

Bangladesh hold Qatar

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh held powerful Qatar to a goalless draw in a friendly football match played at the Doha Stadium in Qatar on Friday night. This was the second and last of the Ibrahim Khalifa benefit matches played between the two countries. Ibrahim Khalifa is the former captain of Qatar national team. Earlier, the first match between the visitors and Qatar Olympic team ended in a 1-1 draw on July 29.

According to a telephonic message received here yesterday, Bangladesh played comparatively better than the home side who are considered to be one of the top ten teams in Asia. The tourists squandered their easiest opportunity when forward Maksudul Amin Rana failed to beat only the goalkeeper Ahmed Khalil from a close distance within 10th minutes in to the game. Qatar, however, also launched a few offensive but failed to cash in on them because of some good work by the Bangladeshi defenders.

After the barren first session, the home side started putting more pressure on the tourists. But all their efforts went in vain in the face of some brilliant goalkeeping by Aminul and substitute Biplob. Aminul had to be replaced in the 65th minute when he was fouled by a Qatar forward.

The match telecast live by the Qatar Television which was also aired in many countries of Middle East. Thousands of Bangladeshis, who are working in Qatar, witnessed the match and cheered their side. Besides, officials of Bangladesh embassy were also present.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Mohammad Hanif and general secretary Harun-ur Rashid, MP, have felicitated the team on their superb performance against the powerful Qatar side.

The team will return home this morning.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH: Aminul (Biplab), Hasan Al-Mamun, Masood Rana, Jewel Rana, Rajani, Munna (Frodoop), Iqbal, Farvez (Mowar), Alfaz, Rana and Zakir (Arman).

QATAR: Ahmed Khalil, Yousuf Adam, Adel Darus, Dahi Al-Noori, Abdul Naser, Yousuf Monir (Amer Alker), Yaser Nadni (Adel Kasim), Mobarak Mustafa (Mahmud Mufli), Abdul Aziz Hasan (Abdullah Hasib), Ismail Asi (Mustafa Adam) and Ibrahim Khafan (Khalil Al-Majrabi).

BCF picks 10 for Olympiad

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Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) recently has selected ten players including four women to take part in the 33rd Chess Olympiad to be held in Elista, a provincial town of Russia, from September 26.

The selection has been made according to their performance in the men and women's national championships this year.

The players are now training at the NSC everyday for the most prestigious chess competition of the world.

According to a BCF official yesterday, the team, which also includes three officials, was yet to get the approval of the National Sports Council.

The selected players are: IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, Abdullah Al-Rakib, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, Mahfuzur Rahman Imon, IWM Rani Hamid, Tanima Parveen, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and Zakia Sultana.

