

### Nat'l youth hockey begins

**Sports Reporter**  
If the beginning of any event is an indicator for the pattern to follow then the twelfth national youth hockey championship which began yesterday at the Hockey Stadium premises to be a lackluster show.  
On the opening day of 16-team meet, Narayanjan DSA registered a 3-0 tiebreaker win against Noakhali DSA after both teams were locked in a one-all draw at the end of stipulated time.  
Narayanjan DSA shot into the lead in the 23rd minute of the match when Bipal Basu sounded the board with a field goal 1-0.  
Belal Chowdhury of Noakhali drew level in the 53rd minute, also from a field goal.  
With the knockout regulation leaving the chance for one team to stay in the fray the penalty shootout was arranged. Abdullah, Sobel and Azad found the cage while the Noakhali hitmen failed to convert any of their chances.  
Earlier, Bashir Ahmed, a former celebrity hockey player and the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) inaugurated the ten-day tournament.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Sylhet vs Comilla (Hockey Stadium)  
Mymensingh vs Rangpur (.)

### Good start for Little Friends

**Sports Reporter**  
Defender Mostafa Kamal scored in the 34th minute of the match to help his side Little Friends get off to an auspicious start in the inaugural match of the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league yesterday at the Outer Stadium.  
Losers Kadamtala Sangsad did not return empty handed as two of their players - Amir Bux and Kallol Talukdar - were shown the yellow cards.  
State Minister for Finance, Mojibur Rahman inaugurated the match earlier in a simple pre-match ceremony. President of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association Atzul Haq and Kazi Mishu of the DMFA secretary were also present.  
Eighteen teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the first phase of the competition.  
Meanwhile, a DMFA press release said that the matches scheduled to be held on August 20 will not be held due to unavoidable circumstances. The fixture will undergo a bodily change.

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Biddiut Unnayan Board SC Vs Maghbazar KC 3-0(Outer Stadium)  
Dhaka SC Vs Gandaria Famos 4-30 pm (.)  
Fire Service Vs Badda Jagaranj Sangsad 4-00 pm (Mahakhali T&T)

### NSC awards

**Sports Reporter**  
The National Sports Council Awards '91 will be distributed among the winners at Hotel Purbant on August 20 at 7-30 pm.  
Minister for Communication Col (ret'd) Oli Ahmed will do the honours as chief guest.  
**DCPA submits memo to BCCB**  
**Sports Reporter**  
The Dhaka Cricket Players' Association (DCPA) submitted a memorandum to the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) to review its decision of introducing a players' pool from next season.  
Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, former national skipper and the general secretary of DCPA yesterday told The Daily Star that in a letter addressed to the BCCB president the DCPA demanded an increase in the quota of pool players per team from three to four and to make the decision of leaving out the former national players from the pool operational from this year.  
The memorandum included some other proposals for the improvement of cricket. Earlier the BCCB announced a 22-member pool comprising the top players of the country who have represented the national team.  
In a bid to narrow the gap in the strengths of the tier consisting of the top teams and that of the middle the BCCB promulgated a new rule which stated that a team would be able to sign a maximum of three players from the pool.

### Allahma Gold Cup

The second round matches of the Mustafa Allahma Cup football tournament begins at Dhaka Dakkhin School Stadium in Golapganj at 3 pm today, reports UNB.

