

# Nat'l jr meet semis today

Sports Reporter

The twenty-eight semifinals for the 14 final events of the 11th national junior under-15 and second national intermediate under-18 boxing championships will be held at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium today, the fourth day of the five day meets.

## AIS booters in city

A twenty-member Ambassadors in Sports (AIS) Club, an amateur English soccer team, arrived in the city yesterday to play some exhibition matches with Bangladeshi teams.

The 'multi-national' club side will play two matches at the Dhaka Stadium and another three in Chittagong, Jessore and Khulna.

Defending First Division football league champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on the visiting club tomorrow Saturday, while title-aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club will play them on Monday.

Both matches will start at 7 pm. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Football Federation has fixed the rate of tickets for both matches as follows: Gallery - Tk 15; VIP-Gate No 1 - Tk 50; VIP-Gate No 3A/B - Tk 30.

Thirteen quarter finals in five different weight categories were decided yesterday. In the junior featherweight (under-48kg) event, Khondaker Mazharul Omar of Dinajpur out-pointed Md Sharif of Rangpur while Md Hafizur Rahman of Kushtia won against Md Mushtaq Ahmad of Rajshahi when the latter retired.

Md Harun-ur-Rashid of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) beat Md Taslim Hossain of Jessore Education Board and Md Jahangir Alam of Kushtia beat M Golam Wahed of No Trumps Club, Bogra respectively on points.

The other two bouts under the same category were stopped by the referees. Badshah Hossain of Rajshahi was declared the winner against Md Khalequzzaman of Dinajpur and Md Al-Helal of Thakurgaon was against Md Tariqul Islam of Saikhira in these bouts.

In the intermediate welter weight (under-54kg) event, Abdul Mannan of Kushtia knocked out Md Shamsul Abedin of Rangpur in the third and final round.

SM Ahsan Jahangir Masud of Rajshahi was declared the winner against Pijush Kanti Sen of Bagerhat when the latter retired in the very first round.

Md Ashrafur Huq of Jessore Education Board and Md

Atiquzzaman of BJMC won against Md Towhidul Islam of No Tramps and Md Ibrahim of Thakurgaon in a similar fashion in the other welterweight bouts.

Md Liton of Thakurgaon and Md S Islam of BJMC were adjudged winners against Md Zakaria Masud of Jessore Education Board and Md Matiar Rahman of Rajshahi respectively in the under-57 kg weight division.

Md Asadul Islam of Jessore Education Board won against Md Mostafa Liton of Kushtia in yesterday's only heavy weight (under-60 kg) quarter final when the referee stopped the contest in the final round after Liton had taken enough beating.

## Chess players off to Bombay

Two Bangladeshi chess players Ziaul Quader Tuhin and Shantanu Das left Dhaka for Bombay yesterday to take part in the silver jubilee SK Vaidya international chess tournament, to be held under the auspices of the All India Chess Federation from May 18 to 31 in Sangli, Bombay.

The participation of Ziaul Quader Tuhin and Shantanu Das, vice president and general secretary respectively of JR Club, has been sponsored by Super Thai Plastic and Agradut Traders.



Action from yesterday's fifth Federation Cup semifinal between Five Star Club and Dhaka Winners at the wooden-floor gym. —Star photo

# Five Star in final

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Winners take it all every-where, but not the eagers of Dhaka Winners Club, the reigning Federation Cup basketball champions who had nothing to take home as Five Star club knocked them out of the fifth Rahimafroz Federation Cup in the thrilling semifinal at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday afternoon.

Five Stars play Angels Club in the final of an ill-fated tournament, marred by violent incidents, tomorrow Saturday, at 5 pm. Earlier, Angels entered the final following disciplinary action taken by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF) scratching co-semifinalists Greys Club for the latter's alleged involvement in an on-court incident that led to a fiasco in the groups league match between Five Stars and Greys Club last Tuesday.

Five Stars, who also received a warning from the BABF for Tuesday's incident, carved out a 69-53 win against the defending champions. In a pulsating semifinal Five Star led the first half 35-21.

