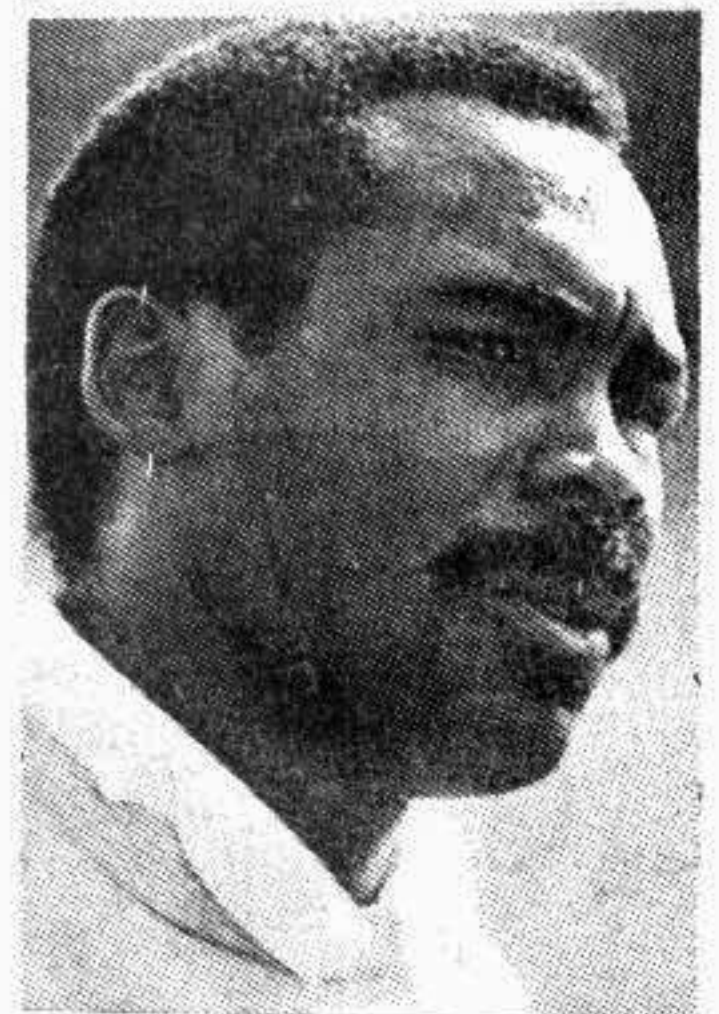


SPORTS TALK



Gordon Greenidge

(Bangladeshi cricketer coach)
"The boys are forever talking about doing it but when they get the opportunity, they seem to forget what they've been talking about."

On Bangladesh's poor batting.

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Div III cricket

Dilkhusha Sporting Club defeated Nakhla Park Sussex Club by 28 runs in the Third Division cricket league at the T&T ground yesterday, reports UNB.

BRIEF SCORES
DILKHUSHA SC: 188/8 (35), (Debashish 73, Krishna 46, Nahid 2/34).
NAKHAL PARK: 160/9 (35) (Masum 36, Azad 26, Wajid 3/22, Krishna 3/38).

Brits go down fighting



DUESELDOERF, May 19: Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski fought brave battles before falling to

Spain's clay-court ace at the World Team Cup on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Britain, who had beaten holders Germany in their opening tie on Sunday, lost 2-1 but still stand a chance of reaching Saturday's final of the tournament featuring eight top tennis nations.

The Germans delighted their home fans in the day's other tie by winning the decisive doubles to beat Sweden 2-1 and keep their title hopes alive.

French Open champion Carlos Moya won a tight three-set battle against Henman to hand Spain a winning 2-0 lead.

World number four Moya, turning up for the defence of his title from next week in Paris, took over two hours to seal a hard-fought 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 win.

Alex Corretja, who lost to Moya in last year's French Open final, had earlier shrugged off a brave challenge from Rusedski, beating him 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 to put Spain 1-0 up.

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But Henman refused to yield and broke him on the way to forcing a tie-break in which Moya built a 6-1 lead.

Henman saved a match point with a superb backhand along the line but Moya fired a service winner on his second match point to take the tie-break 7-2 wrap it up.

