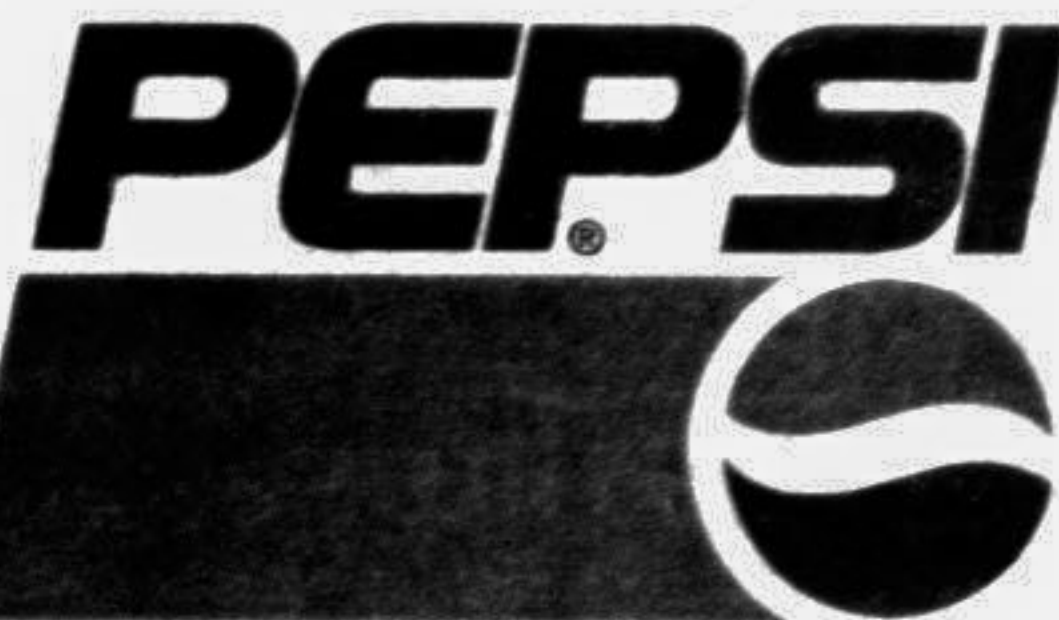
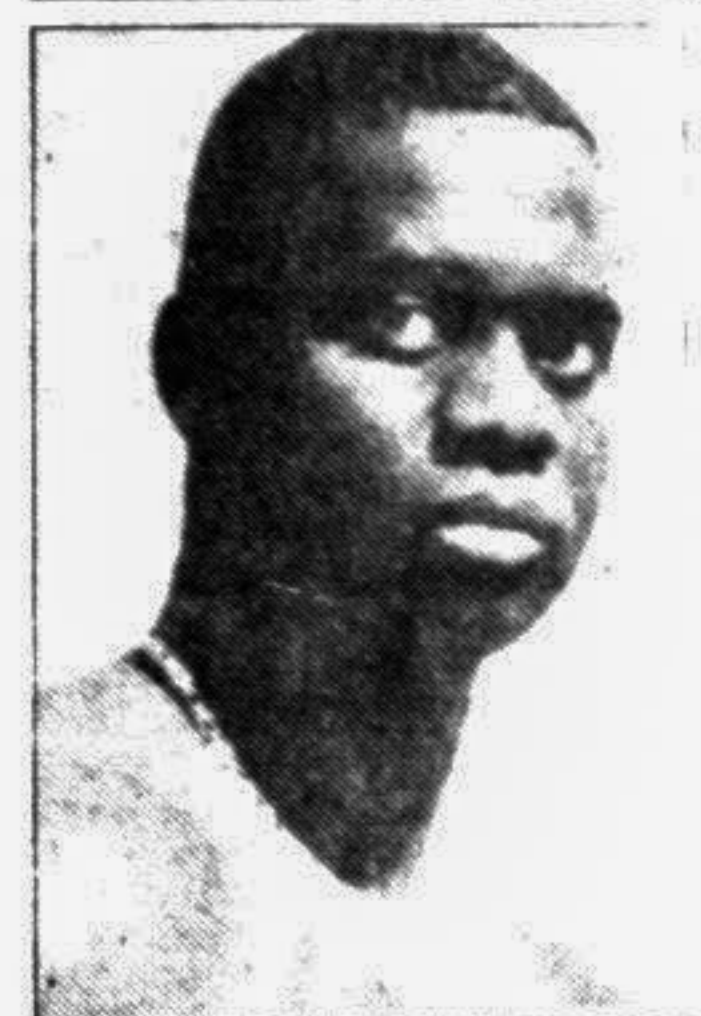


Olympic Update

Because you play to win...



