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The victorious Khulna Tigers that clinched the GrameenPhone Under-17 cricket title at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

Kowshik toast of Khulna

Sports Reporter

GRAMEENPHONE UNDER-17 CRICKET

A brilliant all-round show from Kowshik helped Khulna Tigers clinch the Grameen-Phone Under-17 Cricket Tournament title at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Thriving on Kowshik's power they thrashed the fancied Bangladesh Kriya Shikha Prasthian (BKSP) by six wickets in the final.

The sensational right-arm medium pacer from Narail captured three for 25 as BKSP were bundled out for only 95 in 39.1 overs. Batting at number four, he then went on to score an unbeaten 18 off 23 balls to overhaul the target in the 31st over.

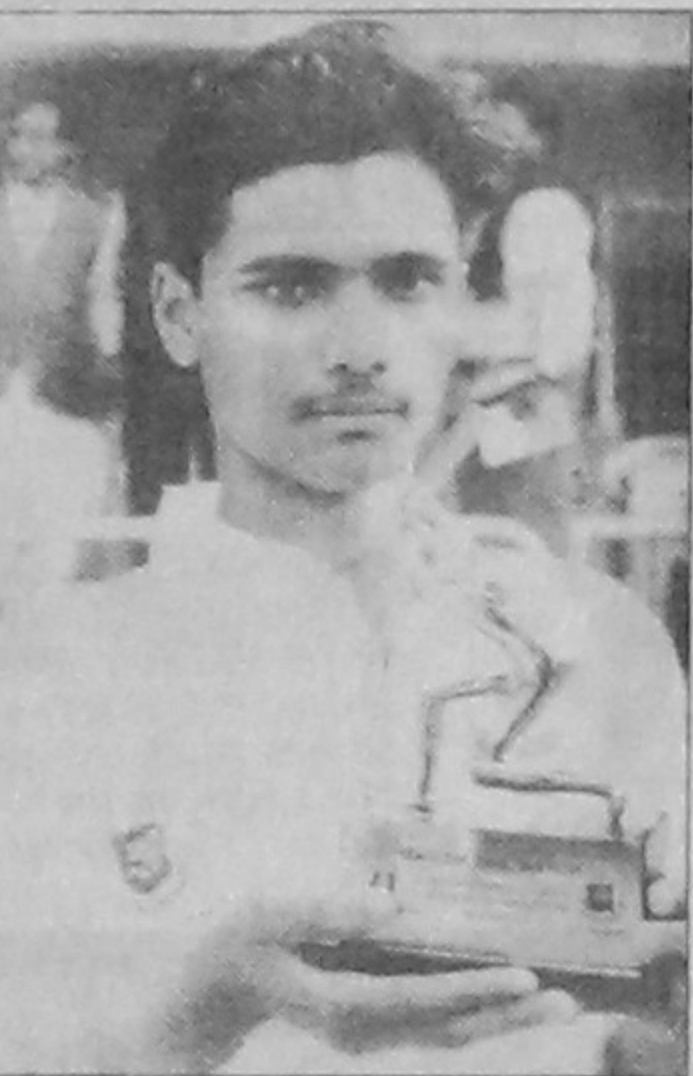
But before Kowshik's arrival, opener Roy and Sabuj gave Khulna a solid start, extracting 51 runs off 12 overs.

Rony top-scored with 35 off 51 balls, inclusive of four fours while Sabuj clipped in with 25 off 40 balls.

Man-of-the-match Kowshik's quickfire innings contained three fours.

Earlier, put in to bat, the lone national sports institute of the country had to rely on the contributions of skipper Golam Mustafa who hammered highest 17, Ayub (15), Hasibul (14) and Bashir (11) were the contributors in their paltry total.

