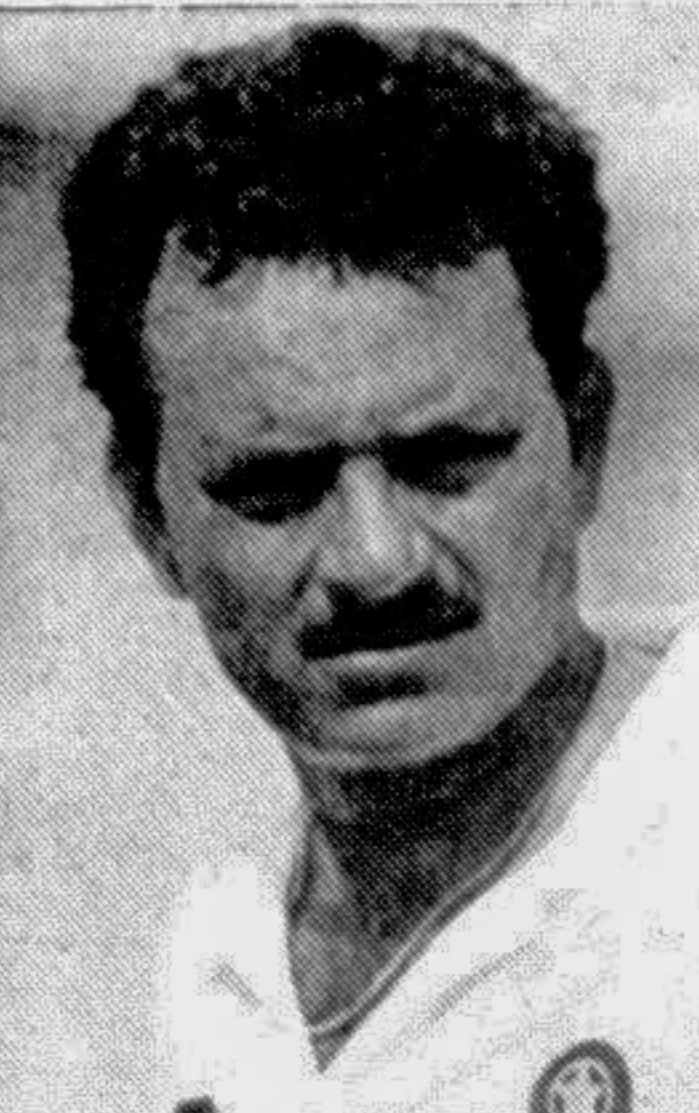


Column One  
SPORTS TALK



**Madan Lal**  
(India cricket team manager)  
"A captain is only as good as his team."

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1	Who won the third SAARC cricket tournament?	Pakistan	India	Sri Lanka
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3	In which group is Bangladesh placed in the ICC Trophy?	A	B	C
4	How many Tests will India play in their ongoing Caribbean tour?	2	4	5
5	After how many matches has Pete Sampras suffered his first loss this year?	17	18	19

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**Nirman schools ties resume**

Sports Reporter



The final round of the 15th Nirman schools cricket championship got underway at different city venues yesterday.

On the inaugural day of the knock-out round involving twenty-eight schools from across the country, Khulna Zilla School, Sammilani Institute of Jessore, Rajarampur Hamidullah School of Nawabganj and Rajbari Zilla School moved into the next phase, eliminating their respective opponents.

On the western strip at the Dhanmudi Cricket Stadium, Khulna Zilla School recorded a facile seven-wicket win over United Islamia School of Madaripur. In a low-scoring affair, the Khulna boys, chasing a modest United Islamia total of 124, plundered 127 for the loss of three wickets in only 19 overs. Khulna, who have been placed in Group B, will meet the runners-up of Dhaka

Div II soccer  
Sports Reporter

Avijatrik Malibagh, Jurain Janata Club and Prantik Krira Chakra won their respective Second Division football league engagements at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Avijatrik handed Little Friends Club a 3-0 defeat in the first match with forward Asad scoring two goals in the 15th and 39th minutes. Pranotosh added the other in the 65th minute.

