

Wari's third on a trot

Sports Reporter

Traditional Wari Club came back from behind to post their third consecutive win in the Star Premier league when they beat Public Works Department by the odd goal in three at the Dhaka Stadium.

PWD, who created quite a bit of stir recently by snatching a point each from popular title-contenders Mohammedans and Abahani, shot into the lead in the 47th minute through their promising frontliner Bulbul.

One of the few youngsters to have carved a niche in football fans' heart for his lethal left foot and opportunism, Bulbul fired a fierce first time grounder to find the net after Salam' fed him with a neat final pass.

Yunus restored parity 13 minutes later with a powerful drive after working on a pass from Maqbul, the livewire of the old Dhaka team.

Four minutes later, Babul Jamal ensured the eighth point for Wari from seven matches when neatly finished a move built by Chanchal.

The defeat leaves PWD at five points from seven outings. East End Club trounced babes Muslim Institute 6-1 in day's one of the two Star First Division tie played earlier at the same venue.

The winners stormed to unassailable 4-0 lead at the first half.

Selim, Lipu, Manik and Ujjal sealed the fate in the first 45 minutes.

Selim and Lipu added another two in the second half while Swapam pulled one back for the hapless Muslim booters seven minutes before the final whistle.

East End now have six points from as many matches while Muslim brace for a descent to the tier from which they climbed only this year with just one point from six matches.

In the other Star First Division encounter, Dhanmondi and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha shared points in a two all game at the Mirpur.

Don gave Eskaton a double lead with 17th and 42nd minute strikes.

Masum and Ata hit back for Dhanmondi in the 47th and 52nd minutes.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Arambagh KS vs Bangladesh Boys 4:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

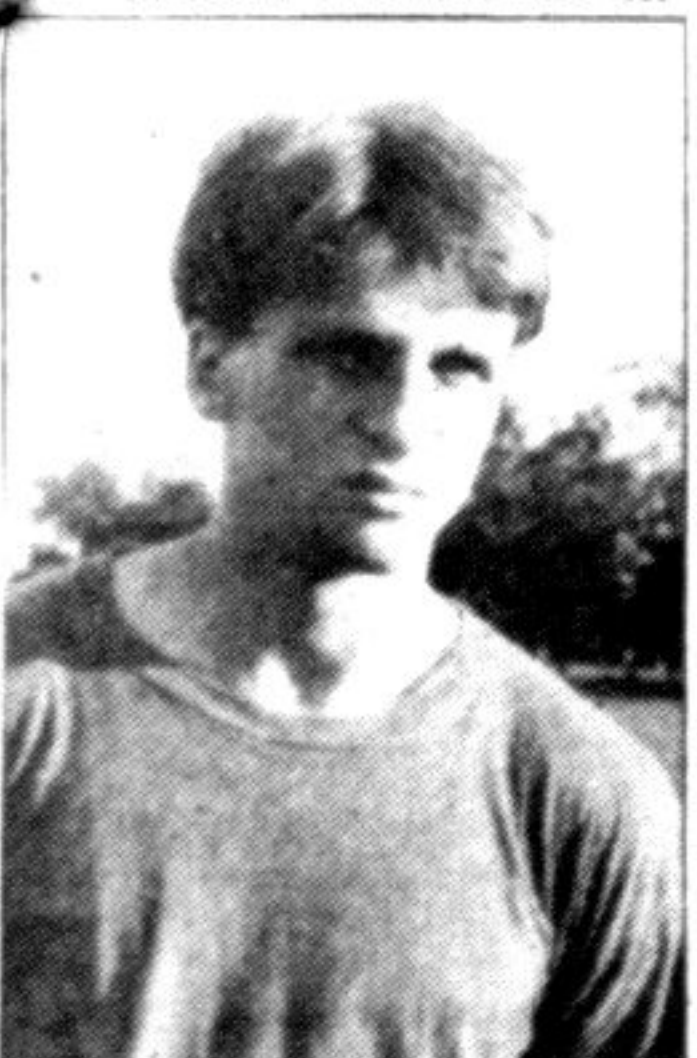
Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Fakirpool YMC 6:30 ("")

Abahani rope in a Russian

Sports Reporter

In a bid to rev up their hitherto careering campaign of recapturing the Star Premier Division football league championship from holders Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Kirra Chakra signed a Russian striker yesterday.

