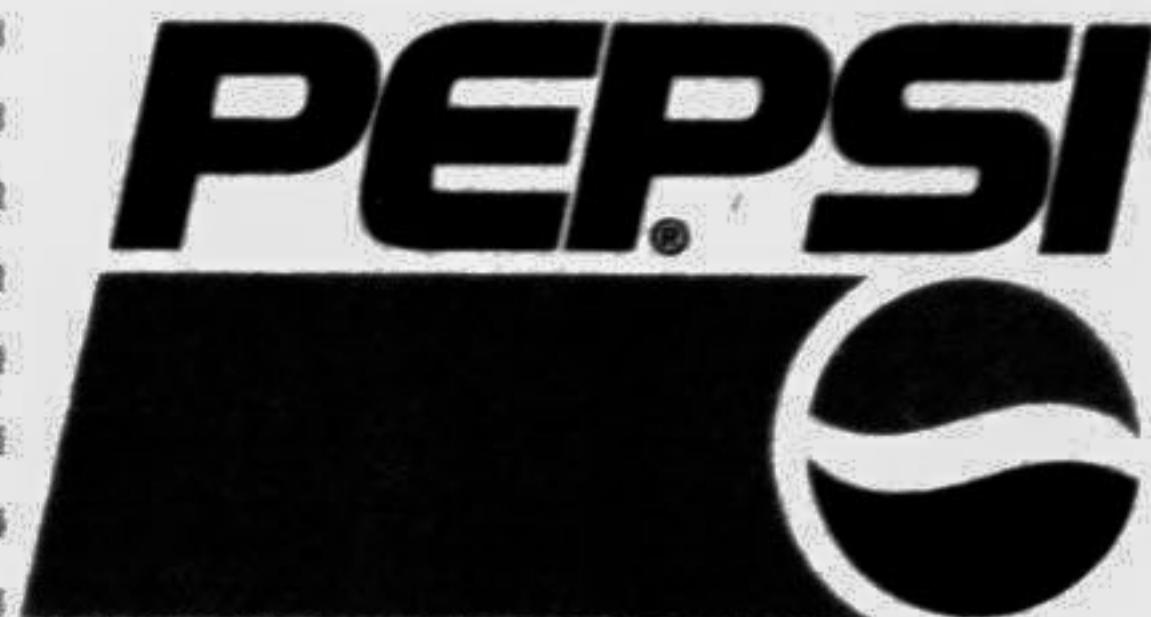


# Olympic Update

# Because you play to win...



## Column One

### Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Sports WHIZZ KID competition-48

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 2, 1996)

1. Which country won the first gold in Atlanta Olympics?	Poland	Holland	Poland
2. In weightlifting, who is called as "Pocket Hercules"?	Maha	Sukymahaj	Leonida
3. The first ever Belgian to win Olympic gold in swimming is	Burghavee	Popov	Perkins
4. The century Inzamam scored in the Lord's Test was his	Seewh	Fourth	Fifth
5. When did Mohammad Ali win his light-heavyweight Olympic gold?	1964	1968	1980

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### SPORTS TALK



**Janet Evans**  
 (US swimmer)  
 "I didn't go out fast enough. I'm upset. I'm disappointed. I trained four years for this. But also, no one can take away what I've done."  
 After failing to qualify in the 400 metres freestyle in Atlanta Olympic Games.

### BGIC nat'l v'ball on

**Sports Reporter**  
 Holders Bangladesh Navy began their campaign on a promising note as the BGIC national volleyball championships, organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation began at the Mirpur indoor stadium yesterday.  
 On the opening day of the six-day meet, the reigning champions blanked Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) 15-0, 15-0, 15-2 to earn full points in the four-team Group A. A total of 15 teams, split onto four groups, are taking part in the first round.

In the six-team women's section, Ansars tamed Tangail 15-2, 15-0, 15-7.

