

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-73

Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes 8 pm, July 11, '97

- Who is the third fastest server in men's tennis circuit at the moment?
Rusedski Rosset Krajcek
- How many warm-up matches will Bangladesh play before the World Cup in 1999?
Four Three Six
- How many matches has Shahbaz played for Pakistan?
219 220 221
- What is the position of Bangladesh in FIFA rankings for June?
137 138 139
- Who lifted Cote Premier handball league title?
Ansars Menjis BDR

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SPORTS TALK



Boris Becker
"Now I'd like to have a bigger family — three or four children. However, it's not all up to me."
(Said after his last match in Wimbledon)

Div III football

Sports Reporter
Sunrise Sporting Club recorded a solitary goal victory over Lalbagh Sporting Club in their Third Division football super league match played at the Army Stadium yesterday. Bappi scored the important winner for Sunrise four minutes into the first half.
The other engagement between Deepali Jubo Sangsad and Government Printing Press ended in a goalless draw.

Premier Div kabaddi July 18

Sports Reporter
The fourth Premier Division kabaddi league will begin in the city from July 18 under the auspices of Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, says a press release.
Eight teams from four services — BDR, Police, Ansars and Fire Service, will feature in the league. Teams have been requested to enlist by July 12.

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter
Sharmin Textiles Mills Model High School and Dolai-par High School won their respective All Sports schools kabaddi tournament matches held at the kabaddi court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
In the first match, Sharmin Textiles Model High School tamed Tamujuddin High School by 87-58 points while Dolai-par High School won the next tie 83-52 against Vashantek High School.
Maniknagar Model High School will take on Halder Ali High School and College in today's first match at 4 pm while the next encounter will be held between BDR School and College and Razbargh Police Lines High School at 5 pm.

1860 Munich in a stew

BONN, July 8: A bizarre dispute at Bundesliga side 1860 Munich took an even more unusual turn on Monday when German Finance Minister Theo Waigel stepped into the row, reports Reuter.
Waigel, one of 1860's most prominent fans threw his weight behind midfielder Manfred Schwabl, midfielder of the club captaining for not turning up to an official end-of-season party.
The soccer-mad minister said he would take up Schwabl's case with club president Karlheinz Wildmoser and coach Werner Lorant.
"What's happened recently is a shame Schwabl is a real ambassador for 1860", Waigel told the Bild daily. "My stance is clearly pro Schwabl."

