

Koreans blank Bangladesh 6-0

Sports Reporter
South Korea, perhaps the most potent force in Asian football, had a satisfactory session of target practice at the National Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday.

The Asian representatives in the last two World Cups pummelled minnows Bangladesh 6-0 in the inaugural match of the Group Five qualifying competition for the tenth Asian Cup football championship.

The winners led the first half four-nil.

Chen Sin-Yong had two goals, in the 11th and 36th minutes. Hec Yun-Sun also had a pair, in the 34th and 90th minutes, while Chun Hoon-Yong notched one in the 43rd minute and Park Chun scored in the 74th minute.

Most of the Bangladeshi players, according to the report, were psyched out by the disturbing reality of rubbing shoulders with the Asian giants. Only defender Monem Munna and midfielders Zakir Ahmed and Titu played their normal game.

The other two matches in the group are Thailand against South Korea on Sunday and Thailand against Bangladesh on Tuesday.

The top team from the group will qualify into the last eight in the final round competition in Hiroshima, Japan from October 29 to November 8.

The seven teams which have already entered the final round are defending champions Saudi Arabia, hosts Japan, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, China and North Korea.

Arambagh not going to Nepal

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The Wai Wai Cup soccer tournament authorities of Nepal snubbed the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) by declining to include the latter's nominee Arambagh Kifra Sangstha in the competition beginning from June 22 in Kathmandu.

The BFF had nominated Arambagh following the refusal of the top three teams — Abahani Kifra Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union — to participate in the invitational tournament.

The Wai Wai Cup authorities politely informed the BFF of their inability to include Arambagh in the meet due to 'time constraints' since it would involve rescheduling of the fixture.

Former Wimbledon queen Godfree dead

WIMBLEDON, England. June 19: Two-time Wimbledon champion Kitty Godfree died Friday at the age of 96, Wimbledon officials announced. She had been living in a London nursing home for many years, reports AP.

Godfree, then Kitty McKane, was the only woman to beat the great Helen Wills at Wimbledon, winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the 1924 women's final. She won her second tournament in 1926 under her married name, beating Spain's Lili de Alvarez 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Godfree also won two mixed doubles titles in 1924 and 1926 — the latter with her husband Leslie Godfree.

During her career, she also won five Olympic medals, — one gold, two silver and two bronze. The gold medal came in the women's doubles with Winifred McNair at the 1920 Games in Antwerp.

Godfree was a regular visitor to Wimbledon and in 1989 became the first woman to be elected vice-president of the All England Club.

The Tennis world showed its respects in 1986, holding a 90th birthday party at Wimbledon for Godfree, and awarding her the honour of presenting Martina Navratilova with the Wimbledon singles trophy.

She attended the 1988 Olympics as a link with past Games. She continued to play tennis into her 90s.

Godfree was one of the first women players to move to the net and use the volley to good advantage. An all-round athlete, Godfree excelled at ice skating, lacrosse, cricket and croquet.

Before making her name in tennis, she won the British badminton championship in 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1924.

Godfree first received public acclaim in tennis in 1919, reaching the final of the world hard courts tournament at Queen's Club in London and the world hard courts doubles championship in Paris.

She married Leslie Godfree — the captain of England's Wightman Cup Team — in 1926.

Asked by Princess Marina how the couple managed to play so well after taking the 1926 mixed doubles' title, Leslie Godfree said: 'Well, ma'am, I can only say that we had only been married for six months and the glamour had not worn off.'

Nannu's men maul Malaysia

Sports Reporter

While the footballers of the country were courting disaster in Bangkok, Bangladesh's cricketers were carving a predictable, but not-to-flatter seven-wicket win against Malaysia in the last league match of the third South East Asian ICC Associate Members' cricket championship in Singapore yesterday.

Reigning champions Bangladesh who had earlier confirmed a place in the final of the four-team competition, dismissed their unfancied opponents for a scant 68 in an unequal contest, and then canted past the total at the cost of three wickets to finish the league campaign with three victories in a row.