### Nat'l TT from Aug 8

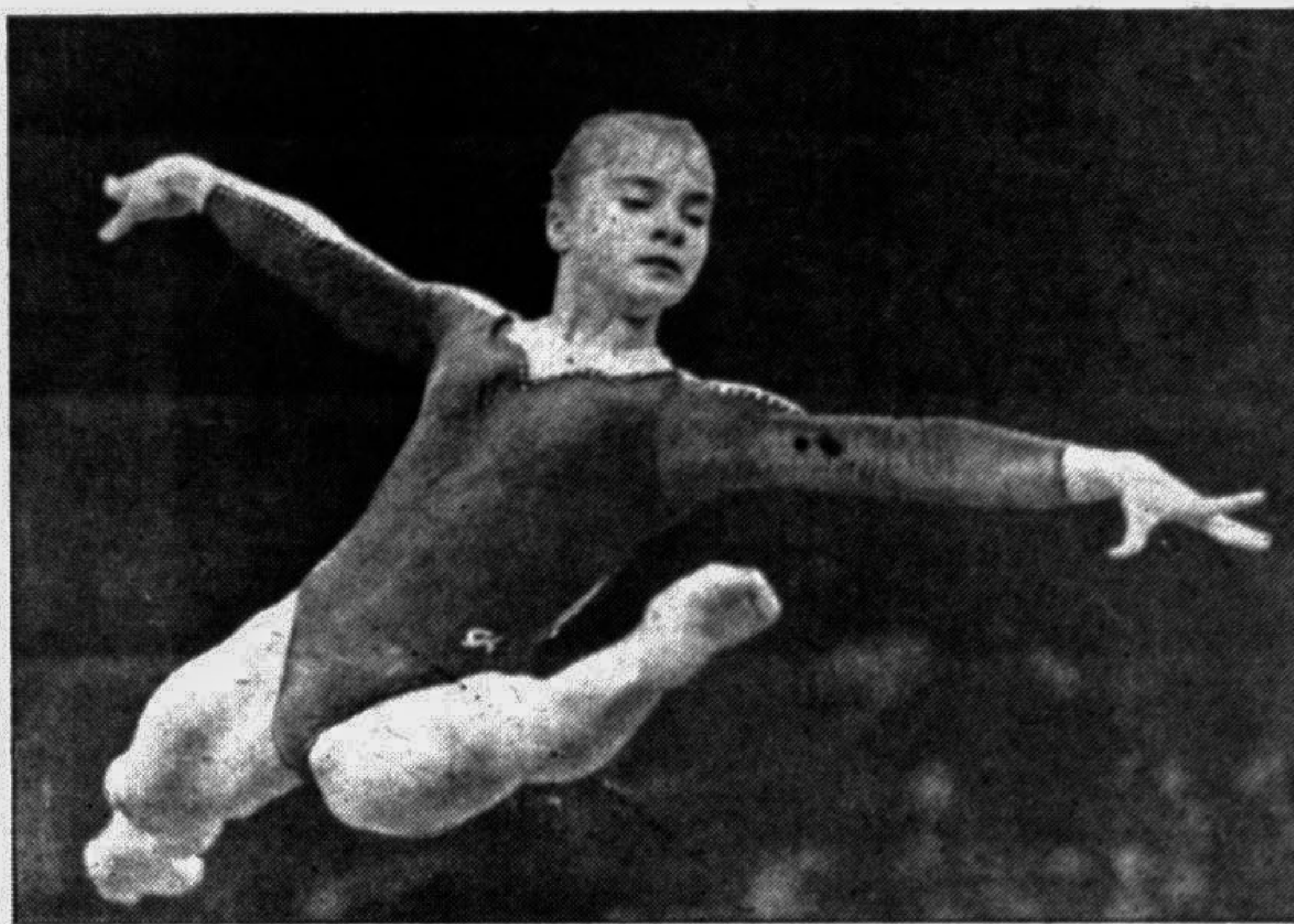
**Sports Reporter**  
 The 21st national table tennis championships, organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, will be held in Rajshahi from August 8 to 14. Interested teams have been requested to complete entry formalities by July 31.

