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## Column One DID U' KNOW?

**(The Professor does)**  
WHAT Alexander Alekhine died a chess world champion. The Russian chess grand master and world champion was born in Moscow in 1892, and educated at the universities of Petrograd (now Saint Petersburg) and Paris. After the Russian Revolution of 1917 he immigrated to France and became a French citizen. He won the rank of chess master at the age of 16 and the rank of grand master at 21. Alekhine won the chess world championship in 1927 from the Cuban chess player Jose Raul Capablanca and lost it to the Dutch chess player Max Euwe in 1935. Alekhine regained it from Euwe in 1937 and maintained it until his death in 1946.  
Never to be beaten again.

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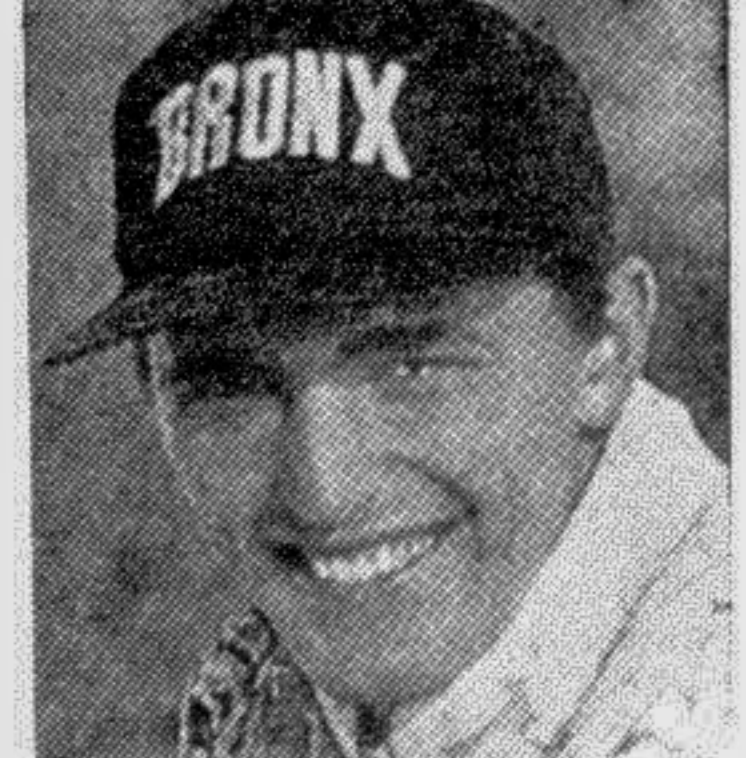
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- Who is skipping Barbados in C'wealth Games cricket?  
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- Where were the previous C'wealth Games held?  
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- In how many disciplines, is Bangladesh participating in the 16th Commonwealth Games?  
Two      Seven      Nine

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## EN-VITS

## SPORTS TALK



**Goran Ivanisevic**  
(Croatian tennis star)  
"Maybe I take too seriously these losses, and I just have to have some fun. Maybe it's going to help. Better to laugh than cry."  
After his exit from the Pilot Pen championship.

## Hockey camp begins today

A long-term residential camp for the national hockey team for the Bangkok Asian Games begins today at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Proshthan (BKSP) in Savar, reports UNB.  
Twenty-eight players, initially picked on Monday to form the national team, will join the camp under German coach York Schumacher.  
The German coach arrived in the capital Tuesday to conduct a five-week hockey training project.  
Most of the selected players have reported to the Hockey Federation yesterday as per schedule and the rest are expected to report today morning before the team heads for BKSP.

## Div II soccer

Prantik Kira Chakra earned 3-1 victory over Little Friends Club in the metropolis Second Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.  
The winners led the first half 3-0.  
The other matches between Jurain Janata Club and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, and Jatrabari KC and Bashaboo Tarun Sangha, were abandoned due to the waterlogged pitch.

