

## Sport

## Nat'l youth cricket scores

## Sports Reporter

Mymensingh DSA, Narayanganj DSA, Kushtia DSA, Comilla DSA and Rajshahi Education Board moved into their respective zonal finals of the 16th national youth cricket championship yesterday.

At the Dhaka Stadium, Mymensingh beat Gazipur by five runs in their Zone 'cha' encounter.

Put into bat, Mymensingh were all out for 100 in 33.3 overs.

Gazipur bowlers Iqbal and Mamun captured three wickets each conceding 13 and 14 runs respectively.

In reply, Gazipur were bundled out for only 95 runs in 37.5 overs.

In Jhenidah, Narayanganj edged past Faridpur by nine wickets in a Zone 'umo' match.

Electing to bat, Faridpur were all out for 56 in 24.5 overs with Bappi scoring highest 20 runs for his side.

Narayanganj Sajal grabbed three wickets for only eight runs while Shaymol and Tapu took two wickets each.

In reply, Narayanganj reached home in 10.3 overs with nine wickets in hand.

Munna (24) and Pappu (22 in o) were the leading Narayanganj scorers.

In Pabna, Kushtia outplayed Natore by 49 runs in their Zone 'kha' engagement.

Put into bat, Kushtia were all out for 147 in 32.2 overs with Shishum scoring highest 34 runs.

In reply, Natore succumbed in 26.1 overs with 98 on the board.

In Chandpur, Comilla handed Sylhet a huge 106-run defeat in Zone 'gha'.

Electing to bat, Comilla piled up 264 all out in 42.4 overs. Mustafa scored highest 84 runs while Habib, Faisal added 26 and 22 respectively to the Comilla account.

In reply, Sylhet were all out in 38.2 overs.

Hadi (50) and Abu (18) were the leading Sylhet scorers.

In zone 'ka', Rajshahi Education Board beat Pabna by 34 runs at the Dinajpur Stadium.

Electing to bat first, Rajshahi Board scored 192 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs and booked their counterparts in 41.3 overs with 158 on the scoreboard.

Sathkira edged past Magura by the odd goal in three to earn a place in the final from Jessoro Zone. Nazmul and Mullick were the scorers for the winners while Bishwajit pulled one goal back for Magura in the 55th minute.

In Maulibazar, Habiganj prevailed over Sylhet 3-0 in the tie-breaker after the match ended in a one-all draw.

Meanwhile in the other billing of the day, Narsingdi defeated Munshiganj by a solitary goal in Munshiganj with Selim scoring the match decider in the 32nd minute. While in Pabna, Natore also recorded a identical 1-0 win over Rajshahi to move into the next round.

Away in Nilphamari, Gaibandha recorded a 4-3 tie-break win over Kurigram after the stipulated 70-minute encounter ended in 1-1 draw.

In Tangail, two second half goals from Shajahan and Masum guided Narayanganj to the semifinal with a 2-0 win over Gazipur.

## Salah wins Belgrade marathon

BELGRADE, Apr 20: Djibuti's Ahmed Salah won the ninth Belgrade Marathon on Saturday, finishing just ahead of Kenyan Hussein Mbarak and Vladimir Kotov of Belarus, reports AP.

Salah was fastest with a time of 2 hours, 14 minutes and 16 seconds. Mbarak finished in 2:14:30 and Kotov's time was 2:14:36.

Kotov was last year's winner of the marathon which Salah missed. An obvious favourite despite his relatively advanced age of 39, he was the leader from the start Saturday.

