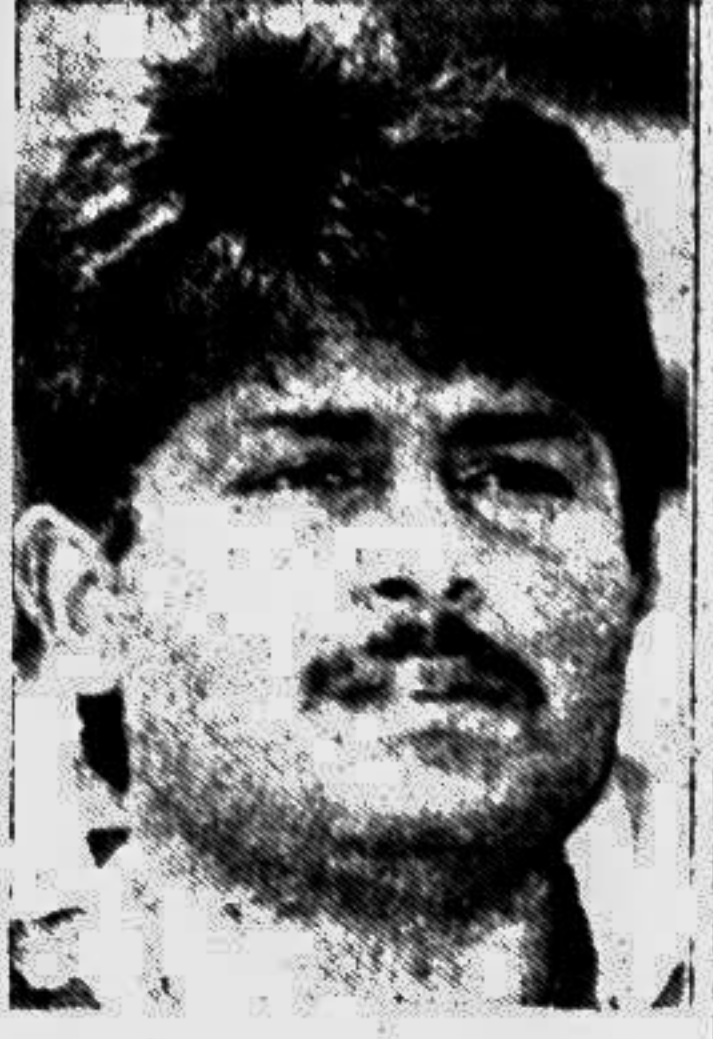


Column One SPORTS TALK



Mushtaq Ahmed (Pakistan's ace leg-spinner) 'I want to be a very successful Test bowler and want to take more wickets than Warne and Kumble. Nothing personal. Just to make it competitive.' On his aim.

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT at the 1924 Paris Games, Robert LeGendre long-jumped 25 feet and five inches, a world record distance then. Unfortunately, LeGendre's jump came in the pentathlon, and it was not considered an Olympic record.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN The rules are published every Saturday.

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-20

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes; 8 p.m. Jan 5, 1996)

1. Who was the captain of the Bangladesh hockey team in the 7th SAF Games?
2. How many teams are scheduled to participate in the soccer World Cup '98?
3. Paralympic events are a term usually associated with?
4. In a 9?
5. The governing body for international athletics is called?

Day of the vanquished

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 2: Top-seeded Romanian Irina Spilrea was knocked out of the 107,500 dollars Amway Classic women's tennis tournament in the first round here today, beaten in straight sets by unseeded French player Julie Halard-Decugis, reports AFP.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division cricket league: Kalabagan KC vs GMCC (DS)
Yamaha First Division cricket league: Sadharan Bima KS vs Lal-matia club (DCS)
Acme Second Division cricket league: Azad Boys vs Kakrail Boys (MOS)

A cakewalk for Biman

BRIEF SCORES

WARI CLUB: 171 in 48.2 overs (Hasanuzzaman 69; Anis 2/15, Manna 2/20)
BANGLADESH BIMAN: 173 for two in 42.4 overs (Athar Ali 77 not out, Nasir-Khan 63)

