

Nat'l youth cricket

Chapainawabganj advanced into the final of the 19th National Youth Cricket Championship...

Polster rates himself high

BONN, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Borussia Moenchengladbach's veteran Austrian striker Toni Polster...

Celtic pair on the move

GLASGOW, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Celtic midfielders Phil O'Donnell and Simon Donnelly...

O'Donnell, 26, and Donnelly, 24, both signed pre-contract agreements after travelling to Sheffield...

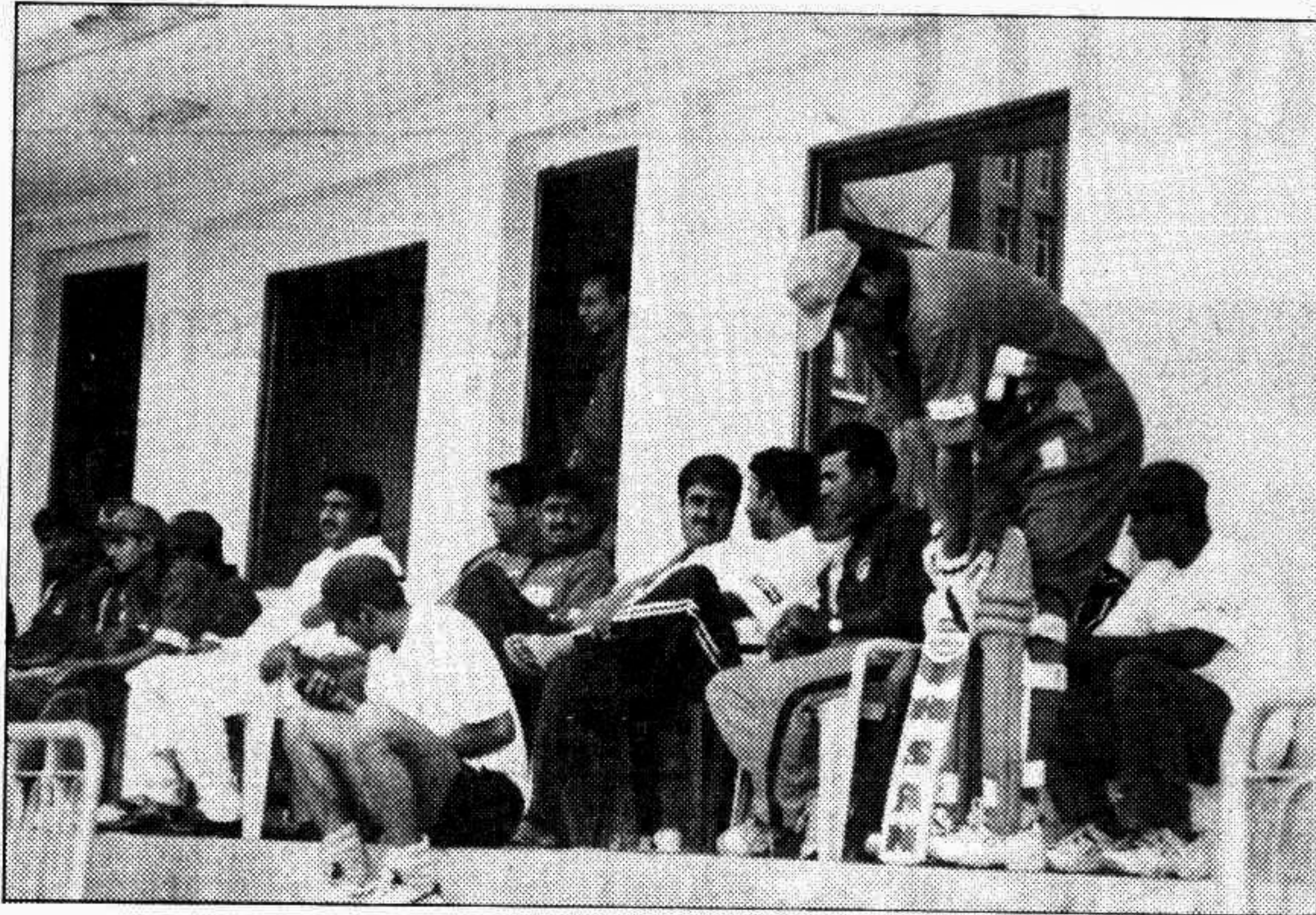
Maiden members

LONDON, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): England's Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) broke with 212 years of tradition...

