

### Soccer leagues resume today

**Sports Reporter**  
The weather-smitten Star Senior Division football leagues resume today after an abrupt one-day gap.  
Farashganj Sporting Club, the leaders of the Star First Division league, will take on promoters East End Club in the day's first match scheduled for a start at 4:30.

The aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club are likely to field their two Russian players in their Star Premier Division encounter against Public Works Department (PWD) in the second match to be played at the Dhaka Stadium. The match starts at 6:30.

Earlier, league remained suspended for six days because of inclement weather and poor ground condition.

### Indoor stadium revisited

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain visited the under-construction indoor stadium, swimming pool and the National Stadium at Mirpur yesterday, reports BSS.

Oli Ahmed and Zahiruddin Khan are the alternate chairman and vice-chairman of the organising committee of the sixth SAF Games.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain is the chairman of the steering committee of the Games.

The ministers instructed the construction firms of these projects to complete the works by October 15.

### Ctg badminton

**CHITTAGONG, July 28:** A two-day long women's badminton championship under the aegis of the Chittagong District Women's Sports Association, began here at CJKP Gymnasium Hall this afternoon, reports BNA.

Sixty-four girls from fourteen schools are participating in the competition inaugurated by Mrs Shahna Farook, chairperson of the Chittagong Divisional Women's Sports Association.

### Juvenile soccer

**CHITTAGONG, July 28:** Sun Flower Club and Blue Star Club earned full points when they won their respective matches in the Siraj Metropolitan juvenile football league at the Dampara Police Lines ground this afternoon, reports BNA.

In the first match, Sun Flower beat Royal Club 3-1. Litton scored twice for the winners while the other was a suicidal one. Harun got the consolation goal for the losers.

In the second encounter, Blue Star defeated Suryamukhi 1-0 through Ashraf's goal.

### Four-a-side soccer

**Sports Reporter**  
Green beat Black 2-1 in the inter-friends four-a-side soccer tournament at the Azimpur ground yesterday.

Asad and Kalsar scored one each for the winners while Sohail of Black pulled one back. Ziyad, skipper of Black, played very well, but failed to convert a spot-kick.

Red will be up against Blue in today's match at the same venue.

### Atkinson calls it craps

**BIRMINGHAM, England, July 28:** Aston Villa manager Ron Atkinson has denied pressuring goalkeeper Mark Bosnich to pull out of Australia's World Cup squad, reports AFP.

The Australian Soccer Federation are reported to have blamed Villa for the 21-year-old's withdrawal from World Cup qualifying matches with Canada on July 31 and August 15.

Bosnich played for Australia at the Barcelona Olympics last year and helped them to success over New Zealand this summer in a World Cup play-off in the Oceania Group.

# First day marks out Farid



**Sports Reporter**  
S M Farid of Bangladesh Navy set a new national record on the inaugural day of three-day summer athletics meet that got underway at the Army Stadium yesterday.

The sailor scaled a height of 1.96 metres to erase the previous record of 1.95 metres.

Although Farid created the only national record of the day his side could only clinch the third place in the medals table behind traditional forces in domestic circuit - Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation.

Army wasted no time in asserting their dominance by staying at the top of the table at the end of the first day. The soldiers bagged 12 medals including a haul of four golds, six silvers and two bronzes.

BJMC trailed them closely as far as gold gongs are concerned with three gold medals but fell way behind in total tally bagging seven medals.

Navy had a haul of two medals but both were glittering golds.

Earlier, Shamima Sattar Mimra and Nazrul Islam Rumi completed the opening rituals. The two former athletes with Mimra, calling quits in the first Bangladesh Games last year, carried the torch and ignited the flame.

Munimul Haq, the champion hammer thrower and runner Lubna Mahmood took the oath on behalf of the athletes while veteran organiser Kazi Shamsul Islam did the same as a representative of the judges.

Zakir Hossain of Bangladesh Army took the first gold of the meet to retain his reputation as the best in men's 1500 metres. In the day's first event he took 3 minutes 54 seconds.

Munira Begum of Bangladesh Ansars and VDP stole the honours of being the first women gold medal winner of this year's competition. Inducted in the meet for the first time the 1500m saw Munira cross the distance in five minutes and six seconds.

Incidentally this was the first gold medal at the national level for the promising athlete from Meherpur, Kushtia.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain inaugurated the meet touted by the authorities as the qualifying competition for the sixth SAF Games scheduled to be held in Dhaka from December 20 to 27.