Three-day transfer ends Muktis make most of it

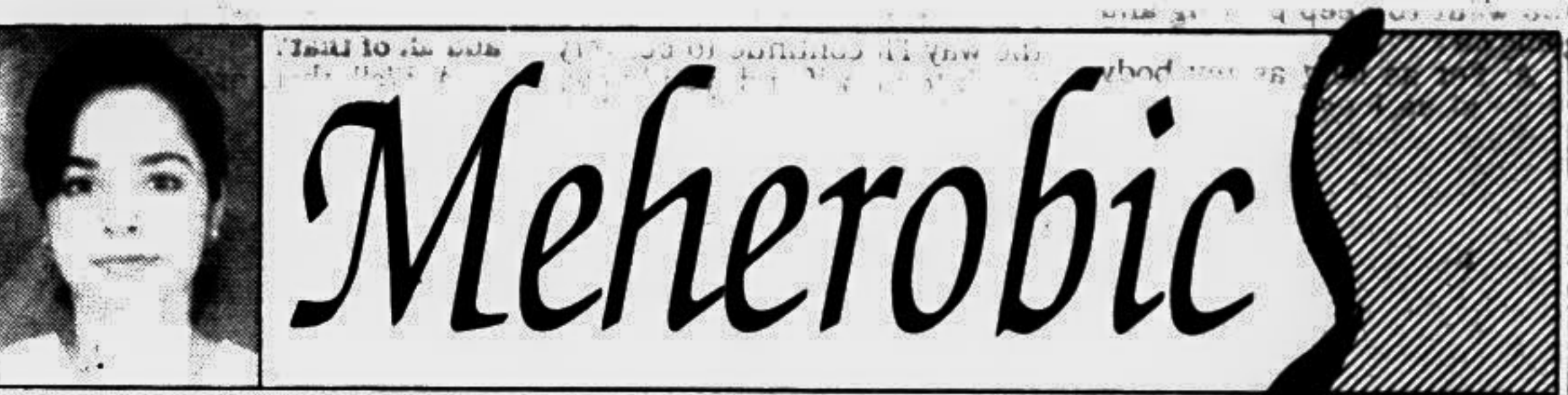
Sports Reporter
Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra, who stole the limelight of the ongoing inter-club booters' transfer by roping in most of the star players, yesterday consolidated their strength further in their already star-studded line-up when they signed up former national midfielder Shahid Hossain Swapan of Abahani Krira Chakra and promising striker Shaiful Kader Munna of Farashganj at the Dhaka Stadium.
Swapan, a key member of Abahani last season, and Munna came at the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee office at around 7:30 pm to change their allegiance on final day of the three-day inter-club bourse.
Aspirants Muktijodha have already ensured the services of Jewel Rana, Iqbal and Rajani of Mohanmedan Sporting Club and Rakib and Hasan-al-Mamun of Abahani KC alongwith Farashganj's custodian Aminul.
Brother Union's Amin Khan was the other notable transfer in an otherwise dull day. The elegant striker has signed for Farashganj Sporting Club.
Besides, defending champions Mohammedans Sporting Club also made a brief visit to the Mahanagari Football League office last night to sign up Sulfan. The young defender had donned the Farashganj's jersey last season.
Mohammedans' arch-rival and last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, who had earlier confirmed the service of striker Mizan on Monday, also participated in last night's bourse. The popular Dhan-

