

## Column One

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## COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-112

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March 12 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1	Who is the new Real Madrid soccer coach? Hiddink Toshack Sacchi
2	Pakistan won the hockey series against India by 5-1 6-3 4-3
3	Who is the first woman referee to officiate a First Division soccer match? Danielle Carolina Janet
4	Who won the boys' singles title in the ITF tourney in Rajshahi? Chang Weaver Wala
5	How many players are taking part in the United Insurance GM chess tourney? 10 13 20

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## SPORTS TALK



## Yevgeny Kafelnikov

(Russian tennis player)  
"I feel I had the advantage over him in experience."

After beating Thomas Enqvist in the Australian Open final.

## Nat'l schools cricket

## Jhalakathi Boys' clinch title

JHALAKATHI, Feb 27: Jhalakathi Government Boys' High School clinched the championship of the district-level National Schools Cricket tournament, reports APB.

In the final match played at the local stadium today, Jhalakathi School side defeated Taruli Junior School by 40 runs.

Sohag hammered a quick 70 runs off 36 balls to help Boys' School pile up 202 for four in the stipulated 30 overs. Zia scored 55 runs.

In reply, Taruli School were bowled out for 162 in 25.2 overs. Ismail made 31.

Sohag was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Police Super Mizanur Rahman Khan handed over the match.

## JPC badminton

Saiful Alam, Bakhtiar Rana and Lutfur Rahman Binu moved into the singles quarterfinals of the Jatiya Press Club badminton tournament Friday night at the club court, reports BSS.

Saiful Alam defeated M Anwaruddin 15-2, 15-3, Bakhtiar Rana got a walkover against AKM Rouf Hasan and Sukumar Sarkar conceded defeat to Binu.

In the doubles, Shamsuddin Ahmed Charu and Golam Mohiuddin Khan and Quazi Rawnak Hossain and Mahmud Hosain Khan Dulal qualified for the semifinals.

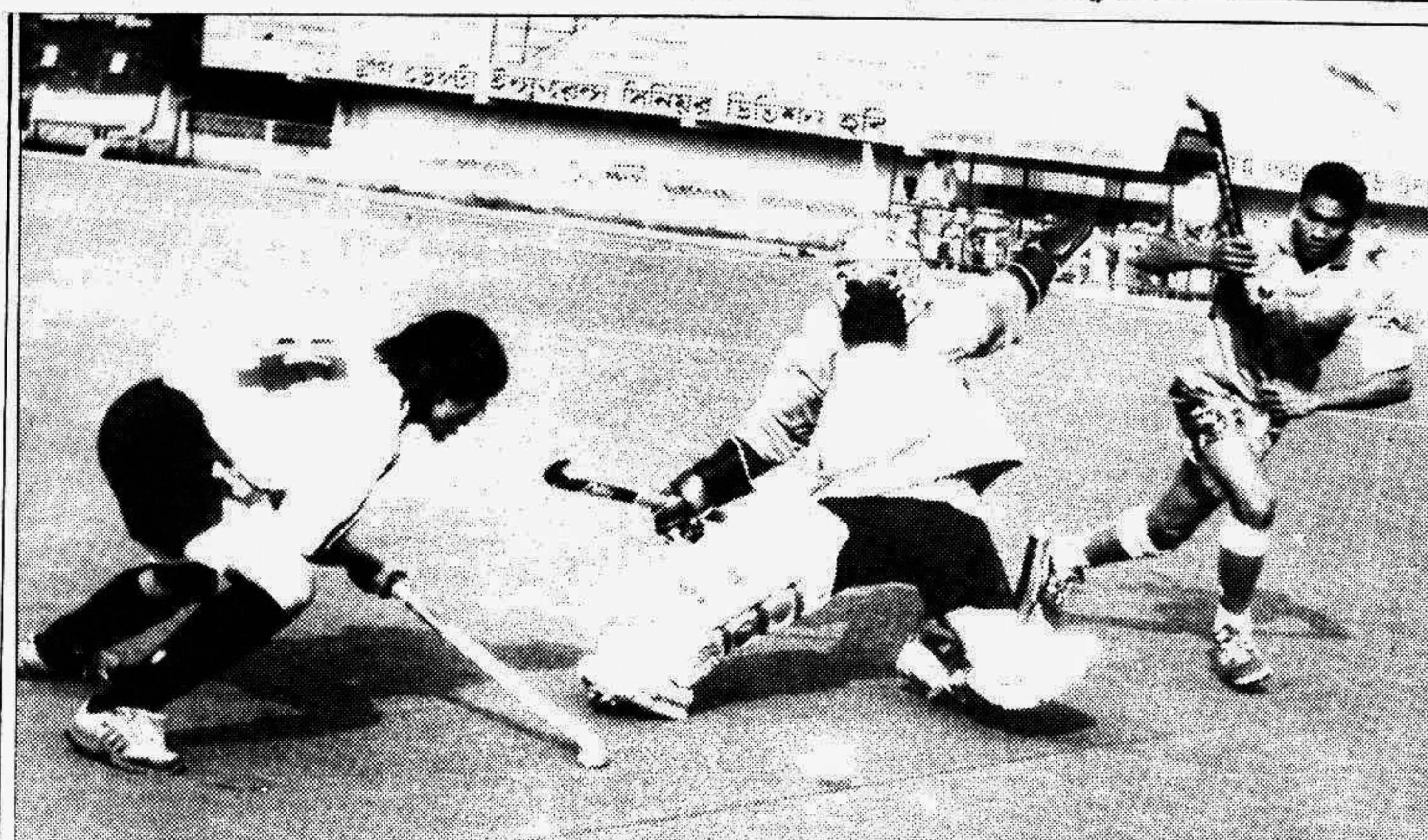
Charu-Mohiuddin pair beat Moazzam Hug and Annul Islam Shaheen 15-7, 17-15 in the quarterfinals. Earlier, Hug-Shaheen pair got a walkover against Khan Mohammad Salek and Manjurul Islam.