One hundred and thirty-five athletes of 21 teams including ten districts are taking part in

this three-day meet scheduled to be concluded on July 30.

**RESULTS AT A GLANCE**  
Following are the opening day's results of the second summer athletics held yesterday at the Army Stadium:  
1500 metres (men): Gold - L/Nk Zakir Hossain (Army); Silver - L/Nk M Anwar Ali (Army) and Bronze - Nazrul Islam (Air Force).  
1500 Metres (women): Gold -



**AIRBORNE...** Nilufar Yasmeen of BTMC on her way to winning the women's long jump gold in the second summer athletics meet at the Army Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

— Munira Akhter (Ansars and VDP); Silver - Nastima Begum (BJMC) and Bronze - Shefali Rani (Ansars and VDP).  
High Jump (men): Gold - S M Farid (Navy); Silver - Shamsul Alam Kishu (BTMC), and L/Nk Zakir Uddin (Air Force). No bronze was awarded.

Shot put (women): Gold - Nelly Jesmin (BJMC); Silver - Jyotsna Afroza (BJMC) and Bronze - Anu Rani Pal (Ansars and VDP).  
Long Jump (women): Gold - Nilufar Yasmin (BJMC); Silver - Jesmin Khanam (BJMC) and

— Emdadul Haq Ranju (Customs) and Bronze - Nk M Nasir Uddin (Army).  
10,000 metres (men): Gold - Iv M Elias Khan (Army); Silver - Iv M Laik Sheikh (Army) and Bronze - M Aslam Khan (Ansars and VDP).

**MEDALS TABLE**

	G	S	B
Bangladesh Army	4	6	2
BJMC	3	3	1
Bangladesh Navy	2	0	0
BTMC	1	1	1
Ansars and VDP	1	0	4
Bangladesh Customs	0	2	0
Bangladesh Air Force	0	0	2

Thursday, barely 24 hours before the race against Christie in Gateshead. Each man will receive a reported 100,000 pounds (dls 150,000).

The race has been in the works ever since Christie won the gold medal in Barcelona last summer without Lewis in the field. An ailing Lewis failed to qualify at the US Trials.

"It won't have a direct bearing on what happens in the World Championships, but the winner will acquire a little bit of confidence," he said. "It won't guarantee who will win at the World Championships, but it will set a tone."

The race has drawn huge interest in Britain, where the public is eager to see whether Christie can back up his Olympic triumph with a victory over the prolific Lewis.

Lewis conceded the interest level is lower in the United States, but added, "A lot of people in the street are telling me 'Bring it home, show him your stuff, do it for the US.'"

Christie is unbeaten in eight 100-metre races this season, with a best time of 10.06. However, he has beaten Lewis only once in 13 career meetings.

Also in the field will be Michael Green of Jamaica, and Americans Calvin Smith, Mark Weatherspoon and Sam Jefferson.

Missing will be Andre Cason, the top US sprinter this year, who has beaten Lewis twice.

"Andre has run well, but when it comes to the major competitions, he hasn't run the times that Linford and I have," Lewis said. "Stepping up to the next level is difficult. I've been the man to beat and I'm ready. I'm not that worried about him."

### Rijkaard wants to end career at Ajax

**AMSTERDAM, July 28:** Dutch international Frank Rijkaard is coming home to roost at Ajax Amsterdam for the bargain transfer sum of 1.4 million guilders (dls 777,000). Dutch media reported Wednesday, reports AP.

"In principle I want to end my playing career at Ajax," the 30-year-old Rijkaard was quoted as saying.

Rijkaard's desire to return to Ajax after five years at AC Milan was so strong that the Italian first-division club agreed to lower the transfer fee by more than two-thirds.

"That's a nice gesture from the club, for which I'm very grateful," Rijkaard said.

Even top Dutch teams cannot equal the financial reserves of Italian clubs, and Ajax's purchase was funded partly by the more than 30 million guilders (dls 16.6 million) it received by selling Dennis Bergkamp and Wim Jonk to Inter Milan earlier this year.

Rijkaard, one of Europe's most versatile soccer players, has signed two-year contract with the team where he began his first-division career.

He played with Ajax from 1980-1988 and then moved to AC Milan after helping the Dutch national team to the 1988 European Championship title.

### Lineker blessed with another son

**TOKYO, July 28:** The wife of English soccer star Gary Lineker has given birth to a second son in a hospital in Nagoya, central Japan, a spokesman for Lineker's Japanese managers said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Lineker plays for the city's team, Nagoya Grampus Eight, in Japan's new 10-club professional league.