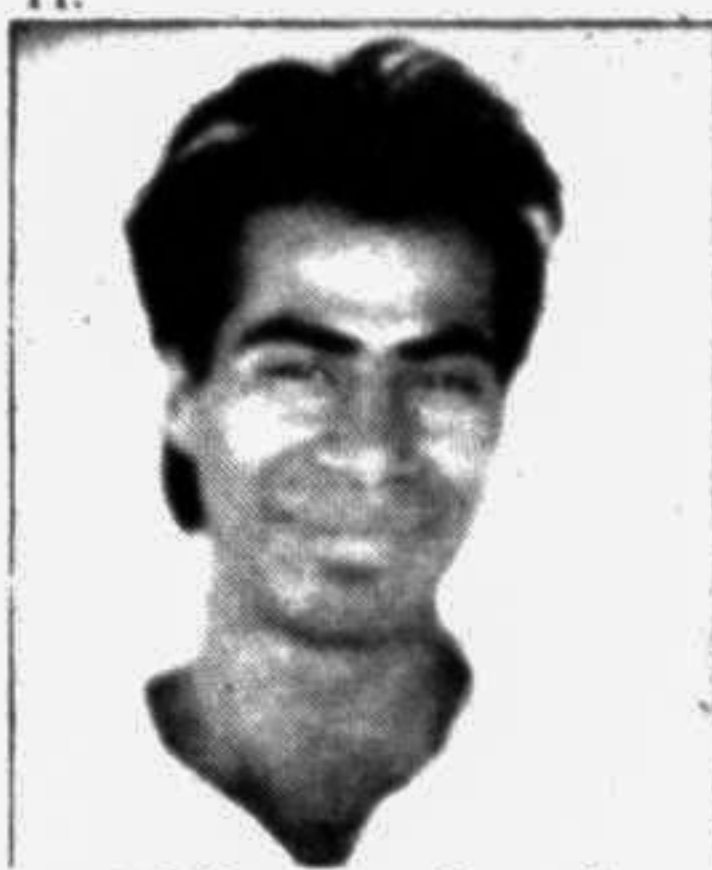
Bangladesh skipper Nannu won his second toss of the tournament and sent the Malaysians to make the first use of the Singapore Cricket Club strip.

Enamul Huq Moni, the Bangladesh Biman all-rounder, was the architect of yesterday's victory claiming four Malaysian wickets for twelve runs only.

The 50-overs, a-side match was reduced to 25, because of rain and the Malaysians were in a soup right from the word go with Bangladeshi opening bowlers Golam Nowsheer Prince, and Saiful Islam going flat out on a slightly damp wicket.

Runs came in a trickle but the new ball bowlers did not meet with any remarkable success despite their dominance. It took the wiles of left-

arm spinner Enamul Huq Moni to send back the subdued Malaysians back to the pavilion. He had the top scorer of the Malaysian innings Nair caught by skipper Nannu for 19 and then followed it up with three more wickets. Opener S. Bell was the only other batsman to reach the double figures with 11.



MONI...man-of-match

Moni took four wickets for 12 runs from his reduced quota of 12 runs.

Prince and Dulu picked up one wicket apiece.

Zahid Razzak Masum playing his first match of the tournament, led the Bangladesh victory charge with 26. Skipper Nannu remained unbeaten on 23 while Akram Khan made five not out as Bangladesh scored 71 for three wickets from 19.4 overs.

Enamul Huq Moni was named the man-of-the-match.

B Nair was the most successful Malaysian bowler with figures of two for 12. Lim Ju-

Jing took one for 12. Bangladesh will play Hong Kong in the final of the tournament on June 21 if Hong Kong beat Singapore in today's match. However, the run rate will come to the aid for the selection of the other finalist if Singapore can get the better of Hong Kong because in that case three teams will have two points each.

SCOREBOARD

SINGAPORE:				
S. Bell c Nannu b Prince	11			
R. Devindren run out	3			
B Nair c Nannu b Moni	19			
S Asgari c Nasir b Dulu	1			
D Jhon run out	9			
K Ramadass c Bulbul b Moni	2			
H Baker retd, hurt	3			
T K Hing b Moni	4			
G Jing st Nasir b Moni	0			
V Vijaylingam run out	5			
Devraj not out	4			
Extras	7			
Total (all out in 25 overs)	68			
Bowling:				
Prince	0	M	R	W
Saiful	5	1	9	1
Dulu	5	1	10	1
Bulbul	5	1	18	0
Moni	5	0	12	4

BANGLADESH:				
Masum C Devindren b Jin	26			
Faruque C Devindren b Nair	8			
Bulbul C Ramadass b Nair	8			
Nannu not out	23			
Akram not out	5			
Extras	1			
Total (for three wkts, in 19.4 overs)	71			
Bowling:				
D John	3	0	19	0
G Devraj	1	0	4	0
T K Hing	3	0	6	0
B Nair	5	0	12	2
G Jing	5	1	12	1

A hard choice for the punters

LONDON, June 19: Only the boldest of punters would bet their life-savings on the outcome of the men's event at next week's Wimbledon tennis, reports Reuters.

