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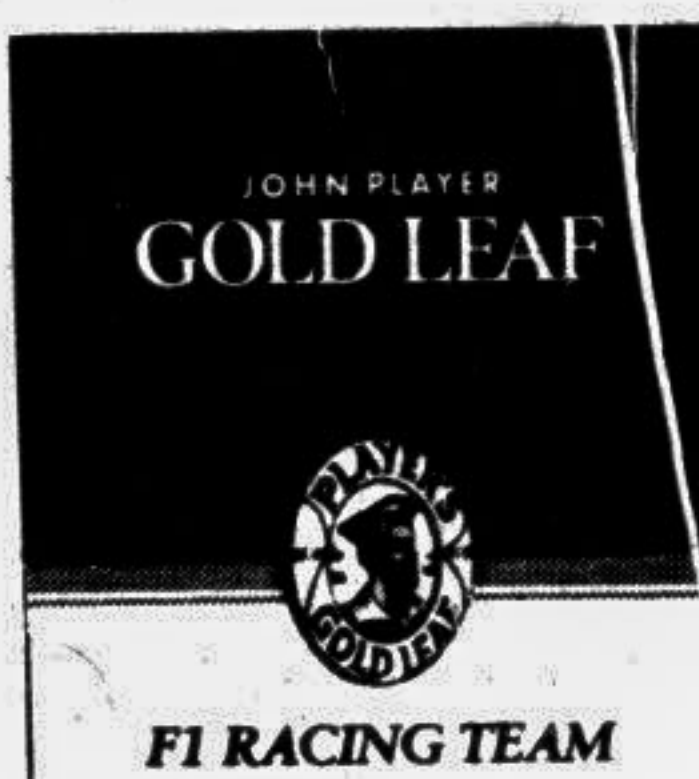
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1. Andre Agassi won his only Wimbledon in	1990	1992	1994
2. The highest scorer of Euro '96 was	Shearer	Wendie Renard	Stochkov
3. The 1997 ICC Trophy will be held in	Singapore	China	Malaysia
4. The present football coach of the Czech Republic is	Uhrin	Venables	Priest
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Cappellini's 5th in a row

GARITSA BAY, Corfu, July 8: Italian Guido Cappellini continues to set new records in the UIM Formula 1 World Championship after making it five in a row with victory in the Grand Prix of Corfu, says a press release.



Humaid Bhakit who blasted into the lead from the start as he dominated the early part of the race. But his lead was gradually reduced as Cappellini pushed hard behind him and on lap 18 the Italian managed to snatch the lead which he held until the chequered flag.

As the race progressed, it became a repeat of the Grand Prix of Chalon with Cappellini holding on to the lead with his fellow Italian Massimo Roggeri battling close behind, but never quite making it.

On lap 23, the Pace Boat was brought out on the course after Bhakit demolished one of the turn-buoys which, also, cost him a lap penalty. At this stage, John Player Gold Leaf driver Jon Jones had just the set the fastest lap trying to improve on his sixth position.

It was unfortunate for Jones that his crankshaft broke just 200 metres from the line depriving him of a fourth place at the finish, but still managed to climb into fourth position in the overall championship with his eventual seventh placed finish.

Jones' teammate Paul Blackburn continued his early season form by once again getting in the points in his first season in Formula 1.

Bangladesh tie with USA

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH: 190 in 44.3 overs (Bidyut 52, Akram 39, n.o., Louis 3/42, Howard 3/48)
UNITED STATES: 190 in 44.5 overs (Singh 47, Texeira 3/45, n.o., Louis 23, Toni 3/45)



Bangladesh ended the first leg of their North America tour in a spectacular fashion when they shared honours with United States in a tie-match in Washington DC on Sunday.

According to a faxed message received here yesterday, Bangladesh, who are on a month-long tour to two ICC associate member nations as part of their preparation for the next Asian and ICC trophies, appearing in their last limited-over exhibition match against their American counterparts scored a fighting 190 before being all out with three balls to spare in their share of 45 overs.

In reply, the hosts smarting from a 32-run defeat in their previous engagement on Saturday, came up with more motivation for a maiden victory against Bangladesh, but eventually ended up in par conceding their last wicket in the penultimate delivery of the innings.

In an exciting finale with the United States needing one run for a win from the last two deliveries, slow left-arm spinner Emanuel Hui Moni, who was left with an unenviable task of bowling the last over, had the last laugh by out-foxing C Bannis, the last US batsman, with a tricky delivery.

Bennis, who was on eight and seemed to have been carried away by the sudden rush of blood for an imminent win, in a bid to clear the close Bangladesh fielding ended up stranded in the middle, leaving keeper Khaled Masud Pilot to effect a simple yet decisive stumping. And the host were predictably thrown into the depth of despair.