Nikolai Krioutchkov, the 21-year-old Lokomotiv Moscow forward who arrived on



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Thursday, completed his registration formalities yesterday at the Bangladesh Football Federation office and is likely to join Iraqi Nazari Ali up front in Abahani's crucial first round tie against Brothers Union on Monday.

The six-foot tall Russian's inclusion raises the Dhanmondi club's collection of foreign recruits to three and the quorum is likely to be completed on the very day with another Russian flying in.

Some solace

Sports Reporter

Fauzia Karim earned some personal consolation in a vast stretch of depressing performance by the Bangladesh contingent in the fifteenth Commonwealth Games, now running in the Canadian city of Victoria when she attained Olympic qualification mark in the women's air rifle shooting Thursday.

She came out seventh with a haul of 381 marks, six more than the minimum requirement of 375 among twenty competitors.

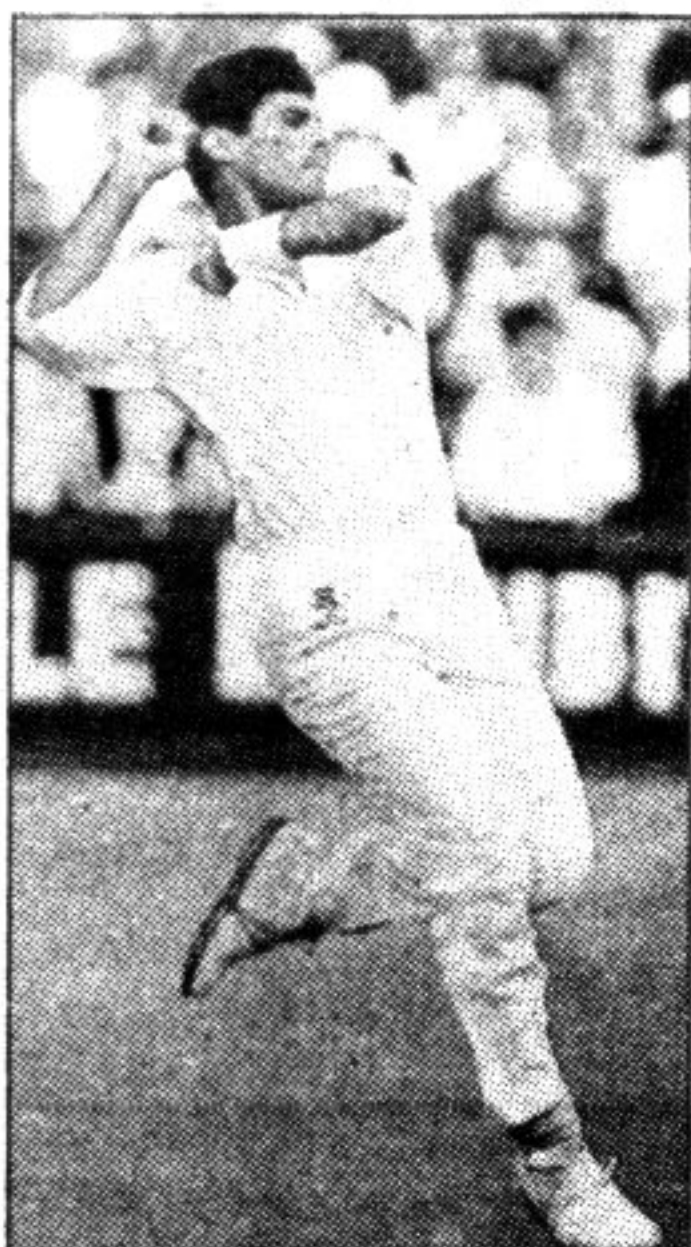
However, her compatriot Kazi Ferdous Parveen failed to achieve the target by just one mark, said a Bangladesh Olympic Association official.

Sri Lanka's lowest ever Test score

Winds of Ws blow hosts off



KANDY, Sri Lanka, Aug 26: Pakistani fast bowlers Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram produced a fiery performance as Sri Lanka ran into rough weather on the opening day of



WAQAR YOUNIS ... 6 for 34 the third Test here Friday, reports AFP.

