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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-85

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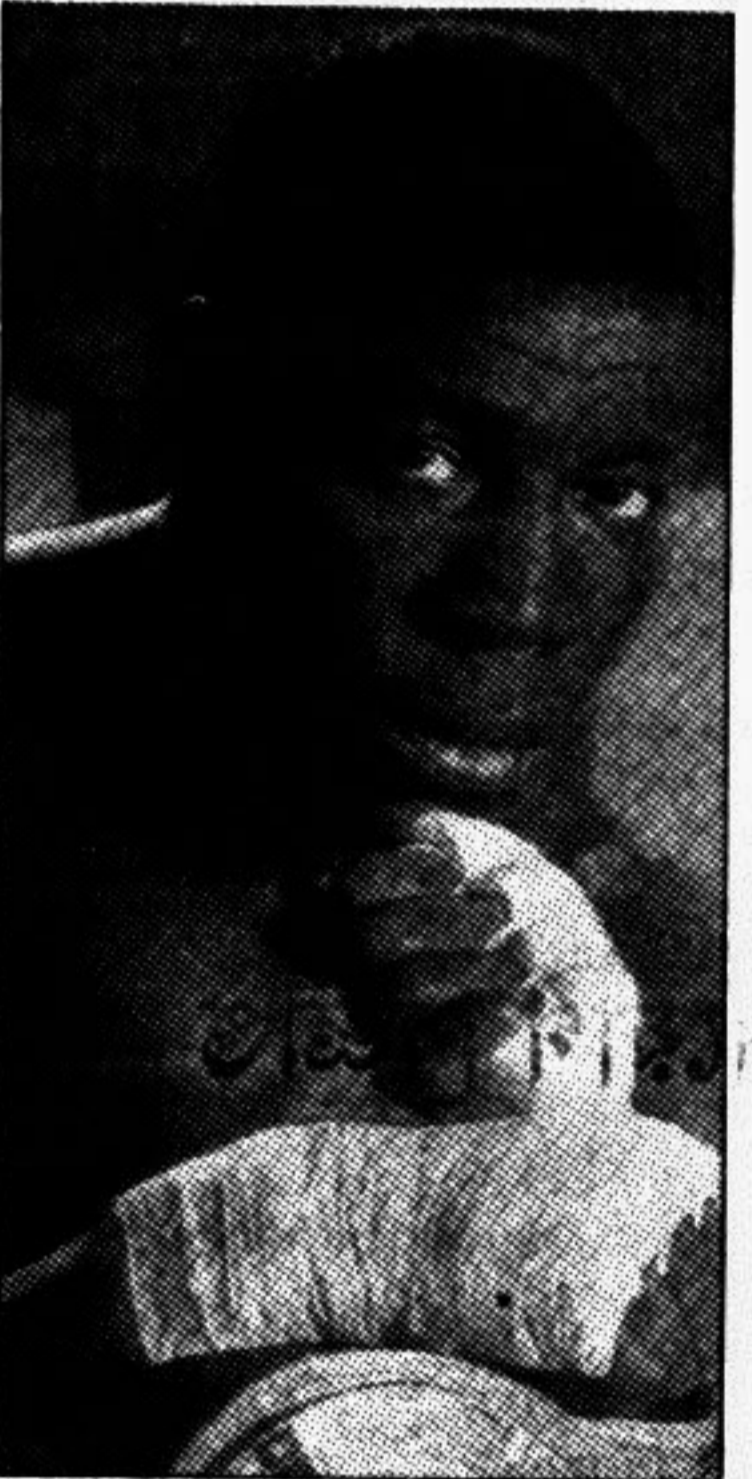
Competition closes at 8 pm on Dec 26, 1997

- 1 In which group have Brazil been drawn for France '98? A B C
2 How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to date? 1 2 3
3 Who is the national soccer coach of Saudi Arabia? Hodgson Parreira Jacquet
4 Who were Bangladesh's opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final? HK Nepal PNG
5 How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league? 10 12 14

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SPORTS TALK



Frank Bruno
(Britain's former world heavyweight champion)
'I'm applying for the licences because I want to give something back to boxing.'
On his plan to become a boxing promoter and trainer.