"It was a match that could have gone either way," world number seven Henman said. "He came up with good points at the right time but I think it was a good match from both of us."

Henman has never shone on the Paris clay but he warned it

could be different this time.

"My form on clay is as good as it's ever been," he said. "I've been home in the evening every time at the French but this time could be different. I'm really confident and I'm looking forward to it."

Rusedski also lost honourably after showing that his heavy artillery could be efficient on clay.

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Corretja, the world number six, then served for the match and sealed victory with a smash on his first match point.

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Sweden then levelled the tie, with Australian Open finalist Thomas Enqvist beating Tommy Haas 6-4, 6-4.

Haas had little time to rest as he had to replace Boris Becker, who had pulled out of the decisive doubles with a shoulder injury.

Haas and David Prinosil edged out Jonas Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulti 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 in the day's last match.

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FIFA rankings

ZURICH, May 19: Brazil and world champions France comfortably maintained their top two spots followed by Italy and Germany in the latest FIFA rankings published today, reports Reuters.

Scotland, on the strength of a 1-0 victory over Germany in friendly in Bremen last month were the biggest movers among the top 30 nations, jumping seven places from 28 to 21.

Latest rankings (ranking, last month's ranking, points)

1 (1)	Brazil	817
2 (2)	France	785
3 (3)	Germany	742
4 (4)	Italy	740
5 (5)	Czech Republic	736
6 (6)	Croatia	730
7 (7)	Argentina	729
8 (8)	Spain	724
9 (9)	Netherlands	703
10 (10)	Romania	701
11 (11)	England	695
12 (12)	Norway	690
13 (13)	Mexico	679
14 (14)	Sweden	673
15 (15)	Portugal	670
16 (16)	Yugoslavia	647
17 (17)	Austria	642
18 (18)	Denmark	634
19 (19)	Morocco	631
20 (20)	Paraguay	614
21 (21)	Scotland	603
22 (22)	Ukraine	603
23 (23)	Chile	600
24 (24)	US	596
25 (25)	Slovakia	596
26 (26)	South Africa	596
27 (27)	Belgium	593
28 (28)	Tunisia	591
29 (29)	Poland	590
30 (30)	Bulgaria	589

Real to swap Suker for West Ham's Rio

MADRID, May 19: Spanish giants Real Madrid are set to swap Croatian international striker Davor Suker for West Ham's English international defender Rio Ferdinand it was reported here on Wednesday, says AFP.