Pakistan were in the box seat at 109 for two at the close after Younis and Akram had bowled unchanged for 28.2 overs to send Sri Lanka crashing to their lowest Test total of 71.

Opener Aamir Sohail was unbeaten on 68, his seventh Test half-century, as Pakistan finished the day with a 38-run lead.

In fact, the departure of opener Saeed Anwar (31) and night watchman Mushtaq Ahmed in the space of two balls turned out to be the only moments of euphoria for Sri Lanka after Pakistan's pace duo had revelled under overcast conditions on a rain-curtailed first day.

Fast bowler Pushpakumara, who had Anwar leg before in the 22nd over, played a role in the dismissal of Mushtaq in the very next ball.

Zimbabwe's independent umpire Ian Robinson turned down Pushpakumara's second appeal for a leg-before but Mushtaq had moved out of his crease in trying to fend off the ball. Kumar Dharmasena, who was hovering nearby, picked up the ball and ran the

Pakistani out.

Before they were separated, the Pakistani openers Anwar and Sohail had handed out another apt lesson in batting as they posted 94 runs for the first wicket. Sohail's 87-ball knock contained 11 boundaries and a mid-wicket six off Pushpakumara.

A total of 102 minutes was lost to rain as the Pakistani pacers were provided ideal conditions to rock the Sri Lankan batting line up.

Younis proved why he is the prince of pace with a superbly controlled spell that earned him six wickets for 34 runs.

Younis would have bettered his career best figures of 7 for 76 against New Zealand had debutant Kabir Khan, fielding at extra cover, held on to a catch from last man Ravindra Pushpakumara.

However, Younis emerged with the best bowling effort by a Pakistani in Sri Lanka, beating off-spinner Tausif Ahmed's 6 for 45 achieved on the same Asgiriya ground in the 1985-86 series.

After Sri Lanka resumed from a lunch score of 28 for 4, it was swing king Akram who started and ended the Sri Lankan slide in the second session.

He finished with 4 for 32 off 14.2 overs as Sri Lanka, were bowled out for their lowest total in Test cricket. Their worst score until Friday was 82 all out against India in the Chandigarh Test in 1991.

Sri Lanka's leading batsmen found Younis and Akram virtually unplayable on a batting track that offered some movement in the morning session. In the end, Pakistani skipper Salim Malik was amply rewarded for winning a good toss.

Except for wicket-keeper Pubudu Dassanayake, who made 19 not out, the rest of the Sri Lankans failed to reach double figures with skipper Arjuna Ranatunga becoming the first of three batsmen to get out for a duck.

Younis, who finally found his form in the final one-day international brought off the showpiece of the day with a delivery that went through the gate of middle-order bat Hashan Tillekeratne and uprooted his middle-stump.

This was only the second instance when two Pakistani bowlers had bowled out a side without being changed. In

1956, Khan Mohamed and Fazal Mehmood bowled unchanged as Australia collapsed to 80 all out.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the third and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and



WASIM AKRAM ... 4 for 32

Pakistan on Friday:

SRI LANKA: First innings

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Mahamama c Latif b Waqar | 2 |
| Samarawera c Latif b Akram | 6 |
| S Ranatunga c Latif b Waqar | 5 |
| De Silva lbw b Akram | 7 |
| A Ranatunga c Anwar b Waqar | 0 |
| Tillekeratne b Waqar | 9 |
| Kalpage c Sohail b Akram | 6 |
| Dassanayake not out | 19 |
| Dharmasena lbw b Waqar | 0 |
| Vaas c Akram b Waqar | 0 |
| Pushpakumara c Sohail b Akram | 6 |
| Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-5, nb-1) | 11 |
| Total: | 71 |

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-20; 3-22; 4-28; 5-28; 6-43; 7-45; 8-46; 9-46.

| Bowling: | O | M | R | W |
|----------|------|---|----|---|
| Akram | 14.2 | 4 | 32 | 4 |
| Waqar | 14 | 4 | 34 | 6 |

