

Abahani take on MSC today

Sports Reporter Arch-rivals Mohammedans and Abahani meet in an existential cricket clash at the Dhaka Stadium today.

Big wins for Brothers, GMCC



Al Shahrir Rokon's all-round brilliance propelled former champions Brothers Union to an emphatic win against Kalabagan in one of the two Navana Premier league ties at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sports Reporter but his side failed in its effort to quell the fears of being relegated along with Udiya as the could muster only 172 for nine wickets at the end of the stipulated quota of 45 overs.



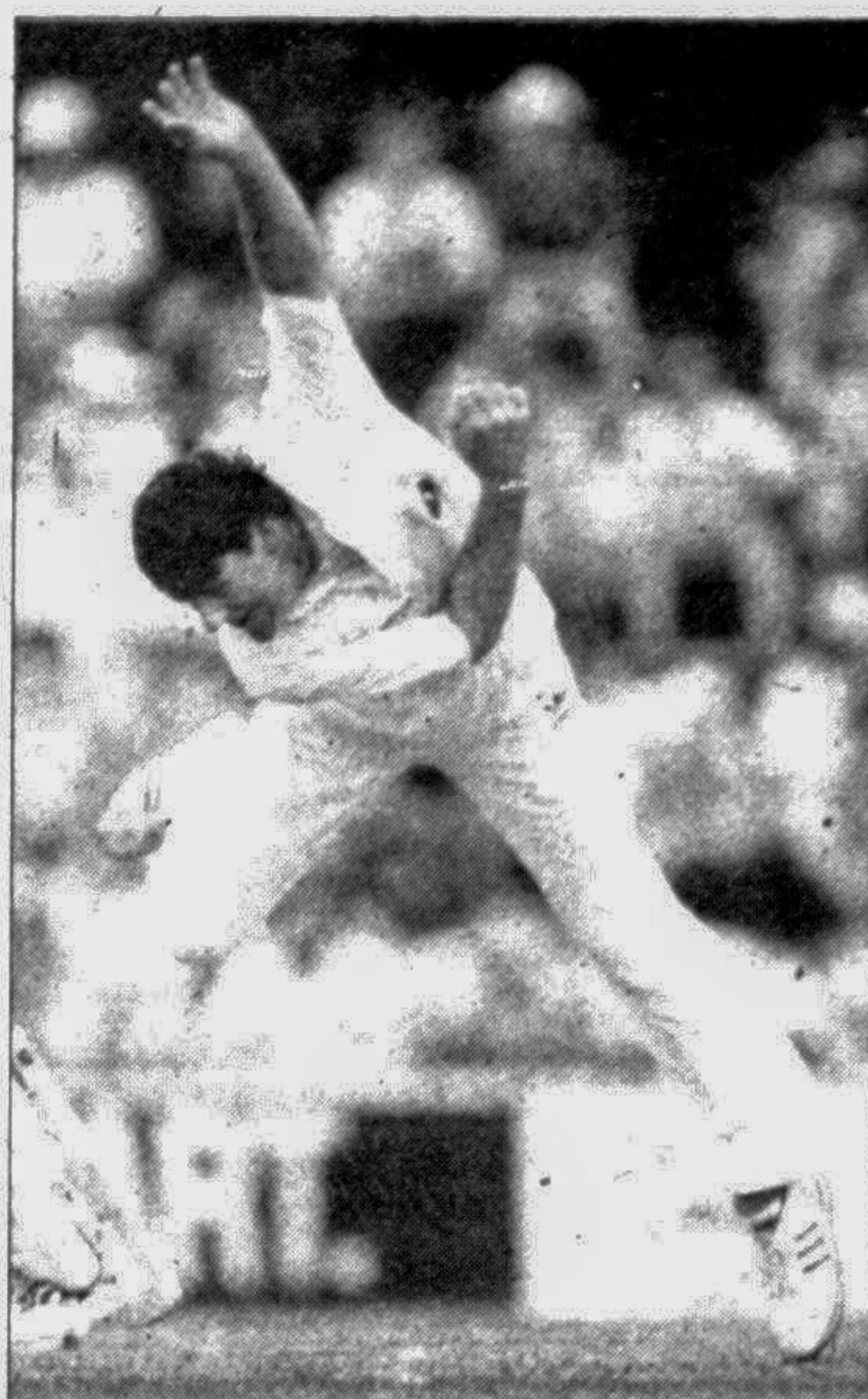
Rokon... 64 n.o. Brothers' spin twins, Amal Dalugoda, the Sri Lankan slow left armer and wrist spinner Rokon were the Kalabagan's wreckers in chiefs.