Spokesman Naotake Beppu of Aoyama Enterprise said Michelle Lineker gave birth to a healthy boy, Harry, on Sunday.

The Lineker's first-born George, suffered from Leukaemia but has recovered after treatment.

Lineker has been out of the Grampus team for most of the time since the league began on May 15 because of injury.

He will return for Grampus' game against Kawasaki Verdy on August 19, Beppu said. "Lineker is already feeling much better and has taken up jogging to get himself fit."

Grampus finished a poor ninth in the first-half of the league, which ended on July 14, with seven wins and 11 defeats, scoring only 21 goals against 38 conceded.

Last Saturday, Grampus lost the opening game of the second-half of the season 1-2 to Yokohama Flügels.

### Stewart back to where he belongs

**AUSTIN, Texas, July 28:** World record holder and two-time Olympian Melvin Stewart won the 200-metres butterfly on Tuesday night at the US national swimming championships after a year's lay off to pursue an acting career, reports Reuter.

Stewart, 24, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist in the event, won in 1:58.11, off his world record time of 1:55.69.

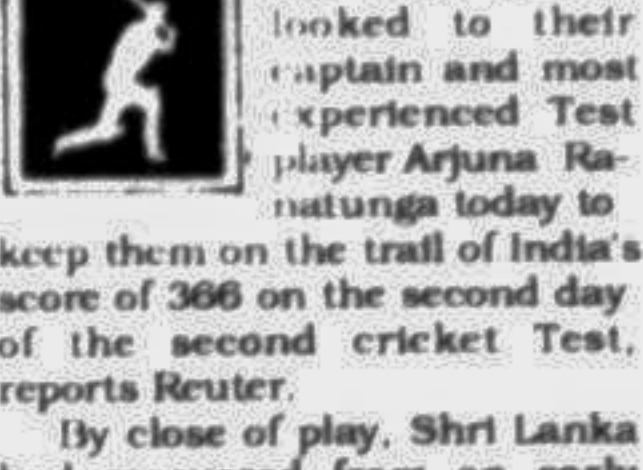
"The race really hurt," Stewart said. "I pretty much haven't trained as much as I should have. My coach said tonight's swim wasn't bad considering how little I've trained. To be able to swim and act and still win is fantastic."

Stewart, 15 pounds (seven kg) heavier, has been taking acting lessons since the 1992 Barcelona Games. He has a bit part in a soon-to-be released action movie.

The biggest role he is auditioning for, however, is at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Half the 1992 US Olympic team has retired, and Stewart is one of the few American swimmers who have already committed to train for the 1996 Games.

# Ranatunga revs SL rally



**COLOMBO, July 28:** Sri Lanka looked to their captain and most experienced Test player Arjuna Ranatunga today to keep them on the trail of India's score of 366 on the second day of the second cricket Test, reports Reuter.

By close of play, Sri Lanka had recovered from an early batting slump of 96 for four to 200 for four with Ranatunga hitting an undefeated 82 and Hashan Tilakaratne on 23.

The pair have so far added 104 runs for the fifth wicket in 118 minutes.

Sri Lanka who skilled out the last six Indian batsmen for 66 runs in the morning session, looked like throwing away the advantage when they lost their own top four batsmen for 96.

Following an opening stand of 48, Roshan Mahanama was caught behind aiming an ambitious drive off Manoj Prabhakar for 22. Prabhakar also had Asanka Gurusinha lbw for four.

Anil Kumble then came into the attack, removing Chandika Hathurusinghe in the last over before tea for 37. The opener tried to cut a faster ball and was bowled. Kumble then deceived Aravinda de Silva with a slower delivery, which the batsman mis-hit to Mohammad Asharuddin at extra cover.

Ranatunga and Tilakaratne then survived some testing overs from Kumble and off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan to see Sri Lanka safely through.

Ranatunga, who is the most capped player for his country with 41 Tests and the leading run scorer with 2,290 runs, played a superb captain's innings to rescue his side.

His 82 was scored off 113 balls with 13 fours. It was his 16th half-century in Test cricket.

Tilakaratne, solid as ever, gave him ample support batting nearly two hours for his unbeaten 23.

Two milestones were achieved during the Sri Lankan innings, with Mahanama completing 1,000 runs in Test cricket when he had made 14 and Aravinda de Silva 2,000 Test when he reached 22.

