

# Sport

## Pakistan stay champions

**KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 23:** Pakistan defeated Malaysia 3-0 Wednesday night, winning the Junior Asia Cup field hockey championship for the second straight year, reports AP.

Pakistan led 1-0 at halftime of the cup final.

Pakistan, Malaysia and South Korea—which defeated India 6-3 Wednesday for third place—all qualified for the World Junior Cup championship in Terrasa, Spain, next September.

## Niaz shares lead in Doha

**By M I Khan Tojo**

Niaz Murshed, the lone Grand Master from Bangladesh shared the lead with three other players from the former Soviet Union at the end of the sixth round of the Doha Chess Festival meet, according to a faxed message received in Dhaka last night.

Niaz, who is the kingly of the Bangladeshi contingent comprising Reefat Bin-Sattar, Ziaur Rahman and Syed Tahmidur Rahman, scored four and half points to jointly lead the points table of the fourth Doha Festival, now being held at the Sofitel Palace in Doha, Qatar.

The three other top notches apart Niaz were top seeded International Master (IM) Alexey Kuzmin, third seeded Grand Master (GM) Evgeny Vastukov and the ninth seeded Aidyn Guseinov.

FIDE Master Reefat Bin-Sattar, the Bangladeshi national champion, seeded 14th in this tournament, was holding the second slot along with five others, each earning four points at the end of the sixth round. They were Indian IM and fourth seeded Praveen Thipsay, sixth seeded Pakistani IM Mahmood Lodhi, seventh seeded Edhi Handoko, the Indonesian IM, Youssef Ghazali, the nineteenth seeded Egyptian IM, and 26th seeded Sate Husari.

Tahmidur Rahman, the 23rd seeded Bangladeshi FM, has so far collected three points while tenth seeded Ziaur Rahman had managed a lowly two and half points.

Zia, who has fallen in a rut after having started his campaign with two consecutive victories in this tournament, garnered just half a point from his last four rounds.

Kuzmin was to play Lodhi in the seventh round, Niaz against Evgeny Vastukov with black pieces while Aidyn Guseinov was to play Edhi Handoko. Reefat was to start his seventh round campaign with black pieces against Sate Husari. Tahmidur was to take on Ahmed Al-Khateeb with white pieces while Ziaur Rahman was to play against Khaled M Ahmed.

## Div II soccer

**Sports Reporter**

Dhaka WUSA Club moved into the super-league from Group B by winning their last group match against East End Club 3-2 in the only match of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Earlier, Bangladesh Boys Club, Jurain Janata Club and East End Club qualified for the super-league from this group.

East Bengal Sporting Club, who have collected only three points from seven matches, have been relegated from the Second Division to the Third Division league.

In yesterday's match, Md Selim scored two goals and Md Javed another for Dhaka WUSA while Kazi Kowshik Ahmed and Kazi Zahuril Huq Jamil were the scorers for East End Club.

## Sonali soccer

**Sports Reporter**

The head office team outplayed Narayanganj principal office team 3-0 in the second match yesterday's Sonali Bank inter-regional soccer competition fixtures at the Notre Dame College ground.

Sultan, Pintu and Das netted once each for the winners.

The first match between Wage Earners team and Principal Office (Ramna) team ended in a goalless draw.

## South Asian judo

**Sports Reporter**

The four-day 1992 South Asian judo championships will be held from October 30 to November 4 in the Indian capital New Delhi.

Seventeen judokas of Bangladesh will participate in three divisions — boys' men's and women's.

The coaching camp for the Bangladeshi judokas will begin from September 25 at the National Sports Council gymnasium.

# No big deals on dull day

**Sports Reporter**

With just a day to go before the closing of transfers of cricket players for the 1992-93 season, yesterday, the sixth day of the week-long season saw no sensational signing as regards speculations of the cricket enthusiasts.

Two Deedars — both having something to do with champion Mohammedans — submitted their tokens. Ahmed Deedar of Mohammedan Sporting, wicketkeeper-cum-batsman, finally found a team

the departure of Jahangir Alam by hooking Rabi Samad Mansur, a yobbo from Surja Tarun. Rabi's arrival ruled out any advantage that might have come in the way of Shahidul Islam Ratan, the specialist Mohammedan wicketkeeper who has reportedly kept Mohammedans on tenterhooks.

