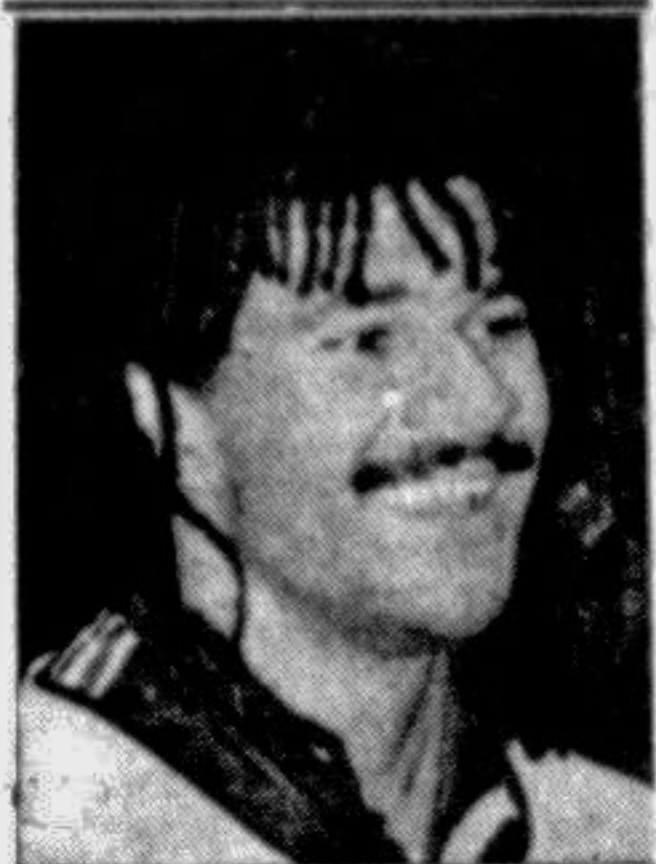


Column One
SPORTS TALK



Ruud Gullit
(Dutch soccer super star) "The most important thing in football is to think about your capabilities."

DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

HAT cricket in the West Indies is taken as seriously as football in England. This is so because in West Indies cricket provides a way out of poverty. But, because the West Indies can support a few professionals, since the 1930s, the best from the Windies have looked to Britain to be employed as cricketers. At one time there were so many West Indians playing in England that Clyde Walcott joked in 1976, "The time has nearly arrived when it will be necessary only for the West Indian manager to arrive in England, the rest of the team can meet him at Heathrow."

Sports
WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN
(The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-15
Tick the Correct Answer
(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Dec 1, 1995)

1. The World Cup cricket 1996 final will be held in
Calcutta Karachi Lahore

2. Test cricketer Hanif Mohammad was born in
India Pakistan Bangladesh

3. Besides India, with whom did Australia play a Test tie?
England Pakistan West Indies

4. ITF Thai-Bangladesh Satellite tennis was played locally in Dhaka and
Chittagong Comilla Rajshahi

5. Ajax ...?
Holland Amsterdam Milan

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George sets new world mark

MELBOURNE, Nov 30: Australian Emma George broke the world record in the women's pole vault at Olympic Park here Thursday, just 12 months after taking up the discipline, reports AFP.

George cleared 4.25 metres to better the mark of 4.23m set by China's Sun Caiyun early this month.

The 21-year-old Melbourne athlete is only the fifth Australian athlete to hold a world record.

George, a former long jumper who turned to pole vaulting 12 months ago, said she had been attempting to break the record for the past few months.

"It's such a relief I've finally achieved it," she said. "In such a young sport, the sky's the limit for me."

Women's pole vault is not yet an Olympic sport but George is hoping it will be accepted into the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Weah voted Africa's best

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 30: Liberian international George Weah has been voted the best African footballer of 1995, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 29-year-old AC Milan striker finished top of a poll of members of CAF's technical and press committees with 45 points, 15 more than second-placed Japhet Ndiram of Chad.

Weah reached his third Test century, all against Australia, by cutting a short-ball from fast bowler Craig McDermott to the point boundary just before the close. His teammates in the pavilion gave him a standing ovation.