## No silver lining in cricket's gloomy sky Crying over spilt milk

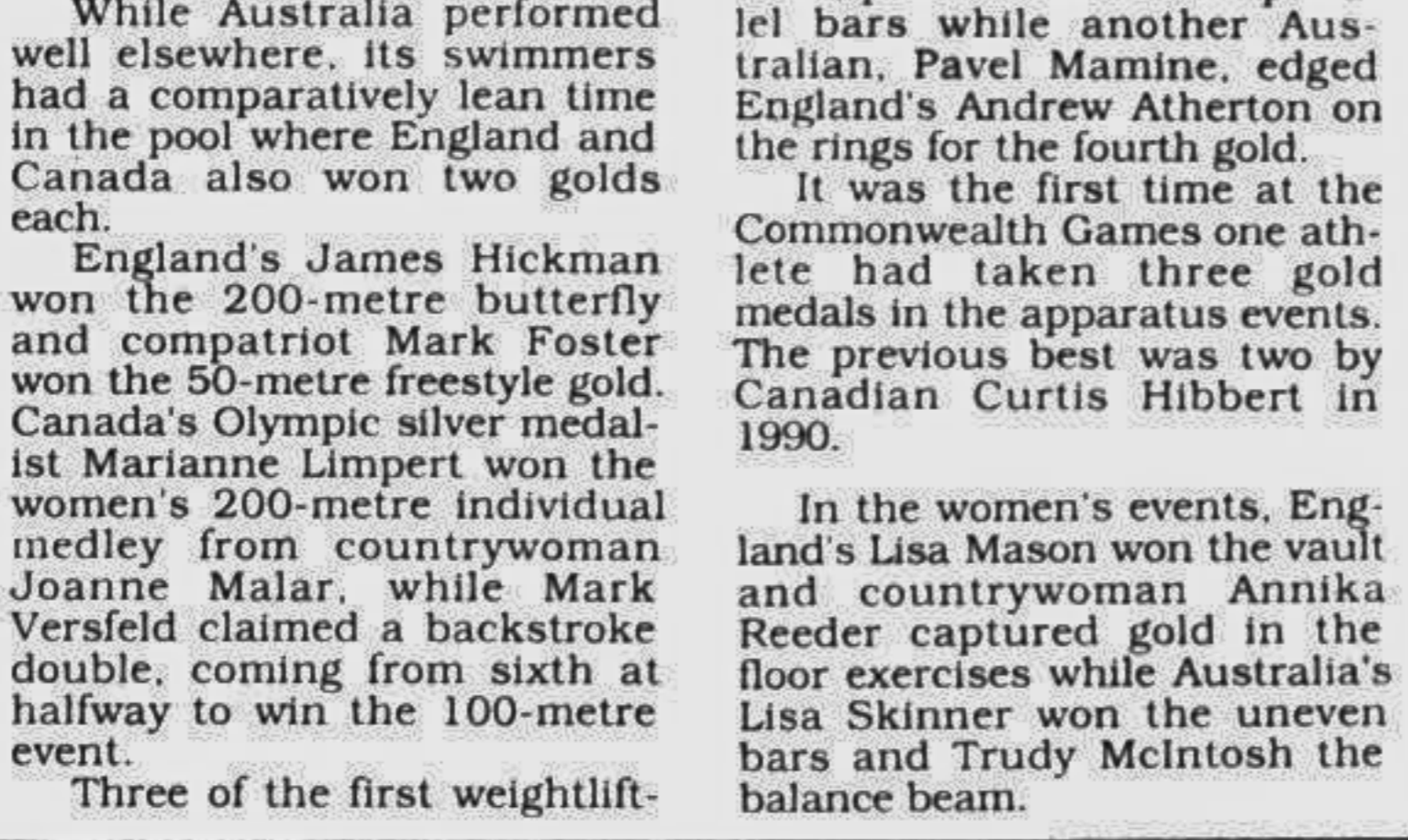
The dismal performance of Bangladeshi cricketers in the 16th Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur has shocked the whole nation, raising the big question about the very credibility of Bangladesh cricket.  
Are our players capable of winning a match? Is the Bangladesh Cricket Board being managed properly? And, last but not the least, whether Gordon Greenidge's gloomy forecast about cricket in Bangladesh is a prophecy?  
After Bangladesh achieved its biggest success in Kuala Lumpur last year in the form of the ICC trophy, cricket should have progressed here in the last 18 months as it did with other ICC associate members. But being the winners of that trophy, did Bangladesh cricket followed the right path?  
"I think we did not," said former national cricketer Dipu Rai Choudhury while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.  
"It is time to evaluate all the reports that the managers and coaches submitted to the board after each tour in last two years," said a dejected Dipu.  
On the other hand, former national cricketer Wahidul Ghani thinks it was obvious.  
"I feel bad but I am not surprised because the way things were going nothing better than this could be achieved," said Wahidul.  
Nazmul Abedin Fahim, the BKSP cricket coach who completed a month-long training at the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy in Australia along with 16 cricketers last month, was more concerned about the future of cricket.  
"Of the three departments, I think the bowlers are performing consistently, the fielding leaves a lot to be desired but the standard of batting has declined to an alarming level," said Fahim.  
"If they keep playing like this, it will be too difficult for them to win the ACC trophy in

