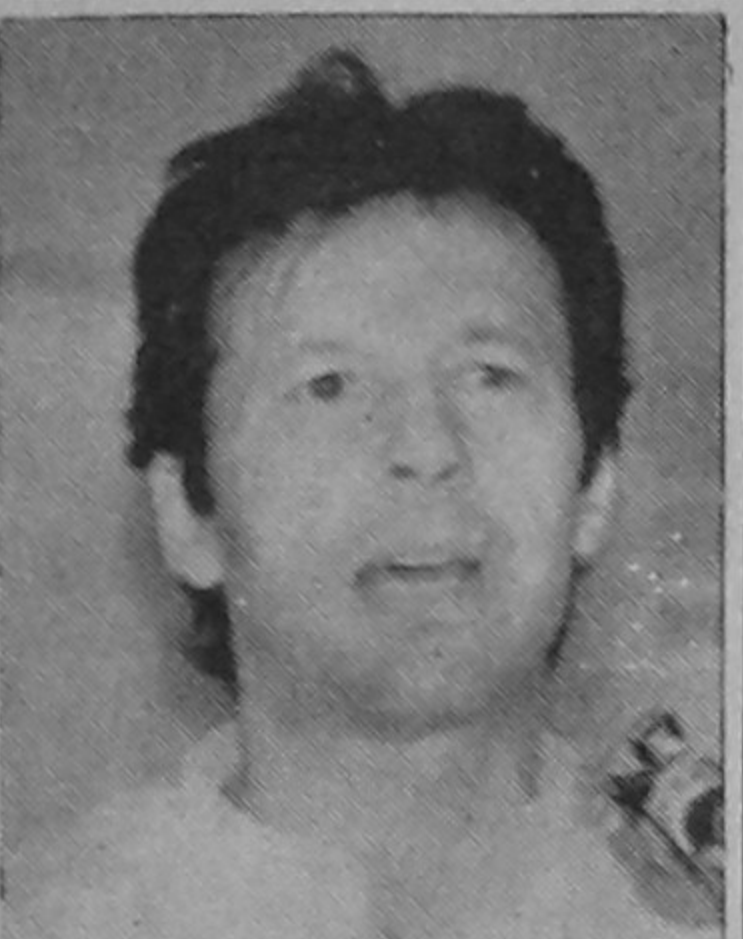


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Imran Khan
(Former Pakistan captain)
"I rate him higher than Courtney Walsh, Sir Richard Hadlee and Kapil Dev."
On Wasim Akram.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

Competition-131

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- Who won the UEFA Cup?
Valencia Galatasaray Fiorentina
- Who lifted national schools cricket title?
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- Who is the coach of Bangladesh football team?
Harrison Van Gaal Shaker

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SORRY

Due to unavoidable reasons draw of WHIZZ KID Competition 131 could not be held last night. It will now be held on June 30.

—Sports Editor

20 picked for Asian U-19 football

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday named a 20-member final squad for the forthcoming Asian Youth (under-19) Group Four qualifying round, starting at the Rajshahi Stadium from July 7.

Besides the hosts, Iraq, Nepal and Maldives take part in the qualifying round from which the table-toppers will advance into the final phase, scheduled to be held in Iran later this year. Bangladesh take on Maldives in the opener. They will meet Nepal in the next match on July 9 before facing Iraq in their last match on July 11.

Thirty-five booters took part in the residential camp, which began at the BKSP on May 14, under the supervision of coach Abu Yusuf.

The selected footballers are: Titumeer Chowdhury Tito, Nisaruddin Ahmed Majnu, Shamim Hossain, Rezaul Karim Biplab, Mamunul Islam, Dulal Chandra Saha, Mahmudul Hasan, Aminur Rahman, Firoz Mahmud Hossain, Masud Khan Jahangir, Tanveer Chowdhury, Kanunuzzaman Selim, Monwar Hossain, Nurul Islam, Asadur Rahman, Jahangir Alam Noor, Rahel, Rokunuzzaman Kauchan, Anwar Faisal Iko, Showkat Ali Roman and Maksudul Alam Bulbul.

Former ITF chief dies

PARIS, June 23: Philippe Chatrier, a former president of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), died on Friday aged 72. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's for several years, reports AFP.

U-17 camp loses 21



Bangladesh Cricket Board has selected 26 cricketers for the inaugural Asian under-17 championship in Karachi. The ten-nation regional meet starts from July 15.