Column One SPORTS TALK



Ben Johnson
(Disgraced Canadian sprinter)
"Don't rule out Christie because of his run of defeats. He usually gets it right when it matters."
On British sprinter Linford Christie's Olympic chances.

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-47

Tick the Correct Answers

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

1. Number of players in a basketball team is	Eight	Five	Six
2. The number of jumping events in decathlon are	Two	Three	One
3. The sport badminton was first originated in	England	France	Sweden
4. The number of Bangladesh athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are	Three	Seven	Four
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Narail's double in schools TT

Sports Reporter

Narail district earned a double in the Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis championships when they clinched both boys and girls team titles at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the boys' team final, Narail recorded a 3-0 victory over Khulna while they completed the double with a hard fought 3-2 win over Jessore in the girls' team final.

Hasan of Narail won the first encounter in the boys' final beating Khulna's Mahmudul 2-1, 21-14 followed by his teammate Pappu who registered a 2-1, 21-21, 21-14 win over the same opponent, Mahbub. In the third and final engagement, Adison tamed Rajib 2-1, 21-14.

In the girls' team final, Rumi and Roni of Narail won the singles against Seema of Jessore but lost the reverse singles to Ratna.

However, the Narail girls joined the celebration with their boys when Rumi and Roni won the deciding doubles match against Ratna and Seema 2-1, 21-12.

Besides, eleven boys' singles and four girls' singles matches were also decided yesterday.

In the boys' engagements, Pappu, Saidur, Mahmudul, Royal, Rajib, Bappi, Sohan, Parag, Hasan Mahbub and Adison won their respective encounters while Moonmoon, Rumi, Boni and Roni won their respective girls' singles engagements.

Workshop for journalists

Sports Reporter

A workshop for sports journalists on the rules and regulations of football, organised by Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA), will be held in the capital tomorrow.

Former FIFA referee Ataul Haque Mullik and former national footballer Golam Sarwar Tipu will conduct the three-hour workshop scheduled to start at the National Sports Council conference room from 9 am.

Interested sports reporters who have enrolled their names for the workshop, are requested to be present in time.

Russia races to the top

ATLANTA, July 23. New Irish heroine Michelle Smith who needed the sports equivalent of a court verdict just to enter Monday's race, swam to her second Olympic gold medal in three days, reports AP.

Turkey's Naim Suleymanoglu, who needed a world record to win, made Olympic history by becoming the first weightlifter to capture three gold medals, reinforcing his claim to the nickname given him in awe - "Pocket Hercules."

Two South Korean world champions - Jeon Mi young and Cho Min sun - gave their nation a sweep of the day's two judo golds.

Russia, meanwhile, charged to the top of the gold medal standings by winning four Monday.

Defending Olympic champion and world record holder Alexander Popov took the men's 100 metre freestyle swimming, Denis Pankratov won the 200-metre butterfly, the men's gymnastics team narrowly outleveled 1995 world champion China, and Artem Khadzhibekov won 10-metre men's air rifle shooting.

That gave the Russians seven golds, moving them well ahead of Poland, whose four had made it the surprise first-place team on the Games' second day Sunday.

The United States won two swimming races and tied Poland at four golds in all.

South Korea and Turkey moved up to three, tying them with China and France, Ireland, Italy and Belgium each had two.

Atlanta's heat persisted, with temperatures rising to 33 degrees Celsius (91F), and problems remained with transporting Games participants and spectators and providing quick and accurate results through the Games' computer system.

Smith, who won Ireland's first Olympic swimming medal ever Saturday in the 400-metre individual medley, won the 400 freestyle final by more than a second over 1992 gold medalist Dagmar Hase of Germany, becoming the Games' first double gold medalist. She finished in 4 minutes, 7.25 seconds to 4:08.39 for Hase.

But controversy and heartbreak came before the gold-medal race.

