

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT almost all the sports personalities fielding in the just held parliamentary election have done remarkably well.

Former state minister, for youth and sports, Sadeque Hossain has returned from a very important Dhaka seat.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury a rookie in politics but on experienced sports official has been elected from another Dhaka seat.

Two others, Monirul Haque Chowdhury and Mostafa Kamal are locked in an interesting tussle for a Comilla seat.

Actually the 7th Parliament will be pretty rich in terms of sports input. And, that can only be a good thing for our sports in general.

SPORTS TALK



Sir Donald Bradman

(Australian cricket legend)

Lara is probably more aggressive and takes more risks than Tendulkar but I feel Tendulkar plays much the same way as I played. I can't explain what it is in detail. It was just his compactness, his stroke production and his technique.

While rating Tendulkar ahead of Lara in a recent interview.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-41

Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. June 14, 1996)

- The current Olympic women's singles tennis champion is:
Graf Novotna Capriati
- The winner of women's shot put gold in the 24th national athletics championship is:
Neli Jesmin Africa Begum Lowly Begum
- Pakistan's premier Wapda Youth's once played county cricket for:
Sussex Essex
- French Open tennis is played on:
Grass Clay Hard court
- The ball used in ice-hockey is:
Puck Stick Wheel

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Bowe dreams up desperate mission

NEW YORK, June 13: Riddick Bowe is looking forward to fighting Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis so that some day he won't have to look back and wonder, reports AP.

"That's what motivates me," the 28-year-old former undisputed heavyweight champion said Wednesday. "I don't want to be 40 years old and say, 'What if I fought Mike Tyson back in 1996. What I want to say is that I fought Mike Tyson and I knocked him out or he knocked me out. The same with Lewis.'"

Bowe's next fight will be against Andrew Golota, unbeaten and relatively unknown, even to Bowe, on Thursday, July 11 at Madison Square Garden.

"All I know is he's a big and strong," Bowe said of the 28-year-old native of Poland, 28-0, with 25 knock-outs. "All I know is when these guys fight me they give their best."

Golota, of course, has fought nowhere near Bowe's level.

The fight will occur two days before Tyson, the WBC champion, challenges Bruce Seldon for the WBA title in the MGM Grand at Las Vegas.

"I think it will happen," Bowe said of a Tyson fight. "I just hope it won't take a long time."

Should Tyson beat Seldon, as expected, he probably would relinquish the WBC title rather than fight Lewis under agreement stemming from successful litigation. That would mean Lewis would fight Oliver McCall for the vacant WBC title. Should he win, Bowe could be next in a big-money fight because Tyson's next fight after Seldon could be against Evander Holyfield.

Bosses spill the beans



NEW DELHI, June 13: Exciting left-hander Vinod Kampli was axed from the Indian cricket team because of 'gross misbehaviour' including midnight drunken brawls, a newspaper reported Thursday, reports AFP.

The Asian Age quoted Indian cricket chief Inderjit Singh Bindra as saying that Kampli, whose omission from the ongoing tour of England caused a uproar across the country, was dropped on disciplinary grounds.

"We did Kampli a favour by dropping him, because any disciplinary action would have resulted in a two-year expulsion," Bindra was reported to have told a meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) last month.

The BCCI has so far refused to make public the reasons why the talented 23-year-old, who averages 54.20 in 17 Tests with four centuries and three half-centuries, was dropped after the World Cup in March.

Bindra also lashed out at former manager Ajit Wadekar at the meeting, saying he did not take steps to contain

Kampli's misbehaviour during his four-year term which ended in March, the newspaper reported.



VINOD KAMPLI

When Wadekar protested that the punishment being meted out to Kampli was too harsh since there were others too who used to behave in the same manner, Bindra retorted: That is still worse.

BCCI secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya cited three instances

of Kampli's misbehaviour in order to convince officials that the decision to keep him out of the national team was justified, the newspaper said.

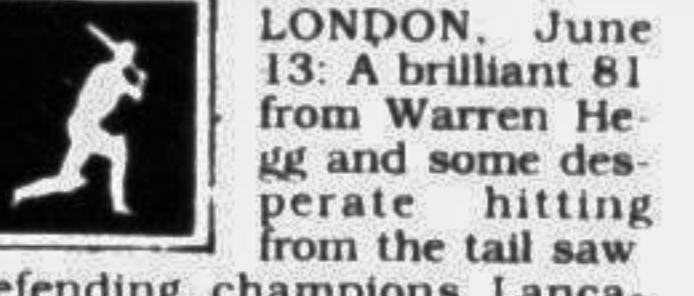
During a Test match against Sri Lanka in Lucknow two years ago, a drunken Kampli fought with his finance in full view of teammates. The BCCI ignored the incident since it was a personal matter, the Age quoted Dalmiya as saying.

Dalmiya added that Kampli abused skipper Mohammad Azharuddin in the dressing room for "almost one and a half hours" after being pushed down the batting order during a one-day international in Sharjah last year.

