

## Ranatunga retained

COLOMBO, July 3: Veteran all-rounder Arjuna Ranatunga has been retained as captain for Sri Lanka's three-Test tour of Pakistan in August, it was announced here today, reports AFP.

Ranatunga's re-appointment as captain was expected, especially after his role in leading Sri Lanka to their first overseas win over New Zealand earlier this year.

In addition to three Tests, Sri Lanka will play three one-day internationals during the tour of Pakistan from August 26 to October 5.

A 25-member pool that has commenced training for the Pakistan tour also includes Ranatunga's elder brother, Dhammika and younger brother, Sanjeeva. The team for the Pakistan tour will be picked from the pool.

Ranatunga, 31, led Sri Lanka to their first Test victory overseas by beating New Zealand 1-0 in the three-Test series in March. It was the first time the islanders had taken a tie away from home since entering the Test arena in 1982.

Ranatunga, a middle-order left-hand batsman, is the only survivor of the team that played England in Sri Lanka's inaugural Test match in 1982.

## Shantinagar hold Dhanmondi

Sports Reporter



A ten-man Shantinagar Club came from behind to hold Dhanmondi Club to a one-all draw in the lone Lifebuoy First Division football league engagement at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

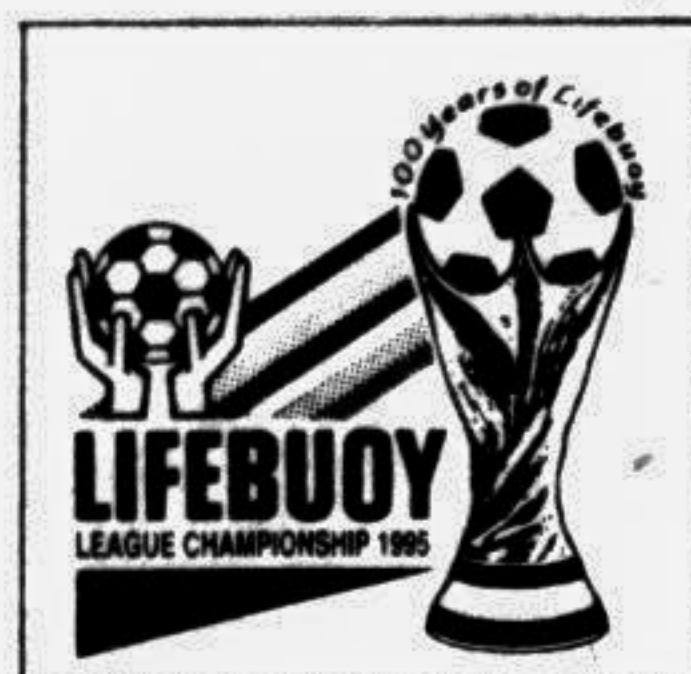
On a heavy outfield Dhanmondi led the first half by a 30th minute strike from Dabluo, a defender, whose fierce free-kick from the edge of the box deflected into the Shantinagar net hitting a defender.

After conceding the goal, Shantinagar's misery was compounded when their striker Liton Khan got the marching order receiving his second yellow card a few minutes from the short whistle.

But undaunted by the setback the Motijheel outfit bounced back into contention when Masud Karim neutralised the margin with a powerful shot four minutes into the second half.

Amidst heavy downpour Dhanmondi mounted a sustained attack to regain the lead but found the lady luck against their way when Shamsuddin's scorching drive in the 88th minute went out hit-

ting the cross-piece. Earlier, the fleet-footed winger spoiled two scoring chances. His first attempt went straight to the Shantinagar custodian Titu while the second one in the 68th



minute slightly missed the mark.

Meanwhile, the Lifebuoy Premier Division league resumes at the Dhaka Stadium today after a scheduled one day recess.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

PWD SC vs Eskaton SS 5pm (Mirpur Stadium)  
Bangladesh Boys vs Police AC 4.30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)  
Abahani KC vs Rahmatganj MFS 6.30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

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## Sussex dent Windies' ego

HOVE, England, July 3: Sussex beat West Indies by an innings and 121 runs on the third and final day of their tour match today, reports Reuter.