Later, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber



KOWSHIK... m-o-m

Mustafa c Sabuj b Murad	17			
Bashar c Salam b Shamim	11			
Ayub not out	35			
Rakib run out	1			
Nazmul b Shamim	2			
Shafiq c Sabuj b Kowshik	2			
Tariq run out	0			
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-1, w-12)	17			
Total: (all out in 39.1 overs)	95			
Fall of wickets: 1/17, 2/18, 3/29, 4/45, 5/73, 6/73, 7/75, 8/87, 9/95				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Russell	8	0	21	0
Kowshik	8	2	25	3
Sabuj	6	1	19	1
Murad	8	1	3	5
Shamim	9	3	11	2
Khulna Tigers				
Sabuj c Shafiq b Ayub	25			
Rony b Ayub	35			
Shahidur run out	0			
Mamun not out	3			
Shamim run out	4			
Kowshik not out	18			
Extras: (lb-5, w-6)	11			
Total: (for 4 wks in 30.5 overs)	96			
Fall of wickets: 1/51, 2/65, 3/65, 4/75				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shafiq	5	0	19	0
Tariq	2	0	13	0
Nazmul	3.5	0	17	0
Mustafa	3	0	14	0
Ayub	8	4	4	2
Rakib	1	0	11	0
Bashar	8	4	13	0
Results: Khulna Tigers won by six wickets				
Man-of-the-match: Kowshik (Khulna Tigers)				

Hossain Chowdhury, who witnessed the final as chief guest, distributed prizes among the winners.

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard of the Grameen Phone under-17 cricket final between Khulna Tigers and BKSP at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

BKSP
 Sahaudul c Murad b Kowshik 8
 Shakil b Russell 2
 Rafi c & b Kowshik 6
 Haabul b Sabuj 14

three finals in the competition early February.

They have two wins -- compared with the one achieved by Zimbabwe -- and will line up in the showdown for the big money in the 210,000 (\$20,000 US) series unless Zimbabwe can creep past them in the remaining four qualifying games.

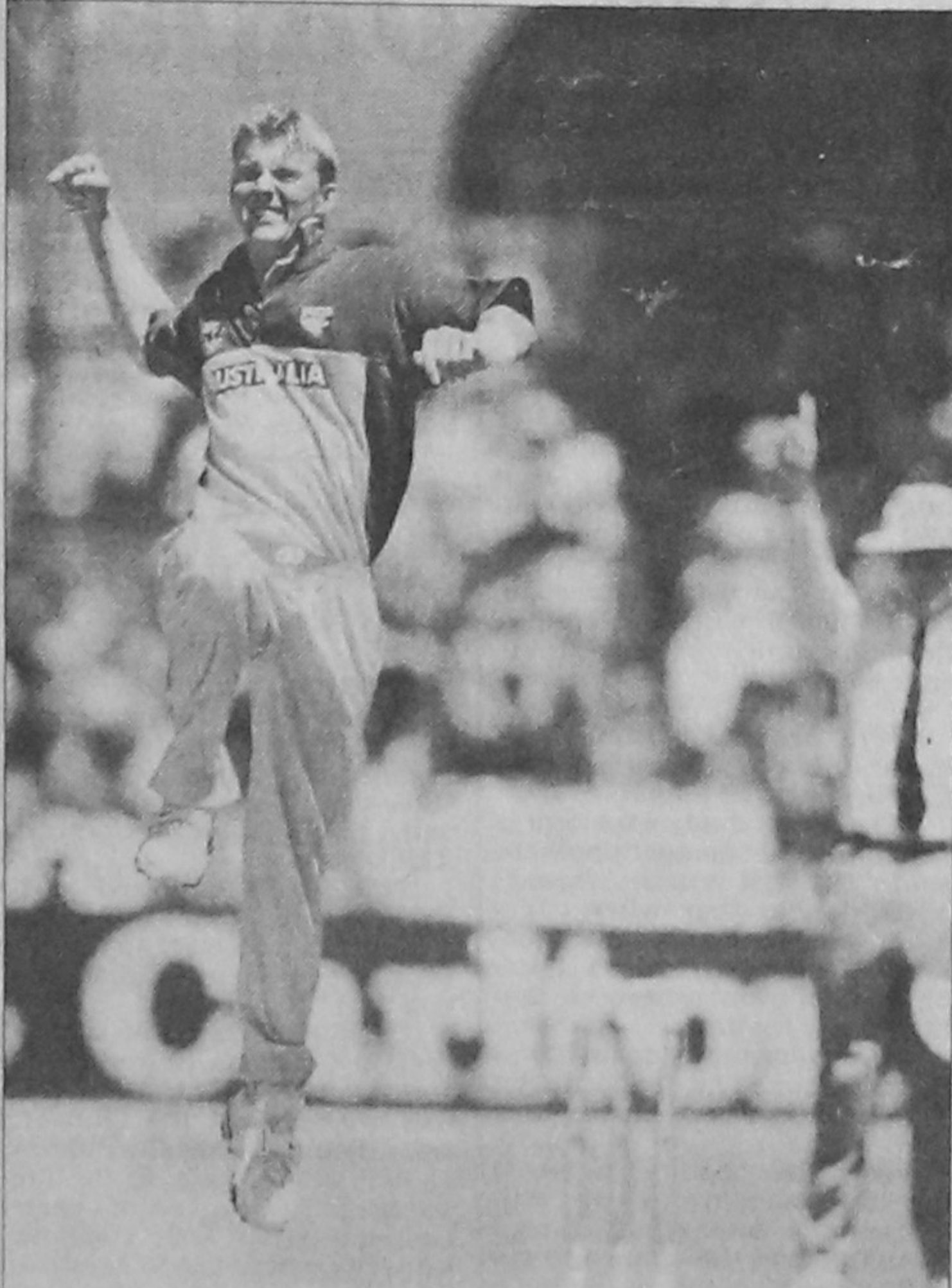
Zimbabwe will play in all of them -- against Australia in Sydney Sunday, Australia in Hobart Tuesday, the West Indies in Perth Friday and Australia in Perth Sunday.