Moni, who together with a watchful Pilot had earlier dismissed two US middle-order bats, finished most successful among the Bangladesh bowlers with three for 45 in his otherwise expensive 6.5 overs.

For the hosts, featuring major changes from last Saturday's line-up, opener Singh scored highest 47 while middle-order bat A Texeira, who watched helplessly the fall of the last US wicket from the non-striker's end, remained unbeaten on 24. Besides, long-handled bat Lewis, who had earlier captured three wickets, hammered a rapid-fire 23.

Earlier, the Bangladesh total was built around a dazzling half century from opener Bidyut and a 30-ball-37 captain's knock from Akram Khan. Bidyut, who had a disappointing first match against the hosts, returned to his usual prolific self with a polished 52. The young right-handed batsman shared three vital partnerships with Athar Ali (19), Rupom (9) and Faruque (18) before falling to Louis leaving the Bangladesh total comfortably poised at 116/4.

But Akram apart, the Bangladesh middle-order sans the service of an experienced Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who is nursing a sore shoulder, failed to carry the total to respectability.

Bangladesh, who won three out of their five matches against different sections in America, is scheduled to leave for Canada on July 9 where they will feature in four exhibition matches.

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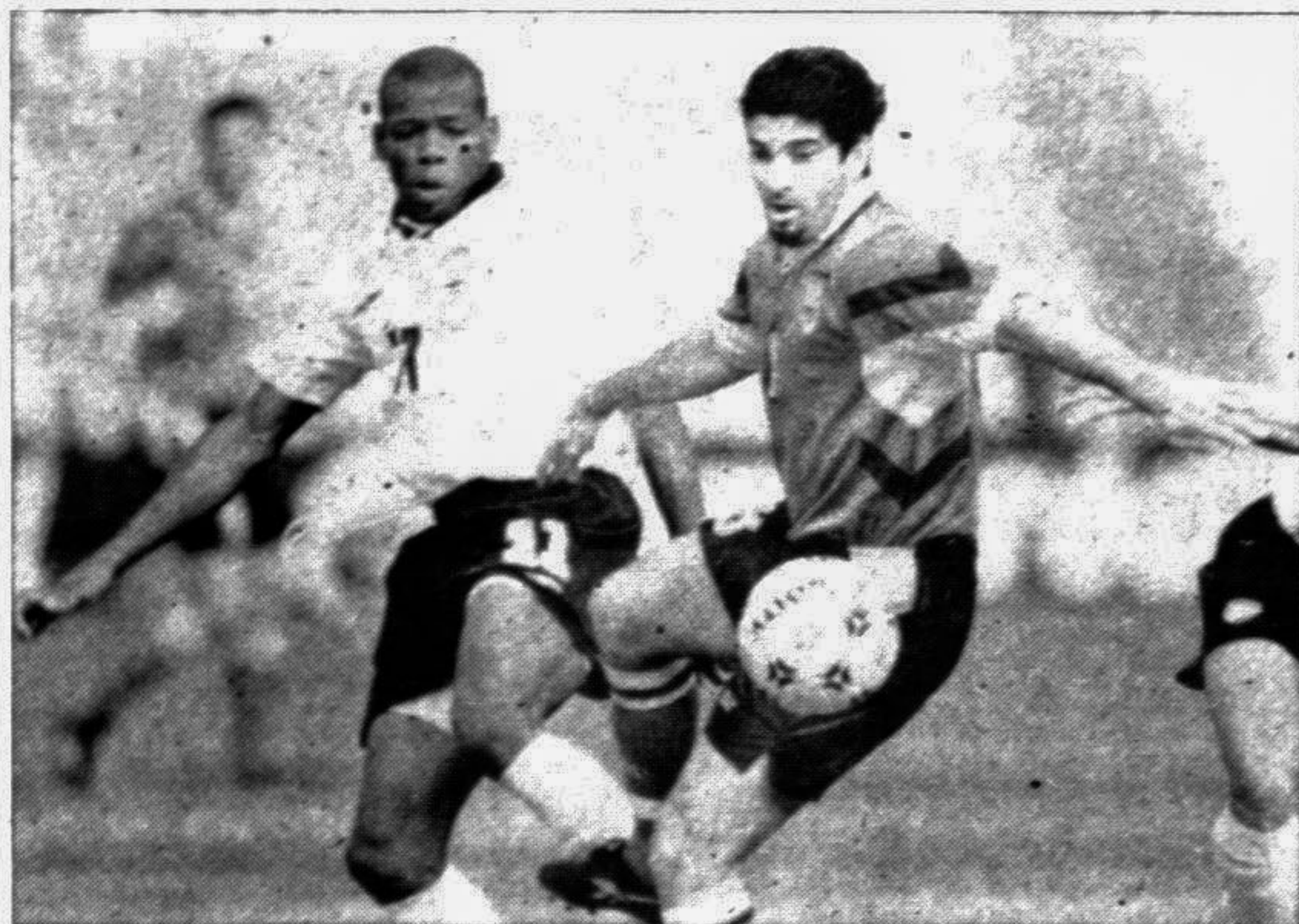
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Colombia's Faustino Asprilla (L) struggles to take control of the ball with Gabriel Cedres of Uruguay during their World Cup qualifiers in Barranquilla on July 7. —AFP/UNB photo

