

Sport

Pakistan win fifth one-dayer against SL too

Akram carves niche in history

COLOMBO, Aug 24: Left-arm fast bowler Wasim Akram broke a world record as one-day kings Pakistan proved they were masters of the game by beating Sri Lanka by 27 runs in the fifth and final one-day international here Wednesday, reports AFP.

The win saw Pakistan clinching the five-match series 4-1 and earn a timely morale-booster for the third Test beginning in central Kandy on Friday.

Assisted by a record-breaking bowling performance by Akram and a match-winning effort by Waqar Younis, the tourists sent Sri Lanka crashing to 160 all out in the 49th over.

Pakistan had made an unimpressive 187 all out in 49.5 overs after being put into bat by Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga.

Despite a brave 52 from opener Roshan Mahanama, the home side lost their last six wickets for 21 runs after failing to counter the pace of Akram and Younis, who finished with three wickets each.

Younis, in fact, carried away the man-of-the-match award after triggering a middle-order collapse with three wickets in 10 balls.

Akram ended the match when he had last man Pramodya Wickremasinghe caught behind off the first ball in the 49th over.

It was, indeed, a memorable day for Akram who became the highest wicket-taker in one-day internationals when he trapped opener Sanath Jayasuriya for a duck in just his fourth ball.

The 28-year old king of swing overtook Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev's one-day world record of 251 wickets to finish in 174 matches.

"I have been waiting for it or a long time. I am glad I got the wicket," Akram said later about his mile-stone.

"But taking wickets in the Test matches is more important for me than in the one-dayers," said Akram, who has also 230 Test wickets.

Dev, who is the top wicket-taker in Test cricket, had achieved his one-day feat in 220 matches.

However, the record of Akram, who made his one-day debut against New Zealand in 1985, may be short-lived since Kapil will be participating in the four-nation limited over

After going wicket-less in the first two one-day internationals here, the world's craftiest swing bowler led Pakistan to a mammoth 301-run first Test with a five-wicket burst that ended the match on the fourth day.

Despite doing well to restrict Pakistan Sri Lanka never got into stride after losing Jaysuriya with the total on one.

Sanjeeva Ranatunga was run out attempting a second run and Pakistan's run-out sva-

Silva scored six before departing in the 27th over and when wicket-keeper Romesh Kalumirathana was leg-before to off-spinner Akram Raza, Sri Lanka were struggling at 102-4.

Only Mahanama saw the attack with confidence but he had to retire hurt at 44 due to cramps in the 32nd over.

He returned with a runner despite objections by Pakistani skipper Salim Malik. The law states that a batsman returning after retiring hurt has to get the consent of the opposing captain. Sri Lanka's umpires, however, rejected Malik's protest.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the fifth one-day international between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today:

PAKISTAN

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| Anwar c and b Wickremasinghe | 0 |
| Sohail run out | 25 |
| Inzamam ul Haq Ranatunga | 25 |
| Malik run out | 19 |
| Bast Ali c Vaas b Dharmasena | 31 |
| Mujtaba c Mahanama b Dharmasena | 28 |
| Wasim Akram run out | 33 |
| Akram Raza not out | 0 |
| Rashid Latif b Kalpage | 0 |
| Younis b Kalpage | 13 |
| Mushtaq b Vaas | 1 |
| Extras: (lb-5, nb-4, w-3) | 12 |
| Total: (49.5 overs) | 187 |
| Fall: 1-1; 2-54; 3-59; 4-92; 5-130; 6-130; 7-160; 8-162; 9-184 | |

Bowling:

| O | M | R | W |
|----------------|-----|---|----|
| Wickremasinghe | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Vaas | 7.5 | 1 | 39 |
| Ranatunga | 10 | 0 | 23 |
| Kalpage | 10 | 1 | 38 |
| Jayasuriya | 10 | 0 | 39 |
| Dharmasena | 9 | 0 | 34 |