February 4.
 Earlier, Australian pacer Brett Lee returned to his punishing best form Friday, ripping through the West Indies' lineup.

Lee, only recently back from injury, bagged 4-33 from his 10 overs to help restrict the Windies to a paltry total on an excellent pitch.

He now looks to be in fine shape for Australia's challenging Indian tour starting next month.

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Australian fast bowler Brett Lee rejoices after capturing a West Indian wicket during the limited overs match in Adelaide yesterday. - AFP photo

Inter-club transfer Quiet final day

Sports Reporter

Only three cricketers changed clubs on the final day of the four-day inter-club cricketers bourse at the Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday.

Shariful of Udiya Club and Orient Sporting Club's Kamruz-Zaman Saju of signed for Young Cricketers while Abu Sayem of Idayan Sangha joined City Club.

A total of 132 cricketers shifted their allegiance in the Premier and First Division league during the four-day transfer.

The Premier Division league is scheduled to begin on February 5 start.

Rani, Zakia share lead

Sports Reporter

International Women's Master Rani Hamid of Biman and Zakia Sultana of Ansars share the lead in the 22nd National Women's Chess Championship after the end of the second round at the NSC Chess room yesterday.

Rani, the 12-time champion, beat Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira while Zakia defeated Masuda Begum of Barisal.

In the other matches, 10-year old prodigy Saima Almas of Anirban Chess School beat Sharmin Sultana Shirin of Narayanganj, Afroza Khanum Bably beat Farzana Khan Ava of Manikganj while defending champion Nazrana Khan Iva drew with Tanina Parveen.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Saima v Zakia, Iva v Shirin, Ava v Tanina, Rani Hamid v Bably and Masuda v Nira.

Nat'l Youth cricket

Sports Reporter

Rajbari defeated Pirojpur by five wickets in their first round Group B clash of the 20th National Youth Cricket Championship at the Thakurgaon Stadium yesterday.

Chasing Pirojpur's modest total of 151 in 50 overs, Rajbari reached 152 in 44.2 overs with five wickets in hand.

Opener Sohail scored highest 47 followed by Romen who was not out on 28.