Scores: Sussex 446-9 dec, West Indies 186 and 139.

Earlier report adds: West Indies coach Andy Roberts admitted his side, beaten by England in the second Test last week, are suffering from mental fatigue after watching them slump to 97 for seven in reply to Alan Wells led Sussex's 446 for nine declared here on Sunday.

Only an unbeaten 70 from Keith Arthurton plus stout resistance from tailender Rajinder Dhanraj enabled them to finish a wether shortened day on 167 for seven.

Richie Richardson's side now face the prospect of becoming the first West Indies side to follow on in England since the 1933 tourists suffered the embarrassment against Kent.

And if they are bowled out a second time, they will be the first West Indies

team to be beaten by an English county since 1976 when Middlesex triumphed at Lord's.

Roberts said, "We have not played well yesterday or today but have rested a few of our top players and for us these games are just a chance to get some adequate practice."

"The players have been on the road since October and are mentally rather than physically tired."

"Constantly living out of a suitcase wears you out and we are trying to give players like Brian Lara, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh and Ian Bishop as much time as possible to recharge their batteries between Tests," he added.

Roberts denied the West Indies were at a critical stage of their tour despite the Lord's Test defeat and internal troubles which resulted in Winston Benjamin being sent home for disciplinary reasons on Friday.

He added, "At present I am just trying to get the players focused on the Tests. They know what is required and there will be three Tests left in the series even after the

next game at Edgbaston.

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Then after Stephenson removed both openers, Paul Jarvis — fit again after a three week lay off with a calf injury had Jimmy Adams brilliantly caught on the run by Stephenson on long leg.

West Indies captain Richardson badly in need of runs, made 34 before falling lbw to Jarvis and left arm seamer Jason Lewry kept up the pressure by bowling Stuart Williams through a drive and trapping junior Murray lbw.

Ottis Gibson then fell to Danny Law as the collapse continued.

## Gallian's graduation over

LONDON, July 3: Former Australia under-19 captain Jason Gallian found out he will make his

England debut against the West Indies in Thursday's third Test listening to his car radio on Sunday, reports AFP.

The 24-year-old Gallian, christened "young Gatt" during last winter's A-team tour of India, was born in Australia of English parents and he will be the third graduate of the Adelaide Cricket Academy to play for England.

Despite the high regard he is held in, the Lancashire opener expressed great surprise after hearing of his selection while driving to a benefit match for country teammate Neil Fairbrother in Oxfordshire.

Gallian said: "I had no idea I was going to get called up and I nearly came off the road when I heard the news on my car radio. It's a dream come true."

"I always wanted to play for Lancashire, where my parents come from, and when I started to play, over here I realised how much I wanted an England place too."

But unlike fellow graduates of the Academy—all-rounder Craig White and fast bowler Martin McCague—former Oxford University captain Gallian has always had a personal link with the England Test side, through Mike Gatting.

Former England captain Gatting is a friend of Gallian's family and lived with them in Sydney when he first played in Australia as a young cricketer on a scholarship.

Gallian, who was seven when Gatting first arrived, has always kept in touch with the Middlesex captain, modelled himself as a kid on Gatting and grew up hankering after a cricket career in England. Its



JASON GALLIAN

not known if he employs the same dietary techniques as Gatting.

He captained Australia against England in an under-19 Test series in 1989, skippering players like Shane Warne, Michael Bevan, Damien Martyn and Justin Lan-

ger—players who have already made their mark at Test level.

He arrived in England in 1990 and spent four years qualifying for the country of his parents' birth—playing for Lancashire Seconds and earning himself a social studies degree after a two-year course at Oxford.