After evaluating performances of the 47 cub cricketers at their initial camp at the BUET ground and their subsequent trial matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, two BCB appointed coaches did the shortlisting yesterday.

The cuts including eight from the BKSP were taking part in the preliminary camp from May 18. Golam Faruque Suru will continue to coach the boys. They have been asked to report to the coach at the BNS by 10 am today with their gears. The final squad of 15 is expected to be finalised early next month.

Placed in Pool A along with Pakistan, Nepal, Maldives and

Sports Reporter

Kuwait, Bangladesh will take on the in their opening match at the Karachi National Stadium on July 15. Their second match against Nepal will be held at Asghar Ali Stadium in Karachi on July 19. They will face Maldives at the National

FIXTURES OF BANGLADESH	
Date	Match (against)
July 15	Pakistan
July 19	Nepal
July 20	Maldives
July 21	Kuwait

Bank Sports Complex the next day before featuring in their last group league match against Kuwait on July 21.

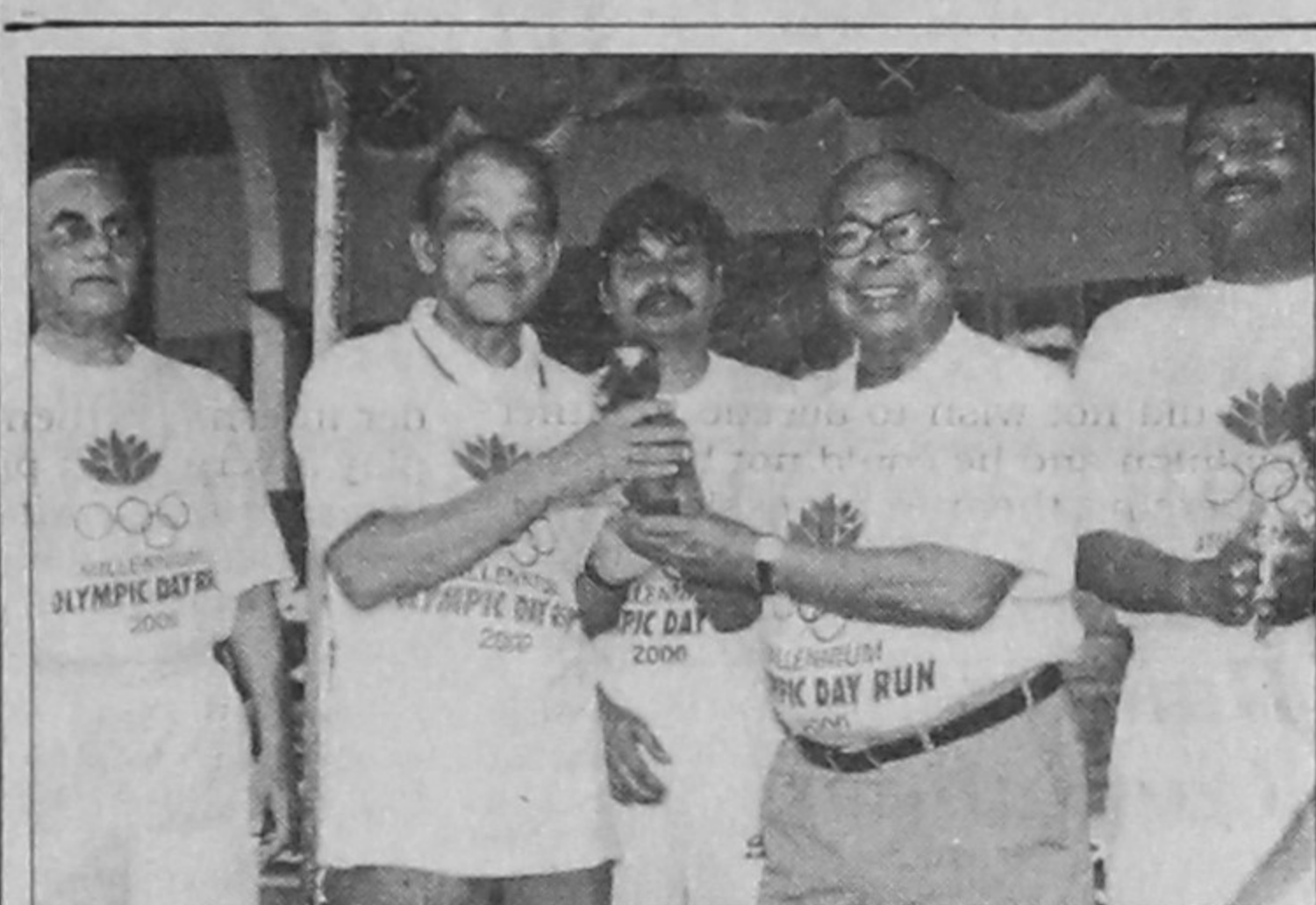
The Pool B includes Sri

Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. Pool champions and runners-up move into the July 23 semifinals of the meet, final of which will be held on July 25.

PLAYERS
Mohammad Shahed, Rafiqul Alam, Ishtiaq Javed, Shafiqul Alam, Nafis Iqbal, Kafi Khan, Gazi Salauddin, Nasiruddin Faruque, Shariful Islam, Sheikh Farid, Anwar Hossain, Shahin Hossain, Talha Jubayer, Mohammad Sharif, Maibul Alam Robin, Kuntal Chandan Papan, Prosenjit Bose Joy, Golam Rabbani, Kazi Manjurul Islam, Ali Arman Rajan, Ziaul Hossain, Sajjad Qadir, Sabuj Islam, Mohammad Ashraf, Sajid Hasan and Sajedur Rahman.



Tanjil Hossain of BKSP on his way to win the 200m breast-stroke of the 19th National Age-Group Swimming Championships with a new record at the Navy Pool at Banani yesterday.



Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria (2nd from R) handing over the 'Sports and Universality Trophy' to Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Chief of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman before the start of the Olympic Day Run at Army Stadium in the city yesterday morning.

B'baria cricket

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, June 23: Surjo Tarun Cricket Club defeated Agrani Boys Club by 30 runs in the Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rangu Cricket Cup at Shahjadpur Junior High School playground today.

Winning the toss, Surjo Tarun made 160 runs for eight wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Hamid scored highest 70 runs.