The team management, which was on the verge of sending Kampli home after the incident, relented only after vice-captain Sachin Tendulkar pleaded that his childhood friend be given another chance.

Kampli however refused to change," the newspaper quoted Dalmiya as saying. "It became a routine with him to return to his hotel room as late as 2 a.m. He would drink and cry loudly and disturb others. He would knock on the door of teammates and wake them in the middle of the night."

Lancs' tail wags in time



MICHAEL BEVAN

LONDON, June 13: A brilliant 81 from Warren Hegg and some desperate hitting from the tail saw defending champions Lancashire book their place in the Benson and Hedges Cup final with a thrilling one-wicket win from the last ball of their semifinal against Yorkshire on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Their opponents in the final at Lords on July 13 will be Northamptonshire who completed a 27-run win over Warwickshire at Northampton.

The match at Old Trafford produced a classic game with fortunes swinging either way right up to the last ball when number 11 Peter Martin carved Craig White into the covers and beat Michael Vaughan's fierce return to collect the two runs still required.

Chasing Yorkshire's 250 for five after Tuesday's rain-hit day, Lancashire had crashed to 97 for five before some inspire batting from Neil Fairbrother and Warren Hegg put them back in line for their fifth final in nine years.

Fairbrother made a rapid 59 but when he was cleverly run out by White, side-footing the ball at the stumps, Lancashire were still 90 runs short and the game had swung back to Yorkshire.

Hegg, however, produced an inspired performance, which won him the man of the match award, as he smashed 81 from just 62 balls. When he was bowled by White, Yorkshire again looked the likely winners but Martin and Chaple scrambled the eight runs still

needed from the last over.

Yorkshire's commanding total came by virtue of an undefeated 167-run fifth-wicket partnership between Australian Michael Bevan (95 not out) and Richard Blacky (80) after Yorkshire had slumped to 83 for five.

Northants, who won the trophy for the only time in

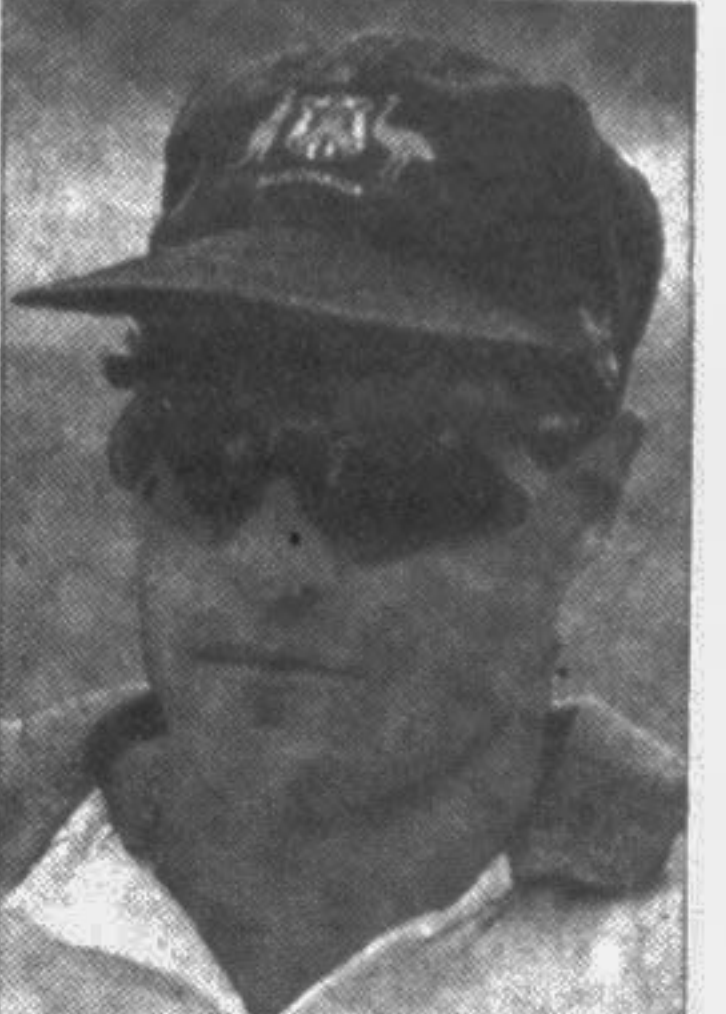
Ostler, Paul Smith and Trevor Penney took the score on the 149 for four before Walton, who had rescued his side with a gutsy unbeaten 70 the previous day, struck from the out-field.

Racing in from deep mid-wicket as Penney came back for a second, he hit the stumps from 40 metres for a crucial run-out.

Two overs later he pounced again as Smith tried to pinch a single to backward point and again knocked down the stumps, this time at the bowler's end.

Warwickshire fell to pieces, slipping to 159 for eight with 10 overs to spare. Captain Dermot Reeve - so often his side's saviour in crucial clashes - did his best to stop the rot but ran out of partners as the visitors were bowled out for 193.