In the next match, Jurain Janata recorded a solitary goal victory over Gandaria Famous Sporting Club. Ripon scored the all important goal in the 15th minute.

In the day's last encounter, Prantik Krira Chakra defeated East End Boys Club by two goals to nil.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

**Gazi Tank 17th National Youth Cricket Championship:**  
Khulna vs Mymensingh (DCS, east)

**Sylhet vs Rajshahi (CCG)**  
**15th Nirman School National Cricket Championship:**  
Moulavibazar Govt HS vs Barisal BM School (MOS)

**Narsingdi Satipara HS vs Faridpur Zilla School (DCS west)**

**Jhenidah Arupur Pre-cadet HS vs Saint Placid, Chittagong (Uttara)**

**Narail Zilla School vs Tangail Bindubashini HS (DCG)**  
**Shariatpur Tulashar HS vs Pabna Zilla School (T&T)**  
**Chuadanga MA Bari HS vs Comilla Zilla School (MSC)**

**Second Division Football League:**  
(Venue: Mirpur Stadium)  
Dhaka Wanderers vs Adamjee SCC (2:30 p.m.)  
Shantinagar Club vs Mahakhali Ekadash (4:30 p.m.)  
(Venue: Rajuk ground)  
Eskaton SS vs Lalmatia Club (2:30 p.m.)  
BG Press & SRC vs The Muslim Institute (4:30 p.m.)

Zone Maple Leaf International at the Mirpur Outer Stadium tomorrow.

At the Mohakhali T & T ground, Sammilani Institute of Jessore defeated Naogaon Zilla School by four wickets. Batting first, the Naogaon boys scored 141 before being all out in 38.2 overs with Selim notching highest 38 for the vanquished. In reply, the Jessore outfit posted 143 for six wickets in 32 overs with Babul making a dazzling 35.

Sammilani Institute will appear in their next Group B match against Rajbari Zilla School, who recorded a resounding 55-run win over Mymensingh Zilla School away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yesterday.

In a high-scoring affair, Rajbari, batting first, piled up a commanding total of 172 before being shot out in 37.2 overs. Rana top-scored with 30.

On the other hand, the Mymensingh boys, in their chase, were caved in for 117 in 32.1 overs.

Meanwhile, in the other billing of the day at the remote Uttara Friends Club ground, a brilliant half-century by Aloke

went down the drain as Rajarampur Hamidullah School defeated Aided School of Sylhet by three wickets.

Aloke scored an enterprising 77 to help Aided School garner a face-saving 139. But Rajarampur boys cruised to 145 in 25.3 overs with Mamun contributing 41.

Rajarampur Hamidullah School, who have been placed in Group A, will feature in their next match against Narayanganj Champion School, who earned an effortless passage into the next round as their yesterday's opponents Gagan Memorial School failed to turn up for the scheduled match.

**Independence Day rowing**

The Independence Day rowing competition, organised by the Bangladesh Rowing Federation, will be held on March 26 at the Buriganga to mark the silver jubilee of independence reports BSS.

An organising committee was formed with Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif as its chairman.

**Nat'l youth championship**  
**Defending champs bow out**

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Narayanganj were knocked out of the Gazi Tank 17th national youth cricket championship yesterday when Rajshahi Education Board (REB) handed them an upset two-wicket defeat at the City Club ground in one of the two matches billed for the opening day of the final round.

In a low-scoring affair, REB, chasing a paltry Narayanganj total of 103 in 45 overs, scored 105 in 33.3 overs with two wickets in hand, thanks to Mr Sundries which added the highest 19 runs to the winners' account. Lower middle-order bats Rashid (18) and Selim (17) were the notable run-getters behind the odd collection.

For Narayanganj, Pappu raised a glimmer of hope when he claimed four wickets for 21 runs, but it was not enough to resist the REB outfit.