JU cricket History in final

Department of History moved into the final of the Jahangirnagar University inter-departmental cricket tournament after overcoming Department of Physics by six wickets in the semifinals played at the University ground yesterday, says a press release.
Batting first, Physics were undone by some hostile bowling from Brothers Union pace duo Salahuddin and Shuvro and crawled to 109 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs.
Salahuddin took three for 13 while Shuvro bagged two for seven.
In reply, History coasted to their victory target of 110 in 29.1 overs losing six wickets in the process. Mukul scored the highest 23 while Shuvro contributed 21 for the winners.

Zia smriti cricket

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Dec 23: Islami Smriti Sangha handed Rana Smriti Sangha a crushing 81-run defeat in the Shaheed Zia Smriti cricket tournament matches played at the Rajshahi Government College ground here today.
Rana topscored with 58 as Islami Smriti Sangha batted first and scored 136 for six in the stipulated 22 overs. In reply, Rana Smriti Sangha were bundled out for only 55 in 19.1 overs.
In another match Siphahpara Junior Cricketers defeated Jagrata Sangha by 62 runs.
Batting first, Siphahpara reached 122 for seven in the allotted 22 overs and shot out their counterparts for a meagre 60 in 19.3 overs.

Nat'l age-group tennis

Sports Reporter
Sixteen first round matches of different groups were decided as the Elite Paint national age-group tennis circuit began at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.



Wari's Pakistani all-rounder Tarique Mehmod sweeps during his majestic 116 against Lalmatia Club in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league yesterday. — AP/UNB photo

Tarique keeps Wari on track

BRIEF SCORES

LALMATIA CLUB: 221 for five wickets in 50 overs (Abid Hanif 90 not out, Tillekeratne 34, Nayan 24; Tarique Mehmod 3/37)
WARI CLUB: 223 for six wickets in 46.2 overs (Tarique Mehmod 116, Aamir Wasim 33, Anup 21; Raisul Islam 2/36, Biplob 2/45)
Result: Wari won by four wickets

ever clicked in the nick of time with his side desperately in need of a win to keep their hopes alive for a place in the six-team Super league. The victory now left the traditional giant-slayers at par with Surjo Tarun Club, who played one match less.
But a probable sixth slot for



the Super league are likely to be decided when the two mediocre outfits lock horns at the same venue tomorrow.
Tarique, who outclassed yet another outstanding performance from his compatriot Abid Hanif in a virtual battle of Pakistani players, almost single-handedly lifted Wari to their desired goal.

Coming in to bat at his customary position of number three, the elder brother of Pakistani Test discard Aatur Rahman, found a wily partner in

his compatriot Aamir Wasim to recover his side from a precarious 68 for three to a defendable 169 before the latter departed for a patient 33 off 51 balls, but not before featuring in a potential match-winning 101-run stand for the fourth wicket.
Tarique clouted fifteen fours and a six in his 145 ball-vigil at the crease before being out in the 46th over, leaving his side six runs short of victory.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning, Lalmatia, whose hope for a place in the six-team super league was over with only two wins, once again relied on the batting prowess of their two foreign recruits to score a fighting total.
Their Sri Lankan opener Tillekeratne chipped in with 38. But it was Pakistani Abid Hanif who accelerated the scoring pace with a breezy unbeaten 92. The dapper right-hander clubbed three sixes and as many fours in his 97-ball undefeated knock.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League: Agran Bank vs Azad SC (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
Victoria SC vs Ajax SC (BKSP)
First Division Cricket League: Sadharan Bima KS vs Dhanmondi Club (City Club ground)

Independence Cup BCB selects primary squad

Sports Reporter
The national selectors yesterday picked 20 cricketers primarily to form the national team which will take part in the three-nation Independence Cup scheduled to begin at the Dhaka Stadium from January 10, a reliable source said last night.

The selection has been made according to their performances in the domestic and international scene this season.
The selected players will play at least two trial matches against the under-20 team before the final selection which will be made by December 30.