A century plus first wicket partnership between national opener Athar Ali and Pakistan batsman Nasir Khan steered Bangladesh Biman to their third victory in the Premier Division cricket league when they outplayed Wari Club by eight wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The other opener Athar Ali, who scored a century against Gulshan Youth in their opening league match, remained fluent with his bat till the end of their chase. After a brief 31-run second wicket stand with one down Ahmed Fayaz Shaheen (12) who was caught and bowled by Sri Lankan all-rounder



ATHAR ALI... 77 no

Carman Mapatuna in the 37th over, the tall national-opener took his side to safety with an unbeaten 19-run third wicket partnership along with their other Pakistani Muhtasin Rashid (9 not out). Athar remained not out on 77 off 131 balls which includes five boundaries. Earlier, put in to bat Wari Club were booked for 171 in 48.2 overs mainly because of Muhtasin Rashid who ran out three Wari batsmen with his accurate throws.

Larsson baffles local teen

DOHA, Jan 2: Fifth-seeded Magnus Larsson cruised through his first match at the Qatar Open on Monday.

routing local teenager Sultan Khalifa 6-0, 6-1 on the opening day of the 635,000 dollars tournament, reports agencies. Chasing 172 to win, Athar and Nasir took the score to 123 in 29.2 overs before the non-striking Pakistani opener was out on 63 being caught by Wari skipper Mukul of a Minto delivery.

"When you lose that hunger, it is hard to go out every day and perform as you did before. I had been thinking about retiring for a while, and losing at Wimbledon last year made my mind up for me," said Edberg, who has won six Grand Slam titles.

Muster Goran's man

PERTH, Jan 2: Goran Ivanisevic expects Austrian clay-court specialist Thomas Muster to pass Americans Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi in the world rankings, reports AP.

"Muster will be No. 1 in two months if he just plays solid," said Ivanisevic, the two-time Wimbledon finalist from Croatia. "He is fit, like a dog. He warms up for an hour. If I did that I would be dead... He has improved his game—he's so confident he can play on any surface. In my opinion he will retire after the 1996 season."

Germans gun Dutch down

PERTH, Jan 2: Anke Huber won both her singles and doubles matches Tuesday, sparing defending champions Germany to a surprise 2-1 victory over the Netherlands in the Hopman Cup team tennis championship, report agencies.

The Dutch pair raced through the first set of the mixed doubles but then saw the rampant Germans win 12 of the last 15 games. Huber held serve to seal the doubles win, serving her only ace of the day in the process.

Huber gave Germany the lead when she won the opening women's singles 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) over Brenda Schultz-McCarthy. Richard Krajicek levelled the contest at 1-1 by defeating Martin Sinner 7-5, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4) in a 2-hour-20 minute marathon men's singles, but Huber then paired with Sinner to record a 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory over the decisive mixed doubles of the Group B contest.

On Monday the top-seeded Croatian combination of Goran Ivanisevic and Iva Majoli breezed to a 3-0 win over the No 8 seeded pair from France: Arnaud Boetsch and Catherine Tanvier. The Croatian pair won 3-6, 6-1 (7-4). The match was decided by a sudden death tie-breaker after the teams split the first two sets.



US soldiers of the NATO peace implementation force (IFOR) are engaged in an American version of football with their British counterparts in Sarajevo on New Year's Day. — AFP/UNB photo

Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

KHELAGHAR SKS: 186/9 (Rana 30, Sumon 29; Shahidur 3/34)
BANGLADESH BOYS: 115 in 32.5 overs (Nasim 38; Bahar 4/7)

Khelaghar SKS and Ajax Club recorded victories in their respective Yamaha First Division cricket league games yesterday. At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Khelaghar defeated Bangladesh Boys by a massive 71 runs.