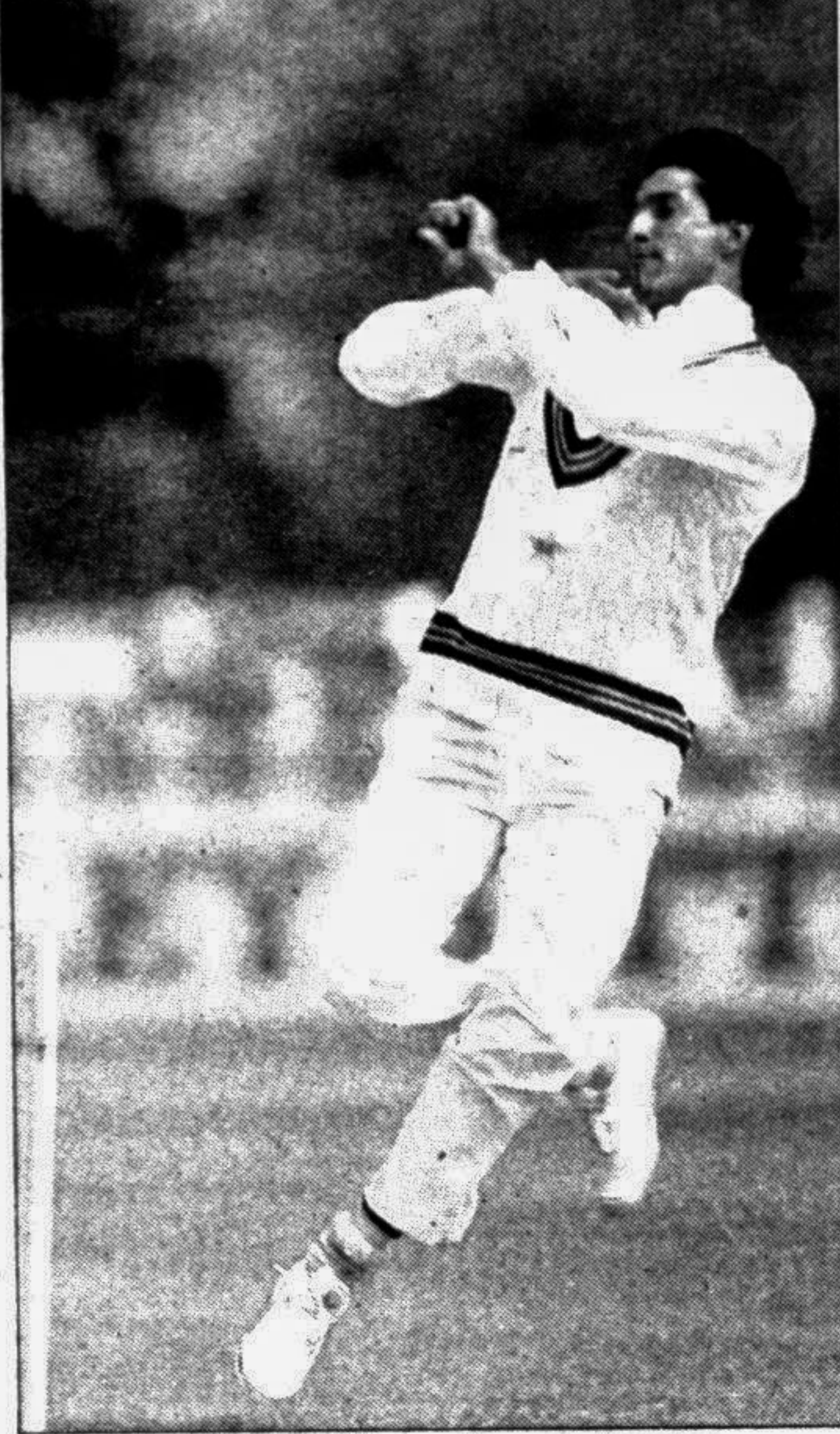
SRI LANKA

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| Mahanama c Mujtaba b Younis | 52 |
| Jayasuriya lbw Akram | 0 |
| S Ranatunga run out | 23 |
| De Silva c Latif b Sohail | 6 |
| A Ranatunga b Younis | 32 |
| Kaluwirathana lbw Raza | 4 |
| Tillekaratne b Younis | 15 |
| Kalpage c Malik b Akram | 4 |
| Dharmasena not out | 3 |
| Vaas run out | 1 |
| Wickremasinghe c Latif b Akram | 1 |
| Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-1, w-10) | 19 |
| Total (48.1 overs) | 160 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-58; 3-73; 4-102; 5-139; 6-140; 7-151; 8-151; 9-157 | |

Bowling:

| O | M | R | W |
|---------------|-----|---|----|
| Akram | 9.1 | 2 | 20 |
| Younis | 8 | 0 | 33 |
| Raza | 10 | 0 | 25 |
| Mushtaq Ahmed | 10 | 0 | 27 |
| Sohail | 10 | 0 | 41 |
| Malik | 1 | 0 | 6 |

Pakistan won by 27 runs
Man-of-the-match: Waqar Younis
Pakistan won series 4-1



WANIM AKRAM... the record-breaker drome looked set to ruin the home side too.

Three important run-outs had hastened Pakistan's innings.

Sri Lankan tail-ender Chaminda Vaas was also run-out but the decision was made by the third umpire or "electronic eye," the first time the local umpires had to rely on this sophisticated method.

Vice-captain Aravinda de

Schools hockey

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School moved into the last four of a schools hockey tournament with a thumping 6-0 win over Mymensingh Zilla School at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 4-0.

Shahidul Islam notched a hat-trick to guide his side to a facile victory. Mamun, Raqibul and Shamim scored once each.