Although it could not be confirmed who has been primarily chosen but it was learnt that few veterans like Faruque Ahmed and Khaled Mahmud Sujon, who have proved their worth in the domestic cricket this season, have been recalled to the squad.

Double delight for Rochi, Rumi

Sports Reporter
Rochi and Rumi of Biman earned double crowns in the UCBL 22nd national table tennis championships which concluded at the NSC gymnasium yesterday.

On the final day of the week-long meet, ageless Rochi clinched both men's singles and doubles titles while Rumi, who on Monday lifted the girls' doubles along with Ratna, defeated her partner for the singles' trophy.

Rochi partnered Mustafa of Ansars to beat Kochi and Saadi 21-10, 21-19, 21-12 in doubles final. Later, he defeated Mustafa 23-21, 21-18, 21-12 in the singles.
On the other hand, Rumi had to concede a set before winning 21-19, 24-22, 17-21, 21-17.

Edison of Biman, who was adjudged player-of-the-meet, bagged the boys' singles trophy with a 21-16, 23-21 and 21-11 victory over Tuhin of Dhaka.
Besides, Linu won the women's singles title as she edged Tumpa and Rinu in the robin league round with a better average after all of them had finished with equal four points.

Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rab distributed the prizes as the chief guest while M A Yusuf Khan, managing director of sponsor UCBL, was also present.

Nat'l schools cricket

Sports Reporter
The 16th national schools cricket competition will start in different zones of the country from Jan. 30.

The district sports associations have been requested to complete necessary formalities with the Bangladesh Cricket Board by Jan 15, says a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) press release issued yesterday.

Nat'l cricket starts Mar 9

The 18th national youth and the 24th national cricket championships will begin at various zones across the country from March 9, says a Bangladesh Cricket Board press release.

The participating district sports associations have been asked to complete all formalities by January 30.

Women's WC cricket

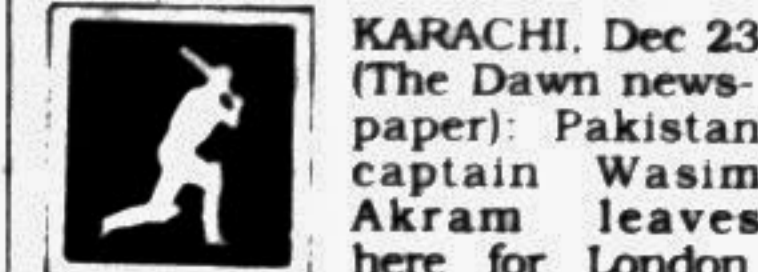
New Zealand reach semis
NEW DELHI, Dec 23: New Zealand defeated Ireland by 139 runs to enter the semifinals of the Women's World Cup cricket tournament here today, reports AP.

Ireland chasing the Kiwis' 244 for three in 50 overs, were restricted 105 for nine in their allotted overs.
NEW ZEALAND: 244 for three in 50 overs (Hockley 70, Drumm 60, Fruin 33, Withers 32, Extras 35)
IRELAND: 105 for nine in 50 overs (Barbara 14, Nikki 16, Adele 18 n.o., extras 20; Kelly 2/12, Kathryn 2/26)
Result: New Zealand won by 139 runs.



New Zealand's Debbie Hockley mistimes an attempted sweep as Rebecca Rolls, the Ireland wicketkeeper looks on during a women's World Cup cricket match on Dec 23. — AP/UNB photo