Stefan Edberg has lost his form, Boris Becker has lost his coach and top seed Jim Courier has yet to find himself on grass.

That leaves defending champion Michael Stich as the only reasonable bet among the top four seeds, with any number of outsiders snapping at his heels.

The tall German has certainly looked in good shape of late, winning the Rosmalen grass-court tournament last week, but whether he has the experience and the cool head needed to survive the pressures of being the defender remains to be seen.

Until Stich upset matters last year, the Wimbledon final had for three years been fought out by Becker and Edberg, both beloved by the fans here.

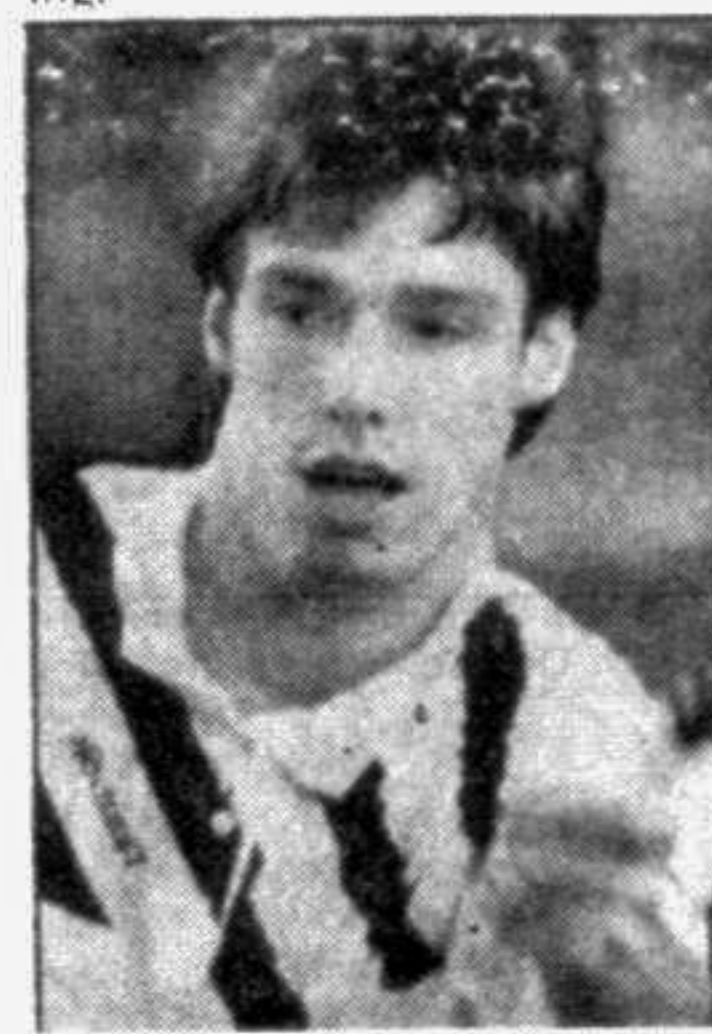
But, with the way things have gone lately, neither looks like being so much of a force this time.

Edberg, seeded second and due for a rematch against Stich in the semifinals, was badly beaten by Russian Andrei Cherkasov in the third round of the French Open last month.

Since switching to his favourite grass surface he has done little better, only just surviving against former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, now a part-timer, at Queen's

last week before going out to unheralded Japanese Shuzo Matsuoka in the semifinals.

"There are a few things I need to improve on," the London-based Swede said. "It is like a puzzle when you have the last few pieces and you have to put it all together. There is just a little bit missing."



STICH...best bet?

Becker, who has won Wimbledon three times, has fared even worse of late.