Hasan Masood  
Nepal next month. What I can see now is the morale of the team is totally shattered. That bothers me most and I will not be surprised if Bangladesh do not win the ACC trophy and qualify for the next Asia Cup," said the softly spoken coach.  
Former chairman of the national selectors Lutfur Rahman Makhan was short of words.  
"I don't know what to say and how to perceive. I think our cricketers have lost their character, stamina, aptitude and enthusiasm for the game," said Makhan.  
When asked how this could be overcome, Makhan said, "We have to gear up our domestic cricket. We have to play longer version of cricket without which the cricketers will never earn the temperament they need to play the game at this level."  
Roquibul Hasan, former national skipper, said that it was a total mess. "I am disappointed with the way they batted. It makes me believe that they lack technique and temperament as well. When the ball moves, they can not play that. It happened in England also. The most distressing part is they can not bat for 50 overs."  
"I think a lot of homework needs to be done before the ACC trophy. The board should sit with the players and allow them to speak their minds and know where the lies the problem," Roquibul added.  
Mahmudul Haque Manu, a joint secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Board, also expressed his sheer frustration over the performance of the Bangladeshi boys in Kuala Lumpur.  
"Every body has gone ahead of us but we are still in the festive mood of our ICC triumph. Unless we can shake all that and look forward, things will not improve," said Manu.  
"I also blame the team management for not giving chance to more than one spinner on the turning tracks of Kuala Lumpur. Besides, there were two newcomers who should have capped when our veterans were not playing to their reputation."  
"The thing that hurts me most is that none of the three reserves from the England tour were considered for the Malaysia trip where you introduced two young cricketers. I am sure these two will be missing when the selectors name the ACC trophy squad," Manu added.  
When Manu was trying to shift the blame on the team management and selectors, former national cricketer Jahangir Shah Badshah thought otherwise.  
"I don't know why the board did not send Gordon Greenidge with the team if he is the best available coach in the country. The question is what is the board trying to achieve. Are they only concentrating in holding international tournaments?"  
Domestic cricket is in a horrible state and they (the BCB) don't take anybody's advice. If they think they are the sole authority of the game then they should come out with a reasonable explanation now," added Badshah.  
Shakil Kasem was more straight forward in his comment. "I think they have performed as per their abilities. They can not do anything better than this. They have been put under huge pressure by the board to do well without providing them the things they actually need to do so. They have been thrown into the deep," said an angry Shakil.  
"The ODI status was too early for us. It has damaged our cricket more because we still do not have that sort of infrastructure in our domestic cricket which will make our cricketers more competitive," he added.  
There was frustration all around.

## O'Neill equals Wenden's mark

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (AP): Susie O'Neill tied Mike Wenden's swim record of nine gold medals at the Commonwealth Games Wednesday but tracked star Ato Boldon all but counted himself out of a world record bid in the 100 metres.  
For once it was a bitter-sweet day for the dominant Australian swim team as it gained only two of the six golds compared with 17 out of 20 in the previous four days.  
But O'Neill's triumph by helping the Australians capture the 4x100 medley relay gold was a landmark. Her fifth gold medal of the Games went with the one she won at Auckland in 1990 and three at Victoria, British Columbia four years ago. She could still beat Wenden's record and hit double figures when she swims her Olympic gold medal event, the 200 butterfly, on Thursday.  
Boldon is chasing his first. The Trinidad sprinter came to the Games saying that the conditions were right for him to break Donovan Bailey's 100-metre time of 9.84 seconds.  
After two races Wednesday to gain the semifinal, he wasn't so sure.  
Boldon, who has run 9.86 (twice this season, loves the "Caribbean-style" heat and humidity of Kuala Lumpur) and says it is perfect for a world record. He's not so happy about the track.  
"I'm starting to have my doubts about the track. It's not just me, it's the times the other guys are running," said Boldon, who will be running against big rivals Frankie Fredericks of Namibia and Obaze Thompson to get to his first Commonwealth gold Thursday.  
"I think Frankie should have run faster so I'm having a few questions about whether it's a world record track," he said. "If I'm going to have a chance for it I must aim for a very good semifinal tomorrow."  
Thompson was second fastest qualifier for the semis with 10.09 while Fredericks, who was slower out of the blocks, managed only 10.15 and was fourth fastest behind Australia's Matthew Shrivington, who ran 10.13 to win his heat.  
The opening day of athletics saw a Kenyan 1-2 in the men's 10,000 metres with Simon Maina running virtually alone for the last 6,000. He beat William Kalya with Australia's Steve Moneghetti taking bronze to gain a medal for the fourth Commonwealth Games in a row.  
Australia's Deborah Sosmenko made a little bit of Games history by winning the first women's hammer with a heave of 66.56 metres ahead of England's Lorraine Shaw, who threw 62.66 and Canada's Caroline Wittrin, who had 61.67.  
In another event making its debut, Australia was guaranteed a gold in the women's squash final with world No. 2 Michelle Martin upset top-ranked Sarah Fitz-Gerald in straight games while Peter