Earlier in the first match of the day, Narayanganj High School moved into the quarter-finals, thrashing Govt. Laboratory School of Dhaka 5-1 with Sahabuddin scoring all five.

Malaysia upset Aussies

PENANG, Malaysia, Aug 24: Malaysian captain Nor Saiful hit a hat-trick in Malaysia's shock 3-1 win over Olympic silver medalists Australia in the Sultan Raja Azlan Shah men's hockey tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

It was only Malaysia's fourth victory over Australia in 31 matches and the first since 1978.

Victory took Malaysia off the bottom of the table above South Africa while defeat for previously unbeaten Australia cost them the lead in the round-robin table.

Pakistan, who have a game in hand, took over top spot on goal difference.

Australia took the lead from their first penalty corner with a shot by full back Stuart Carruthers.

Malaysia replied from their first penalty corner with a direct shot by Saiful. He added his second goal from Malaysia's sixth penalty corner with another direct shot.

With Australia pressing for the equaliser, Malaysia broke away in the 69th minute and Saiful completed his hat-trick with a brilliant, rising shot from an acute angle.

Malaysia's win was their first of significance under their new German coach Volker Knapp.

Elber sidelined

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug 24: Brazilian striker Giovane Elber, who had a sparkling Bundesliga start with two goals in the first two games for Stuttgart, broke his ankle and will be out for at least 10 weeks, the club said Wednesday, reports AP.

Elber scored one goal in Stuttgart's 2-0 victory at newly promoted 1860 Munich Tuesday night, but had to be carried out on a stretcher after a hard tackle by a Munich player in the 66th minute.

He suffered a fracture in his left ankle and underwent surgery shortly after the game.

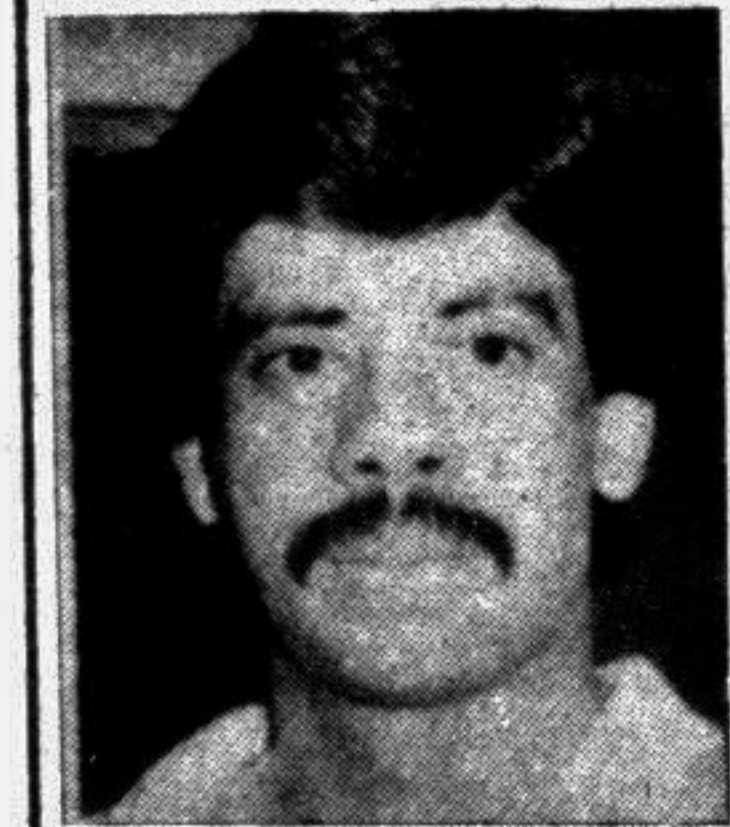
Elber, 22, joined Stuttgart from Grasshoppers Zurich during the summer break.

One JK haunted by another

LONDON, Aug 24: The ghost of Jahangir Khan stalks Jansher Khan as he embarks on a new season as the world's best squash player, reports Reuter.

Jansher says he is the best — and it is not a boast, merely a statement of fact.

The record of the 25-year-old from Peshawar speaks for itself. Five World Open titles, three British Open crowns and



JAHANGIR KHAN... virtually every other major championship of the world several times over.

But one question more than any other gnaws away at the supremely confident Jansher. Will he ever be revered in his home country like Jahangir?

Although he retired at the end of last year, Jahangir is still a god-like figure in Pakistan.

In contrast, Jansher has earned a grudging admiration rather than the full respect of his countrymen. Past controversy in his private life and conflicts with other players tarnished his image from the start.

Total self-belief bordering on arrogance contrasted sharply with the mild-mannered, diplomatic Jahangir.

Jansher was desperately looking forward to winning over his countryman at the World Open in Karachi last November but it didn't work out in the way he had planned.