Warne shrugged off the lingering effects of a broken toe sustained 13 days ago to claim the wickets of opener Rameez Raja and number four Inzamam-ul Haq.

Warne, who passed a fitness test on Wednesday, bowled 27 overs and appeared untroubled by the injury.

Pakistan, completely outplayed in losing the first two Tests, bated with grim determination after captain Wasim Akram won the toss in warm, overcast conditions.

Ijaz, who came to the wicket in the first over of the

16th Damal Summer final today
Giants battle for 8th title

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club will fight it out for the 16th Damal Summer cricket trophy at the Dhaka Stadium today. The match, the eleventh between the two top crowd-pulling teams in the country in the season's curtain-raiser meet, will commence at 9 am.

Bangladesh Television will telecast the 50 over-a-side affair live while Radio Bangladesh will broadcast ball-to-ball commentary.

with 33 scalps to his credit, died of a cardiac arrest on March 8 this year.

In the two heavyweights' ten battles since the introduction of the tourney in 1979, the success-scale can hardly be said to be in the balance with Abahani winning seven times to Mohammedans three. Among them, five of the former's triumphs have come in the final while all of the latter's have been in the title-deciding stage.

The two first met in the final of the second edition of the meet in 1980 when Abahani lifted the trophy for the

first time defeating their opponents by 38 runs. The last time the two met also saw a similar result with Abahani coming out winners by 32 runs in last year's semifinal.

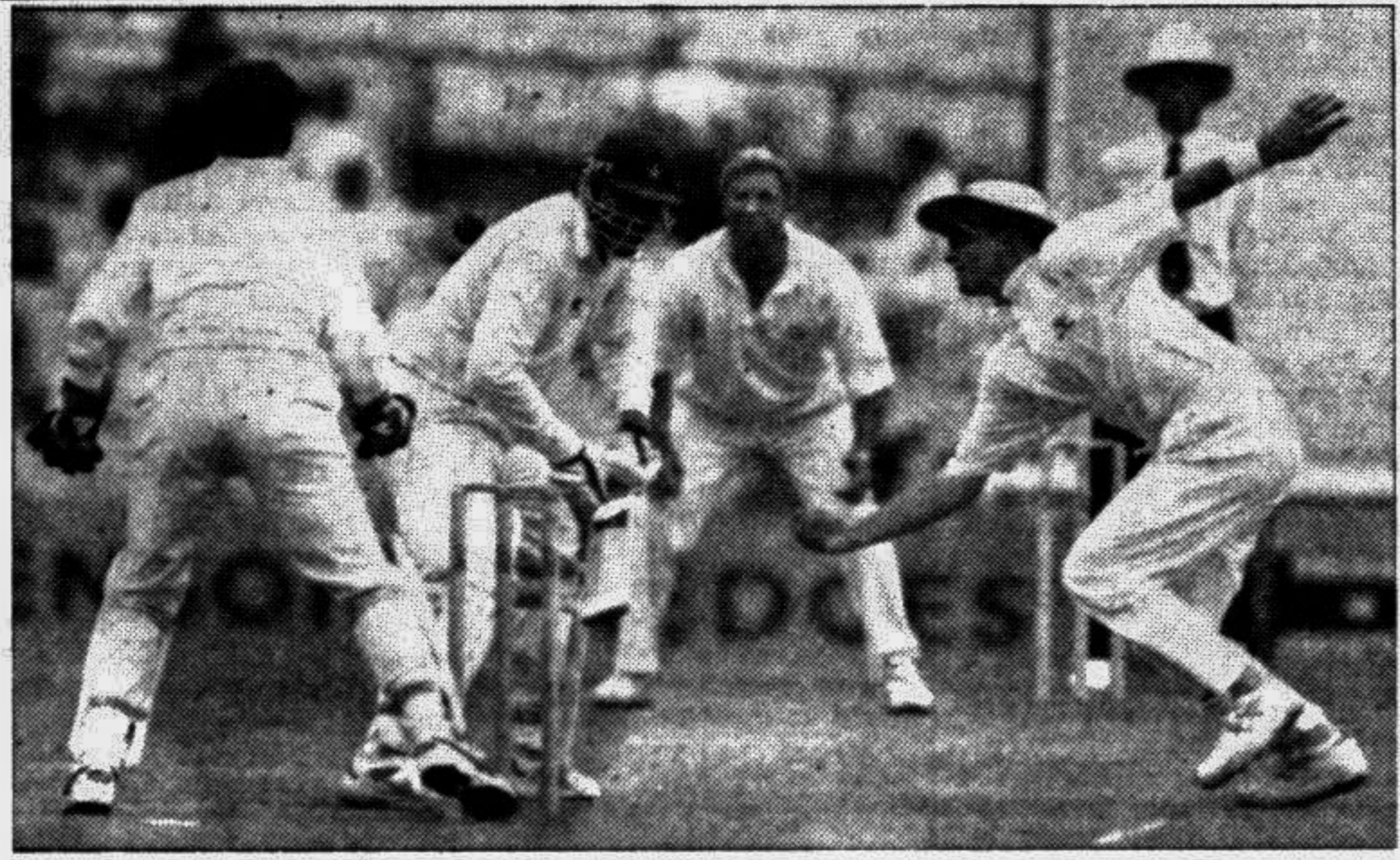
The rivalry apart, both the local giants have lifted the crown seven times each with Mohammedans reaching the final a record 13 times while Abahani have fought for the honours ten times.