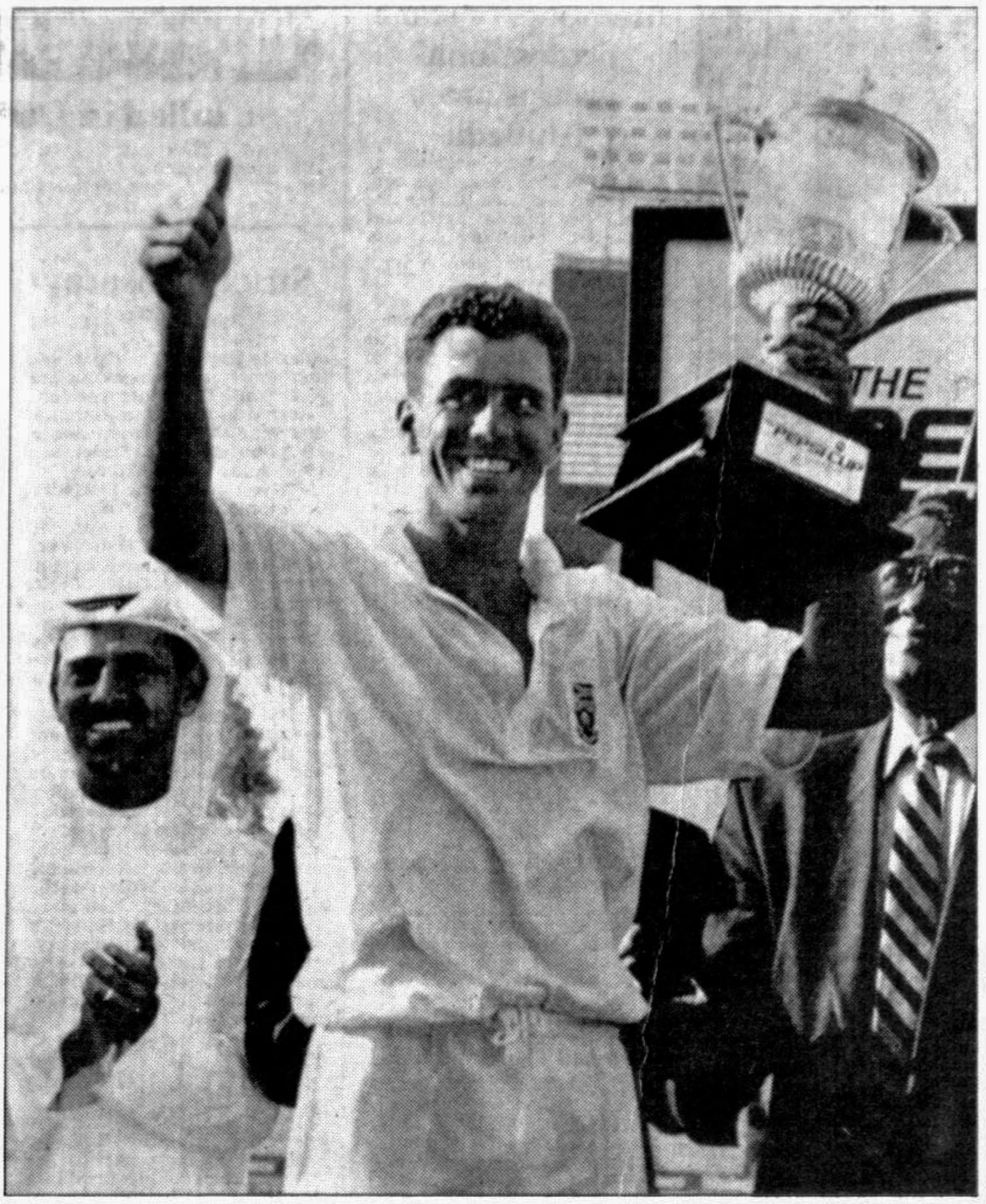
Salah's best result was 2:07:07, achieved in 1988 in Netherlands. That was the third-best ever time. He has won the Paris marathon twice and took the bronze medal at the 1988 Olympics.

Isabella Zatorska from Poland was the fastest woman for the second consecutive year in Belgrade with a time of 2:36:48 minutes. Back 17 seconds was Yugoslavia's Suzana Cacic. Third was Rima Dubovik from Russia, who finished in 2:37:35.

The marathon began and finished in the centre of the town, in front of the Parliament building, after winding through different parts of the relatively hilly Serbian and Yugoslav capital. The event was sponsored by the Belgrade-based Soko Stark food concern.

Belgrade has experienced an exceptionally long and harsh winter, but the temperature Saturday had reached 20 degrees Celsius by noon.

The full marathon distance of 42.195 kilometres marathon track was attempted by 257 runners from 35 countries while 1,740 others from 14 countries participated in the half marathon.



Victorious South African skipper Hansie Cronje poses with the Pepsi Cup after the final in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates on April 19. South Africa beat India by 38 runs.

— AFP/UNB photo

## Nirman schools results

## Sports Reporter



Moghazar T&T School and Fariduddin High School moved into the finals of their respective groups (Dhaka zone) in the 14th Nirman schools cricket championship after eliminating their semifinal opponents at different city venues yesterday.

But, with most of the umpires as well as the official scorers staying off their job on the day following a row with the tournament committee secretary, the officials had a torrid to fix things with the amateurs.

As a result most of the scoreboards, provided to the press by the BCCB, were incomplete and erroneous.

However, at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Moghazar handed a crushing 61-run defeat on Nakabumar Institute to earn a final berth from Group B.

Electing to bat in the morning, the Moghazar boys raced on to amass a commanding 170 with Kiron hammering an unbeaten 41 before they were all out in the final over of the 35-over-a-side match.

Babu with a plucky 39 was the other notable run-getter for the winners while Tariq and Monir, who ran havoc in Moghazar batting, claimed three wickets apiece.

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## High School.

Batting first, Fariduddin High School rode on the brilliance of Masum to compile a commanding 201 before being all out in 34.3 overs. In his whirlwind innings Masum hammered 11 hits across the fence. He was well supported by opener Ripon, who clubbed seven fours in his patient 60-second.