In reply, Agrani collected 130 runs losing all wickets.

QUARTERFINAL PREVIEW

Italy v Romania: Hot contest in the offing

BRUSSELS, June 23: Italian hitmen Alessandro Del Piero and Francesco Totti will both be waiting for Romania when they emerge from the players' tunnel here on Saturday in the Euro 2000 quarter-finals, reports AFP.

Italy's re-discovered firepower up front has been the surprise of their campaign at Euro 2000 after a poor international season and a late injury to Christian Vieri that ruled their 1998 World Cup hero out of the event.

Dino Zoff's side may be typically Italian in their approach to the competition — basing their game on a solid defence and plenty of ball possession in the middle.

But their ability to build scoring chances, particularly since the recent discovery of midfield star Stefano Fiore, has brought them three

consecutive wins.

For a nation who are not prolific in major events — three

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THEIR STATE

BRUSSELS, June 23 (AP): A look-ahead at Saturday's Euro 2000 quarterfinal between Italy and Romania:

ITALY
Injuries: Luigi Di Biagio and Angelo Di Livio have minor leg muscle strains but are on the way to recovery.

Suspensions: None.

Worries: After a perfect three wins in the first round, coach Dino Zoff only has luxury worries — whether to keep in-form Alessandro Del Piero sidelined or whether to reshuffle his forward line.

Expectations: Coming into the tournament with little hope to achieve much, the Azzurri have grown throughout the first round. Sound defending and offensive sparkle has brought flashes of the Italy of old — efficient and dependable.

ROMANIA
Injuries: Veteran defender Gheorghe Popescu is out with a left calf injury and is out of the tournament.

Suspensions: Adrian Ilie, Cosmin Contra and Dan Petrescu are suspended for double yellow cards.

Worries: Romania is up against the ropes because of the suspensions and the injury to its defensive mainstay Popescu, forcing coach Emerich Jemeli to reshuffle his lineup.

Expectations: Against the backdrop of so much bad news the return of veteran master Gheorghe Hagi is the only good news. But even that is not too certain, since Romania had its best match by far when Hagi was suspended for the game against England. Romania won 3-2 and qualified for the quarterfinals.

Hockey team reach final

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh moved into the final of the Asian under-16 hockey championship with a 4-1 win over Malaysia in the second semifinal of the meet in Singapore yesterday, according to a telephonic message received here last night.