Zaheer was the highest scorer for Stars, finding the basket 21 times. Asgar with 14 and Abed with 11 were the other notable scorers. Asif Zafar of Dhaka Winners scored 16 while Sahi and Michael netted nine and eight respectively.

Jute Minister Brigadier (ret'd) Hannan Shah will watch the final as the chief guest and give away prizes among the winners.

Ten teams, including three outstanding teams, participated in the eight-day long tournament.

# Pakistan restricted to 240

TAUNTON, England, May 14: New Zealand-born pace bowler Andy Caddick took six wickets for 73 as the touring Pakistan cricket team collapsed from 153 for three to 240 all out Thursday, the second day of a game against English county Somerset, reports AP.

That total gave Pakistan a first innings lead of 77 and it hit back by taking five Somerset wickets for 102.

Salim Malik, not out 69 overnight, was one of Caddick's victims after adding 20. So was team captain Javed Miandad, who had taken his overnight score from 21 to 30 before he was caught by wicket keeper Neil Burns.

Only Wasim Akram, who made 30, defied the Somerset bowlers as the rest of the batsmen tumbled. Caddick, a 6-foot-5-inch (1.95 meter) bowler, took five for 28 in a 10.2 over spell.

When Somerset batted again, Tanvir Mehdal and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed each took two wickets as the tourists move into a strong position.

**LATEST: Pakistan, needing 93 for a victory, were 24 for one wicket at close of play Thursday after dismissing Somerset for 109 in their second innings, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last night.**

After bundling out Somerset for 163, Pakistan raced to 153 for three off 37 overs.

Malik took 27 balls to get off the mark but needed just 46 more to complete his 50 with a six and eight fours.

Off-spinner Harvey Trumb was the main target of Malik's destructive strokeplay. He went for two fours and a six in one over as Malik took his haul of runs on the tour to 318.

His fourth wicket partnership with captain Javed Miandad, 21 not out, has so far realised 97 runs.

Earlier, 19-year-old medium-pace Tanvir Mehdal removed three of Somerset's top four batsmen at a cost of 29 runs.

Fast-medium bowler Aaqib Javed leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed also picked up three wickets.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day cricket match between Somerset and Pakistan on Wednesday: **SOMERSET: First Innings**

Hayhurst lbw b Tanvir 0  
Townsend c Akram b Aaqib 8  
Harden lbw b Tanvir 40  
Macleay c Aamir b Tanvir 32

Bartlett c Aamir b Mushtaq 2  
Rose lbw b Aaqib 5  
Burns not out 44  
Parsons c Inzamam b Aaqib 1  
Caddick c Moin b Mushtaq 11  
Trump lbw b Mushtaq 9  
Van Troop lbw b Akram 0  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-6) 11  
Total: 163

Fall of wickets: 1-7: 2-23; 3-84; 4-92; 5-92; 6-111; 7-113; 8-144; 9-160.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Wasim Akram 14.46 25 1  
Aaqib Javed 11 4 26 3  
Tanvir Mehdal 12 5 29 3  
Mushtaq Ahmed 24 6 78 3

**PAKISTAN: First Innings**  
Aamir Sohal c Harden B Rose 37  
Rameez Raja lbw b Rose 10  
Shoaib Mohammad c Harden b Caddick 1

Javed Miandad not out 21  
Salim Malik not out 69  
Extras: (b-8, lb-4, nb-3) 15  
Total: (For three wickets) 153  
Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-38, 3-56.

To bat: Inzamam Ul-Haq, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed, Tanvir Mehdal. (Incomplete)

## Pakistanis deny doctoring ball

LONDON, May 14: Pakistan cricket manager Intikhab Alam responded angrily today to allegations that opening bowlers Aaqib Javed and Tanvir Mehdal tampered with the ball on the opening day of his side's current match against Somerset at Taunton, reports Reuter.

Test umpires David Shepherd and Roy Palmer called Pakistan captain Javed Miandad across during Wednesday's first session and reportedly spoke to him about the condition of the ball.

But Intikhab said: "There is no truth in these reports at all. I was very surprised to hear about it. Nothing happened like that, I can assure you."

Intikhab added: "The umpires did not complain about it at any stage. Umpires are perfectly entitled to look at the ball — they always have been."