Akram leaves for London

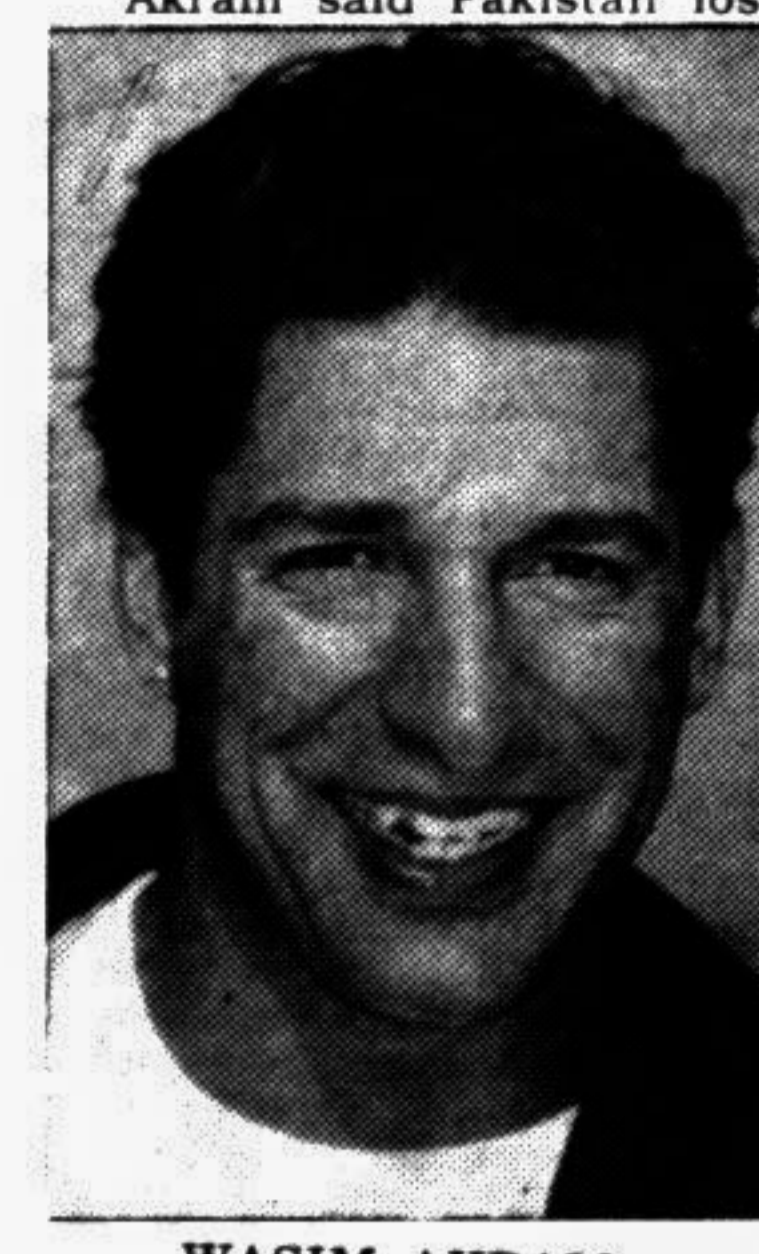


KARACHI, Dec 23 (The Dawn newspaper): Pakistan captain Wasim Akram leaves here for London Tuesday morning for a check-up for his chronic shoulder injury. Akram has an appointment with his specialist on Wednesday morning and will return by December 28.

I talked to my specialist on telephone and told him about my injury. He said it was not a matter of concern but was of the view that it would be wiser if he takes a look at it," Akram said from his Lahore residence prior to his departure.

"I don't know if he would advise me some rest which may force me to skip the Dhaka tournament (between Jan 10 and 18)," Akram added. The shoulder injury denied Akram of eight months of competitive cricket. He also underwent surgery of the bowling shoulder in England earlier this July. Commenting on Pakistan team's failure in the Sharjah tournament, Akram said the match against India had taken a toll of his players. "Next day,

we played against England but the players were completely exhausted. Then Inzamamul Haq was also injured. Had there been a rest day, we would have been a different team."
Akram said Pakistan lost



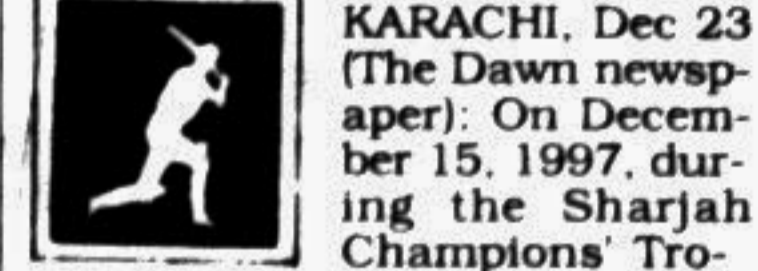
WASIM AKRAM

both the openers in the first two overs and then again suffered losses of Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmad on successive balls. "We lost our way from that because the English bowlers were a bit typical as they were not either bowling fast nor trying anything extra. They were accurate with odd ball even remaining low. It was difficult to tackle them."