After a barren first half, all the five goals were scored in the second session. Details of the match could not be collected till the filing of this report.

In Sunday's final, Bangladesh will meet their strong neighbours India. India reached the final thrashing hosts Singapore 8-0.

Bangladesh lost to India by a solitary goal in the first round last week.

ICC coaches in the city

Sports Reporter

Former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammad and India wicketkeeper Kiran More arrived in the capital yesterday to impart training to the local youngsters.

The week-long camp, organised as part of the development programme of the International Cricket Council, starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this morning.

Former South African paceman Mike Procter conducted a similar camp at the BKSP last month.

About 16 cricketers are likely to take part in the training session, which will be coordinated by the chief coach of BKSP, Nazmul Abedin Fahim.

Age-Group Swimming

Three new records on Day Two

Sports Reporter

Three new records were set in the 19th National Age-Group Swimming Championships at the Bangladesh Navy Swimming Pool in Banani yesterday.

On the second day of the three-day meet, Tanjil Hossain of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) set a new record in 200m breast stroke (18-20 years group) taking 2 minutes 42.98 seconds. Rubel Rana of Kushtia broke the 200m back stroke record (15-17 year group) clocking 2 minutes 26.98 seconds while Doly Akhter of Ansars set a new mark in the 200m freestyle (15-17 year group) taking 2 minutes 41.01 seconds.

A total of 70 events have been finalised so far. BKSP is leading the table with 25 golds, 28 silvers and 14 bronzes followed by Ansars who have bagged 22 golds, 18 silvers and 11 bronzes. Kushtia are in the third spot with 12 golds, eight silvers and four bronzes.

Asian U-16 football

Bangladesh v Pakistan

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on Pakistan in their second match of the Asian Youth (under-16) football championship group Four qualifiers in Jamshedpur this afternoon.

Bangladesh, who beat Sri Lanka by a solitary goal in the opening match last Wednesday, appear in their last match of the four-team qualifiers against hosts India on July 27.

The winners of Group Four will march into the final round, scheduled to be held in Vietnam in November.

Dippenaar replaces Gibbs

JOHANNESBURG, June 23: As expected, 23-year-old Free State batsman Boeta Dippenaar was Thursday named as replacement for Herschelle Gibbs in the South African cricket squad to tour Sri Lanka next month, reports AFP.

The squad, now captained by Shaun Pollock, leave on Friday next week on a tour of Sri Lanka, Australia and Singapore.



TIMINGS OF FIRST TWO QTRS

First match
At Amsterdam
Turkey v Portugal 10pm BST, Saturday
Second match
At Brussels
Italy v Romania 10:45am BST, Sunday