The 23-year-old Walton, brought in for out-of-form opener Alan Fordham, was named man-of-the-match.



MICHAEL BEVAN

1980, secured their place in the final thanks to some inspired fielding from Tim Walton whose two brilliant run outs spoiled Warwickshire's hopes of a return to Lords.

Resuming on 91 for three after rain washed away a large chunk of Tuesday's play, Warwickshire, who have reached five of the last six one-day finals, made brisk progress towards their victory target of 221.

Stroke-makers Dominic

Czech coach spots Italy's weakness

PRESTON, England, June 13: The Czech Republic believe they have seen a weak spot in Italy's team, their opponents in a Euro '96 Group C match at Anfield on Friday, reports Reuters.

Italy beat Russia 2-1 on Tuesday and the Czech coach and those players who travelled to watch the match noted how the Italian defenders repeatedly pushed up to catch Russia's forwards offside.

20 shuttlers called up

Sports Reporter

A selection tournament for under nineteen shuttlers, organised by Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF), will begin in the capital from 18th of this month, says a press release.

A total of 20 shuttlers have been asked to report to the BBF office by June 17.

The players are: Zia, Shahed, Javed, Nikhil, Khaled (Chittagong), Miladul, Liakat (Sylhet), Zakaria, Ullash (Ansar), Fayel, Zakir, Rajman (Biman), Ariful, Khalid (Rajshahi), Hasan, Mahbub (Pabna), Goutam, Kakan (Dhaka), Raqibul (Comilla) and Shahidul (Khulna).

Euro '96 Bulgaria ride on Stoichkov

Sports Reporter

Hristo Stoichkov scored within three minutes of the start as Bulgaria triumphed 1-0 over Balkan neighbours Romania in a Group B clash at St James Park last night according to a BBC sports bulletin monitored here.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Portugal vs Turkey (Group D)
Venue: City Ground, Nottingham
Time: 9.30 pm (BST)
Czech Republic vs Italy (Group C)
Venue: Anfield, Liverpool
Time: 12.30 (BST)

Azhar losing friends fast

NEW DELHI, June 13: Mohammad Azharuddin is under pressure to quit captaincy of the Indian cricket team following Navjot Singh Sidhu's dramatic decision to retire during the team's ongoing tour of England, reports PTI.

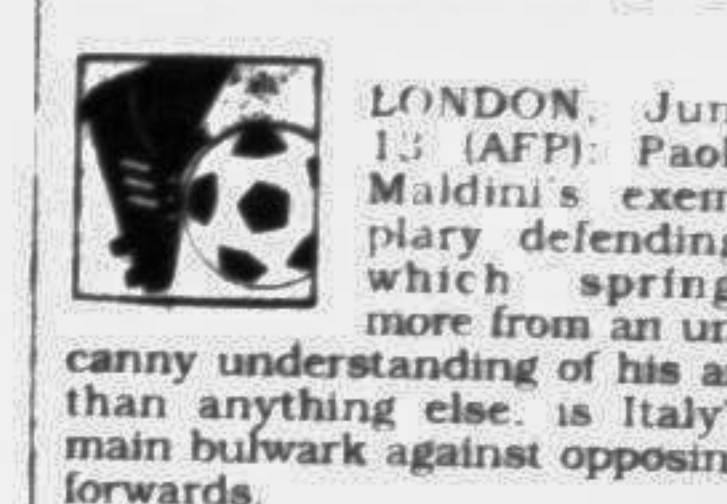
Public opinion in India has been revealed in the recent nation-wide survey conducted for the Times of India by Mode, a leading market research organisation, is in favour of a change in the leadership of the cricket team, said a report in the Times of India today.

Sidhu's premature retirement came after Manoj Prabhakar had to quit the Indian team in similar circumstances, of alleged biased and humiliating treatment at the hands of the captain, the manager and the selectors, the report said.

The incidents appear to have affected the morale and the performance of the Indian team which has not been able to put its act together during the English tour.

Selection procedures based on bargaining among selectors for zonal quotas have compounded the problem. Over 72 per cent feel that merit should be the sole criterion for selection and not equitable representation from different zones: north, south east and west, the report said.

Practice makes perfect



PAOLO MALDINI

LONDON, June 13 (AFP): Paolo Maldini's exemplary defending, which springs more from an uncanny understanding of his art than anything else, is Italy's main bulwark against opposing forwards.

The retirement of fellow AC Milan legend Franco Baresi meant Maldini graduated to Arrigo Sacchi's main man on the back line.

And it is hard to believe Maldini will only be 28 on semifinals day on June 26 despite his 69 caps and idol status in his home country.

The son of an AC Milan skipper of the 1950s and 60s, Cesare, now preparing for the Atlanta Olympics as coach of the Italian under-21 squad, Maldini was just 16 on his debut in the world's toughest championship.

