

Sport

Column One

Boost sports
WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-75
✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes at 8 pm.
August 8, '97

1 Who is the soccer coach of AC Milan?
Sacchi Capello Tabarez

2 Who lifted the Legg Mason Classic tennis title this year?
Korda Chang Wheaton

3 Which is the new club of Roberto Baggio?
Bologna Atletico Vicenza

4 Who won the Ali Sports 7th schools kabaddi title?
Milat Rifles Nawabpur

5 Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Federation Cup football?
Iqbal Al-Amin Sohag

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

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EN-VITS
ENERGY RELEASED VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Boris Becker

(German tennis superstar)
"I don't feel like I have it
anymore to win a Grand Slam
(even)".

After losing to Pete Sampras
in the quarterfinal at the recently concluded Wimbledon
championships.

Pistone, Magpies
strike the deal

LONDON, July 26: Inter
Milan defender Alessandro
Pistone on Friday completed his
4.3 million pound (6.5 million
dollar) move to English Pre-
miership club Newcastle, re-
ports AFP.

The Italian under-21 interna-
tional, who has signed a
four-year contract, will return
to tyneside early next week af-
ter wrapping up affairs in Italy.

Pistone, 22, arrived in the
north east on Thursday under a
veil of secrecy, but Newcastle
manager Kenny Dalglish was
happy to talk on Friday when
the deal had been completed.

Pinto not
for sale

LISBON, July 26: Benfica
have rejected an offer from a
Spanish club worth an esti-
mated 14 million dollars for
striker Joao Vieira Pinto, re-
ports Reuter.

"Joao Pinto is not for sale,"
club vice-president Antonio
Figueiredo told local radio TSF
from the Netherlands were
Benfica are preparing for the
coming season.

Figueiredo declined to iden-
tify the Spanish side but local
press reports said it was
Barcelona.

Club captain Joao Pinto re-
cently signed a "life" contract
with the Lisbon club who have
spent heavily over the summer
on strengthening their team.

Carbajal to hang
his gloves up

PHOENIX, July 26: Michael
Carbajal, badly bloodied in his
loss a week ago, is calling it
quits as a fighter after a decade
during which he held three major
titles, reports AP.

"It's over," said Carbajal (45-
4, 30 knockouts), who traced his
decision to what he saw when
he watched a videotape of his
defeat to South African Jake
Matlala in Las Vegas.