Wilson equals Coe's mark

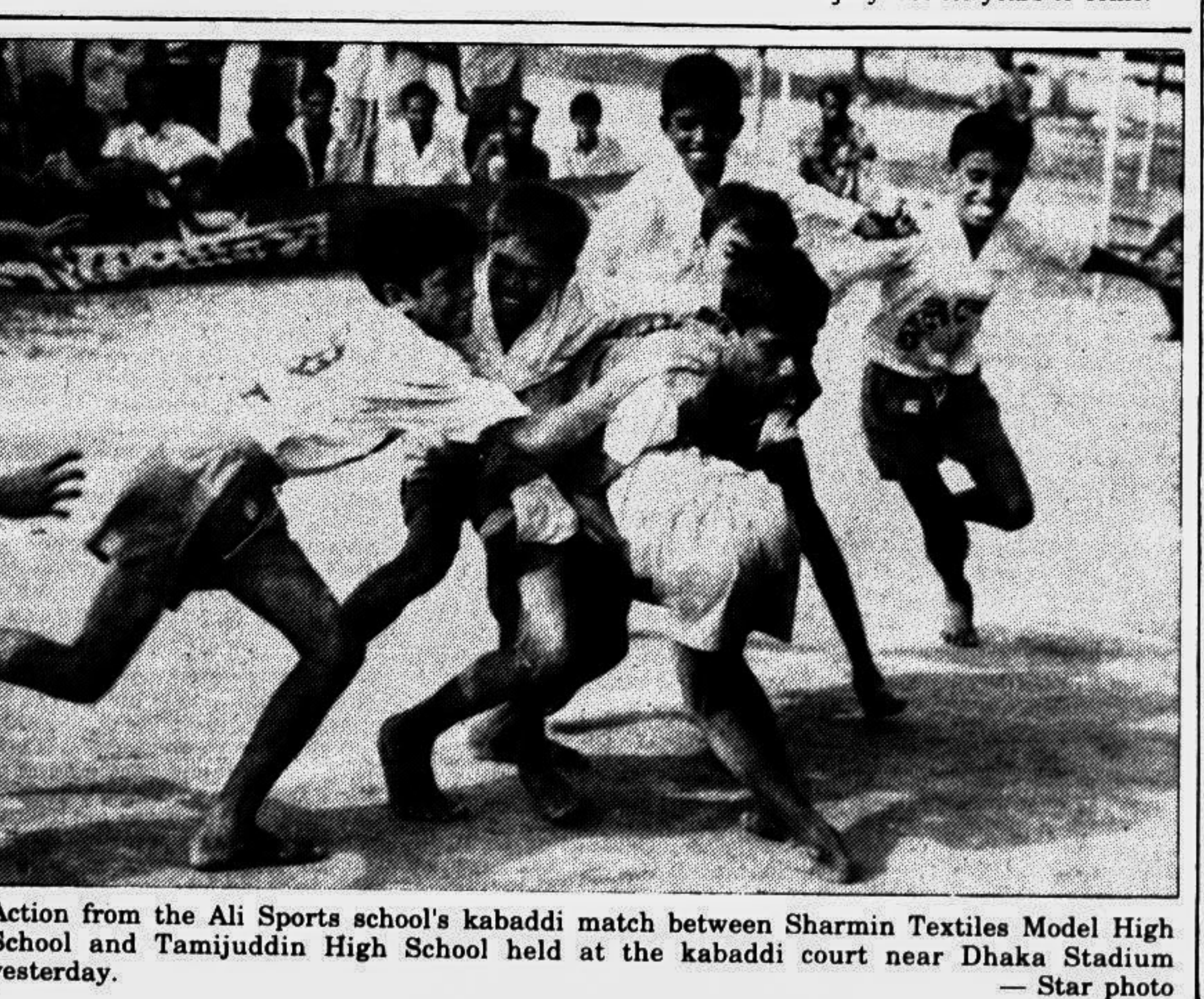
LONDON, July 8: Wilson Kipketer came agonisingly close to breaking the oldest world track record on Monday when he equalled Seb Coe's 16-year-old 800 metres mark at the Stockholm Grand Prix, reports Reuter.
Seemingly off the pace when the field went through the bell in 49.22 seconds, Kipketer emerged with 200 to run and appeared to gather strength as he raced down the home straight.
At the line the time was given as one minute 41.74 seconds — 0.01 of a second outside Coe's mark. But even as Kipketer was jogging his victory lap, the time was adjusted down and the Kenya-born Dane had a share of the world record.
"I am a little bit relieved," Kipketer said. "Because now nobody's going to ask about the world record again."
Kipketer emigrated to Denmark in 1990, was ranked world number one in 1994 and raced away with the world title in Gothenburg in the following year.
Following protests by the Kenyan federation he was not allowed to compete for Denmark at last year's Atlanta Olympics.
He broke the world indoor record twice at the Paris World Championships in March and

Samaranch breaks his promise

COPENHAGEN, July 8: Deaf sports officials hit out at International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch today, claiming he had reneged on an offer to officially open the World Deaf Games, reports AFP.
The 18th World Games for the Deaf begin in Copenhagen on Sunday and organisers had been expecting the Spaniard to conduct the opening.
"On Monday we received a negative response saying that it would be impossible for Samaranch to be in Denmark, even though we received a fax from the IOC on April 4 confirming his participation," Deaf Games press officer Lone Trolberg said.
But his time of 8:01.80 was still the third fastest in history and only the Kenyan himself has ever run faster.
Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj, just half a second outside Noureddine Morcelli's world mile record in Oslo on Friday, was again a disappointed man.
El Guerrouj clocked 3:29.30 seconds over 1,500, outside Morcelli's world mark. But it was the fastest time of the year and only Morcelli has ever run faster.
Baldon, bronze medalist in both the 100 and 200 in Atlanta, won the 100:9.95 seconds and followed with victory in the 200 in 19.82 seconds, fastest this year and sixth fastest of all time.
One man clearly delighted with his night's work on a sweltering Scandinavian evening at the venue which staged the 1912 Olympics was Trinidad's Ato Boldon.
Despite the string of world class performances in the penultimate Grand Prix before the World Championships, the most popular man of the night was nine times Olympic champion Carl Lewis.
Lewis, sporting a new hairstyle which gave him a passing resemblance to former French tennis champion Yannick Noah anchored the Santa Monica Track Club of victory in the 4x100 relay and was still signing autographs well after the meeting had finished.



