

## SAF Games organising committee named

Sports Reporter

It is better late than never. After days of wild speculations the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has finally announced the organising committee for the upcoming sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, to be held in the city in December this year.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has been made the chief patron of the Games with Professor Badruddoza Chowdhury, the Deputy Leader of the House, Minister for Agriculture M Majidul Haq, Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Local Government Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Minister for Health Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf, Social Welfare Minister Tariqul Islam and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad as patrons.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has been named the president of the organising committee with Azizul Haq, Secretary of the Ministry for Youth and Sports, as the organising secretary.

Shamsul Islam Khan, Minister for Industries, Information Minister Nazmul Huda, Jute Minister Hannan Shah, Planning Minister Zahiruddin Khan, Dhaka City Mayor Mirza Abbas and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain and BOA president Gias Kamal Chowdhury will act as vice-president in the committee.

Besides another 150 members including 20 MPs have been nominated.

The first meeting of the organising committee will be held at the National Economic Council conference room at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on May 23 with its president in the chair.

It's definitely not going to be easy for the committee to synchronise everything in such a short period and all eyes will be fixed on the activities of the committee during the next few months.

## Independence Day gymnastics ends

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Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) won three more golds on the concluding day of the Biman Independence Day gymnastics championships at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday to add to the five they earned Thursday to finish atop the medals table.

BTMC finished with eight golds, seven silvers and six bronzes ahead of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP), who managed only one gold to end up with five golds, five silvers and six bronzes.

Ansars gymnasts dominated on the concluding day of the two-day meet achieving four golds to round off with 11 medals over all. Dinajpur DSA got the other gold in the offing.

## Div II cricket qualifiers

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Seven Star Sports Club, Trital Shilpi Goshthi, Ibrahimpur Eleven, Mohammadpur Eleven and Dhaka Cricket Coaching Centre registered victories in their respective matches of the Second Division cricket qualifying tournament at different venues across the capital yesterday.

Seven Star Sports Club recorded a six wicket victory over Kazipara Cricket Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (west).

Batting first, Kazipara were bundled out for 103 in 28.5 overs.

In reply, Seven Star reached the victory target losing four wickets in 20.4 overs.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground Trital Shilpi Goshthi scampared home with a one-wicket victory over Dhaka Cricketers.

Trital made 83 for nine in 17.3 overs in reply to Dhaka Cricketers' 82 for eight in the stipulated 20 overs.

Ibrahimpur Eleven overpowered Khilgaon Bagicha by six wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (east).

Khilgaon Bagicha batted first to be dismissed for 71 in 24.3 overs.

Ibrahimpur Eleven reached 72 losing four of their batsmen in 23 overs.

At the Mirpur Pallabi ground Mohammadpur Eleven posted a two-wicket triumph over GNCC.

Batting first, GNCC scored 97 for three in 20 overs.

In reply, Mohammadpur Eleven reached the target in 19.2 overs losing eight wickets.

Dhaka Cricket Coaching Centre edged Muradpur Sebak Sangha by nine runs at the Jagannath Hall cricket ground of Dhaka University.

Muradpur were shot out for 98 in 24.2 overs in reply to Dhaka Cricket Coaching Centre's 107 all out in 24.1 overs.

## Abahani rout Rahmatganj

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Rumi Rizvi Karim scored a glittering hat-trick to lead Abahani Krira Chakra to a resounding 5-0

triumph over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in the DMFA Cup round-robin final leg at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Defending Star First Division league champions, with this win, confirmed their semifinal berth. Abahani will take on Arambagh Krira Sangstha in their last group engagement tomorrow.

Led by captain Rumi and Mamun Joarder upfront, the booters in azure outfits plundered the Rahmatganj defence at will and before crowd settled down in the stand Rumi struck to trigger off deafening cry from their ardent fans.

Rumi receiving a perfect cross from the left flank took

no time in unleashing a powerful left-footer which left Milton, the Rahmatganj custodian, with no option but to watch it fly past him into the net (1-0).

Six minutes later Rumi rocketed a shot from the top of the penalty box to leave Milton stone-footed once again (2-0).

In the 24th minute, after a couple of missed chances, Mamun Joarder walked into the act with an opportunist push into the Rahmatganj goal from well inside the penalty area (3-0).

