

Bangladeshi athletes fail to impress

Abdur Rahim Nayeem and Sulaiman Majumder of Bangladesh finished seventh and eighth in the men's 400m hurdles...

Brothers beat Biman in Div I chess

Brothers Union continued their reign at the top but Bangladesh Biman lost the second position to Bangladesh Ansars...

JPC cricket side given reception

Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Calcutta Jahangir Sadat held a reception at the mission premises...

Div II soccer

Both the matches of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Hockey Stadium were drawn.

BANEX Open on

The first-ever BANEX Bangladesh Open squash tournament organised by the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation...

All down on the same plain

Biman is not everybody's home in the air. Not at least for the reigning Navana Premier Division cricket league champions Abahani Krira Chakra.



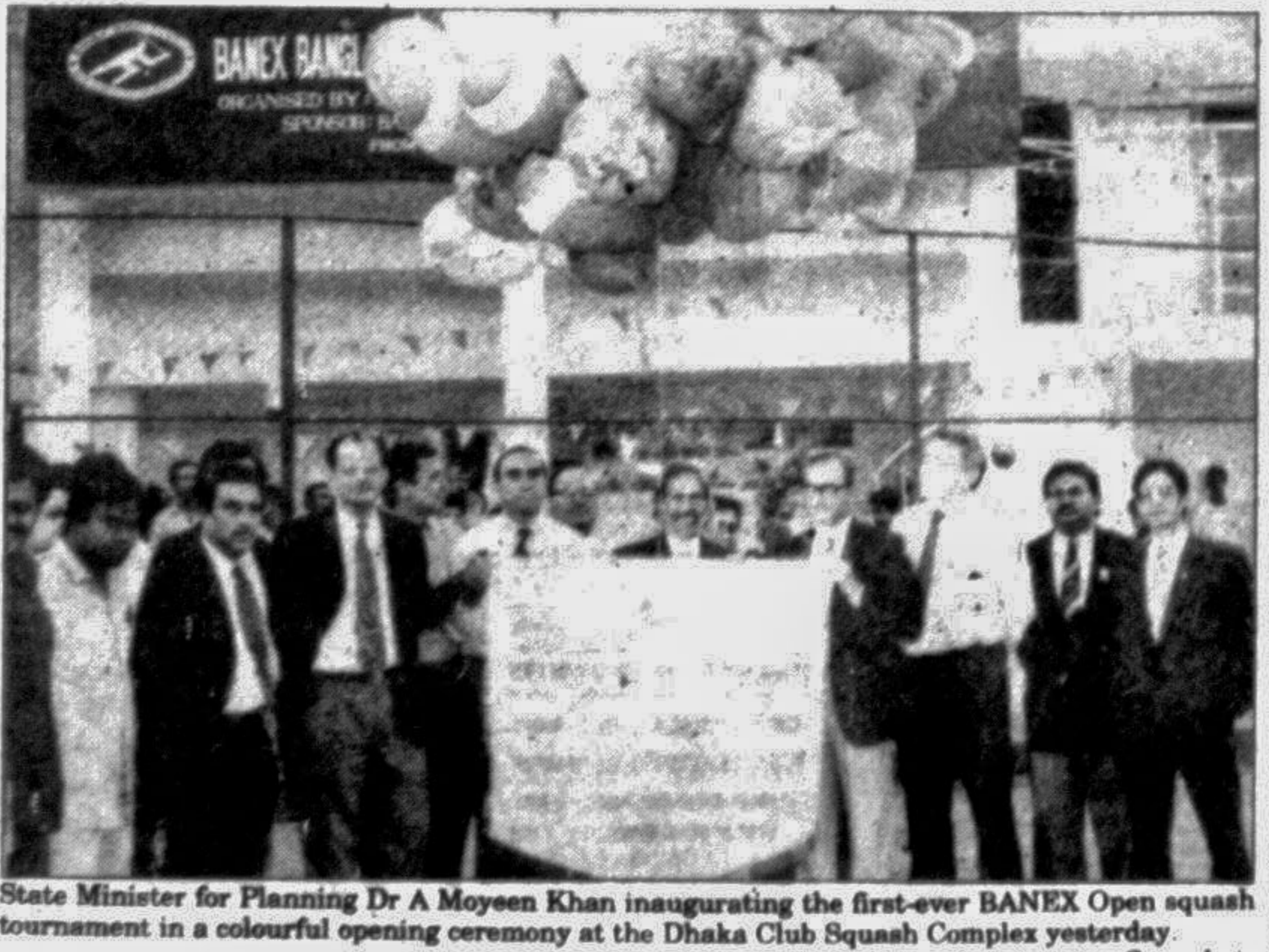
Biman's Rafiq, who reportedly switched over to left-arm spin on teammate Wasim Haider's advice...