Jahangir had virtually retired through injury, having played just one tournament in nine months. But he decided to have one last fling, finally going out of the sport before his own adoring public in Karachi.

Jansher duly won the world title but Jahangir captured the headlines by reaching the final.

The audience had no divided loyalties. They were with Jahangir. Every point Jansher won was greeted with mild applause. Each Jahangir point nearly brought the roof down.

As one watching Australian player said: "Now Jansher knows what it's like for us playing against a Pakistani here."

In the team event Jansher was supreme but Jahangir was captain and held the trophy aloft after the final victory over Australia.

It was a traumatic time for Jansher. Many of the matches were played at the Rowshan and Jahangir Khan Squash Complex. His taxi took him along Jahangir Khan Road and if he sent a letter the chances were that Jahangir's head was on the stamp.

All leading Pakistani players are employed by Pakistan International Airlines, the traditional supporter of squash in the country.

Jahangir received automatic promotions to the post of general manager, entitling him to first-class travel. Jansher has found promotion hard to come by and frequently says he has trouble obtaining tickets.

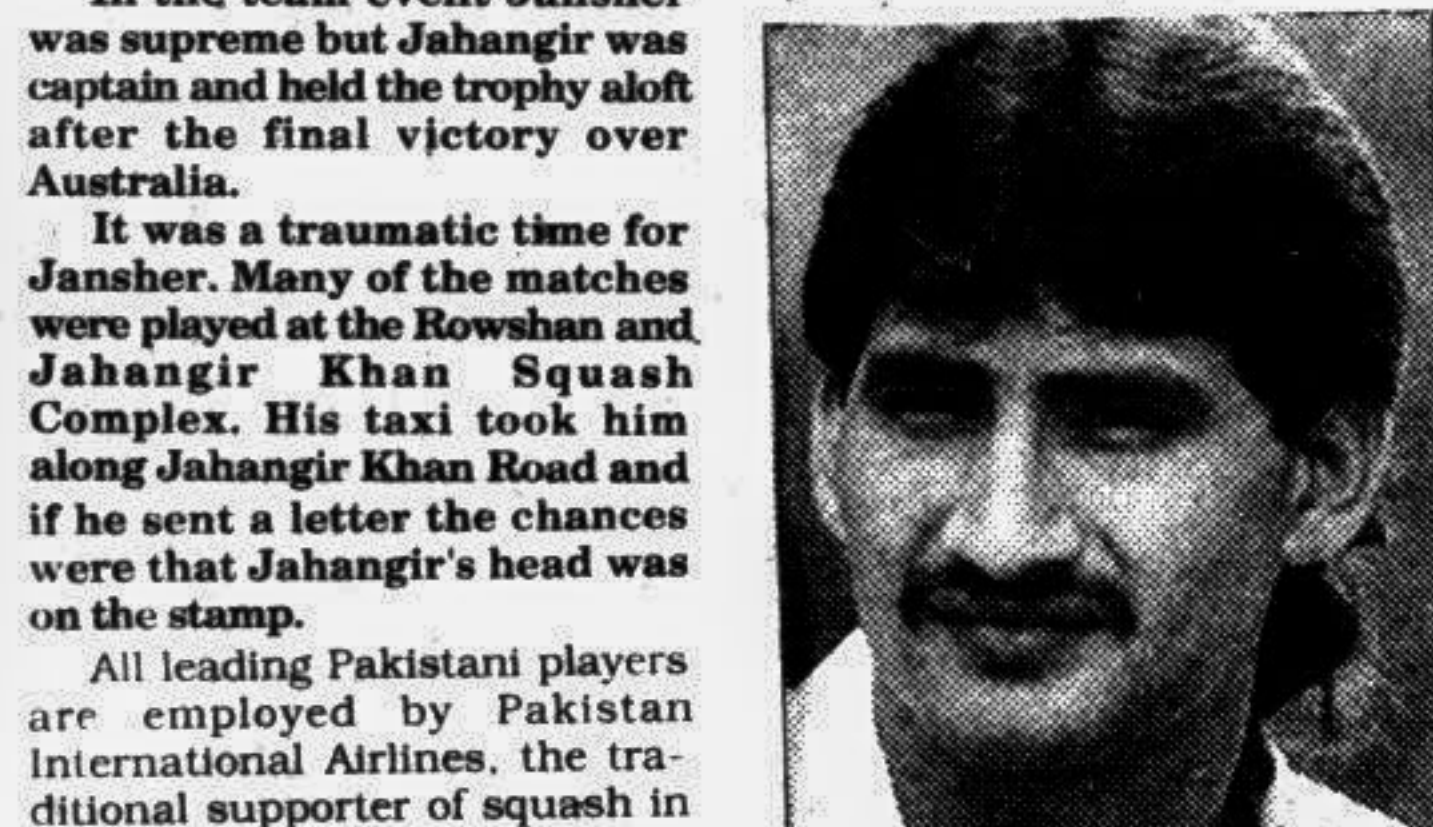
"I don't know what I have to do," he said. "I am world number one, the world champion. I should be a very important person, a hero in Pakistan, but these people do not treat me that way."