Selected for England a tour of India, Gallian immediately displayed a fine temperament and great maturity as well as demonstrating his batting skills in difficult conditions.

But England A teammates also seized on his hero worship of Gatting, as well as his well built stature, to indulge in a little gentle ribbing.

Gallian, though, worked hard both before the India tour and during the two-month trip to increase his athleticism in the field—and shed some weight.

This summer he has scored 537 championship runs at 44.75 and Ray Illingworth, England's chairman of selectors, said: "We have had good reports about him from both the A-team management and from his county and it seems he is the sort of player who has no problem with batting in any position. He gives us a bit of flexibility."

Gallian will appear at No 6 if England bat first but will open during the game if Alec Stewart has just finished a particularly tiring spell as wicketkeeper.

## Yslav cagers Euro champs

ATHENS, July 3: Yugoslavia, barred from the 1993 championships and the 1992 Olympics because of a United Nations embargo, won their first major tournament since their return, destroying Lithuania's hopes of winning their first championship in 56 years, winning 96-90 in the men's European basketball championship here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The Greek crowd belying the friendly political stance of their government towards the rump state of Yugoslavia unsportingly booed the champions. This was their second successive European champi-

onship having won the title in 1991, although that was when they were a fully united country.

An unhappy night for the Lithuanians, who led 49-48 at half time, was compounded when they almost did a Jeff Tarango and walked off the court with two minutes remaining as they felt that the American referee was being particularly biased in favour of the Yugoslavians.

However, the Yugoslavs unbeaten in all 10 matches during the tournament were the stronger side, in particular once the main Lithuanian players dropped out the dif-

ference in class was cruelly exposed.

Man of the match Alexander Djordjevic scored 41.

**CROATS TAKE BRONZE**  
Croatia recovered to beat Greece 73-68 and take the bronze medal.

The Greeks took a 27-13 lead 14 minutes into the first half with guard George Sigalas netting three fast triples and centre Fanis Christodoulou adding another two.

But the Croats, without injured Chicago Bulls forward Toni Kukoc, trailed only 39-35 at halftime and then levelled at 47-47.

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Czech Jana Novotna makes a forehand return against Nicole Bradtke of Australia during their fourth round engagement of the All-England Championships at Wimbledon on July 3. Novotna moved into the quarterfinals with a 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 win. — AFP/UNB photo

## Agassi, Novotna in qtrs Fernandez dumps Davenport

LONDON, July 3: Jana Novotna kept on course for the title that eluded her in 1993 while Mary Joe Fernandez upset a close friend as the second week of Wimbledon began on Monday, reports Reuter.

Novotna the fourth seed who wept on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent when she threw away victory against Steffi Graf in the 1993 final, battled into the last eight with a 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 win over Australian Nicole Bradtke.

Fernandez, three times a finalist in Grand Slam tournaments and once ranked fourth in the world, belied her current 13th seeding with a 7-6, 6-1 victory over seventh-seeded fellow American and close friend Lindsay Davenport 7-6, 6-1.

Dutch 15th seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy powered her way into the quarter-finals by defeating Indonesian Yayuk Basuki 6-3, 6-1.

Novotna has more than the two-year-old nightmare to overcome here. At the French Open last month she led American Chanda Rubin 5-0, 4-0 in the final set, squandered nine match points and eventually lost the set 8-6.

It remains to be seen if she has put those disappointments behind her. The possessor of the finest serve-volley game in women's tennis now that Martina Navratilova has retired from singles, the Czech player crushed Bradtke in the opening set.

The Australian's big groundstrokes pinned her back in the second as the match was squared but Novotna proved she can win from the net or the baseline with a fine, balanced attack in the decider.

Fernandez and Davenport are the best of friends on tour and this was a tough emotional battle for both.

Fernandez, Wimbledon semifinalist in 1991, had chances to break serve before finally managing it on her 10th attempt in the ninth game for a 5-4 lead.

