

Rezaul still atop

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Fide master Rezaul Haq of Bangladesh Biman maintained his solo lead in the qualifying round of 21st national championship after drawing his ninth round engagement against Saifuddin Lavlu of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Rezaul's collection stood at seven and a half points.

Four players are lying in second position with seven points. They are — Abdullah al Rakib of Narayanganj, Ali Amjad, Saifuddin Lavlu and Arman Monir.

Aquamarine in Office cricket semis

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Aquamarine moved into the semifinals of the Office cricket league plate group eliminating Arab Bangladesh Bank by 38 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Aquamarine scored an impressive 191 for eight of 35 overs.

Skipper Irfan led the way with 54 off as many balls. For AB Bank, Jewel took three wickets giving away 47 runs.

In reply, AB Bank were all out for 153. Tutul top-scored with 64 off 71 balls. Zia claimed three for 12 while Rabhu finished with two for 39 among the Aquamarine bowlers.

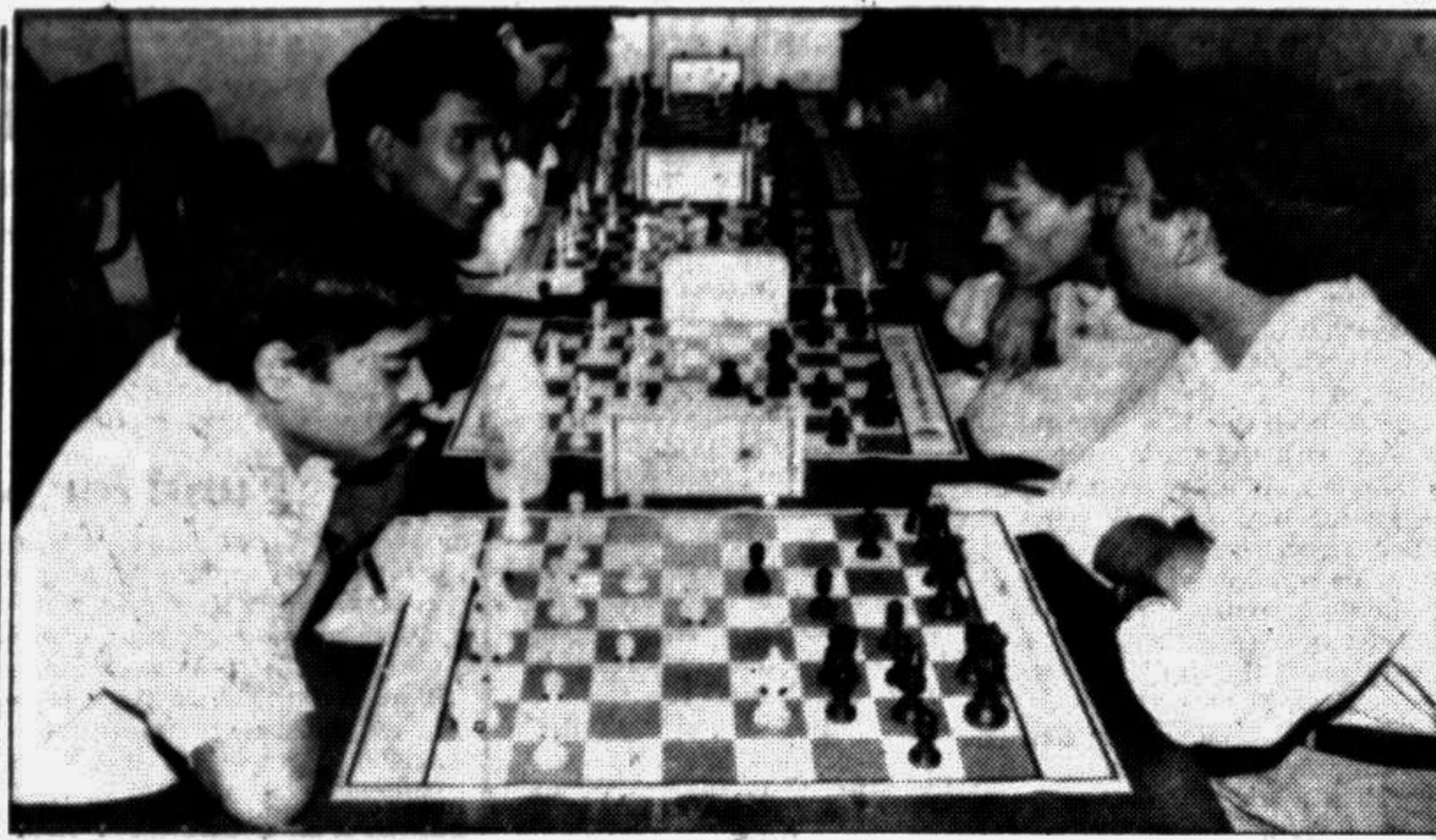
IBF to order Foreman to fight Schulz

NEW YORK, June 2: The IBF is expected to order George Foreman to defend his heavyweight title against German contender Axel Schulz. The New York Times reported Friday, reports AP.

Several sources told the newspaper the 46-year-old champion will be told Friday at the organisation's convention in Atlanta that Schulz is the mandatory challenger. The German lost a controversial majority decision to Foreman on April 12.

According to Foreman's promoter, Bob Arum, the champion is so popular in Germany that if the rematch were held there he could earn more than \$10 million in European endorsements, doubling the figure he is expected to earn for the fight.

Michael Moorer, who lost his title to Foreman last year, has filed a suit contending he has a contract for a rematch. That could be negated if Foreman has to face Schulz.



A glimpse from yesterday's 21st national chess championship at the NSC chess room. — Star photo

Windies wallop Leicester

LEICESTER, England, June 2: West Indies crushed Leicestershire by 287 runs on Thursday to complete the first win over a county of their tour in England, reports Reuters.

Leicestershire were bowled out for 130 after the tourists had set them a virtually impossible 418 for victory.

At one stage Leicestershire were 25 for six and only some late tail and resistance salvaged their pride and prevented a complete rout.

Fast bowler David Mills, who has two championship half-centuries this season, was top scorer with 28. The last pair, Adrian Pierson and Alan Sherry, both made 19.