The German fourth seed, coming back after six weeks off with a hamstring injury and a run of failures, lost his opening match at Queen's to South African Christo Van Rensburg.

Becker vented his frustration on Czechoslovak coach Tomas Smid, firing him last weekend, and must now battle alone through a difficult top half of the Wimbledon draw.

Perhaps the most confident man warming up for Monday is

Courier, world number one, top seed and already halfway to this year's Grand Slam.

Courier is a great believer in himself. Some see him as brash but he has already proved himself by flattening all comers at the Australian and French opens.

Never happiest on the volleys, Courier made only the quarter-finals at the All England Club last year before losing to Stich.

But that does not discourage the American.

"I like my chances on any surface against anybody in the world," said Courier, who is seeded to meet Becker in the last four — assuming he negotiates his way through the minefield of a draw section which features Cash, John McEnroe and David Wheaton.

Courier has already been to have a look at the hallowed turf of Centre Court this year.

"I like Wimbledon, it is a very special place, no doubt about it," he said. "I played one match in the stadium court last year and it was kind of memorable. That has the most history of any court in the world."

Queen's surprise winner Wayne Ferreira of South Africa, seeded 14th, must also fancy his chances and could find himself up against last week's losing finalist Matsuoka again early on.

Eighth seed Goran Ivanisevic, a semifinalist two years ago but beaten in the second round last time, dreams of becoming the first Wimbledon champion for Croatia.

For the fans, there will be sad farewells from former champion Jimmy Connors, still producing great tennis at 39, and McEnroe, as well as the chance to admire the usually multi-coloured Andre Agassi dressed all in angelic white again, as Wimbledon rules dictate.

Controversy upsets Seles

WIMBLEDON, June 19: Monica Seles is upset at attempts to link her to continuing violence in her native Yugoslavia, a newspaper reported Friday, reports AP.

"I am a tennis player and I am very upset that my name should be used in political terms," Seles was quoted as saying. "I left Yugoslavia as a child and I do not know much about what is happening there. I have never made any public comment on it."

London's Evening Standard newspaper carried the comments, saying they were made to "a friend in London." It did not name the friend.

"She has been very upset at the way she has been treated," the friend was quoted as saying. "She just wants to play tennis and have people appreciate her skills," the friend was quoted as saying.

Seles, who was born in Yugoslavia but has lived in the United States since 1986, has asked Wimbledon organisers to drop references to her Yugoslav nationality. A Croatian diplomat in London said earlier this week Seles faced possible demonstrations if she competed as a Yugoslav.

Seles asked Wimbledon to list her as from Sarasota, Fla. to avoid any political controversy.

The Wimbledon referee's office said Friday it was studying the request and may not decide until Sunday, the day before the tournament starts.

The listing would be in the daily Wimbledon programmes and order of play. Wimbledon does not use national flags or

anthems.

The United Nations Security Council imposed sanctions, including bans on team sports contacts, on Yugoslavia — now consisting of Serbia and Montenegro — because of the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The sanctions do not affect individual tennis players, but track and field's world governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, Thursday imposed bans on individual Yugoslav athletes.

ITTF follows suit

LONDON, June 19: The International Table Tennis Federation on Friday recommended that Yugoslavia be banned from team competitions in accordance with UN sanctions, reports AP.

The federation said the ban does not cover athletes competing as individuals.

Participation of Yugoslavia in table tennis at the Barcelona Games will be up to the International Olympic Committee, the ITTF said in a statement.

The sports ban is part of UN sanctions adopted to pressure Yugoslavia, now consisting of Serbia and Montenegro, to end its involvement in the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

FIFA clinic in city from July 6

Sports Reporter
The six-day FIFA Coca Cola world football development programme for Bangladesh will get under way on July 6 in the city.

Twenty-five local referees and as many coaches, ten physios and about twenty organisers will take part in the seminar.

Ansars top nat'l body-building

Sports Reporter

The strongmen of the Bangladesh Ansars won three gold medals in the 14th national body-building competition held at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) and Rajshahi University shared the remaining two golds at stake.

Biddut Kumar Ray of Bangladesh Ansars won the gold in the light-heavyweight (over 80 kgs) event. Md Mushtaq Ahmed of the same team and Md Rafiqul Islam of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC)—Zone 2 finished second and third respectively.