PAKISTAN: First innings

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|---|-----|
| Saeed Anwar lbw b Pushpakumara | 31 |
| Aamir Sohail not out | 68 |
| Mushtaq Ahmed run out | 0 |
| Asif Mujtaba not out | 1 |
| Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-4) | 9 |
| Total: (for two wickets) | 109 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-94; 2-94. | |
| To bat: Salim Malik, Basit Ali, Inzamamul Haq, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Kabir Khan. | |

| Bowling: (to date) | O | M | R | W |
|--------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Vaas | 11 | 2 | 44 | 0 |
| Pushpakumara | 10 | 2 | 41 | 1 |
| Dharmasena | 7 | 1 | 19 | 0 |

England beat S Africa by six wickets

Graeme Hick in superb nick



BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug 26: Graeme Hick continued his rich vein of form against the South Africans, hitting 81 at Edgbaston on Thursday as England cruised to a six-wicket victory in the first of two one-day internationals, reports Reuter.

Hick, leading run scorer in the three-match Test series against South Africa, paced his innings well as England got home with six balls to spare.

He fell with the scores level, holding out off Richard Snell as he attempted to end the match in style.

His 116-ball innings included five fours and a six. South Africa's 55-over total of 215 for seven never looked as if it would be enough after Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart had given England a firm base for their run chase with an opening stand of 57.

South Africa needed wickets and they found them hard to come by on a perfect batting strip.

Atherton was brilliantly run out for 49 by Jonty Rhodes and Graham Thorpe also fell to a run-out. But neither wicket checked England's progress.

Earlier, South Africa, subdued after their defeat in the third Test at the Oval, seldom

Azlam Shah hockey

England take on Pakistan in final

PENANG, Malaysia, Aug 26: England, needing a draw to join Pakistan in the final of the Sultan Rajah Azlam Shah tournament, beat the Olympic bronze medalists 5-3 in the last match of the round-robin series on Friday, reports Reuter.

It will be England's first top international final since they won the silver medal at the 1986 World Cup.

The two-goal margin meant both sides finished with identical records at the top of the table but with England in first place after beating Pakistan.

England's success condemned Australia, the Olympic silver medalists who had already completed their pool matches, to a third place play off in which they will meet Malaysia.

looked like breaking from the shackles applied by Phillip DeFreitas inside the first hour of the game.

England's most consistent bowler this summer quickly reduced them to 30 for two with Kepler Wessels dragging a



GRAEME HICK ... 81

delivery onto his stumps and Peter Kirsten edging a catch behind via the shoulder of the bat.

DeFreitas followed that double strike by clinging on to a tricky catch at long leg when Gary Kirsten top-edged a pull against Chris Lewis — and South Africa were in the mire.

DeFreitas's third wicket and his 99th in one-day internationals was the important scalp of Daryll Cullinan, South Africa's top scorer with 45.

Lewis enhanced his Ashes tour prospects after another injury-interrupted summer by also taking three wickets.

Scoreboard in the first one-day (55 overs) international between England and South Africa at Edgbaston on Thursday:

SOUTH AFRICA

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| K Wessels b DeFreitas | 4 |
| G Kirsten c DeFreitas | 30 |
| b Lewis | |
| P Kirsten c Rhodes | 8 |
| b DeFreitas | |
| J Rhodes c Thorpe b Cork | 35 |
| D Cullinan b DeFreitas | 45 |
| H Cronje b Lewis | 36 |
| D Richardson not out | 20 |
| R Snell c Gough b Lewis | 2 |
| T Shaw not out | 17 |
| Extras: (lb-6, w-10, nb-2) | 18 |
| Total: (for seven wickets, 55 overs) | 215 |

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-30; 3-58; 4-103; 5-174; 6-176;

7-182. Did not bat: C Matthews, F de Villiers.

| Bowling: | O | M | R | W |
|-----------|----|---|----|---|
| DeFreitas | 9 | 1 | 38 | 3 |
| Gough | 11 | 2 | 40 | 0 |
| Lewis | 8 | 0 | 32 | 3 |
| Udal | 11 | 0 | 34 | 0 |
| Cork | 11 | 0 | 46 | 1 |
| Hick | 5 | 1 | 19 | 0 |

ENGLAND

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| M Atherton run out | 49 |
| A Stewart c De Villiers b Shaw | 32 |
| G Hick c Shaw b Snell | 81 |
| G Thorpe run out | 26 |
| N Fairbrother not out | 19 |
| S Rhodes not out | 0 |
| Extras: (lb-9, w-2, nb-1) | 12 |
| Total: (for four wickets, 54 overs) | 219 |

Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-126; 3-181; 4-215.

