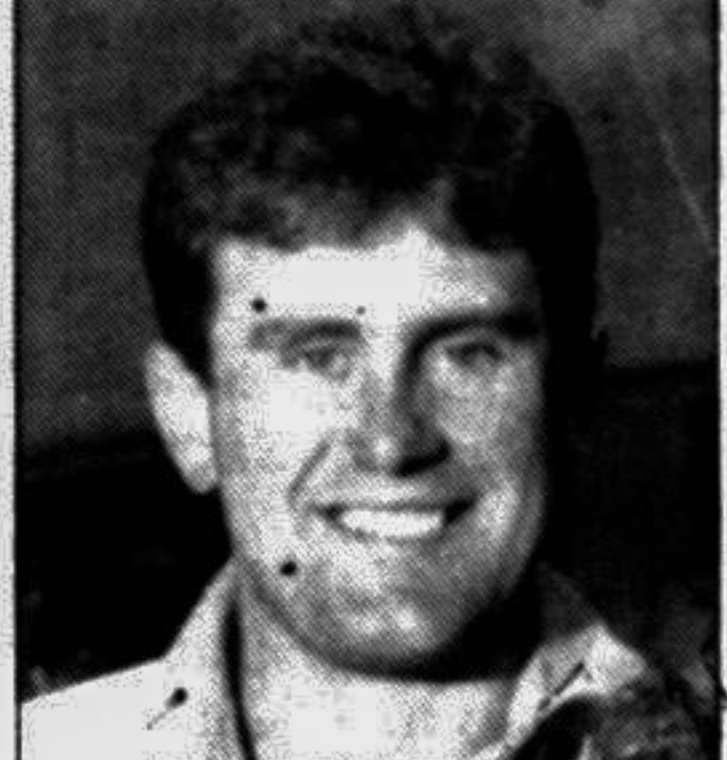


Column One DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That the spectacle of Sumo wrestling is rather puzzling to television viewers like me. A contest seems to last for such a short time. But what is this Sumo thing? Well, Sumo wrestling is a popular Japanese combative sport. It pits huge men against one another in an attempt to force a wrestler out of the ring, or to bring his body below the knees, to the mat. The rules of Sumo wrestling prohibit kicking, gouging, hair pulling, and the like, but allow such actions as pushing, pulling, slapping, throwing, and grappling. Traditionally, Sumo wrestlers are Japanese, although Americans have recently won Sumo championships and proved themselves capable wrestlers.

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Mark Taylor (Australia cricket captain) "He's up there among the top bowlers in the world."

On teammate Glenn McGrath.

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Table with 5 questions about sports events and players, including options like 'Who won the Danish Premier Division football league title this season?' and 'Which team won the Bilyou Dibaah Cup hockey title?'.

Registration form for Whizz Kid competition with fields for Name, Class, Roll No., School Address, and Phone.