"This sort of thing is totally unnecessary. It puts undue pressure on us, and it is uncalled for to create an atmosphere like this just before the one-day internationals and Test series with England."

"We came here to play cricket and that's what we want to concentrate on."

Pakistan pace bowler Waqar Younis is likely to miss the start of the five-Test series which starts next month.

Intikhab said the tourists hoped Waqar, recovering from a stress fracture in his back, would be available in time for the third Test at Old Trafford on July 2.

## Imran to lead int'l side to US, S Africa

ISLAMABAD, May 14: Imran Khan is to lead a touring team on a private cricket tour to South Africa, Canada and US in August and September to raise more funds for his projected new cancer hospital in Lahore, reports Reuter.

Imran, 39, missing from Pakistan's current tour of England because of a shoulder injury, is building the hospital in memory of his mother who died of the disease.

He said on Wednesday he had raised 200 million rupees (7.9 million dollar) including 60 million rupees collected after Pakistan won the World Cup in March.

Imran said the South African leg of five one-day matches in 10 days would precede India's historic four-Test visit to the republic.

The team would then play one match in both Canada and America, Imran said.

There was no immediate indication of the likely make-up or strength of the tour party.

## Finance to meet IR in DU final

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Favourites Finance completed a cosy and predictable four wicket victory against Management in the second semi-final of the Dhaka University inter-department championship at the Jagannath hall ground yesterday.

Batting first Management managed a paltry 122 for six wickets from their quota of 35 overs.

Finance take on International Relations in the final of the competition on Sunday, May 17.

# Injury worries for Eintracht

LONDON, May 14: Leaders Eintracht Frankfurt, best-placed to win the tight battle for the German Bundesliga title, may have

to call veteran Karl-Heinz Koerber out of semi-retirement of the final game of the season on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Eintracht, level on 50 points with both VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Dortmund, have a

superior goal difference ahead of their trip to Hansa Rostock.

But injuries to four players, including defenders Stefan Studer and Uwe Bindewald, threaten to stop the club grabbing the two points which should guarantee their first championship for 33 years.

Coach Dragoslav Stepanovic said the 37-year-old Koerber, who retired from top-class competition after 602 Bundesliga games at the end of last season, may be called out of the amateur side to help out.

VFB, who face an awkward trip to Bayer Leverkusen, and Dortmund, who play at Duisburg, both have to hope Eintracht slip up at Hansa if they are to snatch the title at the last gasp.

The Spanish league championship is on the line when leaders Real Madrid clash with second-placed Atletico Madrid at Real's Bernabeu Stadium on Saturday.

## Bangladesh beat Maldives 2-0

KANPUR, May 14: Bangladesh kept up their unbeaten record, winning their second successive match at the expense of Maldives by two goals to nil, thereby emerging as strong contenders to India's supremacy in the 28th Asian junior (under-19) football tournament here tonight, reports PTI.

The winners scored once in each half. They enjoyed total dominance for the entire 80 minutes, and could have added many more to their tally but for the cesspools near the goalmouth, after working well into the area. They also wasted a spot-kick

In the first half as Imtiaz Ahmed Naqub's attempt was fisted out by a diving Maldives keeper Ahmed Mujthaba.

However, they could not rest for long as, with about 10 minutes left for half-time, Sahidul Ahmed Ranjan booted home for them through a forest of legs.

Twenty minutes into the second half, deep defender Syeduzzaman Shamim, moving up, grabbed a clearance from a Maldives defender and placed the ball into the corner of the net.

Pakistan will play Nepal tomorrow.

# FIFA bans all temporary stands

ZURICH, May 14: FIFA banned indefinitely the construction temporary stands at soccer games on Wednesday after last week's stadium disaster in Corsica, reports Reuter.

World soccer's governing body said its emergency committee had closely examined the question of temporary tubular steel stands such as that used at Bastia's Furiani Stadium on May 5.

The erection, or construction, of temporary spectator stands, i.e. those not designed for permanent use, is prohibited with immediate effect, until further notice, FIFA said in a statement.

