

Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-82

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm.

Nov 14, '97

1 Which country finished atop at the 19th SEA Games?

Indonesia Thailand Vietnam

2 Who was the man-of-the-match in the Faisalabad Test?

Mushtaq Symcox Kirsten

3 How many Tests will West Indies play in Pakistan during the ongoing tour?

One Two Three

4 Who lifted the Eurocard Open tennis title?

Sampras Korda Krajeck

5 Who captured top spot at the women's age-group swimming?

Nganji Kushtia Mganji

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Javagal Srinath

Indian pace bowler

"I am looking forward to

bowling against Sri Lanka."

Clavet clinches Colombia Open

BOGOTA, Nov 3: Top-seeded Francisco Clavet of Spain defeated Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti 6-3, 6-3 Sunday to win the Cerveza Club Colombia Open, his second straight ATP Tour title.

Last week, Clavet won the Mexican Open.

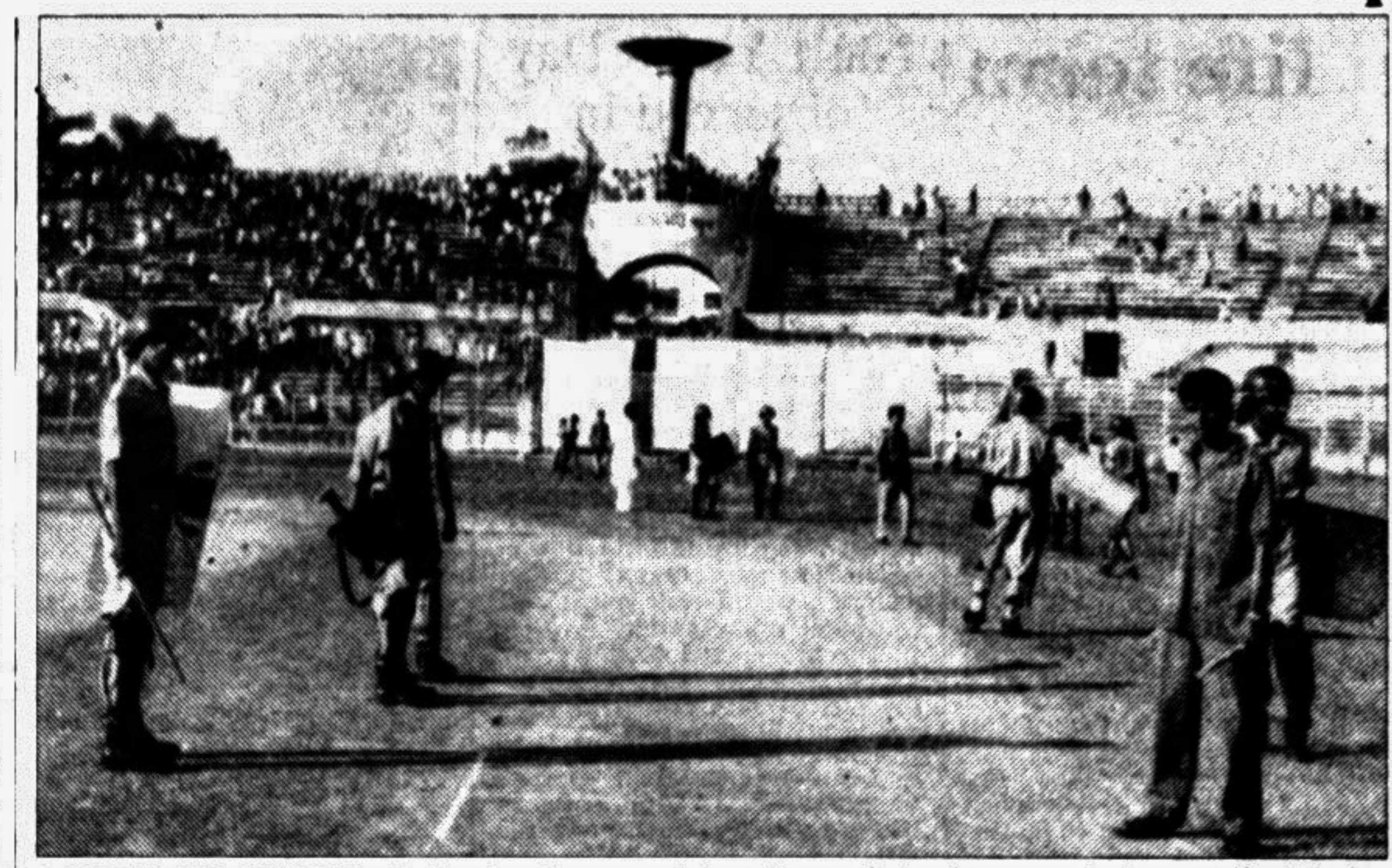
Clavet broke Lapentti's serve in the opening game of the match, then broke him again in the ninth game, winning the set in 44 minutes. In the second set, Clavet went up 4-2 with a break in the sixth game. He then closed out the match by holding serve from love-30.