Kenny Benjamin was top West Indian wicket-taker with four for 50, his first three wickets coming at a cost of just four runs in his first two overs.

Former Glamorgan player Otis Gibson snapped up three

for 26 and ex-Kent off-spinner Carl Hooper three for 22.

The easy win was set up with a lunchtime declaration at 143 for four after West Indies had scored a further 127 runs in the two-hour morning session.

Opener Stuart Williams hit a half-century and Jimmy Adams, out of form so far on the tour, made 42.

But once again there was disappointment for captain Richie Richardson, he was out lbw to Gordon Parsons for just 16.

Richardson's form remains the biggest concern for West Indies ahead of next week's first Test against England at Headingley.

So far on the tour he has struggled to find his best form and Andy Roberts, West Indies cricket manager, said: "We would like to see him have a long innings. The problem at the moment is with his timing."

It has been affected by the shoulder injury he suffered in the first one-day international

against Australia last March.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the final day of the West Indies tour match against Leicestershire here on Thursday:

LEICESTERSHIRE: Second

Innings
Maddy lbw b K Benjamin 4
Smith c Williams b K Benjamin 6
Whitaker c Browne b Gibson 4
Habib c Williams b K Benjamin 0
Nixon c Browne b K Benjamin 10
Dakin c Browne b Gibson 0
Clarke c and b Gibson 10
Parsons c Browne b Hooper 16
Mills c W Benjamin b Hooper 28
Pierson not out 19
Sherry c St Browne b Hooper 14
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, nb-8) 14
Total: (34 overs) 130

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-11; 3-11; 4-15; 5-19; 6-25; 7-45; 8-79; 9-92

Bowling O M R W
K Benjamin 11 3 50 4
Gibson 8 1 26 3
Dhanraj 6 1 25 0
W Benjamin 1 1 0 0
Hooper 8 1 22 3

West Indies beat Leicestershire by 287 runs.

Pundits' eye on Germany, Spain

PARIS, June 2: With most of the European league titles decided, football addicts' attention will be central on the German and Spanish leagues as they enter the final straight this weekend, reports AFP.

Spanish crowds are getting used to two spectacles in their championship, a fight to the last day and giants Real Madrid faltering at the last hurdle.

Real have stumbled at the finish two years running, los-

ing their final match and literally giving the title away to arch-rivals Barcelona.

So it is ironic that it is Real Madrid and last season's shockers Deportivo la Coruna, whose missed penalty in the last minute again delivered the title to Barcelona, who now contest the title.