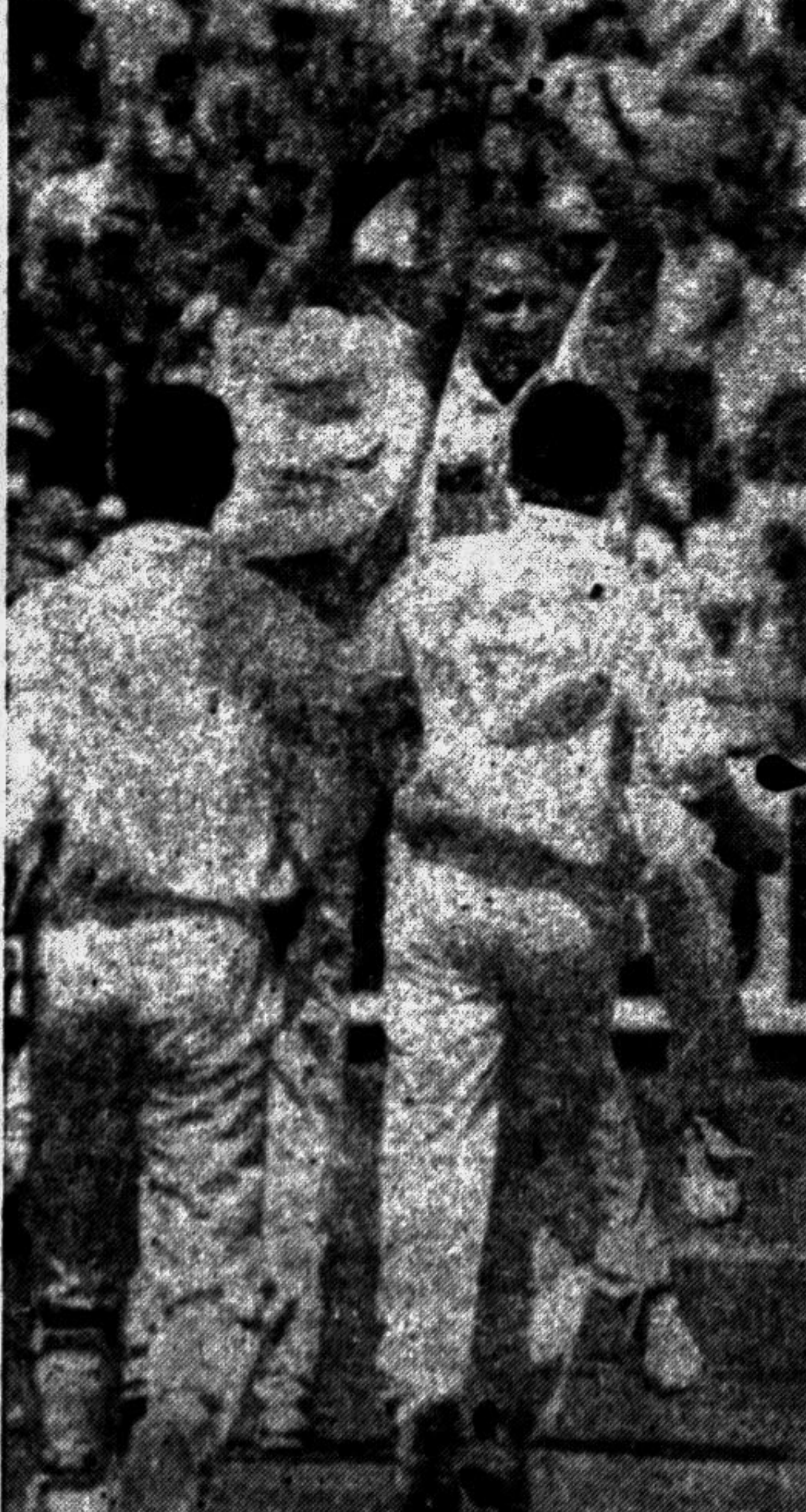
Donald dents English ego

Sports Reporter

CAPE TOWN, Jan 2: England captain Michael Atherton's decision to bat first backfired Tuesday when he was caught without scoring and his side fell to 125 for six at tea on the first day of the fifth and final Test against South Africa, report agencies.

recognised batsman Robin Smith was bowled just after tea by Adams for 66. England had struggled since the start of play. Mike Atherton had won the toss and elected to bat but the captain was back in the pavilion for a duck before England had opened the scoring.

lunch to a fired-up Allan Donald. Graham Thorpe (20) and Graeme Hick (2) went in to almost identical fashion to deliveries, both caught at second slip by Brian McMillan.



An elated South African speedster Alan Donald jumps in the air for the high-five celebration with teammates after having England captain Mike Atherton (L) caught behind for nought during the opening session of the first day of the fifth Test at Newlands, Cape Town, on Jan 2.