Defending his decision to bat ahead of Azhar Mahmood, Akram said had he sent Mahmood earlier in the batting and he got out, the critics would have questioned why he (Azhar Mahmood) was promoted ahead of the two batsmen (Manzoor Akhtar and Akhtar Sarfaraz). "They (critics) would have pointed fingers anyway."

Akram stressed that he had confidence in himself but if he failed to deliver, it's part of the game. "I know I am not in good form but if I try to run away, the ball form will continue coming at me."
As far as Azhar Mahmood is concerned, he is being groomed to take over. "I know the defeat has upset the followers of the game. But we tried our best and that's all the team can do. The bottom line is that England played better than us and won," he concluded.

Anwar's rising graph



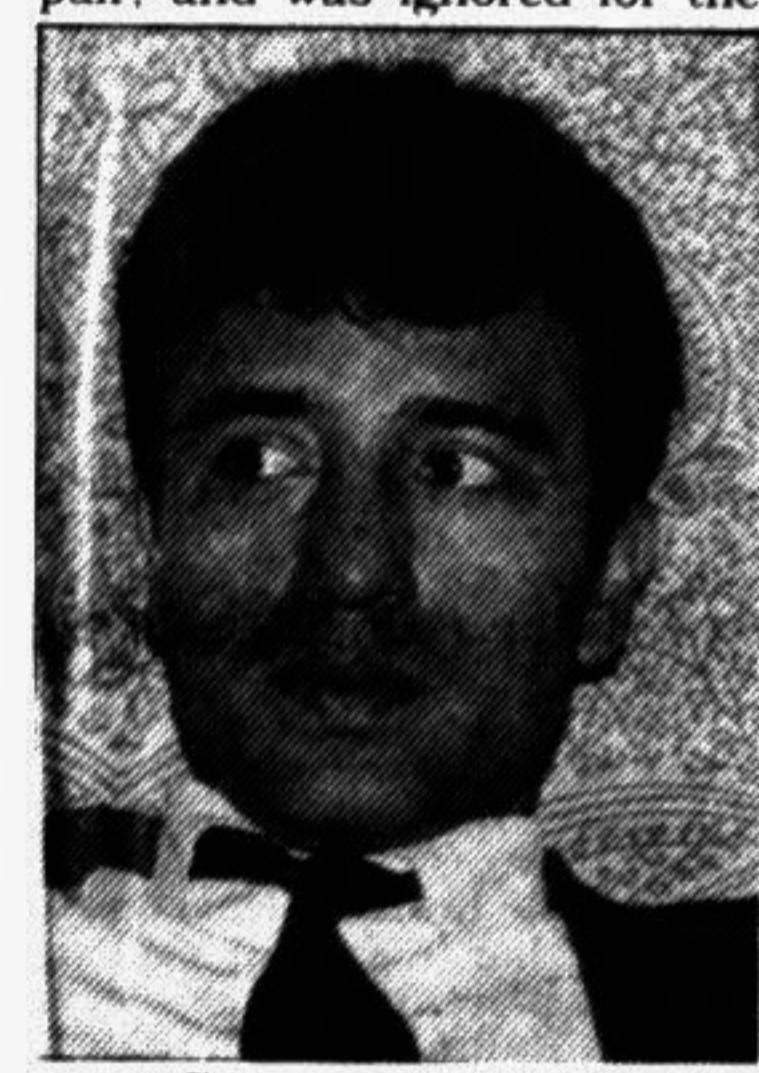
KARACHI, Dec 23 (The Dawn newspaper): On December 15, 1997, during the Sharjah Champions Trophy match against England, Saeed Anwar crossed the milestone of 4000-plus runs in one-day internationals.

