

Olympic Update

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Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

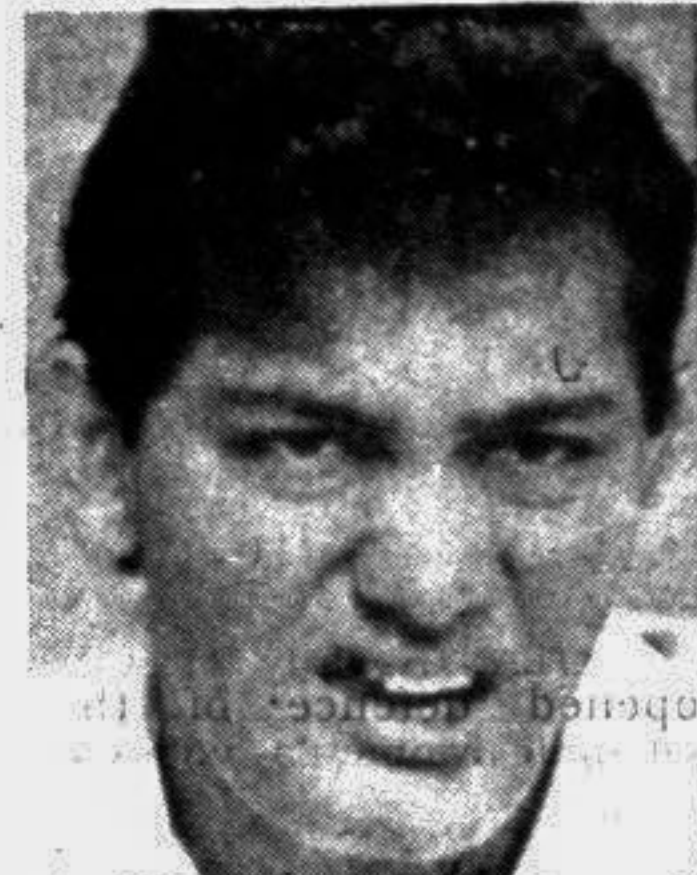
Sports WHIZZ KID competition-47
Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. July 26, 1996)

- Number of players in a basketball team is
a) 10 b) 11 c) 12 d) 13
- The number of jumping events in athletics are
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4 d) 5
- The sport badminton was first originated in
a) England b) India c) Italy d) France
- The number of Bangladesh athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are
a) 100 b) 150 c) 200 d) 250
- The present Brazilian football coach is
a) Zagallo b) Scolari c) Scolari d) Scolari

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SPORTS TALK



Md. Azharuddin
(Indian cricket captain)
"I am happy that there is competition for every place and it will only improve the quality of our overall cricket."