Earlier, put into bat, the defending champions were bundled out for 103 in 33.3 overs with middle-order bat Shyamol scoring highest 18.

REB's Intiaz and Faisal shared six wickets between them conceding 18 and 21 runs respectively.

With the victory, REB booked a berth in the semifinals of the championship. They will now face Comilla, who in the day's other match defeated Chittagong with the same margin on the eastern strip at the Dhanmudi Cricket Stadium, in the round of last four on March 22.

Earlier, chasing a fighting Chittagong total of 200 in 45 overs, opener Imran and middle-order Bulbul hammered 58 runs each as Comilla reached the summit (201) in 41.4 overs losing only two wickets. In his breezy 34-ball stay at the crease, Imran hit ten sweetly timed boundaries and a huge six while Bulbul remained unbeaten facing 65 balls.

In the morning, put into bat, the losers managed 200 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs with Anindya scoring highest 61. Among others, Arif and Akbar added 43 and 30 runs respectively.

**Golota-Mercer bout May 16**

NEW YORK, Mar 20: Controversial Polish heavyweight Andre Golota is to fight former Olympic heavyweight champion Ray Mercer on May 16 in Madison Square Garden, it was announced here on Wednesday, reports AP.

The 29-year-old Golota, who was disqualified twice for hitting former undisputed world heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe with low punches despite being ahead on points, said he would behave himself against Mercer because he played by the rules unlike Bowe, who was the dirtiest fighter in the world.

"The gloves were off against Bowe but Mercer's not that kind of guy. I've never seen him do anything illegal in a fight," said Golota, whose record stands at 28 wins with 25 inside the distance and the two defeats to Bowe.

The 35-year-old Mercer, who won gold at the Seoul Olympics while Golota won bronze in the same division, warned Golota that he would not allow him to play dirty.

"He cheated against Bowe and I hope he has fixed his problem. If no it then I will," Mercer said.

Mercer, who only took up boxing at the age of 22 when he was an infantryman so he could avoid a gruelling 30-day winter survival exercise, will be a stern test for the pole as he lost narrowly on points to current World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis in a heavyweight bout last May.