### WHIZZ KID-47 correct answers

- Number of players in a basketball team are  
 Ans: Five
- The number of jumping events in decathlon are three  
 Ans: Three
- The sport Badminton first originated in India  
 Ans: India
- The number of Bangladeshi athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are four  
 Ans: Four
- The present Brazilian football coach is Zagallo  
 Ans: Zagallo

### WHIZZ KID-47 winner

**Fariha Hyece**  
 Banani Biddya Niketan, Dhaka



Lilia Podkopayeva of Ukraine caught airborne during the floor exercise on her way to winning the women's all-round Olympic competition at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on July 25. — AFP/UNB photo

## Egerszegi's magnum opus

ATLANTA, July 26: It was Hungarian night at the Olympic pool on Thursday as backstroke queen Krisztina Egerszegi achieved a rare golden treble and compatriot Attila Czene caused an upset in the men's 200 metres individual medley, report agencies.  
**Egerszegi became the first swimmer in Olympic history to win five gold medals in individual events when she captured the 200-metre backstroke Thursday night.**

The victory also tied Egerszegi for the record of winning the same race in three consecutive Olympics. Australia's Dawn Fraser did it in the 100m freestyle in 1956, 1960 and 1964 but had no other golds.

Egerszegi, 21, won her first gold medal in 1988 in the 200m backstroke. In 1992, she won three more golds in the 100m and 200m backstrokes and 400m individual medley.

On Saturday, she picked up only a bronze in the 400m medley. But Thursday night, she easily won the 200m backstroke in 2 minutes, 7.83 seconds, more than four seconds faster than runnerup Whitney Hedgepeth of the United States.

Egerszegi holds the world record of 2:06.62, set Aug 25, 1991, and the Olympic mark of 2:07.06, established at Barcelona four years ago.

Russia's Alexander Popov claimed swimming's fastest man honours Thursday as he repeated his 1992 sweep of two Olympic sprint races, narrowly winning gold in the 50-metre freestyle.

The United States won the gold medal in the women's 800-metre freestyle relay with an Olympic-record time of 7 minutes, 59.87 seconds.

The silver went to Germany in 8:01.55. Australia won the bronze in 8:05.47.  
 Away from the sporting spotlight, athletics chiefs decided not to ban two athletes who have failed drug tests, and accusations of doping against Irish swimming heroine Michelle Smith were firmly quashed.

The fencing competition ended, with Italy retaining the women's team foil title and the Russians winning the men's event to help keep their country at the top of medals table.

### Women's b'ball US rout Zaire

ATLANTA, July 26: America's Rebecca Lobo said the atmosphere was electric on Thursday when she walked on to the court before the largest crowd at a women's basketball game, report agencies.

The US 107-47 victory over Zaire was by contrast routine, with the biggest cheer of the second half arising when the gold medal favourite Americans hit 100 points for the second time in three games.

China got a big second half from 203-centimetre (6-foot-8) Zheng Haxia and recovered from an early 11-0 deficit to beat Canada 61-49.

Zheng, held to seven points in the first half, finished with 19 points and 16 rebounds as China stayed in contention for a medal after early upset losses to Italy and Japan.

Two other teams were 3-0 in the preliminary round. Australia beat Cuba 75-63 and Brazil defeated Japan 100-80.

Brazil's Hortencia Marcario Oliva, former longtime holder of the unofficial title of best female player in the world, hurt her ankle seven minutes into the game.

Hortencia, who stayed until the end on the bench with ice on the ankle, was to go to hospital for X-rays later on Thursday night.

On day six with 13 gold, 16 silver and four bronze. The United States were on 12 gold, 16 silver and four bronzes.

Germany broke its gold medal duck with two rapid-fire golds on the shooting range and a victory in the judo but fans back home were still far from satisfied with the sporting giant's lumbering Atlanta start.

Italy track cyclist Andrea Collinelli, who broke the 4,000 metres pursuit record twice on Wednesday and duly went on to win the gold over Philippe Ermenault of France. But the swimming again produced most of the thrills.