Rawnak-Dulal pair defeated Abu Taher Khokan and M Anwaruddin 15-3, 15-8 in the other quarterfinal.

## K'lautern hold Bayern

BERLIN, Feb 27: Kaiser-lautern's dress rehearsal for the Champions League quarter-final clash with fellow Bundesliga rivals Bayern Munich ended in a disappointing 1-1 draw at home with Stuttgart on Friday, reports AP.

Egyptian international Hany Ranzy salvaged the draw for the home team, after Fredi Bodic had put Stuttgart ahead five minutes earlier.



Usha custodian Osman (C) denies Mohammedan's Pakistan forward Kamran Ashraf (L) during the second semifinal of the Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti hockey tournament yesterday.

Star photo

## Mohammedan-Abahani final next Tuesday

## Tahir sinks Usha hopes

Sports Reporter

A second-half strike from Pakistan centre-half Tahir Zaman propelled title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting into the final of the Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti Hockey Tournament with a lone goal win over strong Usha Krira Chakra. The second semi-final was played at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Tahir, the Faisalabad-based former Pakistan skipper, blasted the board from a short corner in the 50th minute to set up yet another clash against arch rivals Abahani in the March 2 final. Abahani defeated Mohammedan 2-1 in their first round group match last week.

Although the first session remained goalless, it was the black and-whites, who dominated the proceedings. Star-studded Usha survived many close calls mainly because of the poor form of another Pak-

istani Kamran Ashraf, who failed to score from four chances.

Usha, which also had four Pakistani recruits like their Motijheel-based opponents, lacked team spirit during the whole match. Forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal was a super flop. Sadeq alone played with some sharpness. But he never looked convincing as no one, specially the four Pakistanis, gave him any support.

In the second half, Mohammedan returned with a different frame of mind and kept the old Dhaka outfit almost cornered to their own box with a series of offensives. However, Usha defender Mahfuz Alam Nixon stood like a rock against the organised Mohammedan attack and repulsed them with his timely interceptions.

Mohammedan finally broke the deadlock in the 50th minute when they earned their fifth short corner of the match. Ramiz pushed the ball and Mohammedan captain Mitul

stopped and passed it to Tahir following a nice dummy from defender Shipu. Tahir took a U-turn before pushing the ball, which deflected into the goal from the stick of Usha defender Khurshid.

In the remaining time, Mohammedan got three more short corners as a result of their attacking approach but they failed to convert any because of poor understanding.

The outcome of the match left Dhaka hockey lovers with the prospect of another Abahani-Mohammedan clash, the final, scheduled at the same venue coming Tuesday.

## TEAMS

**Mohammedan SC:** Javed, Khokon, Rony, Shipu, Mitul, Tahir Zaman, M Khalid, M Shafiq, Rana Atiq, Kamran Ashraf and Ramiz.

**Usha KC:** Osman, Rana Mujahid, Nixon, Issa Miah, Tutul Kumar, Khurshid, Musa Miah, Sadeq, Kamal, Asif and Samir.

Umpires: Aslam Omar Belim and Maksudur Rahman.

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Tambakis, who is from Adelaide. He has shown no desire to continue his international cricket career.

The WICB are being careful how they handle the situation.

Former Test opener Desmond Haynes was once dropped from a touring party for failing to play in a domestic match and still sits the board. The case is yet to be heard.

**Wasim cheers Waqar up**

KARACHI, Feb 27: Pakistan cricket captain Wasim Akram today insisted Waqar Younis' international career was not over after the pace bowler was dropped from a 20-strong training squad ahead of next week's Asian Test Championship match against Sri Lanka, reports AFP.

The camp for the match, which starts in Lahore from March 4, will commence on Sunday.

"We still need his experience but selectors wanted to test a few youngsters in the Test against Sri Lanka. Waqar is surely in our scheme of things for the future," Wasim told AFP.

Waqar, 27, was dropped from the Pakistan team for the first Asian Test against India in Calcutta earlier in the month. Pakistan beat India by 46 runs.

Pacer Shoaib Akhtar, who replaced Waqar in Calcutta took eight wickets in the match and is likely to retain his place in the Lahore Test.

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Chanderpaul out of first Test

**PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Feb 27 (Reuters/Interfax):** West Indies have hit more problems with the withdrawal of Shivnarine Chanderpaul from the first Test of the four-match series against Australia starting here next Friday.

Chanderpaul, one of the more dependable players in a brittle West Indian batting order, damaged his right shoulder during the fourth of seven one-day internationals on their recent tour of South Africa.

Left-hander Chanderpaul continued to play but aggravated the problem and has now been advised to rest for at least two weeks. The best he can hope for is to play in the second Test starting in Kingston, Jamaica, on March 13.

The loss of Chanderpaul further weakens a batting line-up which is also likely to be without vice-captain Carl Hooper, who has failed to return to the Caribbean after the South African tour.

The enigmatic Hooper was given a deadline of this Friday but remains in Adelaide with his wife and three-week-old child, who is ill.

"We have not heard from him and if we do not hear anything by Saturday he is out of the side," West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chief executive Steve Cramm said.

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