Cricketers depart

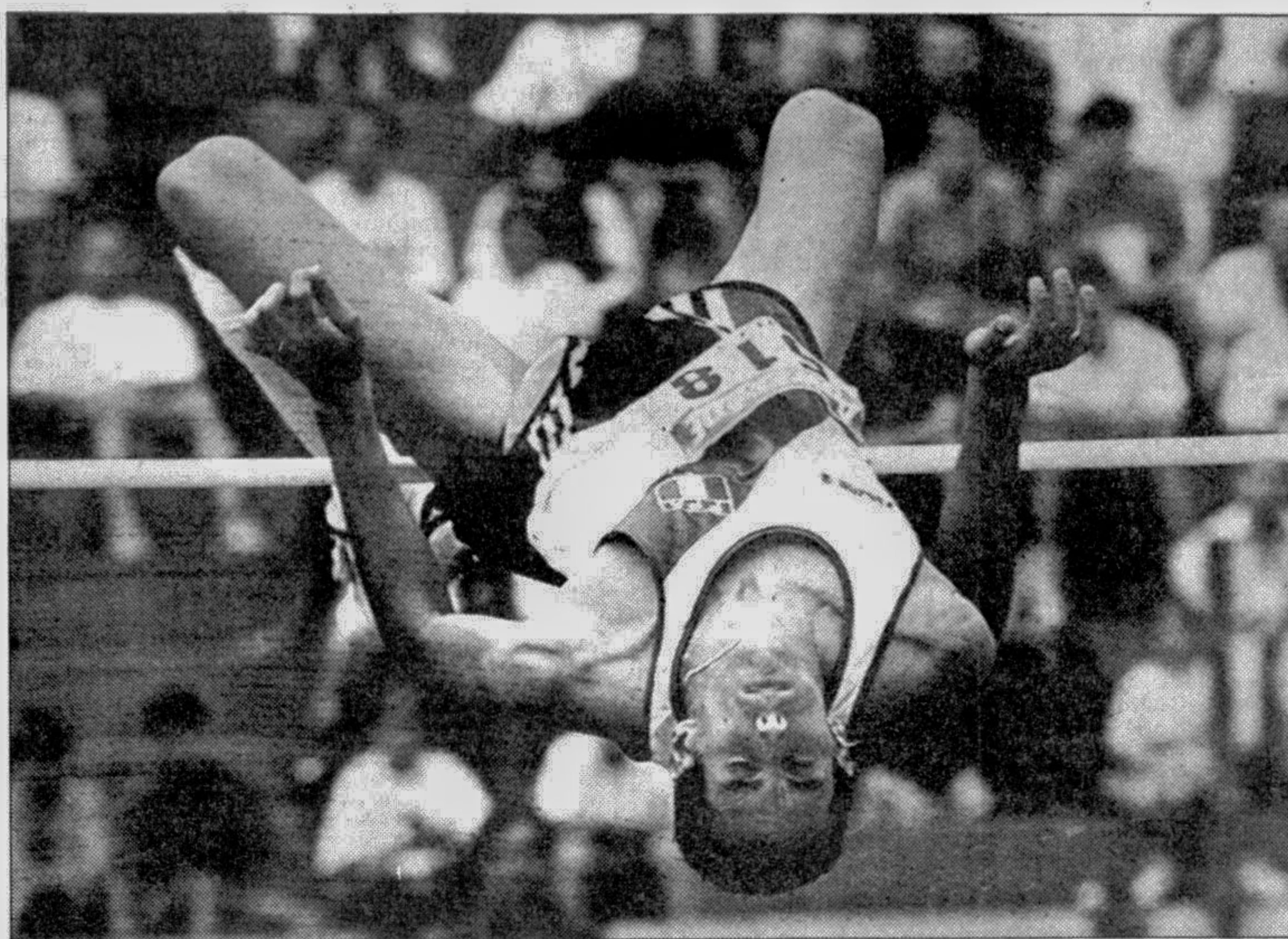
A 17-member cricket team left for Australia yesterday to undergo a month-long training, reports UNB.

The training will begin tomorrow at the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy in Adelaide.

Former Australian Test cricketers Rodney Marsh and Wayne Phillips will conduct the training. Dennis Lille, a world famous former Australian fast bowler, will also take few classes on bowling.

Players: Azam Iqbal, Shahriar Hossain Bidyut, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, Parvez Ahmed, Naimur Rahman Duroy, Al Shahriar Rokon, Sanwar Hossain, Ridwan Hasan, Fahim Muntasir Rahman Sumit, Towhid Hossain, Rashidul Haq, Golam Mortuza, Shafuluddin Ahmed Babu, Hasibul Hossain Shanta, Morshed Ali Khan Sumon and Zakir Hossain.

Coach: Nazmul Abedin Fahim.



Alfredo Deza Ganoza of Peru clears 2.22 metres to grab the high jump gold at the Goodwill Games on Friday. — AFP photo

