

### Oli Ahmed named new BFF chief

The National Sports Council yesterday announced a new executive committee of Bangladesh Football Federation with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed as president, reports BSS.

Sheikh Akmal Hossain retained the post of general secretary while M Azizul Haque, A H Mofazzel Karim and Salman F Rahman have been made vice presidents in the 29-member committee.

The other officials of the new committee are: Joint secretaries — Shah Abul Kashem and Qazi Mohammad Yousof (Mishu); Treasurer — Khairul Alam Nasir.

Members — Major (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, MP, M Fazul Huq, MP, Btr Bahadur, MP, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Hasanul Haq Inu, Abdul Mu-yed Chowdhury, Dr Shami-muzzaman Basunia, Sheikh Mohammad Saheb Ali, Nur-runnabi Chowdhury, Abdur Rahim, Golar Imam, A B M Hossain, Golam Rasul Mollah, Nazrul Islam, Moazzem Hossain, Nazir Ahmed, Mohammad Nurullah, Mohammad Yousof, Mozammel Haq, M Azim Badal and Shaikuzzaman.

**Abahani's 8th**  
Sports Reporter  
Abahani Krita Chakra continued to maintain a clean slate in the Green Delta First Division hockey league with another convincing win on a rain-hampered day's schedule at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

They beat Ansars three-nil with skipper Mahub Harun twice on target.  
Harun opened the account in the fifth minute of the match with a neatly converted penalty stroke (1-0).  
Zafar doubled the margin from a penalty corner in the 45th of the match. Harun completed the tally five minutes later from day's second penalty stroke.

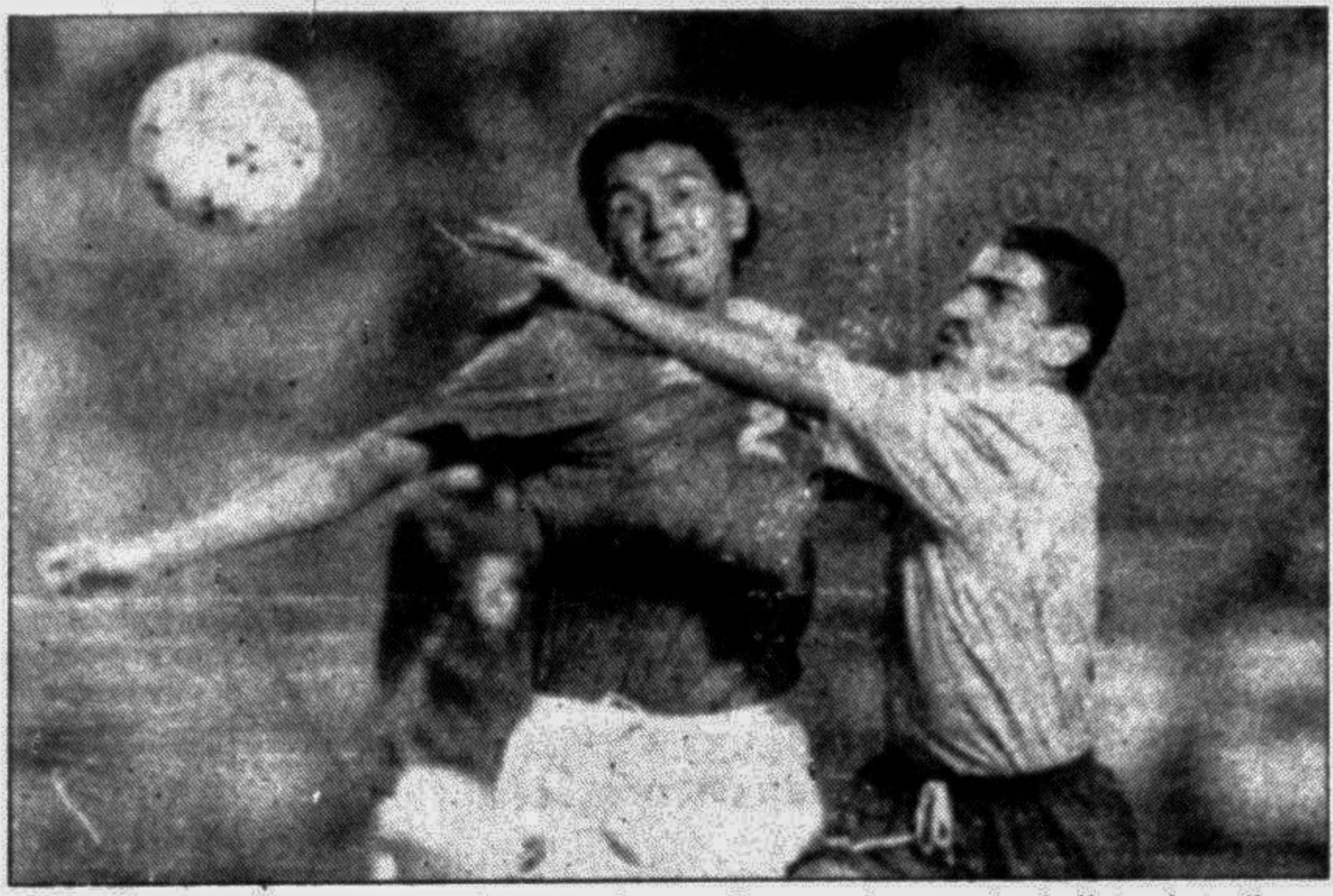
The second match of the day between reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and Wanderers Club fell through because of poor ground conditions.  
The match will now be played on June 19.