Not surprisingly, in a country where nepotism is a way of life, many thought that a few strings had been pulled to get Cesare's good looking boy into the Serie A.

However, Maldini's genuine talent and unassuming professionalism soon silenced his critics.

He has since taken over the captaincy of the national squad, as he will at Milan when

Baresi retires, and has made more than 400 appearances in 12 seasons with the club.

His trophies include five



PAOLO MALDINI

Italian league titles, three European Cups, three European Super Cups and two intercontinental Cups.

A runner-up to George Weah in this year's FIFA world player-of-the-year awards, Maldini nevertheless plays down his achievements.

"I'm a lucky man," he said. "I've been playing for two truly great teams - Milan and Italy. Milan won everything and the national team surrendered only on penalties against Brazil in the World Cup final. This counts for a lot."

Romanian's uncanny experience

NEWCASTLE, June 13: Double disaster awaited Constantin Ciutacu at the end of his 4,000 km walk from Romania to watch Euro '96, reports Reuters.

After watching his heroes lose 1-0 to France, he suffered another blow when he found his tent and other gear had been stolen from his campsite.

But Ciutacu, who calls himself the globetrotter and is well known in Romania for walking to major sports events, was supplied with replacement equipment by a local firm.

Sacchi seems expert in skating on thin ice



ARRIGO SACCHI

ALSAGER, England, June 13 (Reuters): Coaching Italy's national team is like negotiating a crooked bus down a steep mountain pass with hundreds of passengers all shouting instructions.

Arrigo Sacchi has been at the wheel for almost five years, yet still has no idea what is lurking around the next bend.

Under Sacchi at the 1994 World Cup, the Italians seemed to have come to grief after just one match, losing 1-0 to Ireland and bringing the wrath of a football-mad nation down on their coach's bald head.

As it turned out, Italy struggle back from the brink and advanced all the way to the final, only to lose on penalties to Brazil. It was hailed as Sacchi's finest hour, and there is evidence to suggest he may yet pull off a similar masterstroke at Euro '96.

The irony of his side's initial 2-1 win over Russia on Tuesday was certainly not lost on the 50-year-old former AC Milan Coach, frequently criticised in Italy for his obsession with detail and tendency to omit big-name players.

He was also came under sword after Italy's home qualifying defeat in November 1994, yet a picture is emerging of a fatalist who learns a great deal from his mistakes.

"Sometimes it's better to lose than to win if it means a better future," reflected Sacchi on Wednesday. "When we lost against the Republic in the World Cup it caused us many difficulties, but it forced us to give our utmost."

The contrast between the

beleaguered Sacchi of those tense days and the relieved, smiling character in England suggests he is finally close to producing a side capable of living up to Italian supporters' sky-high expectations.

He has called up more than 80 players to the national squad since becoming Italy's 19th team boss in 1991 but

Turk upholds soccer's spirit

PRESTON, June 13: Turkey defender Alpay Cizal was praised on Wednesday for showing 'the spirit of fair play' that UEFA is trying to foster at Euro '96, reports Reuters.

Alpay was the last defender in a position to stop Croatia's Goran Vlaovic from breaking through to score what proved to be the only goal of Tuesday's Group D game at the city ground, Nottingham.

Instead of fouling him from behind he allowed Vlaovic to run on and score a fine individual goal.

Alpay was singled out for praise by Frantisek Chvalovsky, president of the Czech Football Association, at UEFA's latest fair play presentation.

"It was a fine example of what we want to see," said Chvalovsky.

As part of the Euro '96 fair play and charity project, one player and one team in the tournament are presenting a signed shirt to be auctioned by official Euro '96 broadcasters.

Proceeds will go to three charity projects supported by UEFA.

despite leaving Roberto Baggio, Giuseppe Signori and Gianluca Vialli out of his Euro '96 squad, is happy with his chosen men.

"I'm relieved because I believe in this team," he said, enjoying a rare moment of harmony with the Italian media after his nominated striker Pier-Luigi Casiraghi repaid him with two goals against the Russians.

"I don't believe football is a bet, it's a question of being convinced of your ideas."

"I don't believe just one player can change the way a game is played. They can change the final result, if they're Maradona, but not the type of play. Individuals are important but the most fundamental thing is team spirit."

This approach explains the treatment of Juventus' Alessandro Del Piero, a player Sacchi predicted would be the star of the tournament.

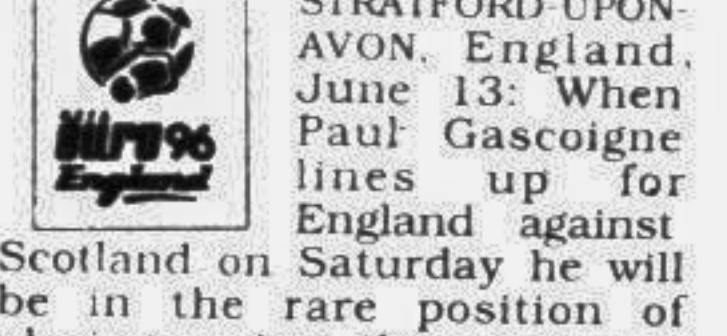
It apparently took only 45 minutes against Russia to change Sacchi's mind, and the decision to revert to old favourite Roberto Donadoni has reopened the debate as to whether the coach's beloved 'pressing' game operates at the expense of Italy's individual stars.