Australia's Dawn Fraser had been the only swimmer in Olympic history to win the same event at three successive Games and America's Janet Evans, making her last Olympic outing today.

Midfielder Andreas Becker started in the convincing win, setting up two goals and scoring one, after missing a penalty stroke in the first half.

The win took Germany to five points from four matches — one behind Group A leaders Spain, who have six from three matches — and ahead of Argentina's four from four.

But Germany will have to wait till their final league match against the United States on Sunday to know whether they will finish among the top two in the group for a semifinal berth.

Spain will corner one spot if they score an expected victory over the bottom-placed US later today.

Four teams — Germany, Argentina, India and Pakistan — are in contention for the second spot, although the Germans appear to be the favourites after today's win.

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## ATLANTA SNIPPETS

### RUEFUL ROMANCE

Olympic canoeist Shaun Pearce is in deep water with his father-in-law after asking his girlfriend in front of billions of television viewers watching the Olympic opening ceremony to marry him.

Pearce's wife Christine, sitting back home in England, was stunned to see him propose so publicly to physiotherapist Julie Stark.

Christine's father Eric Chambers said, "His affair with her is what split up him and Christine."

"I don't know how he could do what he did. To get down on his knees in front of millions of people on TV when he was already married, really sticks in my throat."

"You couldn't point how Christine reacted when she found out. She was absolutely livid. What wife wouldn't be?"

### ANTHEM ENIGMA

If Michelle Smith or any other Irish competitor at the Atlanta Games wins another gold medal a different recording of Ireland's national anthem, the Soldiers' Song, is likely to be heard at the presentation ceremony.

Irish followers of the Olympics have been surprised at the unusual and speedy version of the tune played on the three occasions it has been necessary so far.

The Irish Embassy in Washington has sent a new recording of the anthem to the Games authorities in Atlanta in a bid to slow down the tempo.

(Source: AFP)

## Third national stadium in N'ganj soon

NARAYANGANJ, July 26: The country's third national stadium will be built in this river port town, reports UNB.

Construction of the stadium will begin soon, said State Minister for Sports, Youth and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader at a reception accorded to local sportsmen in the town today.

Earlier, the state minister visited the Osmani Stadium and the site for the proposed stadium at Chanmari.

### Asian U-19 soccer

## Bangladesh face Maldives today

Bangladesh will take on the host Maldives today in the first Group-9 match of the 30th Asian Under-19 Football championship in Male, reports UNB.

Bangladesh are now playing with the Maldives as Iraq withdrew their team from the tournament at the last moment, according to a message received by the Bangladesh Football Federation from Male.

Saturday's match was scheduled between Bangladesh and Iraq. Bangladesh will face the Maldives on Monday in the return match.

The team will return home on August 2.

## Holland defeat Aussies



ATLANTA, July 26: World Cup finalists Netherlands established themselves as favourites to head Group B in the men's Olympic hockey tournament with a 3-2 win over Australia on Thursday, report agencies.

Britain, meanwhile, were furious that a late Malaysian goal was allowed to stand in a 2-2 tie that left the 1988 champions still looking for their first victory in the tournament.

The British team came back from a goal down to take a 2-1 lead on goals by John Shaw and Callum Giles.

Two minutes from the end, Malaysia were awarded a short corner and British manager David Whittle asked the umpire to stop play so that he could send on a substitute

goalkeeper. The request was denied and Malaysia's Marindjit Magmar Singh scored the equaliser.

British players, led by captain Jason Laslett, surrounded the umpire demanding to know why he denied Whittle's request. Whittle considered filing an official protest, but decided against it.

The result meant Britain now have drawn all three games, while Malaysia earned their second point.

The Dutch were twice behind in a fast, exciting game as Daniel Sproul, from a corner rebound, and Mark Hager scored first half goals for Australia.

Ten de Nooijer and Floris Jan Bovelander relied from corners.

Dutch goalkeeper Ronald Jansen made crucial saves to prevent Australia taking the lead for a third time and again after Taco Van Den Honert put his team ahead with a rasping reverse stick shot in the 50th minute.