SCORES IN BRIEF
PIROJPUR: 151 all out in 50 overs (Sohail 41, Sajib 28, Romen 3/24, Jahirul 2/20, Sajib 2/22)
RAJBARI: 152 for 5 in 44.2 overs (Sohail 47, Romen 28 n.o., Sajib 2/21)
Result: Rajbari won by five wickets.

Friendly cricket

From JU Correspondent

Jahangirnagar University (JU) defeated Beximco Textiles by seven wickets in a friendly match at the JU central playground today.

Winning the toss, Beximco decided to bat first and collected 178 runs losing all the wickets.

In reply, JU made 181 for three.

BRIEF SCORES

Beximco Textiles: 178 all out in 33.1 overs (Hamid 37, Jamir 36, Sajal 5/22)
 JU: 181 for three in 31.2 overs (Dipak 45, Turjo 30 n.o., Firuz 30, Imran 2/30).

Crowe obliges ICC inspectors

UNDATED, Jan 26 (Internet report): Former New Zealand captain Martin Crowe will cooperate with the International Cricket Council's (ICC) matching inquiry.

Doubts had been raised over whether Crowe would talk to Sir Paul Condon, head of the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit, when he visits New Zealand in mid-February.

But Crowe's lawyer David Howman says the batsman is ready and willing to be interviewed on the matter.

Crowe was informed by the New Zealand inquiry that it was investigating the allegations that he took money for match information during the 1991 World Cup.

"As previously stated, he has expressly agreed to co-operate at all times with the New Zealand inquiry, headed by Sir Ian Barker, and consequently with any request to partake in the investigation undertaken by the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), headed by Sir Paul Condon," Howman said in a statement.

"He is ready to be interviewed whenever asked and has always been so ready," added Howman.

"Neither the New Zealand inquiry nor the ACU has requested information from him nor invited him to attend for interview."

Crowe is amongst a number of high-profile players name in an Indian Central Bureau of Investigation report last November as having connections with bookmakers.

Rivals ready for last round

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Four teams are all geared up for the final battle as the last round of the two-tier Green Delta National Cricket League starts in the country's two different venues today.

Holders Chittagong will take on Dhaka Metropolis at the Bangabandhu National Stadium while Khulna will host fabled Biman in the other match at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore.

Chittagong and Biman are now sharing the lead with 44 points each. And if both teams secure full eight points from this round, six from the four-day and two from the one-day, the team that have won maximum longer version matches in the League will lift the title.

This equation will favour Chittagong as they are maintaining an edge over their rivals. The port city have won five, three in the first phase and two

in the second phase, out of nine first class matches so far. Biman, on the other hand, have won only three matches, two of which are in first phase.

However, possibilities are also there for the title race to become wide open. A loss of eight points for both the co-leaders will bring Khulna back in the title contention. Khulna, who have 36 points like Dhaka Metro, will then finish at the top along with three others, collecting 44 points.

And if that happens where Chittagong and Khulna would have an equal number of wins in the longer version games, the championship will be decided on net run rate.

Champions of the second edition will earn Taka four lakhs while the runners up will receive half the amount.

A total of eight teams, split into two groups, took part in the first phase, which was played on home and away basis. Biman and Chittagong moved into the second phase from Group A while Dhaka Metropolis and Khulna booked their berths in the second phase from the other group.

Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet and Barisal were the other four teams eliminated from the first phase.

POINTS TABLE

Team	3-dayer	4-dayer	One-dayer	Total
Biman	24	10	10	44
Chittagong	26	12	6	44
Dhaka	20	6	10	36
22	6	8	36	



Australian umpire Daryl Harper (C), who is now in Bangladesh to assess the standard of umpiring in Bangladesh, was accorded a reception by the Bangladesh Cricket Umpires' Board at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. -Star photo

Clement claims his place

MELBOURNE. Jan 26: Arnaud Clement saved two match points and fought back from two sets down Friday to deny his close friend Sebastien Grosjean a place in the Australian Open final, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old, seeded 15 to Grosjean's 16, won 5-7, 2-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-5, 6-2 to set himself up for a crack at defending champion Andre Agassi in Sunday's final.

