

# Column One

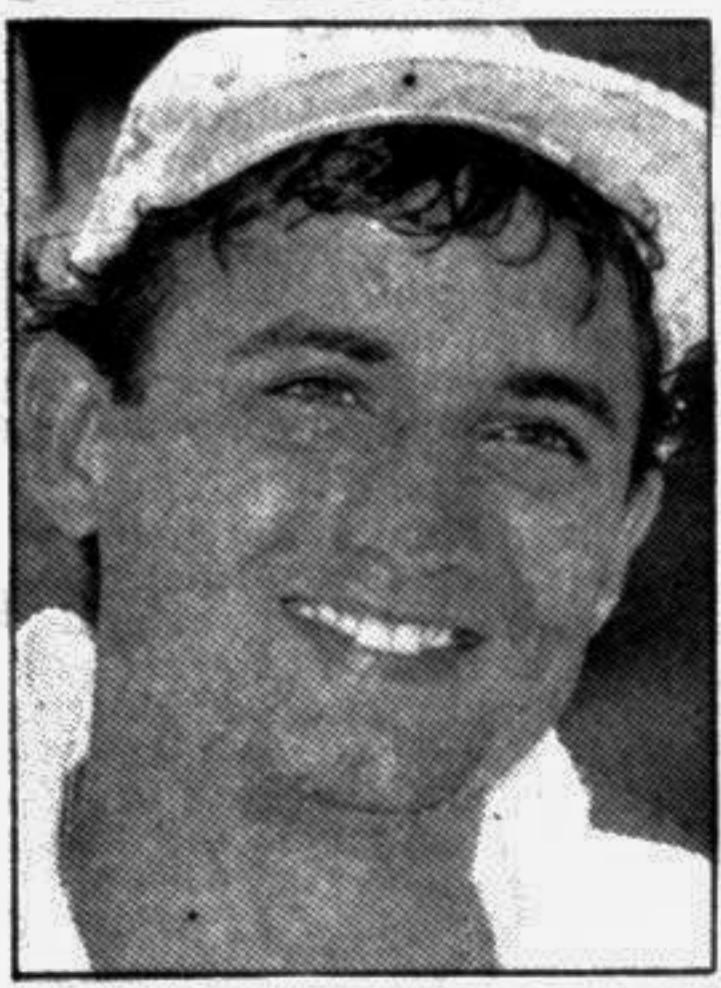
## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT archery could be one of the oldest sport still practised. Some authorities date the origin of archery as early as the Aurignacian period, about 25,000 years before the modern era. The earliest people known to have used the bow and arrow were the ancient Egyptians, who adopted the weapon at least 5000 years ago. In the time of the earliest pharaohs, the Egyptians practised archery in hunting, as well as in warfare against the ancient Persians, who were then equipped only with spears and slingshots. Soon after, however, the bow and arrow was used extensively in the ancient world. The Assyrians and Babylonians depended on the weapon, and the Old Testament refers several times to archery as a characteristic skill of the ancient Hebrews. In China, archery dates back to the Shang dynasty (1766-1027 BC). A war chariot of that time carried a three-man team: driver, lancer, and archer.

Today, in Dhaka, we have rickshaws racing through no less a battlefield, carrying a three-man team: pilot, passenger and panicker.

## SPORTS TALK



**Nayan Mongia**

(Indian wicketkeeper)  
"I have changed now. I have lost so many victims because the umpires had felt I was appealing needlessly even though the appeals were genuine sometimes".

(Said of his earlier habit of appealing so often).

## WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

### Sports WHIZZ KID competition-57

#### ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm November 22, 1996

1 Who won the Titan Trophy?

India S. Africa Australia

2 How many one-day matches has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wickets?

206 207 208

3 The 13th QM Hossain IM chess championship was won by

Zia Reefat M. Lodhi

4 Who clinched the top position in the 16th national age-group swimming championship?

BRSP American Int'l School Biman

5 Which country will host the 1998 Commonwealth Games?

Malaysia England Hong Kong

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### Weird reception awaits Venables

**S**YDNEY, Nov 21: Former England manager Terry Venables is facing a hostile reception from Australia's soccer establishment over his appointment as national team coach, reports Reuter.