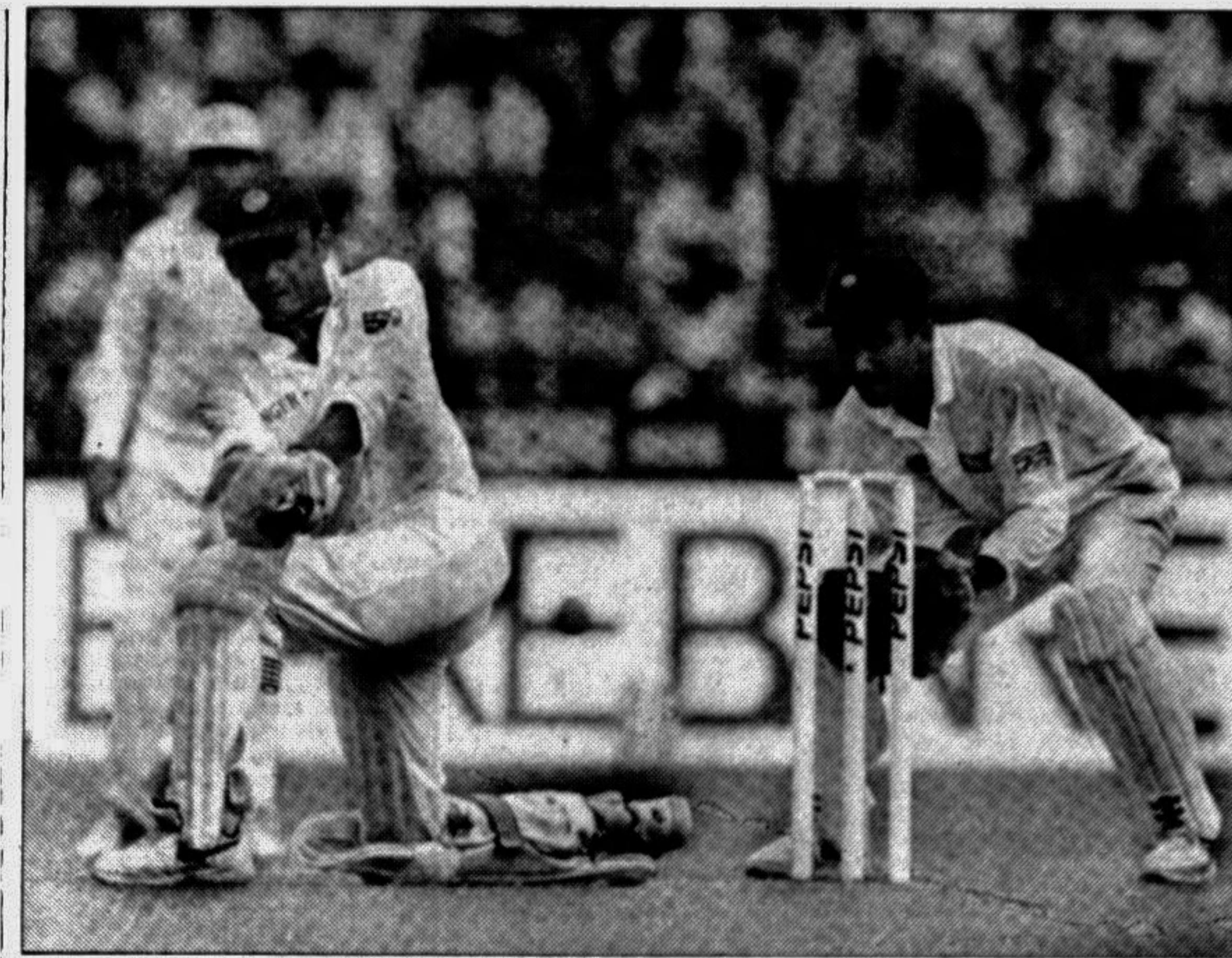
Matlala opened big cuts over
Carbajal's eyes, winning the
International Boxing Associa-
tion light flyweight title when
the fight was stopped in the
ninth round.

"I looked slow, said Carbajal,
who turns 30 Sept 17. "The
speed just wasn't there any-
more."

Friendly soccer

STRASBOURG, France, July
26: England international Ian
Wright slotted home a second-
half winner as Arsenal came
from behind to beat Strasbourg
2-1 in a pre-season friendly
one on Friday, reports AFP.

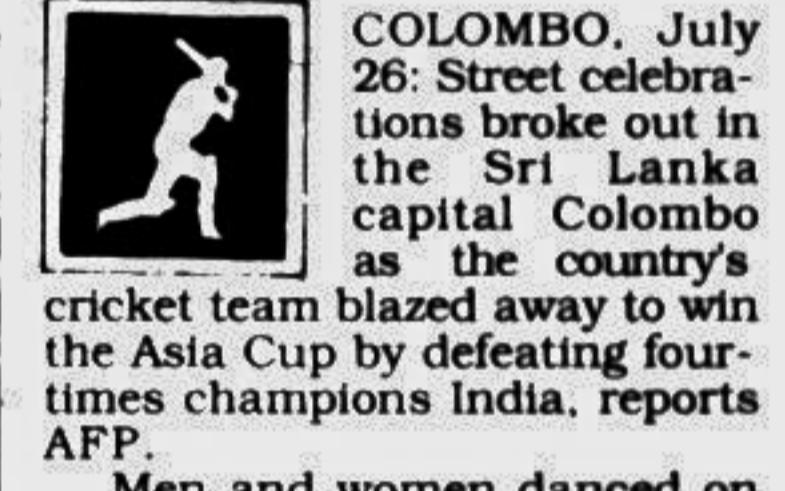
Victory marked a happy re-
turn to France for the English
side's French coach Arsene
Wenger, who paraded several of
his new signings in this useful
workout for the Londoners.



Sri Lankan opener and man-of-the-match Marvan Atapattu sweeps one during his
unbeaten knock of 84 against India in the Asia Cup final in Colombo yesterday.

