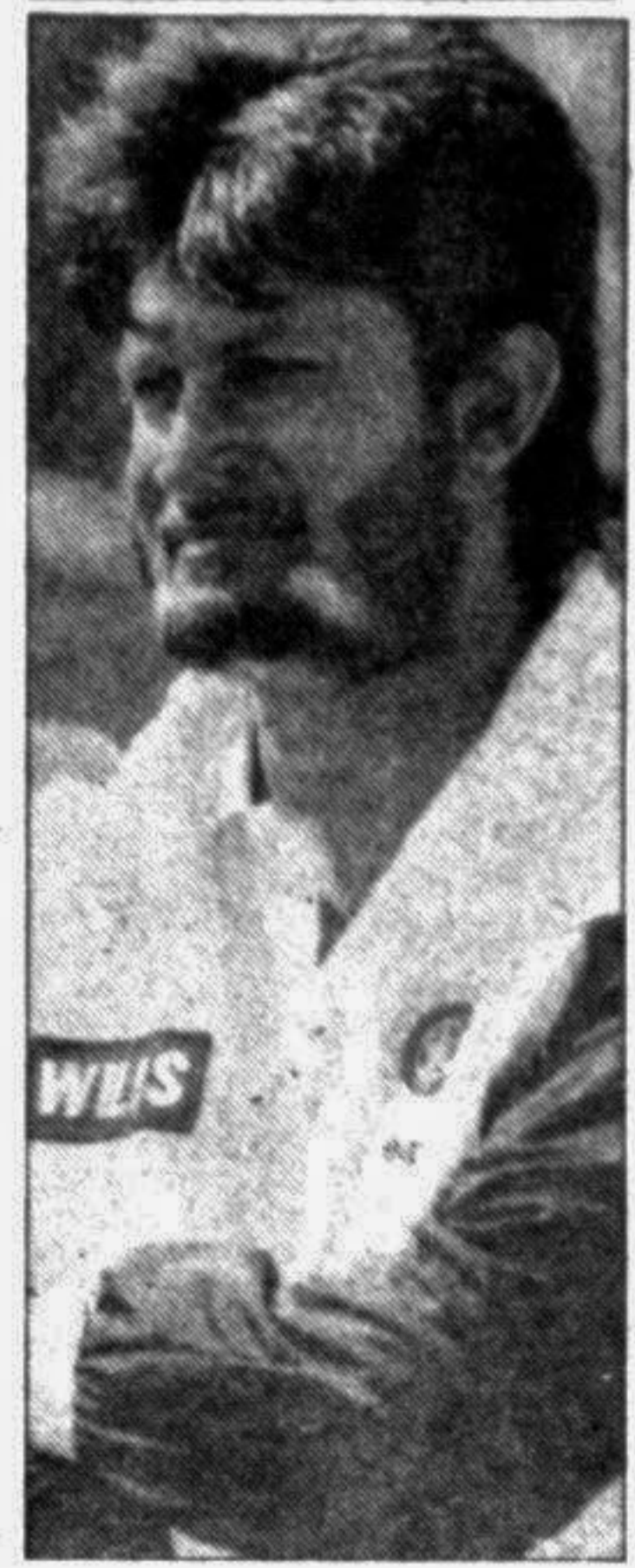


Column One SPORTS TALK



Sandip Patil (Indian cricket coach) 'I feel sorry for the boys. I appreciate the patience shown by them. We are not looking for sympathy after being criticised so much'.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-46

Tick the Correct Answers

Table with 5 questions about Olympic facts and their answers.

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Bertha disrupts stars' warm-up

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 14: The remnants of a hurricane originating in the Caribbean Sea disrupted preparation for FIFA's world all-star game...

Swiss win

JAKARTA, July 14: Switzerland won the final doubles match to clinch a 3-2 victory over Indonesia in their Fed Cup Group Two play-off...

For the top players, Sunday's game will not have the usual intensity of an international match. This is a friendly game, one where you don't necessarily have to have your usual game attitude.

Course

JAMALPUR, July 14: The five-day course on Olympic leadership sports leadership concluded here on Sunday...

Nannu crashes Canadians

BRIEF SCORES BANGLADESH: 227 for 7 in 50 overs (Nannu 67, Moni 39, Akram 36, Faruque 30, Joseph 2/28, Rana 2/72, Sanjay 2/29). CANADA: 178 in 43.3 overs (Bawam Singh 34, Turanga 36, Maxwell 34, Liburd 29, Nannu 4/37, Rafique 2/8).