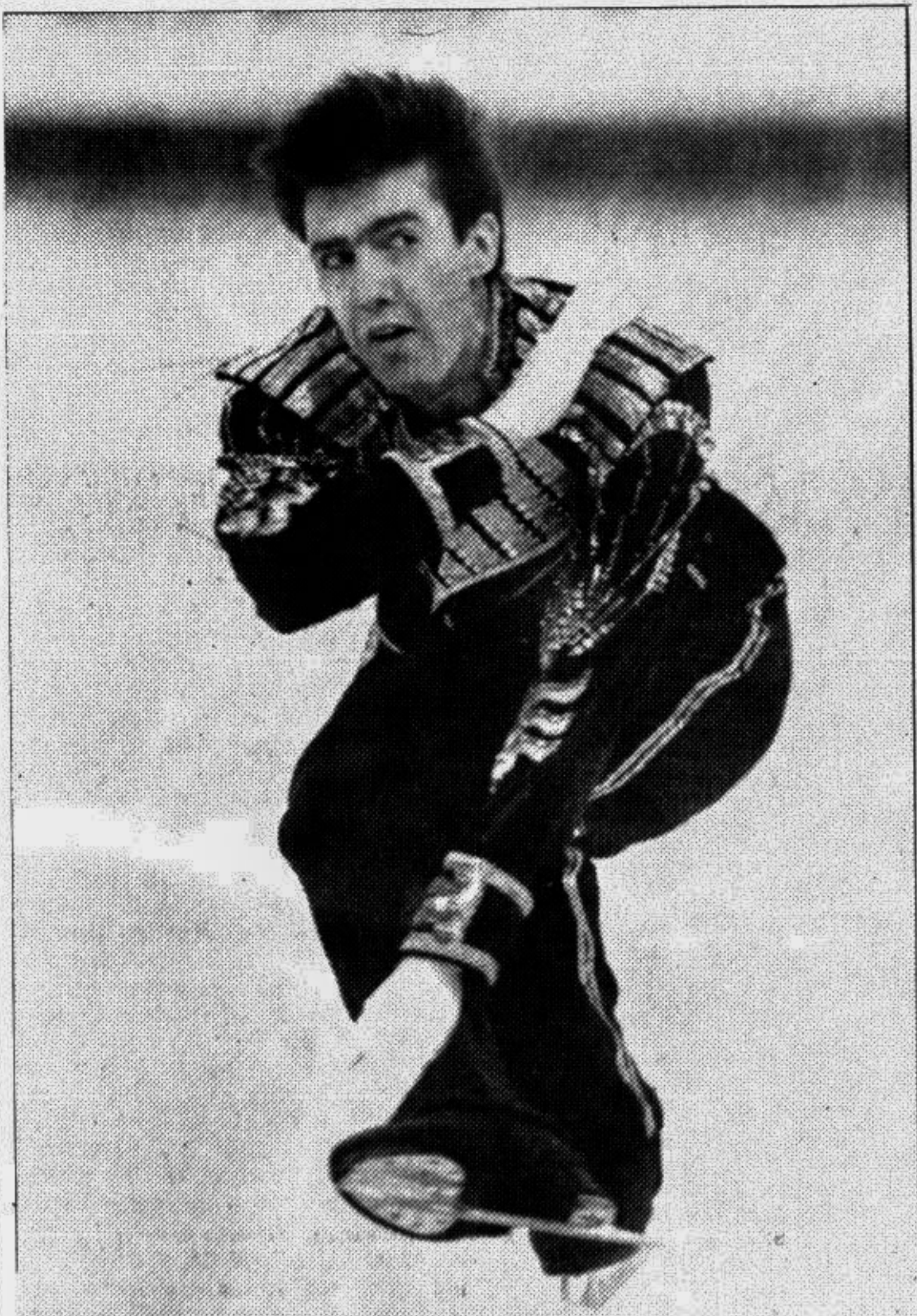
**Annual sports**

BANDARBAN, Mar 20: The annual sports competition and prize distribution ceremony of Bandarban Government Girls' High School were held recently, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban Atiqul Islam Chowdhury was present on the occasion as chief guest.

**Slovaks want to go to Nagano**

BRATISLAVA, Mar 20: Slovakia will formally apply for participation in next year's Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, later this month, the Slovak Olympic Committee said on Thursday, reports Reuter.



Russian Alexei Urmanov performs his short programme in the men's competition at the World Figure Skating Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland on Mar 19. Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland on Mar 19. — AFP/UNB photo

**SAF Games fate uncertain**

Sports Reporter

The eighth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, scheduled to begin in the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu from September 20, is almost certain to be delayed, at least till April 1998.

According to a faxed message received here yesterday, it was learnt that the organisers Nepal Olympic Committee (NOC) has expressed their inability to complete the necessary preparations for holding of the biennial regional extravaganza within the stipulated time. The regional sort of Olympic Games include the seven SAARC nations — Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. It was gathered that if the NOC suggest for a change in the schedule, they would have to ratify the existing bye-laws which read, the Games should be organised in every two years. And for a change, it is mandatory to convene a meeting.

A meeting is likely to be held in Dhaka in May in this connection.

**Booters ensure all-defeat record**

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh ended their first-leg World Cup Asian Group One qualifying round with a whitewash when fancied Saudi Arabia handed them a 1-4 defeat in their last match at the Shah Alam Stadium in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

According to a faxed message received here last night, Saudi Arabia, one of two Asian representatives in the 1994 World Cup in USA, led the first half 2-1.

They took the lead in the 20th minute and extended the margin ten minutes later before Bangladesh showed signs of a bouncing back with defender Jewel Rana converting a penalty four minutes from the lemon-break.

But after the breather, the strong Saudi Arabia punched in two more in within the span of eight minutes to seal the fate of the match.