Did not bat: C Lewis, P DeFreitas, D Cork, D Gough, S Udal.

| Bowling: | O | M | R | W |
|-------------|----|---|----|---|
| De Villiers | 11 | 2 | 27 | 0 |
| Matthews | 11 | 1 | 42 | 0 |
| Shaw | 11 | 0 | 34 | 1 |
| Cronje | 9 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Snell | 11 | 0 | 49 | 1 |
| G Kirsten | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 |

Result: England won by six wickets

Man-of-the-match: Graeme Hick (England)

Second match: Old Trafford, Manchester, August 27.

It's hooligans once again

Sports Reporter

Unruly supporters vandalised the Referees' Association office yesterday after a Pioneer football league match.

Anirban Sangsad went one step closer to promotion of Third Division next year when they beat Gullistan Club at the Outer Stadium with goals from Kamal and Ariful.

Gullistan, who failed to convert a penalty that came their way, seemed quite enraged by the supervision of referee Subhash Roy and their supporters tried to take it out on the man in black.

Having failed to get the man, the ruffians ransacked the adjacent referees' office and two senior referees — Abdur Rashid and Hamid — were reportedly manhandled by the sour losers.

Lara, Ambrose at the top

LONDON, Aug 26: West Indian world record holding batsman Brian Lara retains his top place in the latest world rankings, published Thursday, reports AFP.

Lara remains untouchable after his 375 runs in the fifth Test match against England in Antigua in April, with India's Sachin Tendulkar more than 100 points behind him in second place.

The top five places remain unchanged but Alec Stewart's recent fine Test form sees him move up to sixth spot, becoming England's highest rated batsman.

The West Indians also lead the bowling with second placed Waqar Younis slipping further behind Curtly Ambrose. Waqar's Pakistan teammate Wasim Akram moves up one place to fifth, his highest ever rating.

LEADING RATINGS

BATSMEN: 1. Brian Lara (W Indies) 871 points, 2. Sachin Tendulkar (India) 762, 3. David Boon (Australia) 749, 4. Desmond Haynes (W Indies) 734, 5. Steve Waugh (Australia) 717, 6. Alec Stewart (England) 709, 7. Richie Richardson (W Indies) 698, 8. Vinod Kamble (India) 689, 9. Graham Gooch (England) 682, 10. Martin Crowe (N Zealand) 681.

BOWLERS: 1. Curtly Ambrose (W Indies) 903, 2. Waqar Younis (Pakistan) 894, 3. Shane Warne (Australia) 876, 4. Anil Kumble (India) 861, 5. Wasim Akram (Pakistan) 798, 6. Allan Donald (S Africa) 713, 7. Craig McDermott (Australia) 634, 8. Merv Hughes (Australia) 631, 9. Angus Fraser (England) 611, 10. Phillip DeFreitas (England) 602.

C'WEALTH GAMES MEDALS TABLE

VICTORIA, Aug 26: Commonwealth Games medals table after the seventh day of competition on Thursday (Tabulated-gold, silver, bronze):

| | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|
| Australia | 57 | 38 | 29 |
| Canada | 26 | 27 | 37 |
| England | 18 | 25 | 26 |
| Nigeria | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| India | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| New Zealand | 4 | 12 | 8 |
| Wales | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Nauru | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Scotland | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| South Africa | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Kenya | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Cyprus | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Sri Lanka | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Northern Ireland | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Zimbabwe | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Malaysia | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sierra Leone | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Jamaica | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Pakistan | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Guernsey | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hong Kong | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Note: No silver or bronze medals awarded in the men's pairs running target shooting event; no bronze awarded in women's 50-km team cycling time trial and women's 4X200 freestyle swimming.

Medals for disabled events are not included.