India, starting the day strongly-placed at 300 for four, lost their last six wickets in 23 overs.

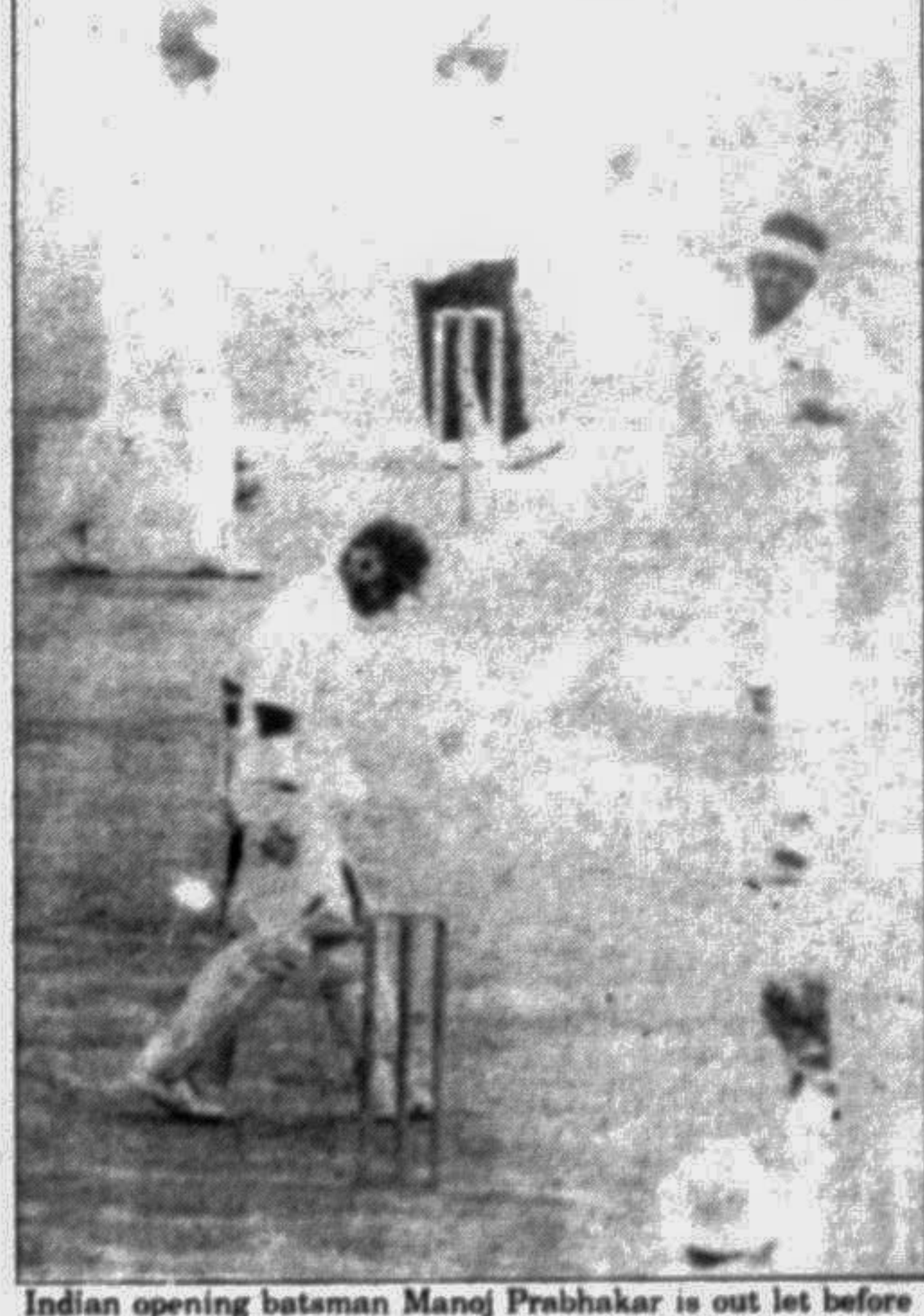
Hathurusinghe bowling slow medium pace but seaming the ball better than the quicker bowlers, made the initial breakthrough for Sri Lanka. In the fifth over of the morning he got rid of the obdurate left-hander Vinod Kambli who looked set to continue from where he left off on the first day.

Kambli added only six to his overnight score of 119 before trying to glide the ball through to third man. He succeeded only in putting up a catch to solitary slip fielder Roshan Mahanama.