Uruguay put in an abyss

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, July 8: First half goals by striker Faustino Asprilla and veteran Carlos Valderrama helped Colombia to a 3-1 win over Uruguay on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The victory put Colombia top of the South American World Cup qualifying group.

Antony de Avila sealed Colombia's win with a 77th minute goal after Gabriel Cedres had pulled Uruguay back into the game with a goal early in the second half. Ruben Pereyra of Uruguay and Leonel Alvarez of Colombia were sent off near the end.

The result was a crushing blow for two-times world champions Uruguay who seem to be in a state of perpetual decline.

Uruguay failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup, losing out to Bolivia, and Sunday's loss followed a shock 2-0 defeat at home to Paraguay last month.

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Unbeaten Colombia, however, are in a healthy position at the top of the table, despite relying heavily on the team which performed disastrously at the 1994 World Cup.

Asprilla put Colombia ahead in the 10th minute, eluding a defender and goalkeeper Claudio Arbizu after being set up by Victor Aristizal.

Asprilla then set up the second 13 minutes later which was converted by a Valderrama header.

Colombia's veterans were sagging but Antony de Avila, another stalwart who came on as a substitute, settled the match with a shot from outside the penalty area.

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Naim, the trail-blazer

ATLANTA, July 8 (AFP) - Weightlifting's image as an Olympic sport has suffered over the past few Olympics from drugs scandals but in Naim Suleymanoglu it has a star who can redress that image.

Suleymanoglu, son of a zinc miner and whose mother worked in a hot house, has accrued 45 world records and 22 gold medals in his dominance of the featherweight weightlifting category since he broke his first world record at the age of 15.

He became only the second man to lift three times his bodyweight, the other being Stefan Popov, which is the equivalent of lifting John Wayne and Steve McQueen together.

Suleymanoglu started life as Naim Suleimanov born in Bulgaria, but of Turkish origin.

Throughout his life he has sought to improve the standard of living for the large ethnic Turkish population in Bulgaria, who have suffered continual bouts of repression under the old communist regime and the government which came in after the fall of the iron curtain.

Although Suleimanov was well rewarded by the Bulgarian communists for his successes, he became increasingly upset at their violent reactions to the Turkish communities please for more freedom.

He turned down appeals for him to defect to Turkey when he was at a training camp in Australia in 1985, although he said he would consider it if his name was changed by the Bulgarian authorities to a non-Islamic one as they had been doing to other Turks.

Suleimanov kept his promise and when he returned to Australia to compete in the 1986 World Cup competition he defeated, as the Bulgarians had not only changed his name to Naim Suleymanoglu but also made him out to be a traitor to his Turkish origins by printing a fictitious interview with him that quoted him as saying: "I am proud to reassume my true Bulgarian name."

His defection came at a price as to compete in the 1988 Olympics he required, under IOC laws, Bulgaria's permission. The Turks obtained their permission while sending the cash strapped Bulgarians a million dollar cheque in return.

Since then the multi-talented and multi-named Suleimanov has become a role model to all Turks, from the moment he alighted at Istanbul airport and kissed the tarmac to his two successive gold medals.

Suleymanoglu had promised the Bulgarian authorities that he would refrain from criticising their policies but in 1988 after winning his second successive gold medal announced that it was not his gold medal but the Turkish people's.

His story became so well known throughout the world that the Bulgarians felt compelled in allowing a third of the 900,000 Turks living in Bulgaria to emigrate.

Thus this rather extraordinary fellow blessed with a boyish smile and immense will power aims to win his third gold medal and then go to Hollywood to start an acting career.

His life story being what it is he could make his debut playing himself.

Schools TT from July 21

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation has decided to arrange a nation-wide table tennis competition among the school students, reports UNB.

The competition, patronised by Green Delta Insurance and organised by BTTF, will be held from July 21 to 25 for boys and girls in the capital in group and individual basis.

The federation will pay allowances to the participating players and team leaders of different districts.

All interested school teams have been requested to enlist their names at the federation office on July 15 from 5 to 7 pm.

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