Sacchi's theme, simply, is that his team "must not let us down" and action waits to see if they respond to the message.

Not everyone is convinced by the coach's sense of humour.

Vialli's fall from favour is said to have been hastened when he hid Parmesan cheese in Sacchi's napkin before supper, so that it dropped unexpectedly into the Coach's lap - but even his critics admit he could steel Italy exactly where they want to go.

Admirers in anticipation



PAUL GASCOIGNE

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, England, June 13: When Paul Gascoigne lines up for England against Scotland on Saturday he will be in the rare position of playing against the country of which he is both players' player-of-the-year and football writer's player-of-the-year, reports Reuters.

Both accolades were awarded to him last season as he helped Glasgow Rangers complete the Scottish league and cup double.

But now his club teammates, grateful for his touch and vision when he helped them clinch their trophies last month, will be out to stop him performing against them at Wembley.

Scotland manager Craig Brown admitted on Wednesday

his side will make special plans to cope with the man he rates as England's most talented footballer.

Even though Gascoigne has been fiercely criticised for his lame second-half performance against Switzerland last Saturday and is not entirely certain of starting the match, Scotland know he is the man who is most capable of causing their downfall in a Group A game vital to both team's chances of reaching the quarterfinals.

Brown said: He is the most talented player in the English side and I think he will pose a major danger to us.

"I've looked at how teams have dealt with him over the season. We've decided on a plan, having looked at those who have succeeded against him, which gives you an indication of how to deal with him."

"But Paul was player-of-the-

year in Scotland with both his fellow players and the football writers and he deserved the accolade.

"People who are being disparaging about Scottish football are being unfair because he has had a very good season."

Brown also stressed that he believes Gascoigne can last a full match despite accusations of him running out of energy against the Swiss.

"I would submit that he can last the 90 minutes and those who say otherwise are misguided," he said.

Scotland had three players missing from training on Wednesday, but Aberdeen's Stewart McKimmie, Gary Stewart of Leeds and Celtic's John Collins are not expected to be in any danger of missing the match, said Brown.

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CANCER RISK

As many as 80 per cent of all cancers are preventable using knowledge we have available today. So, ignorance is largely responsible for 80 per cent of the millions of deaths caused by cancer each year. Most people have more control over their own risk of developing cancer than they realize.

DON'T SMOKE

There is enough nicotine in an average cigar to kill two people. The only reason cigars and cigarettes are not instantly lethal is that the nicotine they contain is taken into the body slowly.

At the start of the 20th century, lung cancer killed no more than 10 men out of 100,000. Just over half a century later 200 men out of every 100,000 were dying of lung cancer.

It is not just lung cancer that is linked to tobacco. Other cancers include cancers of the pancreas, the urinary tract, and the mouth, larynx and esophagus.

Tobacco is the single most notable cause of cancer. If you do not smoke tobacco, your risk of developing cancer will drop dramatically.

KEEP AWAY FROM SMOKERS

You do not have to smoke yourself to be killed by a cigarette. Tobacco is so dangerous that if you live with someone who uses it, your chances of developing lung cancer or having a heart attack are increased considerably. More people die of passive smoking than from illegal drug abuse.

According to World Health Organization, smoke in the environment is responsible for about a quarter of all lung cancers that affect non-smokers.