Then she dropped her own serve. At 6-5 she has six set points in a game of 11 deuces, including a missed sitter at the net before she dropped the game.

But she prevailed in tie-break, winning it 8-6, then raced through the second set.

"Lindsay's my closest friend," Fernandez said. "I've played good friends before but this was worse. We talk

on the phone all the time, she's stayed with my family a lot and it was tough emotionally for both of us."

Davenport said: "I don't think either of us wanted to play that match."

**Our special sports correspondent from Wimbledon adds:** Andre Agassi moved into the last eight of the Wimbledon championships by knocking out Alexander Mronz of Germany in straight sets at the Centre Court this afternoon. The number one seed just walked over his opponent 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. The 1992 champion who was not in the best of forms, took only 95 minutes to prevail over his opponent who entered the fourth round by default over Jeff Tarango of the United States. Mronz has neither powerful forehand nor an effective backhand. His only strong point was good service returns. Though he served eight aces to Agassi's three, most of his just serves hit the net. Agassi, though not in his best treated the could to some delicate volleys and forceful baseline ground shots. He will meet the winner of South African Wayne Ferreira (the 7th seed) and J Elting's match which is in progress on Court 1.

## WINDOW ON WIMBLEDON

WIMBLEDON, July 3: The championships have progressed into the second week after a recess on Sunday the fourth round matches will start today. In comparison to the first five days of the tournament, Saturday was rather dull with overcast sky. It was only in the afternoon that it started to clear and sun had shown meekly. Yesterday was typical English weather with intermittent shower, chilly wind and dark clouds cover-

ing the sky. Prospect for the day is also not very encouraging. It is 8:30 in the morning but the sky is still not clear. There are three important matches in the Centre Court. Number one seed Andre Agassi will play Alexander Mronz of Germany. Mronz is here because of Jeff Tarango who had been defaulted on Saturday. Anke Huber of Germany will face women's number two seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and in the third match world number two and reigning champion Pete Sampras who is looking for his third consecutive title will be playing against the local hero Greg Rusedski. This is the match that most people will like to follow. In court number one Todd Martin will fight it out with Goran Ivanisevic both of whom are seeded. The British Press and public have gone whole hog for Rusedski except the British players who were critical about Rusedski's acceptance as a British entry in the championships. But everybody will cheer him as long as he wins. Meanwhile, John McEnroe, the angry young-man of tennis of yesteryears, commenting on the Jeff Tarango-Bruno Rebeuh episode for the American TV said "I never walked off court, I never wanted to be defaulted." McEnroe whose tantrums on court during his playing days made him one of the most controversial and popular players of his time, was visibly shocked and remarked "I just can't believe that he did that — and at Wimbledon of all places."

The international computer giants IBM has an in-

formation desk at press centre. They have been measuring the service speed of both men and women players who have played at the centre court so far. It makes quite interesting reading. Greg Rusedski of Britain still leads the 16 top server till June 30, with a speed of 134 mph. Guy Forget of France, who was beaten by Rusedski, comes a close second with 132mph serves. Both these timing are from the same match. Big server Goran Ivanisevic recorded 129 mph in the speed gun and amazingly with his second serve against Boetsch of France.

Among the women, number one seed Steffi Graf leads a field of eleven players with 107mph. Mary Pierce of France, who was defeated in the second round by Tauziat of France had recorded the second fastest speed of 103mph and Asa Carlsso of Sweden, who was defeated in the first round by reigning champion Conchita Martinez of Spain, comes third with 10mph.

## Milan may lure Baggio

ROME, July 3: Roberto Baggio, the object of feverish speculation linking him with AC Milan next season, returned from a duck-shooting holiday in Argentina today and said he was unsure about his future, reports Reuter.

"In truth, I have not decided anything," said Baggio, who wants to leave champions Juventus after failing to agree on a new contract. "In the next few days I will have time to meet the management at Milan to see whether they really want to sign me."

