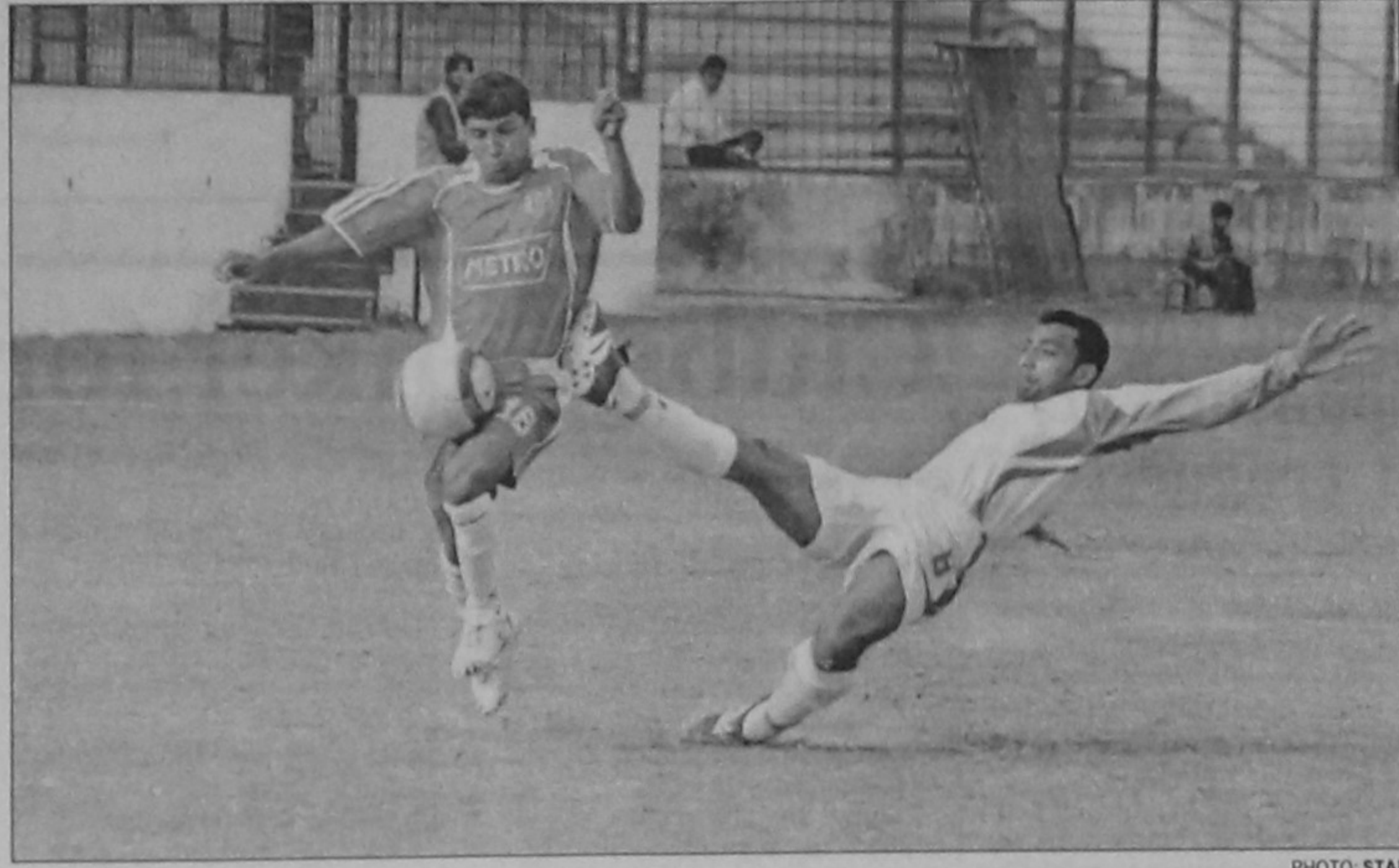


Chameley powers Ansar to win

SPORTS REPORTER
An all-round performance from Chameley Khattun helped Ansar and VDP move into the final of the Parachute Women Open Cricket tournament...



A Badda defender (R) tries in vain to stop a run by a Wari forward during their Senior Division Football League match at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Ohidul keeps Jatrabari atop

SPORTS REPORTER
Jatrabari consolidated their position atop the Senior Division Football League table with a 2-1 win over Purbachal Parisad at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Laxman still special

Cricket
REUTERS, Mumbai
Like a recurring bad dream, Vangipurappu Laxman has come back to haunt the all-conquering Australia cricket side.

"Whenever the team is under pressure I think it gets the best out of me," he told reporters. "When I do well and help the team out in these situations it gives me a lot of satisfaction."

BHF gearing up for 4 tourneys

UNB, Dhaka
The zonal round of the EXIM Bank 18th National Handball Championships will begin on February 7 at three venues.

Fight the fudge

Cricket
CRICINFO, undated
Many England supporters tend to regard the selectors as a bunch of jokers. Now it's practically official.

accounts -- well, Graveney -- knuckled down and worked hard in the nets at Middlesex. He's an admirable character who was treated roughly by England when he lost the captaincy after winning his only Test series, against Pakistan.

England confirm Ireland matches

BBC ONLINE, undated
England will play Ireland in three one-day internationals over the next five years, it has been confirmed.

Utseya defends choice

Cricket
CRICINFO, undated
Zimbabwe were always likely to be up against it, no matter what side Pakistan turned out, but to win the toss and field on a pancake-flat Karachi track was surely not going to help their cause.

We can take that confidence in to our next match," he said. "We also fielded well and took our catches, so I don't think fielding first was a mistake."

Hosts lack the edge

PTI, Melbourne
Legendary leg-spinner Shane Warne has said Australia cared too much about their image in the Perth cricket Test and lost the edge without their trademark aggression.

Bhajji set for return

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well," he said of India's attack in Perth.

hander to be the answer to all their problems. "If we're pinning our hopes of winning the Test match on Matthew Hayden playing or not, we might be in a bit of trouble," he said.

India draw Lee

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very well in different parts but it wasn't the Australian complete game that we're used to," Lees said.



Winners of Dhaka Bank Cup golf tournament pose with chief guest Major General Sina Ibn Jamali (4th from L, back row), Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army, during the prize-giving function at the Kurmitola Golf Club recently.

Ganguly dropped

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The argument against Ganguly also included the points that he was not of much use either in the outfield or infield and his fitness really became an issue after 40 overs.

Nadal storms into semis

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amid anticipation of a world number one versus two final with Federer on Sunday, the first here since Andre Agassi beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the 2000 decider.

he finished runner-up to Frenchman Michael Llodra at this month's Adelaide ATP event. Niemenen, in his 12th season on the men's tour, had two set points at 15-40 in the 10th game but wasted both opportunities to seize the opening set.

Hayden boosts

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we can play, we all know that, particularly in the batting department," Jacques said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: MY CAREER IS FABULOUS, WHEN I DECIDED TO BE A LOCKSMITH, IT WAS THE KEY DECISION IN MY LIFE.

Kalou inspires

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Of Allouidi's injury he said: "It's early days but it looks as though we might be missing his services for our next game (against Guinea on Thursday)."