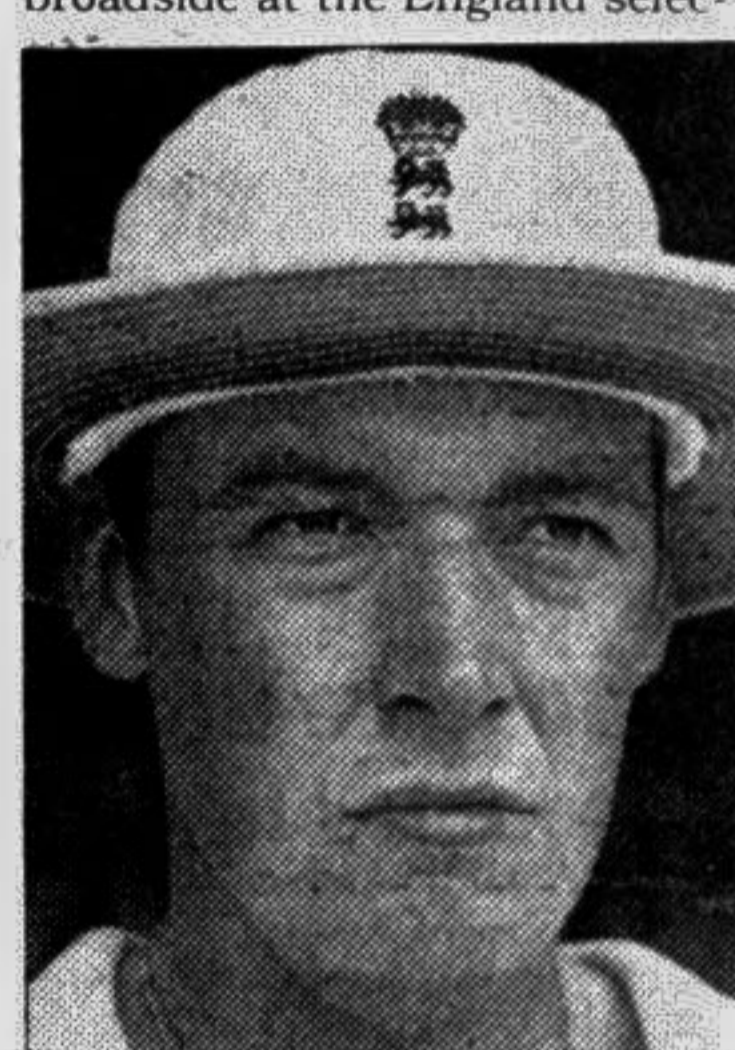
On Fraser and Lewis



LONDON, Aug 1 (The Electronic Telegraph/Internet): Chris Lewis and Angus Fraser, raisins and pearls. The tasty morsel that barely satisfies a basic hunger, and the highly polished gem becoming more and more precious with age.

Fraser the trier, Lewis the tryer. Both have left their typical mark on the week. Fraser, hand on heart, elbows thickly greased, won his country a crucial Test match, then looked suitably embarrassed when he was presented with the man-of-the-match award.

Lewis spoils his fine work for Leicester in the NatWest Trophy with an ill-considered broadside at the England selection.



ANGUS FRASER

tors having been excluded from the provisional World Cup squad. "They can't be picking purely on cricketing ability," he said.

He could have been suggesting that, as the selection panel include Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch, they were picking on eating ability. "They're full of shit," he added. Is the missing word 'pies'? Perhaps not. Whatever he meant, deeper analysis suggests they were looking at the facts. In Lewis' 53 one-day internationals he averages 14 with the bat and concedes a boundary an over. For a man of his obvious ability, it is disappointing to say the least.

Lewis suffers from a curious mixture of over-confidence and

self-doubt. An introverted mind encased inside an extrovert body. All those elaborate antics and gestures are just a cover up for someone who is essentially inhibited. There's proof, too. A couple of years ago, a sports psychologist visited the Surrey players, who included Lewis, at pre-season training. He gave each of them a character questionnaire. When he had analysed the answers, he privately gave each player a mark ranging from one (very shy) to 20 (very confident).

He chalked a line on the floor with stations from one to 20 marked out, then asked each player to stand on his mark. Most of the group lingered in the 12-15 area from where they stared in amazement at their esteemed all-rounder. Lewis was standing alone on two.

He has huge talent. The trouble is he doesn't trust it. That explains the excuses, the PR stunts, the odd behaviour. Anything to bypass reality. Recently Courtney Walsh staged a fast bowling contest for his benefit, employing the speed-measuring technology in use at Test matches.