## India beat England 2-0

BISHAM ABBEY, England, May 14: India scored two goals within two minutes here on Wednesday to beat England XI 2-0 and extend their European tour winning streak to four games, reports AFP.

The visitors have already won three internationals against Belgium.

The goals managed to quickly deflate an early English offensive which threatened Ashish Ballal's goal on a number of occasions.

It said temporary stands already in use "must undergo a rigid safety control, supervised by the responsible authorities, before they are used again."

Thirteen people died and more than 1,000 were injured when a stand, built to double

## Bush authorises W Cup coins

WASHINGTON, May 14: President Bush has signed a bill that authorizes the minting of special dials 5, dials 1 and 50-cent commemorative coins to honour the 1994 World Cup, reports AP.

The US Mint will sponsor a nationwide competition to solicit designs for the coins.

World Cup USA 1994, the local organizing committee for the 24-nation, 52-game tournament, said the coins would be marketed beginning next year but would be issued only in 1994. The tournament is scheduled for nine US cities from June 17-July 17, 1994.

The legislation signed by Bush on Wednesday also provides for issuing silver medals to Armed Forces members who served in combat zones in the Persian Gulf.

# Indonesians to face hosts in Thomas final

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14: Indonesia beat injury-hit South Korea on Wednesday to earn a place in the Thomas Cup badminton final against Malaysia, semifinal conquerors of defending champions China, reports Reuter.

The expected close tussle did not materialise after the Koreans were forced to juggle their line-up when key doubles player Kim Moon-Soo was ruled out of the tie by injury and then a second injury forced their first doubles pairing to default.

Ardy Wiranata sent the Indonesians on their way to a winning 3-0 lead by beating Kim Hak-Kyun 17-15, 15-4.

World number one doubles pair Eddy Hartono and Rudy Guanawan made it 2-0 when their opponents quit in the rubber game.

Park Joo-Bong and Lee Sang-Bok won a closely-fought first game 18-17. However, they lost the second tamerly 15-4 and then retired at 5-0 down in the deciding rubber when Sang-Bok suffered a recurrence of an old back injury.

## Becker may miss French Open

ROME, May 14: Boris Becker said on Wednesday a thigh injury could rule him out of the French Open later this month, reports Reuter.

Becker had to withdraw from this week's Italian Open at the last minute because of the injury sustained in a tournament in Hamburg.

"The injury is a bit worse than I first imagined," Becker said in Rome where he was examined by Vicenzo Candela, the official tournament doctor.

# Konishiki's first defeat

TOKYO, May 14: Hawaiian ozeki (champion) Konishiki suffered his first defeat Thursday, but remained tied for the lead at 4-1 in a 15-day tournament crucial to his chances for promotion to sumo's highest rank, reports AP.

Konishiki's closet rival, sekiwake (junior champion) Akinoshima, also suffered an upset. Also among six wrestlers tied at 4-1 in the Summer Grand Sumo tournament was Hawaiian sekiwake Akebono.

Wrestling before 11,000 spectators, Konishiki fought off the initial hand thrusts of No 4 maegashira (senior wrestler) Kushimaumi and bulldozed him to the ring's edge. But Kushimaumi then twisted the Hawaiian down for his third victory against two defeats.

Konishiki, whose real name is Salevaa Atisanoo, would have a strong chance for promotion to yokozuna, or grand champion, if he won this tournament or at least achieved a