In a horse race you would bet that both would find a way of losing it somehow, but this weekend could settle it. Real host Deportivo where a win for Madrid will see them clinch the title. A win for Deportivo would narrow the gap to two points with two games to play.

Real Madrid's former Argentinean World Cup winner Jorge Valdano knew firsthand how capable Madrid are of cracking as he was in charge of the Tenerife side that twice denied his present team on the last day of the season.

Valdano's pre-season declaration that Chilean Ivan Zamorano would not be good enough has been answered fully by the striker with 27 goals, and he is in breathing distance of Romario's 30-goal haul last season. This has compensated somewhat for the early season loss of star Argentinean midfielder Fernando Redondo.

Deportivo have been boosted this week by their outstanding Brazilian striker Bebeto signing a contract that will keep him at the club till 1997.

Bebeto, an integral part of the Brazilian team that won the 1994 World Cup, was at the centre of the disastrous climax to Deportivo's season last year.

Deportivo, who had held a seven-point lead at one stage, went into their last match at home to Valencia needing to win or failing that for

Barcelona to slip up against Sevilla.

The title looked destined for Barcelona again going into the last minute of both games with Sevilla losing 2-5 and Valencia holding Deportivo scoreless.

Coruna were awarded a penalty but, Donato, their regular penalty taker, had been substituted and Bebeto refused to take it. Serbian sweeper Miroslav Djukic was called up but when his kick was saved.

In Germany, with two games to play only a point separates Werder Bremen the champions two seasons ago, and Borussia Dortmund.

Bremen's better goal difference was hurt by last week's 4 defeat to Schalke but Dortmund failed to capitalise, managing a 1-1 draw with cup finalists Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Dortmund seem to have developed a strategy of signing German players from their Italian teams, Stephan Reuter and Andy Moeller from Juventus, Karl-Heinz Riedle from Lazio, Matthias Sammer from Inter Milan and this week it appeared likely that Juergen Kohler a member of Germany's 1990 World Cup winning team would also be joining them for next season.

Dortmund have also been beset by injuries to key players, Sammer, who had the misfortune to score an own goal on his return, Riedle, and Moeller who was suspended for admitting he dived in the penalty area.

Bremen may not have the stars but alongside Uwe Basler's 18 goals they have great team spirit and have only lost once this year. This week they play seventh placed Karlsruhe and need to beware Swiss striker Adrian Knap.

Dortmund play lowly-placed Duisburg who suffered a 1-4 reverse last weekend at the hands of Eintracht Frankfurt.

Bayern Munich, desperate to provide their recent signing Juergen Klinsmann with European competition next season, face an easy match on paper at least against Dynamo Dresden.

But, ultimately, their European hopes may rest on Borussia Moenchengladbach winning the German Cup, in which they play German Second Division side Wolfsburg.

In Italy Juventus wrapped up the title two weeks ago with a 4-0 victory over nearest rivals Parma. The only two matters that remain unsolved is will Roberto Baggio stay with the champions for next season despite a cut in his pay, or will he join Inter Milan.

Inter fans, who won't be so upset that Manchester United's temperamental midfielder Paul Ince will not be joining them, need to beat lowly Padova to secure UEFA Cup football next season. If they fail it is unlikely that would prove a good selling point to Baggio.

How Pakistanis polled on Imran

ISLAMABAD, June 2: Pakistanis expressed mixed feelings of happiness and displeasure over former cricket star Imran Khan's marriage to British heiress Jemima Goldsmith according to a poll published today, reports AFP.

The survey, in which Gallup Pakistan interviewed 1,000 urban households in the country's four provinces, found that 38 per cent of respondents were happy, while 22 per cent were unhappy.

The reports did not say how the remaining 40 per cent reacted, although it was presumed they were noncommittal. Pollsters were unavailable for comment.

About 29 per cent believed the marriage of Khan 42, to Goldsmith, 21, who converted to Islam and adopted the name of Haiga, would succeed. A quarter believed it might fail, the reports said.

Gallup Pakistan, a Gallup international affiliate, conducted the survey following the May 16 wedding of Khan and Goldsmith in Paris which took place amid a blaze of publicity focussing on Khan's playboy past and a spate of criticism in his home country.

A bulk of respondents objected to Khan marrying a non-Pakistani Jew, the report said, without providing figures.

Opinion was divided on whether Khan was a hypocrite for marrying a westerner after criticising western values. More than a third agreed, while more than a third disagreed.