Shabbir Chowdhury of Public Works Department departed the office team to assist Gulshan Youth — who have collected quite a few fighting and useful cricketers. One of the older hands on the list of the probables is Nadir Shah

Victoria Sporting Club collected another useful cricketer, Fazle Rabbi Khan, a stingy right-arm offspinner from GMCC.

GMCC, already hit hard by the desertion of Zakir, Harunur-Rashid Liton and few others, were reportedly negotiating with Mohammedan paceman Jahangir Talukdar Dulu, now an epitome of frustration because of the severe economic depression caused by the players' pool.

GMCC are also keen on Sanjeeva Wickramasinghe of Lal-matia, a right-arm leg-break



**SHABBIR**

as Brothers manager Wasim Khan kept his word and had the young cricketer from Chittagong signed for Brothers Union after Gulshan Youth officials left the Mohammedan discard in the lurch by signing Nasir Ahmed Nasu of the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in his place.

The other Deedar, a bit of an allrounder from Agram Bank, signed for Mohammedans to fill in the void created by his name-sake. Mohammedan Sporting overcame an imminent crisis about their man behind the stumps since



**DEEDAR**

who played for Brothers Union last year.

Shahidul Rahman Shahid, former national player and an aggressive batsman from Chittagong, opted for Kalabagan after having snapped relations with Lalmatia Club.

Lalmatia lost wicketkeeper-batsman Anwar Hossain Chowdhury to Agram Bank, his former team.

Brothers paceman Syed Ashfaqur Rahim left Brothers Union for Surja Tarun who lost Rabi to Mohammedans to leave the market with nothing in their account.



**ANWAR**

bowler and a handy bat.

Waheedul Ghani, the long serving right-arm leg-break and googly bowler, has been convinced by Mohammedan officials to remain with them for next season, according to club sources.

## DAMAL SUMMER CRICKET

Meanwhile, Damal Summer Cricket tournament, the traditional curtain raiser of the cricket season, will begin from October 9, according to a BCCB official.

## Snell — wiser for the experience

**TAUNTON, England, Sept 23:** South African seamer Richard Snell may not have taken as many wickets in his first English county season as Somerset hoped for, but he feels this year has been a significant one in his cricketing education, reports AFP.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed it," said the 24-year-old Transvaal star. "The season hasn't been too bad. I feel that any newcomer to English conditions would take a few years to know exactly what you're doing over here."

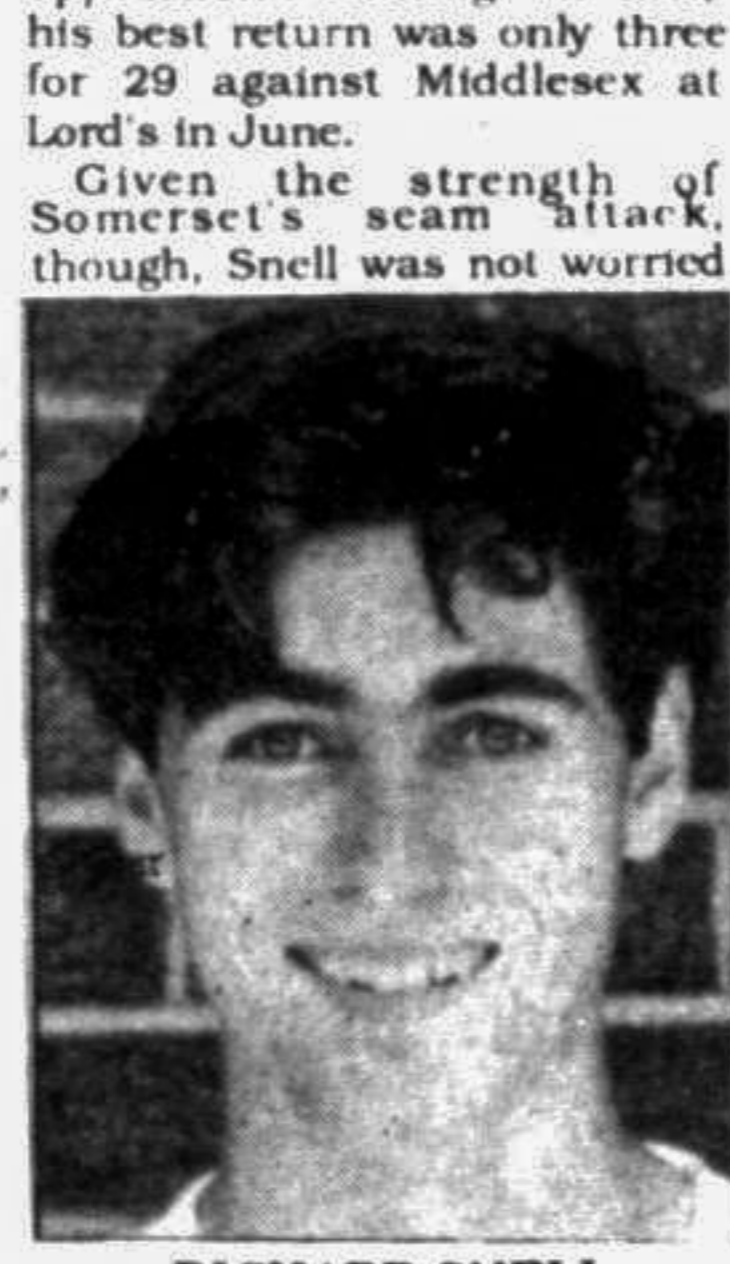
Snell, who finished the season with 27 first-class wickets at an average of 44.22 apiece, pinpointed three areas where he has found bowling at county level difficult.