The victory took the Dutch two points clear of Australia, Britain and South Africa who all have three points from three games and the same goal tally.

South Korea shared six goals with South Africa in the other match of the day.

South Africa came back from a two-goal deficit to gain a 3-3 tie with defending bronze medalists, South Korea.

The Koreans led 3-1 but could not hold and remained winless in Pool B, with a loss and two ties. South Africa have drawn all three of their games.

### STANDINGS

Men's standings in Olympic hockey competitions after Thursday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

<b>Group A</b>							
Spain	3	3	0	6	1	6	
Argentina	3	2	0	1	7	4	
India	3	1	1	5	2	3	
Germany	3	1	1	4	3	3	
Pakistan	3	1	0	2	5	2	
United States	3	0	0	3	2	13	0

<b>Group B</b>						
Netherlands	3	2	1	0	7	4
Australia	3	1	1	1	6	6
Britain	3	0	3	0	6	3
South Africa	3	0	3	0	6	3
South Korea	3	0	2	1	8	2
Malaysia	3	0	2	1	4	2

### Women's hockey

## Australia, S Korea split points

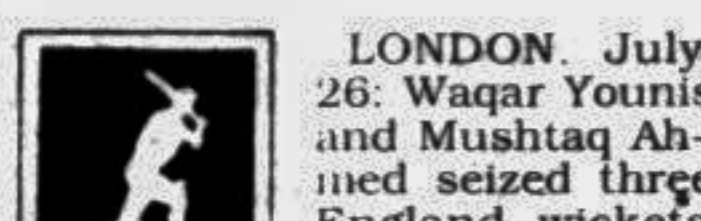
ATLANTA, July 26: A goal by Katrina Powell with 21 seconds remaining gave World Cup holders Australia a 3-3 draw with fellow favourites South Korea in the women's Olympic hockey tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The outcome gave Australia a two-point advantage over South Korea heading into the fifth series of matches. Germany, Netherlands, Britain and Argentina are a further point behind.

Australia took a 2-0 lead with goals by Alyson Annan, her fifth of the tournament, and Jenny Morris. South Korea came back to lead 3-2 with two goals by Chang Eun-Jung and one by Cho Eun-Jung.

Netherlands sent Germany to their second successive defeat, winning 4-3. Argentina beat the United States 2-1 and Olympic champions Spain gained their first point at Britain's expense in a 2-2 draw.

## Rashid flusters England



LONDON, July 26: Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed seized three England wickets for nine runs as the first Test against Pakistan was left intriguingly poised at Lord's today, report agencies.

Fast bowler Waqar dispatched opener Nick Knight for 51 and Graeme Hick for four, with Alec Stewart falling to a leg-spinner Mushtaq for 39 in a slump that reduced England from 107 for one to 116 for four.

A defiant, unbeaten 43 from Graham Thorpe, who survived a testing late burst from Waqar, took England to 200 for five at the close of the second day in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 340.

The touring team, who had not taken full advantage of ideal conditions after winning the toss on the opening day, enjoyed a useful bonus when last pair Rashid Latif and Aatur Rehman added exactly 50 to the overnight total of 290 for nine.

Having opted to play only four specialist bowlers, Pakistan may ultimately find those late runs, a significant contribution in what is developing into a closely-fought contest.

After Inzamamul Haq's century on Thursday had steered the tourists to 290 for nine at stumps on the first day, Rashid and Aatur batted for 80 minutes before leg-spinner Ian Salisbury took the final wicket.

Wicketkeeper-batsman

Rashid ensured he took most of the strike against England's pacemen Dominic Cork and Alan Mullally, who bowled for 65 minutes without troubling the Pakistani duo.

Rashid struck a boundary of both opening bowlers and when Salisbury was brought into the attack he immediately drove him for four as well.

England's Test debutant Simon Brown, who took a wicket with his 10th delivery on the first day, had his second and third balls of the day belted through cover for four by Rashid. A Rashid single off the last ball of the over took his score to 45 and brought up the 50 stance.