## Ma-o-Moni finalists known

**Sports Reporter**  
Jhenidah footballers made short work of the booters from bordering Meherpur to enter the final round of the Ma-o-Moni under-14 football championship at Jhenidah Stadium yesterday.  
The hosts, who scored a convincing 4-0 victory in the zonal final, led the first half by a solitary goal.  
Abdullah Al-Baki found the net as early as in the fifth minute of the match (1-0).  
Anisul Islam doubled the margin four minutes into the second half (2-0).  
Khurshid Alam netted the third goal for the winners seven minutes later 3-0 while Baki rounded off his side's goal hunt with his personal double in the 27th minute (4-0).  
Mashur Rahman, MP, was the chief guest.  
Two first half goals against Chittagong saw Feri through to the eight-team final round at the Feri Stadium yesterday.  
Jasimuddin slammed the first goal in the 15th minute of the first half.  
Parvez sealed the fate of the match twenty minutes later (2-0).  
State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka witnessed the match as the chief guest.  
Sathkira DSA won by the odd goal in three against bigger neighbours Khulna at the Khulna stadium yesterday.  
Fazlur Rahman of Sathkira found the target in the 20th minute. Rafiqul Islam doubled the margin two minutes later (2-0).  
Pradip Kumar of Khulna reduced the margin shortly before the breather 1-2.  
Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Taibur Rahman gave away the trophies.  
An early second-half goal enabled Natore to find a place in the final round at the cost of Rajshahi yesterday at Natore.  
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portant goal fifteen minutes into the second half.  
DC Natore, Shalendra Adhikary witnessed the match as the chief guest.  
Gaibandha DSA seemed to have better spot kickers as they recorded a 5-4 victory against Nilphamari in the tie-breaker yesterday at the Nilphamari Stadium.  
The scheduled time of the match ended in goalless draw.  
In the penalty shootout arranged to break the deadlock Hannan, Rezwana, Manzurul, Towliq and Mozammel converted the spotkicks.  
Sohel, Asaduzzaman, Selim and Azharul netted for Nilphamari.  
DC Rajshahi Nur Ahmed Habibullah was the chief guest there.  
With Munshiganj, Sylhet and Tangail having already qualified for the final round, to be held in Dhaka standing Aug 25, the line-up reads like this: Munshiganj, Sylhet, Tangail, Natore, Gaibandha, Jhenidah, Sathkira and Feri.



Action from yesterday's inaugural match of the 12th national youth hockey championship between Narayanjan DSA and Noakhali DSA at the Hockey Stadium. —Star photo

## Malaysia win Independence Cup

**JAKARTA, Aug 17:** Malaysia defeated South Korea's under-19 team 2-1 to win 10,000 dollars and the trophy of the sixth Independence Cup here Sunday in a game marred by violence, reports AFP.  
The Malaysians began their journey to victory when striker Azman Adan scored in the first minute, and then added their second when defender Lee Kim Hong netted again just seven minutes later.  
The Koreans, who had defeated Malaysia 1-0 on Friday, came back into the game in the 27th minute when midfielder Lee Ki-Hyung dribbled beautifully out of defence, passing three Malaysian players before slotting the ball past keeper Kahlari Azman.  
The rest of the game was rough affair, with Indonesian referee Suryadi booking Malaysia's players Jaya Kantan and Zainal Abedin and Korean coach Lee Seong-An protesting at half time that the referee was biased.  
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## Navratilova wins her 160th career title

**MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 17:** Martina Navratilova beat Monica Seles 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the 350,000 dollar Virginia Slims of Los Angeles on Sunday to win her 160th career title and pass the 18 million dollar mark in career prize money, reports Reuter.  
Navratilova, who earned 70,000 dollar, will rise to third in the world when the weekly rankings are announced today. Seles, who collected 31,500 dollar will remain number one.  
The 35-year-old Navratilova, seeded second behind Seles, conceded just five points on her serve in the first set and six points in the second set and did not face a break point in the match with Seles, who was bothered by a slight left ankle injury from her semifinal.  
Navratilova broke the Yugoslav in the opening game of the match by hitting her approach shots up the middle of the court, which limited the angle Seles could hit with her two-handed groundstrokes. Navratilova consolidated that break to win the set.  
Seles struggled with her normally brilliant passing shots and mis-hit several shots during routine baseline rallies in the second set.  
Navratilova broke Seles twice in the second set by continually attacking the net. The American rallied from 0-30 in the final game, closing out the victory with an ace.  
Seles, looked flat throughout, committing 22 errors to

10 for the second-seeded Navratilova. Seles couldn't handle her opponent's serves and her usually reliable forehand kept sailing long.  
"I think she rushed some shots," Navratilova said. "When she's off a little bit, she doesn't have a second gear to kick into, to pull back and just keep

"It was one of those great days for Navratilova, who played her best tennis in months and beat Seles for the first time in three meetings, dating back to last fall.  
Navratilova, who lost to Seles in the Wimbledon semifinals in July, said she could not remember when she

this year, including the Australian and French Opens, before stumbling recently. The Canadian Open will be her final tunic before the Open begins on Aug 31.  
Seles knows she has work to do if she wants to defend her US Open title.  
The world's top-ranked player has reached the final of her last two tournaments, only to get blown out in both.  
"It's not a slump, I don't want to call it that," the 18-year-old Seles said. "I tell myself, 'You've got two weeks to prepare (for the Open), and that's your main goal.' I just have to work a little stronger."  
She knows what's wrong, and it's not that she isn't grunting as much.  
"I had trouble with my groundstrokes and my returning," Seles said. "The whole week my returns weren't there, and today against Martina I could not get away with it. I was just missing balls that usually I don't miss. It was one of those days."