In reply, Santibagh facing a daunting task of scoring more than 5.7 runs per over, were shot out to a paltry 124, though this information was not carried in the official scoreboard. Besides, the bowling analysis of Fariduddin was also missing in the sheet.

Away at the City Club ground, Udayan School defeated Dhamondi Govt High School by four wickets. In a low scoring affair, Udayan, chasing a modest Dhamondi total of 105, reached home for the loss of six wickets and with 14 overs to spare where extras contributed highest 28 runs to the winners total.

At the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium, Sayem Kabir captured four wickets for only 14 runs to power National Bank Public School to a thumping nine-wicket victory over Mitali Vidyapith.

Batting first, Mitali Vidyapith were bundled out for a meagre 67, in reply National Bank rattled up the required 68 for the loss of one wicket with Bhasanullah (21) and Ahsan Kabir (32) sharing 60 runs for the undefeated second wicket.

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For the vanquished Moghazar Tamjid and Anis pulled two goals back.

## Div III soccer

## Sports Reporter

East End Boys Club moved further in their chase for a promotion in the upper division when recorded an impressive 2-0 win over Fire Service and Civil Defence SC in one of the two Progoti Insurance Third Division football league at the Rajuk ground yesterday.

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## SA kick-boxer dead

DURBAN, South Africa, Apr 20: World kick-boxing champion Clinton Marchand was found dead at his home here on Friday, police said, reports AFP.

The welterweight champion was shot once in the head, according to the Sapa news agency. Police do not suspect foul play.

Marchand was preparing to defend his world kick-boxing association title for a record 16th time.

He also held another championship belt and was regarded as South Africa's best kick-boxer. He is survived by his wife and two young daughters.

## V'ball Olympic qualifiers

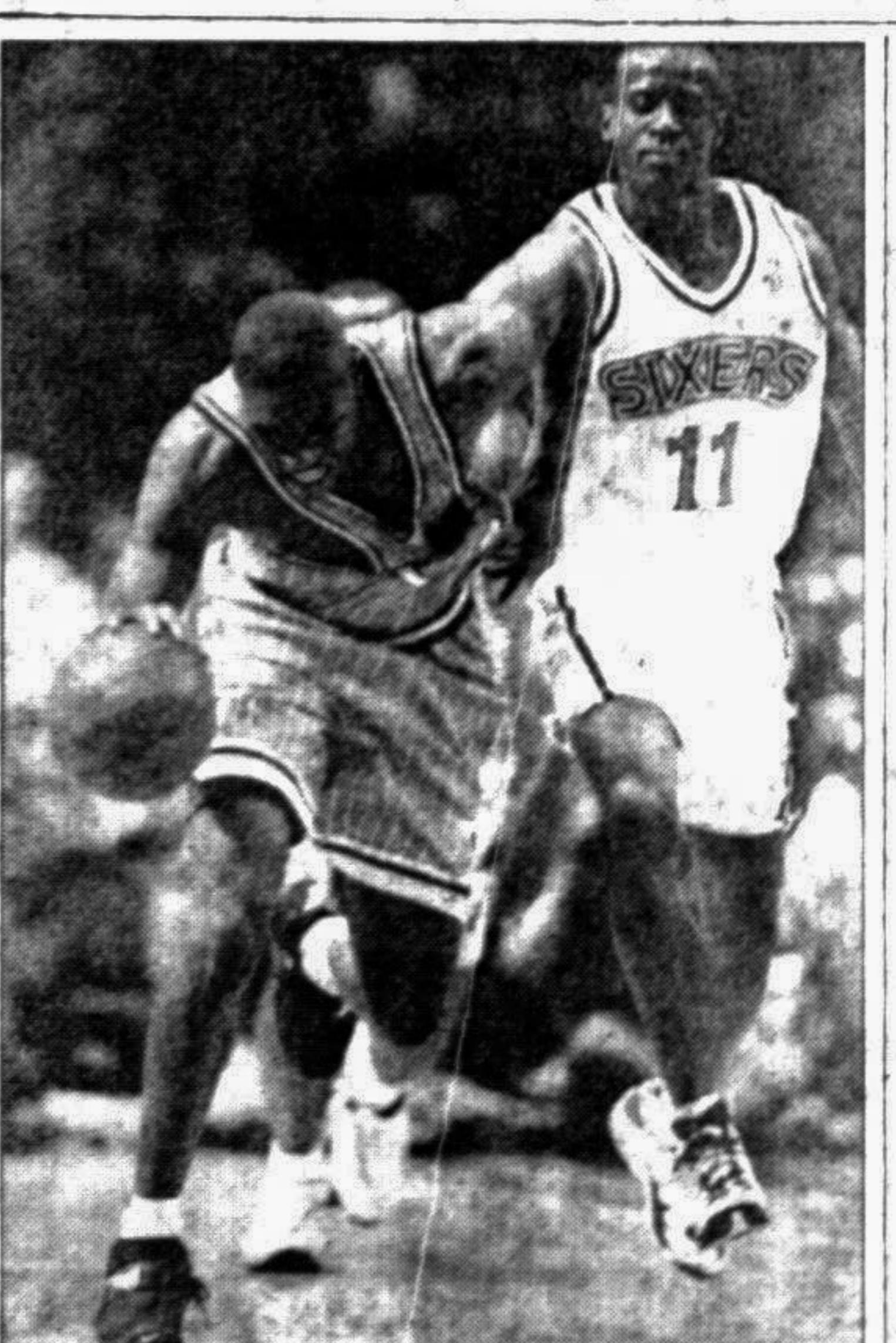
TOKYO, Apr 20: South Korea and Japan scored a victory apiece in the men's volleyball qualifying round on Saturday, giving them identical records before their final clash for a ticket to the Atlanta Olympic Games, reports AFP.