Nicol gained Scotland's first gold of the 16th Games in a seesawing men's final against Canada's Jonathan Power.  
Nicol, the world's leading player, downed the third best in the world 3-9, 9-2, 9-1, 2-9, 9-2.  
ing golds went to defending champion Marcus Stephen of Nauru, who won the snatch, clean and jerk, and total weights in the 62-kilogram division.  
English shooters Michael Gault and Nick Baxter gained their second gold of the Games this time in the men's air pistol pairs. In the pairs free rifle 3-position event, Canadians Michael Dion and Wayne Sorensen repeated their 1994 triumph.  
In tenpin bowling, another sport making its debut, Malaysia's Kenny Ang beat Canada's William Rowe by 100 pins to win his second gold medal of the Games.  
Russian-born Andrei Kravtsov, a former circus acrobat now flying for Australia, won three gold medals in four events in the gymnastics arena.  
Kravtsov won the floor exercises, pommel horse and parallel bars while another Australian, Pavel Mamine, edged England's Andrew Atherton on the rings for the fourth gold.  
It was the first time at the Commonwealth Games one athlete had taken three gold medals in the apparatus events. The previous best was two by Canadian Curtis Hibbert in 1990.  
In the women's events, England's Lisa Mason won the vault and countrywoman Annika Reeder captured gold in the floor exercises while Australia's Lisa Skinner won the uneven bars and Trudy McIntosh the balance beam.



EFE HAILS THE STRIKER-SUPREME: Spanish state news agency's (EFE) news director Miguel Plator (R) handing over the EFE trophy for being the best Latin American football player for 1997 to superstar Ronaldo at Seville, Spain on September 15.— AP/UNB photo

## Shooters fire blanks

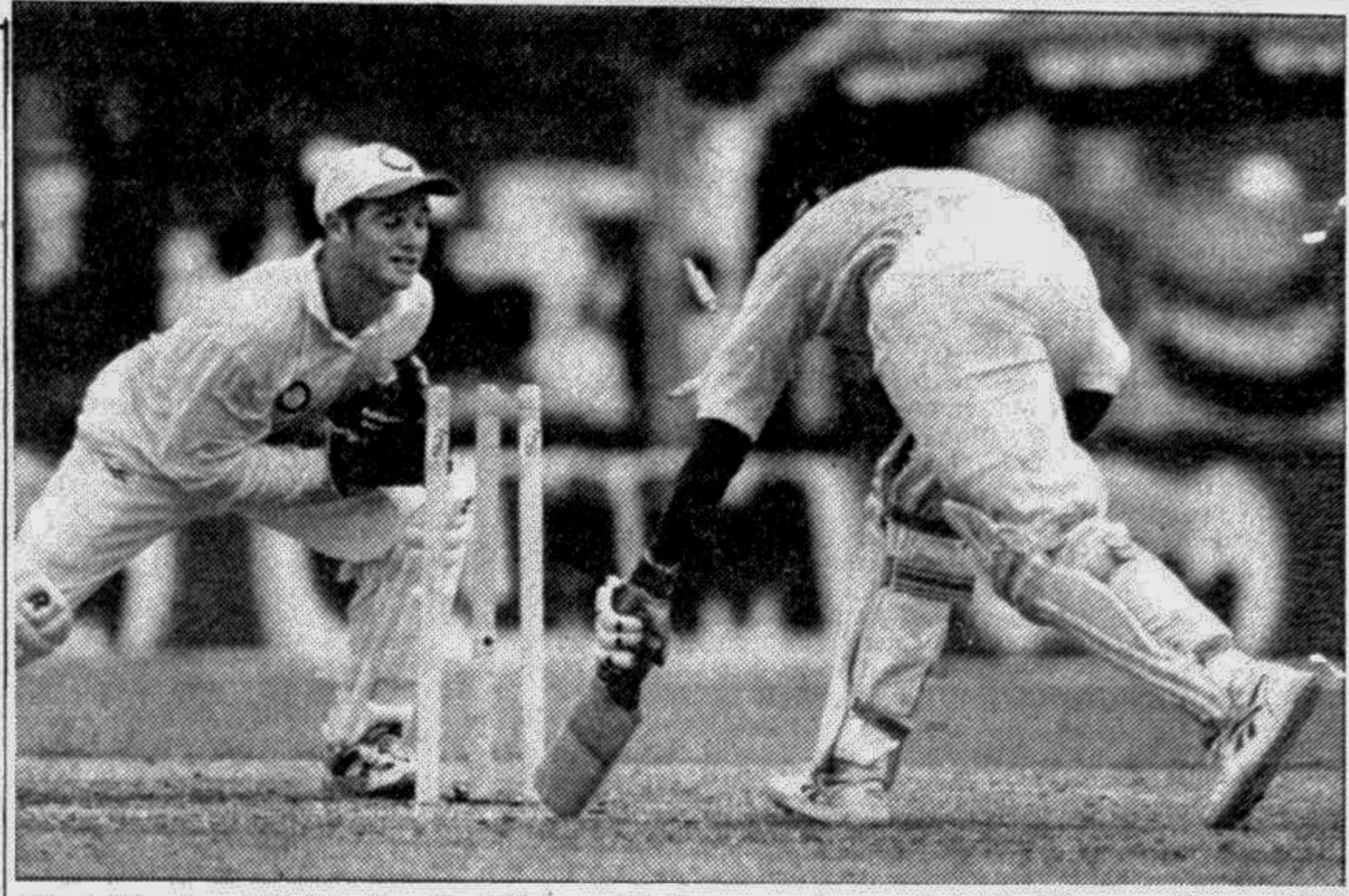
KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16: Bangladesh lost its last hope of winning a medal in shooting at the Commonwealth Games when Ateequr Rahman and Nazrul Islam Rubel finished seventh in pairs air pistol (men) at Langkawi today, reports BSS.  
Rubel scored an individual 572 with a break-up of 96, 95, 92, 96, 96, 97, which brightened a medal chance.  
But the gold winning shooter at the Auckland Commonwealth Games in 1990, Ateequr Rahman, got the hope dashed when he scored a poor 550—90, 93, 94, 89, 91, 93.  
India's Jaspal Rana and Sandeep Kumar bagged silver with 1143 while shooters from Pakistan and Sri Lanka got sixth and 12th positions scoring 1124 and 1116 respectively.  
England and Canada grabbed the gold and bronze medals.  
Bangladesh also got seventh position in pairs free rifle three position (men) when Nasiruddin Johnny and Saiful Alam Rinki scored 2238—17 points ahead of India, which finished eighth.  
Canada, Australia and England got gold, silver and bronze medals scoring 2276, 2266 and 2255 respectively.

