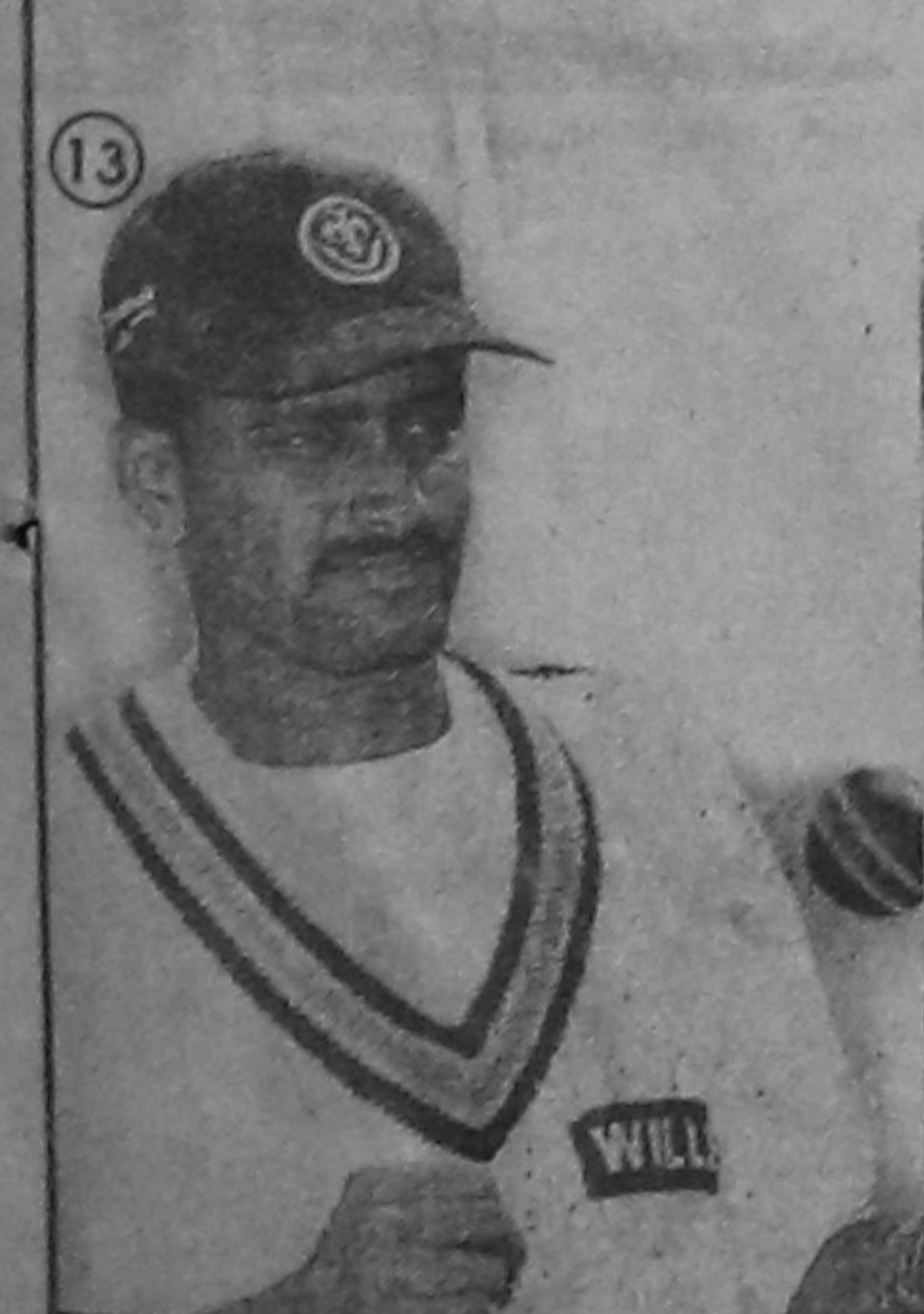
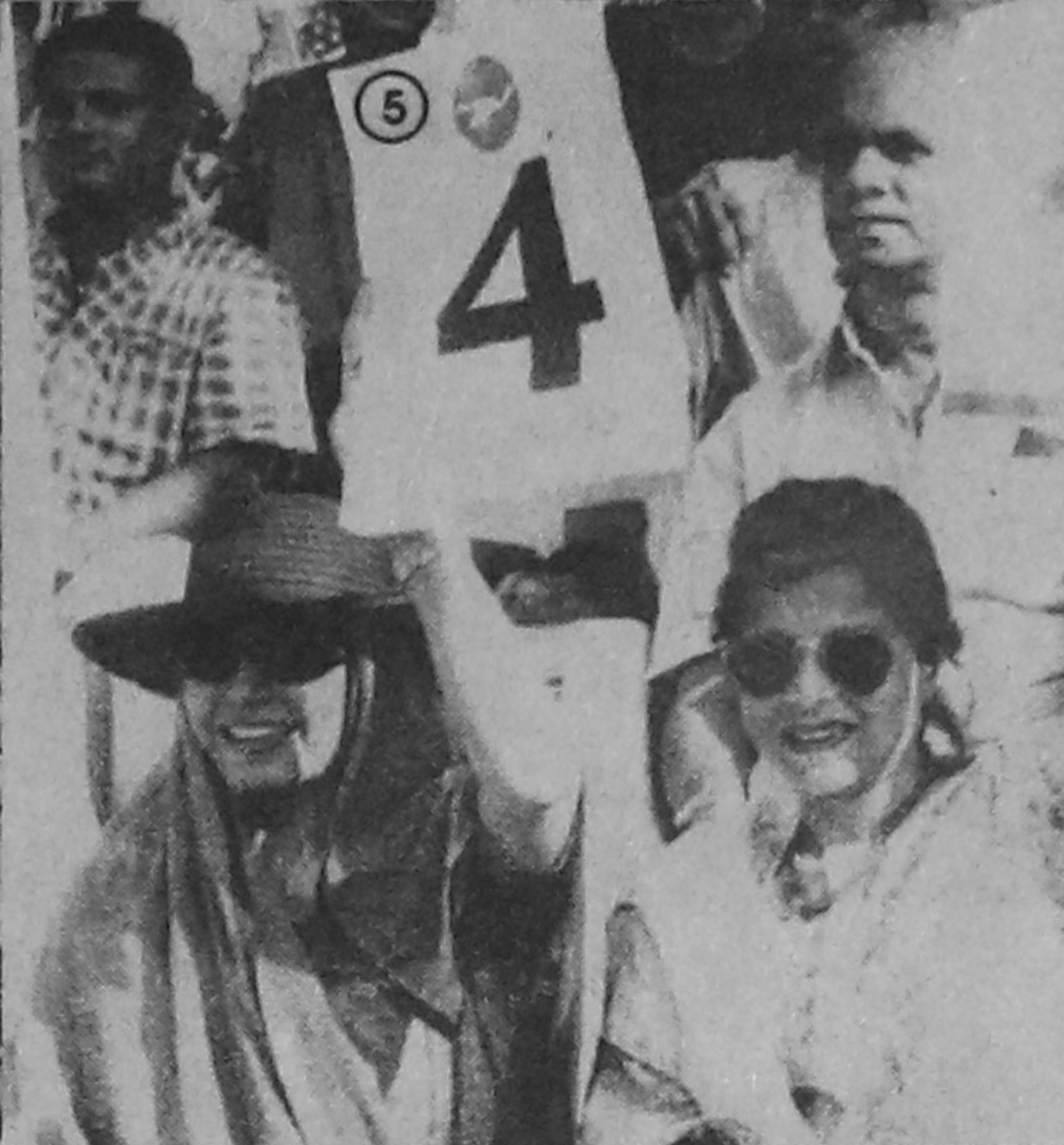


Year in Picture



Nineteen ninety-nine was an eventful year for Bangladesh's sporting existence on the international circuit. **Star Sport's Senior Sub-Editor Rezowanul Haque Mustazir** recaptures those memorable images at the beginning of a new year, a century and the millennium: (1) Cricketers celebrating the fall of yet another Pakistani wicket en route to Bangladesh's famous triumph at Trent Bridge in Northampton on May 31. (2) Mehrab Hossain flays the Zimbabweans during a tri-nation series in Dhaka. The young opener raises his bat after becoming the first Bangladeshi to score a century in one-day cricket. (3) The football heroes after winning the first-ever SAF gold in Kathmandu. Alfaz Ahmed and Sahajuddin Tipu (inset), who scored all-important goals against Nepal and India respectively. (4) Students of Dhaka University celebrating Bangladesh's victory over Pakistani in World Cup at the altar of Aparajeyo Bangla. (5) Colourful crowd at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which played host to a series of international matches throughout the year. (6) The victorious SAF footballers parading through the city streets. (7) Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram receiving the Asian Test Championship Trophy from State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. (8) Teammates congratulating Wasim Akram after he completed back-to-back hat-tricks in the Asian Test Championship. (9) Kazi Shahana Parvin, Sabrina Sultana and Lovely Chowdhury celebrating their five-metre small bore sports rifle event gold at the Eighth SAF Games. (10) West Indies skipper Brian Lara in action in Dhaka. (11) The jubilant Australians with the World Cup. (12) The Brazilian team after their triumph in Copa America. (13) Ten out of ten for Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble. (14) Steffi Graf, the German tennis legend, retired from international circuit. (15) Brazilian hotshot Ronaldo with his newly-wed wife. (16) Rivaldo with the world-footballer-of-the-year trophy. The Brazilian's lethal left foot also earned him the European-footballer-of-the-year award.