Hitting back at his critics, Khan said in an article last week that he has neither abandoned his culture or opted to live in a western country.

His wife would live in Pakistan, he said, forsaking her much-publicised comforts.

The poll showed that nearly 15 per cent who intended to join Khan if he ever formed a political party remain unaffected by his marriage.

But Khan lost ground among those who were undecided about his possible future political role. About half this group have now made up their mind not to support him politically, according to the survey.

The proportion of those willing to donate to Khan's cancer hospital located in his hometown of Lahore dropped from 29 per cent before the marriage to 19 per cent afterwards, the poll said.

Dettol soap cricket

CHITTAGONG, June 2: Shaheed Shajahan Sangha crushed Green Eleven by 134 runs in the Dettol soap metropolitan cricket league at the Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports BSS.

Shajahan Sangha batted first and scored 201 for eight in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Green Eleven were bundled out for only 77 in 28.1 overs.

Dolphin of Shajahan Sangha hit a brilliant unbeaten 59 facing 55 balls with three boundaries and two sixes. He was followed by Masud 27, Biplob 25, Faisal 23, and Tito 21.

Pavel of Green Eleven captured two for 37, Moni and Mona, who scored 17 runs each, were the main run-getters of Green Eleven.

Tuhin of Shajahan Sangha got three wickets for 20 runs, while Suja took two for 14.

Fredericks, aged 27 and world champion at 200 metres, won convincingly in 20.41 seconds in light rain, 0.17 second ahead of Belgium's Patrick Stevens, Christie, 35.

After the verdict was announced Wise, out of bail pending his appeal, hugged his girlfriend Geraldine Lennon as fans from his London club Chelsea cheered.

Judge Gerald Butler upheld the appeal by the fiery midfielder because he said he could not believe Graham's evidence "beyond reasonable doubt." The court heard that Graham had been convicted in 1990 of assaulting a passenger.

In the earlier court case, magistrate Geoffrey Breen said Wise had behaved disgracefully and like a bully by kicking through a glass partition in the taxi to punch Graham.

Only the timely intervention of police prevented the incident from escalating further, Breen had said.

Wise argued on Thursday he had injured his Achilles tendon only hours earlier in a match and he could not have lashed out as claimed. After quashing Wise's conviction and jail sentence, Butler said he did so "with no enthusiasm."

Muster, Medvedev march on



PARIS, June 2: Andrei Medvedev, battling from behind, ousted 1994 finalist Alberto Berasategui in five sets Friday to move into the fourth round of the French Open. Thomas Muster advanced with his 31st straight victory on clay, reports AP.

Medvedev, who at No. 18 in the world just missed being seeded here, mixed powerful ground strokes with seven winning drop shots to win 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 over Berasategui, a skilled clay-court player with a ferocious forehand.

Berasategui emerged from obscurity a year ago to reach the final here, losing to fellow Spaniard Sergi Bruguera in four sets.

Muster, a strong threat to usurp Bruguera's title, crushed another Spanish clay-court specialist, Carlos Costa, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 and will play Medvedev in the fourth round. Seeded fifth, Muster came to Paris after winning five tournaments in a row.

Ninth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov also won his third-round match, 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 over David Wheaton.

In an early women's match, 11th-seeded Anke Huber beat

Veronika Martinek of Germany. Before this week, Serranetti, 19, had played only one previous Grand Slam match in her life — a first-round loss in last year's US Open.

Also advancing was unseeded Kyoko Nagatsuka, 6-3, 6-2 over Romanian qualifier Catalina Cristea.

The men's competition has been enlivened by the surprisingly strong showings of two little-known Australians, Scott Draper and Andrew Ilie, both in the tournament only by winning qualification matches.

Ilie, a 19-year-old ranked 256th in the world, had never before won a match in any official tour event. But he stunned 15th-seeded Richard Krajicek in a second-round five-setter after beating Italy's Christiano Caratti in first round.

The 135th-ranked Draper, who turns 21 next Monday, beat No. 21 Jonas Bjorkman in first round in five sets, then upset 24th-ranked Gilbert Schaller on Thursday in another five-setter. Schaller entered the match with fanfare, having just conquered world No. 2 Pete Sampras in the first round.

"I wanted Sampras to win, so I could play him," Draper said. "But to be here, in the third round of a Grand Slam, it's a dream for me."

