

Nomi shines for Sunrise

Sports Reporter

Nomi of Sunrise Sporting Club set a fine example of brilliance at the Dhaka Stadium as his team and five other won in yesterday's qualifying round competition for next year's Second Division cricket league.

At the Dhaka Stadium, Sunrise Sporting Club scored 138 for four wickets to record a six-wicket victory against Sachetan Goshthi, who had earlier used up their 35-over quota to make 137 for six wickets.

Nomi of Sunrise claimed five of the six wickets to fall in the Sachetan innings for only 22 runs. He then rounded off his fine show with the leather with an unbeaten innings of 41. Rafiq with an unbeaten 36 bore Nomi a helping hand in overtaking the opposition score in time.

At Mirpur, Amateur Cricket Club edged past GNCC by one wicket. Sent in to bat, GNCC collected 155 for eight wickets from their stipulated 35 overs. GR Ratan topscoring with 30. Pappu 29 and wicket-keeper Nantu were the other notable scorers.

Sohag took two for 34 while Shahtin, and Dulal picked up one apiece.

Mithu with a responsible innings of 40 laid the foundation for an Amateur victory. Shahtin 24, Dulal 26 and Alim with 15 were the other notable scorers.

Anup of GNCC took four wickets for 18 runs only. Selim captured two for 17 and Ratan three for 24 but their collective efforts were not good enough to stop the Amateurs.

A cracking 94 by opener Shahid helped Kalindi pile up a huge 234 for seven — the highest team total so far — against Lalbagh KMKC at the eastern ground of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Mokhes with 49 was the other prominent scorer apart from extras which contributed 38 additional runs to swell Kalindi's total as well as prospects.

Raju with four for 33 bowled admirably in adverse situations.

Lalbagh, in their turn, could manage only 141 for nine with Russel making a patient 45. Zakir took three for 25.

Adarsha Shishu Kishore Sangha registered an exciting one-wicket victory against Maghbazar Youth Club at the Osmani Stadium, Narayanganj.

Batting first, Maghbazar, aided by 40 extras, 24 from Tuhin, 20 from Rupen and 13 not out from Babu mustered 147 for nine.

Sagar of Adarsha had four victims for 23 runs while Durjoy took three for 16.

Durjoy then did one better to guide Adarsha to victory with a fine innings of 47 as Adarsha made 148 for nine in 33.4 overs.

Farid of Maghbazar bowled well to take three for 32 while his teammate Rupen claimed three for 43. Sujon bagged two for 26.

After the match Maghbazar lodged a protest with the authorities alleging that Durjoy had already played for Shantinagar in Second Division cricket.

At the western portion of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Young Star Club won against

Shooters bound for Europe

A seven-member Bangladesh shooting team leaves for Munich tomorrow, Tuesday to take part in two UIT World Cup Championships being held in Germany and Italy, reports UNB.

The Bangladeshi shooters will take part in the UIT World Cup Championship in Munich May 26-31 and then fly to Italy for another UIT World Cup Championship to be held in Milan between May 31 and June 7.

The team comprises experienced and promising shooters Atequr Rahman, Haider Ali, Faridul Yusuf Mohsin, Nasiruddin Johnny, Imran Chowdhury, Imrul Kayes and Kazi Arif Hassan. Faridul Yusuf Mohsin will lead the team.

Commonwealth and SAF Games gold winning shooter Atiqur Rahman and Haider Ali and Imrul Kayes will contest the air pistol event while Farid Mohsin, Nasiruddin and Imran Chowdhury compete in the free-rifles events. Kazi Arif will participate in the air rifles event.

In the Munich World Cup, the events of the Bangladeshi shooters will start on May 28 while in Milan, their events begin from the opening day, May 31.

After the two World Cup championships, they will proceed to London for higher training during more than two months of stay there.

Kazi Selim, General Secretary of the National Shooting Federation told UNB that the shooters' participation in the World Cup championships and training in London would be afforded by themselves with a view to gathering experiences of international competition as part of their preparation for the next SAF Games to be held in Dhaka in December next year.