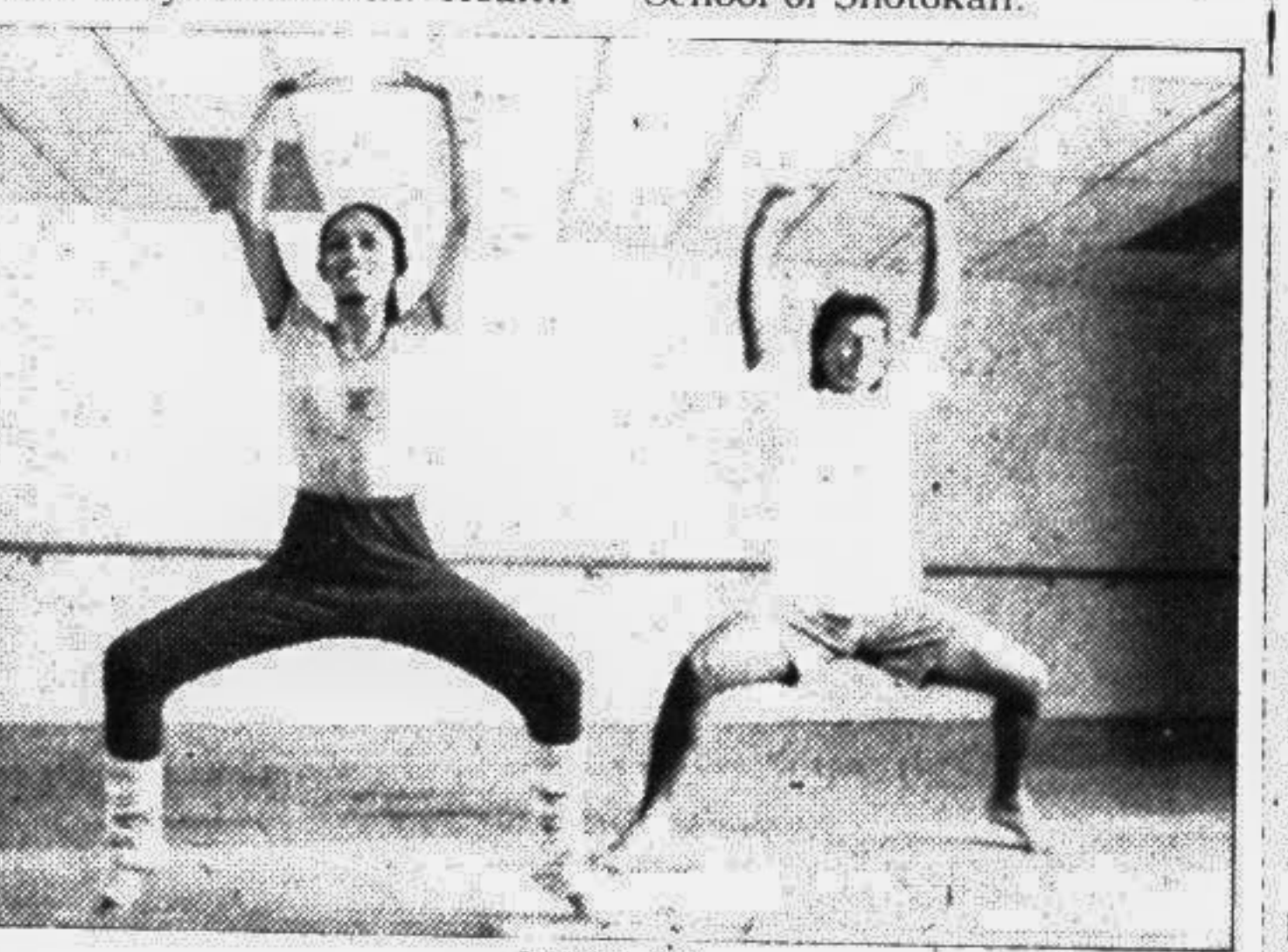
In marriages where one partner smokes and the other does not, the risk of lung cancer to the non-smoker is 20 to 50 per cent higher.

In America 50,000 passive smokers die each year, in the United Kingdom 17,000 children under the age of five are admitted to hospitals because parents smoke or the people around them smoke. Smoking

