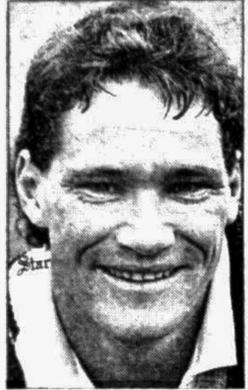


# Pakistanis pull off thrilling win

Sports Reporter

Pakistan notched up yet another exciting win in their current cricket tour of England when they beat newly-promoted English county side Durham by 107 runs at Chester-le-Street yesterday, the final day of



D. JONES...two tons

their three-day encounter, according to sketchy BBC report monitored in Dhaka last night.

Although the final scores were not available it was gathered that Durham's Australian Test star Dean Jones notched his second century of the match but his efforts weren't enough to stave off a defeat.

The tourists, trailing by 33 runs on the first innings, resumed Thursday on 186 for two and rattled up quick runs to set Durham a sporting target. Then their bowlers went about their task and kept their team in contention for the 50,000 pound sterling jackpot for eight county matches wins.

An earlier report said: Australian Test batsman Dean Jones and former England opener Wayne Larkins plundered centuries as County Championship newcomers Durham made Pakistan toil in the field on Wednesday.

Larkins hammered 118 off 150 deliveries with two sixes and 20 fours, while Jones thrashed 134 off 133 balls.

His crowd-pleasing knock included six sixes and 13 fours. Waqar Younis bowled flat out without success, while Wasim Akram missed the start of the second-day with an upset stomach and operated at half-pace. Aaqib Javed limped off with a leg injury after bowling six overs.

Durham's 341 for four declared was the highest county score against the touring team. Pakistan openers Amir Sohail and Rameez Raja quickly wiped out the 33-run

first innings deficit, putting on 139 before Rameez fell for 59.

Sohail followed his first innings half century with 90 out of 186 for two.

### BOTHAM HURT

Meanwhile, AFP reported: A chipped thumb has forced Ian Botham out of the rest of Durham's match here against Pakistan, but an England all-rounder should be fit for selection in the fourth Test due to start next week.

An X-ray on Wednesday confirmed the injury, which Botham suffered while fielding at slip on Tuesday, and he will take no further part in the match.

Botham had hoped to use the game to advance his claims for an England recall. He picked up the wickets of chief Pakistani adversaries Javed Miandad and Aamir Sohail in taking two for 73.

Durham physio Sheila Job said: "Ian will miss the championship match against Nottinghamshire starting at Trent Bridge on Friday, but he should be fit to resume in the Sunday league game."

Botham has been plagued by injury this season. The chipped thumb follows groin and big toe problems.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day cricket match between Durham and Pakistan on Wednesday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 308 for seven declared (Asif Mujtaba 79, Aamir Sohail 53, Moiz Khan 53).

**DURHAM:** First innings (overnight 56 for no wicket) Larkins c Rehman b Malik 118 Glendenech c Mushtaq b Aaqib 33

Jones not out 134 Parker c Waqar b Rehman 0 Briers c sub b Akram 13 Berry not out 13

Extras: (b-6, lb-11, w-1, nb-12) 30 Total: (for four wickets, declared) 341

Fall of wickets: 1-96; 2-258; 3-259; 4-304

Did not bat: Botham, Fothergill, McEwan, Hughes, Brown.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Wasim Akram	17	4	67	1
Aaqib Javed	6.1	0	35	0
Mushtaq Ahmed	8.5	1	59	0
Waqar Younis	14	2	48	0
Ata-ur-Rehman	15	2	65	1
Asif Mujtaba	4	0	28	0
Salim Malik	4	0	15	1
Aamir Sohail	1	0	7	0

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Asif Mujtaba not out 8 Salim Malik not out 18 Extras: (b-8 w-1 nb-2) 11

Total: (for two wickets) 186 Fall of wickets: 1-139; 2-160.

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### Hick's double ton

LONDON, July 16: Graeme Hick shrugged aside his unimpressive Test form on Wednesday by scoring his first double century for more than two years in a stirring rescue act for Worcestershire, reports Reuter.

Hick, still to establish himself at Test level, was watched by England selector Phil Sharpe as he slaughtered Nottinghamshire's attack at Trent Bridge. He hit an unbeaten 213 out of his side's 318 for six declared.