**Colombia edge past Mexico**  
MACHALA, Ecuador, June 17: Colombia beat Mexico 2-1 (half-time 1-0) in a Copa America tournament Group C soccer match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

**Uruguay beat USA**  
AMALAIJO, Ecuador, June 17: A below strength Uruguay beat a below strength United States 1-0 in the Copa America on Wednesday, reports Reuter.  
Defender Santiago Ostolaza rose above a static United States defence to head the only goal in the 51st minute of the Group A match following a corner.

One minute earlier Uruguay's Adrian Paz had hit the post with another header.  
The US best chance was 10 minutes from the end when forward Jean Harbour received a pass with his back to goal, turned and struck a powerful shot against the Uruguayan crossbar.  
The match was evenly balanced with both teams having chances and both missing their star players.  
Uruguay had none of their Italian-based exiles such as Ruben Sosa, Daniel Fonseca, Enzo Francescoli and Carlos Aguilera. The United States had only midfielder Tab Ramos playing of their foreign based players.  
Ecuador, who thrashed Venezuela 6-1 in the opening game on Tuesday, lead the group on goal difference with each team having played one game.

**Iceland win anyway**  
REYKJAVIK, June 17: Iceland's Eyjolfur Sveinsson and Arnor Gudjohnsen both scored as they beat Hungary 2-0 here on Wednesday in this World Cup Group Five qualifying match, reports AFP.  
But third-placed Iceland played for glory only as both Russia and Greece have already qualified from this group for next year's finals in the USA.



Colombian Aristizabal (R) and Mexican Suarez (L) wrangle over the ball in their Copa America match in Ecuador on June 16. Colombia beat Mexico 1-0. — AFP photo

### Sweaty win for Mohammedans

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club survived a spirited but luckless second half rally by Wari Club to register their first victory in this year's Star Premier Division football league by three goals to one at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

DMFA Cup champions Mohammedans led the first half two-nil with a goal each from skipper Rumman bin Wali Shabbir and opportunist striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib.

But Wari, who sprang up the biggest surprise of last year's league, by beating Mohammedans one-nil, looked capable of piling on the agony of their fancied opponents smarting under the traumatic experience of close shave against Mukti Jodha Sangsad in their league opener.

Mohammedan escaped defeat at the very outset of their league campaign when national defender Kaisar Hamid scored at the dying stage to neutralise Mukti lead on last Saturday.