Within the last few years, step-bench training's popularity has climbed rapidly. An estimated 10 million people have tried step training. Could 10 million steppers be wrong? On the contrary — vigorous stepping provides the cardiovascular benefits of running but stresses the joints little more than walking. Performed to invigorating music with creative choreography, this low-impact workout is also lots of fun.
The First Step To Stepping: Before beginning a step-training class, be sure your step — the platform — is secure and at the proper height for your fitness level. If you are new to step training, or just beginning a fitness programme, start with a platform height of four to six inches. (Regardless of fitness level, the platform height should not require bending your knees more than 90 degrees.) Keep the area around your platform dry and remove objects that could interfere with your workout.
Align Your Body: Proper body alignment during step training helps prevent injuries. While stepping, Relax your neck and keep it straight. Always keep your knees soft, don't lock the knee joints. Maintain good posture with shoulders back, chest lifted and pelvis tucked under. Lean from the ankles, not the waist, as you step onto the platform. Do not bend from the hips. Don't arch your back.
Proper Stepping Techniques: Correct stepping technique also prevents injuries and improves your workout.
1. Always place your entire foot on the platform; no part of the foot should hang over the edge.
2. Step close to the platform, allowing the heels to contact the floor. Note: Only the ball of the foot, not the heel, should touch the floor during lunges or other rapidly repeated movements (repeaters).
3. Step quietly. Pounding can unduly stress the ankles and knees.
4. Keep an eye on the platform at all times.
5. Don't use hand weights. They greatly increase the risk of injury and provide no benefit.
Stepping Out: If you initially find step training difficult to follow, focus on learning the foot patterns and omit arm movements. You can add arm movements later. Remember that raising your arms above shoulder level makes your heart work harder and can leave you breathless. So, if you have a hard time keeping up, lower your arms and catch your breath.
To avoid injuries caused by too much stepping, alternate step-training classes with a variety of aerobic workouts like bicycling, walking, or other recreational activities. Step-training workouts may seem difficult at first, but beware — they're habit-forming! Just remember to maintain proper body alignment and stepping technique to keep you stepping injury-free for years to come.



Action from the Ali Sports school's kabaddi match between Sharmin Textiles Model High School and Tamujuddin High School held at the kabaddi court near Dhaka Stadium — Star photo

Sharjah cricket tourney in Dec

SHARJAH, July 8: England, India, Pakistan and the West Indies are to battle for the Sharjah Champions Trophy in a week-long cricket carnival in December, organisers said today, reports AFP.
They said all four teams have confirmed their participation in the December 11-19 matches and that it would be the first time the southern Gulf Emirate of Sharjah hosts a flood-lit tournament.
The matches, to be broadcast live on television, are expected to draw more than 500 million viewers, the organisers said.