Rahmatganj were lucky not to have conceded any more goals as some way or other Abahani forwards failed to touch up a couple of fine moves.

The winners sprang into action the moment the match resumed and only six minutes had passed when Mamun got his second goal. Rumi ran free

along the left flank to float in a perfect cross for a grateful Mamun who nodded home without a second thought (4-0).

Rumi missed two easy chances in desperation to complete his treble before eventually making it in the 76th minute when he capitalised on a goalmouth melee after Masud Rana landed a ball from the left flank (5-0).

Mamun Joarder was deprived of his treble when coach Salahuddin took him off halfway through the second session much to the awe of the fans.

German coach Peter Stube, who arrived in the city yesterday to groom up the national side for the forthcoming South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, scheduled to be held in the city next December, watched the painstakingly lopsided tie from the VIP stands.

## Abahani regain Midas touch

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After an unimpressive performance in the previous game Abahani Krira Chakra forwards found the Midas touch yesterday to etch an overwhelming 10-0 win over minnows Azad Sporting Club in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium.

Abahani, who made their intentions clear in the very first match with a thumping 8-0 victory over Bangladesh Railway, opened the account in the 13th minute through Mahub Harun from a penalty stroke.

From then on the players in azure attire never let the pressure off their lowly opponents pounding on the defence time and again and scored with wary ease.

Mahub Harun, Akhter Hossain, and Mamunur Rashid scored twice each while Jumun Lusat, Fazal Mahmud, Abdullah Piru and Abu Zafar found the net once each for Abahani.

Biaka Lusat continued his superb scoring form netting twice in Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club's 3-0 triumph over lowly Bangladesh Railway in the other match.

Isa Mian scored the other one for the winners.

## Miandad looks forward to next World Cup

KARACHI, May 21: Pakistan's master batsman Javed Miandad said today he has no plans to retire before the next World Cup to be staged in the subcontinent in 1996, reports AFP.

"If anyone thinks that through smear campaigns he can pressure me into announcing early retirement from the game, he is sadly mistaken," the former Pakistan cricket captain said at an award ceremony.

"In fact my aim is to represent Pakistan in the 1996 World Cup and god willing it would be a record by itself because then I would be the only cricketer having played in all the six World Cup tournaments," he said.

"It would require any cricketer to play at least for a quarter century to beat that record," said Miandad, second highest scorer in one-day internationals and third highest Test aggregate, following Australia's Allan Border and India's Sunil Gavaskar. He said during the intervening period he would also try to improve his Test and one-day aggregates.

Miandad dispelled as a mere fantasy and smear campaign reported accusations by the former Pakistan fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz that he threw away his bat irresponsibly during the recently concluded West Indian tour.

Sarfraz has also reportedly accused Miandad of being involved with the "Gambling Mafia" to bring disrepute to the Pakistan team.

## Hafiz has only himself to blame

A Bangladesh nominee for international referees' examination has been barred from appearing in the test, BBF sources said, reports UNB.

The Bangladesh Basketball Federation (BBF) on Thursday banned Major Mohammad Atiqul Hafiz's participation in any competition, clinic, camp or seminar for two years for his alleged misbehaviour in the semifinals of the Bangladesh Games last December.

Earlier on May 15, the BBF nominated four candidates for appearing in the examination to be held in Kuala Lumpur from June 5-8, a rare opportunity for Bangladesh having no A grade referee. None but Major Atiqul responded and the Army Sports Control Board agreed to provide the expenses for him to appear in the test.

It was learnt that Maj Atiqul, one of the four B grade referees recognised by the Federation of International Basketball Associations (FIBA), was barred from sitting for the test according to the recommendation of the Technical Committee.

## Dipali JS emerge Pioneer champs

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Dipali Jubo Sangha emerged champions in the Janata Bank Pioneer football league when they defeated Motijheel T&T Club 4-3 in the tie breaker in the final at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Tarek, Bobby, Anwar and Nur Islam netted for the winners while Prodip, Kalam and Ritv scored for the losers.

Both sides, however, have earned promotion to next year's Third Division league.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.