"Firstly I've had a whole lot of new people to bowl at — new strengths and weaknesses to identify," he said.

"I've also found it pretty difficult adjusting to the length of bowling required. I only started to get it right towards the end of the season."

"It's a question of the getting used to the different cricket balls used, as well. In South Africa we use the Kookaburra, which tends to swing a lot to start with, but in England I've used mainly Dukes and Readers, which swing more as they get older."

As a result, Snell has scarcely ripped through the



**RICHARD SNELL**

opposition's batting. In fact, his best return was only three for 29 against Middlesex at Lord's in June.

Given the strength of Somerset's seam attack, though, Snell was not worried

cherishing the odd day off."

If Snell's bowling disappointed the Somerset faithful, his hard-hitting, lower-order batting certainly impressed.

He registered three 50s, the highest of which was a career best 81 against Leicestershire at Leicester in July, and ended the season with 436 runs at an average of 27.25.

"Difficult though it was for me to adjust my bowling to English requirements, I found the batting rather easier," he reflected. "Taunton is a great batting wicket and most of the away pitches we played on this season were pretty flat."

Snell's next challenge before he returns to Wits University in Johannesburg to complete the last two years of a four-year physiotherapy course is South Africa's Test series against India.

"India are a side packed with attractive batsmen and they've got some good swing bowlers," he said. "But I think if we play like we can, we should come out of this series pretty well."

## Ali's fight continues

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC, Sept 23:** Boxing great Muhammad Ali is back on this island to resume treatment of the debilitating disease that has taken over his life, reports AP.