Fired by a successful crossing of a hurdle in their last match against former champions Mohammedans...

A rather unduly slow and watchful start by Biman openers was worked up to a magnificent climax by their Pakistani all-rounder Wasim Haider...

Haider's straight bat, which grew broader and broader as time wore on, added 60 invaluable runs for the sixth wicket...

Earlier, Biman innings, after an ideal start, was face to face with the stark reality of losing way due to callous approach of their major batsmen.



State Minister for Planning Dr A Moyeen Khan inaugurating the first-ever BANEX Open squash tournament...

Pakistan 197/2 on Day One

KARACHI, Dec 1: Pakistan opener Shoaib Mohammad marked his Test recall with an unbeaten 71 against Zimbabwe today, reports Reuter.

The stand ended in the last over before lunch when Sohail became off-spinner Stephen Peall's first Test victim. The left-hander made 63, including nine fours.

SMH official Atlanta Games timekeeper

ATLANTA, Dec 1: SMH Swiss Corporation for Microelectronics and Watchmaking Industries Ltd on Tuesday was named official timekeeper and a sponsor of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, reports Reuter.

In joint news conferences in Atlanta and Lausanne, Switzerland, SMH, makers of the popular Swatch watches, was named the official Olympic timer for the 20th time since 1932.

SMH chairman Nicolas Hayek said it will use its Olympic sponsorship to promote its Swatch line of watches. He said the company would create several series of plastic commemorative watches to mark the centennial Games.

Railway win

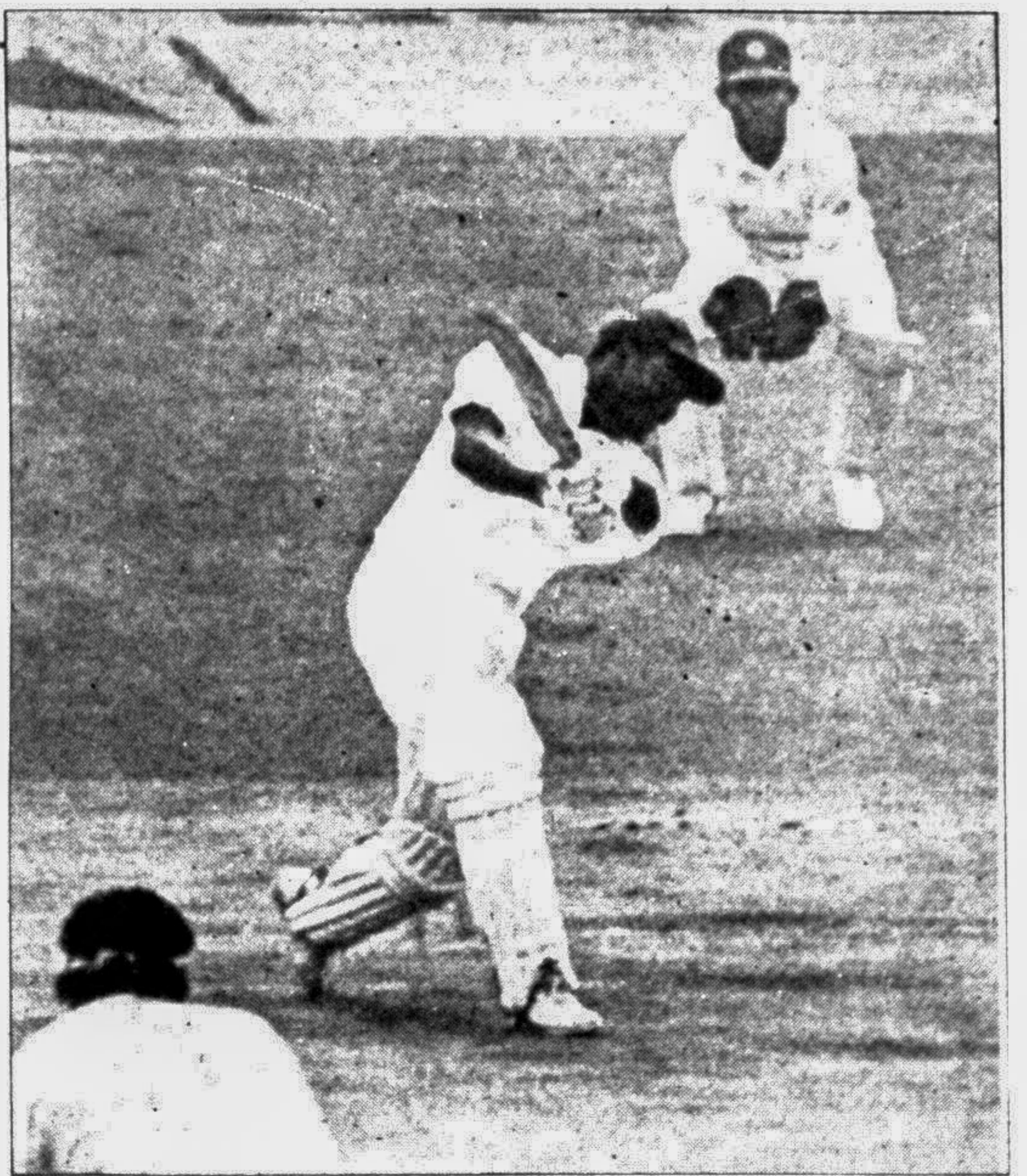
Bangladesh Railway defeated City Club by six wickets in the Milnara First Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