Clement, who has beaten Agassi in his last two encounters, including the second round of last year's US Open, finally killed off his compatriot after four hours and eight minutes of exhausting drama played out in hot and humid conditions.

He fully deserved his first Grand Slam final appearance after bravely facing down match points at 5-3 and then 5-4 down in the third set. On the first, he produced a forehand winner. On the second, he charged to the net and put away a backhand volley to keep his hopes alive.

"It's hard to believe that I'm going to play a Grand Slam final," Clement said. "Today was a small miracle."

"In the third set I started to feel really well even when I was a break down."

"He neutralised me in the first two sets. It took me a while to find a response. But the more the match advanced the better I felt. Even after four hours I was not too worried. I felt I could still play for a while yet."

The two players are separated by breaking Clement in the first game of the second and went on to take the set 6-2.

A recurrence of the left thigh strain which bothered Clement during his quarter-final win over Vegyeny Kafelnikov added to his problems and he looked to be out of it when he lost his opening service game in the third set.

But after squandering his match points, Grosjean began to fold.

Clement claimed the set in a tiebreak and sustained the fightback with a break in the first set of the fourth.

Grosjean broke back in the fourth game but he failed to hold his serve at 5-5, allowing Clement to force the match into a fifth set, of which he always looked the most likely winner.

Proceedings were finally brought to a halt when Grosjean netted a straightforward forehand after saving four match points. As the two players embraced at the net, Grosjean urged his friend to go on and win the final.

Grosjean's agonising collapse means he is still looking for a win over Clement after three meetings on the men's tour.

Clement is the first Frenchman to reach a Grand Slam final since Cedric Pique lost to Pete Sampras at Wimbledon in 1997. He is also the first Frenchman into the final of the Australian Open since the legendary Jean Borotra won the tournament back in 1928.

Afterwards Clement revealed that the thigh strapping has been a purely preventative measure.

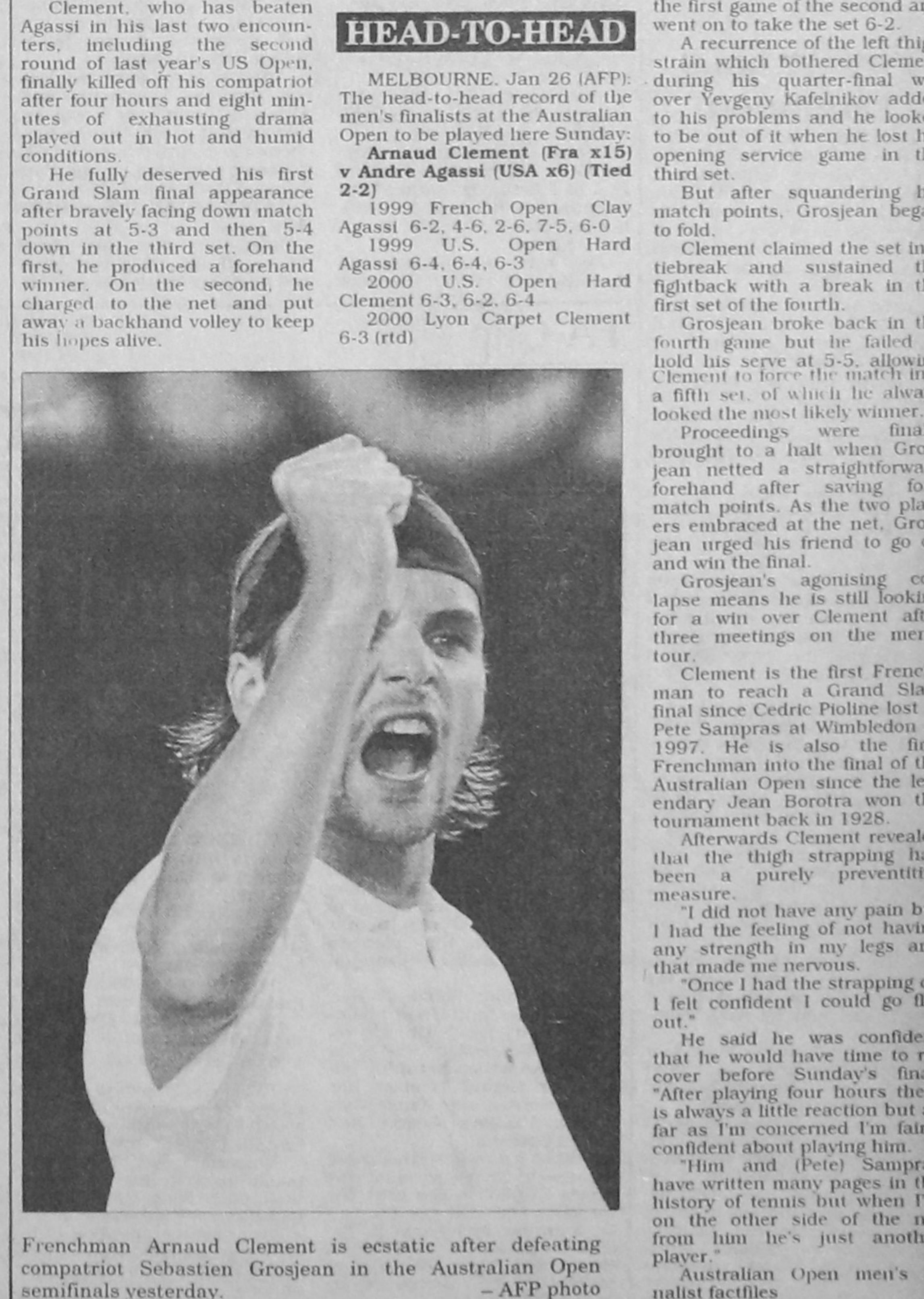
"I did not have any pain but I had the feeling of not having any strength in my legs and that made me nervous."