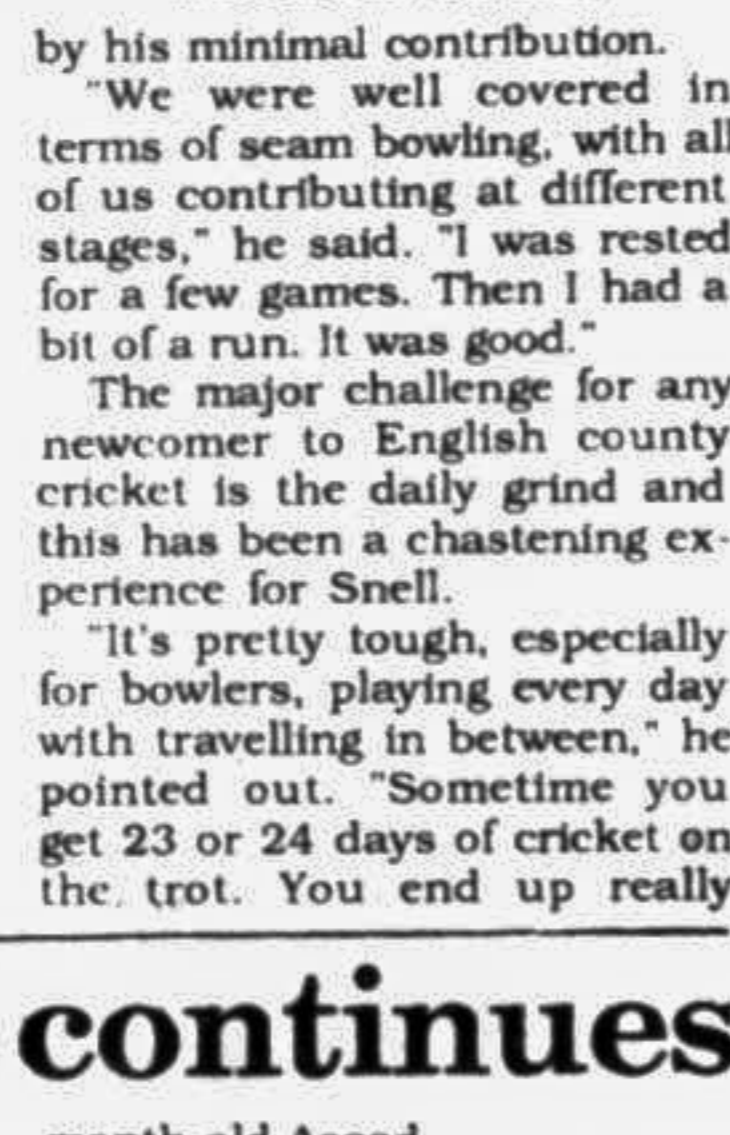
The three-time heavyweight boxing champion of the world will be here through Thursday receiving treatment, according to Dr Rajko Medenica, his physician at Hilton Head Hospital.

The 50-year-old Ali, suffering from an ailment with symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease, has experienced deteriorating health as he has travelled around the world to promote Islam, the religion he adopted in 1964.

The former boxing great was supposed to have been receiving bi-monthly treatments. But his travels and the birth of his son Asaad kept him away from Hilton Head for 18 months, Medenica told the (Hilton Head) Island Packet for Thursday's editions.

"He came now because he wasn't feeling well," Medenica said in an interview Tuesday afternoon after treating Ali at his clinic.

After his three-hour treatment — the second of three scheduled this week — Ali was quiet and slow in his movements. But he managed to strike a few boxing poses for the camera when he wasn't holding or gently kissing 17-



**MUHAMMAD ALI**

## Zimbabwe find a Test umpire to train them

**HARARE, Sept 23:** Zimbabwe have appointed English Test umpire John Hampshire as coach on a two-month contract for the Test series against New Zealand, reports Reuters.

Before turning to umpiring, Hampshire enjoyed a long career with Yorkshire and played for England eight times.

Zimbabwe Cricket Union president Peter Chingoka said on Tuesday Hampshire would arrive at the weekend and assume his post in October before Zimbabwe play New Zealand in a Test series later in the month.

Hampshire takes over from another Englishman, Don Topley, whose two-year contract expired after the World Cup earlier this year.

Cricket Union vice-president Brian Thorne said: "We have contracted him to coach our side for the Test series only and I am sure he will continue with his job as umpire. We will continue looking for a full-time foreign national coach when he goes."

## The switch

**ATHENS, Sept 23:** Greece's Olympic 100 metres hurdles gold medalist Paraskevi Patoulidou said on Tuesday she was switching to the long jump, reports Reuters.

Patoulidou, the first Greek woman to win an Olympic gold medal and Greece's first champion since 1912, told reporters she had decided to switch before the Barcelona Olympics.

"I always wanted to compete in the long jump and will work hard to do well in the Atlanta Olympics," she said. The American city is hosting the 1996 Summer Games.



Communications Minister Col (retd) Oli Ahmed and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka along with the NSC awardees for the year 1991 at the prize-giving ceremony at a local hotel yesterday. — Star photo

# Nine receive NSC awards for '91

**Sports Reporter**

The long overdue presentation ceremony of the National Sports Council (NSC) awards to leading sports personalities for their contributions in respective fields was held at a local hotel last evening.

Communications Minister Col (retd) Oli Ahmed did the honours of handing out cash, medal, blazer and certificates to nine sportspersons including two ladies and two sports officials, known in local parlance as organisers.