Lewis was supposed to take part along with Devon Malcolm. Walsh himself and several other invited quickies. A few minutes before the event was due to start, Lewis excused himself from the contest, saying he had a back injury and took no part. Yet the next day he was tearing into bowl in Walsh's benefit match at Cheltenham with no apparent discomfort.

Lewis and Fraser's career paths say much about their contrasting personalities. They played together in the Middlesex 2nd XI in 1986, two gangling enthusiasts. Lewis tried various run-ups, deliveries and counties from there on, and there may be more experiment and resettlement to come. Fraser is still ploughing the same furrow for Middlesex as he has always done. One approach, one action, one spot. Hell, he only attempted a slower ball for the first time about a month ago.

Fraser takes nothing for granted. He trails from one Test match to the next half-expecting to be dropped, gives his all with ball and bat, bowls forever against a stiff breeze, charges

round the boundary like a man possessed, then has a beer with everyone afterwards.

While there is a rock star ostentatiousness to Lewis' mid-wicket celebrations, Fraser's are muted. Wickets are his expectation, after all, and one brief clench of the fist will suffice. His displeasure at letting go a loose ball - an anguished kick sending an imaginary shot soaring into the top corner - is far more animated.

He is in a misery league of his own in the dressing room, but that is a fast bowler's privilege and it's all in good humour. He is fond of referring to slip fielders as cardboard cut-outs. "Well, if you'd bent your back we might have had something to do," they retort and then nick his bath. He mutters an insult



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under his breath. A lofty 6ft 5in he is the Forrest 'Grump' of English cricket. And his unyielding defiance is the reason England are still in the Test series. That heroic last ditch resistance at Old Trafford, stopping the Donald missiles with anything he could put in the way, (except the bat because it is unsponsored and he doesn't want to damage it) followed by 54 irresistible overs at Trent Bridge, showing his more lavishly garlanded colleagues the way to exploit a greenish pitch. It's the kind of all-round double Lewis has always promised for England but never provided. And after Tuesday's outburst, probably never will.

Chirchir another champion Kenyan

ANNECY, France, Aug 1: Kenya's William Chirchir became the latest sensation to emerge from St Patrick's School in the rural Kenyan town of Iten, when he won the World Junior 800 metres title on Friday, reports Reuters.

Chirchir joins a list of illustrious alumni that includes Olympic champions Peter Rono and Matthew Birir. The Kenyan-born Dane Wilson Kipketer, holder of the 800 metres world record, and Japheth Kimutai, world number one over two laps this year.

Chirchir went straight into the lead after the field broke from their lanes after 300 metres and was never headed, winning in one minute 47.23 seconds.

China's Yulian Li was the outstanding women's winner on the fourth day of the championships, taking the 400 metres hurdles in 55.93 seconds.

The Chinese national anthem was heard a second time on Friday after Fengmei Ping won the women's long jump with a first round leap of 6.59 metres.

Russia notched up double success in the women's track events. Natalya Nazarova took the 400 metres in 52.02 while Olga Mikayeva claimed 800 gold in 2:05.34.

Periklis Iakovakis gave Greece their first title in the seven editions of the championships, winning the men's 400 metres hurdles in 49.82s.

On a day when the gold were spread around the globe, Peruvian high jumper Alfredo Deza Ganoza cleared 2.21 to give his country a world athletics title for the first time.

Nigeria's Nduka Awazie won the men's 400. Closest race of the championships so far. He crossed in 45.54, just 0.01 of a second ahead of Australia's Casey Vincent after the pair had dulled down the home straight.

Chittagong plans massive development works Ground for discontent

From Nizamuddin Ahmed

CHITTAGONG Aug 1: Chittagong district sports officials have echoed the national demand for more competition venues as a pre-requisite for developing sports in the country. Talking to The Daily Star in an exclusive interview this afternoon at the office of the Chittagong Zila Krira Parishad (CJRP), vice-president Dastagir Chowdhury and general secretary Shahed Asghar Chowdhury reiterated the need for more playing grounds as well as other facilities at district level for the uplift of sports.