Kazi Shahana Parveen, a gold winning shooter of the last SAF Games, who had earlier achieved the qualifying score for the Olympics, will participate in the Barcelona Olympic Games this year.

Americans in Paris in full force

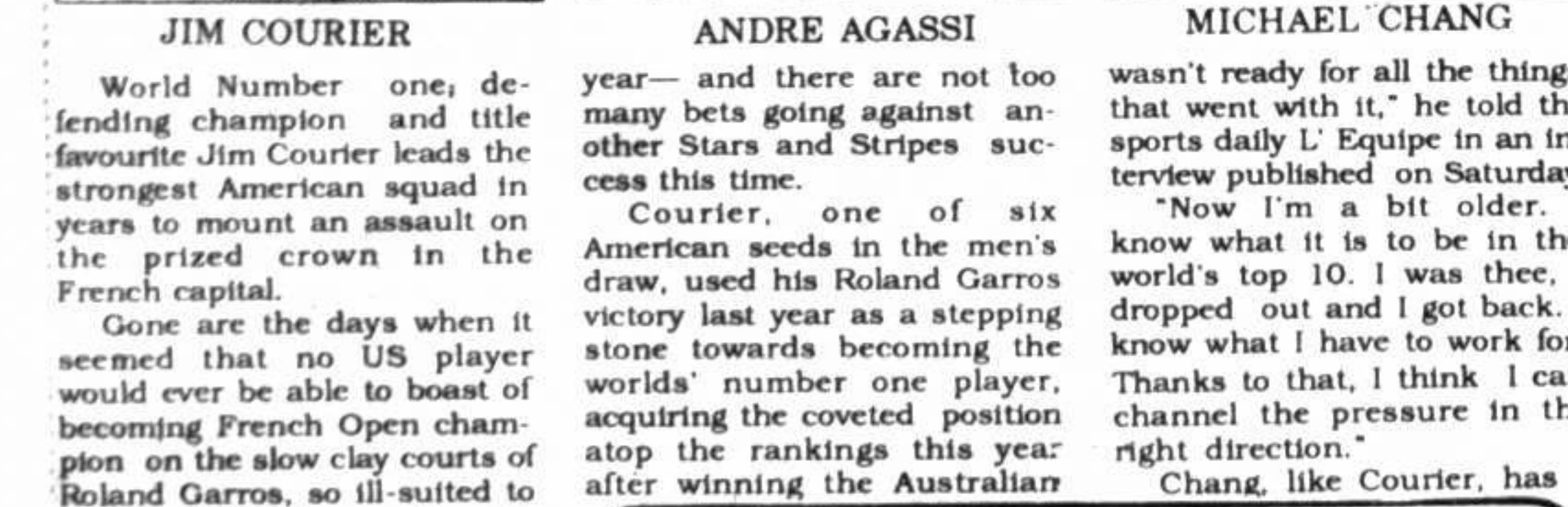
PARIS, May 24: A fearsome American tennis contingent, their 34-year Paris jinx finally banished, go into the French Open on Monday with every chance on landing their third men's singles title in four years, reports Reuters.

Open, first leg of the Grand Slam.

If he starts the logical favourite, Chang and Agassi are not far behind.

Chang, now 20, feels he has matured and improved vastly as a player since lifting the trophy on centre court in 1989.

"When I first won the title I



JIM COURIER ANDRE AGASSI MICHAEL CHANG

World Number one, defending champion and title favourite Jim Courier leads the strongest American squad in years to mount an assault on the prized crown in the French capital.

Gone are the days when it seemed that no US player would ever be able to boast of becoming French Open champion on the slow clay courts of Roland Garros, so ill-suited to the classic north American attacking game.

But the shock victory of the Wiesner wins Strasbourg title

STRASBOURG, France, May 24: Judith Wiesner of Austria won the dlr 150,000 Strasbourg Open tennis tournament Sunday by dowing Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan, 6-1, 6-3, reports AP.

The second-seeded Wiesner picked up dlr 27,000 for the title. It was her second appearance in the final, losing to Sandra Cecchini in 1988.

It was the third tournament title that Wiesner has won in France. She previously won at Arcachon in 1989 and, Aix-en-Provence in 1988.