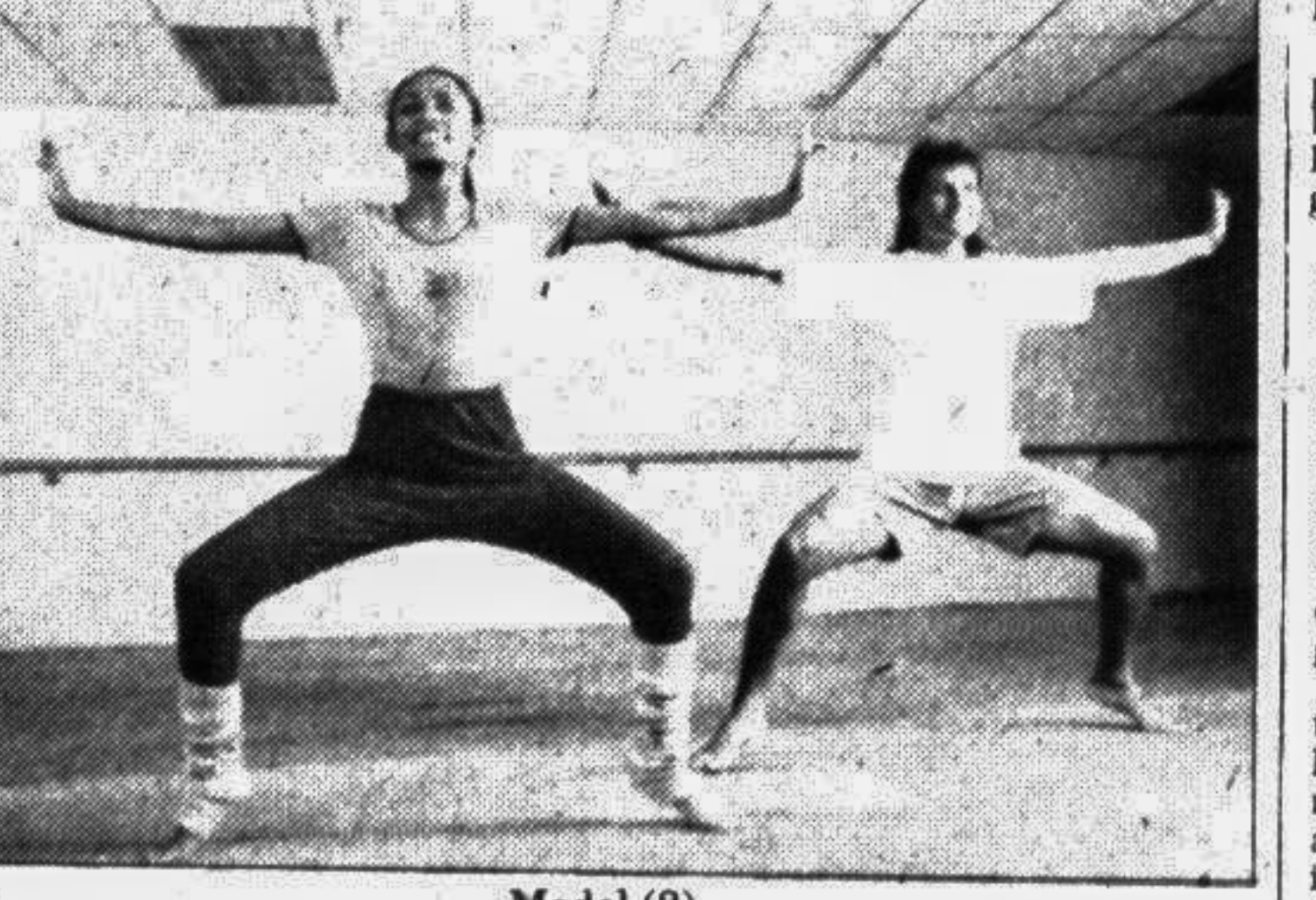
causes pregnant women thousands of miscarriages each year. Passive women smokers develop cervical cancer. Passive smoking ranks behind smoking and alcohol, as the third leading preventable cause of death.

Passive smoking causes respiratory diseases in children, asthma and lung cancer. Children of smokers have an increased risk of heart attack.

In conclusion, keep away from smoking and smokers. You will start smelling good, enjoying the clean and fresh taste in your mouth. Health



Model (1)



Model (2)

Baia won't let that happen again

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 13: Portugal's Vito Baia, widely regarded as one of the best goalkeepers in the world, is a perfectionist who watches hours of TV footage to spot errors in his game, reports AFP.

The Portuguese captain though, will not need a team of experts to uncover what went wrong in Sunday's 1-1 draw with reigning champions Denmark.

A dreadful mistake by Baia led to the Danes' early goal and cost them a further two points that would have eased some of the pressure on the in experienced side going into Friday's crucial clash with Turkey.

Baia's fluffed clearance cannoned off the head of Danish striker Mikkel Beck into the path of Brian Laudrup who beat the reigning champions into the lead.

Baia, who is set to leave F.C. Porto to join his former manager Bobby Robson at Barcelona, looked inconsolable but after hours of replaying the incident over and over again on the team hotel video, it is a racing certainty he will not repeat the mistake against the Turks.

Baia knows better, than most how just one mistake can have far-reaching consequences after a rare close last season which came very close to costing him his seat on the plane to England.

He was faced with the prospect of a six-month ban after being sent off for fighting and striking an official in a league match in March.