"I have done some things in my past which were not right but that was a long time ago. I am married now. I have two young children. My life is settled. I am mature and I am a good boy now."

"I have nothing against Jahangir, he is my hero. But he was Jahangir and I am Jansher. We are different."

"I think now to the people of Pakistan I am a hero, especially after winning the British Open for the third time. But some officials do not think so."

Certainly, Jansher's first few years in squash were littered with problems. He was fined for not trying in matches and for snubbing sponsors' receptions. He angered fellow players with his attitude and was once called "a disaster as



JANSHER KHAN... him at all. His only trouble is that he's too bloody good."

Jansher has improved as a player as well, adding a fearsome range of attacking shots to his natural game to combat the growing band of talented young players out to claim his scalp.

He is sure to come out with all guns blazing in the opening event of the season in Hong Kong next week. It was there last season that he suffered one of only two defeats during the year, going down to Rodney Martin in the semi-final.

"I don't look for revenge, just to put the record straight and I am looking forward to playing Rodney again," Jansher said.

From the Far East he moves on to Barcelona on September 13 where he will be bidding for sixth World Open title. That would equal Jahangir's record.

"Jahangir won the British Open 10 times and the World Open six times," said Jansher. "I want to win the British Open six times and the World Open 10 times. That would be perfect and I would retire a very happy man."

DMFA does it again

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), organisers of the Star Premier and First Division football leagues, appeared to have made it a routine of postponing league engagements with unwieldy emergency notices, as demonstrated in their last minute cancellation of yesterday's scheduled engagements.

The organisers of the two-tier leagues attributed yesterday's cancellation to the non-availability of adequate members of law-enforcing agency. The suspended outings will be played today with the league schedule once again going through a bodily shift.

Meanwhile, a large number of football fans, who were caught unawares by this belated decision along with the newsmen, were naturally not amused and brought out a procession, demanding a complete overhaul of what they termed an incompetent DMFA.

Reefat on top

Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat bin Sattar dislodged Hasibul Hasan to take the solo lead after the sixth round of the Rahimuddin Bharosa Open chess tournament at the chess room of National Sports Council yesterday.

Biman's Reefat, who jointly shared the lead with Hasib of Brothers Union at the end of the fifth round, won yesterday to raise his tally to full six points from as many outings.

Fide Master Rezaul Haq of Biman, who defeated teammate and reigning national champion Ziaur Rahman in this round moved into the second spot with five and a half points.

Four players — Hanif, Ziaul Qader Tuhin, Saifuddin Labib and Ali Amjad Mintu — were in the third position with five points each.

Voeller to join Leverkusen

BOONN, Aug 24: Veteran German international Rudi Voeller is to sign a two year contract with Bayer Leverkusen, reports AFP.

Voeller, 34, is quitting troubled French club Olympique Marseille in a 323,000 dollar transfer deal.

Voeller with 90 caps asked for a move when the French club was relegated following a match fixing scandal last season.

Romario returns

BARCELONA, Aug 24: Romario's extended three-week vacation ended Tuesday with speculation that he returned to Spain to seek release from FC Barcelona rather than play a second season with the Spanish league champions, reports AP.

Meanwhile, his Brazilian World Cup teammate Bebeto offered his Spanish club Deportivo de La Coruna five million dollars to buy out his contract, which runs through 1996.

Bebeto wants to return to play in Brazil, but club officials said Tuesday his offer was too low.

Romario angered coach Johan Cruyff by ignoring an Aug 1 deadline to return to FC Barcelona on the grounds that he was tired after he and Bebeto teamed to win the World Cup last month in the United States.

Romario, who topped the Spanish league in scoring last season, is reported to have said he would like to play in Brazil. But no Brazilian team can apparently afford Barcelona's 10 million dollar asking price.

Romario has two years remaining on his contract with Barcelona and is expected to be fined heavily for his absence.

News reports in Brazil said Romario met over the weekend with Italy's Torino club to work out an eight million dollar, three-year deal that would send Romario to Milan by way of Torino.