Gazzetta Dello Sport reported that Baggio was expected to sign for former European champions Milan by Friday afternoon.

Milan have been said to be interested but reluctant to pay a transfer fee of around 14 million dollars.

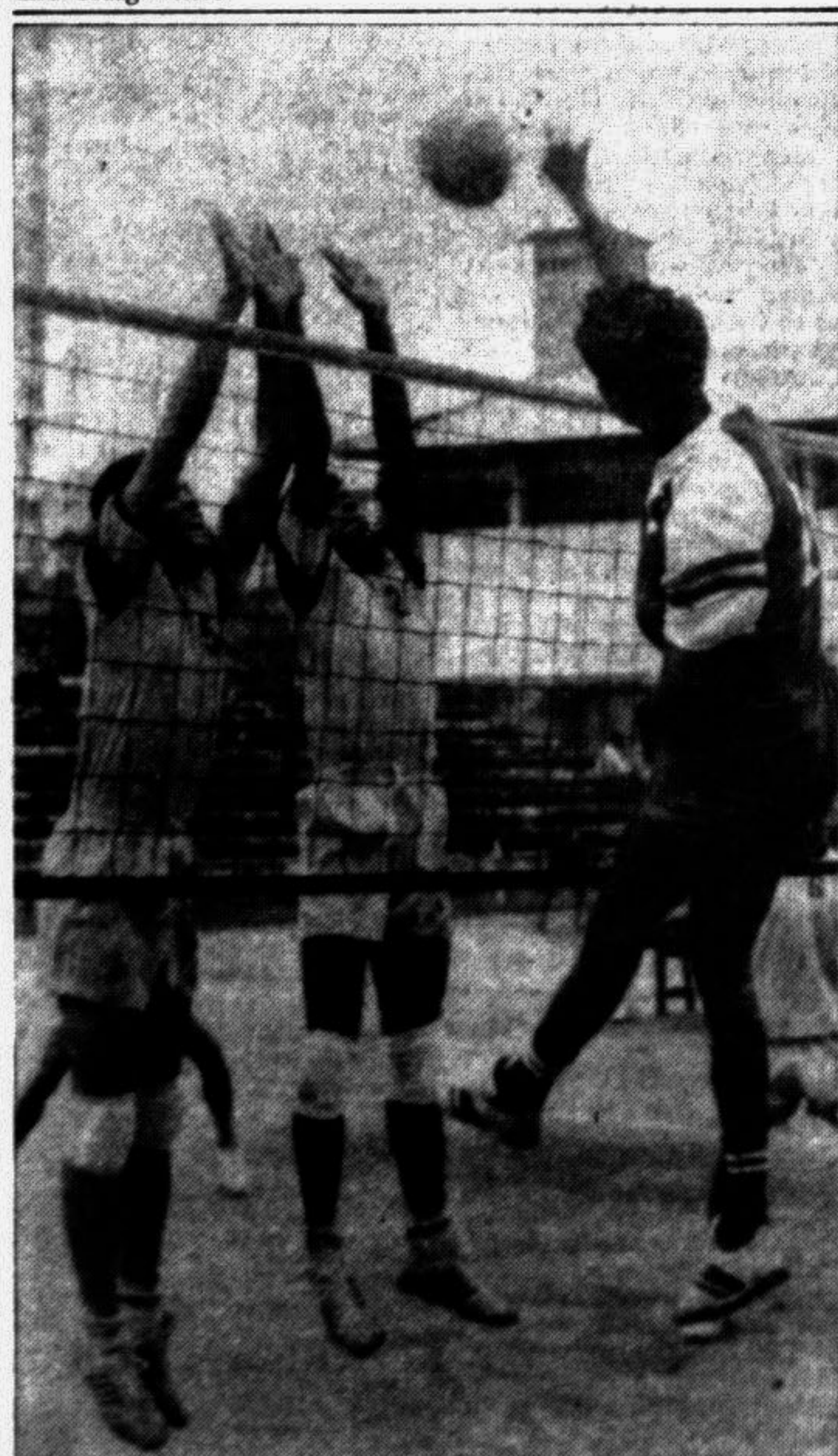
Baggio, mentioning England in particular, said other clubs besides Milan were interested in him.