## Twist of fate

Sports Reporter  
The feeling of disappointment is so deep after the morbid performance of Bangladeshi cricketers at Kuala Lumpur's Commonwealth Games that Dhaka's Jatrabari-based Bodhua Community Centre in a press release yesterday withdrew the award it announced for the victorious national heroes after the ICC triumph last April.  
Badhua had declared lifetime gratis use of the community centre for family functions of the ICC victors. But yesterday, because of the "cruel hoax" the national cricketers played with a "national suffering from flood" by being all out for 63 runs in 21 overs when Bangladesh lost to Northern Ireland by 114 runs. Badhua revoked the prize.  
This is the first instance of its kind and it is not immediately known whether others will follow suit. The ICC heroes deservedly received many a laurel in kind and cash but now their very reputation is at stake.

## Pakistan score 257 for five

Sports Reporter  
Pakistan piled up a challenging 257 for five against India in their third Sahara Cup clash at the Toronto Curling and Cricket Club ground, according to the ESPN satellite channel monitored here last night.  
Inzamamul Haq returned to form with a brilliant 81 off 112 balls. The portly right-hander struck nine fours and a massive six off Aji Agarkar in his polished innings.  
Left-handed opener Saad Anwar scored 58 before being bowled round his legs by Saurav Ganguly.  
Salim Malik scored a workmanlike 37 off 47 deliveries but the real thrust in the Pakistan innings was provided by Ijaz Ahmed, who wielded his willow to score a rapid fire unbeaten 41 off 22 balls studded with seven savage hits across the ropes.  
Young right arm seamer Aji Agarkar with two for 59 was the most successful among the Indian bowlers. While Srinath, Prasad and Ganguly shared the other three wickets.



Mark Boucher (R), the South African wicketkeeper, stumps Avishka Gunawardana of Sri Lanka during the semifinal of the Commonwealth Games cricket competition in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — AFP photo

## Boje-Dawson heroics see SA through

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16: South Africa's last-wicket pair of Nicky Boje and Alan Dawson overcame Sri Lanka's spirited fightback to lift their team into the Commonwealth Games cricket final here today, reports AFP.  
Boje and Dawson batted for 68 deliveries amidst nail-biting tension to add 35 match-winning runs after Sri Lanka, defending a modest 130, had reduced South Africa to 96-9.  
Boje, who took 4-16 with his left-arm spin, completed a memorable game with an unbeaten 20 on the treacherous underprepared wicket at the PKNS ground here.  
Last man Dawson made 15, snicking Mahela Jayawardana behind the wicketkeeper to level scores before cutting the next ball for the winning single.