He becomes the fourth Pakistani and 17th in the history of ODIs to reach this landmark.
A rumbustious left-handed batsman and once a slow left-arm spin bowler, Anwar made his first-class debut in 1986-87 and went through the grind of under-19 matches, later playing with great authority for Karachi, United Bank, and ADBP. Attacking and enterprising, he became one of the most entertaining and successful batsmen for Pakistan in one-day matches and later developed into highly responsible opening batsman in Test cricket.

A brilliant fielder near the wicket or in the outfield, he has the ability to destroy pace or spin with equal ease. He came into the limelight against the touring Australians in 1988 by scoring 127 not out from NWP Governor's XI at Peshawar in his first appearance against an international team. He had been taken to Australia for the World Series Cup, he made his one-day debut against West Indies at Perth in 1988-89 where he did not make much impression. He was sent back home to play against Sri Lanka under-25 and scored heavily.

Anwar toured Australia again in 1989-90 and batted magnificently in the World Series Cup.
Against Sri Lanka he hammered a century in 99 balls at

Adelaide, sharing a record 202 runs opening stand with Rameez Raja. He finished the home season in 1989-90 making 1,082 runs (67.62) including five centuries and three fifties and later became a proud member of the Australasia Cup winning team in Sharjah. He won his first Test cap against the West Indies in the second match at Faisalabad, making a pair, and was ignored for the



SAEED ANWAR

tour of England in 1992. He bounced back to regain his place for the 1993-94 tour of New Zealand and made his maiden Test century (169) in the second Test at Wellington, adding 197 for the third wicket with Basit Ali. On the Sri Lankan tour in 1994 he made another Test century.

A landmark in his life to date a remarkable world record in one-day international against India in Independence Cup at Madras of scoring 194 runs.

Adams, Gelfand in last four

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, Dec 23: Englishman Michael Adams and Belarussian Boris Gelfand emerged from Monday's tiebreakers as semifinalists in the FIDE World Chess Championships, reports AP.

Adams will fight an all-English duel with Nigel Short over two games Tuesday and Wednesday while Gelfand faces Viswanathan Anand of India, the favourite and top-rated Grand Master here.

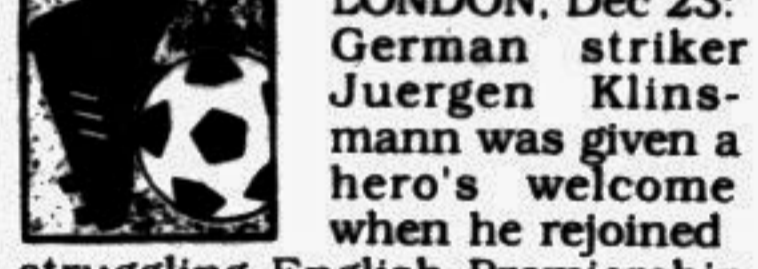
Adams drew the first of his two 25-minutes-per-player games with black against Loek van Wely.

But in the second game the Dutchman, struggling in a bad position, exceeded his time allocation and allowed the flag on his clock to fall.

Meanwhile Gelfand also settled for a 92-move first-game draw with white against Russian Alexey Dreev but then fought through a knight-and-rook endgame to win the second game playing black.

After much patient and repetitive maneuvering, the Belarussian won a pawn and forced his pieces into the heart of Dreev's position to win after 61 moves.
Despite having a lower Elo rating than Anand (2765), Gelfand (2695) has won more times than he's lost against Anand.
Even the losers in the semifinals of this 5 million dollars tourney to find a challenger for FIDE world champ Anatoly Karpov will have the consolation of pocketing 192,000 dollars.