While being happily interrupted time and again during the interview by the roar of the crowd witnessing the Regency-Naojan fixture of the Mayor Cup at the adjacent Chittagong Stadium, this correspondent found the CJRP members committed to making positive contributions to national sports in general and local sports in particular. In line with district sports officials all over the country, the CJRP officials also felt "ignored" by the big guns in the capital, but here there was a resolve to do something on their own.

Since elections in August 1996 CJRP had been jammed by a lengthy litigation. But, with the case being withdrawn about three months ago, the 24-member committee has sat down to serious business. The on-going Mayor Cup among the 20 First Division teams will conclude on August 13 and the football league will follow from the month's end. CJRP plans to start the cricket league January 1999.

With only one ground at its disposal, the CJRP is in a dilemma about the proposed ODI in October as the BCB has asked for the handing over of the stadium two and a half months before the match. Said

Shahed Asghar, "We have just started the sports programme and this handing-over would severely disrupt our plans. The CJRP has spent about a crore in developing the ground and it is only logical that it should be used to the full for local sports. We have written to the BCB and a team is expected to visit Chittagong soon. We will propose that the BCB take over the ground in mid-September. That will allow them a month and half for the ODI preparations, and let us carry on with our local programme."

There is no reason why Chittagong should not be given its due importance. "We provide sixty per cent of national players," boasted Dastagir. Chittagong has won the national youth cricket title seven times and the senior title four times. The national cricket captain Akram Khan is a Chittagonian, as are another half a dozen national cricketers. "Our main problem is that of ground," said Shahed Asghar. "The Railway ground in the city can be developed for cricket as it is being used on occasionally. The Divisional sports stadium being constructed by the NSC at Pahartali is several kilometres away and may not serve the purpose of off-loading the pressure on the Chittagong stadium", he continued.

Among its major demands, Shahed Asghar listed a new stadium in the city, an international standard pavilion and a sports centre like Savar's BKSP. Contrary to the general scenario all over the country, the CJRP appears to have worked out if financial agenda. A confident Shahed Asghar said that if the development plans undertaken by this committee is successful, CJRP should have in excess of taka four crore in its

offer. Unable to explain why the previous committee could not allot the three hundred stadium shops, Shahed Asghar said, "Work will begin in a few weeks time to give finishing touches to the shops at a cost of twenty-five lakh taka. We will also construct another one hundred and fifty shops at a cost of two crore taka." CJRP expects to earn over two and a half crore taka from the sale of these four hundred and fifty shops. The three hundred shops have been lying unattended for the past eleven years, according to the general secretary.

Shahed Asghar explained further that CJRP would construct another eighty shops on the eastern periphery at a cost of one crore taka, selling of which would fetch an earning of a crore and a half taka. "The financier for this project is waiting", he informed. Despite all these apparently big talk about money, the CJRP has little or none at its disposal. Asked how the Mayor Cup is funded, Shahed Asghar elaborated that the Mayor provided three lakh taka and they have sold the rights of the gate for another six lakh. About NSC's contribution to the CJRP fund, the general secretary said, "It will not exceed sixty to seventy thousand annually".

Asked whether Dhaka "disturbed" them in any of their plans, Shahed Asghar said, "They are not in touch, how can they disturb us? None from the capital has questioned why there was no cricket in Chittagong for the past two years".

Both Dastagir and Shahed Asghar appealed to the central officials of all sports in Dhaka to show greater interest in Chittagong. They also hoped that the NSC would do likewise.

Mullally may get the nod



LONDON, Aug 1 (The Mirror/Internet): Alan Mullally will replace the slaughtered Ian Salisbury as England go for seam to clinch a Test series victory over South Africa at Headingley.

Unless Leeds suddenly, and out of character, becomes spin friendly, Surrey star Salisbury, who flopped in his comeback at Trent Bridge, will be the odd man out for the thrilling decider starting on Thursday.

England are likely to go for broke backing pace, seam and swing in conditions where spinners have almost become redundant in recent Test history.