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

the ball in play. She hits the ball so hard all the time, and when she's not on, that (missing shots) is apt to happen."  
Seles, who still holds a 7-6 career advantage over Navratilova, admitted she was never in the match.  
"I didn't have a chance in the match at all," Seles said.  
"Through the whole match I didn't feel comfortable with the groundstrokes and the return. She also served very well."  
Seles' skid has coincided with her attempts to play without grunting when she hits the ball. Her utterances caused a flap at Wimbledon, where Navratilova complained to an umpire about the sounds and British tabloid reporters used "grunt-o-meters" to measure the noise level.  
Throughout the tournament here, Seles was mostly silent.  
Seles rejects suggestions that her recent troubles have anything to do with grunting or not grunting.  
"I really don't worry about it," she said.

## Zimbabwe blank SA 4-1

**HARARE, Aug 17:** South Africa were beaten 4-1 by Zimbabwe on their return to competitive international soccer on Sunday in a first leg first round African Nations Cup match, reports Reuter.  
Zimbabwe's attack, spearheaded by Peter Ndlovu, who plays for English Premier League side Coventry, and his brother Adam, harassed South Africa from the outset.  
But the game was won in midfield where Rahman Gumbo, who plays professional football in Cyprus, and Vitalis Takawira fed telling passes to the Ndlovu brothers.  
Zimbabwe's first two goals came via free kicks, the first in the seventh minute by Takwira from a setpiece by Gumbo. Then in the 20th minute Willard Khumalo set up Gumbo to make it 2-0.  
South Africa's midfield maestro Doctor Khumalo dribled past two defenders a minute later before passing to Philemon Masinga who beat Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar from close in.  
Grobbelaar had his Zimbabwean nationality restored just a day before the game. He had been a goalie for Liverpool in England after living Zimbabwe several years ago but decided to return to play for his homeland.  
Grobbelaar made brilliant save from Masinga to rob the South Africans of an equalizer.  
Peter Ndlovu made it 3-1 on the penalty spot in the 50th minute and completed a fine afternoon 12 minutes later, dribbling past three defenders for his second and Zimbabwe's fourth.  
Thirty-four countries have entered the 1994 African Nations Cup with hosts Tunisia and champions Ivory Coast qualifying automatically.  
The second leg of Sunday's match will be in South Africa next April.

## Forest off to a flying start

**LONDON, Aug 17:** Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough kicked off his English soccer season with a smile on Sunday as his team beat Liverpool 1-0, reports Reuter.  
The result continued the ups and downs of Saturday when title favourites Arsenal and 1991-92 runnersup Manchester United lost their first matches in the new Premier League.  
Forest are always a dangerous team at home but Liverpool had not lost an opening league match for 11 years.  
Forward Teddy Sheringham soon put them under pressure with an angled shot into the roof of the net in the 30th minute.  
But a surprisingly tentative Liverpool created only a few opportunities and Forest always looked more positive.  
Liverpool replaced striker Ian Rush with Steve McManaman after the break and looked more menacing.

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cross that gave goalkeeper Mart Poom no change.  
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The Estonian defence had somehow held the rampaging Swiss at bay before Chapuisat broke the ice.  
But the Swiss did not have it all their way and goalkeeper Marco Pascolo had to parry frantically a scoring drive from local club Florja's Risto Kallaste who broke through the surprised defence.  
But the real surprise was that the score was just 2-0 at halftime.  
Krup, who plays with German champions VfB Stuttgart, beat three defenders in a solo run to make it 3-0 one minute after the interval. It was his 15th goal, a Swiss record, in 21 internationals.  
His strike proved the final straw for the Estonian defence and they fell apart, allowing the Swiss to take frequent pot shots at Poom.  
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## Sampras smothers Lendl's comeback bid