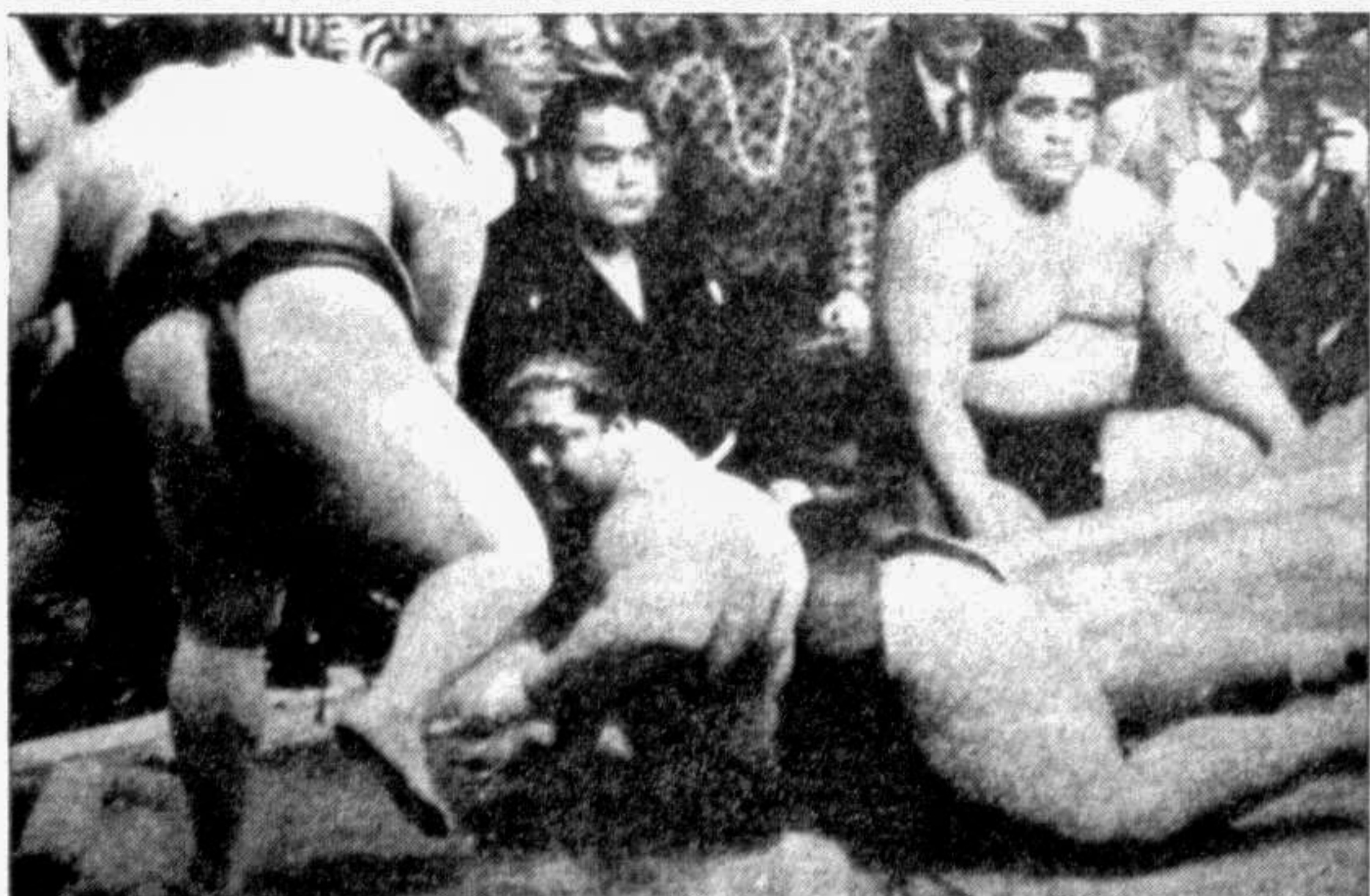
record strong enough to impress the promotion committee. He won the last tournament in March.

No 7 maegashira Kiraiho sidestepped and quickly slapped down Akinoshima for his third victory against two defeats.

Akebono, or Chad Rowan, sent out No 5 maegashira Takatoriki (2-3) with a charge of hand thrusts.

Hawaiian komushubi (junior champion second class) Musashimaru, of Piamalu Pentanti, pushed out sekiwake Tochinosaka for his second victory against three defeats. Tochinosaka is 1-4.

In other major bouts, komushubi kotonishiki sidestepped and slapped down No 2 maegashira Takahanada for his fourth victory against one defeat and No 12 maegashira Wakanoyama thrust down No. 14 maegashira Tokitsunada for his third victory against two defeats. Takahanada is 2-3 and Tokitsunada 4-1.