It was the third consecutive defeat for Bangladesh. They had earlier conceded a 0-2 defeat at the hands of host Malaysia in their inaugural match before Chinese Taipei humbled them 3-1 in their second match.

The national football team is due to return home tomorrow, and will immediately set off on the following day for the second leg to be held in Saudi Arabia on March 23, however, with a new set of officials.

In the second leg, Bangladesh will meet hosts Saudi Arabia on March 27 while Chinese Taipei and Malaysia on March 29 and 31 respectively.

**MLS enters 2nd season Saturday**

SAN JOSE, California, Mar 20: Major League Soccer (MLS) begins its second season of trying to establish the sport in the United States here Saturday when San Jose play hosts to the New York-New Jersey Metrostars, reports AP.

The host clash will be without scoring leader Eric Wynalda who will be playing for the US national team in a World Cup qualifying match at Costa Rica on Sunday.

Wynalda scored the first goal in MLS history here last year off an assist from Nigeria's Beniroha who wound up scoring the league's 500th goal last September off a pass from Wynalda.

The Metrostars, missing injured Tab Ramos, are guided by Carlos Alberto Parreira, the man who guided Brazil to the 1994 World Cup crown. Italy's Roberto Donadoni and Venezuela's Giovanni Savarese provide scoring punch.

The teams to catch in most remain last year's finalists, champions DC United of Washington and the Los Angeles Galaxy.

United feature El Salvador's Raul Diaz Arce, Bolivian stars Marco Etcheverry and Mo Moreno plus American standouts John Harkes and Eddie Pope.

The Galaxy, led by Mexican goalkeeper Jorge Campos, feature a strong Latin American cast paced by Brazilian newcomer Weldon, Ecuadorian 21-goal scorer Eduardo Hurtado and Guatemalan star Martin Machon.

The league's attendance leader, boosted by strong Hispanic marketing, also features former Zimbabwean league professional and television actor Andrew Shus.

Africa's MLS contingent includes South Africa doctor Khumalo of Columbus and Shuan Bartlett of Colorado, Zimbabwe's Vitalis 'digital' Takawira of Kansas City, his Nigerian teammate Uche Okafor, plus Mozambique's Chiquinho Onda and Nigeria's Francis Okaroh, both of New England.

Europe's small MLS contingent includes Ireland's Paul Keegan of New England, Scotland's Richard Gough and Mo Johnson plus Yugoslavian Preki of Kansas City and Italy's Giuseppe Galdeisi, a teammate of Colombian star Carlos Valderrama on Tampa Bay.

The mutiny also added Brazilian standout Joao Batista da Silva. Dallas have the Mo US-filled MLS side, with only Argentina's Daniel Peinado and Diego Sonora adding spark to a defence-minded line-up.

**USA now thinks otherwise**

NEW YORK, Mar 20: US Soccer organisers are planning an ambitious 1999 women's World Cup that will dwarf the previous two 'stagnant' events, tournament officials said yesterday, reports Reuter.

"The first one in China was sort of hidden away in China and in Sweden it was purposefully done very small and low-key," US Soccer president Alan Rothenberg said of the first two women's World Cups, held in 1991 and 1995.

"This time we are going for it," Rothenberg said at a news conference to introduce members of the organising committee, including former Olympic gold medalist swimmer Donna de Varona as chairwoman.

"We are going to make this the biggest women's sports tournament in our lifetime," said Rothenberg, who was the head of the men's World Cup held in the United States in 1994.

The women's World Cup is scheduled for June 20-July 7. Sixteen teams will play, with only the host US team, the 1991 champions, assumed of spot. Defending champions Norway will have to qualify.

When the United States first won the right to stage the event, organisers envisioned a small tournament played in four cities all located in the American northeast.

"Our thinking was to hold a small event and have a nice little soccer tournament," said Hank Steinbrecher, executive director of US Soccer.

According to Rothenberg, planners originally envisaged using stadium of no more than 15,000 capacity.