dana ran out Mike Rindel (25) with a direct throw from the covers.  
Chandana's leg-spin then bowled Herschelle Gibbs for one as the batsman attempted to sweep, but South Africa's nightmare had just begun.  
Frontline batsman Jacques Kallis, whose 10 included an amazing reverse sweep off Russell Arnold which sailed over point for a six, ran himself out after playing to mid-on.  
Dale Birkenstein fell to Arnold, who then pulled off a low catch at mid-wicket to remove danger man Pollock.  
Earlier South African spinners Boje and Crookes (2-17) ran through the Sri Lankan lower half after Pollock won the toss and predictably elected to field.  
A steady 53 from opener Avishka Gunawardana carried Sri Lanka to a promising 117-4 in the 33rd over, before the last six wickets crashed for the addition of 13 runs.  
Tillekeratne (20) and Jayawardana (15), who toured England with the national squad last month, were the only other batsmen to reach double figures.  
Pollock, leading South Africa in the absence of seven regulars including captain Hanise Cronje, helped his team's cause with three catches in the deep and the wicket of Dawson not out.  
"Full marks to Boje and Dawson for seeing us through," a delighted Pollock said.  
"We did not bat well at all and it is a miracle that we are still in the competition, but at least we know what to expect in the final, probably another bowler-friendly game."  
A reflective Tillekeratne said his team did not score enough runs in the end.  
"Another 20-30 more and we would have been through. But full marks to this young side for fighting so well."

cricket match between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the Commonwealth Games on Wednesday.

**SRI LANKA**

Gunawardana c Boucher b Crookes	53
De Silva run out	7
Arnold b Pollock	0
Jayawardana c Pollock b Kallis	5
Tillekeratne b Boje	20
Hathurusinghe c and b Crookes	6
De Silva c Crookes b Boje	2
Chandana c Pollock b Boje	2
Wamapara c Pollock b Boje	2
Samarawera not out	4
Villavaran c Benkenstein b Rindel	1
Extras: (b-8, w-3, nb-7)	18
Total: (all out in 44 overs)	130
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-18; 3-61; 4-99; 5-117; 6-119; 7-121; 8-122; 9-127.	

**Bowling:**

Pollock	O	M	R	W
Elworthy	6	1	15	1
Kallis	5	1	31	0
Dawson	7	0	22	0
Crookes	10	3	17	2
Samarawera not out	9	3	16	4
Rindel	2	0	3	1

**South Africa now await the winners of Thursday's other semifinal between gold medal favourites Australia and New Zealand in Saturday's final at the same venue.**  
What was expected to be a cakewalk for the South Africans, chasing less than three runs an over, turned into a grim battle for survival against the spinners.  
Sri Lankan captain Hashan Tillekeratne, the lone member of the World Cup-winning squad at the Games, ordered his bowlers to hit the deck and let the ball do the talking, a strategy that paid off handsomely.  
South Africa were reduced to 76-7 and then faced certain defeat at 96-9 when Boje and Dawson turned the game around with their defiant batting.  
Sri Lanka's decision to give off-spinner Tilan Samarawera the new ball paid richly when he claimed Andrew Hudson and Derek Crookes in his fourth over.  
South Africa were soon 41-3 in the 10 over as Upul Chan-

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Rindel run out	25
Hudson b Samarawera	7
Crookes st De Silva b Samarawera	4
Kallis run out	10
Gibbs b Chandana	1
Birkenstein c Chandana b Arnold	10
Pollock c Arnold b Wamapara	7
Boucher c De Silva b Chandana	11
Elworthy st De Silva b Chandana	7
Boje not out	20
Dawson not out	13
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-8)	13
Total: (for nine wickets in 47 overs)	131
Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-38; 3-41; 4-50; 5-61; 6-70; 7-76; 8-93; 9-96.	

**Bowling:**

Villavaran	O	M	R	W
Samarawera	10	4	13	2
Arnold	10	2	40	1
Chandana	10	2	19	3
Wamapara	10	1	14	1
Hathurusinghe	1	0	3	0
Jayawardana	1	0	6	0