British Prime Minister John Major, an ardent cricket fan, watching closely the proceedings of the second one-dayer between England and Australia at Edgbaston yesterday. Major must have had a wonderful time seeing the England batsmen plundering Aussie attack on their way to making an imposing 277 for five in 55 overs. —Star TV photo

## Aussies take Texaco Trophy



BIRMINGHAM, May 21: Australia lifted the Texaco Trophy at Edgbaston here today when they trounced England by six wickets in the second of the three one-day internationals, reports AFP.

A magnificent fourth-wicket stand of 168 between Mark Waugh and skipper Allan Border guided the tourists past England's imposing 55-over total of 277 for five.

Robin Smith, who was later adjudged man-of-the-match, notched the highest score by an England player in limited-over internationals with his 167 not out, but Waugh and Border ensured his superb effort went in vain with their respective innings of 113 and 86 not out.

Australia won the first game by four runs at Manchester on Wednesday and so bid for the clean sweep at Lord's on Sunday.

England have now lost all of their last six one-day internationals.

Earlier, Robin Smith rewrote England's one-day record books as he transformed the second one-day international with a savage attack on Australia's bowlers.

The South African-born batsman slammed his way to 167 not out, the highest score by an England player in a one-day international to lift the host country from 55 for three to 277 for five from their 55 overs.

Smith's stunning knock left England with a total which would truly test Australia in their attempt to wrap up the three-match series after their

four-run victory on Wednesday.

Only Queensland pace ace Craig McDermott was spared Smith's salvo as the powerful right-hander thumped 17 fours and three sixes in 163 balls.

Smith, who came in during the third over, required just 20 deliveries for his third 50, which included four fours and three sixes.

The final 10 overs produced 114 runs and Smith was responsible for 82 of those. Old rival Merv Hughes went for 17 in one over and seamer Paul Reiffel was carted for 20 in another.

England had looked in serious trouble when McDermott

Scoreboard in the second one-day international between Australia and England at Edgbaston here on Friday:

ENGLAND:  
Gooch c Healy b McDermott 17

Stewart b McDermott 0  
Smith not out 167  
Hick c Healy b Reiffel 2

Fairbrother c Taylor b S Waugh 23  
Thorpe c Border b McDermott 36

Lewis not out 13  
Extras: (b-2, lb-4, w-2, nb-1) 19  
Total: (5 wks, 55 overs) 277

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-40, 3-55, 4-105, 5-247.

Did not bat: Pringle, Cork, Jarvis, Caddick.

Bowling: O M R W  
McDermott 11 1 29 3  
Hughes 11 2 51 0  
Reiffel 11 1 70 1

May 11 0 45 0  
S Waugh 8 0 55 1  
M Waugh 3 0 21 0

## Penberthy shines on a rainy day

LONDON, May 21: Northamptonshire swing bowler Tony Penberthy chalked up a competition-best return on Thursday as rain ruled the rest of the English County Championships programme, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old captured five for 37 to put the skids under Glamorgan at Swansea in one of only two games in which play was possible.

Only ex-West Indies captain Viv Richards offered much resistance with a stylish 64 in 149 minutes including a six and seven fours before he was the last man out with the total 165.

In reply, Northants reached 133 for five thanks to 40s from former England batsmen Rob Bailey and Allan Lamb, who added 59.

## Baishakhi h'ball

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Surjody Boys Club became champions in the Baishakhi handball championship beating Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club 25-15 in the final after dominating the first session 12-11 at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Islam and Jewel netted seven goals each for the victors while Kamal scored four.

Akram Hossain and Nabuat netted seven and four times respectively for the losers.

Later, Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Abdul Hye gave away prizes among the winners as chief guest.

## Arsenal's 5th FA Cup title



WEMBLEY, May 21: Defender Andy Linighan waited until the last possible moment to avert the first-

ever penalty shootout in Football Association Cup final history Thursday, as he headed in a Paul Merson corner to give Arsenal a 2-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday, reports AP.

Linighan, positioned less than five yards (meters) from the goal, put the ball through the hands of England goalkeeper Chris Woods during injury time which had been added to extra time.

The victory gives Arsenal their fifth FA Cup title and the London team became the first to capture both major English cups in one season, having defeated Wednesday in the League Cup final last month.

Arsenal's Ian Wright scored his 30th goal of the season and Chris Waddle answered for Wednesday as the teams were level after 90 minutes.

A shootout appeared inevitable as both teams missed chances in extra time until Linighan found the net seconds before the final whistle.