The MCC has responsibility for fostering the game around the world and the first officially-sanctioned MCC women's team...

Moya heads new rankings

- MONACO, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Leading rankings (along with points) issued by the ATP Tour on Monday...



Wasim Akram practising to expand upon his cricketing exploits. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Real ready for a tough tie

MOSCOW, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Title-holders Real Madrid face Dynamo Kiev in Wednesday's European Cup quarter-final...

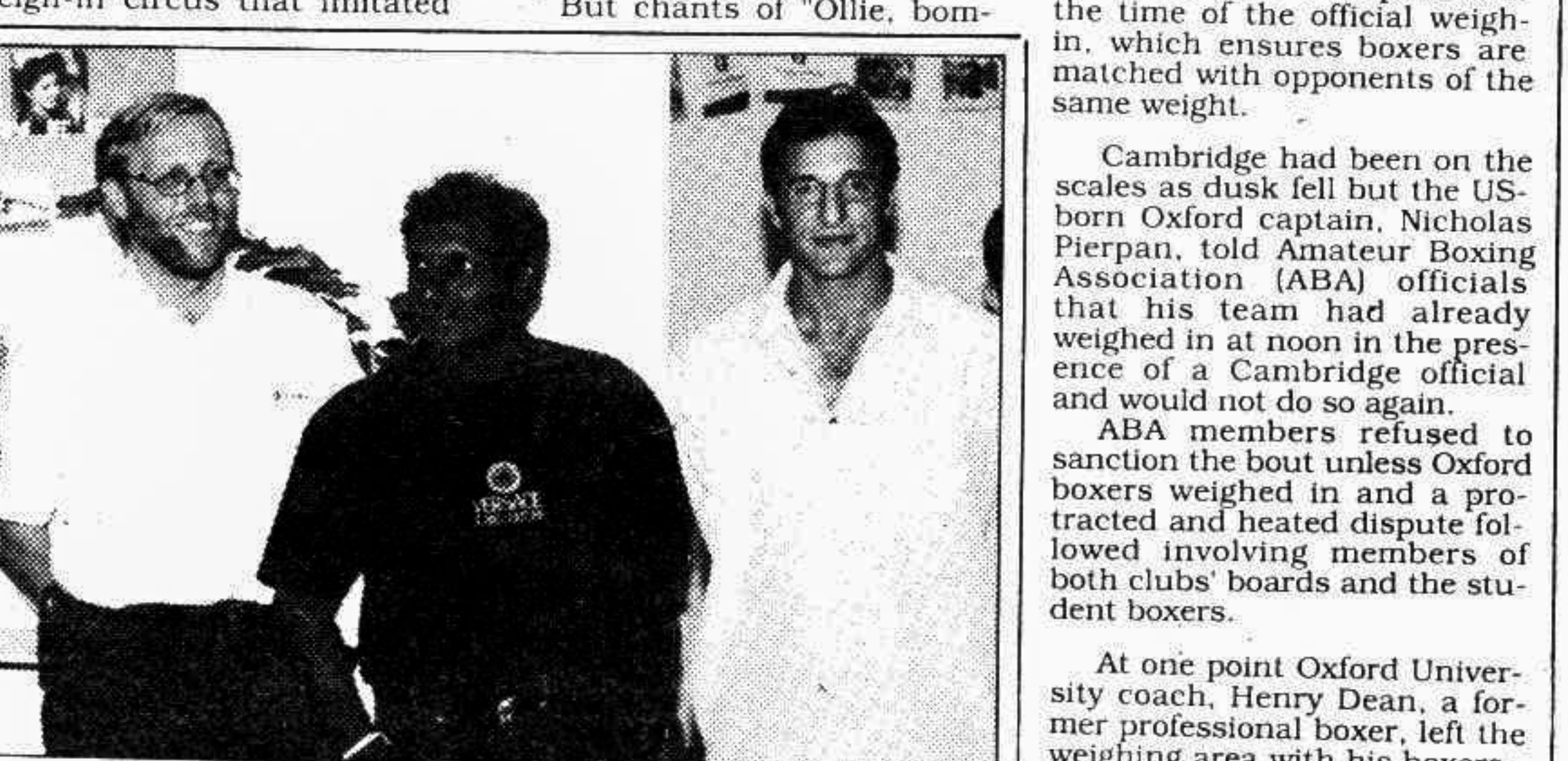
African Nations' Cup 2000

Ghana, Nigeria co-hosts

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 16: Ghana and Nigeria were named co-hosts of next year's African Nations' Cup...

There's no love lost between them

CAMBRIDGE, England, Mar 16 (Reuters): Blood, sweat, tears and insults. Standard fare at any boxing match...



JOINING THE GRAMEEN CLUB: Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram (R) and Sri Lankan captain Aravinda de Silva (2nd from R) visited the Grameen Phone (GP) Info Centre...

Klinsmann dreamt of Madrid!

LONDON, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Juergen Klinsmann dreamed throughout his career of playing for Real Madrid...

Klinsmann, now retired and living in California, told CNN that he held talks twice with Real Madrid...

Ribbeck will not talk to Basler

BONN, March 16 (Reuters/Internet): Germany coach Erich Ribbeck said on Tuesday he would not talk to Bayern Munich midfielder Mario Basler...

Olympics at a low ebb

GENEVA, Mar 16: The chiefs of the world athletics and football organisations met in Zurich on Monday to work out ways of boosting the popularity of track and field...

ATP Tour's top earners

- MONACO, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Leading prize-money winners (given in US dollars) issued by the ATP Tour on Monday:

Hings makes the most of tennis

- ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Mar 16: (Reuters/Internet): Top 20 money winners (given in US dollars) this year in women's tennis...

Thorny times for USA, IOC

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Mar 16 (AP): The United States made the Olympics rich, and now the United States insists the Olympics make sweeping changes...

As they prepared Monday for a watershed assembly to deal with the corruption and fallout of Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games...



International Olympic Committee chief Juan Antonio Samaranch arrives at the conference centre in Lausanne, Switzerland on March 16. The 108th session of the IOC is scheduled to begin at this centre today. —AFP photo