Hick cracked four sixes and 24 fours in his 318 minute stay after Worcestershire, replying to the home country's 400 for eight declared, slumped to 52 four.

### Aussie cricketer Martin dies

SYDNEY, Australia, July 16: Former Australian Test cricketer Johnnie Martin died Thursday after suffering a heart attack at his home, hospital officials said. He was 60, reports AP.

Martin collapsed at his home outside the town of Taree in New South Wales state and was taken to Manning Base Hospital, where he later died.

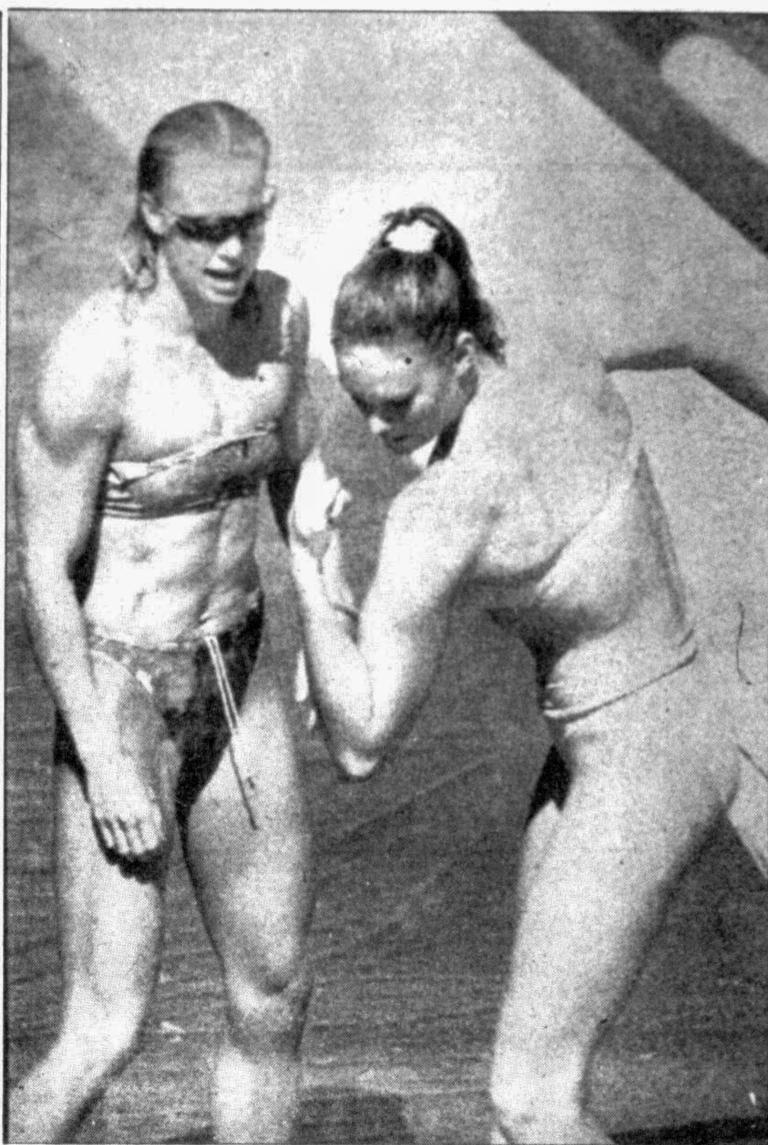
Martin played in eight Test matches and went on Australian tours to England, India, South Africa and New Zealand.

The all-rounder played for the New South Wales and South Australia state teams during a first-class career that spanned 11 years between 1956-57 and 1967-68.

Renowned for his big hitting and unorthodox left-arm spin bowling, Martin made a spectacular debut for Australia against the West Indies in Melbourne in the 1960-61 season at the age of 29.

He took the wickets of Rohan Kanhai, Gary Sobers and Frank Worrell in four deliveries and backed that up with 55 runs.

He scored 3,970 career first-class runs, including one century, at an average of 23.77. In Tests, he claimed 17 wickets at an average of 48.94 and scored 214 runs at 17.83.