The replay, the 14th in 112 FA Cup finals, was forced by a 1-1 draw last Saturday that had both teams showing the weary effects of the long season.

But, despite occasional sloppy play, the replay featured a quicker tempo marred by spells of roughness.

Arsenal's Danish midfielder John Jensen set the mood early with an aggressive tackle that sent Chris Waddle to the turf for several minutes.

Continued rough play led to several cautions from referee Keren Barratt, who issued the first yellow card to Brighton after the Wednesday striker bloodied Linighan's nose with an elbow in the 18th minute.

Linighan recovered to threaten the Wednesday net seven minutes later but headed Lee Dixon's cross wide.

Waddle was then felled for a second time when Nigel Winterburn knocked him to the ground, stripping the ball but not drawing the foul.

Wright then put Arsenal on

(meters) from the net and outpaced Wednesday defenders Paul Warhurst and Carlton Palmer to beat a sliding Woods.

Wednesday, who had played the first three-quarters of the match without a serious scoring threat, equalized through Waddle in the 68th minute.

American midfielder John Harkes swung a cross into the box which Bright headed into the Arsenal defence, but Waddle was there to pick up the deflection as he drove the ball past goalkeeper David Seamon from the edge of the penalty area.

The tempo accelerated in the final 15 minutes, and Arsenal's Smith received his first career booking when he pushed substitute Graham Hyde to the ground in the 77th minute.

Both teams showed fatigue in extra time, and Arsenal had to make do without Wright, who was substituted by manager George Graham midway through the second half.

Wednesday manager Trevor Francis, anticipating the shootout, brought in Chris Bart-Williams as a late substitute, but Linighan's winning effort negated the strategy.

Wednesday played without regular captain Viv Anderson. The defender injured knee ligaments in Saturday's game and failed a fitness test prior to the replay.

The game attracted 62,267 fans, the smallest crowd to witness an FA Cup final in its 70 years at Wembley.

## US Cup will be a test, says Meola

NEW YORK, May 21: Soccer powerhouses Germany, Brazil and England will provide the United States with a valuable test for the 1994 World Cup in next month's US Cup '93 tournament, American goalkeeper Tony Meola says, reports Reuter.

"What we need to do is think of this as the World Cup," Meola said on Thursday in a telephone news conference from the team's training site in Mission Viejo, California.

"We need to come out of the tournament with three points — a win and a tie — and in World Cup that is what it takes to get to the second round," Meola said.

The four-nation round-robin tournament opens on June 6 with the hosts playing Brazil at New Haven, Connecticut.

The US Cup '93, billed as a dress rehearsal for the first-ever staging of the World Cup in the United States, features current and three-times World Cup champions Germany, three-times champions Brazil and 1996 winners England.

Last year, with Meola in goal, the United States beat Ireland and Portugal and tied Italy to win the tournament. But the strength of third-year's field presents an even bigger challenge just to be competitive, according to Meola.

"We need to play well against these guys," Meola said. "We have to put on a good performance and not lose games 2-0 or 3-0. In America it is always important to win."

The success of the team could be determined early in each game, according to Meola, who has been named the starter for the tournament by coach Bora Milutinovic.

"It is important in all three games that we be in the game early," Meola said. "When you go up against the likes of Germany and Britain and Brazil, you have to stay in the game early."

The teams' captain, the 24-year-old Meola has not been able to post a victory this year in five international matches with three losses and two ties.

Meola knows the dangers Brazil presents, having lost to the South Americans twice last year.

"They are scary to play against because they'll you to sleep and then can score three times in ten minutes," he said.