American Janet Evans, a four-time gold medalist, failed for the first time in her career to reach an Olympic final. Her time in freestyle qualifying was 20-hundredths of a second too slow to make the final eight.

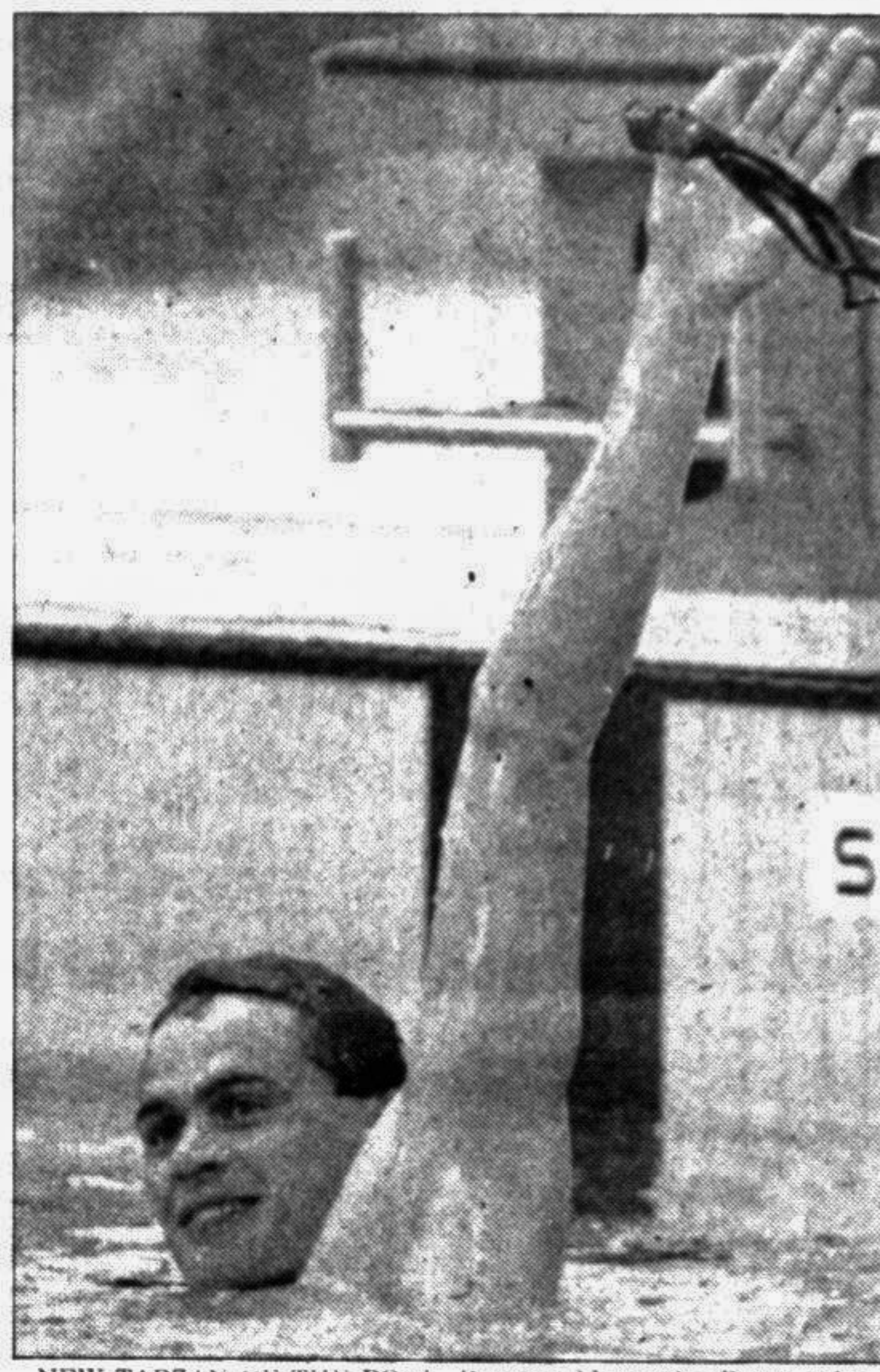
The Americans also had protested that Smith should not be in the race because her entry had come too late. Had she not swum, Evans would have made the final eight.