Austrian swimmer Lisa Curry Kenny (L) and teammate Julie McDonald share a light moment while showing their muscles during a training session at the Bernart Picornelli Olympic Swimming Pool Wednesday. Curry-Kenny, 30, who is the mother of two daughters, already participated in the Olympic Games in 1980 and 1984. —AFP photo

# C'wealth meet in city next Nov

Sports Reporter

The Commonwealth boxing championships under the aegis of the Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation (BAFB) will be held on November 6 and 7 at the Dhaka Stadium, Latifur Rahman, the BAFB Secretary, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Markets International Ltd, a local trading agency, will sponsor the meet. Thirty punchers in eleven weight categories were selected for the coaching camp scheduled to begin from the first week of next month at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium.

Selected boxers will be joined by boxers from Bangladesh Army some time in September next. Eventually thirty-six boxers will be taken under a year-long residential coaching camp. Of them 24 will represent the country in the next SAF Games, hopefully with better results.

half of "Dunoo's Promotion" — a Japan-based boxing promoter — will bear all the expenses.

"Boxers from most Commonwealth countries are expected to participate," the BAFB secretary added.

However, the details of the meet are yet to be worked out. Meanwhile, the twelve-day preliminary boxing selection trials for the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in Dhaka next year ended yesterday.

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# 'Referee is what referee does'

Star Special By Ashish Das

This is the concluding instalment in our series of interviews with the four FIFA instructors who were in town last week in connection with the 'Futura' World Football Development Programme.



Referees can be compared to the aphotic zone under every luminous source. Their's is a thankless job, remembered only for censure, otherwise forgotten as easily as one would life's little ironies.

Despite this, the man in black is an integral part of the game, football to be precise, and the aesthetic aspect depends quite heavily on his supervision.

George Suppiah. The dark, diminutive FIFA instructor for the referees from Singapore is a seasoned man with an air of a diplomat. Spoffy but unassuming, Suppiah was quite articulate while expressing views about his referee's students of the 'Futura' programme in Bangladesh last week.

However, Suppiah could not help being a little stereotyped.

"They were all very inquisitive and eager: the attendance has been very satisfactory barring a few who were a little late initially."

"Most of them looked quite good, theoretically."

"But as you know a lot depends on the physical as well as the mental condition of the referee on a given day and you cannot guarantee it on the basis of anyone's performance in a theoretical class"

When asked whether a six-day programme is enough for the coaches, Suppiah sounded a little uncertain.

"You see, it is more of a practical experience than theoretical brushing up or polishing. You have to give the referees maximum exposure,

which helps a lot in building confidence. Of course, the personality of a person holds him in good stead in this business."

Suppiah was anything but a jumper at the idea of introducing professional football in this country. A veteran in his third visit to Bangladesh, Suppiah contended: "You have

"There is room for lot of deliberation as yet. I don't think professionalism has got anything to do with refereeing seriously. So-called 'amateur' referees have conducted many important international matches creditably. I was voted one of the top five referees in the 1974 World Cup in Munich, Germany. I supervised the Poland-Haiti match and stood as the top five referees in the matches between Bulgaria and Sweden and the semifinal between Holland and Brazil."

"Pro-football was an unheard-of thing then in Singapore. Apart from one or two countries the idea of having professional referees has fallen flat!" concluded the canny supervisor who retired from refereeing in 1978.

A physical instructor in profession, Suppiah took to refereeing after having finished his five-year career as the right full-back of Rovers Club. Although he never made it to the national football team, Suppiah was the goalkeeper of the national hockey squad for two years in 1962 and 63.

Suppiah first came to Bangladesh in 1978 as the manager of the Singapore team in the Asian zone qualifying round matches for the 20th World Youth Cup football. He came back again in 1979 to conduct a match between Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra. As a FIFA instructor, he has been to New Zealand, Hong Kong, Thailand, Australia, India, Burma and Nepal.

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# Lesser lights likely to shine



PARIS, July 16: For once, the spotlight will fall on some of football's less renowned nations in the Olympic football tournament, reports AFP.

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ing in the final.

Ghana, perhaps the most creative of the African footballing nations, has a side studded with talent, which took them to the World Junior title in Italy last year.

Their main trump card is Nil Lamptey, the highly-rated midfielder player who has developed from a raw youngster into a cultured and already mature provider since he went off to seek his fortune in Europe with Belgian club Anderlecht.

They also have a host of European-based young players, none of whom played in the qualifying rounds, including Kwamre Ayew of Metz, brother of the mercurial African player-of-the-year, Abedi Pele, and newly-signed Torino pair Emmanuel Duah and Mohamed Gargo.