In the middle-weight (under 80 kgs) Md Abdul Ahad of Rajshahi University won the gold while Md Abdul Azim of Ansars and Nurun Nabi of DCC—Zone 3 placed second and third.

Once again Azad Abul Kalam of BTMC emerged as the champion in the welter-weight (under 75 kg) event. Farhad Hossain of Ansars and Areful Karim of DCC—Zone 1 finished second and third respectively.

Fatik Dutta won another gold for Ansars in the light-weight (70 kg) event. Pintu Kumar Das of Chittagong Metropolis finished second while Md Manzurul Huq of Ansars was third.

In the bantam-weight (under 65 kg), Md Musa Chowdhury of Ansars won the gold and his teammate Md Lechazuddin finished second while Parichay Burman of DCC—Zone 2 became third.

Organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Body-building Federation, 71 participants representing 20 teams took part in the competition. State Minister for a Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain gave away the trophies among the winners as chief guest.

Essex humbled

LONDON, June 19: English county cricket champions Essex crashed to an embarrassing defeat by an innings and 55 runs against much-improved Yorkshire at Headingley on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Resuming on 11 for three and needing 138 to make Yorkshire bat again, Essex were bowled out for 83 with seamer Mark Robinson claiming four for 20 to complete a career-best nine for 68 match-haul.

The 23-point win sent Yorkshire leaping up the table after their innings triumph over Derbyshire earlier in the week.

Essex were struggling from the time they lost their first three batsmen in just six overs on Wednesday evening.

Resuming, they found the going just as tough and at one stage slumped to 40 for eight.

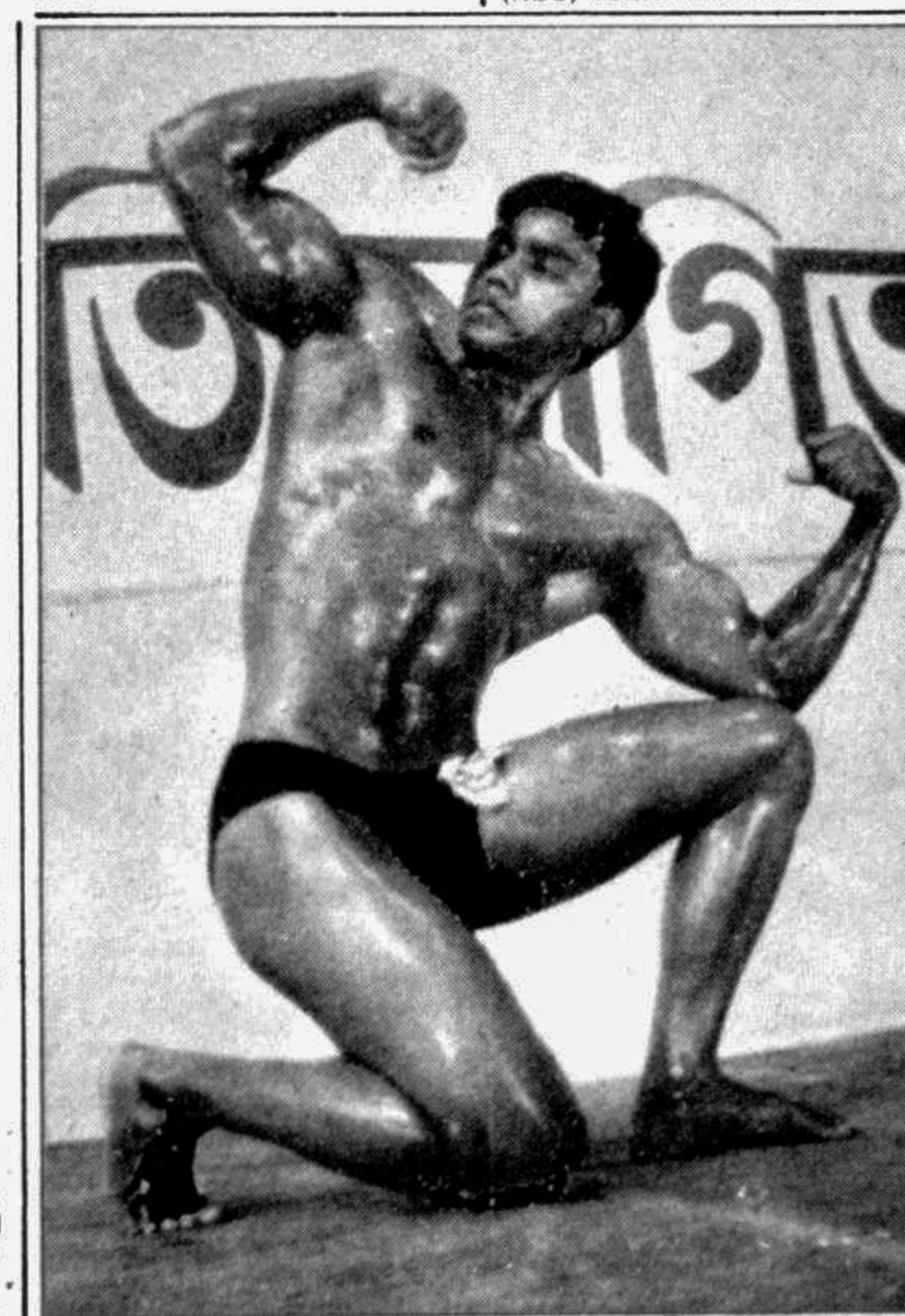
The ninth wicket pair of Stephen Andrew and Mark Ilett put on 41 before Ilett went for 22. The end came soon afterwards as Essex registered their third defeat in seven championship matches this season.