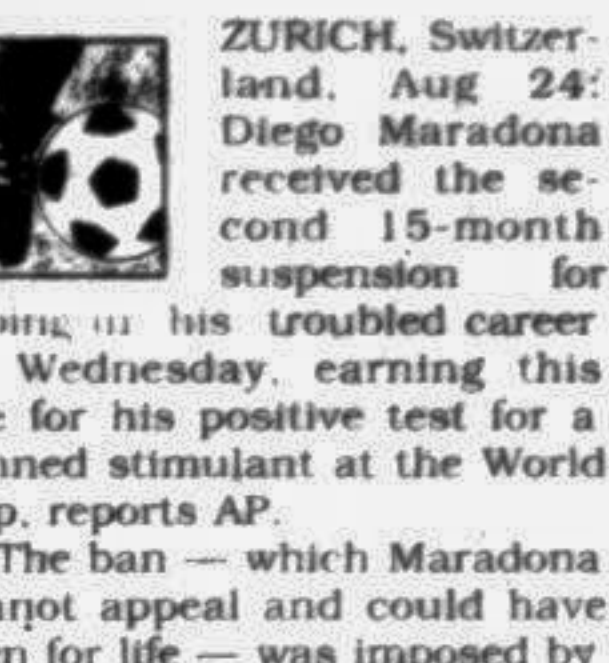
Romario spoke briefly with reporters after arriving from Brazil and said he hoped to stay with Barcelona. He said he planned to meet Wednesday with Cruyff and other club officials.

"Before talking to the press I want to speak with Cruyff and the team staff," Romario said. "I know lots of rumours have arrived in Spain from Brazil and they're not all true."

Asked if he intended to stay with Barcelona, he answered, "I have two more years left with Barcelona and I hope to complete the contract."

Bebeto returned to Spain on Monday, almost two weeks late. He will be fined up to 39 million pesetas (300,000 dollars) news reports said. He did not work out Tuesday with the rest of the team.

15-month ban on Maradona



ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug 24: Diego Maradona received the second 15-month suspension for doping in his troubled career on Wednesday, earning this one for his positive test for a banned stimulant at the World Cup, reports AP.

The ban — which Maradona cannot appeal and could have been for life — was imposed by FIFA's disciplinary committee headed by Mexico's Guillermo Canedo and is retroactive to June 30, when FIFA initially banned the Argentine soccer hero. It will expire Sept 29, 1995.

"I'm very angry and disappointed," said Maradona's lawyer, Daniel Balotnicoff, after a closed door meeting that lasted 2 hours and 45 minutes. "He cannot play any football for 15 months."

Balotnicoff said he didn't have any immediate reaction from the 33-year-old Maradona because he probably was still asleep in Argentina owing to the time difference and had yet to hear the news.

Because of his age, weight and repeated threats of retirement before the World Cup, it was generally accepted that Maradona's playing career was over before Wednesday's announcement.

Maradona tested positive for the drug ephedrine, a stimulant found in diet pills, on June 25 following Argentina's first-round match against Nigeria. Five days later he was banned from the World Cup.

In addition to suspension meted out by FIFA to Maradona on Wednesday, Daniel Cerrini, the players' dietitian accused of providing him with the drug, also was forbidden to have anything to do with soccer during the period of the striker's ban.

And FIFA criticised the Argentine Football Association for lack of supervision over its World Cup team.

"Canedo declined to comment on the reasoning behind the panel's decision because 'the motivation is something that is very delicate.'"

FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said the delicateness stemmed from the problem of differentiating between responsibility and guilt. He didn't elaborate, but said no new evidence was brought be-

fore the panel and that the facts of the case already were public.

"We took everything into account, all his history," Canedo said.

Maradona was first banned — for 15 months — by the Italian league on April 6, 1991 and enforced by FIFA worldwide for testing positive for cocaine following a league match while playing for Napoli.

Despite numerous statements he would retire, Maradona returned from the ban in 1992 only to refuse to honour the final year of his contract and get them to the second round. But the day he was suspended, Bulgaria beat an aimless looking Argentina 2-0, and in the round of 16, Argentina were overcome by Romania 3-2.

FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter said the panel listened to Maradona's representatives, including Balotnicoff and Marcos Franchi, the player's manager.

"His defence was based on the truth," said Balotnicoff.

Maradona and his supporters argued he innocently took a diet medication as a replacement for another he had been using, not realising the substitute contained the banned stimulant ephedrine.

FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said there was no doubt about the test itself, and the medical issue wasn't in question for the hearing. Two analyses at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) confirmed the presence of five ephedrine derivatives in the urine sample.

AFA president Julio Grondona, a member of the panel who attended the hearing, refrained from participating in the decision, Tognoni said.

Twelve other officials attended, including World Cup USA 1994 chairman Alan Rothenberg and UEFA president Lennart Johansson.

Absent was FIFA president Joao Havelange, a Brazilian who at the World Cup said he would do everything possible to keep Maradona in the game. It wasn't immediately clear why Havelange did not attend.

FIFA's suspension policy for doping differs from most other international sports organisations, who impose an automatic two-year suspension for a first offense and lifetime ban for a second.

Tognoni said FIFA is in the process of codifying its doping policy.

"FIFA has expressed several times its wish to fight against doping," he said. "A doping case is always something stupid and something sad. It is important for FIFA to show we are serious."