Hours before the preliminaries, the Court of Arbitration

for Sport ruled in favour of Smith, who said Olympic organizers had provided incorrect deadline information.

Smith, rising out of obscurity, has three more individual events to go and could end up with five gold medals.

Suleymanoglu, who stands just 150 centimetres (4 feet, 11 inches) tall but lifts barbells three times his own weight, needed his world record to edge Greek lifter Valerios



NEW TARZAN OF THE POOL. Russian Alexander Popov, who won the back to back Olympic 100-metre freestyle gold to equal the fabulous feat of late American bantam John Weismuller, the screen actor of famous movie - Tarzan, acknowledges the audience at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Centre on July 22.

Leonidis.

His record total of 335 kilograms (738.5 pounds) included a world record clean-and-jerk of 187.5 kilograms (413.25 pounds).

Leonidis matched his clean-and-jerk but his total was 2.5 kilograms (5.5 pounds) less.

Suleymanoglu had set the previous world record total of 330 kilograms (727.5 pounds) on Nov 20, 1994, while Leonidis set the previous star-

Russian teammate Pankratov also beat an American in the 200 butterfly, finishing in 1 minute, 56.51 seconds to 1:57.44 for Tom Malchow.

But the Americans finished 1-2 in the women's 100-metre backstroke and won the women's 400-metre freestyle relay.

In the backstroke, Beth Betsford won in 1:01.19 with teammate Whitney Headguth taking the silver in 1:01.47.

Rinki 33rd

Sports Reporter

Country's ace shooter Saiful Alam Rinki jointly finished 33rd out of 45 in the 10m air rifle event at the Atlanta Olympics on Monday.

Rinki, the gold medalist in the Madras SAF Games last year, scored 581 points, four short of his SAF mark in the preliminary round where top-finisher Austrian fired an Olympic record of 596 points.

Popov emulates 'Tarzan'

ATLANTA, July 23: Alexander Popov proved himself Tarzan of the swimming pool by retaining the Olympic 100 metres freestyle crown on Monday, reports Reuter.

Popov became the first man since cinema screen Tarzan actor Johnny Weissmuller to win the blue ribbon event of swimming twice, matching the feat his predecessor pulled off at the 1924 and 1928 Games.

Popov, arriving here as double world and Olympic champion at 50 and 100 freestyle, maintained his way in the 100 with the narrowest of victories over American Gary Hall.

The 24-year-old Russian, a whisker behind the American at the turn, snatched victory by just 0.07 seconds in 48.74 seconds but did not threaten his 48.21 world mark.

"You know it's pretty hard to achieve a goal like winning Olympic gold or World Championship gold or being world record holder. But it's even harder to repeat it," said Popov, who has won every major championship 100 freestyle he has entered since claiming the first of three European crowns in 1991.

It was probably one of the toughest races of my career but I really enjoyed it.

Michelle does 'em proud

DUBLIN, July 23: Irish Prime Minister John Bruton today praised the magnificent golden double by Irish swimmer Michelle Smith at the Atlanta Olympics, reports AFP.

On Monday, Smith won the 400m freestyle following her earlier victory in the 400m medley. Ireland's first ever Olympic swimming medal.

Bruton said: "To be able to concentrate her mind and compete brilliantly after the euphoria of the weekend is indeed the mark of a true Olympic champion."

Dublin Lord mayor Brendan Lynch also said: "The city will give Michelle a reception on a grand scale. She is marvellous, her night-and-day commitment to swimming is an inspiration to us all."

After the 1992 Games, Ireland's boxing medalist Michel Carruth (gold) and Wayne McCullough (silver) were hailed as heroes in the streets of Dublin when thousands turned out to see them.

Pakistan win

CANTERBURY, England, July 23: Pakistan beat Kent by eight wickets on the third day of their match yesterday.

Scores: Kent 262 and 200. Pakistan 194 and 269.2 (Ijaz Ahmed 136 not out, Shadab Kabir 84).

Sino swimmers duck press

ATLANTA, July 23: China's 4x200m women's freestyle relay team refused to meet the press after winning a silver medal on Monday because they were fed up with endless questions over doping, reports AFP.

The four swimmers declined requests to attend the customary post-race press conference, without giving any explanations.

However coach Zhou Zhen-wen made it clear that their star swimmer Le Jingyi had not wanted to answer the questions about doping allegations that she had to face after winning the 100m freestyle gold on Saturday.