Wiesner is ranked 22nd in the world now.

Sawamatsu, fifth seed, won dlr 13,500 for the runnerup prize.

Seles now a brunette

PARIS, May 24: Monica Seles has made a major change before the French Open this year. Not in her game, but her hair, reports AP.

Like Madonna, her pop star idol, Seles seems to change her "look" with her moods. She showed up for a news conference at Roland Garros on Sunday with a new hairdo — dark, short and wavy.

Seles, who used to be blonde, said she made the change just for kicks.

"It was a fun idea," she said. "I kind of like it. It's close to my natural hair color, but it's very different from what I had before."

"I'm still getting used to it," she said. "When I wake up in the morning and look at myself in the mirror, I say, 'What is this?'"

Seles said she made an appointment at a Paris salon but went to another one by mistake.

"I didn't realize it until they had already started. I thought, 'I might as well go through with it.' I think it turned out OK."

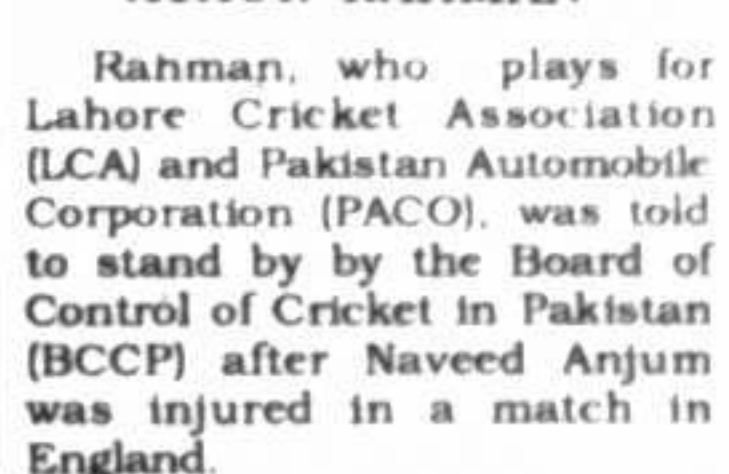
"Everybody says they love it. But I don't know if they're afraid to tell me to my face that they don't like it."

Seles said the public will have a hard time recognizing "I walked down the Champs Elysees without anyone knowing who I was, except for two kids in an ice cream parlor," she said.

Ataur flies to join Pak squad

KARACHI, May 24: Right arm fast bowler Ataur Rahman, 17, left here Sunday for London to reinforce Pakistan's depleted pace attack due to injuries, reports AFP.

"I'll do my best for the team," said Rahman before boarding the plane.



ATAUR RAHMAN

Rahman, who plays for Lahore Cricket Association (LCA) and Pakistan Automobile Corporation (PACO), was told to stand by the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) after Naveed Anjum was injured in a match in England.

Pakistan, who were relying on their pace attack during the current 117 day tour suffered a further setback when left-arm bowler and hard hitting batsman Wasim Akram ended up with his left ankle in plaster, while speedster Waqar Younis is still struggling with a stress fracture.

Both Akram and Younis have been ruled out of the first Test and doubts are being expressed about their availability for the whole series.

Rahman has played 17 first class matches and was rated 39th in the national bowling average this season with eight wickets for 87 runs against Pakistan Universities as his best.

He previously toured England with the under-19 side in 1990 as well as Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka in 1990-1991 and 1991-1992.

BDR judo results

Rajshahi sector emerged champions in the Bangladesh Rifles inter-sector judo competition held at the Mymensingh sector ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Rajshahi sector clinched the title, securing eight points while Mymensingh sector became runners-up with seven points.

Pakistan poised for victory

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Leicestershire, 137 behind on the first innings, were 84 for four at close of play on the second day of their three-day cricket match against Pakistan at Leicester yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

Pakistan, who began the day on 87 for one, declared their first innings at 393 for eight wickets in reply to the county side's first innings total of 256 all out.

Pakistan immediately declared after Murtaza was caught by David Mills off Alan Mullally just five runs short of his century.

Rameez Raja hit a confident 65 before falling to a catch off the bowling of Robert Giffon, while teen batsman Inzamam-ul-Haq with 57 and bowler Naveed Anjum with 56 reached their half-centuries.

