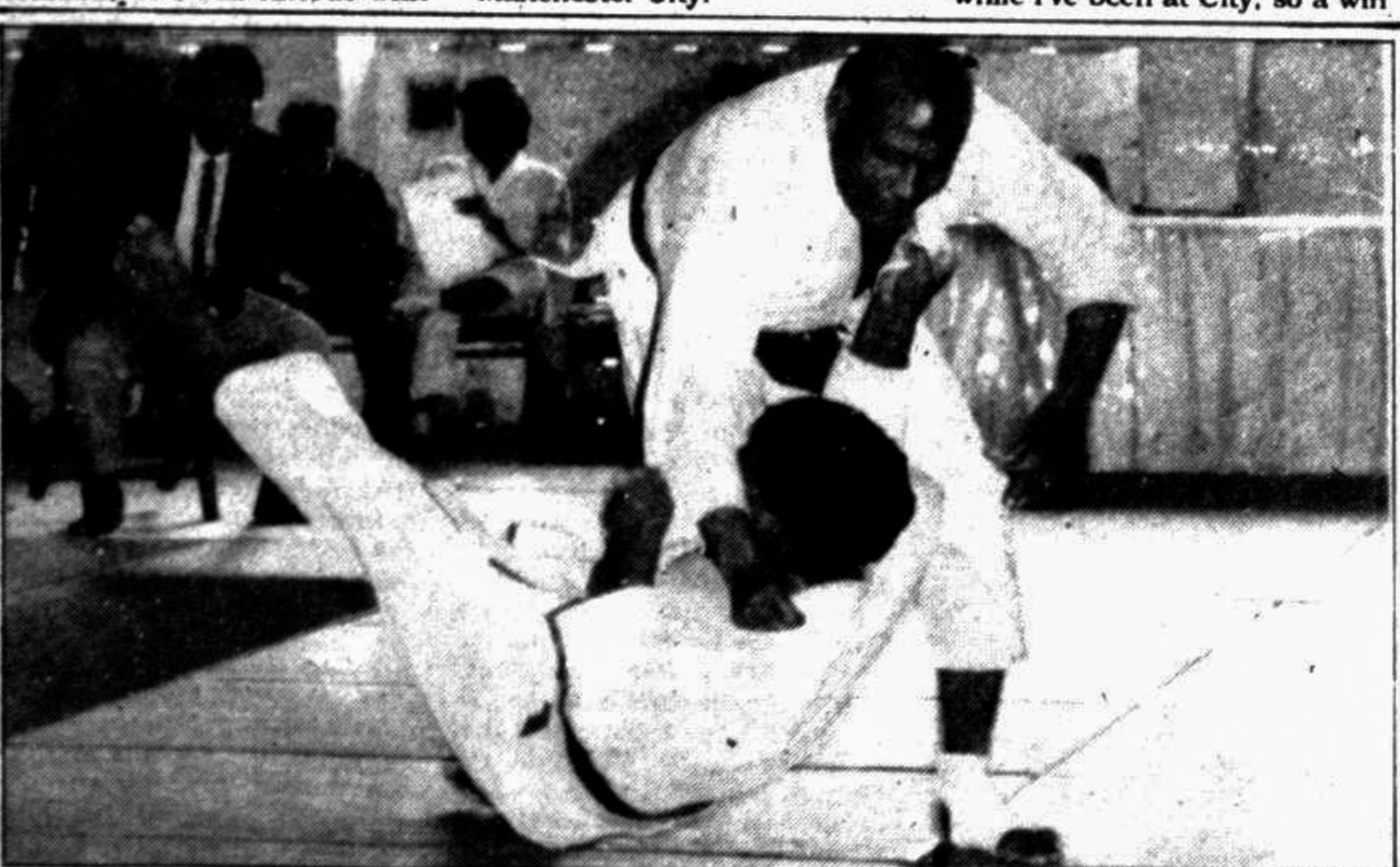
DETERMINED SPURS

Tottenham will also be looking to win back their fans on Saturday against Norwich after their 2-1 home defeat by Nottingham Forest on Thursday.

They will be without Icelandic central defender Gudni Bergsson, as he had six stitches in a cut forehead following the Forest beating, and Scotland striker Gordon Durie, who still has hamstring trouble.

Transfer-seeking Steve Sedgley replaces Bergsson, while Paul Walsh continues up front alongside England skipper Gary Lineker.

Spurs seek an end to their indifferent home form and a psychological advantage for the league Cup quarter final against Norwich on January 8.



Md. Ebad Ali of Bangladesh Police floors Surendranath Ray to win the silver in the 85+kgs division of the 15th national judo which concluded in the city yesterday.

—Star photo

Police men, Ansars women top nat'l judo

Sports Reporter

For that matter, BTMC's three golds and a silver were also won by their women on Friday.

The Village Defence Party (VDP) which finished fourth in the meet also collected all their four bronze medals in the women's competition.

Bogra, Chuadanga and Bakerganj DSAs, the only other teams to win any medals in the nine-team championships — all three won a bronze each — picked up their consolation in the men's competitions yesterday.

The gold medallists for Bangladesh Police yesterday were Md Kala Miah (-50kgs), Mohammad Ali (-55kgs), Nagendranath Ray (-60kgs), Md Matinullah (-65kgs), Md Harunur Rashid (-71kgs), Birendra Nath Ray (-78kgs), Md Rabul Islam (-85kgs) and Md Didar Hossain (85+kgs) class.

Nagendra Nath Ray went on to claim a second individual gold medal by beating AKM Azad of Bangladesh Ansars in the open weight division.

The gold winners among the women on Friday were Mina Akhter of Ansars (-40kgs), Nur Nahar of Ansars (-44kgs), Fahimda Rahman of BTMC (-48kgs), Kalpana Akhter of Ansars (-52kgs), Nayana Chowdhury of BTMC (-56kgs), Rahima Akhter Shima of Ansars (56+kgs) class.

Nayana Chowdhury completed a fine double by winning another gold for BTMC in the open category beating Dalia Akhter of Ansars in the final.

Eighty-seven male and 44 female judokas took part in the meet.

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas gave away the trophies and medals at the concluding ceremony yesterday evening.

Bangladesh Police emerged runaway champions in the two-day 15th national judo championships which concluded yesterday at the National Coaching Centre with a haul of nine golds, four silvers and a bronze.

Bangladesh Ansars finished runners-up with four gold, 11 silver and six bronze medals. Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) placed third on the medals table securing three golds, one silver and two bronzes.

The male judokas of Bangladesh Police swept the medals clean, winning the titles in all nine weight classes. Bangladesh Ansars made five finals in the men's competition coming out second best on each occasion against their formidable opponents from the police force.

In the remaining four weight categories, the Policemen shut out the rest of the participating teams to make them all — Police finals which gave them another four silvers.

Bangladesh Ansars owed their second-placed finish to their female judokas who won four of the seven women's titles decided on Friday, the opening day of the meet organised by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation.

9th nat'l karate from today

Sports Reporter

The ninth national karate championships under the auspices of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation begin today at the National Coaching Centre.

The three-day meet begins at eight this morning. Twenty-nine teams are taking part in this year's championships, fielding 203 male and 16 female karatekas.

All 16 women and 39 of the men will also compete in a kata demonstration at the start of today's competitions.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury is expected to formally inaugurate the meet.