He said she had felt very uncomfortable with those kinds of questions," Zhou said.

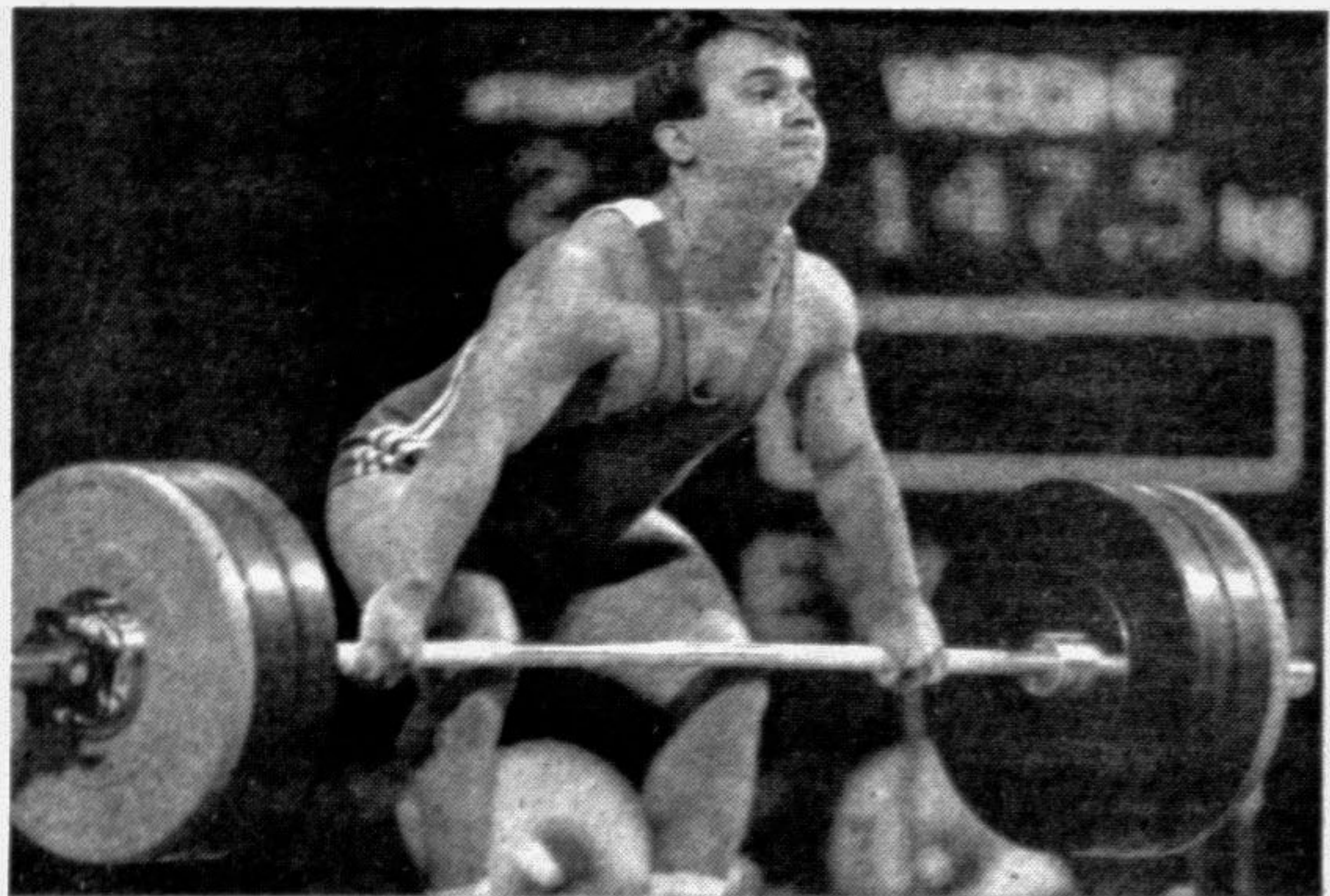
Speculation over China's suspected doping programme increased Sunday following the poor performance of world record holder He Chong, who failed to qualify for the final of the 100m backstroke.

He's failure was the latest in a series of dismal showings by China's much-fancied women swimmers, leading to allegations that their loss of form is linked to concerns over tighter doping controls.