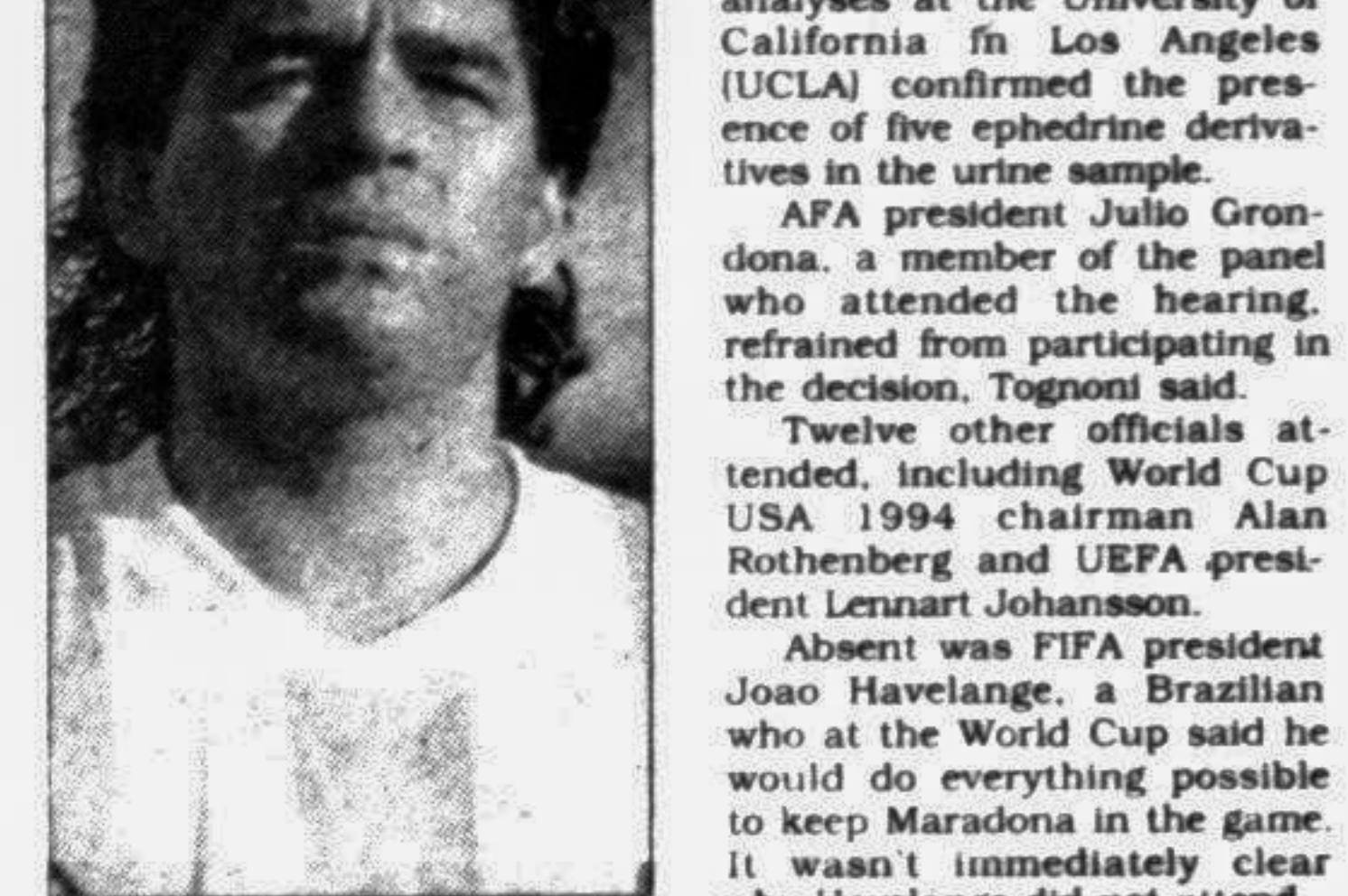
Maradona has had other encounters with authorities. He is currently free on 400,000 bail on charges he shot at journalists with an air rifle in February. The incident occurred after he left Newell's and journalists pursued him at his home.

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Resentment rages ring



VICTORIA, Aug 24: Canadian super-heavyweight Shane Hinton left the ring in tears on Tuesday after losing another controversial Commonwealth Games boxing points verdict to England's Danny Williams, reports Reuter.

The home fighter was convinced he had won his preliminary round fight against the highly-rated Williams, currently receiving numerous offers to switch to the professional ranks, and raised his arms triumphantly when the final bell sounded.

But the five judges using the increasingly criticised electronic scoring system scored the contest a massive 19-9 in Williams' favour, guaranteeing the Londoner a bronze medal.