Ilie and Draper are both playing only their second career Grand Slam. They were admitted into this year's Australian Open as wild cards, and promptly lost their opening matches.

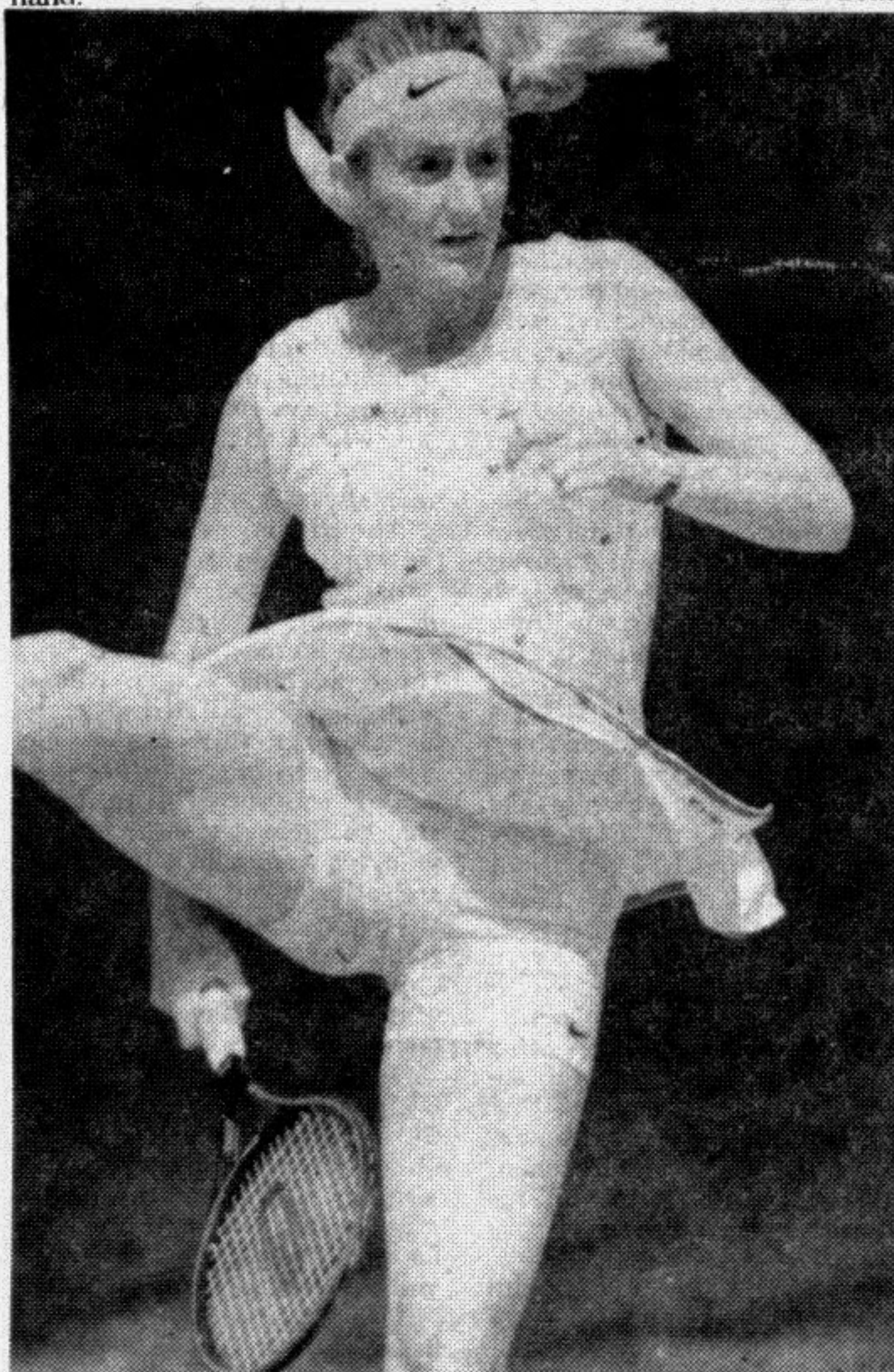
Ilie, 19, was born in Bucharest, Romania, to an Australian mother and Romanian father. The family moved to Australia when he was 10.

Ilie already is assured of earning more with his showing here than his entire previous career earnings of \$12,900.

Draper had won only three tour matches previously in his career, all in the Japan Open when he reached the quarter-finals after winning a berth through qualifying.