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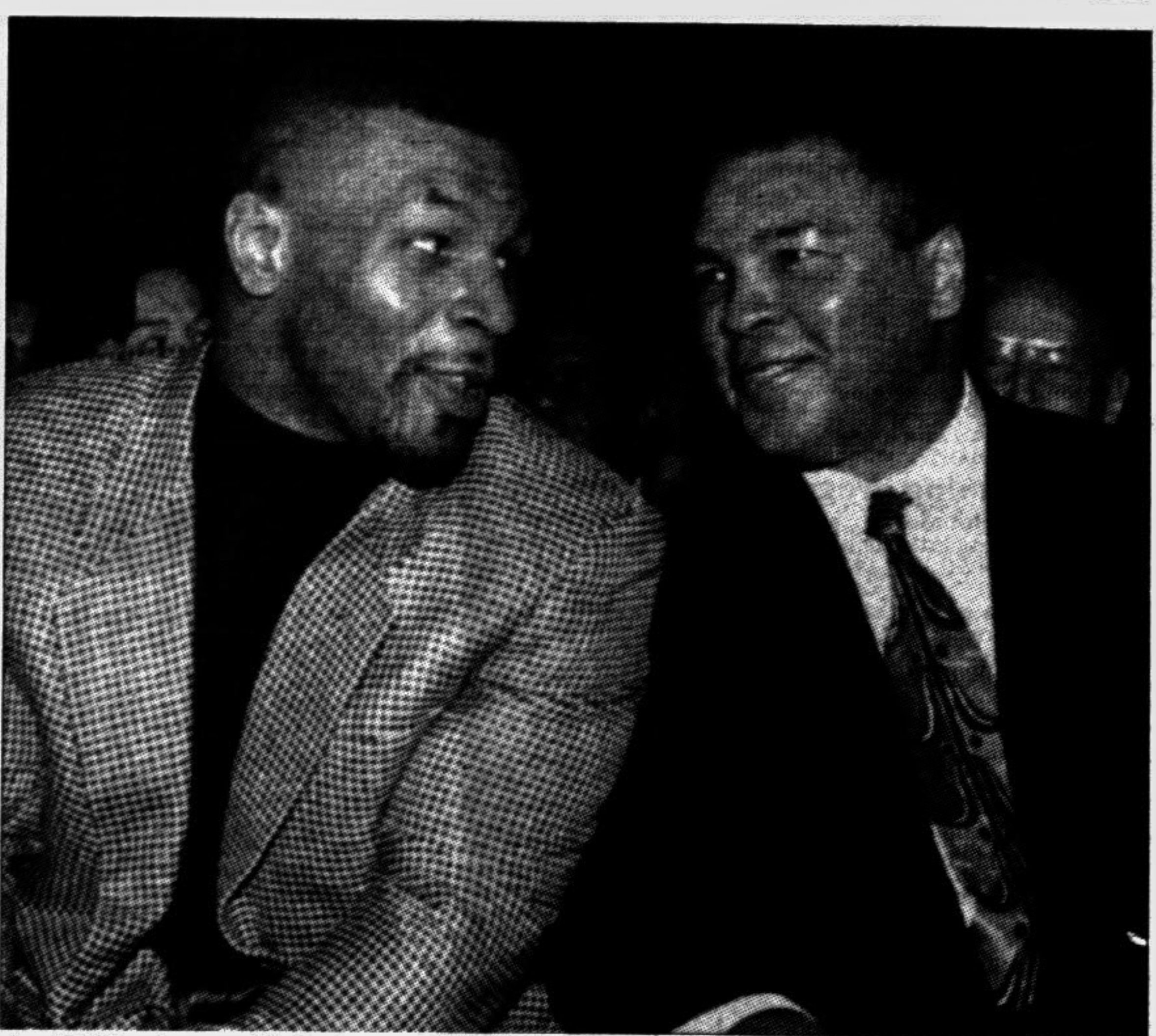
MANCHESTER, July 8 (AP): Shane Warne's one finger salute to England fans robbed the back page coverage of Australia's 268-run win over England in the third Test at Old Trafford.
Warne, who had been booed in the first Test at Edgbaston and here, put his right middle finger up to the crowd from the team balcony as the Australians celebrated their victory.
"I hope any gesture by Shane will not be misinterpreted," said soft-spoken tour manager Alan Crompton.
Warne, Australia's hero with nine for 111 in the third Test, left the team management to deal with the issue as he left for Australia to spend the next 10 days with his new-born daughter, Brooke Victoria, and wife Simone in Melbourne.
Before leaving, Warne told the Daily Mail, "I don't even remember making a gesture. I was up in the balcony just clapping and waving and saying thanks to people."
"Whatever it looked like, I didn't intend to insult anybody. The crowd had been good to us."
Warne returned to the hallowed turf of Old Trafford to