"I haven't read the papers for 15 days so maybe there are other clubs in Italy that are interested. Give me time to think and decide calmly and you will know everything soon."

## Culprit trio's moment of truth

LONDON, July 3: Soccer players Bruce Grobbelaar, Hans Segers and John Fashanu will report to police on Tuesday to find out whether they will be charged over allegations of match rigging in the English Premier League, police said, reports Reuter.

Zimbabwe-born goalkeeper Grobbelaar, Wimbledon's Dutch keeper Segers and Aston Villa striker Fashanu were arrested for questioning in March but were released without charge.



Action from yesterday's Second Division volleyball league match between Victoria and Partners Club at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium. Victoria won 15-5, 15-7 and 15-10. —Star photo

## Tarango tops penalty chart

LONDON, July 3: American Jeff Tarango was fined 15,500 dollars today, for defaulting from his third round match on Saturday against German Alexander Mronz, reports Reuter.

The 26-year-old left-hander from California was fined 10,000 dollars for verbal abuse to the umpire, 5,000 dollars for failing to complete the match and 500 dollars for shouting "shut up" to the crowd.

In Saturday's third-round match, Tarango disputed a line call on a serve while trailing Germany's Alexander Mronz. When play resumed and he lost the point, the crowd jeered him and he shouted back, "Shut up."

Rebeuh called Tarango for what he felt was an audible obscenity and Tarango became incensed.

Tarango, whose French wife, Benedicte, slapped Rebeuh's face on court, said the umpire was the "most corrupt in the game" and alleged he had deliberately been biased toward certain players to gain their friendship.

He then bounced two tennis balls into the air, picked up his bag and walked off the court, leaving Mronz the winner by default.

The fine was the highest ever imposed in the 118-year history of the Wimbledon Championships, beating the previous record of 10,000 dollars imposed on John McEnroe for verbal abuse in 1991.

A statement issued by Alan Mills, the tournament referee, said that the events which followed the match, including comments made by Tarango in his post-match interview, would be subject to further investigation.

Tarango has 10 days in which to appeal.

## Elements Edwards' bane

GATESHEAD, England, July 3: Jonathan Edwards was thwarted again by the wind as he tried to set a new triple jump world record at the Gateshead Games in front of his home crowd on Sunday, reports AFP.

Edwards continued the stunning form that saw him produce the longest leap in history in France last weekend, flying out to 18.03 metres in the third round of Sunday's competition.

But then the Gateshead harrier had the frustration of seeing the tailwind measured at 2.9 metres per second — too strong for his jump to stand as a new world mark.

"I thought I'd got the world record but one of my rivals, Brian Wellman, told me it was windy," said disappointed Edwards.

He had to be content with setting a new British record of 7.74 metres on his final attempt, surpassing the 17.72 metres he jumped at the European Cup in Lille, France last weekend and which he had equalled in the fourth round.

The new mark was also a British all-comers record.

Only 6193 people attended the event but Edwards paid tribute to those that did turn up saying, "If it had been anywhere else I would have called it a day after my 18.03. My last two jumps were down to them."

The meager attendance, though, did manage to witness one world record.

Daniella Bartova of the Czech Republic cleared 4.14 metres in the women's pole vault to add one centimetre to her recent world best.

## Lewis looking forward to Atlanta Games

PARIS, July 3: Carl Lewis, 34, on Saturday says Linford Christie can do what he likes but he aims to be running at the Atlanta Olympics next year, reports AFP.

"If that's what he wants to do it's his decision. I can't comment on it," the eight-time Olympic champion said here Sunday.

Christie, a year older, has said he will retire from athletics at the end of the year.