Gaibandha girls in schools TT final

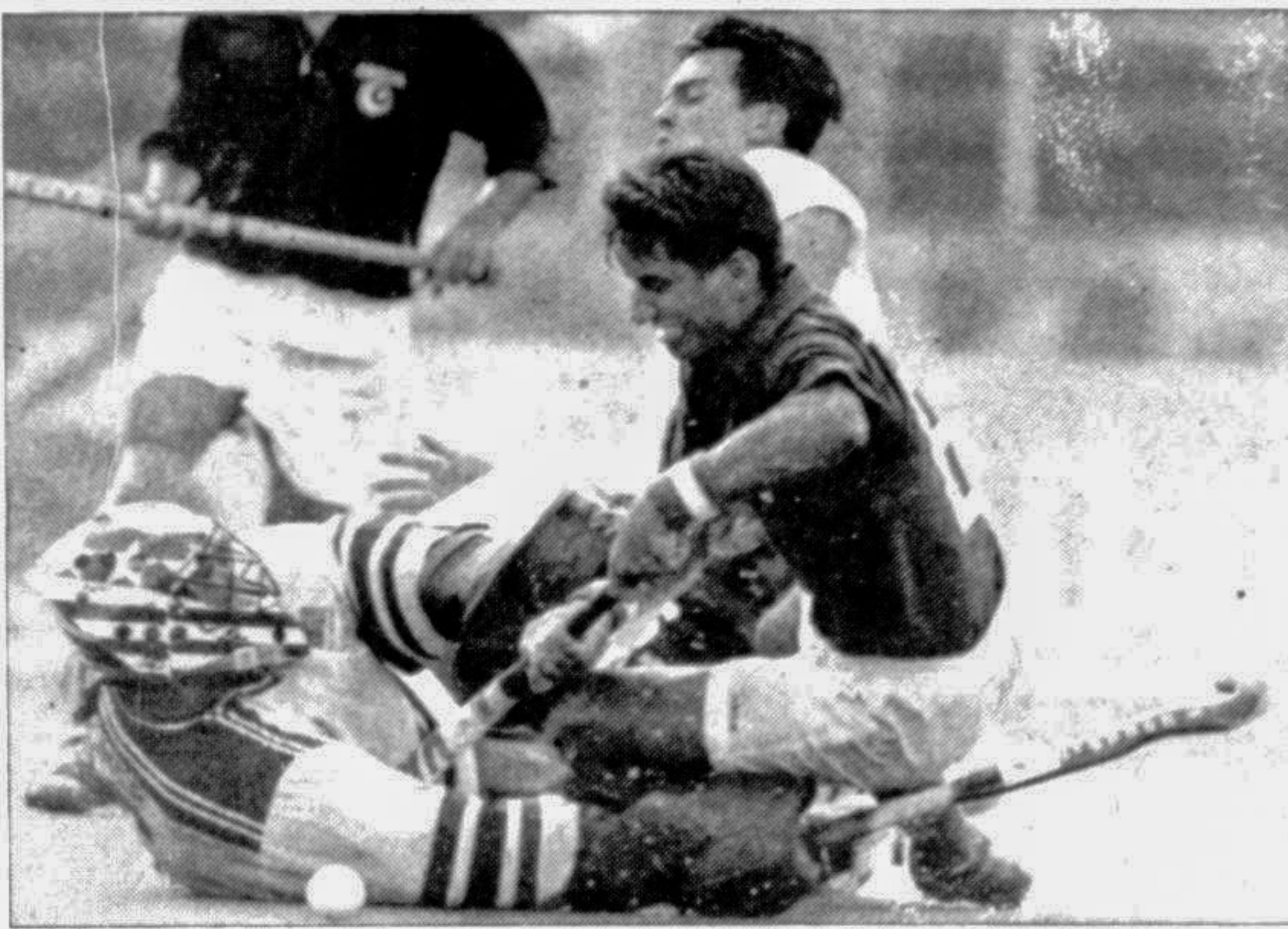
Sports Reporter
The Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis championships involving around 96 paddlers including 20 girls got underway at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.
On the inaugural day of the six-day meet, Gaibandha finished atop the Group A in the girls' team event defeating Patuakhali in straight sets. The winners earlier scored an identical 3-0 victory over Khulna en route to the final.
In the boys section ten first round matches were decided on the day.

Ealham warms up well

CANTEBURY, England, July 21: England newcomer Mark Ealham enjoyed a perfect dress rehearsal on Saturday for the first Test against Pakistan, hitting 57 and taking three wickets against the tourists for his county side Kent, reports Reuter.
The 26-year-old all-rounder, who made his Test debut against India at Trent Bridge this month, hit six boundaries as Kent progressed in the sunshine to 262 all out.
He then struck three times in five overs with the ball as Pakistan struggled to 74 for five at the close of the first day of their three-day match.

Double delight for Chang

WASHINGTON, July 21: Second seed Michael Chang did double duty on Saturday to reach the final at the Legg Mason Classic tennis tournament, reports Reuter.
In the afternoon, Chang won a rain delayed quarterfinal match, beating seventh-seeded Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-3. The American returned in the night time to beat unseeded Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark 6-4, 6-3 to reach his fourth final of the year on the ATP Tour.
Chang didn't mind the day-night double header.
"Chang is at a career high No. 3 in the world rankings, having moved past compatriot Andre Agassi and German Boris Becker by reaching the semifinals, but that doesn't intimidate Ferreira."
"The way I'm playing, I'm confident," said Ferreira.



