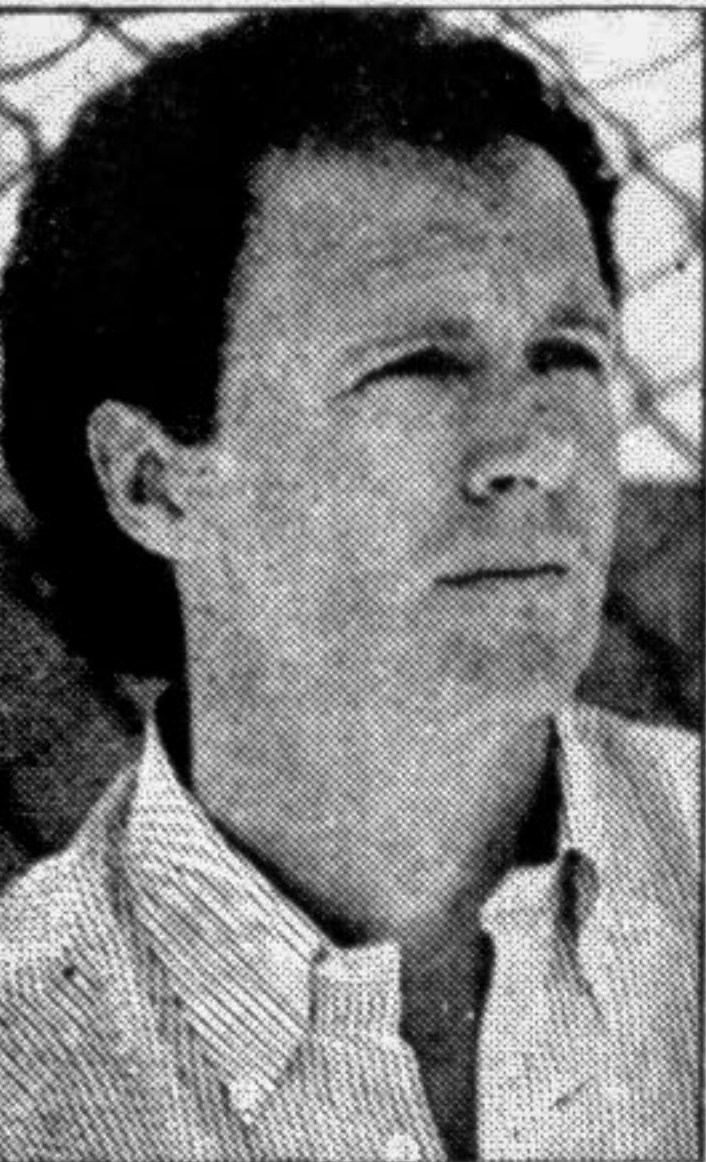


Column One SPORTS TALK



Franz Beckenbauer
(German football legend)
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While refusing to run for the FIFA presidency.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID competition-69

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN competition-69

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes 8 pm, May 16, '97

1. Who was adjudged man-of-the-final in the 6th ICC Trophy?	Pilot	Tikolo	Rafique
2. Who scored two half-centuries for Bangladesh in the 6th ICC Trophy?	Akram	Bulbul	Nannu
3. Who was the man-of-the-match in the second semifinal of the 6th ICC tournament?	Williamson	Pilot	Dumbe
4. How many centuries has Sanath Jayasuriya scored in Test cricket?	Two	Three	Four
5. How old was Denis Compton when he died?	75	78	79