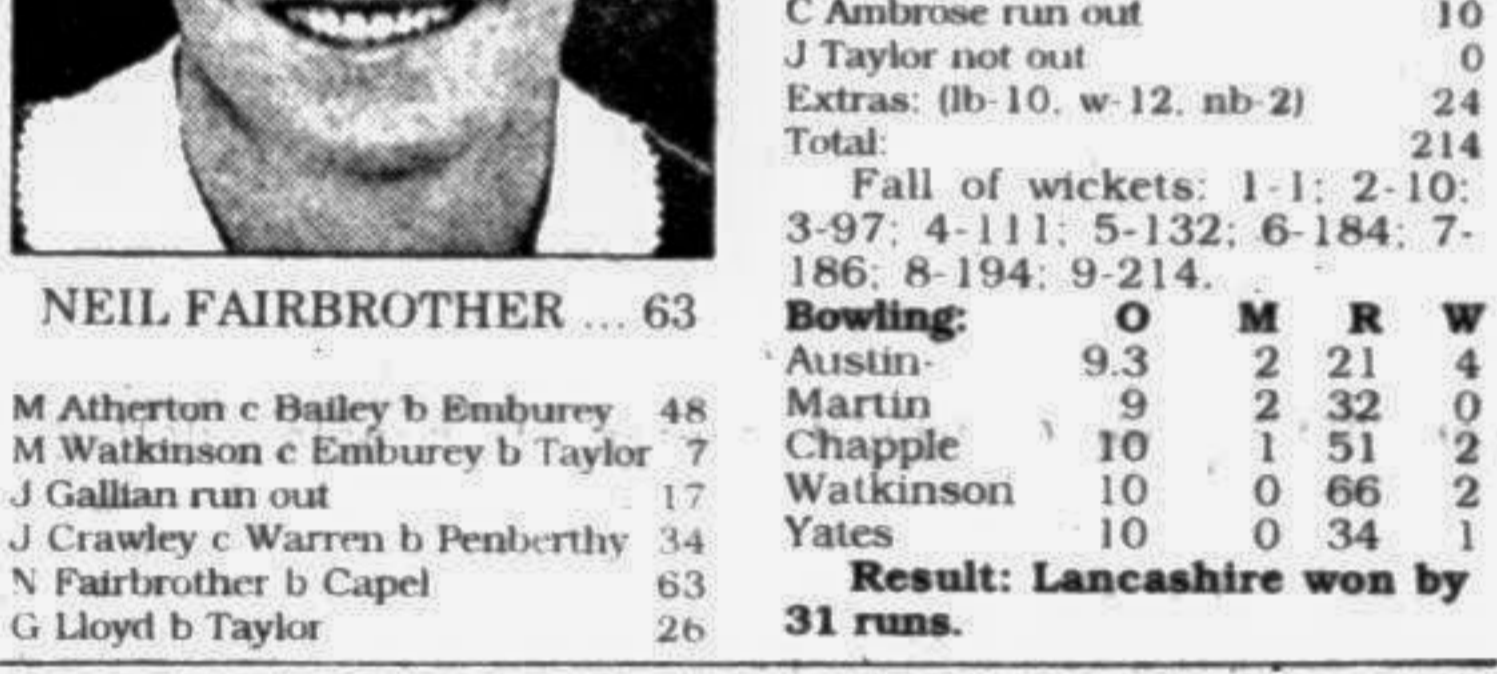
An all-round display of virtuosity by Minhazul Abedin Nannu propelled Bangladesh to an emphatic 49-run win over Canada in their third limited-over exhibition match at the King City ground on Saturday.

part of their preparation for the next ACC and ICC Trophies. It was a horrible start against their Canadian counterparts when young opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut retired hurt after being struck on the security gear with a rising delivery. Bidyut, who was then at 6, was immediately rushed to the nearby hospital where the attending doctor declared him okay after the X-ray report gave no sign of fracture, said a faxed message received here last night.

Lancs fetch the fourth

LONDON, July 14: Ian Austin got out to a stunning 100 as Lancashire shared 40 odd runs for the third wicket with Faruque Ahmed before the latter chipped in with a patient 60-ball 50.

and H title and their 12th overall in one-day competitions. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the Benson and Hedges Cup (50 overs) cricket final between Lancashire and Northamptonshire at Lord's on Saturday: LANCASHIRE



NEIL FAIRBROTHER ... 63

Ks to resume rivalry?

ELISTA, Russia, July 14: Rival world chess champions Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov have agreed in principle to meet for a deciding match next year, top officials announced today, reports Reuter.

Championship are approved at a FIDE congress in Armenia in October. "I am not against an annual competition," Karpov said. "But July to December leaves very little time to recover and prepare for a new match," he said.

USA fly on Seles' wings

NAGOYA, Japan, July 14: Monica Seles, playing for the first time for the United States in the Fed Cup, led her adopted country today into the final of the event with a devastating 6-0, 6-2 win over Japan's Kimiko Date, reports Reuter.