Today's Matches

Brothers Vs Kalabagan (Dhaka Stadium) GMCC Vs Victoria (Dhanmondi Stadium)

Div II cricket from Dec 7

The Second Division cricket league will begin from December 7. Thirty-two teams split into four groups will take part in the league with the top three teams from each group qualifying for the superleague.



West Indian opener Brian Lara plays a handsome cover drive off Sri Lankan bowler Rumesh Ratnayake in the first one-day international in Colombo, Sri Lanka yesterday.

WI-SL one-dayer abandoned

COLOMBO, Dec 1: Bad light forced the first one-day international between the West Indies and Sri Lanka to be abandoned here today, reports AFP.

After an hour, the umpires decided to abandon the 50-over match, which had earlier been reduced to 40 overs.

West Indian captain Richie Richardson, winning the toss, elected to play safe and bat. "I didn't want to take a risk and field. We have many big men and it would have been dangerous for us to field on a slippery outfield," said Richardson.

Donald, Schultz sidelined

CANBERRA Dec 1: South Africa will open their Australian cricket tour against the Prime Minister's XI on Thursday without fast bowlers Allan Donald or Brett Schultz, reports AP.

Cox's Bazar soccer

COX'S BAZAR, Dec 1: The Cox's Bazar Zilla DC Cup football competition organised by the Zilla Krira Sangstha began today at the local stadium.

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SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for West Indies, Sri Lanka, and individual player statistics (runs, wickets).

SHRI LANKA

Table with columns for O, M, R, W for Sri Lankan players.

Result: Match abandoned

Next match: Sri Lanka XI v West Indies, December 3-5, in Galle.

Jessore Area Clinch Army hockey title

JESSORE, Dec 1: The Jessore Area won the Army hockey championship which concluded at the Osmani Stadium of Jessore cantonment yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

They defeated the Bogra Area team 3-0 in an exciting final.

Nk Md Amin Hossain of the Jessore Area was adjudged the best player.

Lnk Maksudul Haque Siddique, Lt Colonel Md Fazal Kader and Nk Aminul Islam scored for the winners.

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Youth and Sports Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Ismail Said told Parliament Wednesday that there will also be 252 local coaches training the nation's athletes.

The government plans to spend more than 130 million ringgit (US \$r 50.78 million) to train some 300 athletes competing in 11 sports, Ismail said.