—AFP/UNB photo

Lions' party on another cup



COLOMBO, July 26: Street celebra-
tions broke out in the Sri Lanka
capital Colombo as the country's
cricket team blazed away to win
the Asia Cup by defeating four-times
champions India, reports AFP.

Men and women danced on the
streets and spectators at the
overcrowded Premadasa Stadium
hugged each other as Arjuna Ranatunga's team pulled
off a storming eight-wicket win
in the final of the sixth Asia Cup.

Fire-crackers went off
across the city, and in the
provinces as the match was
covered live on national television
and radio.

Savouring the Indian
thrashing was former Pakistan
prime minister Benazir Bhutto
who watched the match from the
VIP Lounge of the Premadasa Stadium.

Bhutto handed over the
World Cup to Arjuna Ranatunga
when the Sri Lankan team won
the title in March last year after
defeating Australia.

The former Pakistan leader
is currently in Sri Lanka at the
invitation of Sri Lanka president
Chandrika Kumaratunga's estranged brother Amara
Bandaranaike.

A Sri Lankan who placed a
10,000 rupee (172-dollar) bet on

a Sri Lankan win was jubilant:
"I had no hesitation in placing
my last penny on the Sri
Lankan side," he said. "Only a
miracle could have helped India
to win."

Most Indian journalists here
were not surprised by Sri
Lanka's stunning performance.

"I know why India lost. It is
simple ... they don't know how
to play. But the Sri Lankan
team is also hopeless. They
don't know how to lose,"
quipped one Indian reporter.

At the packed stadium, live
bands played non-stop and
enthusiastic spectators
bothered beer for fellow spectators.

The street celebrations were
reminiscent of last year's
spontaneous outburst of joy
when Sri Lanka won the World
Cup, residents said.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Asia Cup
final between India and Sri Lanka at the
Premadasa Stadium Saturday:

INDIA
Ganguly c De Silva b Dharmasena 34
Sridhar c Muralitharan b Sanjeeva 10
Dravid c Mahanama b Vaas 7
Tendulkar c Kalpage 7

Asharuddin c Muralitharan 53
b. Dharmasena (wicket taken) 81
Jadeja run out 22
Singh c De Silva b Vaas 9

Kumble not out
Kumar not out
Extras (b-1, lb-8, w-5, nb-1) 15
Total: (for 7 wktks) 239

Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-51; 3-

59; 4-168; 5-215; 6-225; 7-234

Did not bat: V Prasad, N

Kulkarni
Bowling O M R W
Vaas 8 1 32 2

Sanjeeva 9 1 44 1

Dharmasena 10 1 54 2

Muralitharan 10 1 38 1

Jayasuriya 10 0 46 0

Kalpage 3 0 16 0

SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Sridhar b Kulkarni 63

Atapattu not out 84

De Silva c b Ganguly 6

Ranatunga not out 62

Extras (b-10, lb-13, nb-2) 25

Total: (for 2 wktks in 36.5 overs) 240

Fall of wickets: 1-137; 2-144

Did not bat: R Mahanama, L

de Silva, R Kalpage, K Dharmasena, C Vaas, M Muralitharan, S de Silva

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**Result: Sri Lanka won by
eight wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: Marvan
Atapattu.**

**Man-of-the-series: Arjuna
Ranatunga.**

Walsh remains
in charge

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, July 26:
Fast bowler Courtney Walsh
has been appointed captain of the
West Indies cricket team to tour
Pakistan later this year,
reports Reuter.

Walsh, 34, retains his position
ahead of brilliant but tem-
peramental 27-year-old bats-
man Brian Lara, who is widely
regarded as captain-in-waiting.

Walsh has led the West Indies
team in their last four-test
series but this will be his first
tour to Pakistan as captain.

West Indies will play a four-
way limited-overs tournament
and three Tests in November
and December in Pakistan be-
fore going to Sharjah for the
Charity Benefit Fund Series.

The Jamaican fast bowler,
who replaced the retired Richie
Richardson after the World Cup
last year, has led the side to
winning series against New
Zealand, India and Sri Lanka,
while losing 2-3 to Australia.

**Kambli, Mongia
called up**

MUMBAI, July 26: Rookie
Rajasthan opener Gagan Khoda
was chosen today to join the
Indian squad in Sri Lanka along
with three other players with
Test experience — Vinod Kambli,
Nayan Mongia and Rajesh
Chauhan — for the remaining
part of the tour to Sri Lanka,
reports PTI.