Anjum took three quick Leicestershire second inning wickets in remaining play Sunday, as the home team slumped to four for 79, still 58 runs behind.

Scoreboard after Sunday's second day of play in the three-day cricket match between Pakistan and English country Leicestershire:

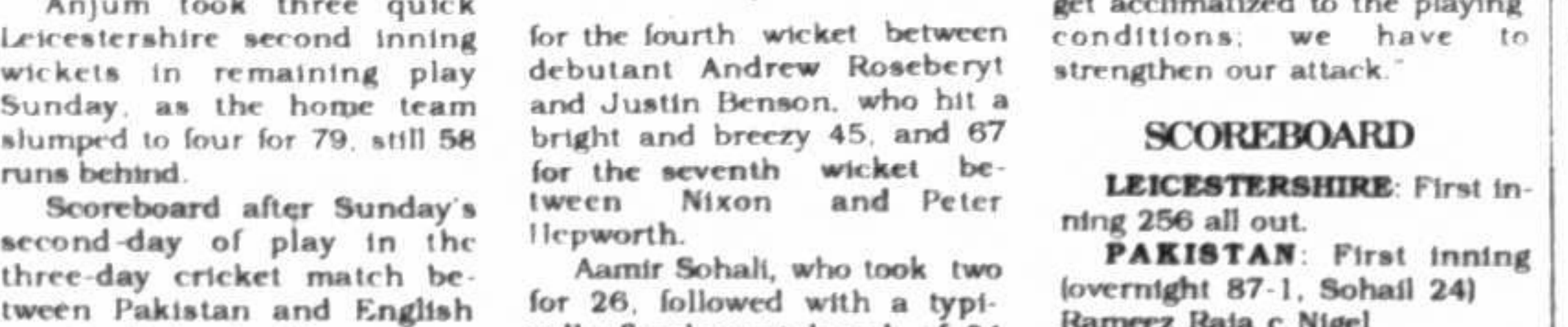
An earlier report said:

Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed provided a ray of sunshine for Pakistan on another day of gloom by returning his second five-wicket haul of their English tour against Leicestershire here on Saturday.

As star all-rounder Wasim Akram contemplated the possibility of missing the whole five-Test series and 17-year-old quick bowler Ataur Rahman prepared to join the injury-hit tourists, Ahmed snapped up five for 49 in 20.1 overs to help skittle Leicestershire for 256.

The stocky spinner has now taken 21 wickets in six first-class innings since the tour began to underline that he is ready to shoulder the burden of the Pakistan attack for next month's first Test at Edgbaston.

Leicestershire found him difficult to tame, although deputy wicketkeeper Paul Nixon managed a career-best



MUSHTAQ ... 5 for 49

for the fourth wicket between debutant Andrew Roseberry and Justin Benson, who hit a bright and breezy 45, and 67 for the seventh wicket between Nixon and Peter Hlepoworth.

Aamir Sohail, who took two for 26, followed with a typically flamboyant knock of 24 off 21 balls before being brilliantly caught at third slip by Benson off David Mills.

But Rameez Raja and Shoaib Mohammad saw Pakistan through to the close without further loss a 87 for one.

It is Pakistan's pace attack that is the worry, though, rather than their batting, with Akram suffering from a stress fracture of his left ankle.

The world's top all-rounder will have his leg in plaster for eight days and will then be examined by a specialist.

A decision on his availability for the series will be taken by the Pakistani management at that stage.

Akram said: "I twisted my leg a couple of weeks ago, but it seemed to be getting better. But now I know that was not the case. I always seem to get problems with my left leg. I've had three groin operations and also broken a bone in my foot. It's so disappointing."

The uncapped Rahman, who has played only 17 first-class matches, joints the

Ramprakash stakes claim

LONDON, May 24: Mark Ramprakash hit an unbeaten 193 for Middlesex on Saturday to underline his claim for a place in the first Test against Pakistan next month, reports Reuters.

Ramprakash was in the England squad for this week's one-day matches, but Robin Smith was preferred in both games.