Kapil Dev should have gone in the next over, but Asanka Gurusinha at first slip dropped a simple chance off Pramodaya Wickremasinghe. The Indian all-rounder then proceeded to delight the spares crowd with some exciting batting, hitting seven fours in his entertaining 35 scored off 28 balls, before Gurusinha finally trapped him lbw.

Indian's remaining four wickets fell in a heap for 14 runs as their tail failed to offer any resistance. Pravin Amre, who hung around for 153 minutes to score 21, was the final batsman to be dismissed.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the second day of the second cricket Test between Sri Lanka and India on Wednesday:  
**INDIA:** First Innings  
M. Prabhakar lbw b Gurusinha 4  
N. Sidhu c Tilakaratne b Warnawera 82  
V. Kambli c Mahanama b Hathurusinghe 125  
S. Tendulkar c Tilakaratne b Kalpage 28  
M. Azharuddin lbw b Wickremasinghe 26  
P. Amre c Kalpage b Warnawera 31  
K. Dev lbw b Gurusinha 25  
K. More c Mahanama b Warnawera 4  
A. Kumble lbw b Chauhan 10



Indian opening batsman Manoj Prabhakar is out let before wicket to Sri Lankan Asanka Gurusinha during the first day's play of the first Test in Colombo on July 27. India were all out for 366 and the Lankans made 200 for four at the close of the second day yesterday. — AFP photo

Warnawera 21.1 1 76 3  
Kalpage 8 1 34 1

**SRI LANKA:** First Innings  
R. Mahanama c More b Prabhakar 22  
C. Hathurusinghe b Kumble 37  
A. Gurusinha lbw b Prabhakar 4  
Aravinda de Silva c Asharuddin b Kumble 22  
A. Ranatunga not out 82  
H. Tilakaratne not out 23  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w-4) 10  
total: (for four wickets) 200

Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-58, 3-85, 4-96.  
To bat: R. Kalpage, Ashley de Silva, D. Liyanage, P. Wickremasinghe, J. Warnawera.

**Bowling** O M R W  
Kapil Dev 11 4 26 0  
Prabhakar 15 5 42 2  
Srinath 10 3 31 0  
Kumble 16 2 54 2  
Chauhan 10 1 42 0

# India to tour NZ next year

**AUCKLAND, July 28:** India has agreed to a make a three-match cricket tour of New Zealand early next year, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chairman Peter McDermott said Wednesday, reports AFP.

The Indians will fly from Colombo to New Zealand for three one-day internationals, which will follow a full Pakistani tour here.

"They were happy to come straight after their visit to Sri Lanka and I'm naturally quite delighted," McDermott said.

"Unfortunately, because of time constraints in our season, we could not think about any possible Test matches. But we are now more than satisfied with what we have gained because of the tremendous demand for one-day games."

With the Indian side having matured since their last visit in 1990, McDermott said their flamboyant style would prove a good attraction.

Their visit will also help us keep the game at the front and it will help us with our income plus allow our players to improve their skills as well as their earning capacity from the game," he said.

McDermott said he had met with Indian and Pakistan officials at the recent International Cricket Council meeting in England, and had found it easier than he had expected in dealing with earlier heavy financial guarantee demands from Pakistan.

"The talks were amicable and I am satisfied and confident that when Graham returns today everything will be settled," he said.

While New Zealand initially sought seven one-day internationals against Pakistan he pronounced himself happy with having secured five and three Tests starting late in January and going on to early March.

McDermott said NZC was also hoping to secure a three-Test tour here by India before the 1996 World Cup.

England were to have toured New Zealand that summer but McDermott said the Test and County Cricket Board asked for a deferment to the next season in order to prepare for the World Cup.

"It is ironical but we are hoping to secure the Indians for a full tour here in that season," he said.

India have not made a full tour to New Zealand since the 1989-90 season when their young side were beaten 1-0 in the Test series.

"They haven't been here for a while so we are keen for them to come," McDermott said.

"They might also be looking for an ideal sort of a build up and a tour away before the tournament."

He said arranging tours was proving difficult with most of the attention in world cricket being directed at the big four of Australia, England, South Africa and the West Indies.

"There is a slight concern that world cricket seems to be directed at the big four and there seems to be a preference for them while the other teams don't seem to get quite the same attraction," McDermott said.

However it was pleasing, he said, to note the emergence of teams like Pakistan who are now world champions, India, New Zealand and even Sri Lanka as competitive sides on the world stage.