Meanwhile, Abahani have called on the services of Indian Test duo of Ajay Jadeja and Aashish Kapoor for today's match.

STATS AT A GLANCE

Statistics of Mohammedan-Abahani matches in Damal Summer cricket.

	Abahani	Mohammedans
Matches	10	10
Wins	7	3
Total runs scored	1487	1325
Total fall of wkts	87	81
Runs per wickets	17.09	16.35
Highest team score	198/9	197/7
Lowest team score	99/10	85/10
Highest margin of win	53 runs	10 wkts
All out	4 times	7 times
Half centuries	4	2
Highest individual score	64*-Babu	66-Bulbul
Best bowling	64-Jahangir	4/21 Rafique
Victors batting first	4/31 Rafique	4/21 Rafique
Victors batting second	6 times	Once
Source: Khelar Bhuvan Features.	Once	Twice



With a bizarre wrist delivery Australia's spin-wizard Shane Warne leaves Pakistan batsman Inzamamul Haq and teammates — wicketkeeper Ian Healy (L) and Mark Waugh — in a complete mess during the opening day of their third Test in Sydney on Nov 30. — AFP/UNB photo

Ijaz shows 'em how to bat

SYDNEY, Nov 30: Pakistan number three Ijaz Ahmed bolstered the tourists' flagging morale with an unbeaten century after Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne made a dramatic return to Test action in the third and final Test today, reports Reuter.

day after the fall of opener Aamir Sohail for four, hit two sixes and 13 fours in an innings 266 balls.

It was a rare display of concentration and patience by a Pakistan batsman in the final match of a bitterly disappointing tour.

Warne broke his left big toe while batting during the first innings of the second Test and played no further part in the match. He finished today with figures of two for 44.

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They were replaced by Malik, who missed the second Test because of a cut hand, off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and Rashid Latif.

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IJAZ AHMED ... 101 n.o.

Rameez fell for 33 before lunch when he checked a pull shot only to loft a simple catch to Michael Slater at mid-on.

Warne struck again in his third spell when Inzamam was caught by wicketkeeper Ian Healy of a bottom edge with his score on 39.

McDermott made the first breakthrough when Sohail edged a catch to Mark Waugh at second slip off third ball of the innings.

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath took the fourth wicket to fall. He removed Salim Malik for 36, his highest score in four innings on tour, during the last session.

Malik, whose tour has been overshadowed by a bribery scandal and disrupted by injury, was jeered by a small first-day crowd of 11,000 as he walked to the wicket.

Malik survived his encounter with Warne, one of three Australian players to

accuse the former Pakistan captain of 'offering bribes'. Malik was cleared of the charges by an internal inquiry before leaving on tour.