The selectors will show pity on Salisbury by keeping him in the squad. But coach David Lloyd, however was yesterday bemoaning England's failure to counter world-class wrist spin bowling.

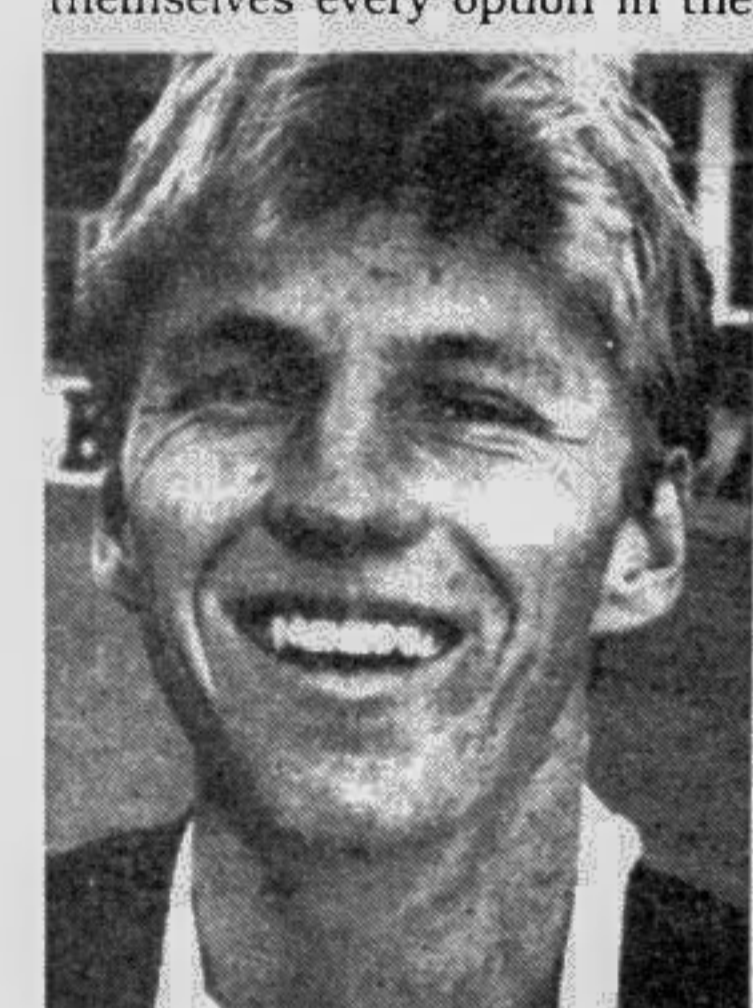
He said: "We have noticed wherever we are playing in the world, that at some stage of so many series we come unstuck against good wrist spin."

Lloyd was clearly referring to such class performers as Australia's Shane Warne and Pakistan's Mushtaq Ahmed. But his hint though was that the selectors will continue to back Salisbury just in case the conditions are right for him at Leeds.

Left-armed Mullally looks certain though to make his Test comeback after a 16-match absence going back to New

Zealand, 18 months ago.

His dangerous swing bowling has helped guide Leicestershire to the Benson & Hedges Cup final and the NatWest semi-finals. Skipper Alec Stewart is not ready to settle on a draw, and by recalling Aussie-reared Mullally, England would give themselves every option in the



ALAN MULLALLY

fast bowling department.

Should any of England's injury prone quickies break down in the next 48 hours playing for their counties, Warwickshire's uncapped Ed Giddins and Somerset's previously out-of-favour Andy Caddick would be the obvious replacements.

The selectors are determined to stand by Salisbury, the 28-year-old wrist spinner from

whom they expected so much after his 17-match and 22-month absence.

He is very much a part of their overall plans at a time when the England spin bowling cupboard is desperately bare.

His mauling by Hansie Cronje looked grim - he was cluttered for 57 runs from just nine overs at Nottingham.

But South Africa's captain clearly set out with a plan to belt him out of the firing line.