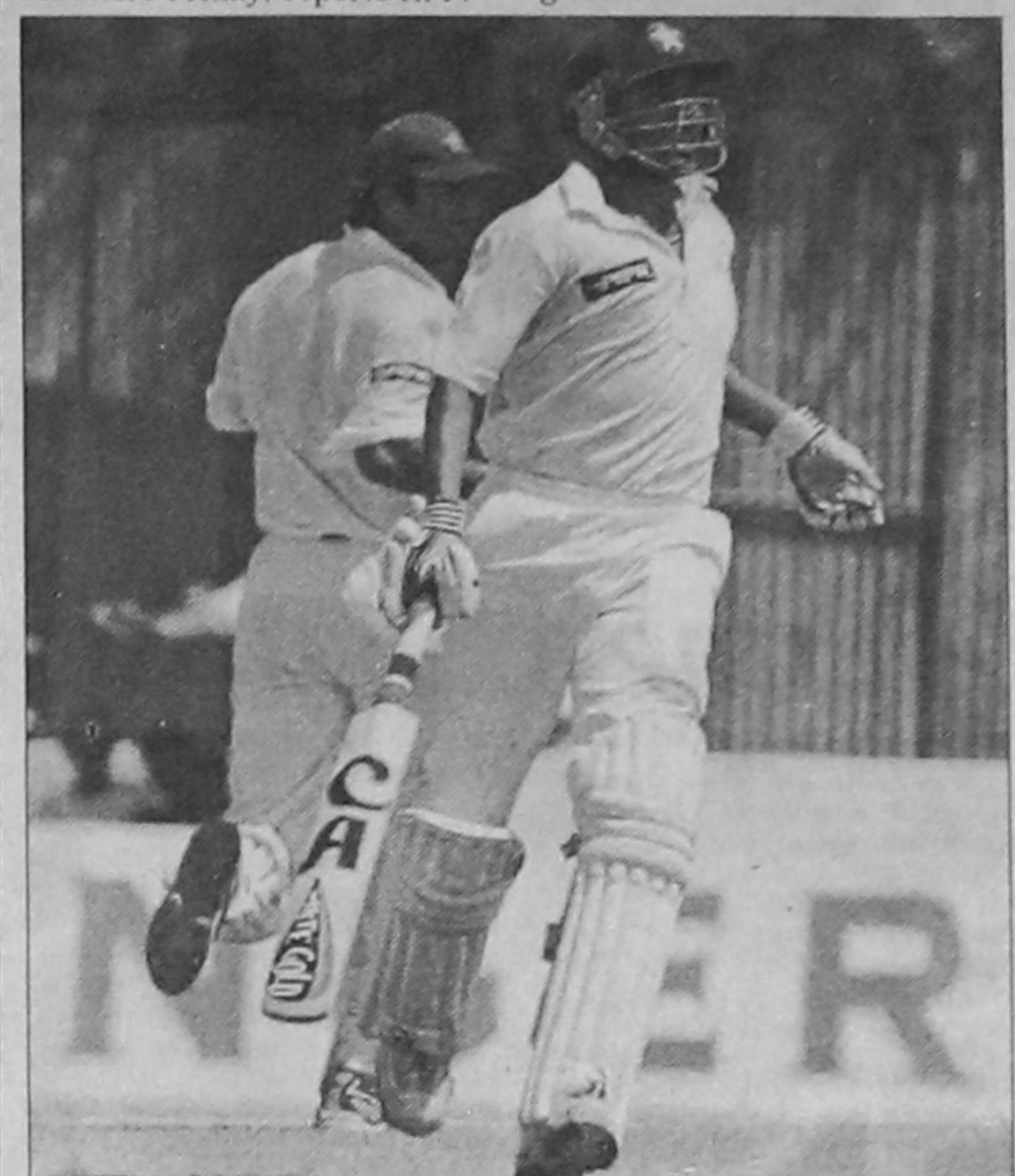
Tons after tons at Galle



GALLE, Sri Lanka, June 23: Sri Lanka were left a daunting task of scoring 419 runs to avoid an innings defeat after Pakistan ran up their highest total against the home side in the second cricket Test here Friday, reports AFP.

doubt by the third umpire when he edged a catch to Inzamam at slip off Waqar before he opened his score.

Resuming at 341 for five, Pakistan's batsmen ran riot as they pummeled the hapless Sri Lankan bowling on a firm batting pitch to all parts of the ground.



THE CENTURIONS: Pakistan's Younis Khan (R) and Wasim Akram run for a single on the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium yesterday. Both Younis and Wasim scored hundreds as their side piled on a mammoth 600 for 8 in the first innings.

Replying to Sri Lanka's first innings score of 181, Pakistan declared at 600 for eight wickets with four of their batsmen making centuries.

By stumps on the third day, Sri Lanka had wiped 45 runs off the deficit, but had lost their captain Sanath Jayasuriya for 21 at the Galle International stadium overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Jayasuriya edged an outswinger from Waqar Younis to Inzamam-ul-Haq at second slip when the total was on 33.

Mavru Atapattu and Russel Arnold survived the remaining overs against hostile bowling by Waqar and Abdur Razaq to be unbeaten on 17 and four respectively.

Sri Lanka still trail by 374 runs with nine wickets in hand and with two days remaining.

Atapattu was hit on the left side of his visor when he tried to avoid a short-pitched delivery from Razaq and Arnold was given the benefit of the

Younis Khan and Wasim Akram joined Saad Anwar and Inzamam as centuries in the Pakistan innings.

This was only the second time in Pakistan's history that four of their batsmen scored a century in an innings. Earlier, Javed Miandad (126), Zaheer Abbas (168), Salim Malik (107) and Imran Khan (117) did so when they made 652 against India in the Faisalabad Test in January 1983.

Younis who made a century on his Test debut against Sri Lanka at Rawalpindi in February, completed his second hundred in 283 minutes off 233 balls hitting one six and eight fours before lofting a catch to long-on off part-time bowler Mahela Jayawardene.