rekindle his 1993 Ashes Test heroics when he took eight for 137 as Australia won the first Test and went onto retain the Ashes comfortably.
Warne's gesture went unnoticed in the euphoria of Australia's series levelling win, but the English tabloids were quick to cash in on it.
The Daily Mirror, of the Mirror Group of newspapers that has contracted Warne for a five-figure sum to write a weekly column, carried a photograph of Warne's gesture and the headline "SPIN ON THIS."
The Australian team left for Newcastle for a one-day friendly against a Minor Counties XI before heading off to Scotland for a one-day match against the locals on Saturday.



Manoj keeps his mouth shut

NEW DELHI, July 8: Former Indian Test cricketer Manoj Prabhakar, facing an official match-fixing inquiry, refused to disclose the name of the teammate whom he claims offered him a bribe to throw a match, newspapers reported today, reports Reuters.
Prabhakar, who alleged in a magazine article that he was offered 72,000 dollars to throw his wicket against Pakistan in a 1994 limited over match, stood by his story but refused to give details.
His lawyer, Nitesh Gupta, said after the hearing that Prabhakar had kept silent because he feared being sued.
"The player could file a contempt case which Prabhakar would certainly lose for lack of proof," Gupta said.
"But Prabhakar stood by his accusations regarding the fixing of matches.
Prabhakar's decision to remain silent, however, seems certain to kill off the probe.
The player has reportedly received death threats following his allegations. The article in Outlook magazine alleged that top players had links with illegal bookies and journalists involved in betting rings.
Those allegations appeared to be given further weight today when an Indian daily newspaper reported that a "well-known cricket correspondent of a national daily" had been asked to quit "following reports of his involvement."
Meanwhile, former president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Madhav Rao Scindia today expressed the view that it would be "very difficult to prove charges of match-fixing against some Indian cricketers."
Scindia told newsmen in an informal chat at the Cricket Club of India (CCI) here that the speculation had been in the air during various tournaments at Sharjah. He was speaking during a lunch meeting organised by the Mumbai regional Congress president Murlu Deora.



An AP file photo published in the July 14 issue of the New Yorker magazine shows boxing legend Muhammad Ali (R) and Mike Tyson having a chat during a special tribute honouring Ali.

Taylor truly pumped up

MANCHESTER, England, July 8 (Agencies): The series may be tied 1-1 but the Australians believe they are effectively ahead.
Team captain Mark Taylor says that Australia's 268-run humiliation of England at the half way stage of the six-match Ashes series has dramatically shifted the psychological advantage in their favour.
"We hold the Ashes, so to one all, we are really in front," Taylor said.
Australia, who lost to England in the opening Test at Edgbaston and then drew at Lord's, have not come from behind to beat England for 60 years, since Don Bradman's side lost the first two Tests and won the next three and the series in 1936/37.
"We played very well here and I'm sure we'll come to expect from the Australian cricket team," Taylor said after the triumph at Old Trafford.
"We batted positively under tough conditions on the first day and we bowled very, very well again."
"We've obviously got the momentum going our way but it has taken us until July to do that."
"We've got a good feeling going in the side at the moment which we didn't have at the start of the series."
Taylor feels his team hasn't reach its full potential yet.
"We can still brush up a bit and a few of us could do a bit more with the bat. I'd say we were at about 90 per cent in this match," the left-hander said before leaving to attend an International Cricket Council meeting of the nine Test-playing captains.
After the nine-wicket drubbing in the series opener, Taylor set his team a goal, to win at least three of the last four Tests.