The Korean team whose hopes revived when the Japanese lost to China in three sets on Friday, coasted to a 15-10, 15-5, 14-16, 15-9 victory over the Chinese in the four-team round robin.

The Japanese were 15-7, 15-1, 15-7 winners over Australia for an identical 4-1 won-loss record with South Korea.

The winners of a match between Japan and South Korea on Sunday will be eligible for the Atlanta Olympics.

China stood with two wins against three defeats, ahead of winless Australia.



Vernon Maxwell (R) of the Philadelphia 76ers tries to slow down Orlando Magic's Brian Shaw by pulling his shirt during their NBA game in Philadelphia on Apr 19. Orlando won 112-92.

— AFP/UNB photo

## Office cricket league Apr 24

## Sports Reporter

The Office cricket league (1995-96) will begin at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium from April 24.

A total of seven teams will play in the round robin league phase divided into two groups.

Top two teams of each group will qualify for the semi-finals.

In the opening day, Partex Group will take on Eastern Bank in their Group A opener. Acme Laboratories are the remaining team in the group on the other hand. Regensea Lines, Biman, Acuamarine and Bank Indosuez are placed in the other group.

## Div One h'ball

## Sports Reporter

Old Ideals Club continued their impressive run in the Ashraf Real Estate First Division handball league with a flattering 23-13 goal win over Progoti Boys Club at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

With Nayan leading the charge scoring highest 12 goals in the lop-sided affair, Old Ideals were hardly troubled to breeze past the helpless Progoti after leading the breather 12-5.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka Mariner Young Club won a cliff-hanger by the skin of their teeth when they edged past Victoria SC 16-15.

## Sweden to appeal fine

## Sports Reporter

STOCKHOLM, Apr 20: The Swedish tennis federation is set to appeal a 5,000-dollar fine for comments made by its players and officials on the run-up to their Davis Cup quarterfinal against India earlier this month, reports AFP.

Jan Francke, president of the Swedish federation, said the decision to fine the team was not sufficiently backed up. Francke believed Sweden's non-playing captain Carl-axel Hageskog had not been given the opportunity to explain.

Hageskog had said Indian customs had confiscated some of its stuff to try and put them off before the April 5-7 match.

And a Swedish official responsible for security told the players not to go outside their luxury hotel as they might become upset by the poverty.

And twice Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg had already pulled out of the tie for fear of contracting a disease.

The International Tennis Federation fined the Swedish federation on Thursday for these comments which they believed brought the game into disrepute.

Sweden's appeal will be heard at the ITF annual meeting in Lausanne at the beginning of June.

## Leroy living in a hope

## Sports Reporter

ATLANTA, Apr 20 (AP): While not quite on the scale of an Olympic opening ceremony, a big event is planned when the main stadium of the Summer Games opens next month for a track meet.

Organisers said Wednesday that rhythm-and-blues singer Tavio Campbell will perform, high school marching bands will play and 96 people will be selected at random from the luxury hotel as they might become upset by the poverty.

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It is only fitting that the people of Atlanta do the ribbon cutting and that this world-class facility be christened by the best of the best in track and field.

The international competition is the first of two events that will be held at the 83,500-seat stadium before the Olympics. The US Olympic track and field trials will be held there June 14-23.

Among those attending the Grand Prix will be IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch and Primo Nebiolo, head of the international track and field federation. The TNT cable network, which is presenting 3 1/2 hours of live coverage of

## Jimmy's tweaks tame Kiwis

Thompson nevertheless nevertheless the wickets of Astle and Harris before Adams mopped up the lower-order.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the opening day of first cricket Test between the West Indies and New Zealand in Bridgetown on Friday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings			
Speakerman c Brown b Ambrose	2		
Twose c Samuels b Walsh	1		