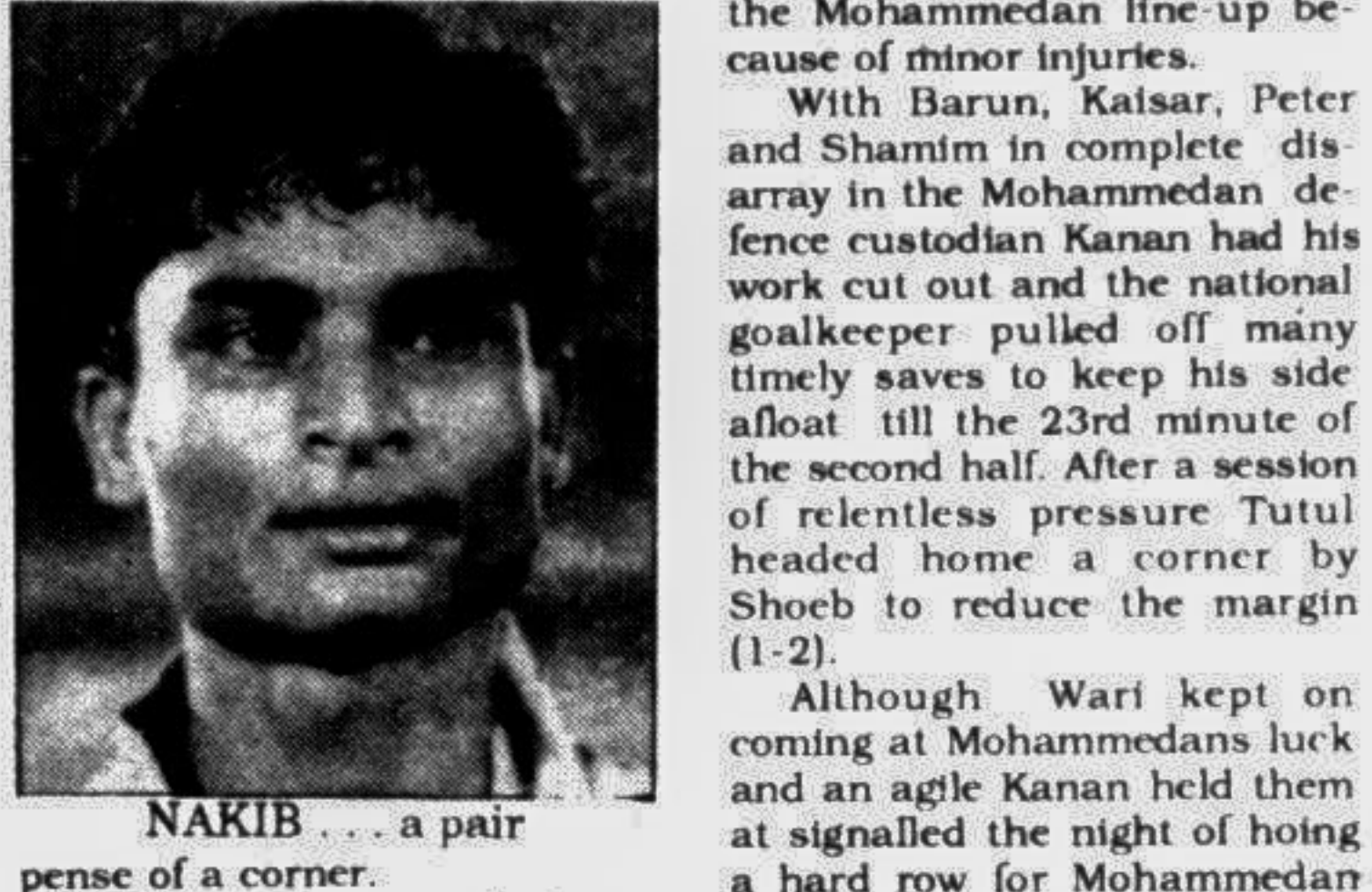
The very next day Wari added to their reputation of being the giant-slayers in local football when the traditional club caused the first major upset of this year's newly designed league with a one-nil victory against Brothers Union.

Mosharraf Hossain Tutul, who has already confirmed his reputation as *bete noire* for defenders, scored the goal to help his side start the league on a winning note.  
The dark tall striker yesterday could have done a world of good to his growing reputation if he could beat Mohammedan custodian in a one to one situation within three minutes of the start of the game. He did pull back Wari's lone goal but series of poor

finishing rendered Wari's superb second half display meaningless at least on paper.  
Wari's confidence proved to be their band early on when Shabbir latching on a midfield through beat an offside trap and a helpless Bijon, the Wari custodian, in the 18th minute (1-0).  
On a heavy, muddy ground Mohammedans settled quickly after surviving that third minute mild stroke which Kanan warded off at the ex-