A relieved Williams, who predicted before the game he would one day become the heavyweight champion of the world, claimed he had been affected by the pressure which had built up before the fight.

"I thought I'd won but because we're in this country you never know," he said. "I beat him three months ago, but he looked a lot fitter this time."

The outcome was merely one of several unpopular verdicts during an evening over-

shadowed by allegations from some African teams that some black boxers were losing fights because of racial bias among the judges.

Tanzania's impassioned appeal over Monday's points defeat of their flyweight medal hope Mewana Matumla was turned down, while Nigerian heavyweight Friday Ahunaya could scarcely bear the frustration of his 6-5 loss to Canadian Stephen Gallinger.

He was spotted outside butting a rubbish bin and a wall after the home favourite had pipped him to a bronze.

Back in the ring, Africa's boxing reputation is still being fiercely defended by Kenya who are already assured of at least four medals and could yet boost that figure to seven.

Only one member of their eight-man squad has so far been beaten, although heavyweight Omaar Ahmed was pushed all the way by Northern Ireland's Paul Douglas, a Commonwealth bronze medalist in 1990.

Two of Douglas's compatriots, Jim Webb and Mark Winters, fared better in their quarter-finals, guaranteeing themselves a bronze apiece in the light-middleweight and light-welterweight divisions respectively.

Webb, a part-time bouncer, changed his style to keep out of range of Australian Sean

Connell and was rewarded with a 14-5 points victory.

Winters won an even bigger verdict over South African Stephanus Carr, delaying the republic's first boxing medal for 36 years yet again.

Their medal hopes, so bright 24 hours earlier, have now dwindled to just one representative — light-flyweight Masibulele Makepeula.

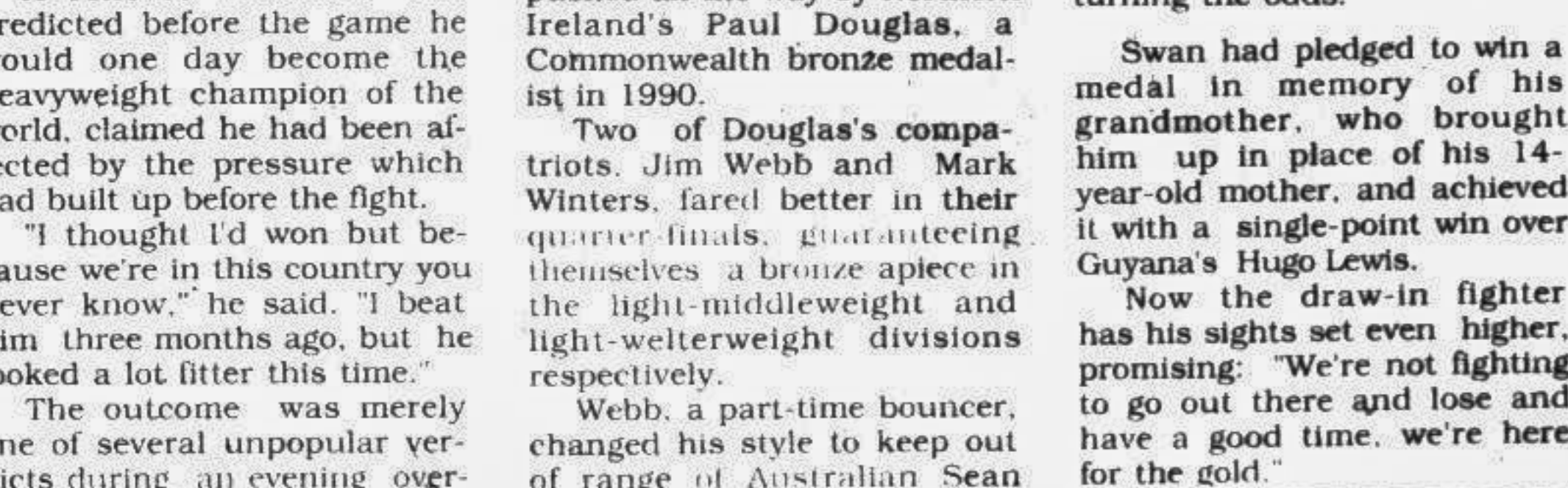
Canadians appear to have a near-certain featherweight gold to celebrate.

Casey Patton, looked upon as a prime contender for a medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, outclassed Northern Ireland's Adrian Patterson and has been arguably the most impressive fighter at any weight in the Games so far.

The only man standing between the home favourite and the final is Australia's James Swan, the aboriginal battler who appears to relish overturning the odds.

Swan had pledged to win a medal in memory of his grandmother, who brought him up in place of his 14-year-old mother, and achieved it with a single-point win over Guyana's Hugo Lewis.

Now the draw-in fighter has his sights set even higher, promising: "We're not fighting to go out there and lose and have a good time, we're here for the gold."



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