But spin has rarely been a factor at Headingley and the last time an England slow bowler had a big impact in a Test there was 13 years ago when John Emburey's off breaks helped bring down the Aussies by five wickets.

In six of the last nine Tests at Headingley, England have not bothered to include a spinner. And over a 13-Test span, going back to 1984, English spinners have taken a meagre 17 wickets at Leeds.

And although it may be a bit of a risk relying on the occasional off-spin of Mark Ramprakash and Graeme Hick, it is the selection route which David Graveney, Mike Gatting, Graham Gooch, and Stewart now seem set on.

Meanwhile, Yorkshire have decided to ban spectators from bringing alcohol into part of Headingley for the fifth Test.

After consulting with police, officials will prevent ticket holders on the infamous Western Terrace carrying in their own booze, although an existing "four-hour rule" will apply to fans in other areas.

Club Cup hockey from Aug 5

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The Club Cup hockey tournament 1998, organised by Bangladesh Hockey Federation, will begin at the National Hockey Stadium from August 5 with last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club taking on Bangladesh Sporting Club in the inaugural match.

A total of 15 teams, split into four groups for the first round robin league, will take part in the tournament. Although, it was earlier declared that all the 16 Senior Division clubs will participate in the league, the number has been reduced to 15 because of the Cantonian Sporting Club who have withdrawn for not having enough preparations.

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, who have been pencilled in Group C for the first round, will play their first match against Dhaka Ansars on August 7.

GROUPINGS

Group A: Mohammedan SC, Azad SC and Bangladesh SC
Group B: Usha Krira Chakra, Farashgan SC, Wari Club and Bachelor SC
Group C: Abahani KC, Sadharan Bima KS, Bangladesh Railway and Dhaka Ansars
Group D: Mariner Youngs Club, Ajax SC, Sonali Bank and Victoria SC

Northants led by Loye



LONDON, Aug 1: Northamptonshire's Mal Loye added to his growing reputation in English cricket by hammering his fourth century of the season against Nottinghamshire on Friday, reports Reuters.

His 103 took him to 430 runs in his last four innings and 1133 for the season, second only to Middlesex's Australian opener Justin Langer in the English county averages.

Englishman Loye, who has yet to be given his chance at Test level, had a disappointing season in 1997, when he was affected by back trouble.

But he has reached new heights this year, including a career-best score of 332 not out against Glamorgan.

His 103 against Nottinghamshire allowed Northants to reach 346 all out. The home side replied with 56 for no wicket before close on the second day.

Championship leaders Surrey continued to dominate their match against Sussex, whom they had bowled out for 125 on the first day.

England captain Alec Stewart made 96 and Alistair Brown 94 in a total of 364.

Then Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq, who took seven for 30 in the first innings, added two more wickets as Sussex slipped

Transfer

SEVILLE, Spain, Aug 1 (Reuters/Internet): Greek international midfielder Vassilis Tsartas completed a \$4.5 million move from Seville to Racing Santander on Friday.

Tsartas, who joined Seville from AEK Athens two years ago, was considered a flop after his first year in Spanish football.

But he enjoyed last season far more, scoring eight goals in 34 starts in Seville's second division campaign.

Striker Salvador Ballesta moves with him to first division Santander as part of the deal.

to 46 for four, still 180 behind. With second-placed Gloucestershire not playing and Lancashire and Leicestershire held up by bad weather at Old Trafford, Surrey seem certain to extend their 18-point lead at the top.