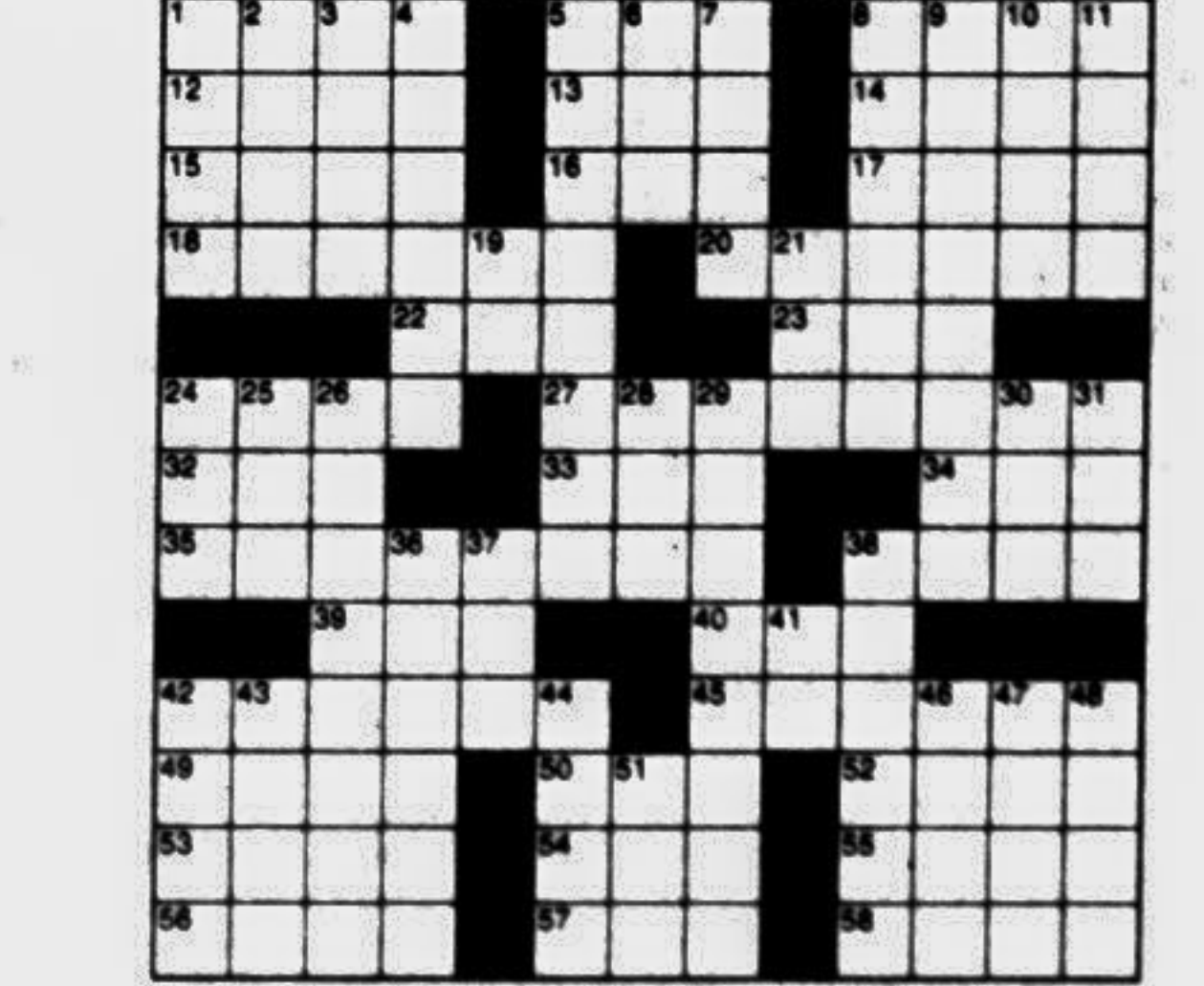
MARK TAYLOR
after rain washed out any hopes of an Australian win at Lord's.
For Michael Atherton's team, the moment of truth has arrived. Its first defeat in eight Tests has come after back-to-back disappointing performances with the bat.
At Lord's England was shot out for 77 in the first innings and, in perfect conditions for batting, for 162 at Old Trafford. It was the turning point of the match.
"I am confident that we can bounce back and be ready to scrap it out at Headingley," Atherton said, looking forward to the fourth Test.
"I feel the series is one-all and evenly placed, like half time at a football match," he added.
"You're never going to dominate a side like Australia for a whole series."
"They're a good side, obviously going to come good at some stage and that happened this game."
"But I feel very confident we can bowl Australia out twice and very confident we can win at least one of the last three games."
England coach David Lloyd said today that he did not plan any major changes to his team for the fourth Test although he admitted that they had played "sub-standard" cricket in their third Test defeat.
But Lloyd said, "I think it will be much of a muchness and basically the same side. We've got to show continuity with the players that we've got."
"I think from start to finish at Old Trafford we played sub-standard cricket, although the opposition played very well and deserved their win."
"We've now got to pick the players up, get their confidence up. I think everyone's just got to calm down because it is one each in the series."
In a radio interview Lloyd said he still felt that England could win the series but there was a major challenge ahead.
"Australia are the best team in the world," he said. "It's now one each with everything to play for with three games to go in the series and we'll definitely be ready for Headingley."

