

He said most of the apparent victims "were not

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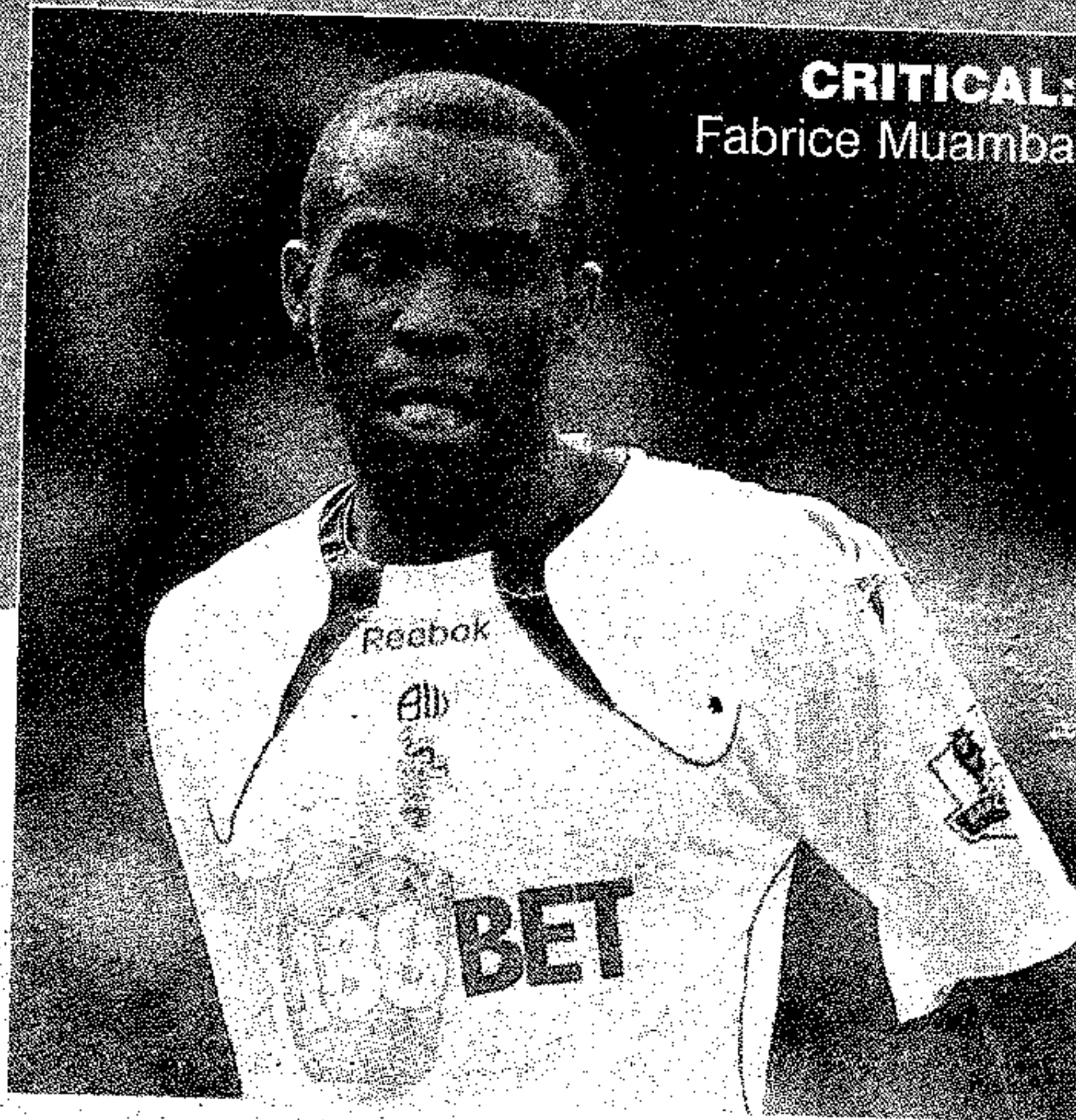
Heart checks for shocked football stars

A CARDIOLOGIST was due to test the Tottenham football squad for potential heart defects yesterday at the request of the players who saw Bolton's Fabrice Muamba suffer cardiac arrest in their FA Cup match. Muamba was still fighting for his life in intensive care in a critical condition last night after collapsing during Saturday's abandoned FA Cup match at White Hart Lane in London in the UK.

"These cardiac arrests in young people are very rare, they affect about one in 50,000," Sports cardiologist Sanjay Sharma told Sky News television.

Sharma said he was already due to test "one or two players" at Tottenham, but added that now "the players have all demanded cardiac screening today".

"That involves taking a history relating to cardiac symptoms, which include chest pain during exertion or breath that is disproportionate to the amount of exercise being performed and blackouts, (and) asking about



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Fabrice Muamba

a family history because many of these conditions that can cause cardiac arrest are hereditary," he said.

"We then perform a cardiac examination and following that we do an ECG, which is an electrical tracing of the heart that looks for faults, and a cardiac ultrasound, which looks at heart muscle problems or problems with the heart valves."

Meanwhile, Muamba's fiancée tweeted:

"Fabrice WILL!! Pull through because God is good. Love u so much fmuamba keep strong we're praying for u honey... where there is life there is hope."