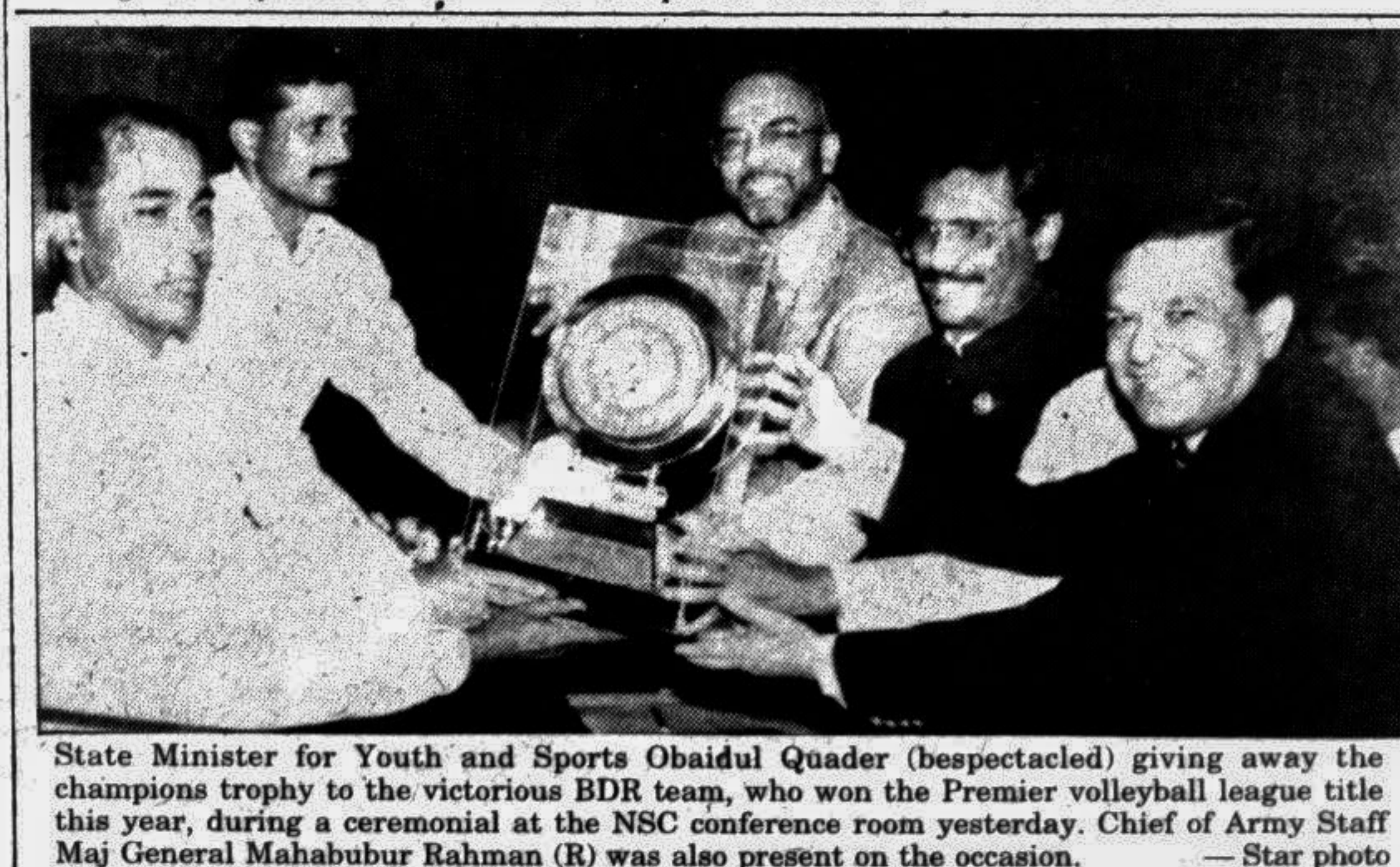
Pakistani centre-forward Tahir Zaman (R) makes a futile attempt to slot the ball home past a desperate American custodian Steve Wagner during their Olympic group league opener at Clarke Atlanta University on Saturday. The former champions rolled up a hapless hosts 4-0. — AFP/UNB photo