hausted Wari really took Mohammedans in the second half.  
The men in red outnumbered the black and whites at almost everywhere in the ground. Kaisar Hamid, who was given the role to mark the dangerous Tutul, looked worn out and the Jewel Rana's aerial authority was sorely missed in the Mohammedan defence.  
Jewel and striker Aslam were the two main omissions from the Mohammedan line-up because of minor injuries.  
With Barun, Kaisar, Peter and Shamim in complete disarray in the Mohammedan defence custodian Kanan had his work cut out and the national goalkeeper pulled off many timely saves to keep his side afloat till the 23rd minute of the second half. After a session of relentless pressure Tutul headed home a corner by Shoeb to reduce the margin (1-2).  
Although Wari kept on coming at Mohammedans luck and an agile Kanan held them at bay, the night of being a hard row for Mohammedan with another cheeky goal. Rony took a powerful grounder from the left side of Wari box and the slippery ball came out of Bijon's grip allowing a lurking Nakib to make score (3-1).  
Kabir of Wari was shown the yellow card for handling the ball in a goalmouth melee.  
Sadharan Bima and Farashganj shared points in day's first match of the Star First Division football league.  
Biswajit gave Bima the lead in the 30th minute but four minutes later Kazi Jamal of Farashganj made the score even.

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NAKIB... a pair pensive of a corner.  
Shabbir, whose tetchy temperament did nothing to add to his rating as an indispensable member of the national team, tested Bijon with a long shot but the Wari custodian tipped it over for a corner.  
After a steady spell of pressure conjured by the collective skill of Shabbir and Arman Mohammedan got their second goal through Nakib in the 23rd minute. The opportunist striker, who was second only to Rumi in the recently concluded DMFA Cup with seven goals, beat another off side trap to put the ball past Bijon with Arman doing the spade work this time (2-0).  
Spurred on by a superb maneuvering on the flank by Chanchal menacing darts by

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### Lithuania lose with high head

VILNIUS, Lithuania, June 17: Soccer minnows Lithuania bravely resisted an Irish onslaught in their World Cup qualifier in Vilnius on Wednesday to restrict the visitors to a narrow 1-0 victory, reports Reuter.  
A 38th minute own goal from Lithuanian defender Virginijus Baltusnikas was all the Irish had to show for a relentless attacking display which saw the home side under siege for much of the game.  
Baltusnikas tried to clear a Steve Staunton shot from the edge of the penalty area but succeeded only in deflecting it into his own net.  
The result took Ireland another stride closer to next year's World Cup finals in the United States, putting them two points clear of second-placed Spain with three matches left to play.  
Lithuania came within centimetres of levelling the scores and punishing Ireland's poor finishing when Stasys Barauskas fired a scorching 20-metre drive against a post in the 75th minute.  
But Ireland had most of the game's scoring chances, starting in the 22nd minute when

Roy Keane's shot was cleared off the line by Baltusnikas with goalkeeper Martinkenas beaten.  
On 27 minutes, a fierce Alan Kernaghan shot from 22 metres was skillfully turned away by the Lithuanian keeper, before the home side managed some dangerous moments of their own.  
Romus Mazeikis shot just over the bar in the 31st minute, and Tomas Ziuikas had a powerful strike parried for a

corner two minutes later.  
Ireland stepped up the pressure in the second half, however, exploiting their superiority in the air and forcing the home side into desperate defence.  
Denis Irwin fired narrowly over the bar from an opening created by Staunton after 59 minutes. Staunton himself then beat two Lithuanian defenders three minutes later only to blast his shot narrowly wide.

**Van Basten coming round**  
MILAN, June 17: European footballer-of-the-year Marco van Basten began his long battle for fitness on Wednesday when he had a plaster cast and stitches removed following an ankle operation, reports Reuter.  
The Italian ANSA news agency said surgeon Marc Maertens pronounced himself "reasonably satisfied" after examining the AC Milan player's injury at his clinic in Antwerp, Belgium.  
Martens operated on the 28-year-old Dutch striker last week.  
Van Basten had hardly played since an operation on the same ankle last December and Italian newspapers have speculated he may be forced into premature retirement.  
He faces three weeks on crutches before beginning a rehabilitation programme and will visit Maertens for a further check-up on July 14.  
The surgeon refused to speculate on when Van Basten could resume playing but Milan has accepted that he will miss the first part of the new season, which begins on August 29.  
The Italian champions are rumoured to be interested in signing one of a number of strikers who include Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca of Napoli and Argentine Abdel Balbo from Udinese.