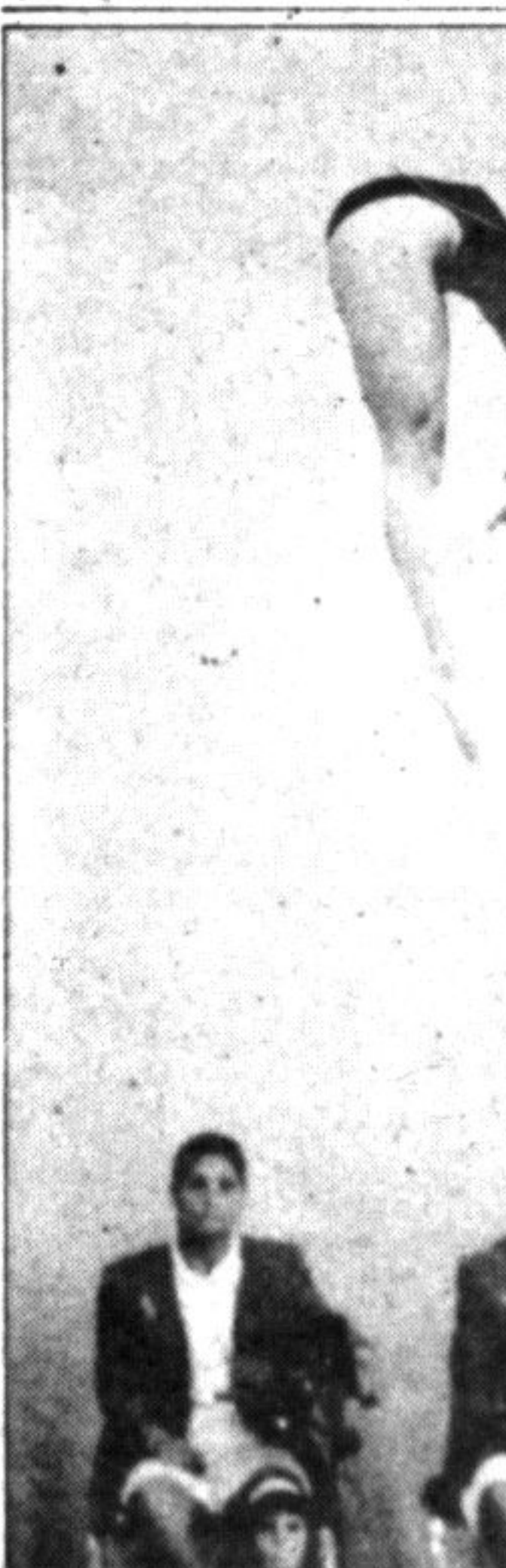
Schools hockey

Sports Reporter

Armanitola High School will play Nabakumar Institute for the champions' mantle of group B in the schools hockey tournament.

The traditional breeding pocket of hockey players registered an easy 3-1 win over Barisal Zilla School yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

Samad with two field goals and Selim with another from a penalty corner shaped their quiet passage.



Canada's Annie Pelletier performs during the women's 3m springboard final as judges watch during the Commonwealth Games in Victoria on August 25. Pelletier bagged the gold medal with 529.860 points.