Mongia, surprisingly left out
of the original 14 sent for the
first part of the tour featuring
the four-nation Asia Cup, would
replace Sabya Karim as the
wicket keeper.

Off-spinner Chauhan, back
in the national squad after a
three-year gap because of an al-
leged kink in his bowling action,
would fill in the spot left
open by Hyderabad office Noel
David.

Sachin's school friend and
middle-order batsman Vinod
Kambli, whose omission for the
Asian Cup along with that of
Mongia raised a storm and
Khoda, who won a place in the
Indian squad for last May's In-
dependent Cup and did not
play a single match, would join
the squad as the team's 15th
and 16th members.

Selection committee chair-
man Ramakant Desai, while
announcing the changes in the
Indian squad, said the decisions
were taken after he had telephonic
consultations yesterday
with skipper Sachin Tendulkar
and manager Ratnakar Shetty,
in Sri Lanka, and his other four
colleagues on the selection
committee, in other parts of India, today.

**Kent ride on
Strang**

LONDON, July 26: Zimbabwe
leg-spinner Paul Strang
finished with six wickets as
Kent squeezed out a four-run
county championship victory over
Middlesex at Lord's on Friday,
reports Reuter.

Strang added four scalps to the
two he claimed on Thursday
for a six for 88 return.

Strang's win was particularly
tough on Middlesex captain
Mark Ramprakash who made an
unbeaten 113 after his side
began the day 134 for 5 — 127
short of their victory target.

When Jacques Kallis and
Keith Brown were out in suc-
cessive overs for the addition of
only 23 runs Kent looked home
and dry.

But first Richard Johnson
and then Angus Fraser helped
their skipper push Middlesex to
within 25 of their target.

They were almost steered
home by the last wicket pair of
Ramprakash and Phil Tufnell.
But Tufnell eventually popped
up a catch to Trevor Ward at
mid-off.

Chris Tolley claimed the
first hat-trick of his career for
Nottinghamshire at Grace Road
on an eventful day which ended
with Leicestershire set a victory
target of 258.

Tolley finished with career
best figures of six for 61 as Le-
icestershire were dismissed for
267, giving Notts a lead of 75.

But after reaching tea in the
reasonably healthy position of
85 for two Notts collapsed to
182 all out.

**Kanu cleared
for playing**

MILAN, July 26: Inter
Milan's Nwankwo Kanu, whose
career looked over after heart
surgery, was cleared to play
football again on Friday and
will join Ronaldinho on Sunday
against Manchester United, re-
ports AFP.

Kanu, the star of Nigeria's
victorious 1996 Olympic foot-
ball side, had surgery in the
United States last November af-
ter a pre-season medical test re-
vealed a congenital heart dis-
ease.

**AFA sticks
to strike**

Buenos Aires, July 26: Ar-
gentina's professional soccer
players Friday night decided to
go ahead with a planned strike
this weekend, reports Reuter.

After more than four hours
of talks with the Argentine
Football Association (AFA) at
the Labour Ministry, the
players union failed to reach an
agreement and the meeting was
adjourned until Monday, mean-
ing weekend league matches will
be suspended.

"I tried my best (to avoid the
strike) but I lost," idol Diego
Maradona told his manager,
Guillermo Coppola, as he left
the Labour Ministry.

Players last Tuesday voted to
strike until troubled First Di-
vision side Deportivo Espanol
agreed to allow six players
whose contracts expired on
June 30 to move to other sides.

Elliott, Ponting hit tons

LEEDS, England, July 26: Ricky
Ponting became the 19th Aus-
tralian to score a century on debut
against England Saturday as he
and Matthew Elliott batted the

the break was joined by Ponting
with the visitors in desperate
trouble. Australia lost the first
four wickets for 50 runs in under
an hour before ten on the second day.

While Elliott resigned to play
second fiddle, Ponting, the ad-
venturous right hander vindicated
his selection over an out-of-form
Michael Bevan, reaching the
century off 165 balls.

It was Ponting's second century
in three first-class innings
on tour.

The 22-year-old Tasmanian
was unceremoniously dumped
after just six Tests during which
he scored three half centuries.