He jogged selectors with a 380-minute marathon at Lord's against county champion local rivals Surrey.

Middlesex declared on 407 for five after Paul Weeks struck a no-nonsense 72 that helped add 156 in 39 overs.

A stunning 120 from ex-England man John Morris plus 155 by prolific Peter Bowler put Derbyshire firmly in command against championship leaders Nottinghamshire.

Bowler took his tally in the last 10 days to more than 500, but it was Morris who lit up the day as Derbyshire reached 417 for five. He ravaged a wayward attack with two sixes and 22 fours.

England all-rounder Chris Lewis arrived 50-minutes late after a roadworks delay and looked a listless figure throughout another warm day.

England reject David Ngweri hit 74 in 95 balls as Hampshire moved into a good position in their clash with Lancashire.

Gower, at the centre of a recent public row with England captain Graham Gooch who questioned his commitment, reminded the selectors of his talent, striking 13 fours.

Hampshire declared at 349 for five and Lancashire replied with 39 for one.

Australia qualify

UTRECHT, Netherlands, May 24: Ned Selic scored his second goal with two minutes remaining in extra time to rally Australia to a surprising 2-2 draw with the Netherlands on Sunday and became the 16th and final team to qualify for the Olympic soccer tournament, reports AP.

After a 1-1 draw a week ago in Sydney, Selic's goal advanced Australia on away goals (2-1). Australia played a physical style that appeared to wear on the Dutch.

Australia will play in Group D in the first round at Barcelona along with Denmark, Mexico and Ghana. The draw was held last week in Barcelona.

Holland were reinforced by four players dropped from the European Championship squad, played attractive, open soccer but fell behind just before halftime when Selic hit a low, powerful drive from 30 meters.

Nat'l handball from today

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The eighth national handball championship begins today at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Eleven teams, divided into two groups are taking part in the six-day competition.

The participating teams, which include four services and seven zonal teams, are: Bangladesh Rifles, Dhaka District Sports Association, Bangladesh Airforce, Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Police, Pabna District Sports Association, Natore District Sports Association, Faridpur District Sports Association, Jessore District Sports Association, Kushtia District Sports Association and Narail District Sports Association.

The tournament, named the Sunbal National Handball Championship '91-92, is being sponsored by Sunman Industries.

State Minister for Textiles and chief patron of the Bangladesh Handball Federation Major (Retd) M A Mannan will inaugurate the championship.

Premier kabaddi gets underway

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Bangladesh Rifles Reds and Bangladesh Ansars 'A' won their respective matches on the opening day of the first Premier kabaddi league which began yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

In the first match, Bangladesh Rifles Reds beat Bangladesh Ansars 'A' by 22-5 points. BDR Reds, who earned two bonus, led the first half 4-2.

Bangladesh Ansars 'A' crushed Fire Service 'A' by 28-5 points with two bonus. The winners led the first-half six-nil.

Eight services teams, divided in two groups, are taking part in the group league competition.

The two group champions will meet in the final on May 31.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Ansar B vs Fire Service B (4-30)

Rifles Green vs Police B (5-30)

Spain win World Team Cup

DUESSELDORF, Germany, May 24: Emilio Sanchez had to rally from a first-set loss but teammate Sergi Bruguera had little trouble in his match Sunday, leading Spain to a 3-0 victory over Czechoslovakia for the ATP Tour World Team Cup, reports AP.

Sanchez topped Petr Korda 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6-2) in the opening singles match before Bruguera beat Karel Novacek 6-2, 6-4 to ensure the title.