**MASON, Ohio, Aug 17:** It was muscle tennis at its best - the old style as exemplified by Ivan Lendl, the new power displayed by Pete Sampras.  
And in the end, the new dominated the old.  
Sampras put last year's loss in the final of the ATP Championship out of mind and hung on to beat Lendl at his own game: muscle tennis.  
Sampras denied the comeback bid by Lendl - the former No 1 player in the world for nearly five years - and won the ATP Championship 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 Sunday, reports AP.  
"It was really aggressive in the first set," Sampras said. "In the second, I think I was staying back a little too much. I just told myself, 'Get to the net and get my first serve in.'"  
Trailing 2-1 in the first set, Lendl double-faulted on game point. It was his only double-fault of the match, but enough to give Sampras the set.  
Leading 4-3 in the second, Lendl broke Sampras, then struggled through his serve but held to win the set.  
What followed was a bizarre third set in which neither player held serve in five consecutive games.  
"I was up break and then down a break... I think I was trying to go for a little bit too much on my serves and try to hit it a little too hard and too good," Sampras said.  
Sampras broke Lendl at 2-1, the first of five straight service breaks. The second time he was broken, Lendl fired a ball into the air, the last time he threw his racket.  
"I just told myself, 'I have three serves for the match, just get my serve in, take a little bit off it and just go from there and leave it up to his passing shots to break me,' and I put us on game at 5-3," Sampras said.  
Sampras then held at love to close out the match.  
It was a frustrating loss for Lendl, whose play had improved markedly in the past couple months. He has been hampered by hand surgery and

back problems the past 18 months and has not won a tournament in a year.  
Sampras, 21, has been on the ascent, reaching his career-high No 3 ranking only this year. Lendl, 32, was the top ranked player in the world most of 1985 through 1989 and has 91 career titles - second only to Jimmy Connors in the modern era among men.  
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Sampras said he simply played like he had seen Lendl play.  
"Five or six years ago, he was the biggest hitter on the tour and much stronger than everyone else was," Sampras said. "Guys today are so much bigger and stronger that he's not considered the biggest hitter on the tour."  
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down his career. But he's someone I have a lot of respect for."  
Sampras said it would be tough for anyone to win week after week, as Lendl did in 1982, when he won 15 tournaments, including the ATP Championship.  
Sampras pocketed \$187,500 for the win, his third this year. Lendl got \$198,600.  
The doubles title, worth \$74,000 was won by Australians Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge, the No. 1 doubles team in the world. They defeated Patrick McEnroe and Jonathan Stark 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

## Holiday chess

**Sports Reporter**  
The inaugural ceremony of the second leg of the Holiday chess tournament, organised by Anirban Chess School in association with the Bangladesh Chess Federation and sponsored by Azad Products Pvt Ltd, was held at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday with Dr Abdul Moyn Khan MP, in the chair.  
Abdul Sattar Khan, director of the Directorate of Sports inaugurated the three-month long competition as chief guest.  
Managing director of Azad Products Abul Kalam Azad was also present as a special guest.

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**TALLINN, Aug 17:** Switzerland spoiled Estonia's return to World Cup competition after more than 50 years by thrashing them 6-0 in a European Group One soccer qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter.  
Stephane Chapuisat and

Adrian Knup, who both play in Germany, led the rout against the country who last played in the qualifying rounds for the 1938 tournament.  
Chapuisat of Borussia Dortmund, voted the best foreign player in the Bundesliga last season, scored twice and headed the opening goal in the 21st minute from a high