The innings was becalmed as England edged their way to 100 which came from a four off Shaun Pollock by Jack Russell. But two balls later Pollock had Russell caught for 9 by McMillan.

If the final Test also ends in a draw, it would complete only the fourth five-Test series in history to fail to yield a result. South Africa inserted all-rounder Jacques Kallis in their starting side, replacing pace bowler Craig Matthews, while England brought Watson Malcom into their side in place of injured Mark Iltott, Richard Illingworth and Jason Gallian.

SCOREBOARD on the first day of the fifth Test between South Africa and England at Newlands on Tuesday: ENGLAND: First innings Atherton c Hudson b Donald 0

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

PWD Sports Club, Rupali Bank and Orient Sporting Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, PWD recorded a 10-wicket wins over Shantinagar 'B' while Rupali Bank beat East End Club by five wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium. In the day's other match Orient Club defeated spread Eagles by 49 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

BRIEF SCORES

Shantinagar 'B': 65 in 25 overs (Rana 5/31, Roni 2/8)
PWD SC: 68 for no loss in 9 overs (Ronu 39 not out, Fazlu 23 not out)
Result: PWD won by 10 wickets.

England's last batsman Devon Malcom was clean bowled by South Africa's Paul Adams. The end was quickly in sight when England's last batsman before lunch was taken with the tourists on 54 for 2, edging a Brian McMillan delivery onto his stumps.

England lost two wickets in the second over after

Indians denied Pak visas

NEW DELHI, Jan 2: India today took strong exception to Pakistan's decision to deny visas to the Indian under-18 team to participate in the World youth hockey festival in Rawalpindi, terming it as a 'deliberate move' to inhibit the normalisation of relations between the two countries, reports PTI.

Going down in history

ATLANTA, Jan 2: With their Olympic year finally arrived, Atlanta's 1996 Games organisers say they are confident they can present what they are calling "the largest peacetime event in history."

accepted, and former US president Jimmy Carter, a part-time Atlanta resident, has contacted the North Koreans asking them to reconsider their decision not to respond.

In October, Olympic officials said they had concluded, in their final "bulletproof" budget projection, that they will raise 1.71 billion dollars—a sum which would provide about 13 million dollars for unexpected contingencies.

A good day for Germans

ADELAIDE, Jan 2: German qualifiers Nicolas Kiefer and Joern Renzenbrink both scored surprise first-round victories Tuesday in the US dollars \$28,000 Australian Hardcourt tennis championships, reports AP.

And while the city's airport, roads, parks and sports facilities are undergoing massive overhauls, the head of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games is unstinting in his boasts that Atlanta will present "the best Olympic Games ever."

there are still some unknowns out there which will probably surface over the next six months that we're going to have to deal with in a professional and considered way," Payne said.

"This lack of detail raises our level of concern and raises the risk that ACOG could have a less than break-even result at the end of the Games," he said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
1 Uno + uno
4 Connie's co-anchor
7 Cognizant
12 "Lazy River"
13 Bother
14 Lumpy
15 Animation unit
16 His last was "Family Plot"
18 Exist
19 Suspicious
20 Innocent one
22 "Born in the..."
23 Reluctant one
27 Unusu' kin
28 Mississippi city
31 Shrimp
34 Patrick
Ewing, e.g.
36 A whole lot
37 First-down yardage
38 Probabilities
39 Man-mouse link
41 Have more
42 then a hunch
45 Hit bottom?
47 Essen
48 Give
49 people the "thumbs up"?
52 Born
53 Think alike
54 Sun Yat...
55 Train component
56 Tinkered (with)
57 Skill
58 Compass
59 point
60 Not quite princely sound?
62 Phantom's 24 Diary
63 Solution time: 25 mins.

Cryptogram puzzle: VEG MRLPGY TGYVGL QC XUUGLQYM VKDXQS UXL CRSG QV C PQLV TFG RD

CRYPTOQUIP
Yesterday's Cryptogram: WORDS SCRATCHED ON THE TOMB WALL: "DRACULA'S MOM'S AN OLD BAT!"
Today's Cryptogram clue: U equals F
The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.