Indians suffer setback

ATLANTA, July 21: Shahbaz Ahmed, who arrived only on Friday after a late Olympic call up, laid on three goals as Pakistan eased past hosts United States 4-0 in their opening Group A match on Saturday, reports Reuter.
Shahbaz did not start the match but as soon as he was introduced as a substitute, Pakistan came to life against a very defensive US team.
In the 10th minute he drew two defenders and his delicate reverse stick centre found the unmarked Mohammed Shahbaz who slid the ball past Steve Wagner in the US goal.
Eight minutes later it was centre forward Kamran Ashraf who profited from his precision pass to notch the second and Pakistan went 3-0 ahead in the 25th minute as Muhammad Sarwar crossed for Ashraf to score his second with a reverse stick deflection.
Pakistan completed their scoring in the 52nd minute when Tahir Zaman turned in Shahbaz's free hit.
India suffered an unexpected 1-0 defeat by Pan-American champions Argentina.
Reigning champions Germany and Spain were both defeated in their opening games.
Germany's men lost 1-0 against Spain and Spain's women crashed 4-0 to world champions Australia.
The Germans may well have paid the price for allowing their players to take part in the opening ceremony. Some did not return to the Olympic Village until well after midnight and their first match was soon after breakfast.
A penalty corner shot by Javier Arnau, one of Spain's brightest prospects, produced the goal that sunk the Germans.
Arnau, who scored both Spain's goals when the sides drew 2-2 at Hamburg in April, scored from Spain's fourth corner in the 51st minute. He took the ball further left than the German defence expected and then beat the defence with a cross shot.
The Germans went very close to equalising in the last few minutes when stalwart Carsten Fischer hit an upright from one of their few corners.
Australia's women, freely tipped to win the gold, showed splendid form in scoring four open play goals.
Once Michelle Andrews gave them the lead, in the 32nd minute they were on a roll. Lisa Powell added the next, and in the last five minutes, Rachelle Hawkes and Alyson Annan snapped up two more.
Hawkes' goal was a spectacular deflection from a cross from the right by Jacqui Perreira which she dispatched into the roof of the net. Hawkes described it as "the best goal of my life."
South Korea's women, winners of last year's Olympic qualifying tournament in Cape Town, were as impressive as the Australians.
They gained revenge for their defeat by Britain in the 1992 bronze medal match by thrashing the English-Scottish combination 5-0.
Their ability to force corners and the variety of their corner drills undid Britain. Cho Eun-Jung scored their first and last goals with rasping drives.

Americans, but not alike

ATLANTA, July 21 (Reuter): A generation in attitude of only seven years in age separate Michael Johnson and Carl Lewis, the present and past of American sprinting.
Johnson represents the work ethic. Sprinting is his job, the fame and publicity are incidental. Lewis craves fame and actively seeks publicity.
At 28, Johnson is at the peak of his sprinting powers, poised to complete the first men's Olympic 200 and 400 metres double.
Lewis, 35, is near the end of his career, scraping into the Atlanta Olympic team with a third place in the long jump at the US trials.
Johnson's unusual upright style is efficiency personified, his rapid short strides making him the most effective curve runner in the world.
Lewis at his best was the most graceful and electrifying sprinter of them all. But he has not won a title since the 1991 Tokyo World Championships and his early season from this year flattered to deceive when it came to the trials.
Atlanta represents Johnson's chance to join Lewis and Jesse Owens as one of the three greatest sprinters of all time. Lewis aims for a fourth consecutive Olympic long jump title and a ninth Olympic gold.
Johnson staged a successful dress rehearsal for Atlanta in the Gothenburg World Championships last year, becoming the first man to win a global 200 and 400 double.
Lewis, who had qualified for the long jump but not for the sprints, pulled out before the championships began with a strained hamstring.
Seemingly unable to handle standing in the shadows after bathing in the spotlight for so long, Lewis then made a statement that was at best ill-advised and at worst petulant.
"The World Championships, it's boring," Lewis said. "The electricity is not there. There's no buzz."
"The one American they are trying to build up is Michael Johnson and he's not doing anything for them. I guarantee that if I was in the 100 metres it would have sold out."
Johnson did not bother to get involved in a demeaning spat, letting his performances do the talking.
"There's nothing that meshes between these two men except that they're both fast," said his agent Brad Hunt.
Lewis pioneered the professional era, winning four gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles year after the sport officially abandoned its amateur regulations.
He compared himself to singer Michael Jackson, speculated in public on the wealth he expected to accrue and in the argot of the time said his ambition was to become a "role model".
But although Lewis has become a wealthy man through his sport, neither corporate American or the public really warmed to him and he remains clearly frustrated.
Last Thursday he reiterated a familiar theme, calling for better promotion of the sport in the United States including compressing meetings to two hours as well as holding closer consultations with athletes.
Another long jump title well within his range plus a possible 4x100 relay gold if he can take his way on to the team.
Lewis initially refused a position of alternate on the squad, saying he would only consent to join the team if he could run the anchor leg in the final.
On Thursday he was more cautious. "If they ask me to the relay I can do the job," he said.
If Johnson does complete the double a third gold from the 4x400 would seem a formality, although typically he takes absolutely nothing for granted.
"It's going to be hard for him to compromise with anyone," Hunt said. "Until he has walked where no man has ever walked before."