three wickets for 25 runs. Dalugoda took another three for 39 to ensure the 80-run win for Brothers who have two more matches left.

GMCC REVEL While Brothers were making life difficult for Kalabagan at the Dhaka Stadium, Greater Myensing Cricket Club (GMCC) enhanced Victoria's fears of relegation to Milnars league with a thumping nine-wicket win at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Maradona feels he's at the end of the road

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 2: A gaunt, introspective Diego Maradona, whose recent comeback to international soccer fired up Argentina, fears he will not make it to the 1994 World Cup finals, reports Reuter.



South African fast bowler Brian McMillan in his follow through during the three-day match between the visiting South Africans and the Australian Prime Minister's XI in Canberra yesterday. Australia won the match.

SA lose Aussie tour opener

CANBERRA, Dec 2: South Africa's cricket team, playing its first Test series in Australia in 30 years, lost its tour opener Thursday by four runs to a Prime Minister's XI at Manuka Oval, reports AP.

Press Club cricketers fail to reach semis

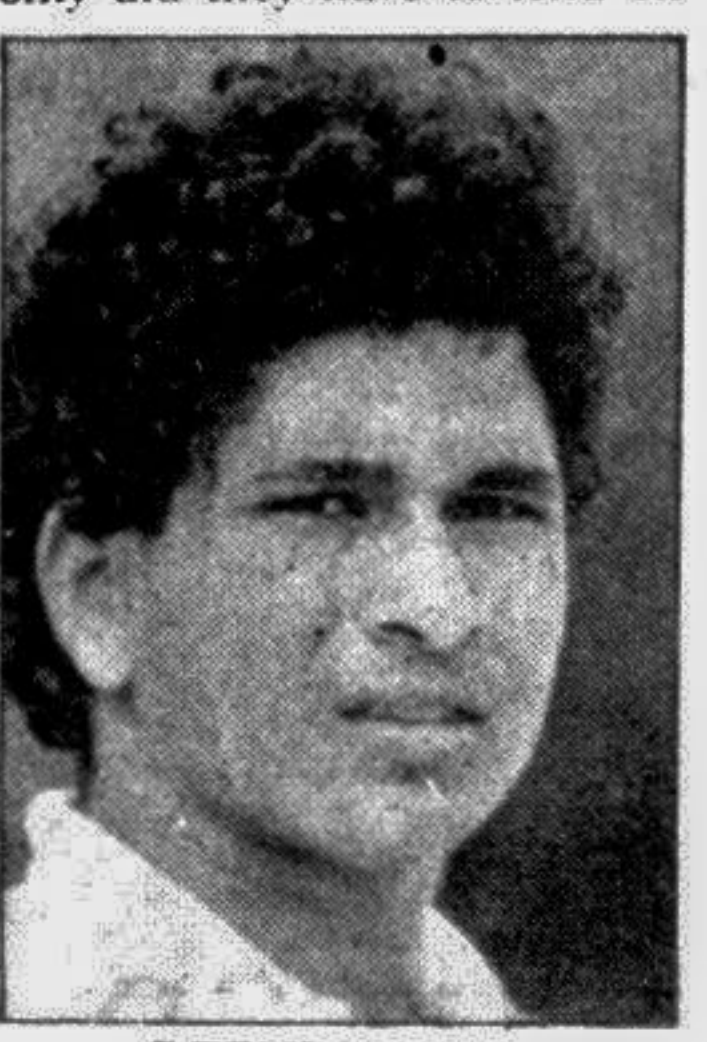
CALCUTTA, Dec 2: Bangladesh National Press Club recorded their second win in three encounters, beating Chandigarh Press Club by seven wickets in their last robin league match of the second Medinova inter-press club cricket tournament here today, reports BSS.