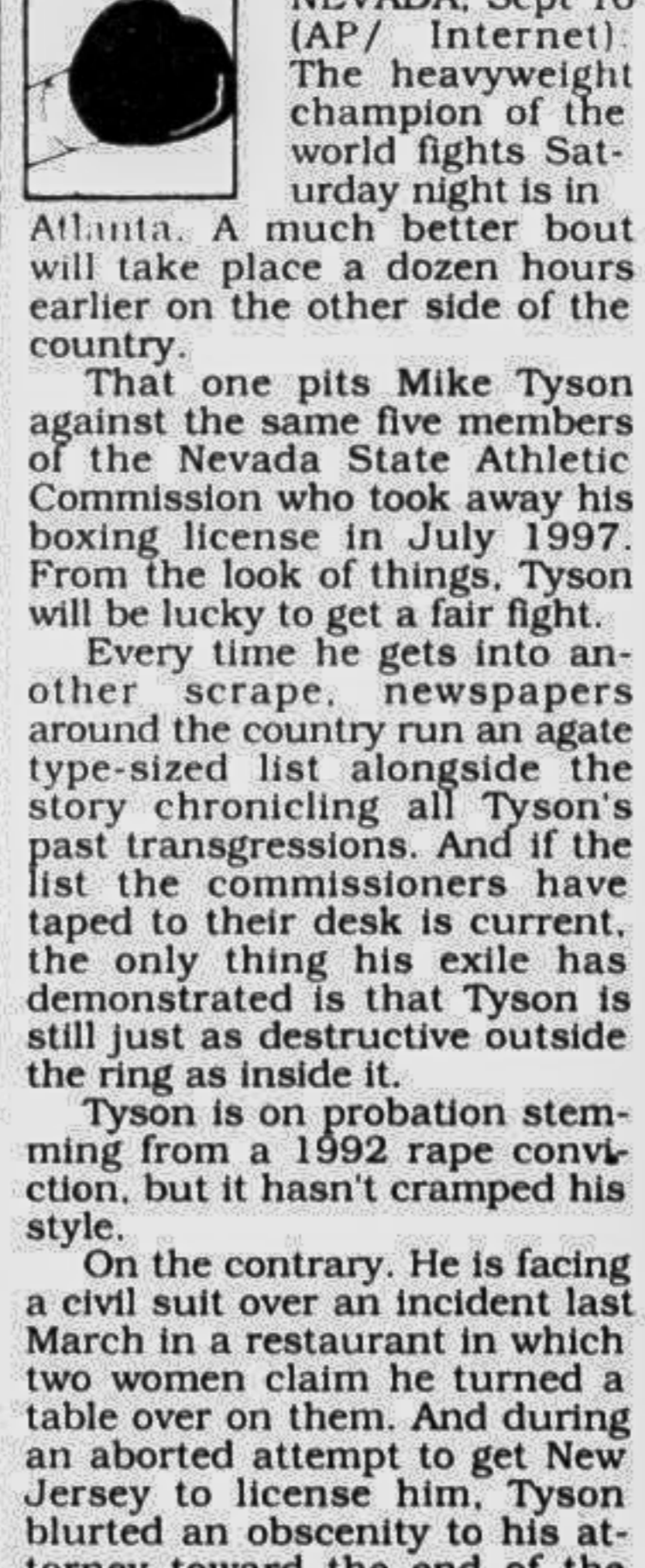
**Result: South Africa win by one wicket**  
Thursday's semifinal: Australia v New Zealand