Even down two sets to none against Schaller, he attacked. "When things get tough, the only thing I know is to be aggressive," Draper said. "I never succeed when I wait to see what happens in a point."

Ilie had a reasonable chance of advancing even further here — his third-round opponent Friday was Younes El Aynoui of Morocco, another qualifier. Draper is scheduled to play American Richey Reneberg on Saturday.



France's Mary Pierce tries to return a shot under her legs to German Christina Singer during their second-round match of the French Open at Roland Garros on Thursday. Pierce won 7-5, 6-0.

Medvedev appeared on the brink of collapse in the fourth set, squandering a 3-1 lead by losing two straight games at love. But he recovered to salvage the set, and took firm control in the last set, preserving the 11th-seeded Berasategui into errors.

Sabine Appelmans of Belgium, 6-0, 6-3, advancing to a probable fourth-round meeting with Steffi Graf, who played later Friday against Italy's Nathalie Baudone.

Another unseeded Italian, 146th-ranked Adriana Serra-Zanetti, won 6-4, 6-3 over

Christie finishes fifth



SAINT DENIS, France, June 2: World and Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie shrugged off a disappointing start to his outdoor season on Thursday after he floundered to finish fifth in a 200-metre race won by Frankie Fredericks, reports Reuters.

Namibia's Fredericks, world champion at 200 metres, swept past Christie after the veteran Briton led through the bend at the first major outdoor meeting of the European season, but faded in the straight.

The win helped avenge an indoor defeat in February in which Christie pipped Fredericks to set the 200-metre world indoor record.

Fredericks, aged 27 and world champion at 200 metres, won convincingly in 20.41 seconds in light rain, 0.17 second ahead of Belgium's Patrick Stevens, Christie, 35.

Christie, 35, finished in 20.80. "Any time you lose it's disappointing," Christie said. "But last year at the start of the season in Rome I finished last in a race ... it doesn't worry me."

He added he had just recovered from a bruised toe and reassured plans to run more 200 metre races this year rather than his favoured 100 in the build-up to the World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, in August.

Christie and Fredericks, who trained together in Australia in recent months, embraced at the finish.

"I feel good. It was my first race on the European circuit. I have already run faster than last year and I am in good shape," said Fredericks.

Elsewhere, American Derrick Adkins beat a world-class field in the 400 metres hurdles to set the best time of the year with 48.11 seconds. Five best marks of 1995 were set at the meeting.



An airborne Heike Dreschler of Germany leaps through the sandpit to win the women's long jump event at an international athletics meeting as heavy rain falls on the Saint Denis Stadium near Paris on Thursday. Dreschler's jump was 6.80 metres. — AFP/UNB photo

Adkin's compatriot Kevin Young, world and Olympic champion, finished in seventh after returning to competition in 1995 following a season's break.

Matthew Birir of Kenya set the best time of 1995 in the steeplechase at eight minutes 12.95 seconds — trailed by three other Kenyans.

Sghir Smail of Morocco set the 1995 best in the men's 5,000 metres with 13 minutes 16.80 seconds, while Fernanda Ribeiro of Portugal also set the best women's time over 5,000 metres at 14:55.02.

Politicians & Atlanta Games' tickets

ATLANTA, June 2: One of hundreds of politicians offered special access to tickets for the 1996 Olympic Games has used that plum to order 12,000 dollars worth of tickets for his constituents, reports AP.

Charlie Smith, a state representative, bought ads in the local newspaper and on radio stations to spread the word that he had access to tickets. He said he got several hundred replies. He said he made no profit as the middleman and his constituents had to pay for the tickets up front.

But what they get is something not available to the general public — guaranteed seats to Olympic events.

"I saw it as an opportunity to get a lot of people from Southeast Georgia Olympic tickets," Smith said Thursday. Another legislator who has rejected the offer of special access to tickets from Olympic organizers said it is a perk lawmakers shouldn't touch.

"I would say that what Charlie's doing is noble-sounding and well-intentioned, but the Olympic organizers have afforded him a re-election tool that no one else in his district could have utilized for the people in the community," said state Rep. Ken Poston.

A spokesman for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, Bill Marks, would not say if Smith's ticket order was the largest from a politician seeking to take advantage of the special deal for public officials.

But he said there was nothing wrong with Smith acting as a middleman for his constituents.

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Sl. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost in Tk.	Cost of tender document	Earnest Money in Tk.	Time of completion
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