Alamgir Faruq new BTF boss

The government has appointed Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury, Secretary of Local Government division in the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, as the president of Bangladesh Tennis Federation, according to an official notification issued yesterday, reports BSS.

The appointment will be effective immediately.



SMALLEST BUT STRONGEST: Turkish legendary weightlifter Naim Suleymanoglu is on his way to capture his third consecutive Olympic gold at the World Congress Centre on July 22. - AFP/UNB photo

Naim proves peerless

ATLANTA, July 23: Even Naim Suleymanoglu's opponents say they are privileged to have competed against him, reports agencies.

A cold War boycott, ethnic persecution and increasingly dogged adversaries could not stop the Turk becoming the first weightlifter to win three Olympic gold medals and staking a claim to be perhaps the greatest lifter of them all.

Why? Suleymanoglu hardly looks like the strongest human. He is a stout fireplug of a man who stands 1.50 metres (4.9 feet) tall and weighs (64 kilos) 141 pounds.

His arms are short, his hands tiny. His upper body does not ripple with muscles. He matched Leonidis's clean-and-jerk and in the process claimed back his own

world record for the two lift aggregate of snatch and clean-and-jerk which the Greek had held for just one minute, pushing it up to 335.0 kg. He leapt into the air with delight even before the bar hit the ground.

Leonidis, needing to post his third world record of the night to deny the tiny Turk his place in history, got the bar as far as his chest but no further.

As he reached the dressing room he wept quietly while the cheers of 300 Turks.

The Greek however, was warm in his praise for Suleymanoglu and did not consider himself unlucky to have faced the Turk so often.

"I consider myself very lucky to have competed against a competitor like him, he said. It's because of him that I've lifted the weights that I have."

By all rights, this should have been his fourth Olympic gold medal. He was easily the best in the world in his weight class in 1984, when Los Angeles hosted the Olympics. But Suleymanoglu lived in Bulgaria then - he was born there to ethnic Turks - and Bulgaria abided by the Soviet-led boycott of those games.

Suleymanoglu accepted that. But when Bulgaria forced him to change his name to Shulamov, it was too much. In 1986, at a training camp in Australia, he defected. He has lived in Turkey ever since. Befitting his nickname, he has become a hero of nearly mythic proportions.

"He is the biggest!" declared Gazi Aydin, a Turkish-born jeweler who now lives in Atlanta. He was among dozens of Turks and Turkish Americans who filled one section of the stands at Monday's competition in a joyous outpour of adoration.

"Turkiye! Turkiye! Turkiye!" they chanted. They sang Turkish soccer songs, clapped rhythmically and waved Turkey's flag, bright red with a white star and crescent moon. Many had the flag painted on their faces, arms or, in one woman's flamboyant case, belly.

"Will there be an attempt at four golds?"

"I will continue," Suleymanoglu said. "I'm getting a little older, but I want to continue. I don't know if I will be good enough to be in the next Olympic Games."

When Suleymanoglu returned home to Turkey's capital Ankara with a first gold from the 1988 Seoul Games, he was greeted by an estimated 1 million of his countrymen.

What will Ankara do for an encore?

Physio a must: Lipu

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh team need a physician immediately to solve out the basic problems that our cricketers are facing. This was opined by the manager of Bangladesh national team, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, while talking to the press at the BCCB office last night.

"We have also other problems in the team. But at this moment injury problem gets the top priority to deal with. About sixty per cent of the national players are plagued by injury," claimed Lipu while elaborating the X-ray report of the national side which returned home on Monday after a month-long tour to the United States and Canada - the two ICC associate member countries.

Lipu, who is expected to submit his report on the overall performance of the national side within a week, said that the Board should concentrate more on the physical fitness of the players.

"This is of utmost importance for the upcoming ACC and ICC trophies. We can hire a physio from the neighbouring India for a short period," said Lipu when asked to elaborate.

"Besides, we need a gym (gymnasium) to keep our boys fit before the next training session," said Lipu who further added that a good foreign



coach is also essential to groom the boys for the big occasions.