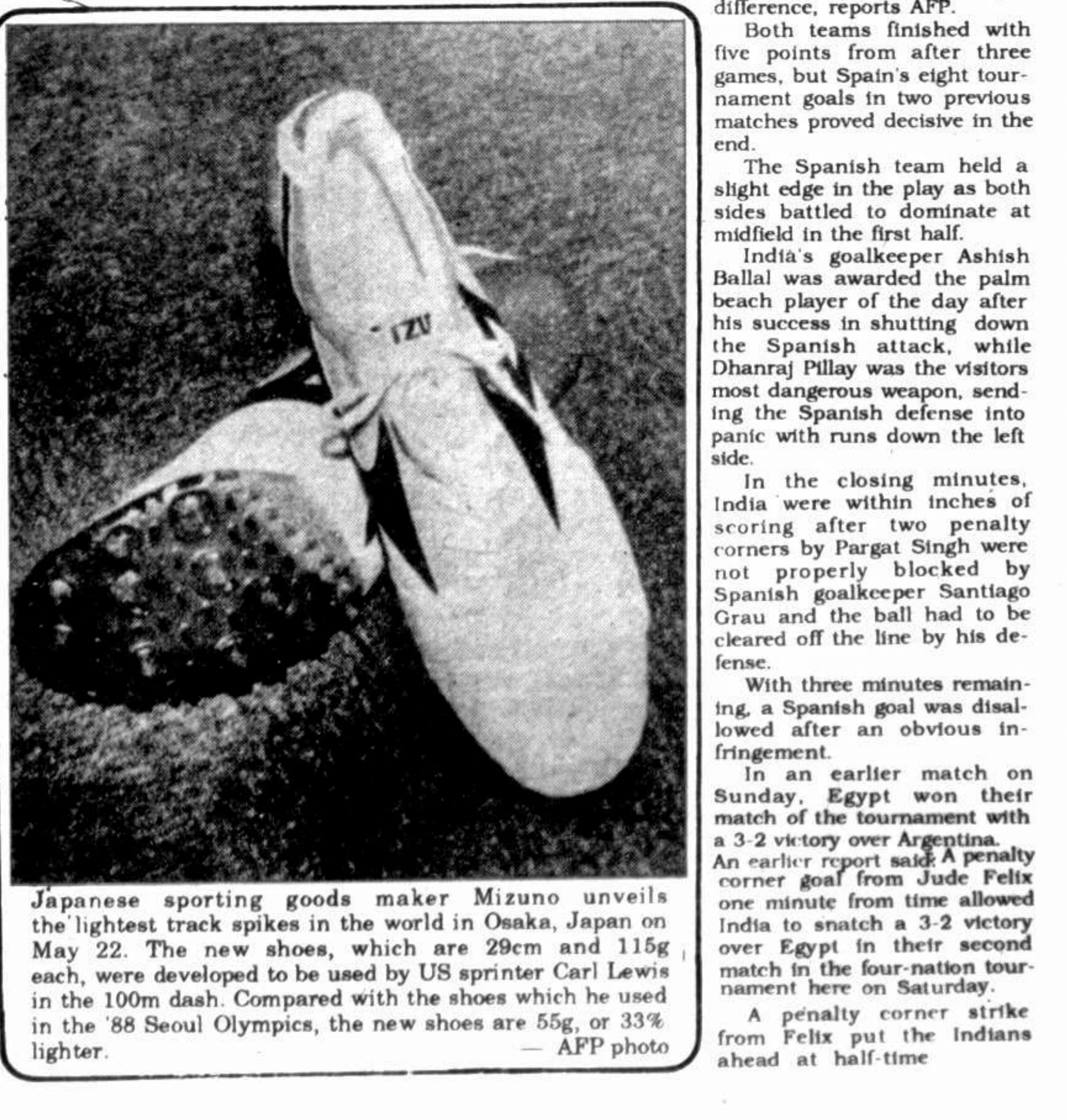
Sanchez and Sergio Casal then team to beat Novacek and Cyril Suk, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the doubles to complete the victory.

"Of course I'm satisfied with myself, because I played very well," said Bruguera, whose victory in the dlr 1.4 million tournament was his fourth straight win at the event.

"But I'm even more satisfied that our team won the World Team Cup tournament here together, because it's a team tournament," he added.

The Spanish team takes home dlr 2,17,000.

Spain last won the World Team Cup in 1983. It won the



Japanese sporting goods maker Mizuno unveils the lightest track spikes in the world in Osaka, Japan on May 22. The new shoes, which are 29cm and 115g each, were developed to be used by US sprinter Carl Lewis in the 100m dash. Compared with the shoes which he used in the '88 Seoul Olympics, the new shoes are 55g, or 33% lighter. — AFP photo