Steffi's feelings for flag

BONN, July 14: World tennis number one Steffi Graf said Sunday she would be delighted to be chosen to carry the German delegation's flag at next Saturday's Atlanta Olympics opening ceremony, reports AFP.



Swiss teenager Martina Hingis plays a backhand return against Indonesian counterpart Yayuk Basuki during their reverse singles match of the Fed Cup in Jakarta on July 14. Hingis' 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 defeat couldn't bar the Swiss to win the series 3-2.

President Cup snooker

Badrul Huda of Dhaka club played confidently to beat compatriot Ali Tareq 4-1 to move in the next round of the Dhaka Club President Cup Snooker championship, reports BSS.

On table 3, Moniruzzaman of Narayanjan Club had to use all his skill to beat Imran Ahmed of Chittagong Club 4-3 in a keenly contested match.

Earlier in Saturday's second session matches, Syed Masud of Gulshan Club beat Quamrul Huda of Dhaka Club 4-1.

Olympians meet Quader

The members of the Bangladesh contingent for the Atlanta Olympics made a courtesy call on State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader at his secretariat chamber yesterday, reports BSS.

'Super Eights' holds sway?

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14: Cricket officials are considering making the 'Super Eights' tournament, won by Australia A in Malaysia on Sunday, an annual event according to former Australian Test captain Greg Chappell, reports Reuter.

The inaugural tournament was launched by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) with rules designed to broaden the appeal of the game in Asia. Each match lasted about two hours, with sides facing a maximum of 14 overs.

Edberg's double debacle

BASTAD, Sweden, July 14: Stefan Edberg pulled a groin muscle and was forced to default a doubles match after losing his singles semifinal Saturday to countryman Magnus Gustafsson in the Swedish Open, reports AP.

Aussie A win Super 8s

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14: West Australian Adam Gilchrist hammered the fastest half-century of the tournament to lead Australia A to a 36-run victory over South Africa in the inaugural cricket Super Eights tournament on Sunday, reports AP.

South African medium pacer Gary Gilder removed opener Ian Harvey and Matthew Hayden in the space of five balls of his first over to reduce Australia A to 2-30 in the third over.



Reebok representative David Rogelson displays US basketball player Shaquille O'Neil's size 22 keds at the Reebok Ring in Atlanta on July 13.

Indians drub the Dutch

THE HAGUE, July 14: India notched up a 156-run victory in the second one-day cricket friendly international against the Netherlands on Saturday, following up a 19-run win on Friday, reports Reuter.

Fresh from a 1-0 defeat in the Test series against England, the tourists were captained by Mohammad Azharuddin who led out a team that included star batsman Sachin Tendulkar, fast bowler Javagal Srinath and batsman Saurav Ganguly, whose impressive Test debut earned him the man-of-the-series award in England.

On Saturday, India's win was more emphatic, scoring 312 all out in just under 50 overs with Ganguly reaching 68. The Dutch started reasonably well but a middle-order collapse left them 156 all out.

SCOREBOARD Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and bowlers.



SAURAV GANGULY ... 68

Sanjay Manjrekar lbw b De Leede 36, Mohammad Azharuddin b A Khan 22, Venkatesh Prasad c Nita v Van Dijk 1, Venkatesh Raju

CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Sternward 41 Swell 58 Get up 11 Help hoods 42 Type fibers in bigarade DOWN 9 Book-keeper 45 Demos-theses, abbr. 2 Supporting abbr. 3 Seasaw 21 Baby's first word, often 12 Prop for Isaac Stern 47 Dale's hubby 5 Donated a permanent fund 14 Nave place 6 Roman 27 Fabulous 15 Shedder of hypochondriacal tears 49 Large tropical reptile 7 Walk 29 Snake feature 17 Pub 54 Vessel 8 Shows specialty 30 Sheltered 18 Fuss from far away 9 He goes through a lot of changes 32 Move swiftly 19 Jim 55 Ruhr city 34 Cut 21 Lsa driver 57 Sun, grass 10 Hungarian sheepdog hood 25 The whole enchilada Solution time: 27 min. 26 - the fields... 44 Scottish seaport 28 Sing the secret 45 Piece of work 31 Temperate 46 Wide-spread 33 Microcomputer system 60 Simile 35 Blue hue 51 However 36 Oriental 52 Mason's field 37 Variety of speech 53 Neutle 40 'A Chorus Line' song

CRYPTOQUIP

J M W O R O I M Z X R K K W T Z N L K Z X E R D N B H P D R D A R B A K Z X ? T Z A N P X Z M Z J N X N I H E O H L Saturday's Cryptoquip: EVEN THOUGH, PREDICTABLY, YOU HATE READING PROSE, IT COULD BE VERSE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals D. The Cryptoquip 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.