When asked whether he is interested to carry on with the job, a soft-spoken Lipu quipped, "That depends on the Board. But I have few conditions also." He did not elaborate.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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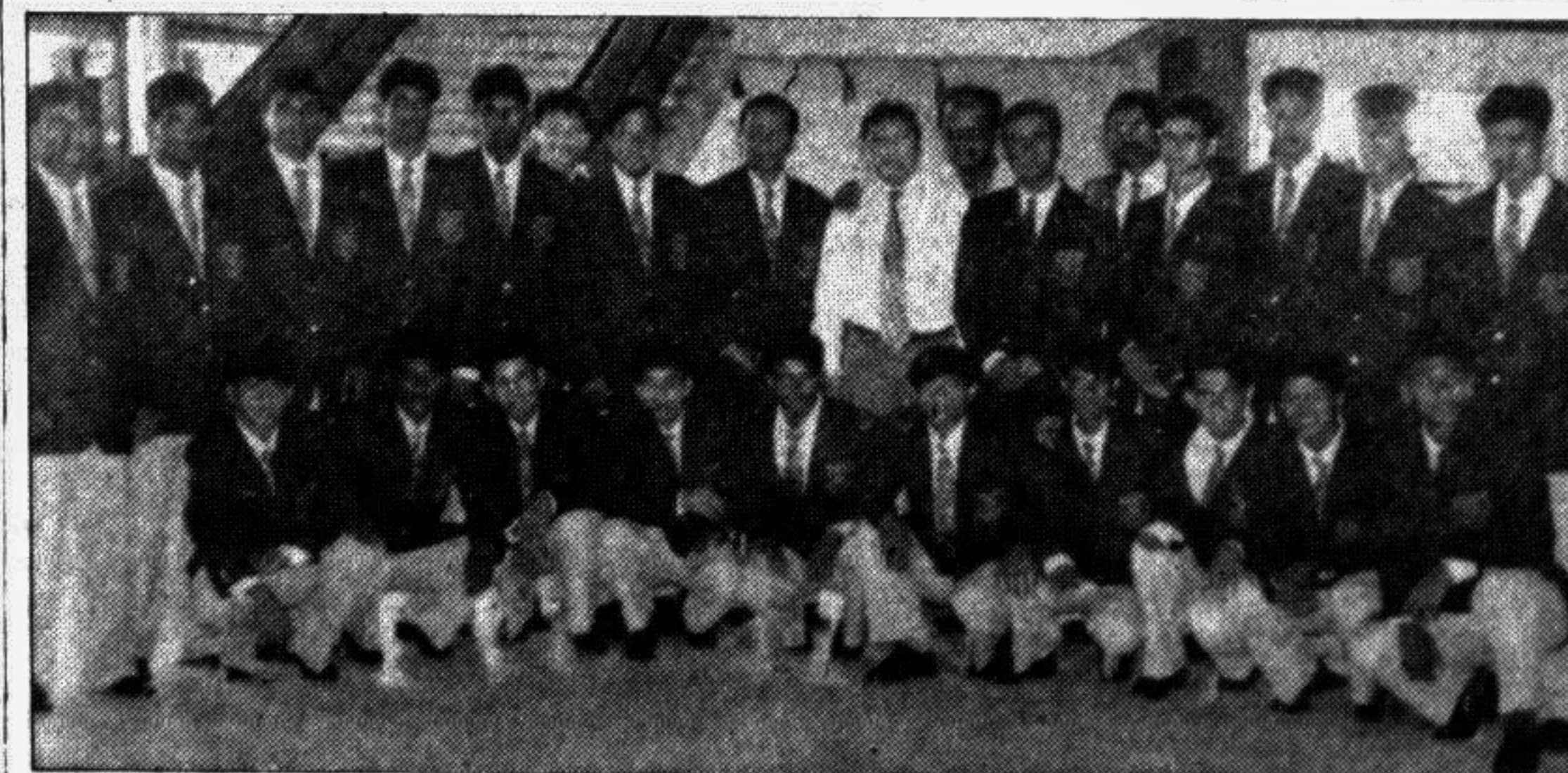
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 Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF YOU EAT TOO MANY FRENCH FRIES, I EXPECT YOU'LL EXCEED THE SPUD LIMIT.
 Today's Cryptquip clue: K equals K
 The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will 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.



Bangladesh national youth football team which left the capital for Male yesterday to participate in the zone six qualifying round of 30th Asian youth football championship, pose prior to their flight at ZIA. - Star photo