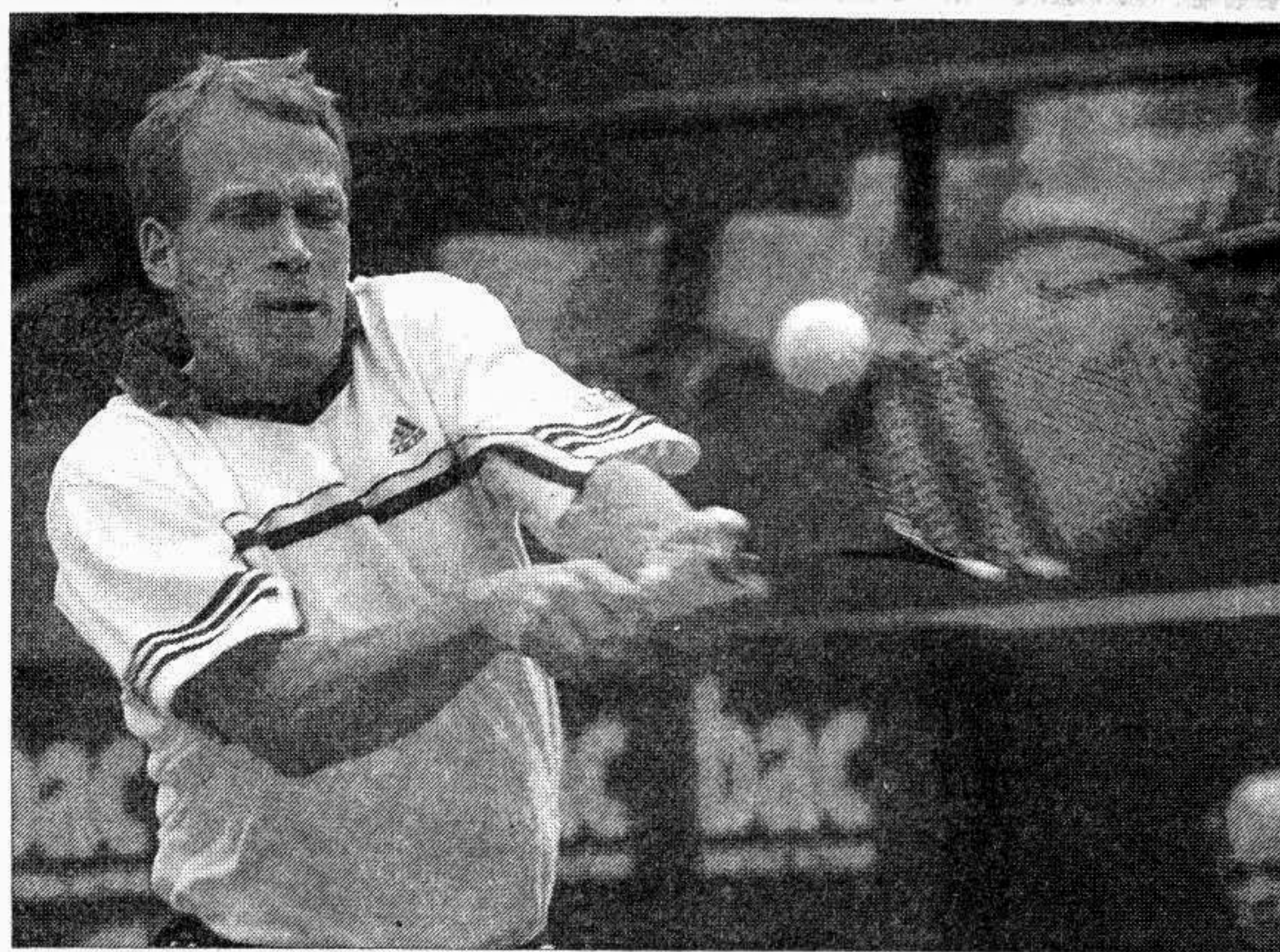
The eight-time European Cup winners, who are in a desperate battle to claim a Champions' League place for next season, cannot meet the 19.3 million dollar asking price but believe that with the out of favour Suker, last year's World Cup final leading scorer, as part of the package they can persuade West Ham to part with 20-year-old Ferdinand.

Real Madrid coach John Toshack, who replaced the sacked Guus Hiddink earlier this year, has promised a clear-out of the departed European Cup winners.

Suker is top of the list after he accused the Welshman earlier this month of trying to make him sign for either Portuguese outfit Porto or Turkish side Fenerbahce and in return he would play in the remaining league matches.

Real Madrid suspended the 31-year-old striker, who has declared a preference for playing in England, without pay for both that incident and for accusing Toshack of wrecking the image of the club.

Real Madrid, who are currently third with four matches to go but are competing with four other sides for the two remaining Champions' League berths, have already signed Englishman Steve McManaman from Liverpool.



American Richey Reneberg plays a double-fisted backhand against Dominik Hrbati during their World Team Cup engagement in Dusseldorf, Germany yesterday. Reneberg won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Afzal Khan basketball

Masood Akhtar Mobaraki back from Dehradun

BKSP school basketball team participated at the just concluded 9th A K basketball tournament held from 27th to 1st May at Dehradun of India. BKSP is the first school team to participate in such a prestigious tournament.

An official invitation was extended to send a good school team. After proper scrutinizing BKSP was selected to represent Bangladesh. This decision proved fruitful and BKSP reached the semifinal defeating four teams, including one from Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh were placed in Pool D along with Ananda College (Colombo), Welham Boys School (Dehradun), Yadavindra Public School (Chandigarh).

Ali Asgar Khan, chief coach of BKSP, trained the boys very efficiently within a span of only eight months. The team played extremely well but lacked sharp shooters and play makers, which kept them away from the trophy.