T is for Tendulkar, talent



Every so often a person comes on the scene who has the look of a winner stamped all over him. This thought came insistently to mind while watching Sachin Tendulkar in action in the later stages of the Hero Cup.

Indies, Tendulkar again made a decisive contribution, both with bat and ball. The Indians batted first and were steaming along at 160 for 2 after 35 or so overs.



S TENDULKAR The West Indian attack, now in full cry, but they also had to build a reasonable total of over 200 runs, with the overs slipping rapidly away.

Indian ship with a firm hand to harbour and a final score of 225. His innings of 28 net only was easily worth a century under less stressful circumstances.

Basten may not play in World Cup finals

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec 2: Dutch striker Van Basten looks set to miss the World Cup finals next summer after being told he needs another operation on his right ankle, reports AFP.

Pakistan crawl to 388 for 8



KARACHI, Dec 2: Javed Miandad and wicketkeeper Rashid Latif hit half centuries as Pakistan painstakingly pressed home their advantage against tight Zimbabwe bowling in the first Test on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Grant Flower. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Thursday:

Iraq will be barred from Asian Games

KUWAIT, Dec 2: Iraq will be barred from the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshima because of its 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait, Asia's top Olympics body said today, reports Reuter.

Table with 5 columns: Player Name, Runs, Wickets, etc. Includes names like Aamer Sohail, Shoaib Mohammad, Javed Miandad, etc.

Swimming squad for SAF Games announced

Sports Reporter A 15-member swimming squad for this month's sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) games, scheduled for December 20-27 in the city, was announced by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation yesterday.

China gold rush unabated



MANILA, Dec 2: Chinese athletes set three meet records Thursday in sweeping seven gold medals during a rain-drenched third day of competition in the 10th Asian Track and Field Championships, reports UNB.

bronze in 48:03.02. Gao's time bested the meet record of 48:59.86 set by Chen Yen Lin of China in New Delhi in 1989.

the bronze in 10.46. China also picked up golds in the men's hammer throw, women's shot put, women's long jump and women's 100 metre dash.

Eskaton edge past Lalmatia

Sports Reporter Eskaton Sabuj Sangha beat Lalmatia by 17 runs in the Milnars First Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

Who'll be the lucky three?

COLOMBO, Dec 2: At least three berths in the Sri Lanka Test team to meet the West Indies in a one-off Test, billed for December 8-13, are up for grabs, manager Bandula Warnapura said Thursday, reports AFP.

Caribbean opponents look awesome and outright favourites to win their 300th Test.

also. I hope we can get some cricket," said a hopeful Warnapura, who is praying for clear skies, so that the selectors can have a good look at the Test hopefuls.

Cox's Bazar soccer

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Dec 2: Chittagong Bengal FC beat Chandagow FC by a solitary goal today on the second day of the Cox's Bazar Zilla DC Cup football competition here.

China's domination of the biennial competition was apparent throughout the day. Only South Korea and Qatar prevented a Chinese gold sweep.

Defending champion Tian Yumei added China's other gold, winning the women's 100 metre dash in 11.36. Liu Xiaomei took the silver in 11.49.

swelling around the joint so he has a bit of a strain there. I think he'll be fine but I want to have another look at him in the morning.