The lucky recipients of the prestigious awards for the year 1991 were (i) Kazi Shahana Parveen, the Narayanganj girl who by dint of being the premier shooter of her sex earned the distinction of becoming the first female representative of the country at the Barcelona Olympics; (ii) Shamima Sattar Mimmi, the lean, lithe lady who has been a permanent fixture in the country's famed athletics arena for several years now, having set some national records in the process; (iii) Naik Golam Ambia, the ace sprinter from Bangladesh Army who, too, went to Barcelona; (iv) Mohammad Monem Munna, reportedly the highest paid footballer of the country last season with Abahani; (v) Syed Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir, the diminutive live-wire Mohammedan Sporting winger who led the Bangladesh under-23 team in the Olympic qualifying meet; (vi) Minhazul Abedin Nannu, the Bangladesh and Mohammedan Sporting cricket skipper; (vii) Atzullah Haider Jamal, the Mohammedan Sporting media who played a significant part in earning his team the Green Delta First Division hockey league title last season; (viii) Rashed Asghar Chowdhury of Chittagong and (ix) Professor Tofazzal Hossain Chowdhury of Mymensingh. The last two named have impressed the NSC with their ceaseless efforts for the promotion of games and sports in their respective districts.

Chief guest Oli Ahmed assured of the government's full cooperation for the development of the country's sports.

Speaking on the occasion, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka, who is also the Chairman of the NSC, said in keeping with the practice introduced during the last SAF Games in Colombo, each individual gold medal winner would be eligible for a cash reward of Taka one lakh, an incentive obviously aimed at inspiring confidence among the country's sports men and women to give of their best in future international meets, especially during the sixth SAF Games which Dhaka will host in December 1993.

More importantly, Sadeq Hossain said that the government would reintroduce the National Sports Awards for outstanding sporting personalities soon. These awards were scrapped by the autocratic Ershad regime.

The presentation ceremony, at which every awardee received Taka 10,000, a gold medal, the NSC blazer and a citation, was also addressed by Kazi Shahana Parveen and Monem Munna on behalf of the recipients and Shafiguzzaman, the general secretary of the Jessore DSA, on behalf of the organisers.

The function was followed by dinner.

## Christchurch bids for 2002 Winter Olympics

**WELLINGTON, Sept 23:** A long-shot bid for the New Zealand city of Christchurch to host the 2002 Winter Olympics was launched Tuesday.

A group called Winter Games Promotion said they believed hosting the Games would cost around 700 million New Zealand dollars (379 million US). Funding, they believe, would come from television rights, sponsorship and ticket sales.

The group is headed by businessman and sports administrator Bruce Ullrich.

A 140-page report said if successful, Christchurch would become the first southern hemisphere city to host the Winter Games, and only the second to host an Olympics.

Melbourne hosted the Summer Games in 1956. Sydney is a strong contender for the Summer Games in 2000.

Selection of the host city for the 2002 Games will be made by the International Olympic Committee in Budapest on June 16, 1995.

Salt Lake City is considered the best prospect for the 2002 Games.

## Jansher makes his intention clear

**JOHANNESBURG, Sept 23:** Top seed Jansher Khan served notice that he is determined to regain his World Open squash title by destroying French number one Julien Bonatet 15-9, 15-9, 15-10 in the first round on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Jansher, the world number one who lost the title last year to Australian Rodney Martin, was in superb form and had obviously overcome breathing problems which hit him in the high altitude of Johannesburg last week.

He was also clearly not worried about a local radio report which alleged he had been refused entry to a private club for training because he would not pay the entrance fee. The report also alleged racial overtones to the incident.

"That I stupid, it never happened. I have trained well since I have been here, but people always say silly things about me. Nobody talked to me about it, if they had I would have told them the truth," he said.

The match itself was little more than a training spin for the Pakistani, who has been world champion three times.

The gallant Bonatet held him to 9-9 in the opening game, but Jansher took the next six points.

The Frenchman also held his own in the early stages of



**JANSHER KHAN**

## ROK to expel asylum-seeking Ethiopian runner

**SEOUL, Sept 23:** South Korea may expel an Ethiopian female track athlete who is seeking asylum in the United States, sports officials said Wednesday, reports AP.