"Once I had the strapping on I felt confident I could go the distance."

He said he was confident that he would have time to recover before Sunday's final. "After playing four hours there is always a little reaction but as far as I'm concerned I'm fairly confident about playing him."

him and (Pete) Sampras have written many pages in the history of tennis but when I'm on the other side of the net from him he's just another player."

Australian Open men's finalist



Frenchman Arnaud Clement is ecstatic after defeating compatriot Sebastien Grosjean in the Australian Open semifinals yesterday. - AFP photo



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

US Tennis player

"Let's talk about the now, just the future, I mean, that's just past history. Definitely, by my accomplishment, who knows what can happen on Saturday, but I think monkey's off my back."

After defeating holders Lindsay Davenport in the Australian Open women's semifinal on Thursday.

Mohanty takes 'em all

UNDATED, Jan 26: Debasish Mohanty has become the fifth Indian bowler to take all 10 wickets in a first-class cricket innings.

Mohanty, who has played two Tests and 41 one-day internationals for India, tallied all 10 wickets for East Zone in a domestic Duleep Trophy match against South Zone in Agartala.

The seamer finished with the remarkable figures of 19-5-46-10 as South Zone were dismissed for 113.

The 24-year-old claimed his coveted tenth wicket by bowling Test player Venkatesh Prasad for a three ball duck.

England's Jim Laker and India's Anil Kumble are the only two bowlers to have picked up all 10 wickets in a test innings.

Laker returned 10 for 53 runs against Australia in the fourth Ashes Test at Manchester in 1956. He also took 10 Australian wickets in an innings bowling for Surrey the same summer.

Kumble took 10 for 74 in the second Test against Pakistan at Delhi's Ferozshah Kotla stadium in 1998-99.

Mohanty is the first to achieve the feat in first-class cricket since Kumble.

Exhibition football

MUNSHIGANJ, Jan 26: Visiting Jalpaiguri Veterans Sonali Oll Club from India beat Munshiganj Sonali Oll Club by a solitary goal at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

Striker Amit Biswas scored the all-important goal for the tourists early in the 7th minute.

Munshiganj Pourashava Chairman M Auzazzaman witnessed the match and later distributed the prizes.