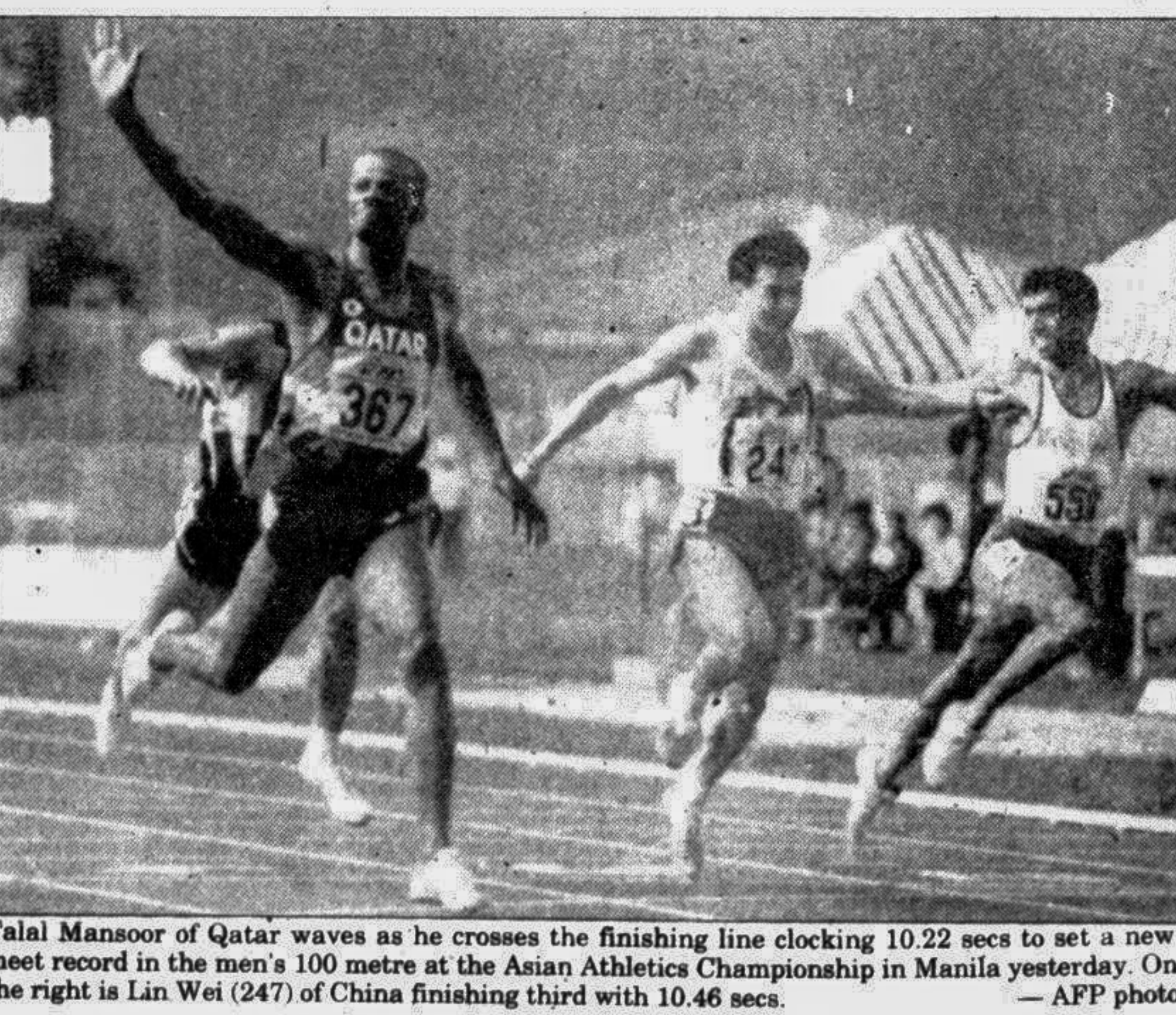
Sore finger worries Warne

BRISBANE, Dec 2: Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne faces a pre-match examination before the third cricket Test against New Zealand on Friday after complaining of soreness in his spinning finger, reports Reuter.

Mark Haslam could make his Test debut.

Warne took nine wickets in Australia's comprehensive victory in the second Test and has taken 63-Test wickets so far this year, the most by a spinner in Test history.

Mark Haslam could make his Test debut. At 1-0 down, two spinners might be a gamble worth taking," Rutherford said.



Talal Mansoor of Qatar waves as he crosses the finishing line clocking 10.22 secs to set a new meet record in the men's 100 metre at the Asian Athletics Championship in Manila yesterday. On the right is Lin Wei (247) of China finishing third with 10.46 secs.