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Ajmat Moin (L) of Gulshan Club beat Riaz (R) of Officers' Club 6-3, 6-3 to annex the singles title of Taber inter club tennis tournament at Gulshan Club on Thursday. — Star photo

S Africa 278 for seven

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 30: South Africa were 278 for seven at close of play on the opening day of the second Test against England at the Wanderers today, reports Reuter.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the second Test between South Africa and England at the Wanderers today:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

Hudson c Stewart b Cork	0
Kirsten c Russell b Malcolm	110
Cronje c Russell b Cork	35
Cullinan c Russell b Hick	69
Rhodes c Russell b Cork	5
McMillan lbw b Cork	35
Richardson c Russell b Malcolm	0
Pollock not out	3
Extras: (b-1, lb-13, w-2, nb-5)	21
Total: (for seven wickets)	278

Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-74; 3-211; 4-221; 5-260; 6-260; 7-278.

To bat: M Pringle, C Eksteen, A Donald.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Cork	27.5	6	74	4
Malcolm	16	5	42	2
Fraser	16	5	46	0
Gough	15	2	64	0
Hick	15	1	38	1



The surprise-setter cricket chairman of Abahani Mustafa Kamal (C) once again hits the headlines by bringing two Indian Test cricketers Ajay Jadeja (R) and Aashish Kapoor (L) to play the Damal Summer cricket final against Mohammedan SC at the Dhaka Stadium today. This photo was taken at the club tent on their arrival in the capital yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

SAF Games deliberations
Boxers hopeful, others ...

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh boxers will fight for four golds in the forthcoming seventh South Asian Federation SAF Games to be held in the south Indian city of Madras from December 18.

The 15-13, 15-7, 15-10 in Chiba gave Italy one of three automatic places for Atlanta regardless of the outcome of their remaining two matches.

"We were tired after playing three matches in Sendai, but Andrea Zorzi's blocking was wonderful," said Italian coach Julio Velasco, who gave captain Andrea Gardini a rest day.

Korean coach Choi Jong-Ok said, "We couldn't get the ticket for the Olympics, but I used a lot of rookies in this match to gain experience. It was too bad that we have some injured players."

The top three finishers, except the United States, who qualify as hosts, will be eligible for Atlanta. The Netherlands, Brazil, Japan and Cuba could get the other two spots.

phases of their training nine were finally selected on Thursday. A total of taka 16 lakh were allotted to them for the preparation.

Abdul Matin, the coach of the team, said he was expecting a better result this time. He also informed that the overall standard of the team was better than that of the squad in the 1993 games in Dhaka.

Bangladesh, who will be minus their only gold winner in the 1993 games Mozammel Haque who betrayed his country and fled from the Victoria Commonwealth Games last year, have two new members in their nine-man squad. The officials assured the press that none will flee the contingent this time.

The following nine boxers

will represent Bangladesh in the SAF Games: Ifekhar Alam (lightfly weight), Akhtarul Islam (flyweight), Asadur Rahman (bantamweight), Saidul Haque (featherweight), Raihan Ali (lightweight), Moniruzzaman (welterweight), Abu Salek (light middleweight), Zulfikar Ahmed (middleweight) and Alauddin Sheikh (light heavyweight).

Wrestling

Briefing about wrestling, the manager Tabibur Rahman informed that the ten-man team is technically better than the previous team which won two silvers and five bronzes in Dhaka in 1993.

The camp for the wrestlers began last January with 30 men and on November 1 the final ten were selected.

Afghan coach Taj Mohammad, who was also in charge of the team in the sixth SAF Games, said his boys will achieve a good result this time.