Meseret Dekele, 17, in Seoul for the 4th World Junior Athletics Championships, is asking South Korean officials to help her seek asylum in the United States, said the officials at the Korea Track and Field Association.

An association official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said she was likely to be expelled.

Dekele, who unsuccessfully competed in the women's 100-metre and 200-metre dashes, left her 19-member Ethiopian delegation right after the five-day championships ended on Sunday.

## Squash will miss its undisputed king

**JOHANNESBURG, Sept 23:** Jahangir Khan's decision to retire from squash marks the end of a golden era for a sport he had dominated for much of his 12-year career, reports Reuters.

The 28-year-old Pakistani, World Open champion six times and British Open winner for 10 years in a row, is one of an elite group to become legends during their sporting career. In fact he achieved it by the age of 22.

Jahangir's record of over 500 consecutive victories between April 1981 and November 1986 was remarkable by any standards. In the fiercely competitive game of squash, it was incredible.

And during that period of five years, seven months and one day he was only once extended to five games.

On court he was supreme. And off court he accepted his success with humility. The shy schoolboy who struggled to communicate when he appeared on the world circuit in 1980 became a magnificent ambassador for his sport and for his country.

Yet his entry into squash was born of tragedy.

His elder brother Tossan Khan collapsed and died playing in Australia in 1979 and Jahangir, the young man from the village of Nawakille on the Northwest Frontier, was thrust forward to carry the family torch.

His father Roshan won the British Open in 1957, and his relatives Hashim (winner seven times), Azam (winner four times) and Mohibullah (winner in 1962) had dominated squash throughout the 50's and 60's.

Open champion at the age of 17. Less than six months later he won his first British Open.

His total domination had begun and in 1984 he crossed the Atlantic to beat the Americans at their own game in the hardball version of the sport. In boxing terms he was now undisputed world champion and the Pakistani had won them all.

But on November 11, 1986, in Toulouse, France, the New Zealander finally caught Jahangir on a bad day.

Defeat for Jahangir in the World Open final made headlines around the world. He could have offered excuses but he did not. He was not fully fit and his mentor and cousin Rehmat Khan was ill and could not be there in his corner.

Jahangir hit back to regain his world title in 1988 and continued his domination of the British Open.

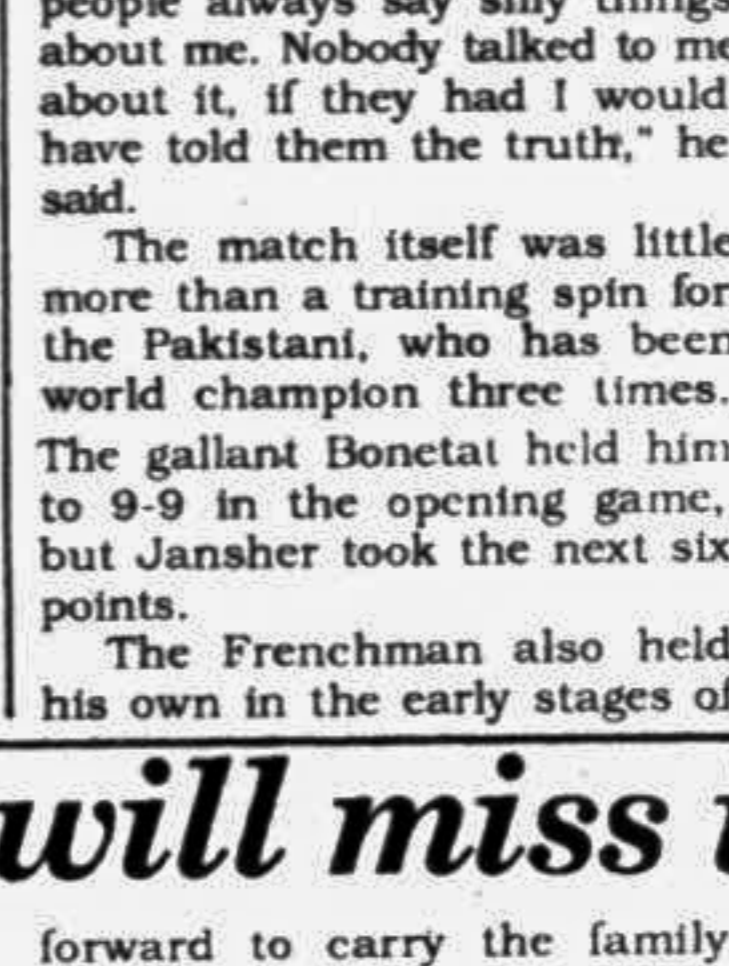
The first hint that the physical strain had caught up with him came in Vancouver in 1990 when he was diagnosed as suffering from extreme mental and physical exhaustion.