### Magnanimous MCC

LONDON, June 17: One-legged village cricketer Ian Harris, banned by umpires from having a runner, was given the backing of the Game's traditional figurehead the MCC on Wednesday, reports Reuter.  
MCC secretary John Stephenson said a runner should be permitted to sprint his singles.  
The 22-year-old all-rounder has played village cricket for Verryan in Cornwall for five years with an artificial leg after a farm tractor accident.  
Over the years, rival skip-pers have let Harris bat with a runner but that came to an end after he played this season for Verryan's first team in the Cornwall county league Division Two, which was qualified umpires.  
The Cornwall Umpires Association told his club that the MCC laws of cricket state a player is allowed a runner only if he is injured or incapacitated during a game.  
But Stephenson said: "I believe we should be encouraging every level of people to play the game, not try to stop people just because they have got one leg."  
"People like Ian Harris should be encouraged to play the game, not be prevented from doing so. I think it is wonderful that someone who loses a leg like that has got on so well."  
He said the MCC would contact the Cornish association to sort the situation out.  
The secretary of the Cornish Umpires Association, Gerald Penberthy, said if the MCC contacted them and told them Harris could play with a runner he would be "Delighted."

**Alderman's cricket career maybe over**  
PERTH, Australia, June 17: Sacked western Australian cricket coach Terry Alderman is to embark on a new career — in real estate, reports AFP.  
The 37-year-old veteran swing bowler's decision to take up a full-time position outside the game suggests his outstanding cricket career maybe over, though he insisted here on Wednesday he had not made a decision on his future as a player.  
"I'm still tossing up my options," said the man who destroyed England's batting in two Ashes series in England. He snapped up 24 wickets in 1981 and another 41 in 1989.  
"I plan to continue my association with the game I love, but to what level I am not sure."  
"My new career will not restrict my involvement with the game," Alderman said.  
Most observers believe it is highly likely Alderman will not line up in first-class ranks next summer.  
Much of his old devil was missing from his bowling last season, and there is considerable competition for places in the state side.  
Alderman was devastated when he was recently dumped from the coaching position he had held for only one season.  
The Western Australian Cricket Association decision came in the wake of a disappointing season by the state after they had won the Sheffield Shield the previous summer under former coach Daryl Foster who now coaches Kent in the English County Championship.  
Alderman represented Australia in 41 Tests, capturing 170 wickets at an average of 27.15.



Thai Niti Piyapan raises his hands in ecstasy after winning the gold in the men's 200m event in the 17th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Singapore on June 16. Niti set a new Games record of 20.93. — AFP photo

### England on run from Day One

LONDON, June 17: Opener Michael Slater stroked a superb maiden Test century as Australia played England in record-breaking style at Lord's today, reports Reuter.  
Slater starred on the opening day of the second Ashes Test by scoring 152 and sharing a first-wicket stand of 260 with Mark Taylor, who hit 111.  
Australia, already 1-0 up in the six Test series, were 292 for two at the close, having taken advantage of an easy-paced pitch after captain Allan Border won the toss.  
The partnership between Slater and Taylor was the highest for any wicket in Tests between the two teams at Lord's, beating the 231 for Australia's second-wicket by Bill Woodfull and Don Bradman in the 1930 Test.  
When Slater reached his hundred in only his second Test, he punched the air as he ran down the wicket, jumped up and down, and took off his helmet to kiss the Australian badge in a gesture of uncon-fined joy.  
Slater fulfilled the ultimate ambition of any international cricketer by making a century on his first appearance at the game's traditional home, watched by a capacity crowd.  
The New South Wales batsman faced 263 balls and struck 18 fours in his 296-minute innings that featured sumptuous driving, crisp shots off his legs and nimble footwork