State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader (bespectacled) giving away the champions trophy to the victorious BDR team, who won the Premier volleyball league title this year, during a ceremonial at the NSC conference room yesterday. Chief of Army Staff Maj General Mahabubur Rahman (R) was also present on the occasion. — Star photo

Karar 44th behind world champion

Sports Reporter
Like other countries in the Centennial Olympics at Atlanta, Bangladesh also had its share of honours at the highest level with Karar Mizanur Rahman pitting in the 100m breast stroke on Saturday.
But the ace swimmer of the country finished second from the bottom in the overall standings of 45 nations competing in the event. Karar, one of the four athletes representing Bangladesh in the 26th Olympiad, clocked 1:11.47 seconds while Fedrick Deburghraeve, the first-ever Belgian to win an Olympic swimming gold, clocked 1:00.65.

Booters transfer All quiet on the second day

Sports Reporter
After a hectic course on the inaugural day last Saturday, the otherwise limited inter-club players' transfer turned out to be a sedate affair on the second day as most of the leading clubs skipped yesterday's session.
With defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club and the traditional third force in the domestic circuit, Brothers Union, enjoying a day-off at the DMFA office at the Dhaka Stadium witnessed a heady battle of the mediocre teams as 56 players shifted their allegiance on the day.
Among them, Satyajit Das Rupu completed his transfer on commission, the first of its kind this year. The aging national mid-fielder, who played for Mohammedans last season, joined Muktiyoddha. Besides, Muktiyoddha also tied the knot on another five youngsters.
But it was Farashganj Sporting Club, a Premier Division outfit from the old part of the city, which made the most of the day's business by signing up as many as 12 new players.
On the other hand, Fakirpool Youngsters Club, the team to have profited most from the introduction of the seven-player binding this year, collected three rookies from Matuall Udayan Sangha. They are Nazimuddin Miah, Aslam Hossain and Tabil.
With yesterday's transfers, the number of players to have changed their allegiance now stands at 144 including the first day's 88. The transfer involving the 20 Senior Division outfits will conclude today.

DMFA looks for a product

Sports Reporter
The Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) have convened an emergency meeting on July 24 to decide the sponsor of this year's twister Senior Division football leagues, scheduled to kick-off on August 7.
DMFA organisers of the prestigious Dhaka football league, were thrown into a quagmire following the late withdrawal of last season's sponsors Lever Brothers. However, Partex Group, another leading business house, promptly declared that they were ready to step into Lever's shoes after the latter's withdrawal.
Meanwhile, it was gathered that the offer made by Partex was not up to DMFA's expectations. So, DMFA tried to persuade Lever Brothers, a semi-government organisation, to win their sponsorship for another year. But DMFA's stubborn no-league stance earlier this year upset Lever's year planner and they replied in the negative, leaving DMFA with little option but to get back to the table for another session of head scratching on Wednesday when it is expected the problems will be sorted out.

Brown makes Durham proud

LONDON, July 21: Left-arm paceman Simon Brown was the surprise selection Saturday in England's 13-men squad for the first Test against Pakistan at Lord's July 25-29, reports AP.
Brown is the first Durham player to be selected in an English squad since the great all-rounder Ian Botham four years ago.

Yorkshire humble Hampshire

LONDON, July 21: Yorkshire made an emphatic return to the top of the English county championship table on Saturday, beating Hampshire by 10 wickets at Harrogate, reports Reuter.
Peter Hartley took five for 57 as Hampshire slipped to 249 all out, leaving Yorkshire needing just 89 from their second innings for victory.

Argentina humble hosts



BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, July 21: Argentina, one of the favourites for the gold medal, overcame the shock of conceding a goal after 31 seconds to beat the United States 3-1 when the Olympic soccer competition began on Saturday, reports Reuter.

In the three other matches played Portugal beat Tunisia 2-0 in Washington. France beat Australia by the same score in Miami and Spain, who won the gold medal in Barcelona four years ago, beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in Orlando.
A crowd of 83,810 — an all-time record for any sports event in the 69-year history of Birmingham's Legion Field — witnessed a dream start as the host nation took the lead inside the first minute.