He was away for five months but returned to win his 10th British Open, regain his number one ranking and reach the World Open final.

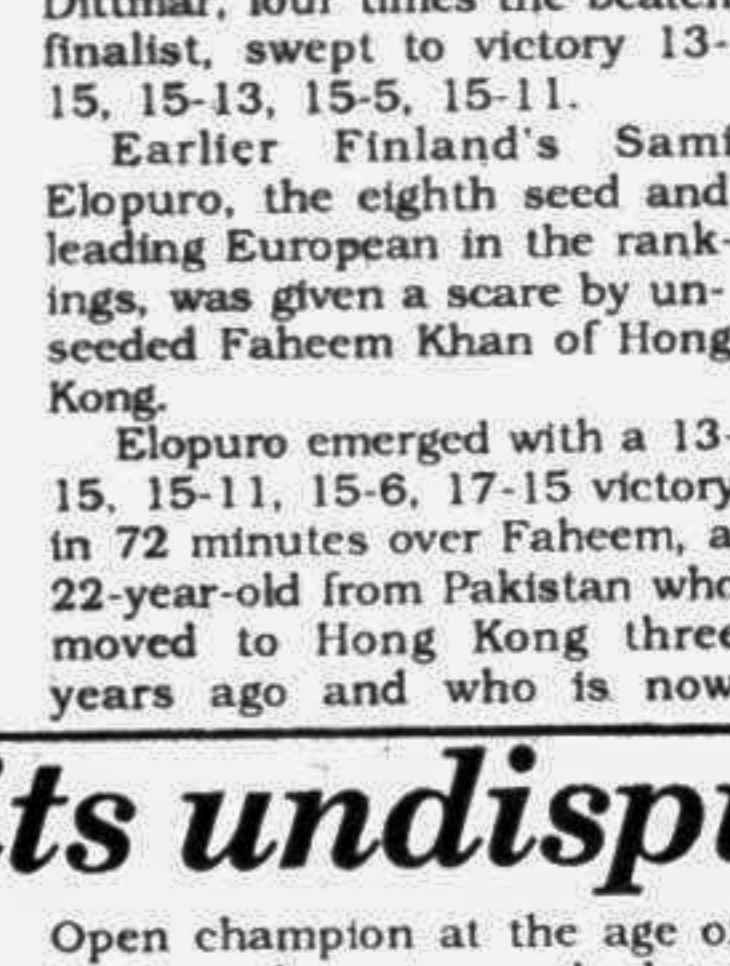
But after suffering a back injury in training last February Jahangir said on Monday he had finally decided to call it a day at the end of the season.

"My body has taken too much. I don't want to risk any further damage or to end my career as just an ordinary player," he said.