A newspaper survey published on Thursday showed that two-thirds of national league coaches oppose his hiring for Australia's 1998 World Cup campaign ahead of a local candidate. The view is shared by several former internationals and one former national team coach.

The criticisms, focusing on the decision to allow Venables to spend most of his time in London, prompted a fierce outburst from the man who gave him the 320,000 dollars-a-year job.

"It's a shame that we have some negative comments from the old guard... They are critical because we did not choose a local," Soccer Australia chairman David Hill said.

"Are they seriously suggesting that we should not have picked the best coach available and overlooked him for a locally based coach?" Hill said on his return from London, where he recruited the former Barcelona and Tottenham coach.



Air-borne Eric Cantona of Manchester United (C) and an unknown Juventus opponent show their acrobatic skills in quest of the ball during their UEFA Champions' League encounter at Old Trafford on Nov 20. Juventus won 1-0.

— AFP/UNB photo

## Man United upended again



LONDON, Nov 21:

Manchester United slumped to their second consecutive home defeat in the Champions League on Wednesday with Fenerbahce winning in Istanbul. The English champions are staring European Cup elimination squarely in the face, reports Reuter.

United lost 1-0 to European champions Juventus thanks to a first-half penalty from Alessandro Del Piero while the Turkish champions who claimed a historic victory at Old Trafford three weeks ago to throw Group C wide open, beat Rapid Vienna by the same scoreline.

Fenerbahce go second in the group on seven points one ahead of United. Juve to the pile on 13 points and qualify for the quarterfinals in first place.

United now travel to Vienna for their final group game on December 4 with their destiny out of their hands.

They need at least a draw there and will need a win if Fenerbahce steal a point in Turin on the same night.

Elsewhere, AC Milan ended Porto's 100 per cent record by forcing a 1-1 draw in a bad-tempered match in Portugal.

Dutchman Edgar Davids scored first for the Italians before Emilio Pimenta equalised for Porto 15 minutes from time.

The tension noticeable throughout the match reportedly erupted into blows after the players left the pitch.

Eye-witnesses said Milan's Liberian striker George Weah punched Porto defender Jorge Costa in the tunnel leading to

the dressing-rooms.

The clash triggered a series of other scuffles between players as a dazed Costa, blood streaming from his nose, was led away for medical attention.

With Rosenborg beating Gothenburg 1-0 in the Scandinavian derby, Milan, who have appeared in five of the last eight European Cup finals, are still not assured of a place in the last eight.

They stand second in Group D on seven points, one ahead of the Norwegians, who travel to the San Siro for what should be a nail-biting final match for the Italians, bidding to equal Real Madrid's record by lifting the European Cup for the sixth time.

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## Sport

### Warne wanted to quit?

SYDNEY, Nov 21: Leg-spinner Shane Warne, a principal weapon for Australia in the first Test against West Indies starting on Friday, says he considered retiring over a finger injury which still requires treatment, reports Reuter.

Warne told the Sydney Morning Herald today that he thought about quitting cricket while recovering from surgery in May to repair ligament damage on the ring finger of his right hand and he still needs daily treatment on the injury.

"There were stages where I thought, 'What happens if this finger doesn't come good? What am I going to do?'" Warne said.

"I didn't want to retire or finish at this stage. I've got a few things I want to do first, team-wise and personally."

"I suppose anyone who has a serious injury is going to have those doubts about whether you're going to play or not. The doubts did cross my mind two to months ago," he said. Warne lines up with his Australian teammates on Friday in his first international match since May after missing recent tours to India and Sri Lanka while recuperating from surgery.

He told the newspaper his finger is iced and massaged every day and is placed in a brace at night. Warne also receives daily treatment to the forearm and shoulder of his right arm.

Warne has played two first class matches as captain of the Victoria State team this month and, despite modest returns by his own high standards, felt he was back to near his best during a match against New South Wales which finished on Monday.

Warne said he managed to make several deliveries spin and jump against New South Wales and "felt really happy" when two deliveries hit wicket-keeper Darren Berry in the jaw.