The goal was scored by Bayer Leverkusen's Claudio Reyna — celebrating his 23rd birthday — and whose family were originally from Argentina.
After losing the ball almost immediately after kicking off, Argentina were forced onto the back foot and their defence, all of whom play in the Italian league, were in total disarray as the home team attacked. The ball fell to Imad Baba, who swerved in between two Argentinian defenders and crossed for Reyna who swept the ball home.
But Argentina gradually took control of the game, and a

minute after Marcelo Delgado missed an open goal, Gustavo Lopez powered home from close.

Argentina maintained their domination in the second half with Diego Simeone, Delgado and Ariel Ortega running the midfield at will.
After 56 minutes Javier Zanetti should have made it 2-1 but fired wide with only Keller to beat — but a minute later Hernan Crespo did score to deservedly give the South Americans the lead.

The United States had three good chances to score but were thwarted by Argentina goalkeeper Carlos Bossio every time. A minute from time Simeone, who helped Atletico Madrid to the Spanish title six weeks ago, killed off the Americans when he finished off a sweet Argentinian move with the stadium clock showing five seconds of time left to play.
US coach Bruce Arena said afterwards: "There were many good points in our performance tonight and I certainly think we lost to an outstanding team. Argentina is a better team man-for-man all over the field, but I was very proud of the way we played for the last 25 minutes."

Argentina coach Daniel Passarella, who captained his side to victory in the 1978 World Cup final, was more cautious: "We started poorly but came back into the game well. We must not allow ourselves to make those kind of mistakes again."
Portugal, who finished with

10 men, and Tunisia, who make up Group A along with the United States and Argentina, played out an eventful match at the JFK Stadium in Washington with a goal in each half from Afonso Martins giving the Portuguese victory.

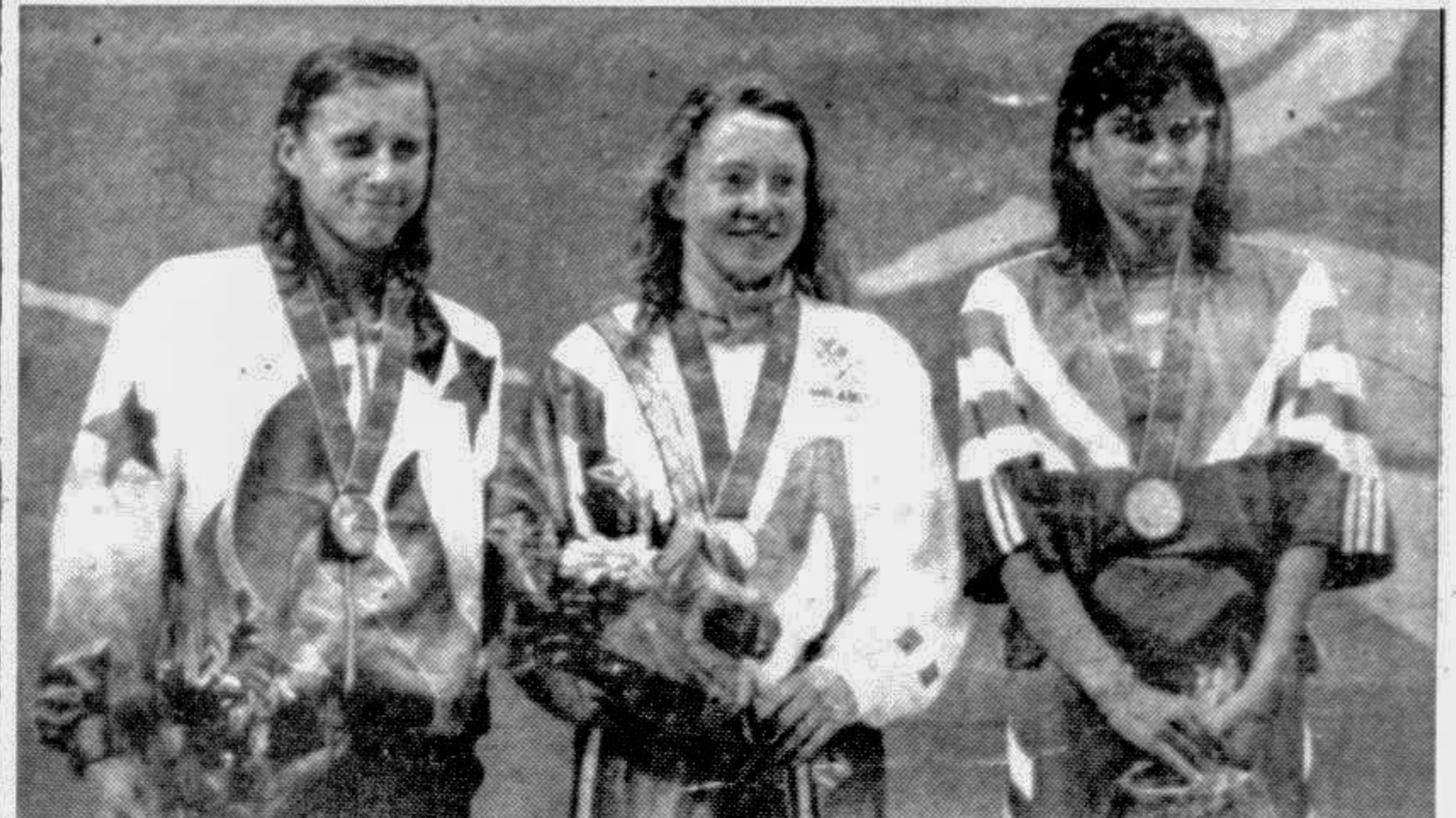
The match turned when Abdel Selim missed a second half penalty for Tunisia and Afonso scored his second goal soon afterwards in the 68th minute. He had put the Portuguese ahead after only 13 minutes, but the victory was clouded for Portugal when Luis Oliveria was sent off 11 minutes from time after receiving his second yellow card of the game.