Perkins & co ready for Rome



Victoria 94

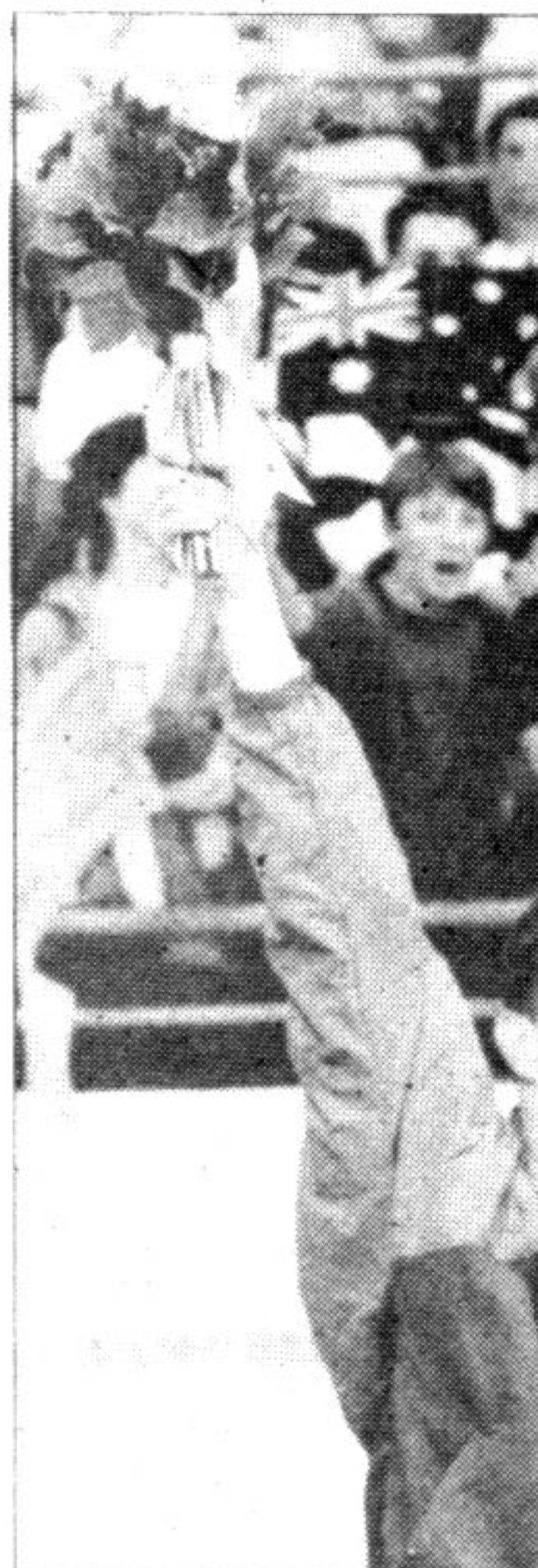
VICTORIA, Aug 26: The Australian swim team won 24 of the 32 gold medals at the Commonwealth Games. Now coach Don Talbot prepares his stars for something a little more competitive, next month's World Championships in Rome, reports AP.

"Our swimmers have to come down from this and then we have to get them up again for Rome," Talbot said.

"We won the meet but coaches are never happy. We want to win everything. We beat the Canadians, we won the meet, I am happy about that. But what about the worlds?"

That event will be a lot tougher and we must be prepared. I can't think about these Commonwealth Games now."

The Australian swimmers, who parted in downtown Victoria into the early hours of Thursday after their triumph, have plenty to recall.



Australia's Kieren Perkins celebrates after being awarded the gold medal in the men's 1500m freestyle at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria on August 24. He set a world record in the event.

Drug scandal rocks Britons



Victoria 94

VICTORIA, Aug 26: British track and field was rocked by the biggest drug scandal in its history, while a sweep of the two

walk events Thursday gave Australia the gold medal lead in the sport at the Commonwealth Games, reports AP.

In London, the British Athletic Federation confirmed that a total of six British athletes have tested positive for drugs this summer, including two scheduled Commonwealth Games competitors — Paul Edwards, a shot putter, and Diane Modahl, the defending champion in the women's 800 metres.

Federation executive director Peter Radford said that three other athletes, whose names were not disclosed pending the outcome of the organization's internal proce-

dures, have tested positive this season, one for a Class A drug which carries a four-year suspension.

The revelations came two weeks after 200-metre runner Solomon Wariso was withdrawn from the European Championships at Helsinki, Finland, after testing positive for the banned substance ephedrine. He faces a three-month ban.

Edwards and Modahl were sent home from the Games on Wednesday. The A samples for both have tested positive — Edwards from the European Championships two weeks ago, Modahl from a meet in Portugal in June.

If the corresponding B samples, which have not yet been analysed, turn up positive, each would face suspension by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the world governing body for the sport.

Meanwhile, in Thursday's only Commonwealth track and field competition, Kerry Saxby-Junna set a games record of 44 minutes, 25 seconds, in winning the women's 10-kilometre walk, and Nicholas A'Hern missed the games record by only six seconds in taking the men's 30k road walk, in 2:07:53.

Saxby-Junna's time broke the record of 45:03 she set in winning the Commonwealth title in 1990 at Auckland, New Zealand. A tour guide, the 33-year-old Saxby-Junna showed the way along the course in Beacon Hill Park, beating teammate Anne Manning by 12 seconds. Manning, timed in 44:37 was another 17 seconds ahead of bronze medalist Janice McCaff