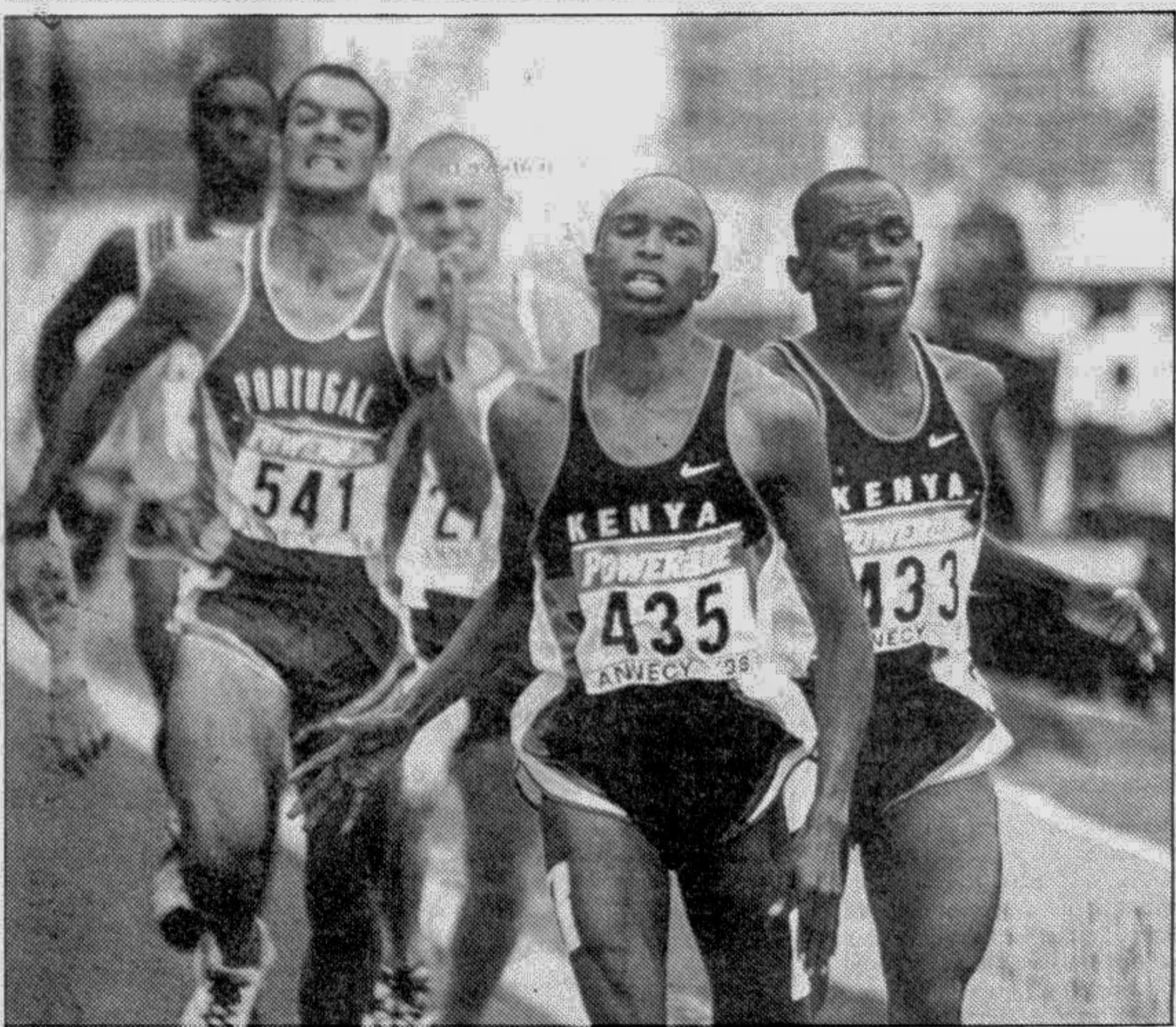
Leicestershire struggled to 218 for seven against Lancashire in the first innings of the match, Wasim Akram taking three wickets.

Former England batsman Robin Smith scored 134 as Hampshire took a first innings lead of 193 over Durham at Southampton.

Worcestershire's star batsman Graeme Hick (eight) and Tom Moody (nine) both failed as Yorkshire reduced their team to 145 for seven in reply to 455 for nine declared.

West Indies captain Brian Lara will have to wait until today to begin redeeming his reputation at Edgbaston, after being heckled on his last two appearances for Warwickshire.

He is next man in with the home team 76 for one replying to Glamorgan's 315.



Kenyan William Chirchir (C) crosses the finish line of the 800 metres race at the Goodwill Games in New York on July 31. — AFP photo