

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 an experienced sports official has been elected from another Dhaka seat.

Two others, Monirul Haque Chowdhury and Mostafa Kanal 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 bear well 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

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.

June 14, 1996)

1.	The current Olympic women's singles tennis champion is	Graf	Novotna	Capriati
2.	The winner of women's shot put gold in the 24th national athletics championship is	Nelly Desjardins	Africa Begum	Loesje Begijn
3.	Pakistan pair Waqar Younis once played county cricket for	Surrey	Sussex	Essex
4.	French Open tennis is played on	Grass	Clay	Hard court
5.	The ball used in ice hockey is	Puck	Stick	Wheel

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Bowe dreams up desperate mission

NEW YORK, June 13: Ridick 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? 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."

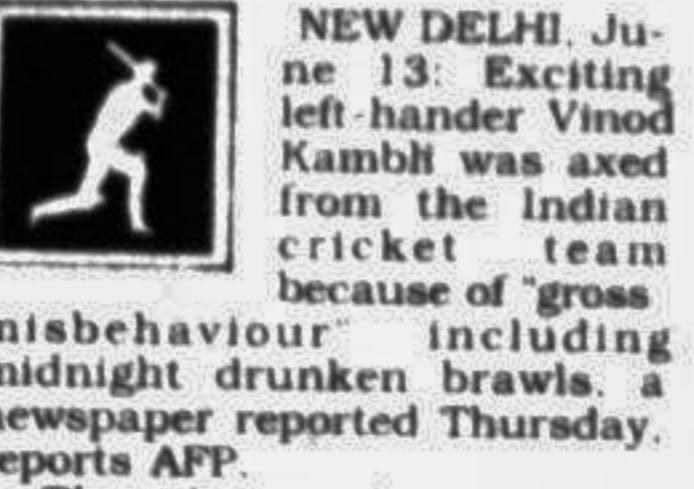
Golota, of course, has fought nowhere near Bowe's level.

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 match because Tyson's next fight after Seldon could be against Evans-Holyfield.

Bosses spill the beans



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

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

"We old Kambl 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.

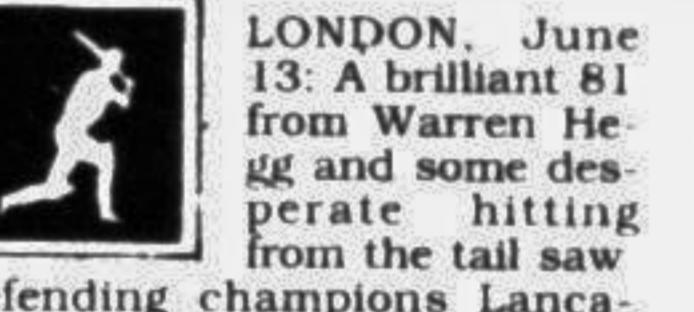
Bindra also lashed out at former manager Ajit Wadekar at the meeting, saying he did not take steps to contain

VINOD KAMBLI

When Wadekar protested that the punishment being meted out to Kambl 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

Lancs' tail wags in time



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 Reuter.

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

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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 outside.

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.

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.

White, 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

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MICHAEL BEVAN ... 95 n.o.

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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 Reuter.

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

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