# Reggie Lewis dies in harness

**BOSTON, July 28:** Boston Celtics star Guard Reggie Lewis died early on Tuesday evening after collapsing while shooting baskets in the late afternoon, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old Lewis, who collapsed on court during a game three months ago and never played another National Basketball Association game, was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after 9 pm (0100 GMT).

No official announcement has been made by Waltham-Weston Hospital as to the cause of Lewis' death.

Lewis' death is the second to rock the NBA in less than two months. New Jersey Nets star guard Drazen Petrovic was killed in a car accident on June 7.

The tragedy is also the second to strike the Celtics in recent years. Len Bias, Lewis' predecessor as the team's top draft pick, died after taking cocaine in 1986 celebrating his selection by the team.

Lewis collapsed around 5:00 pm (2100 GMT) at the Celtics' practice court at Brandeis University and was unconscious from the time of his arrival at the hospital at 5:41 pm.

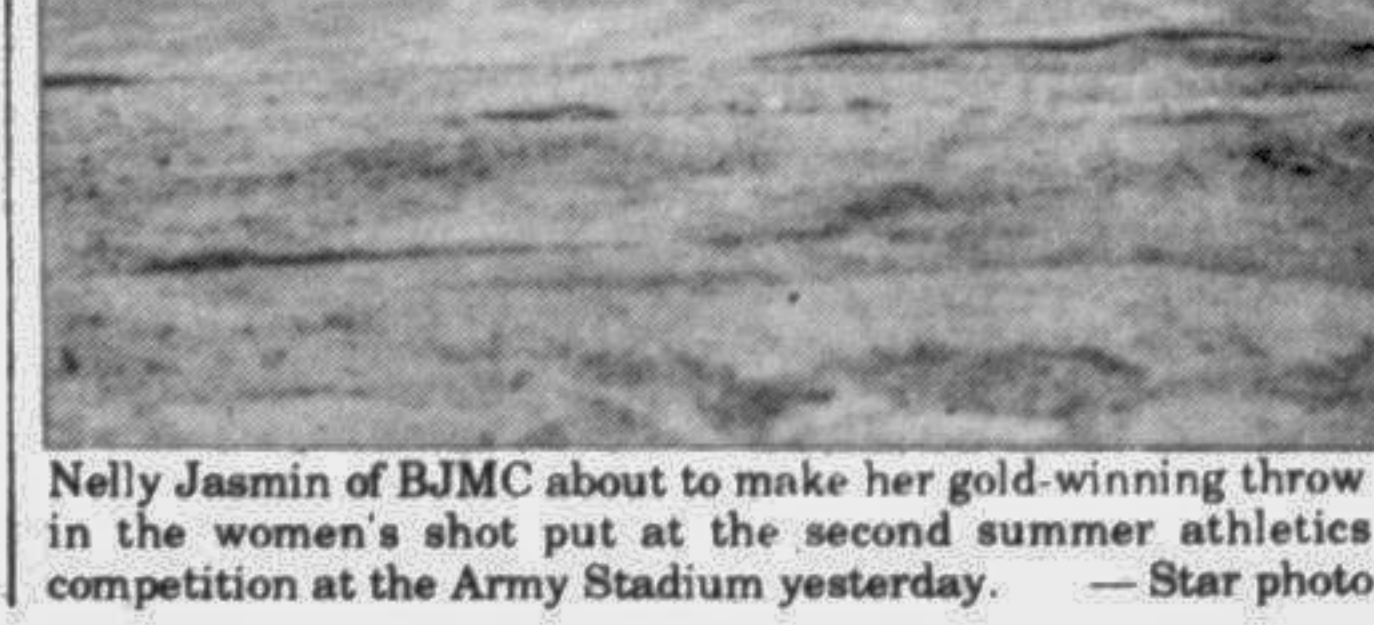
### Sussex crush Northants

**LONDON, July 28:** Sussex sent holders Northamptonshire crashing to a 40-run defeat in their Natwest Trophy one-day quarter-final match today, reports Reuter.

### ROK, Taiwan, China, Japan move to semis

**SHANGHAI, July 28:** South Korea, Taiwan, China and Japan will advance to the seventh Asian women's volleyball championship semifinals Thursday following wins on Tuesday, Xinhua news agency said, reports AFP.

Defending champions China took just 50 minutes to beat Uzbekistan in the quarter-finals 15-2, 15-4, 15-1.



Nelly Jasmin of BJMC about to make her gold-winning throw in the women's shot put at the second summer athletics competition at the Army Stadium yesterday. — Star photo