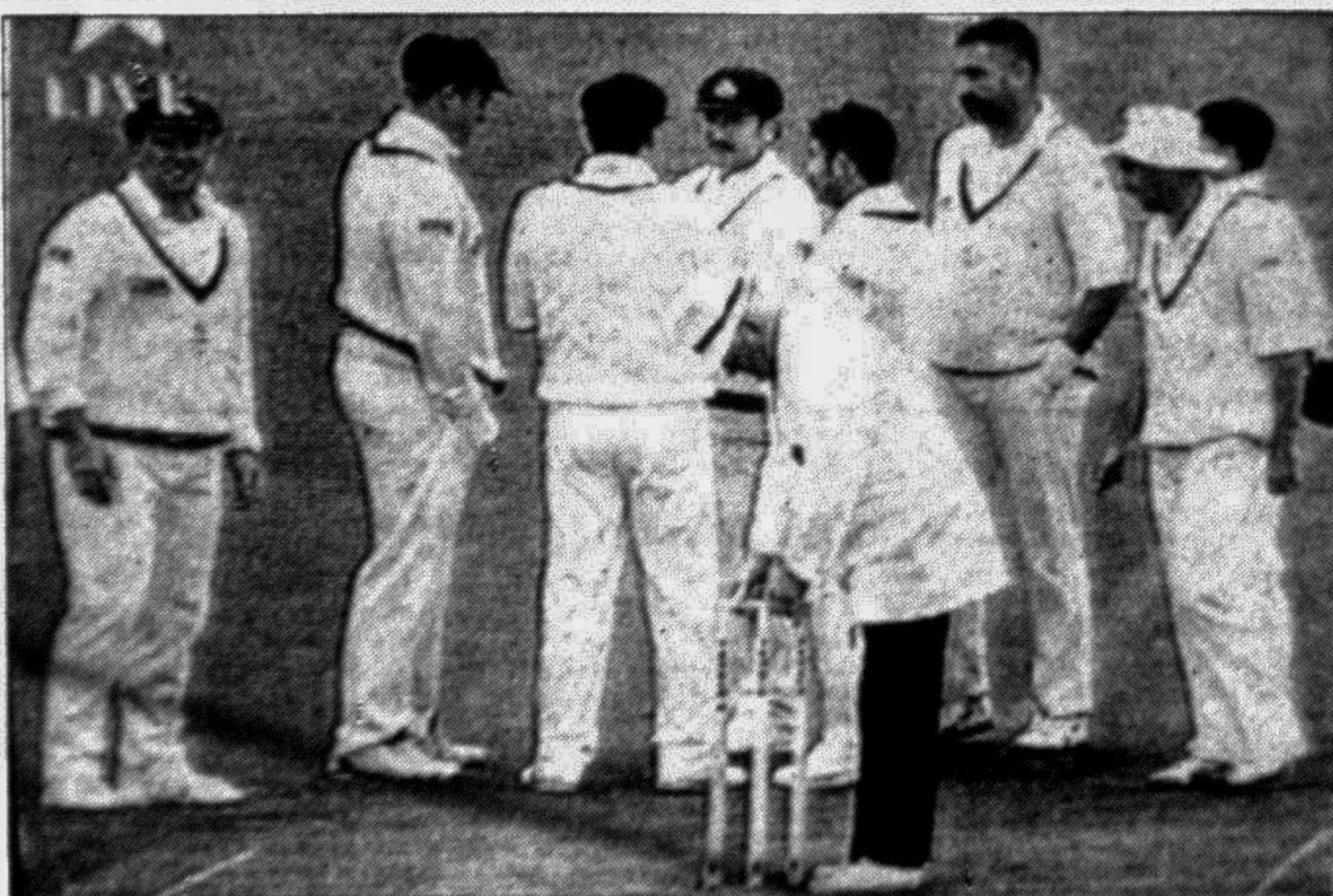
The United States will play England on June 9 in Boston, Germany play on June 10 in Washington DC, England and Germany clash on June 19 in Detroit.

Johnson will be joined on the selection panel by seven NBA officials, said two university basketball coaches.

Magic now a selector

COLOMBO SPRINGS, Colorado, May 21: Magic Johnson will be one of 10 selectors for the US men's basketball team for the next World Championships and Olympics, USA Basketball announced here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Johnson, the former Los Angeles Lakers star who retired after contracting the AIDS virus, captained the US Dream Team that won the gold and hogged the headlines at the 1992 Games.



Australian cricketers celebrate the early dismissal of England vice-captain and opening batsman Alec Stewart, who was clean bowled by paceman Craig McDermott for nought, during the second one-dayer at Edgbaston, Birmingham yesterday. Umpire Kitchen is seen taking care of the rattled stumps. England amassed 277 for five in their stipulated 55 overs with Robin Smith making an arrogant 167 not out. —Star TV photo



Players of Dipali Jubo Sangha who emerged champions of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league beating Motijheel T & T Club in the final at the Outer Stadium yesterday. —Star photo