Younis shared in two century partnerships with Razaq and Akram of 106 and 120 runs respectively for the sixth and seventh wickets.

Razaq was dismissed for 48 when he did not offer a stroke

to a Muttiah Muralitharan delivery and was bowled.

But Akram who replaced him took the tiring Sri Lankan attack by the scruff of its neck to rattle off his third Test century in 86 balls which included six sixes and eight fours.

The left-hander who single-handedly played a virtuoso role in Pakistan's five-wicket victory at Colombo (Sinhalese Sports Club) last week, completed his half-century off 45 balls with four sixes and six fours.

His partnership of 120 with Younis was a new record for the seventh wicket for Pakistan against Sri Lanka beating the 104 between Haroon Rashid and Tahir Naqqash at Karachi in 1981-82.

Pakistan closed their innings at 600 for eight shortly after tea when Akram was caught in the deep attempting another big hit. It was Pakistan's highest total against Sri Lanka and also their highest in Sri Lanka.

The previous highest was 594 in the Asian Test championships final at Dhaka in 1998-99 and before that 390 at Colombo (Saravanamuttu Stadium) in 1994-95.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of play on the third day of the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Galle International Stadium Friday:

SRI LANKA: First Innings 181 all out

PAKISTAN: First Innings (overnight 341 for 5)
Anwar c Kharana b Arnold 123
M Wasim c Ranatunga b M Tharan 29
Mahmood b M Tharan 0
Youshaan st Kharana b M Tharan 41
Inzamam c Kharana b Pkumara 112
Younis c Pkumara b Jwardene 116
Razaq b M Tharan 48
Akram c Atapattu b Jwardene 100
Moin not out 3
Extras: (lb-5; lb-6; nb-17) 28
Total: (For 8 wks dec in 175.2 overs) 600
Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-72, 3-161, 4-266, 5-340, 6-446, 7-566, 8-600

Did not bat: Waqar Younis, Arshad Khan.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	34	7	82	0
Pkumara	29	6	116	1
Herath	26	7	115	0
M Tharan	50	13	138	4
Arnold	20	4	71	1
Jayasuriya	2	0	22	0
Jwardene	3.2	0	32	2
Ranatunga	1	0	13	0

SRI LANKA: Second Innings

Atapattu not out 17
Jayasuriya c Inzamam b Waqar 21
Arnold not out 4
Extras: (lb-3) 45
Total: (For 1 wkt in 25 overs) 43
Fall of wicket: 1-33

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Waqar	11	4	24	1
Akram	5	2	10	0
Razaq	7	2	8	0
Arshad	2	2	0	0

QUARTERFINAL PREVIEW

Turkey v Portugal: Great expectations

AMSTERDAM, June 23: Outsiders Turkey and Portugal kick off the first of the Euro 2000 quarter-finals here on Saturday (1600 GMT) in a match between two surprise qualifiers of this June 10 to July 2 football extravaganza.

Germany and England were both knocked out as Portugal gained a 100 percent record in group A also comprising Romania, reports AFP.

Turkey left it till their very last group B game to beat Belgium 2-0 and spark wild celebrations back home and from Turkish communities the length and breadth of Belgium and Holland.

Portugal, known as the "Brazilians of Europe" because of the emphasis on technique reminiscent of their former colony, have a chance to match reputation with results and thereby recoup the status of a whole generation of players who promised so much.

Portugal have hitherto

performed in every finals since the tournament's conception. However, they were unlucky

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THEIR STATE

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, (AP): A look-ahead at Saturday's Euro 2000 quarterfinal between Turkey and Portugal:

TURKEY
Injuries: Striker Hakan Sukur is Turkey's only concern after twisting his left ankle in training. No official word, but the feeling is that "the Bull of the Bosphorus" who scored both goals against Belgium, will make it.

Suspensions: No suspensions. But the camp is one player short: Midfielder Yagay Kerimoglu was sent home after throwing a water bottle toward coach Mustafa Denizli after being substituted against Belgium.

Worries: No team — however good — can relish the prospect of playing Portugal, the revelation so far of Euro 2000. Luis Figo and Rui Costa ruthlessly cut through England and Germany, and will be out to do it again.

Expectations: The Turks are on a roll both at club and international level. They will be the underdog against Portugal, but are not short on self-belief.