Hawaiian-born sumo wrestler Konishiki (L) falls on the ring during his match against Kushimaumi (R) in Tokyo on May 14. The most prospective candidate to the sumo wrestling's highest rank, Yokozuna, lost after four consecutive wins in the 15-day Summer Grand sumo tournament. — AFP photo

# Losing Lendl blames umpire

ROME, May 15: Top seeded American Jim Courier and Pete Sampras reached the last 16 of the men's Italian Open on Wednesday, while Ivan Lendl became the latest seed to fall by the wayside, reports Reuter.

Courier enjoyed a 6-2, 6-2 second round win over Spaniard Francisco Clavet and again demonstrated he is in prime form ahead of his defence of the French Open title later this month.

Sampras, who made a lack-luster second round exit her last year, made no mistake this time with a convincing 6-3, 6-4 victory over Austrian Horst Skoff.

But the tournament, already depleted by withdrawals and first round upsets, lost another big name when the ninth seeded Lendl lost a tense duel against Swiss Davis Cup player Marc Rosset on a third set tie break. Lendl, playing here for the first time since winning the tournament in 1988, was angered by a dispute over a line call during the decisive tie-break and shouted at the umpire as he left the court.

Lendl, who went down 6-4, 2-6, 7-6, said later: "I didn't

feel I got a fair deal from the umpire at all today."

With Lendl leading 3-1 in the tie-break, Australian umpire Richard Ings overruled a line judge who had called a forehand by Rosset out.

pute his confidence crumbled. "I just didn't hit any more good shots."

But Lendl denied he is past his best.

"I'm physically as good as ever. I just need a few tough matches under my belt and I'll turn in around."

Asked what he shouted at the umpire after the match, Lendl said: "I said I didn't believe he did a fair job and how can he live with himself."

Lendl's defeat leaves only seven seeds in the competition with the second round not yet completed.

World number one Courier, who has never been past the third round in Rome, said winning the tournament was a priority.

"I'll worry about my form for Roland Garros in two weeks' time when I get there," he said.

Sampras was happy with his form after an increasingly assured performance.

"The court here plays very quick. It's very hard and the ball bounces very high; all that really helps my game," he said.

Defending champion Emilio Sanchez of Spain clinched his place in the third round with a 6-4, 7-6 win over Swiss Jakob Hlasek.



IVAN LENDEL

The pair played a let which Lendl lost. He did not win another point in the match.

"I was very close to winning today until the umpire changed the point in the tie-break," Lendl said.

He said that after the dis-

# Disabled archer's arrow to light Barcelona flame

BARCELONA, May 14: A Spanish newspaper today leaked the biggest secret of this Summer's Olympic Games — the name of the man who will light the Olympic flame at the opening ceremony in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

El Periodico said disabled Spanish archer Antonio Rebollo would shoot a flaming arrow from the floor of the Olympic Stadium up to a 30-metre-high (100-ft-high) pedestal, lighting a gas burner which will fuel the Olympic flame.

Olympic organisers refused to confirm the selection of the 36-year-old Madrid cabinet-maker as the man to undertake the nerve-racking shot,

which will be seen by 3.5 billion television viewers worldwide.

But Rebollo said he had undergone stringent tests for the task and that it would give him "enormous satisfaction" to light the flame which will dominate the Barcelona Games between July 25 and August 9.

Rebollo added he was confident of performing well as he does not have to get the arrow exactly into the pedestal of the Olympic flame.

He will aim at a "target" area of six square metres immediately above the pedestal, which will be filled with enough gas to ignite the flame.

Rebollo, whose legs were disabled by polio as a child, is a former member of the full Spanish archery team and won a bronze medal at the 1988

Seoul paralympics. Games for disabled athletes held immediately after the Olympics.

The 1992 Olympic flame will be lit by the rays of the sun on June 5 at Olympia in Greece, cradle of the Olympic movement, before starting its journey to the other end of the Mediterranean.

A fleet of thousands of boats is expected to welcome its arrival by fishing boat at the ancient Greek settlement of Empuries, north of Barcelona, a week later, before it is carried by torch relay around Spain.

The authorities will cordon off an area outside the stadium where the arrow is expected to fall to prevent any accidents if Rebollo misses.

But the archer predicted: "I won't. It's a sure-fire shot," he said.