Eduardo Vingada, the Portuguese coach said: "When the first goal went in that settled us down and we controlled the game after that. I was delighted, with Afonso scoring two especially as he is a midfielder and not really a forward."

France went to the top of Group B after beating Australia 2-0 at the Orange Bowl in Miami with goals from Robert Pires after 12 minutes and Florin Mauric 15 minutes from time.

The match was also marred by a sending off with Australian Daniel Tlatli shown the red card for a heavy tackle on France's Claude Makalele.

Spain, the defending Olympic champions, started their bid for a second successive gold medal with a 1-0 victory over Saudi Arabia at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando thanks to an 80th minute goal from Oscar Garcia.



Michelle Smith (C) of Ireland, Allison Wagner of the hosts United States (L) and Krisztina Egerszegi from Hungary, who won the gold, silver and bronze respectively in the women's 400m individual medley, attending the ceremonial at the Gerogia Tech Aquatic Centre on Saturday. — AFP/UNB photo

CENTENNIAL GAMES CHIPS

ATLANTA, July 21 (AFP): Olympic Games diary for Sunday:
TREE CAUSES BLACK OUT
The men's air pistol final was plunged into darkness midway through the penultimate round after a falling tree brought down a powerline outside the Wolf Creek Venue. The organisers were spared the embarrassment of a prolonged power problem when the back-up system rumbled into action five minutes later.
JUDOKA AIMING HIGHER
Double world judo champion David Douillet, who won his first Olympic gold medal in the over-95 kilogram heavyweight contest, believes further challenges lie ahead on a higher plane.
Asked about his next goal, the affable 27-year-old Frenchman joked, "There will be inter-planetary championships in the future and I know I'll be doing something there."
JAP KNOWS WHEN TO STOP
Naoya Ogawa, in steep decline since winning his fourth judo world title in 1991, says he has reason to be relieved after losing to double world champion David Douillet in the heavyweight semi-finals here, the last match of his career.
MEET THE CUBAN HERO
Just a face in Atlanta's 10,000-capacity Alexander Memorial Coliseum, Cuban boxing legend Teofilo Stevenson was introduced to the crowd on the opening day of the Olympics boxing tournament Saturday.
The great heavyweight who won gold medals in three consecutive Games — 1972, 1976 and his final Olympics in Moscow in 1980 — stood up high in the bleachers and waved his acknowledgement to the fans' ovation.
TICK BUSTERS ON PATROL
Around 70 state and federal officials are spying on three European horses who will compete in equestrian events at the Olympics. The three, Austrian entry 'remus vap', 'classic touch' from Germany, and Italian horse 'Destino de Acciarola', are carriers of piroplasma, a non-fatal equine malaria transmitted by ticks.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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H O R H U X B L F K K H O U H T
X P H G R T K Q J X X
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MANY ELECTRICIANS PURCHASE MOST OF THEIR SUPPLIES AT FACTORY OUTLETS.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals M

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.