Every body praised BKSP's performance in and out of the field. They were well disciplined. BKSP lost the semifinal encounter to the former champions Woodstock School from Massachusetts by 15 points. BKSP played the quarterfinal in the morning. As such our players were tired and exhausted due to the summer heat.

The final match was played between former champions Woodstock School and runners-up Delhi Public School. DPS was determined to lift the trophy beside safe guarding their title. They also played attacking basketball. Woodstock was winning by a single point till the half time, but when the second-half began the DPS spear headed their attack through Sanjeet Singh and Murry. Both penetrated the Woodstock defence again and again, which gave DPS a 50-42 points lead. Thus DPS took revenge of their

last year's defeat by clinching the title.

Sanjeet Singh of DPS was adjudged most valuable player of the tournament by the South Asian Basketball Journalist Association. Secretary, SABJA, was present to hand over the most prestigious trophy introduced for the development of basketball in South Asian region.

Famous Bombay film star Saif Ali Khan was the chief guest and distributed prizes. With the participation of three schools from abroad, one each from Dubai, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in the 9th year, the A K Memorial Basketball Tournament has acquired the status of a truly international competition for school boys. Thirteen teams participated at the Huge Doon School compound.

The Afzal Khan Memorial Basketball Tournament was initiated in 1991 on the one hand to perpetuate the memory of the late Sardar Afzal Khan one of the most talented young sportsmen of Doon School has ever seen, whose life we was tragically cut short at the tender age of 21, and on the other hand to promote among participating school boys, Afzal's favourite game of basketball. The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) accorded recognition to this tournament from the very beginning. The BFI has helped the organisers of the tournament not only by granting its recognition, but also by providing referees of national and international repute to ensure smooth functioning of the tournament. Not only has the number of participating teams gone up steadily but also the all-round standard of the game has substantially improved.

The tournament organisers have been fortunate enough to have had no dearth of well wishers who have always helped them raise funds required to host such a tournament.

ment. The money collected from advertisement received in the first thrust was enough to run the tournament for the first three years.

Coca-Cola sponsored the 4th, Hero Honda in 1995, and KC Thapar Memorial Trust took the responsibility for the next three years.

Several luminaries have graced the tourney with their presence over the years. Among them were Air Marshall G Sen, Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, Sanjay Khan, Salman Khan, Raja Randhir Singh, Kapil Dev, KPS Gill and recently Asif Ali Khan and Nasiruddin Shah.

This correspondent, after examining all the aspects, suggests that the organising committee should be more careful in the future because this tournament has already been declared "international". They should take special care of the foreign teams. The schedule of the tournament must be shifted to January to February because the weather remains pleasant.

The standard of referees must be raised for impartial decision. Media enclosure should be provided to the journalists with minimum facilities which can further enhance the reputation of this tournament in South Asia.

Milan match sold out

"PBRUGIA, May 19: AC Milan are set to win the Italian championship on Sunday but fewer than 2,600 of their fans will be able to watch them play in their crucial, sell-out match against Perugia, reports AFP.

Police, club and council officials here have decided to limit the number of travelling fans at the Curi Stadium, as AC Milan defend their one-point lead over Lazio and Perugia try to avoid a speedy return to the Serie B.

TV Guide

Thursday 20th May
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

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STAR PLUS

6:30 Nimaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment News) 9:15 The Trial Show: Film Trailer 9:30 Good Morning India-Rpt (News, Business & Entertainment News) 11:30 World Cup Cricket: Magic Moments #14 12:30 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal By Invit. Guest 1:00 Film Based Prog: Hello VJ Ruby 1:30 Good Food Series: 2:00 Hindi Serial: Apradhi # 24 2:30 Daily Soap: Yeh Hai Raaz 3:00 Daily Soap: Swabhimani #230 (N) 3:30 Daily Soap: Kabhie Kabhie #59 (N) 4:00 Daal Mein Kaala # 37 4:30 Eureka #10 5:00 Story Teller #35 5:30 Doogie Howser MD 6:00 The Wonder Years 6:30 Small Wonder 7:00 Dress Circle #128 7:25 The Trailer Show 7:30 Star News (H