The title was the fifth of Clavet's career. Lapentti played in his third consecutive Colombia Open final, winning in 1995.

ATP rankings

PARIS, Nov 3 (AFP): Leading ATP men's tennis rankings in points issued today:

1. Sampras	4547
2. Chang	3189
3. Rafter	3031
4. Bjorkman	2642
5. Rusedski	2606
6. Ivanisevic	2568
7. Krajeck	2395
8. Muster	2394
9. Moya	2391
10. Bruguera	2367



POLICE ON PATROL: Following the crowd trouble on Saturday cops took over the Dhaka Stadium, ending what would have been an absorbing battle.

— Star photo by AKM Mohsin

It's not cricket at all

Syed Ashfaqul Haque

Cricket is known to be a gentlemen's game. Spectators with genuine appreciation for the finer aspects of the game and players bathed in a spirit of sportsmanship have come to be known as the glorious attributes of this game.

Unlike most other games, cricket has its own aesthetics involving the players as well as spectators. Even in an adrenaline-pumping contest, audience never forgets to applaud a beautiful shot, a fine spell of bowling, a superb piece of fielding. And it does not matter if the player belongs to the rival camp. This neutral appreciation for the goodness which has set an admirable tradition for the game.

But it is unfortunate that some ruffians in the guise of organisers and some shanautrees are abasing this ancient hallowed spirit of the game. Two appalling incidents during the ongoing Damal Smriti tournament have brought us face to face with this ugly reality.

On Saturday, at the lush green expanse of the Dhaka Stadium, cricket was painfully castigated. With country's two crowd-pulling outfits — Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club, engaging in an exciting battle, two star performers of the country — Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Aminul Islam Bulbul — reacted unsportingly over a leg before decision to ignite an ugly unrest in the stands which forced the authorities to call off the match for the day.

Nannu, a veteran of nearly two decades, missed an off-spinner while playing a reverse sweep and was adjudged leg before by umpire Shaheen. Nannu probably thought that he can never be out in that way and did not hesitate to show his dissatisfaction by shrugging in disgust. And his skipper and batting partner Aminul Islam,

oblivious of the norm and spirit, stepped into an extremely unseemly alteration with the other umpire Nadir Shah while protesting the ruling. Fans got furious, club officials called for the heads of the umpires and the hapless authorities eventually called it a day.

It is needless say, almost all the organisers in any club of the country are used to encourage their players to pick up a quarrel with umpires on any decision after having a hideous experience while performing as the match adjudicator during the match between Bangladesh Biman and Kalabagan Krira Chakra on October 31.

For the man-of-the-match award, Saad preferred Pakistani international Salmi Malli for his unbeaten 92 to Kalabagan's Harunur Rashid Liton who hammered a dazzling 77. But Alam Chowdhury, who was Saad's deputy in BCB and happened to be an influential cog in Kalabagan club committee, could not be happy with the decision of the match adjudicator and he did not waste a moment to express it in the most vulgar way. He charged his way towards Saad to give him a good piece of his mind. And a beleaguered Saad, who had somehow managed to escape a sheer humiliation of physical assault in front of the star Pakistani recruit of Biman, found no other means to protest but to call it quits.

After the sad episode, cricket experts have lost their interests in playing the thankless role of match adjudicator. If things go like this, someday they might have to consult with the officials of the participating clubs before declaring the name of the awardee.

BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury has earned the reputation of being a wise administrator. Now the question is, does this omen bothers Saber?

Players like Nannu and Bulbul should be the role model for the youngsters. What the youngsters will learn from their attitudes on the field Saturday? Did not the old guards

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