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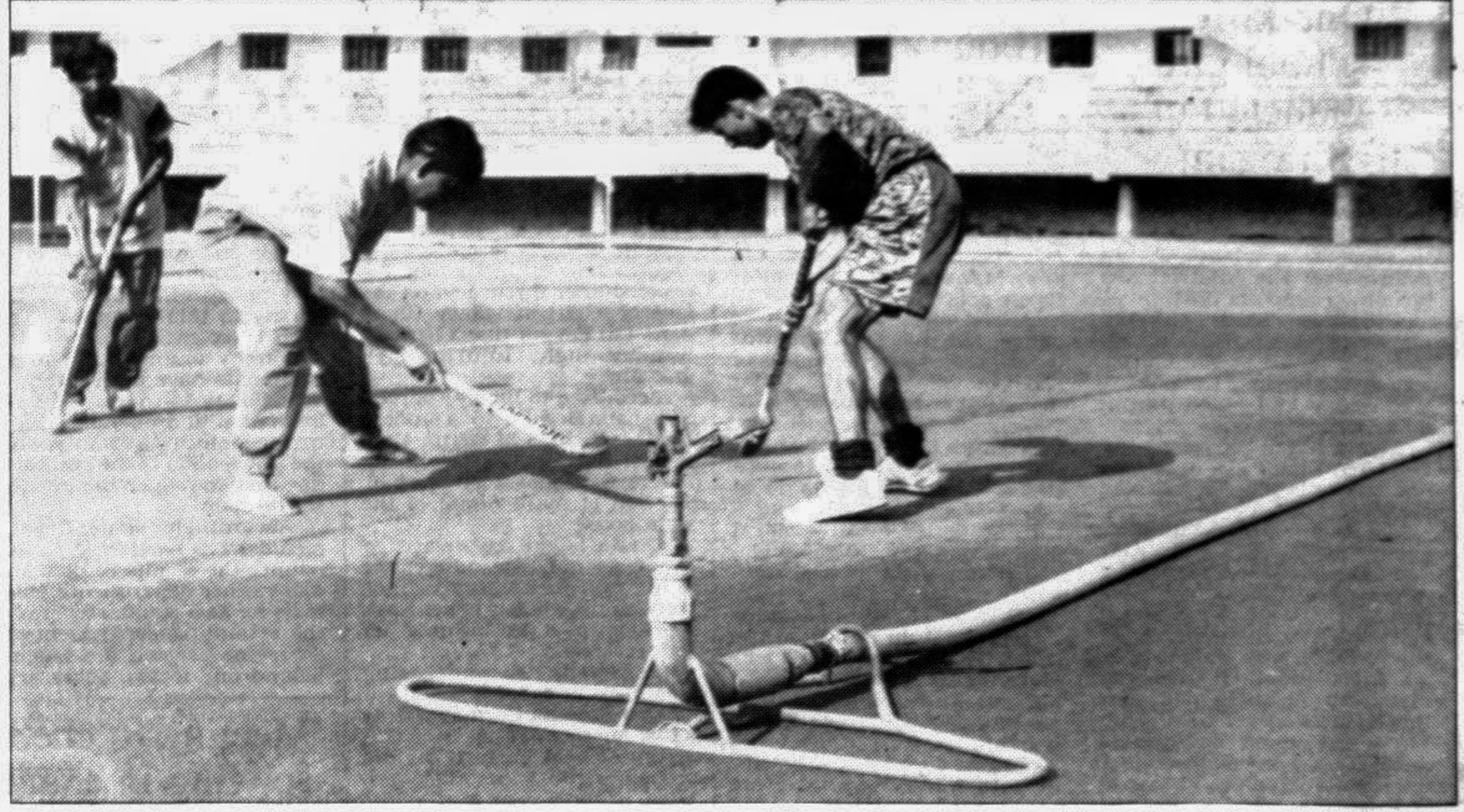
Ctg squeeze into semis

Ishtiaq Ahmed hammered a brilliant unbeaten half-century to propel holders Chittagong DSA into the semifinals of the 23rd national cricket championship with an exciting one-wicket victory over Rajshahi University at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES
RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: 174 for 9 in 50 overs (Nayan 53, Babu 40, Liton 31, Salauddin 25; Rubel 2/26, Enamul 2/30).
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Result: Chittagong won by one wicket.

(175/9) with six balls to spare in the 50-over-aside affair. The young right-hander who plays for Chittagong Friend's Club, hammered five sweetly-timed boundaries in his 100-ball vigil. After the fall of four recognised batsmen — Zahid Razzak (4), Nurul Abedin (16), national skipper Akram Khan (3) and an experienced Minhajul Abedin (7) — Ishtiaq fought a lone battle in his nearly three-hour watchful knock. He shared a valuable 42 runs for the sixth wicket with left-hander Enamul Haque Moni (15) and then went on to make another priceless 41-run partnership with Jahangir Alam Talukder Dulu (17) for seventh wicket before the latter was out leaving Chittagong on 131 for seven in the 40th over.