FIFA in a bit of a fix

GENEVA, July 8: FIFA, world soccer's governing body, said on Monday that any decision on the legality of Ronaldo's transfer from Barcelona to Internazionale Milan might not be made until the end of this month, reports Reuter.
That effectively means the move is on hold while FIFA study documents from both clubs — and also consider their response to the European Union whose intervention in the transfer has further complicated an already labyrinthine situation.
"Documents from both clubs are here and we have statements from the two sides," said FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren, adding that no date for a meeting by the players status committee had been set. "We would like to deal with this quickly, hopefully by the end of the month."
By then however, FIFA's decision could be irrelevant. Following a statement issued by the European Commission on Friday that appears to clear the way for Ronaldo's move to Italy.
The tug-of-war between Barcelona and Internazionale over who owns the world football player-of-the-year has been further complicated by the European Commission's warning to FIFA, that its transfer regulations contravened European Union laws.
The commission's statement said, that a recent circular by FIFA "constitutes an unjustified obstacle to the free movement of workers."
That is a right granted to footballers by the European Court of Justice in the landmark Bosman ruling of December 1995, which outlawed transfer fees for out of contract players within the EU and banned nationality restrictions in domestic and international club competitions.
While Ronaldo is under contract to Barcelona until 2004, a withdrawal clause in his Spanish contract has allowed him to "buyout" his deal for a reported 27.5 million dollars.
But the Spanish football federation has refused to issue a transfer certificate for the 20-year-old Brazilian on the grounds that such "buyouts" or withdrawal clauses are valid for domestic transfers only.
That appears to be a position supported by FIFA rules which state, that a player cannot buy out his contract for the purposes of obtaining an international transfer.
Herren, acknowledged that FIFA had received a copy of the European commission statement on Friday and, "would respond with a letter."
The European Commission statement, signed by competition commissioner Karel van Miert and social affairs commissioner Padraig Flynn said FIFA's circular appeared to maintain a system which had already been ruled illegal by the European Court of Justice and appeared also to contravene EU regulations.
It said they hoped FIFA would "take this preliminary position into account" a signal that the commission might take the matter further should they not be happy with the outcome.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP
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Yesterday's Cryptogram: THIS TIGHTWAD BOUGHT A BOAT WHEN HE HEARD IT RUNS ON WATER.
Today's Cryptogram clue: Z equals M.
The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.