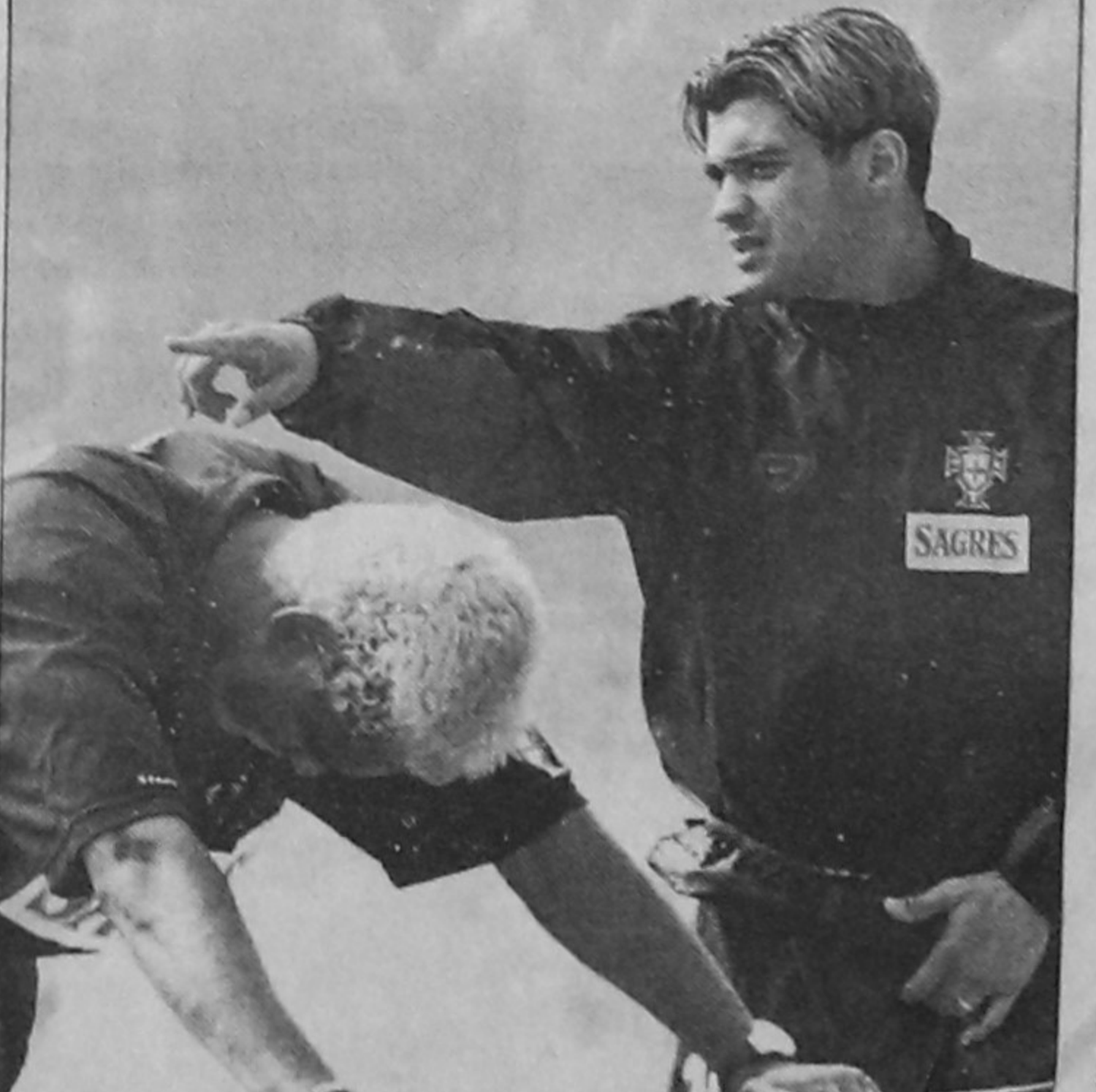
PORTUGAL

Injuries: Defender Abel Xavier who also missed the clash against Germany.

Suspensions: None.

Worries: Choosing between a host of class playmakers and Hakan Sukur — Turkey's two-goal hero against Belgium.

Expectations: Having the joint best offensive record along with co-hosts Holland, they fancy it's their time to rule.



Portugal's hero of the moment Sergio Conceicao (R) and defender Abel Xavier in practice during a training session at Ermelo on June 22.