Coles' clear-cut denial

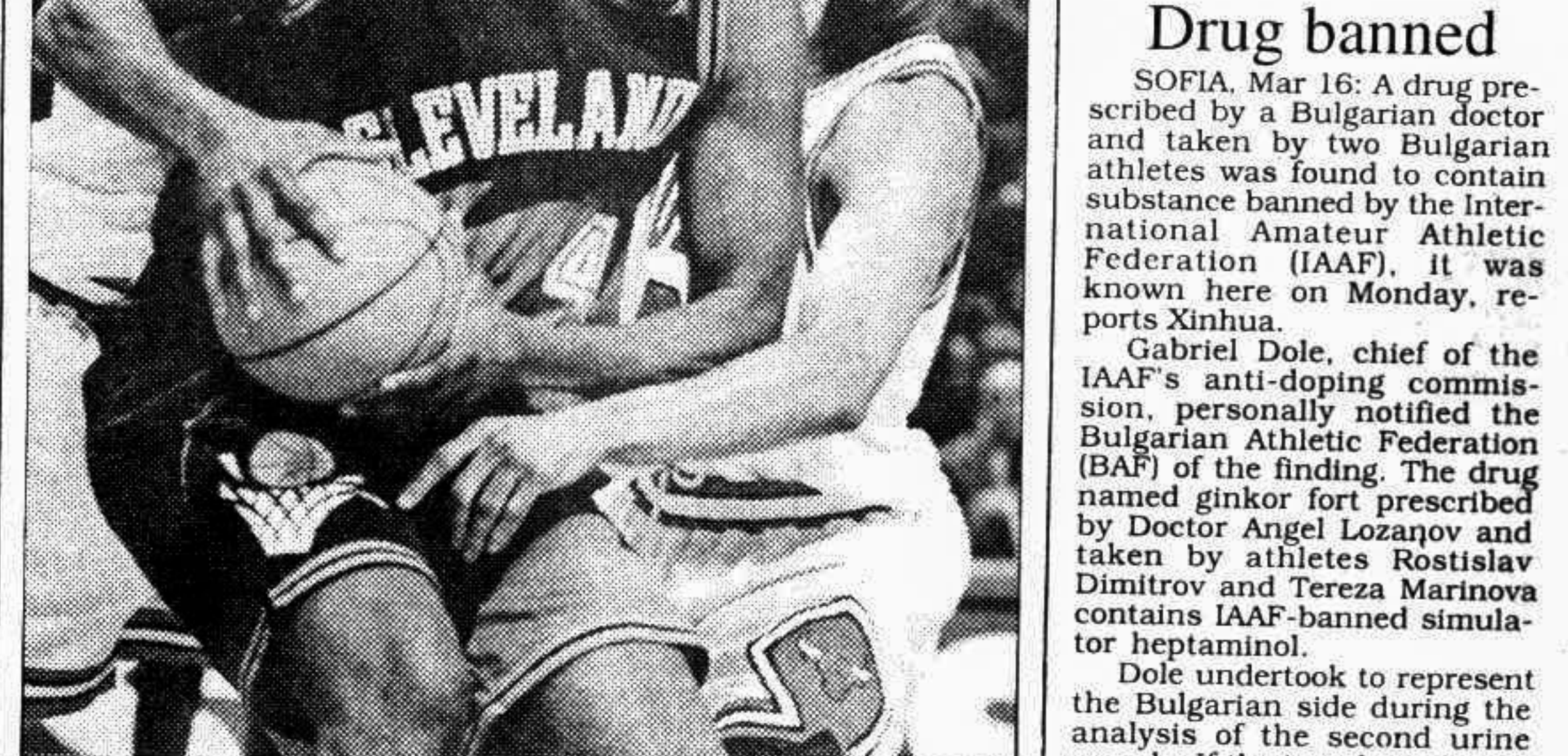
SYDNEY, Mar 16: Australian IOC member Phil Coles on Tuesday denied charges that he accepted excessive hospitality from Olympic Games bidders in Salt Lake City...

Coles, who resigned from the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) last week admitting he had been "careless," said reports that he received 40,000 US dollars in travel and accommodation from Salt Lake City were "a myth."

He denied a report that he breached its rules by accepting 6,000 US dollars worth of jewellery from a wealthy Greek businessman connected to Athens' failed bid for the 1996 Games.

"I did not meet a wealthy Greek businessman," Coles told a commercial radio station here. "I did not receive gold cufflinks. I did not receive gold expensive jewellery."

The IOC meets in Lausanne this week and Coles has been recommended to get a "most serious warning" for accepting four or five ski holidays with his family from Salt Lake City, but is not among members facing expulsion.



Cleveland Cavaliers' Shawn Kemp (M) looks for an opening to the basket as Chicago Bulls defenders try to stop him during their NBL fixture at Chicago on March 15. The Bulls lost 85-89. —AFP photo

Young stands by Olympic movement

ATLANTA, Mar 16: Andrew Young, co-chairman of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic committee, praises the Olympic movement's progress under Juan Antonio Samaranch...

"Now, the counterrevolution begins," Young, the former US ambassador to the United Nations, wrote in an op-ed column for Sunday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

There has been a series of resignations and disciplinary actions since vote-buying allegations were made in connection with Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

Drug banned

SOFIA, Mar 16: A drug prescribed by a Bulgarian doctor and taken by two Bulgarian athletes was found to contain substance banned by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)...