But Salisbury ended the show with a beautifully flighted delivery which pitched on leg and spun back towards off-stump, catching the edge of Rashid's bat and carrying to Graeme Hick at first slip.

Knight was off the mark for England on the first ball he received from Akram, and the runs came easily for the next three overs.

Atherton's first ball from Younis was glanced to the fine leg boundary, and in Younis's next over the England skipper clipped another delivery off his legs for his second four.

At lunch Knight was 15 not out and Stewart was unbeaten on four with England 306 runs behind.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test be-

tween England and Pakistan at Lord's on Friday.

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (oversnight 290-9)

Aamir Sohail lbw b Brown	2
Saeed Anwar c Russell b Hick	74
Ijaz Ahmed b Cork	1
Inzamamul Haq b Mullally	148
Saim-Malik run out	7
Shadab Kabir lbw b Cork	17
Wasim Akram lbw b Ealham	10
Rashid Latif c Hick b Salisbury	45
Mushtaq Ahmed c Russell b Mullally	11
Waqar Younis c Brown b Mullally	4
Aatur Rehman not out	10
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-3)	11
Total:	340

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-12; 3-142; 4-153; 5-209; 6-257; 7-267; 8-280; 9-290.

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Cork	28	6	100	2
Brown	17	2	78	1
Mullally	24	8	42	3
Salisbury	12	2	42	1
Ealham	21	4	42	1
Hick	6	0	26	1

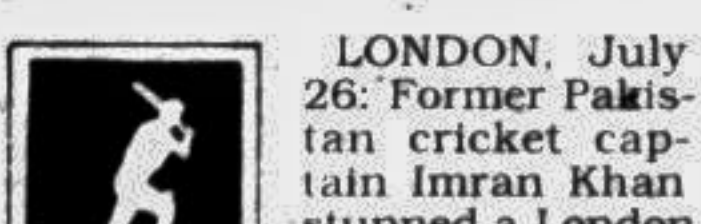
**ENGLAND:** 1st innings

N Knight lbw b Waqar	51
M Atherton lbw b Wasim Akram	12
A Stewart lbw b Mushtaq Ahmed	39
G Thorpe not out	43
G Hick b Waqar	4
M Ealham c Latif b Aatur Rehman	25
J Russell not out	4
Extras: (b-7, lb-13, w-1, nb-1)	22
Total: (for five wickets)	200

Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-107; 3-107; 4-116; 5-180.

<b>Bowling (to date)</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Wasim Akram	16	4	34	1
Waqar	14	4	42	2
Mushtaq Ahmed	28	4	68	1
Rehman	10	1	33	1
Sohail	3	1	3	0

## Imran's prudent posture



LONDON, July 26: Former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan stunned a London libel court on Thursday when he withdrew his defence that he was justified in alleging that Ian Botham had tampered with the ball and offered the former England all-rounder a public apology, reports Reuter.

Botham and former England colleague Allan Lamb are suing Imran for libel over an "offensive personal attack" on them in India Today magazine, which they say called them racist, uneducated and lacking class and upbringing.

Botham alone is suing over a May 1994 report in the Sun newspaper, which, he says, accused him of ball-tampering — something he says he has never done.

Imran, who denies libel,

filed a claim of justification based on video footage which, he said, showed Botham tampering with the ball during England's 1982 Tests against India and Pakistan.

But he told the court on Thursday that, despite evidence heard in court that it was almost impossible to push a misshapen ball back into shape, he would accept Botham's explanation that he was shown doing just that in footage from the India match.

"I have no reason to doubt Ian when he says he was repairing the ball," Imran said. "I am prepared to go along with that. If he says he was squeezing the ball, then fine, he was squeezing the ball."

Chris Gray, counsel for Lamb and Botham, told Imran his allegations of cheating had received wide publicity during the nine days of the high-profile trial.

But Imran denied he had ever called Botham a cheat. "At no stage have I ever called Mr Botham a cheat. It is technical ball-tampering. I have never regarded it as cheating."

"I will apologise if Mr Botham says he was squeezing the ball,"