But after seeing the rousing success of women's soccer in last year's Olympic Games in

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— Sports Editor

**Schultz in for Shaun Taylor for a clean sweep**

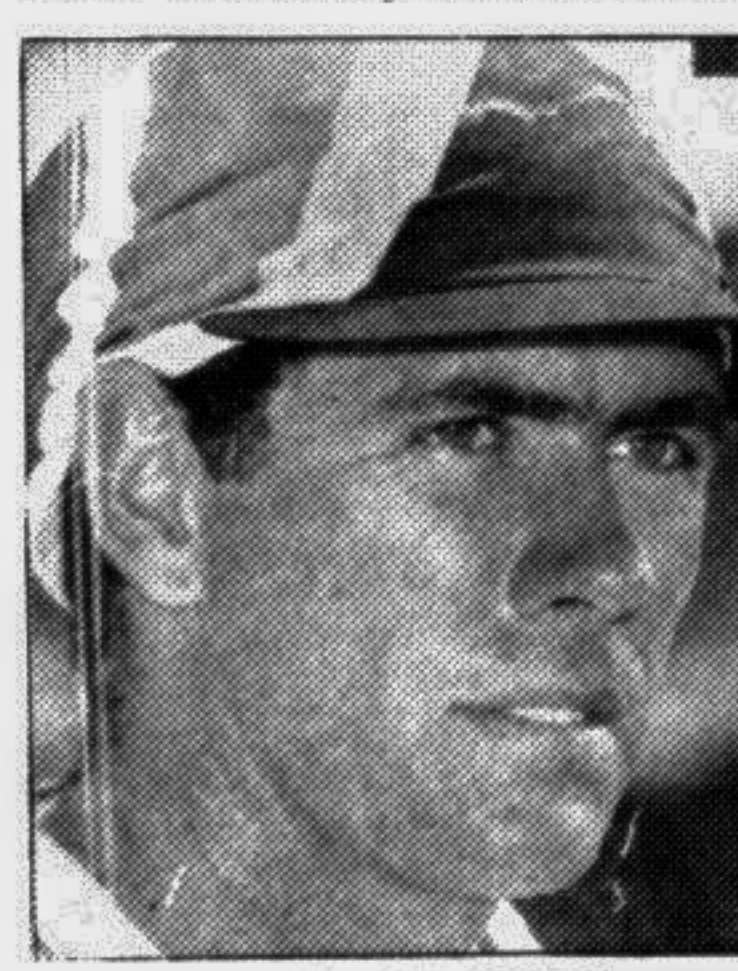


CENTURION, South Africa, Mar 20: South Africa go into the third and final Test against Australia at Centurion Park on Friday staring down the barrel of their first home series whitewash this century, report agencies.

Hansie Cronje's men trail Australia 2-0 after defeats in Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth and a third defeat would link them with the South African side of 1898/99 who lost a three-Test series to Lord Hawke's touring MCC team.

"If we lose three-tilt, we lose three-tilt — that's the reality — it's not a fear," said South Africa coach Bob Woolmer.

"Hopefully we will get one back but Australia are a good side, the reality is that their



**HANSIE CRONJE**  
number four and five batsmen share 140 Tests and they can add all our caps together as many times as you like and you won't get that number.

"We have a very talented team but at Test match level we are still short of experience."

Steve Waugh, a centurion in the first Test, has played 88 Tests and his twin Mark, who guided Australia to victory with a superb innings of 116 in the second Test, has played a total of 62 matches.

South Africa will choose from a squad of 13 with the bal-

ance of the side affected by the fact that all-rounder Brian McMillan may be unable to bowl because of a heel injury.

McMillan will probably play purely as a batsman and may be promoted from his usual number seven to number three as South Africa are facing problems with their fragile batting order.

"We haven't finalised that yet," said Woolmer. "But you can pontificate about systems and batting orders until the cows come home but the only thing that we need is for our young batters to fire."