Denmark are also riding the crest of a wave, following their unexpected European Cham-

ampionship success in Sweden last month, and can call on at least two crucial members of that side in Brian Laudrup and Flemming Povlsen, both of their world-class players.

The first matches kick off on July 24, the day before the Games opening ceremony, in five venues in four cities, two of them in Barcelona itself and the others in Sabadell, Zaragoza and Valencia.

With Denmark and Ghana the likely qualifiers from Group D in Zaragoza, they should be joined in the quarter-finals by Korea and Morocco, from Group C, Spain and Colombia from Group B, and Italy and Poland from Group A.

On paper, the makeweights look like being the United States and Kuwait in Group A, Egypt and Qatar in Group B, Sweden and Morocco in Group C and Australia and Mexico in Group D.

### Following demise of USSR, GDR-led Eastern Bloc

# Barcelona Olympics mark a watershed

BARCELONA, July 16: The winds of change created when the Iron Curtain fell might be strong enough to propel the United States back into the pre-eminent sports power in the world, reports AP.

The United States could sail away with 120 medals — 26 more than four years ago in Seoul — with a little luck in yachting, rowing and other sports they have been sinking money and effort into.

The Americans are planning, at the very least, their biggest medal haul since a table-topping 107 in Mexico City in 1968 — not counting the Soviet bloc-boycotted 1984 Los Angeles Games. With 783 medals up for grabs, they have a good chance of leaping past the still-potent, Russian-led Unified Team and a united Germany.

The Soviet Union and East Germany, before their economies, political systems and sports machines broke down, finished one-two in 1976, '80 and '88. But the upheaval of the past few years will be much more apparent than they were in the smaller Winter Games, which always favour the mountainous countries of Europe.

Familiar faces will be missing from the US team — Butch Reynolds in the 400, Greg Foster and Edwin Moses in the hurdles, Greg Louganis in diving — but there is enough of a blend of older and younger athletes to more than make up for their absence, Jackie Joyner-Kersey looks golden again in the heptathlon and long jump, as do Janet Evans and teens Anita Nall, Summer Sanders and Jenny Thompson in swimming.

This Olympics marks a watershed not only for the United States, but for the rest of the world.

For the first time in two decades, nobody's boycotting.

Instead, a record 10,000 athletes, professionals and amateurs, from at least 172 countries, are gathering in this rapidly modernised metropolis, once a Roman outpost, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

Cuba, suffering economically and absent from the Olympics since the 1980 Moscow Games, still has superb athletes in baseball, boxing and track, and is likely to challenge the giant Chinese team, with their young divers and gymnasts, for the fourth spot.

South Africa's athletes, banned from the Games for 32 years by politics, also have returned — barely avoiding another politically charged move to keep them out.

The Unified Team, facing disunity as the separate republics prepare to go their

# CIS selections dubbed 'scandalous'

MOSCOW, July 16: Russia's Olympic president has accused CIS sports chiefs of fighting to get their own athletes to Barcelona at all costs and described as "scandalous" the dropping of a top Russian gymnast from the team, reports Reuter.

Vitaly Smirnov told Soviety Sport newspaper in an interview published today that wrangling between Olympic chiefs from individual Commonwealth states had turned their last meeting into an "ugly bazaar."

The success of the United Team and the fates of the athletes were all shunted aside in favour of purely bureaucratic interests — getting their own people into the squad," Smirnov said.

He said Siberian Oksana Kostina, winner of the recent CIS rhythmic gymnastics championship, had been dumped from the team in a pre-orchestrated move culminating in an 11-1 vote.

won ways in four years, still boasts some of the planet's finest athletes. None soars higher than pole-vaulter Sergei Bubka, favoured to repeat as gold medallist.

Germany, the wall fallen between East and West, has a united team for the first time since 1964, and other nations will be proudly waving the flags of their new-found independence: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia.

Meanwhile, Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, which hosted the 1984 Winter Games, lies in ruin from civil war.

For all the idealism of the Olympic Games, they cannot escape drugs, politics and the threat of terrorism.

First held in 776 BC to pay homage to Zeus and offer a break from the battlefield, the Games are as contemporary as they expected automatic selection.

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the latest performance-enhancing steroids, civil wars and social unrest.

Those who go cannot ignore the threat of ETA, the Basque separatists who have been waging a 23-year war of attrition with the Spanish government.