Earlier, opting to bat, Rajshahi University innings was built around a magnificent 53 by middle order bat Nayan. In his 58-ball stay at the crease, Nayan hammered five fours. Besides, Babu (40), Liton (31) and Salauddin (25) were the other notable run-getters.



LOAD SHEDDING IN SPORTS: Sprinkling, a key element to make any artificial turf playable, could not be possible at the Hockey Stadium yesterday due to the long power lay-off in the capital. As a result none of the two First Division hockey league matches billed for the day could get underway.

Favourites fall in unison

MANCHESTER, England, May 3: Olympic champion Liu Guoliang of China was beaten in the second round of the men's singles Friday night, one of five major seeds eliminated on the same day of the World Table Tennis Championships, reports AP.

The defeat of Yang Ying was the only major upset in the women's singles, although Japan's world No 8 Chire Koyama (once the world champion from China, He Zhi) had to withdraw through illness.

China won all seven titles two years ago in China and is trying to become the first country to defend them all successfully.

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Warne's best Test cricket. "I thought I was slowly getting back to 100 per cent in South Africa," he said. "I feel I'm not far away now from my best form and hopefully this year will be a special one for me," he said.

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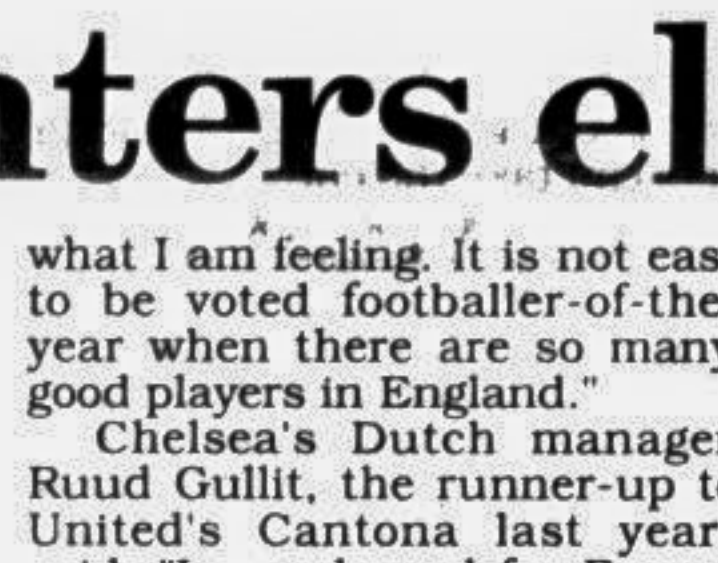
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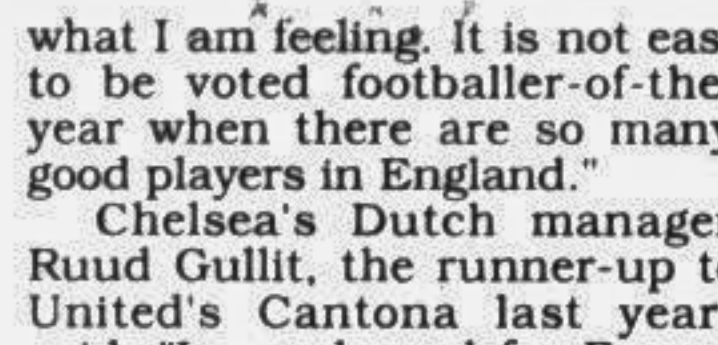
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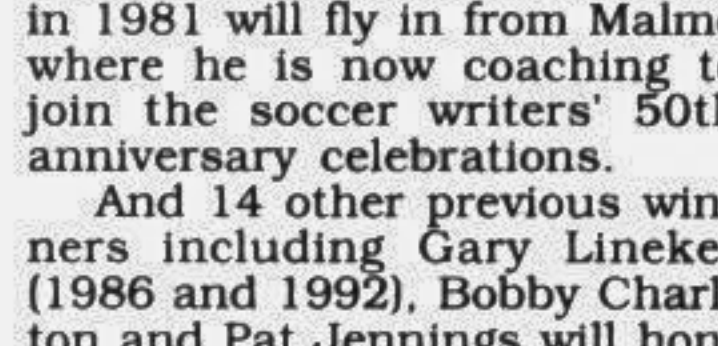
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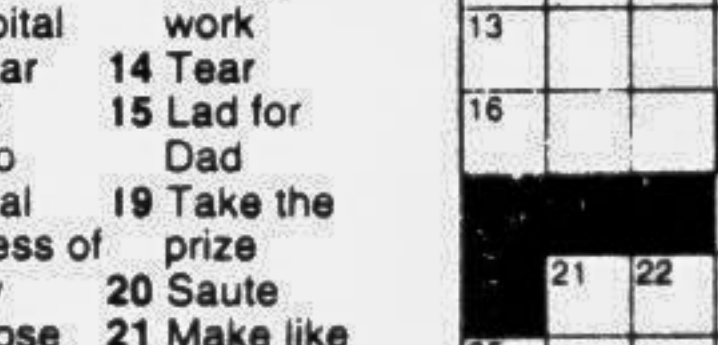
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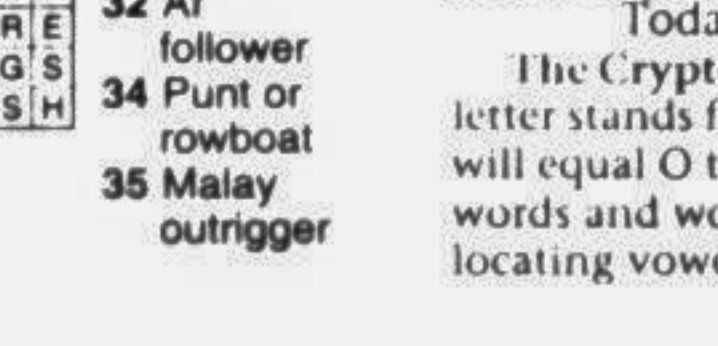
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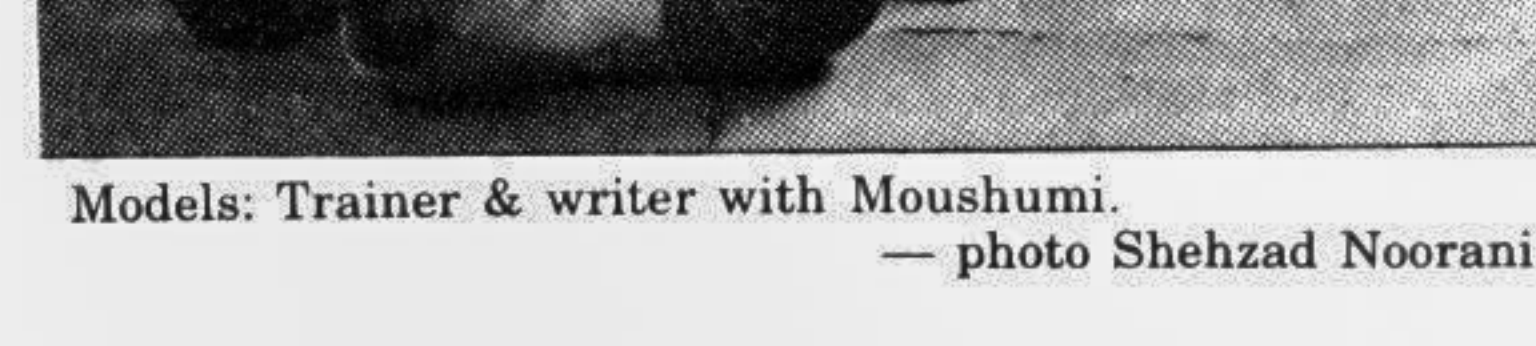
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