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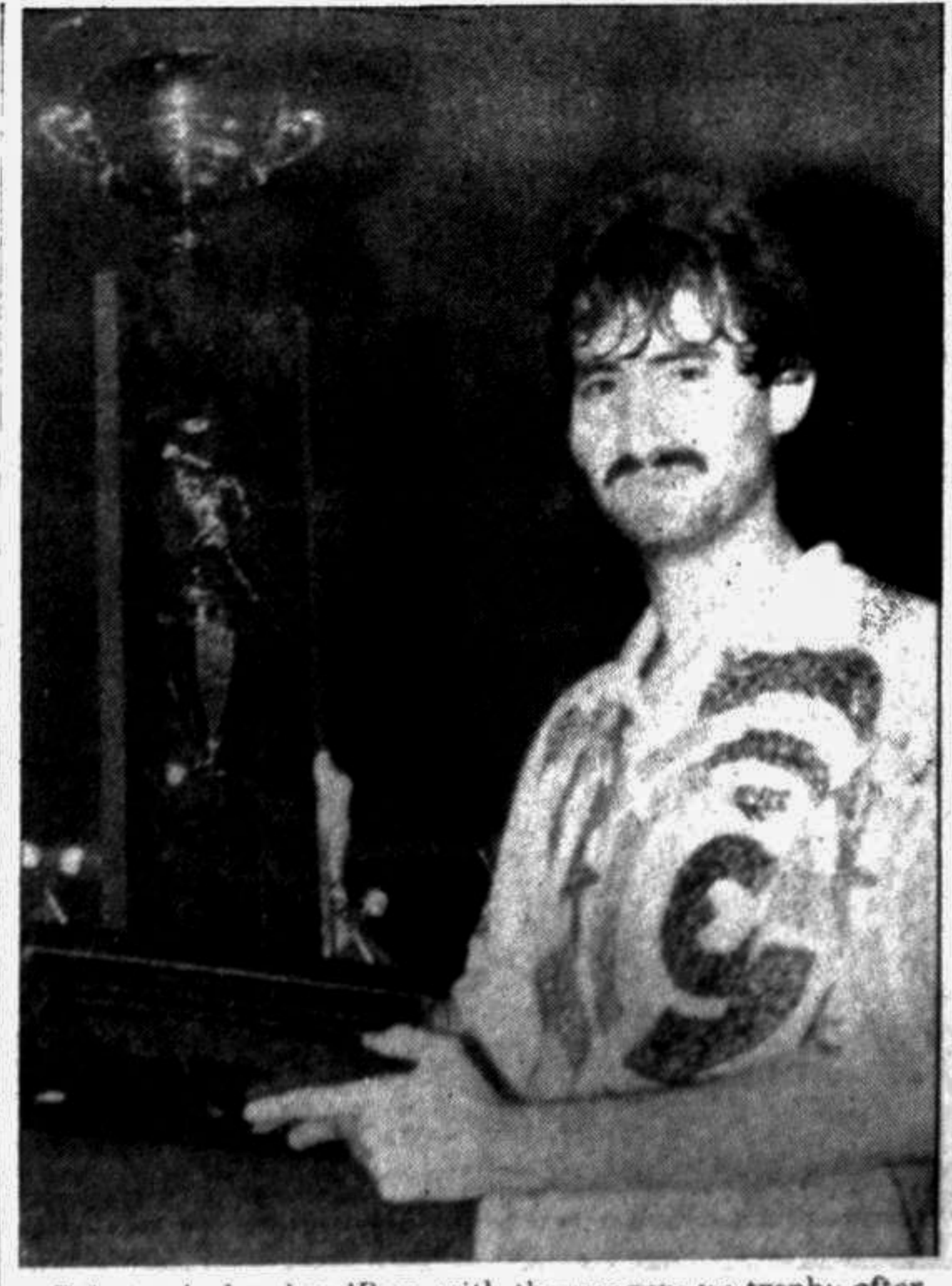
## Colombia beat Peru 3-1

**MEDELLIN, Colombia, Aug 17:** Colombia beat Peru 3-1 on Sunday in the opening Group A match of the South American Under-20 Soccer Championship, reports Reuter.  
The top three teams in the tournament, which lasts until August 30, will qualify for the World Under-20 Soccer Championship to be held in Australia in March 1993.

## Korda keeps his secret a secret

**NEW HAVEN, Conn, Aug 17:** Petr Korda credits his victory at last year's Volvo International and "secret" approach to the game for his emergence as one of the top-ranked tennis players in the world, reports AP.  
The victory at New Haven - his first after four losses in finals - instilled him with confidence he can win, something he's done twice since. The secret, well he just won't talk about that.  
"It's my secret," he says, refusing to explain whether it's a training technique, an exercise regimen or mental approach.  
Despite finishing last year ranked No. 9 and entering this week's Volvo International ranked sixth in the world, the 24-year-old Czech isn't as well known as most of the rest of the players ranked in the Top 10.

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Pakistan's Jansher Khan with the runners-up trophy after his loss to Australia's Rodney Martin in the Australian Open squash final in Melbourne Sunday. —AFP photo