MARK TAYLOR... 111

ing, while Taylor was content initially with the anchor role.  
Andrew Caddick troubled the batsmen occasionally in his opening spell but fellow pacerman Neil Foster posed few problems on his return after a four-year Test absence.  
Australia's openers posted their 50 stand in the 15th over after 55 minutes.  
Taylor hammered out his half-century from 83 balls as England captain Graham Gooch tried six bowlers in the morning session.  
Australia went into lunch at 101 without loss and the English bowlers continued to toil in the second session as

against the spinners.  
Slater showed a willingness to play his strokes from the outset on a fine sunny morning.  
The batsmen reached a succession of landmarks.  
Taylor scored his 50 from 126 deliveries by pulling Gooch for six and Slater reached three figures off 175 balls, his century containing 10 fours.  
The pair completed their double century stand in 220 minutes, both batting with mounting authority to carry Australia 212 for no wicket at tea.  
Taylor's hundred, his 10th in Tests, came off 212 balls and was soon followed by Slater reaching 150.  
Paceman Chris Lewis, who failed to take a wicket in the first Test, finally broke through when Slater flicked a delivery off his hip and was caught by substitute Ben Smith at mid-wicket.  
Leicestershire batsman Smith was on the field instead of Mike Gatting, who was suffering from a twisted knee.  
Taylor's innings ended 17 runs later when he was stumped by Alec Stewart after he was beaten moving down the wicket to Phil Tufnell's left arm spin.  
The Australian vice-captain faced 245 balls, batted 326 minutes and struck 10 fours and a six.  
Gooch claimed the second new ball shortly before the close but David Boon and Mark Waugh safely negotiated the initial burst from Caddick and Foster.  
The return of Foster for fellow pacerman Phillip DeFreitas was England's only change from the side beaten by 179 runs in the first Test, while Australia brought in off-spinner Tim May to replace pace bowler Brendon Julian.  
Bookmakers Ladbrokes changed the odds against England winning the second Test from 7-1 at the start of the day to 100-1 at the close.  
It was the biggest odds movement on the first day of a Test. Australia are quoted at 5-6 to win.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Close of play scorecard on the first day of the second Test between England and Australia at Lord's today:  
**AUSTRALIA: 1st innings**  
Taylor at Stewart v Tufnell 111  
Slater c sub b Lewis 152  
Boon not out 11  
M Waugh not out 6  
Extras: (lb 1, w 1, nb 10) 12  
Total: (2 wkts) 292  
Fall of wickets: 1-260; 2-277  
To bat: Border, S Waugh, Healy, Hughes, Warne, May, McDermott.  
**Bowling: O M R W**  
Caddick 21 4 61 0  
Foster 19 4 59 0  
Such 14 1 31 0  
Tufnell 15 2 65 1  
Lewis 15 1 57 1  
Gooch 6 1 15 0  
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### England to play five Tests in West Indies

LONDON, June 17: England will play five Tests and five one-day internationals on a 14-week tour of the West Indies at the beginning of next year, the Test and County Cricket Board announced here on Thursday, reports AFP.  
England, who are due to arrive in Antigua on January 15 and return home on April 22, will play four warm up matches before a hectic international programme gets underway with the first one-day clash on February 16.  
The one day series and Tests are then packed into a two-month period lasting until April 21, with only one non-international game — a four-day one in Grenada — between the second and fifth Tests.

**ENGLAND'S ITINERARY**  
January 23-25: v Antigua XI.  
29-31: v St Kitts and Nevis, St Kitts.  
February 3-6: v Leeward Islands, Antigua.  
10-13: v Barbados.  
16: First one-day international, Barbados.  
19-24: First Test, Barbados.  
26: Second one-day international, Jamaica.  
March 2: Third one-day international, St Vincent.  
5: Fourth one-day international, Trinidad.  
6: Fifth one-day international, Trinidad.  
10-13: v President's XI, Guyana.  
17-22: Second Test, Guyana.  
25-30: Third Test, Trinidad.  
April 2-5: v West Indies Board XI, Grenada.  
8-13: Fourth Test, Barbados.  
16-21: Fifth Test, Antigua.

### Joyner, O'Brien overcome odds

EUGENE, Oregon, June 17: World record holders Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Dan O'Brien overcame pollen and pain to qualify for the American World championship team with multi-even victories at the US Championships on Wednesday, reports Reuter.  
A wheezing Joyner-Kersey, who suffers severely from asthma, compiled the best heptathlon score in the world this year, 6,770 points.  
O'Brien, pained by a prostate infection, won the decathlon with 8,331 points, surviving a scare in the discus, where his first two throws were fouls.  
Former world indoor champion Andre Cason speeded up the sprint preliminaries by twice running wind-assisted 100 metres of 9.79 seconds. Only Carl Lewis has ever run faster, clocking a wind-assisted 9.78 seconds in the 1988 US Olympic trials.  
Only performances assisted by winds of 2.0 metres or less can be considered for world-record purposes, however, and the wind on both of Cason's races was more than 4.5 metres per second. Lewis's world record is 9.86 seconds.  
She wants to, but Bobby