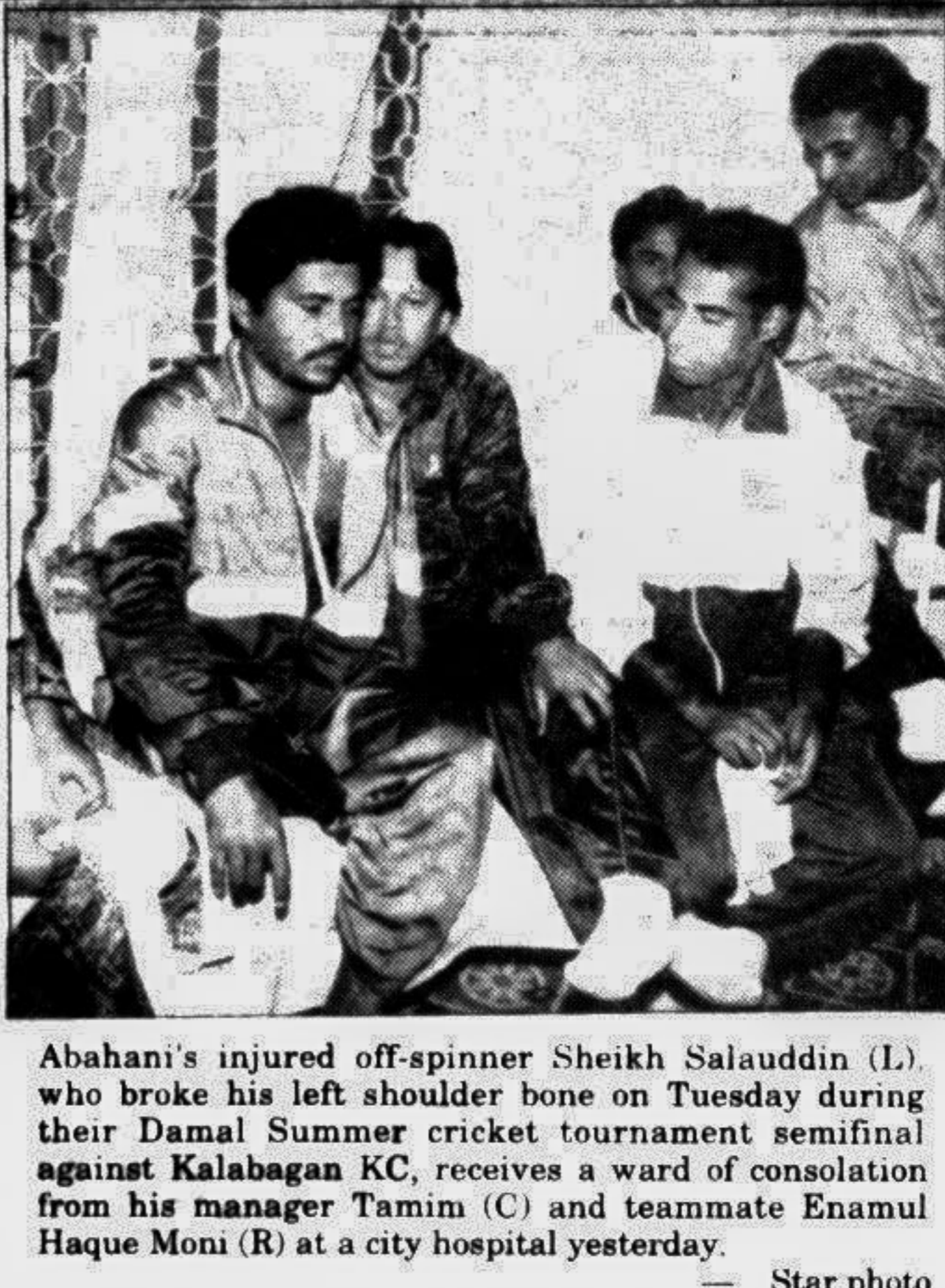
"We don't expect any golds but we definitely expect to reach the finals of at least five out of 12 categories," said the confident Afghan coach, now a resident of USA.

The ten member Bangladesh wrestling team comprises of Iqbal Hossain (48kg), Dulal Miah (52kg), Anisur Rahman (57kg), Kamaluddin (62kg), Alamgir Hossain (68kg), Jamaluddin (74kg), Abdul Azim (82kg), Zamirul Haque (90kg), Ashraf Ali (100kg), Masud Raza (above 100kg).

Weightlifting

Bangladesh will compete in eight out of ten categories in the weightlifting event which will feature once again this time after 1991.

The camp started in March with 22 lifters from which the following eight got finally selected: Kajal Dutta (54kg), Moniruzzaman (59kg), Harun al Rashid (64kg), Anwarul Haque (70kg) Abdul Malek (76kg), Bidyut Kumar Roy (91kg), Rahmat Ali (99kg) and Pradeep Chandra Das (108kg).