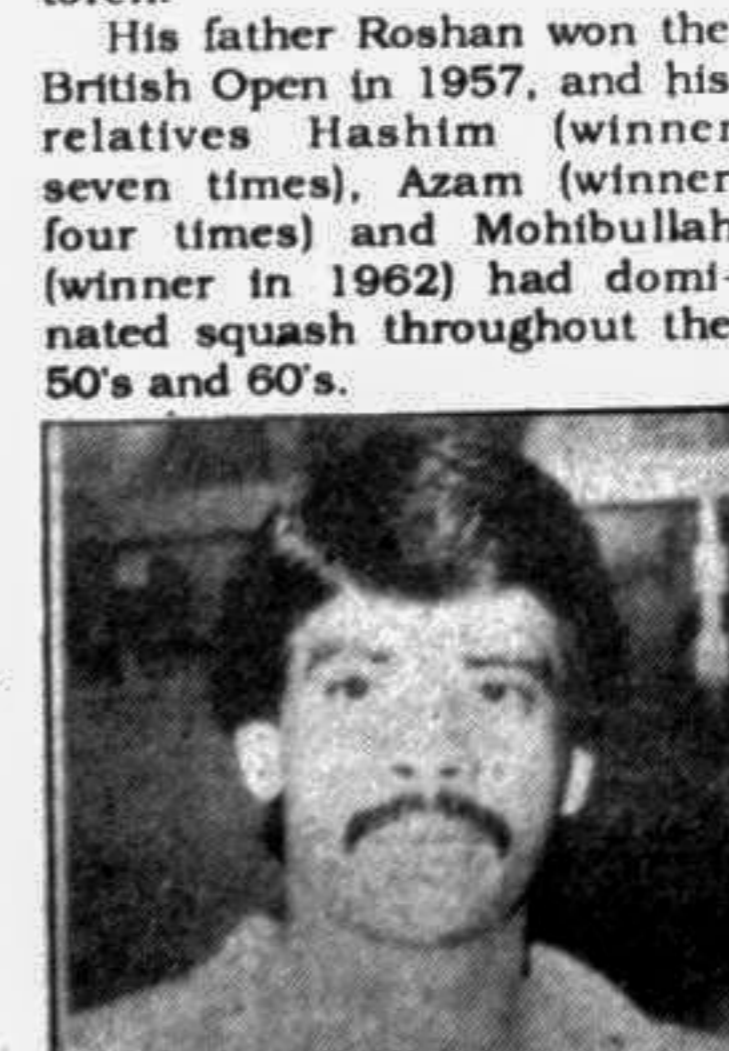
Jahangir Khan — in Urdu his name means conqueror of the world — has never and would never be just an ordinary player.



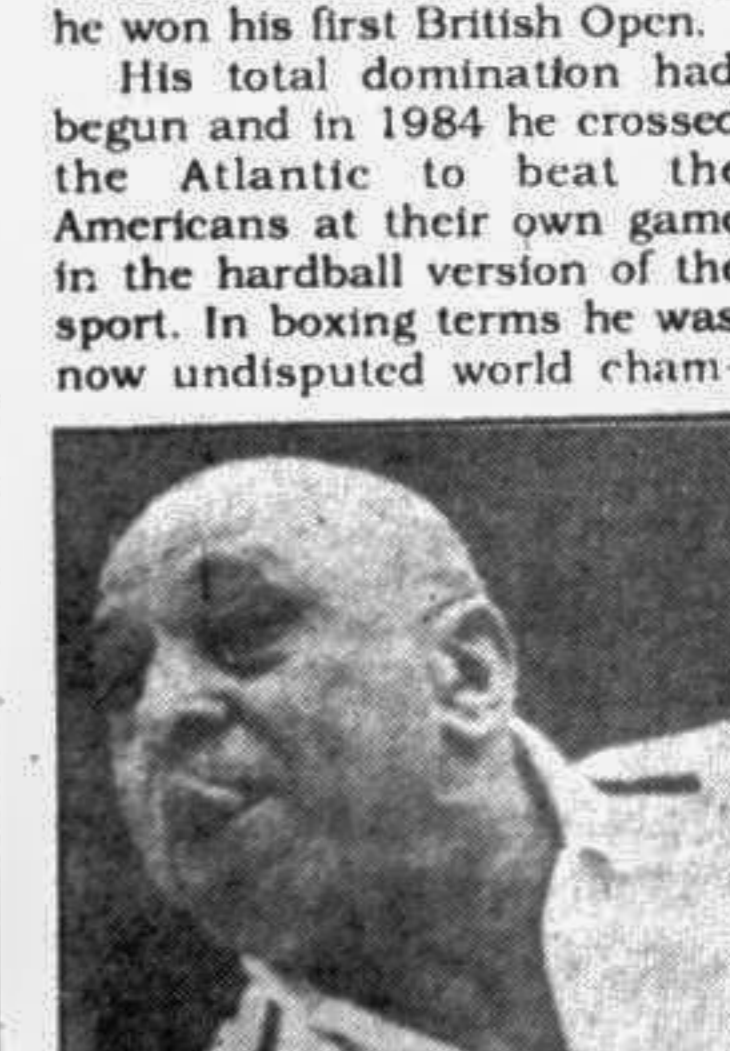
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