It was one of the poorest days ever for the title-holders, clearly missing the influence of captain Graham Gooch, on England duty.

Their lowest ever score in an innings is 30 in a match in 1901 — against Yorkshire.

New sports book

Sports Reporter
The publication ceremony of Syed Muzharul Parvez's book on sports was held yesterday at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room.



Abdul Ahad of Rajshahi University, winner of the middle-weight division, strikes a pose during yesterday's national body-building competition at the NSC gymnasium. —Star photo

Rain ruins play at Lord's

LONDON, June 19: Pakistan were 123 for one when rain forced play to be abandoned before the scheduled close on the second day of the second cricket Test against England at Lord's on Friday, reports Reuters.

Scores: England 255, Pakistan 123 for one.

An earlier report said: Aamir Sohail spearheaded a powerful Pakistan reply to England's first innings on the second morning of the second Test.

The left-hander, playing in only his second Test, contributed an unbeaten 73 to the tourists' lunch score of 123 for one, which left them only 132 behind.

The only wicket to fall in the session came in the fifth over at 43, when Chris Lewis produced a superb delivery which cut back off the pitch and uprooted Rameez Raja's off stump after he had made 24.

But Asif Mujtaba joined Sohail, and the two left-handers easily weathered the English attack. Mujtaba was 22 not out at lunch.

Sohail reached his 50 off only 67 deliveries, then had a lucky escape on 58. Test newcomer Ian Salisbury found the edge of Sohail's bat during his second over but keeper Jack Russell was moving the wrong way and failed to lay a glove on a difficult chance.

Fast bowler Devon Malcolm, recalled to the Test side after a year despite a poor record in English domestic competition, bowled four overs in the morning session for 21 runs.

On Thursday, Pakistan pace ace Waqar Younis gave a devastating demonstration that he has fully recovered from his back trouble by ripping through the England batting.

The 20-year-old world number one was back to his best as he claimed four for 17 in 40 balls to send England sliding from 153 for one to 255 all out after winning the toss.

Younis finished with five for 91, his eighth five-wicket haul in only his 16th Test, and now has 77 Test wickets at 20 runs apiece.

The way England's batsmen shaped up to him on a painfully slow pitch points to plenty more wickets in the five-match series.

He had earlier borne the brunt of a thrilling opening stand of 123 between Graham Gooch and Alec Stewart, with his first 12 overs costing 60 runs.

At lunch England were looking confident on 108 without loss, with Gooch hitting 10 fours in a glorious half-century.

Gooch began the afternoon session by twice pulling Younis to the Tavern ropes, but after including 13 boundaries in his 98-ball 69, England's captain played on to his stumps, inside-edging an indubitable delivery from Wasim Akram.