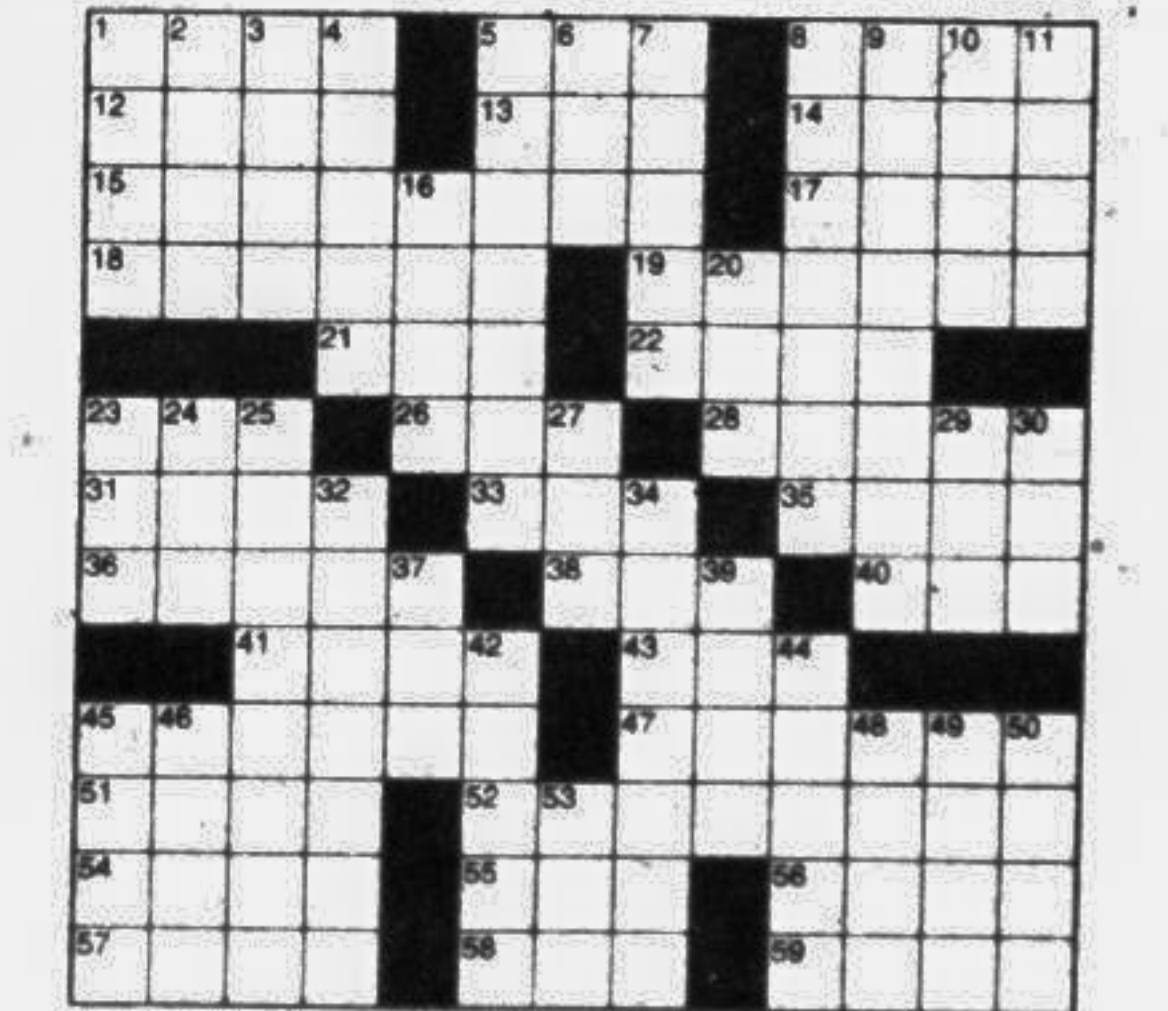
But Baia, who had never previously been sent off and has missed just six games for Porto since his debut in 1988, got away with a two month suspension after pleading provocation at the tribunal.

The 26-year-old, who won championship titles with Porto in 1990, 1992, 1993 and 1995 and was voted Europe's top goalkeeper by a panel of top sportswriters for his heroics in the '95 season when he conceded just 15 goals in 34 games.

He also holds the Portuguese goalkeeping record of keeping a clean sheet for almost 14 games and his record at international level is equally impressive, conceding just 22 goals in 40 games.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
- 1 Aerobic maneuver
 - 5 Guitarist Montgomery
 - 8 He raised Cain
 - 12 Shot
 - 13 Devlin
 - 14 Spanish artist
 - 15 Novel discussion
 - 17 Cripple
 - 18 Series of wins
 - 19 Kitchen toppings
 - 21 Popeye's Olive
 - 22 Gambling game
 - 23 Space-craft compartment
 - 26 Deleted
 - 28 Another gambling game
 - 31 "Mila 18" author
 - 33 Pianist at Rick's Cafe
 - 35 Fusses
 - 36 Plot points
 - 38 The word?
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- 1 Young fellows
 - 2 Leave out foe
 - 3 The Tent-maker
 - 4 Target of the Sabin
 - 5 Vaccines
 - 6 Moves from side to side
 - 7 Command to Fido
 - 8 Essence of smelling salts
 - 9 "Ice" ruddy
 - 10 Solo
 - 11 Mid-May honorees
 - 16 Jet black
 - 20 Union soldier's
 - 23 Boxer
 - 24 Hockey legend
 - 25 Bias
 - 27 TVA structure
 - 29 Apprehended
 - 30 Columbus sch.
 - 32 Sequin
 - 34 Dog topper?
 - 37 Glutton
 - 39 Heart of the matter
 - 42 Sil
 - 44 Polonius hid behind one
 - 45 Do a Christmas
 - 46 Hemingway
 - 49 Mah-jongg piece
 - 49 Swedish pop quartet
 - 50 Factual
 - 53 Author Fleming



CRYPTOQUIP

ECB PFFH VSRBVDTWV
EHUTR TE DSWAUYTR
AFSHE UV TW FYBW
TWP VCSE ATVB

Yesterday's Cryptogram: AT CONVENTION OF FAMED MOVIE CRITICS, SOMEONE STARTED TO RAVE.

Today's Cryptogram clue: A equals C

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.