Spurs welcome back Juergen



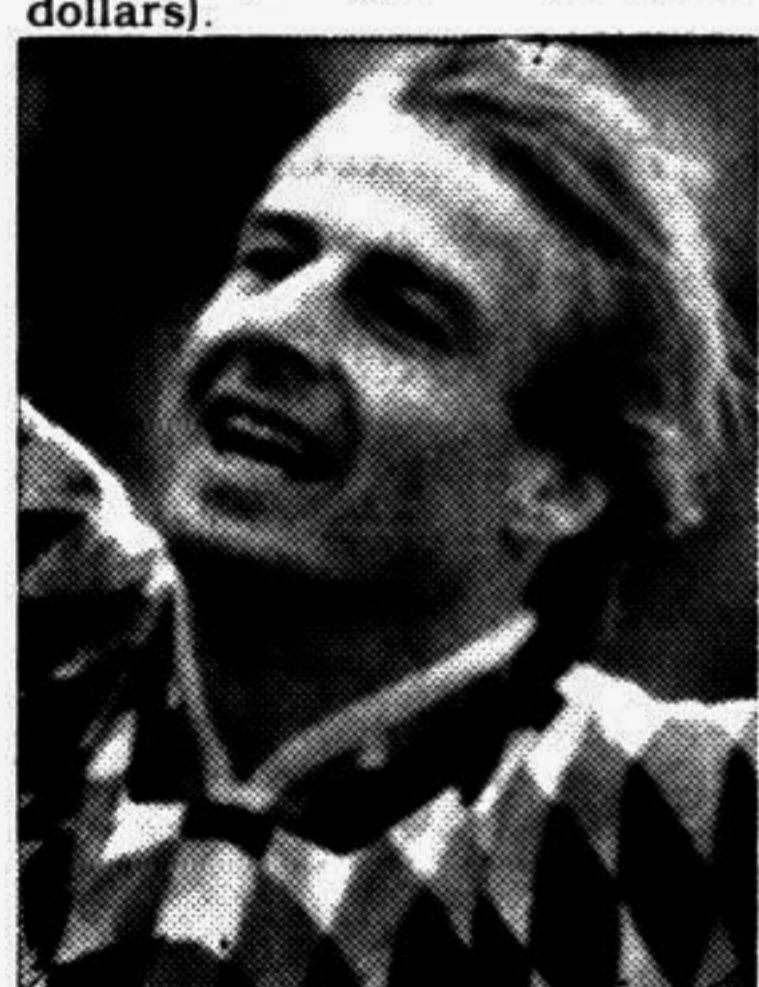
LONDON, Dec 23: German striker Juergen Klinsmann was given a hero's welcome when he rejoined struggling English Premiership outfit Tottenham on Monday, reports AFP.

The 33-year-old international was given a rousing reception by Tottenham fans when he arrived at the club's White Hart Lane stadium after being released by Serie A club Sampdoria.
His return is a remarkable turn-around for both the player and Spurs chairman Alan Sugar, who parted on acrimonious terms when the German skipper left in 1995 halfway through his two-year contract to go to Bayern Munich.

Sugar bitterly criticised Klinsmann at the time saying his number 18 Tottenham shirt was not good enough to wash his car with.

But on Monday Sugar and Klinsmann both made light of their past differences.
"I think we had better push everything in the past behind us. He has kept a very watchful eye on the club since he has been away, said Sugar.

Klinsmann said he had no hesitation in making an extraordinary return to the north London club with a contract until the end of the season for a fee of 175,000 pounds (250,000 dollars).



JUERGEN KLINSMANN

His spell in Sampdoria had been ruined by an ankle ligament injury and he scored only two goals in his eight appearances.
There was also a bust up between Klinsmann and Samp-

doria coach Boskov that proved to be the final straw.
All the time he had been in contact with Spurs through the Sugar family and Tottenham captain Gary Mabbutt.

Klinsmann said: "I felt very comfortable here and this is something you don't forget. You are always attached to your club and it's normal that you follow them.
There's a certain feeling you have. I have played for clubs in Europe and had a lot of experiences in different countries so I can compare clubs and I never had the feeling that I had here."

The German's return to the club where he was idolised will be a massive boost for the team and the fans who have suffered a dismal start to the season.

Manager Gerry Francis resigned last month after a string of bad results but Spurs suffered devastating defeat — 6-1 at home to Chelsea and 4-0 away to Coventry — under new Swiss boss Christian Grev before a 3-0 win at home to bottom club Barnsley on Saturday lifted some of the pressure.

However, Spurs remain in the relegation zone and will look to Klinsmann to lift them out of trouble.

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