With Shaun Pollock absent with a hamstring strain either Lance Klusener or left arm fast bowler Brett Schultz is likely to come in as a straight replacement.

Schultz, 26, is on a Test comeback after breaking down on a recall against England 12 months ago.

A genuinely quick strike bowler, Schultz will be an ideal foil for Test spearhead Allan Donald, but his inclusion will depend on the rest of the formation of the playing eleven and the national selectors.

In the absence of McMillan as a bowler, middle order batsman Herschelle Gibbs could well make way for all-rounder Lance Klusener who was dropped after the first Test.

Australia's greatest enemy may be complacency. After clinching their recent home series with West Indies they lost the fifth Test by 10 wickets inside three days in Perth.

"It would be disappointing to perform badly at Centurion Park but there is always that danger," said skipper Mark Taylor.

Taylor confirmed that a track favouring seam bowlers could mean Michael Bevan would get dropped.

Chairman of selectors Trevor Horns will arrive in South Africa to short list the players who will be rested from the seven one-day matches that begin next week.

Australia are expected to send some of their senior players with injury niggles home to give them sufficient time to recover for the Ashes tour.

Taylor could well be one of

them, and has indicated he would like to take a break before the four-month tour starting on May 13.

"I am not 100 per cent fit," Taylor said of his back injury, which cast doubt over his availability after the first Test.

Taylor who has so far gone 18 Test innings without a half-century over the last 15 months, refused to consider standing down from the third Test to make room for the third seamer, if required.

"I am here to captain the Australian cricket team and I want to do it as long as I can," Taylor said. He wouldn't even consider dropping himself down the order.

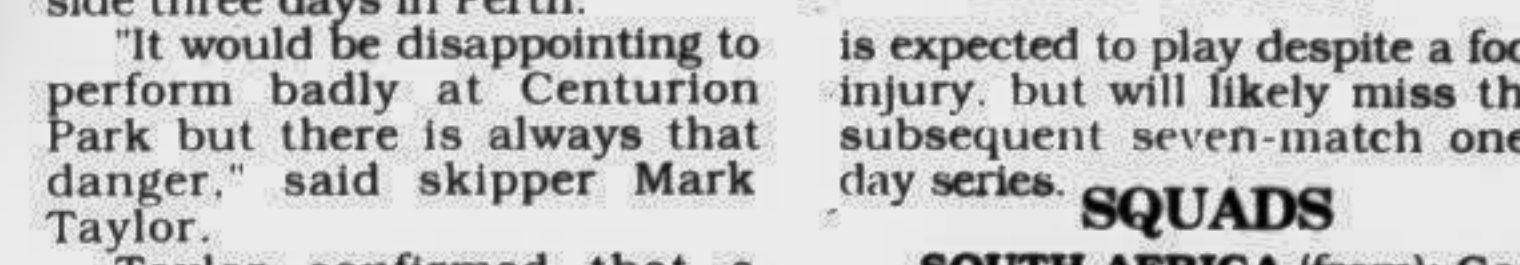
"I've opened the batting all my life," he said. "That's where I've been picked to play for Australia and where I've played 80 Test matches."

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath

is expected to play despite a foot injury, but will likely miss the subsequent seven-match one-day series.

**SQUADS**  
**SOUTH AFRICA** (from): Gary Kirsten, Adam Bacher, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Lance Klusener, Allan Donald, Paul Adams, Brett Schultz, Pat Symcox.

**AUSTRALIA** (from): Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Hayden, Matthew Elliott, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Greg Blewett, Michael Bevan, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie, Paul Reiffel.



**MARK TAYLOR**  
is expected to play despite a foot injury, but will likely miss the subsequent seven-match one-day series.

**USA now thinks otherwise**

Atlanta, where a crowd of 76,489 watched the United States beat China in the gold medal game, organisers began thinking much bigger.

"We really want to move this from being a small regional tournament to becoming an international, large-scale tournament," said Rothenberg.

"We want to give it the surroundings it deserve," he added. "We want major stadiums, I would venture to say that every

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