Some 10,000 army troops have been assisting police prior to the Games, while 3,000 soldiers patrol the Pyrenean border with France and another 3,000 are deployed at airports, railway stations, power plants and other strategic sites.

Staunchly-proud Catalans, who demand autonomy for the Barcelona region, are more likely to resort to pranks than to terrorism, the security official says. "They might jump into a pool or foul up a race, but they're not seen as a major threat," he says.

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The Barcelona Games open on July 25.

# Maradona hints at int'l return



BUENOS AIRES, July 16: Diego Maradona has hinted for the first time he is considering the possibility of playing again for Argentina, reports Reuter.

The former national team captain retired from international soccer after the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy in which Argentina were beaten in the final by West Germany.

The (Argentine) side is good ... but it lacks a number 10," quipped Maradona on a comedy show on Tuesday night. "Of course, I am only joking. Leo Rodriguez (the current number 10) is doing a great job ... But, of course, I'm interested (in returning)."

Maradona added that any possible return to the Argentine national side, which he led to World Cup victory in 1986, would depend on how successfully he regained his form.

In the past, the 31-year-old forward had always ruled out a return to the international stage although both manager Alfio Basile and Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona said there was still a place for him.

### Calcutta MSC win

CALCUTTA, July 16: Mohammedan Sporting struck twice in the first half to down Kumartuli in the Calcutta Charms Super Division football league match here today, reports PTI.

Playing attacking football right from the beginning, Sporting forged ahead ten minutes into the game through a header by Abdul Khaleque. Santa Kumar completed the victory four minutes before the interval with a spectacular volley from about 25 yards.

This was Sporting's fourth victory in seven matches they have played so far collecting 15 points.

Mohammedan Sporting's Dhaka recruit Md Naqeb could not take the field today as his registration process was not completed.

He is expected to play in the next match.

Maradona, relaxed but overweight, made his comments as he discussed his return after serving a 15-month ban, which expired at the end of June, for dope-taking offences. "I am keen to score goals, to run," he said.

Earlier in the day, he had reported to a Buenos Aires court for medical tests and an

Napoli's refusal to release him. Franchi added that he would travel to Seville today for talks with the Spanish First Division club who have also expressed an interest. Carlos Bilardo, the former Argentine manager and Maradona's mentor, took over at Seville last month.

Franchi also said there had been discussions with Real Madrid but the club had not made an offer.

Maradona is currently following a rigorous training programme at a farm owned by Boca Juniors president Antonio Alegre 200 kilometres from Buenos Aires.

He plans to play for Boca Juniors for at least part of a friendly against Brazilian club Cruzeiro, now scheduled for next Wednesday after being postponed for a week.

audience with the judge who last year ordered him to follow a drugs rehabilitation programme after he confessed to using cocaine.

Maradona said he believed he had about three years left as a player.

"I want to spend a year playing in Europe and then two years with Boca Juniors, where I will die in football terms. That is my dream," he said.

Maradona did not name the European club for which he might play. He said it depended on the outcome of negotiations for his release from Napoli, the Italian club which holds him under contract until mid-1993.

On Wednesday the French sports daily L'Equipe published an interview in which Maradona's manager Marcos Frenchi said there was an 80 per cent chance the player would sign for Marseille, although there were difficulties over

the Bulgarian IOC member stopped from leaving for Barcelona

SOPIA, July 16: Bulgarian police said today they had stopped Ivan Slavkov, a member of the International Olympic Committee, from going to the Olympic Games in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

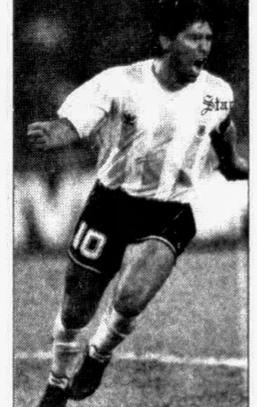
IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch immediately urged the Bulgarian government to lift the foreign travel ban on Slavkov, son-in-law of ousted communist leader Todor Zhivkov.

Chief prosecutor Ivan Tatarchev said the ban was linked to the current trial of Zhivkov on charges of embezzlement of state funds.

All close relations of Zhivkov are under investigation.

Tatarchev said "The personality of Slavkov and his funds abroad make it impossible for him to leave the country before the investigation is over."

Slavkov, 52, had his passport withdrawn at Sofia airport on Wednesday when he tried to leave for Barcelona.



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