## Best bout not on the ring

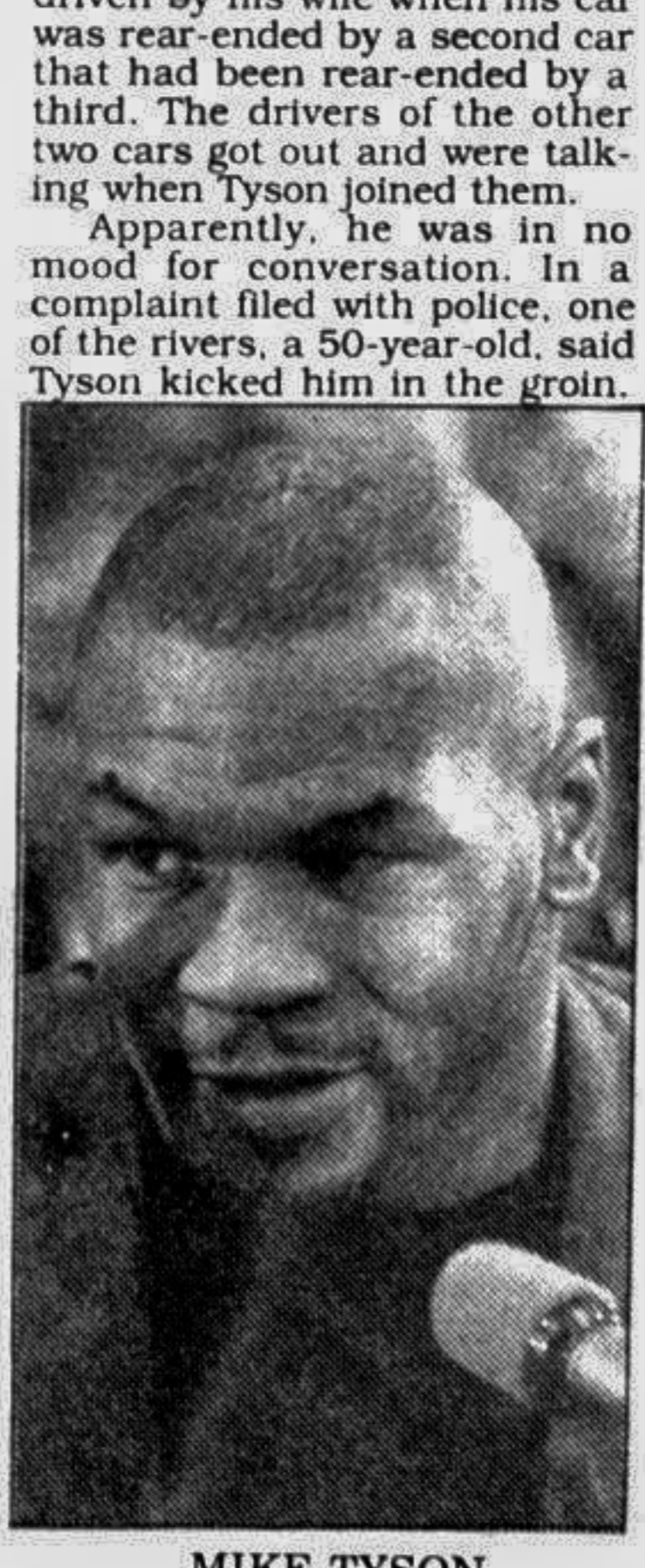
NEVADA, Sept 16 (AP/ Internet): The heavyweight champion of the world fights Saturday night in Atlanta. A much better bout will take place a dozen hours earlier on the other side of the country.  
That one pits Mike Tyson against the same five members of the Nevada State Athletic Commission who took away his boxing license in July 1997. From the look of things, Tyson will be lucky to get a fair fight.  
Every time he gets into another scrape, newspapers around the country run an agate type-sized list alongside the story chronicling all Tyson's past transgressions. And if the list the commissioners have taped to their desk is current, the only thing his exile has demonstrated is that Tyson is still just as destructive outside the ring as inside it.  
Tyson is on probation stemming from a 1992 rape conviction, but it hasn't cramped his style.  
On the contrary. He is facing a civil suit over an incident last March in a restaurant in which two women claim he turned a table over on them. And during an aborted attempt to get New Jersey to license him, Tyson blurted an obscenity to his attorney toward the end of the hearing, proving his patience is as limited as his vocabulary.  
Those incidents would have been trouble enough for most guys. But Tyson being Tyson, he had to double the ante before sitting down at the table in Las Vegas.  
According to Gaithersburg, police, Tyson was a passenger in a Mercedes-Benz being

driven by his wife when his car was rear-ended by a second car that had been rear-ended by a third. The drivers of the other two cars got out and were talking when Tyson joined them.  
Apparently, he was in no mood for conversation. In a complaint filed with police, one of the rivers, a 50-year-old, said Tyson kicked him in the groin.  
Remember, Arum is the same guy who once explained away an inconsistency by saying, "I was lying to you yesterday. Today I'm telling the truth."

scheduled five-hour session.  
"It's going to be a very, very tough hearing I'm pretty sure, only because of what has happened recently," Ghanem said. "It all has to come into play."  
In this feel-good summer of home runs and heroes who remind us how sportsmen are supposed to behave, the decision would appear to be a no-brainer.  
"The thing that would worry me," said promoter Bob Arum, who's never been a Tyson fan, "is that the next time he gets in the ring, he's going to bite some guy's nose off instead of both ears."  
Remember, Arum is the same guy who once explained away an inconsistency by saying, "I was lying to you yesterday. Today I'm telling the truth."



MIKE TYSON  
The other, age 62, claimed he was punched in the face.



Tendulkar, Jadeja Toronto-bound

**Tendulkar, Jadeja Toronto-bound**  
MUMBAI, Sept 16: Indian cricket board president Raj Singh Dungapur yesterday said Sachin Tendulkar, Commonwealth Games skipper Ajay Jadeja, leg-spinner Anil Kumble and all-rounder Robin Singh would be re-informing the Indian team at Toronto for its last two ties in the five-match Sahara Cup series against Pakistan.  
Dungapur told PTI, "I spoke to the Indian team captain Mohammad Azharuddin and coach Anshuman Gaekwad over telephone last night and they asked for the replacements. Both our batting and bowling seemed a bit weak and hence we have decided to send these four players to Toronto tonight."