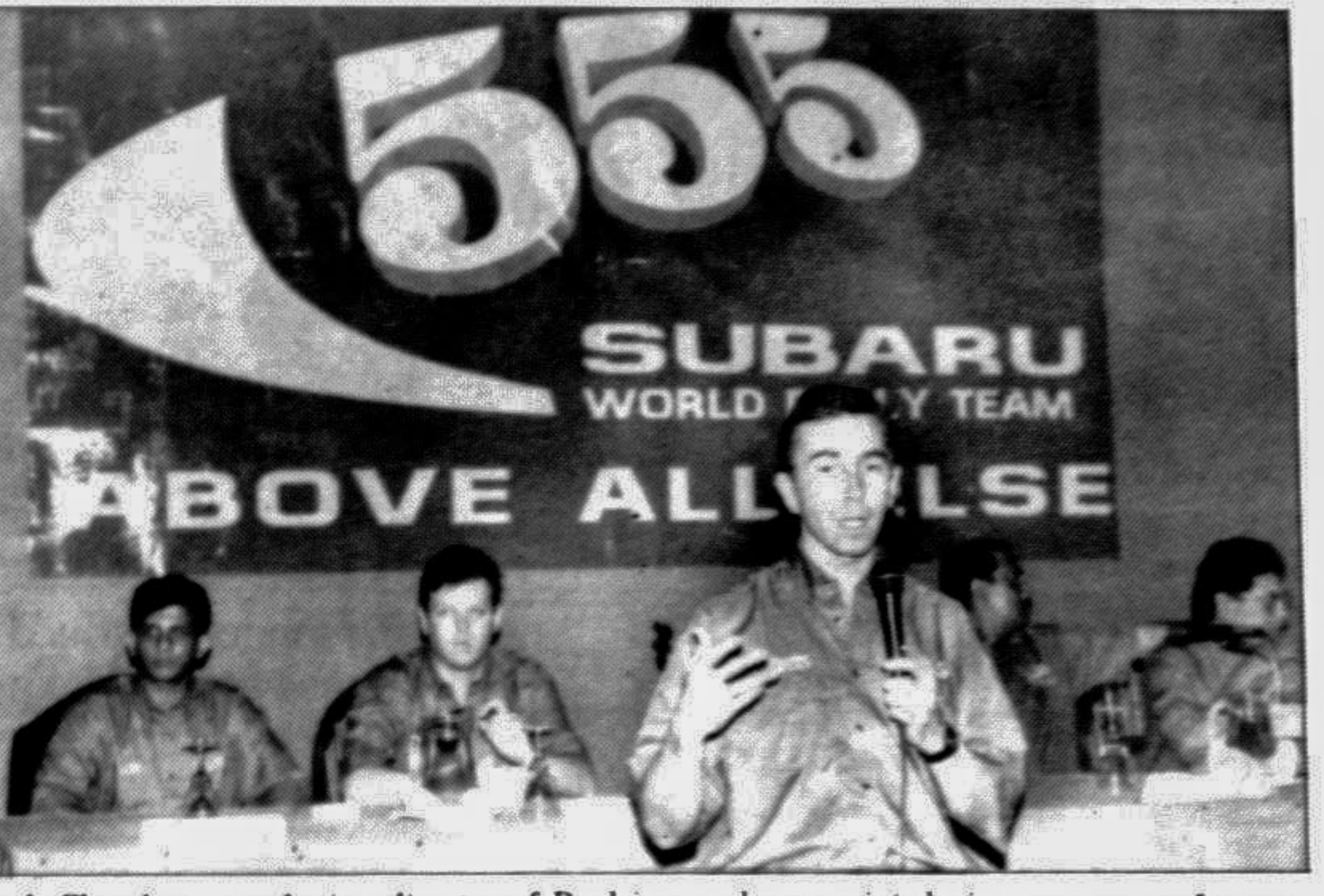
Russians Garri Kasparov (L) and Anatoly Karpov shake hands prior to their ninth round match of the World Chess Super tournament in Canary Islands on Dec 20.

Pakistanis in ignominy

HOBART, Australia, Dec 21: Pakistanis registered ducks as Tasmania boasted their first victory over an international side in a first-class match since beating India 1997-78. The debacle left team coach Mushtaq Mohammad fuming as he vented out of the dressing rooms to talk with the press.

FIA World Rally begins Jan 19

Sports Reporter To create interest among the local fans and honour the two-time 555 Subaru World Rally champion team Bangladesh Tobacco Company organised a press conference in a city hotel yesterday.



Hugh Chambers, marketing director of Prodrive, makes a point during a press conference organised by the Bangladesh Tobacco Company at a city hotel yesterday.

Windies wrest the reins

WANGARATTA, Australia, Dec 21: The West Indian cricketers were on the road to a morale boosting victory after dismissing Victoria cheaply in their second innings here Saturday, reports AFP.

Waugh keeps Queensland waiting

BRISBANE, Dec 21: Steve and Mark Waugh stymied Queensland's push for outright victory with an unbroken 139-run partnership for New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield cricket match here today, reports AFP.

Showing guts all the way

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 21: A year that began so miserably for Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf ended with them No. 1 once again, rising above new and old rivals themselves on their steely composure on court, and they relied on that quality to produce some of their greatest triumphs in one of their toughest years off court.

Advertisement for 'ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংকার্স বাংলাদেশ' (Institute of Bankers Bangladesh) featuring a portrait of a man and text about banking education and exams.

Gullit sticks to his guns

LONDON, Dec 21: In the face of suggestions that foreign footballing names are simply cashing in on the Premiership Ruud Gullit insists that foreign investment can be good for English football, reports AFP.

Advertisement for 'গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার' (People's Republic of Bangladesh Government) regarding a recruitment drive for women officers.

Crossword puzzle by Eugene Sheffer with clues for words like 'Babe, e.g.', 'Here again', and 'Post-bout garb'.

US Davis Cup team named

NEW YORK, Dec 21: US Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson Friday announced his team for the first-round tie against Brazil, including two players who skipped the 1995 campaign.