Abahani's injured off-spinner Sheikh Salaudin (L), who broke his left shoulder bone on Tuesday during their Damal Summer cricket tournament semifinal against Kalabagan KC, receives a ward of consolation from his manager Tamim (C) and teammate Enamul Haque (R) at a city hospital yesterday. — Star photo

Kuwaitis won't face Iraqis

KUWAIT, Nov 30: Kuwaiti football club Kazemah announced Wednesday it would refuse to play Iraqi club Al-Talabah in the semifinal of the Asian Cup on December 22 in Japan, reports AFP.

Kazemah official Sulaimane Al-Adassani said the refusal by his club to play the match was a great honour for all Kuwaitis.

He added that during seven months of occupation by Iraqi troops (August 1990 to February 1991), the Iraqis transformed Kazemah into a concentration camp where they tortured and massacred the sons of Kuwait.

The Iraqi regime still holds more than 600 Kuwaiti prisoners, including three Kazemah players, Al-Adassani continued.

Peter's plea goes awry

BONN, Nov 30: Tennis star Steffi Graf is still under investigation for possible German tax evasion despite her father's claim she had nothing to do with the management of her huge wealth, prosecutors said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Peter Graf, detained since August to prevent him fleeing or hiding evidence in a much publicised tax scandal, broke months of silence with a statement on Tuesday in which he and his advisers took responsibility for the player's financial affairs.

But Mannheim prosecutor Peter Wechsung said, "There is nothing new in the statement. It will have no major effect on the investigation. Steffi Graf will continue to be investigated."

Peter Graf is suspected of dodging tax on millions of dollars earned by his daughter during her high-powered career. "There is a huge difference between a statement and an interrogation where he would face critical questions from the public prosecution," Wechsung added.

Liverpool left in ruins

LONDON, Nov 30: Premier League leaders Newcastle knocked holders Liverpool out of the English League Cup with a 1-0 victory in their fourth-round clash on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Defender Steve Watson scored the winner 13 minutes from the end to send Newcastle into the quarter-finals and eliminate Liverpool, who won the League Cup for a record fifth time when they beat Bolton 2-1 in last season's final.

First Division Premier League Coventry, scoring two goals in a minute soon after Coventry goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic was sent off for handling outside the area.

Ogrizovic was given his marching orders on the half hour and Mark Venus quickly put Wolves in front from a free-kick awarded after the incident.

Darren Ferguson made it 2-0 a minute later and that proved enough for Wolves, even though Paul Williams pulled on back for Coventry in the 67th minute.

Wolves were the second First Division club into the

last eight after Reading beat Premier League Southampton 2-1 on Tuesday.

Former England striker Ian Wright scored on his return from suspension to lead Arsenal to a 2-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday, the club they beat in both the FA Cup and League Cup finals in 1993.

Belgian international Marc Degryse put Sheffield Wednesday in front at Arsenal in the 16th minute but Wright equalised five minutes before the interval from the penalty spot with the 250th goal of his career after Paul Merson had been brought down in the area.

John Hartson clinched Arsenal's winner in the 64th minute.

It was the 15th Cup meeting between the two sides in 45 years and Arsenal have yet to lose.

Leeds added to the woes of Blackburn beating the premier league title holders 2-1 on the day the European football union (UEFA) said it was banning Blackburn's England Internationals Graeme Le Saux and David Batty for two European matches for grossly unsporting conduct after exchanging blows during a Champions League

game in Moscow last week.

Brian Deane opened the Leeds account in the 21st minute and Ghanaian fellow striker Anthony Yeboah added the second eight minutes later.

Ireland defender Gary Keely headed an own goal six minutes after the interval to reduce the Leeds lead but it was not enough for Blackburn, who have struggled in their domestic title defence and lost their way in the European Cup with four defeats in the five Champions League matches they have played so far.

Tommy Brodin, Sweden's World Cup playmaker, performed well on his first appearance in the Leeds starting line-up since his 4.5 million pounds sterling (6.9 million dollars) signing from Italian First Division Parma.

Newcastle progressed to the quarter-finals for the first time in 20 years thanks to Watson, who scored with a great left foot chip 16 minutes after he had come on as replacement for England striker Les Ferdinand.

Ferdinand had been injured in an accidental clash of heads with Liverpool defender Mark Wright.