Lewis, suffering from cramps in his calves in warm-ups, had to come from the back of the pack in his 100-metre semifinal to qualify second for today's final.  
"But I feel all right now," Lewis said. "I will be all right in the final."  
The women's 100-metre preliminaries also were fast and wind-assisted. Olympic champion Gail Devers clocked 10.92 seconds in winning her first race, then won her semifinal in 11.05 seconds.  
World record holder Kevin Young easily led qualifying in the men's 400-metre hurdles, clocking 49.35 seconds.  
Joyner-Kersey, who tried to guard against the pollen by wearing a surgical mask and towel over her head when not competing, said her performance proved she could break her world record of 7,291 points.  
"It tells me if I want 7,300 points, I can get it," Joyner-Kersey said. But whether she will attempt it this season is uncertain, she said.  
Also uncertain is whether she will compete in both the heptathlon and long jump at the World Championships at Stuttgart in August.  
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Kersey, her husband and coach, says she will do only one event, the heptathlon.  
Kym Carter and Dede Nathan joined Joyner-Kersey on the US world team by both scoring 6,038 points. The top three finishers in the championships, which continue through Saturday, qualify for the Stuttgart meeting if they have met the championship standards.  
O'Brien loped home in five minutes, 9.41 seconds in the 1,500 metres, the final event of the two-day decathlon.  
"People can tell you are the best in the world, but it is so hard when you're hurting," said O'Brien, who hopes to repeat as the world champion. "I feel I'm just lucky I made it."  
But as was the case in the US Olympic trials' last year, when he failed to clear a height in the pole vault, there were some anxious moments.  
Twice O'Brien fouled in the discus, leaving only one throw to make a mark.  
Instead of going for a big throw, he stood in the circle and stiff-armed the discus. It went a mere 43.84 metres (143 feet, 10 inches).  
"I would have taken the full throw," but the coaches insisted," O'Brien said. "I'm glad it's over."

### De Vega's dreamy double

SINGAPORE, June 17: Philippine glamour girl Lydia de Vega Wednesday rewrote the Asian women's 200 metres record with a scorching 23.37 seconds run at the 17th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games here, reports AFP.  
At the swimming pool, Singapore teenager Joscelin Yeo delighted the home fans by picking up two more golds in the women's 200 metres breaststroke and free style to raise her personal tally to seven golds as the Games entered their fourth day.  
The 28-year-old Lydia, who re-established her standing as Southeast Asia's fastest woman after winning the 100m sprint on Monday, shrugged off a slow start to overtake arch-rival, Malaysia's Shanti Govindas may, 20 metres from the tape.  
Lydia's time is the only Asian mark breached so far at the bi-

ennial Games, the region's premier sports event.  
Her time shaved 0.27 sec off her own SEA Games record set almost 12 years ago and bettered the 23.42 set by China's Han Qing in the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing.  
Lydia, who had said she might quit racing because of poor official support, showed none of the earlier doubt after her famous victory.  
"I am a fighter," she declared, adding, "I have a special message for (Philippine) President Fidel Ramos. Thank you for all you have done for athletes in the Philippines."  
Joscelin proved unstoppable despite the top billing given Thailand's Sornasawan Phuvitchit the 200m breaststroke, finishing in 2:34.87 sec, a new Games record.  
Singapore's strong run at the pool continued through 31

year-old Ang Peng Siong scoring his third consecutive SEA Games victory in the 50 metres free-style.  
The veteran, the world's fastest man over the distance in 1982, received his medal from Prime Minister Goh Cho Tong.  
"I shaved bald last night to psyche myself up. I needed to win for the third time," Ang said.  
More records fell in track and field where Thailand's Niti Piyapan and Chanond Kenchan set new Games marks in the men's 200 metres and 400 metres hurdles and Malaysian Lou Chee Peng soared to 2.21 metres for a new Games mark in the high jump.  
Singapore took its first gold in athletics in a decade when Wong Tuck Yim hurled the discus to a new national record of 49.02 metres.