Akram, back himself after

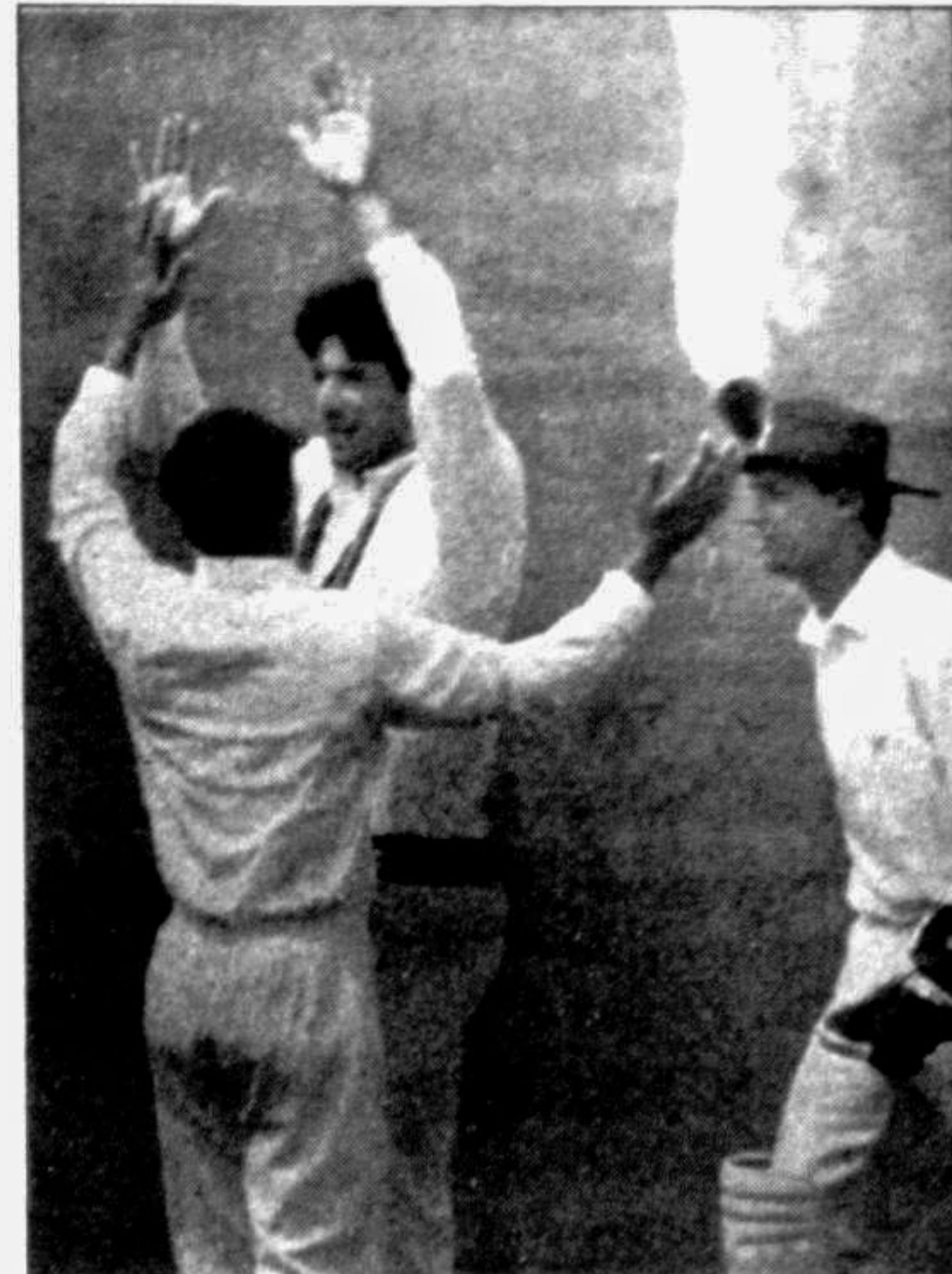
injury, also sent back Robin Smith for nine with the help of a superb slip catch from substitute Rashid Latif as the South African-born batsman nibbled at a ball angled across him.

In between Akram's strikes Younis received the boost he so clearly needed when Graeme Hick pulled flat-footed at a short ball and lobbed a catch to Pakistan skipper

"It took me a bit of time to get my yorker going and I've still got to play a few more matches before I'm up to full fitness."

Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam revealed that he had given his side a pep talk during the lunch break after they had failed to take a wicket in the first session.

"England were in a very



Pakistan's Waseem Akram is congratulated after bowling out England's captain Graham Gooch for 69 runs, on the first day of the second Test match at Lord's on Thursday. —AFP photo

Javed Miandad at mid-on from high up on the bat.

The Zimbabwe-born right-hander now has just 273 runs from 14 innings at an average under 20 and as a Test number three he looks out of place.

Stewart, England's in-form player, took his aggregate from his last nine Test innings to 750 with a highly-responsible 74 before falling in the last over before tea.

He had faced 173 balls, hitting 12 fours, when a ball from slow left-arm Asif Mujtaba turned enough to induce a lofted drive.

That exposed England's middle order to Younis.

Only Jack Russell, unbeaten on 22, resisted in the lower order.

Pakistan openers Rameez Raja and Aamir Sohail then raced to 31 without loss in reply off seven overs, with Devon Malcolm, playing his first Test in a year, coming in for some heavy punishment.

"I'm very proud to have bowled well," said Younis, who has his heart on taking 10 wickets in a match at the headquarters of cricket.

SCOREBOARD

Close of play scoreboard on the second day of the second Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's here today:

ENGLAND: First innings 255 (A J Stewart 74, G A Gooch 69, Waqar Younis 5-91).

PAKISTAN: First innings

Aamir Sohail not out	73
Rameez Raja b Lewis	24
Asif Mujtaba not out	22
Extras	4
Total (1 wk)	123

Fall of wicket: 1-43.

Bowling:				
DePreitas	10	3	36	0
Malcolm	7	0	41	0
Lewis	11	5	29	1
Salisbury	5	0	16	0

Sport on the dock at US trials

NEW ORLEANS, June 19: At the US Olympic track and field trials, it seems as if the sport is on trial as well as the athletes, reports AP.

The trials haven't even started, but in courtrooms and at news conferences, some of the United States' top stars are criticising the way the system is run.

Take Butch Reynolds, Michael Johnson, Delisa Floyd and Carl Lewis.

Lewis became the latest to blast American track officials when he said Thursday that the Olympic trials are being held too close to the start of the Barcelona Olympics. The trials end June 28, the Olympics start July 25.

He said there's no reason to run so many heats in the trials, which begin today (Friday).

"Trying to duplicate the Olympics is pretty silly, especially now that most of the athletes have already been to the Olympics or are experienced in international competition," said Lewis, a six-time Olympic gold medalist. "They need to back off and allow the athletes more rest to prepare."

And then there's the plight of Reynolds, Floyd and Johnson.

Reynolds, the world record-holder and 1988 Olympic silver medalist at 400 metres, is fighting the International Amateur Athletic Federation's two-year suspension for alleged drug use. A federal judge in Columbus, Ohio, will rule Friday whether Reynolds can compete in the trials.

Johnson, top-ranked in the 200 and 400 metres, had asked for an Olympic schedule change that would allow him to compete in both events. On Wednesday, seven months later, the change was made but Johnson had already committed to run only in the 200 at the trials.

Floyd, the two-time national champion in the women's 800,

lost her court fight in Denver's US District Court on Tuesday to have her four-year suspension by the IAAF overturned. She tested positive for using a banned substance in 1991.

After the decision, she said: "It's not over yet."

There is certain to be more heat once the trials begin at Tad Gormley Stadium. Average temperatures are expected to be in the 90-degree range, with the humidity about 60 per cent.

On Friday, preliminaries begin in events including the men's 400 and women's 800. There are quarterfinals in the men's and women's 100, the first round of the men's and women's 400 hurdles, and the men's 800. Qualifying also begins in the men's and women's javelin and the men's pole vault and triple jump, with semifinals in the men's and women's 10,000 and the women's 3,000.

If Reynolds and Floyd do not compete, they will have plenty of company on the sidelines, including Edwin Moses (two-time gold medal winner and 400-metre hurdles world record-holder), Andre Phillips ('88 gold medalist in the 800), Danny Harris ('84 silver medalist in the 400 hurdles) and Joan Benoit Samuelson ('84 marathon gold medal winner). Also out, for an assortment of reasons,