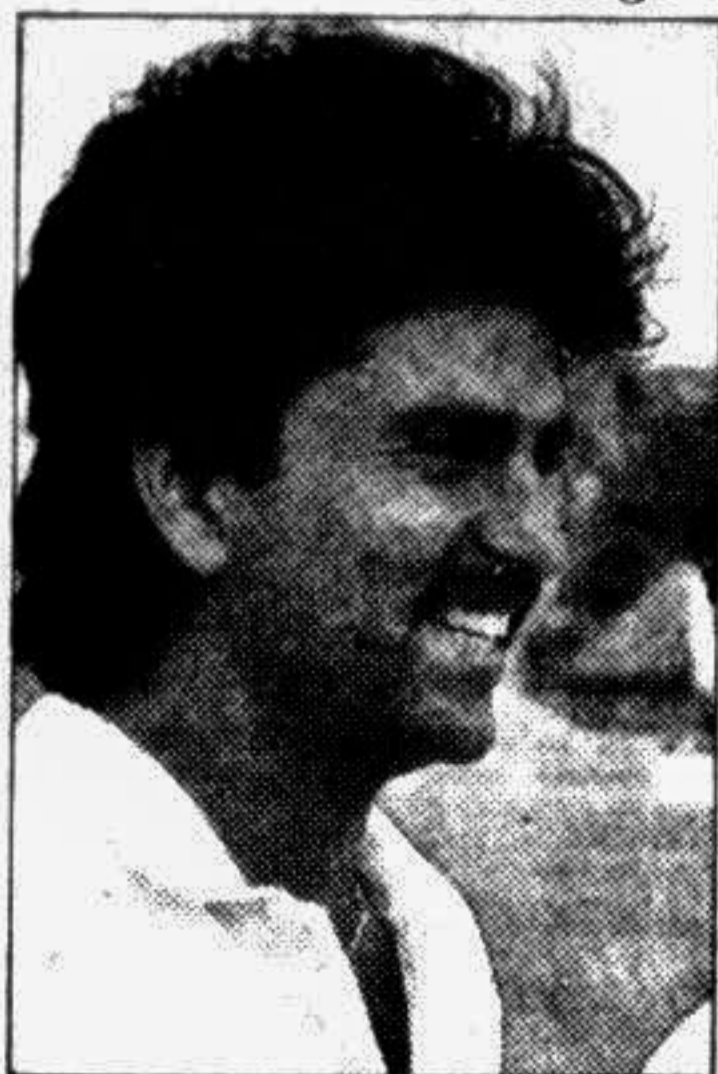


# Indians win by 19 runs

**SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 19:** India defeated West Indies by 19 runs Saturday to record their second win in the Wills Trophy cricket tournament here, reports AFP.

Having been restricted to 240 for six in 50 overs after being put into bat first, the Indians bowled the West Indies out for 221 with seven balls to spare.

More muffed an edge from Lambert (58) in the 26th over at the score of 105. Shastri, however, earned his second wicket through a



**MANOJ PRABHAKAR**... man-of-the-match brilliant catch by the Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin to make the West Indies 116 for two in 28 overs.

Kumble made amends for his earlier lapse by accepting an easy return catch from Lambert in the 32nd over, putting the West Indies in trouble at 124 for three.

In his next over, Kumble earned a leg before decision against Gus Logie who appeared to have gloved the ball while playing on the off side. It was the third West Indian wicket in the space of four overs for just 16 runs.

Carl Hooper and Brian Lara carried the score to 171 by the 40th over when Kumble struck a third blow by having Hooper leg before for 17.

In his 10th and final over, Kumble conceded nine runs to Lara off the first four deliveries, but had Keith Arthurton stumped off the last ball to make the West Indies 185 for six in 42 overs.

Manoj Prabhakar then had both Jeff Dujon and Curtley Ambrose leg before off successive deliveries in the 43rd over as the West Indies were reduced to 186 for eight.

**SCOREBOARD**

**INDIA:**

Shastri at Dujon b Hooper	6
Siddhu st Dujon b Hooper	98
Manjrekar c Hooper b Bishop	56
Azharuddin c and b Simmons	12
Tendulkar run out	22
Kambli not out	23
Kapil c Simmons b Bishop	7
Prabhakar not out	2
Extras (lb-2, w-7, nb-5)	14
Total (for six wickets, 50 overs)	240

Fall of wickets: 1 33; 2/161; 3/181; 4/184; 5/216; 6/232.

Did not bat: A. Kumbli, V. Raju, K. More.

**BOWLING**

O	M	R	W	
Ambrose	10	2	32	0
Bishop	10	0	49	2
Patterson	10	0	47	0
Hooper	10	0	46	2
Simmons	8	0	49	1
Arthurton	2	0	15	0

**WEST INDIES**

Simmons lbw b Shastri	20
Lambert c and b Kumble	66
Richardson c Azhar b Shastri	28
Lara b Prabhakar	45
Logie lbw b Kumble	4
Hooper lbw b Kumble	17
Arthurton st More b Kumble	2
Dujon lbw b Prabhakar	0
Ambrose lbw b Prabhakar	0
Bishop c Shastri b Prabhakar	23
Patterson not out	3
Extras (lb-2, lb-7, nb-4)	13
Total (all out, 48.5 overs)	221

Fall of wickets: 1/54; 2/116; 3/123; 4/133; 5/171; 6/175; 7/186; 8/186; 9/194.

**Bowling**

O	M	R	W	
Prabhakar	9.5	0	30	4
Kapil	9	0	50	0
Shastri	10	0	38	2
Raju	10	0	44	0
Kumble	10	50	4	

Result: India won by 19 runs.

India are now the only unbeaten team in the three-nation tournament, having beaten arch-rivals Pakistan by 60 runs on Friday.

Each team plays the other once more in the second leg of the round robin league from Monday. The top two teams qualify for next Friday's final.

Needing 4.8 runs per over for a win, the West Indians caved in timely after being well placed at 171 for four in the 40th over. They lost their last six wickets for only 50 runs, four of them going to medium pacer Manoj Prabhakar, who was named man-of-the-match.

Prabhakar finished with four for 30 while leg spinner Anil Kumble, preferred to medium pacer Javagal Srinath for this match, responded by taking four for 50 in his ten overs.

The West Indies would have lost by a bigger margin but for a defiant 23 by Ian Bishop in a 27-run last wicket stand with Patrick Patterson.

Bishop took 11 runs from the 48th over of Kapil Dev including a six over long off, but the writing was clear on the wall for the West Indians.

Victory came when Bishop was caught on the Long on fence by Ravi Shastri after attempting another big hit off Prabhakar in the next over.

The West Indian innings was built by their two young prospects, Clayton Lambert and Brian Lara. Lambert hit four boundaries and a six in 66 off 89 balls while fellow left-hander Lara contributed 45.

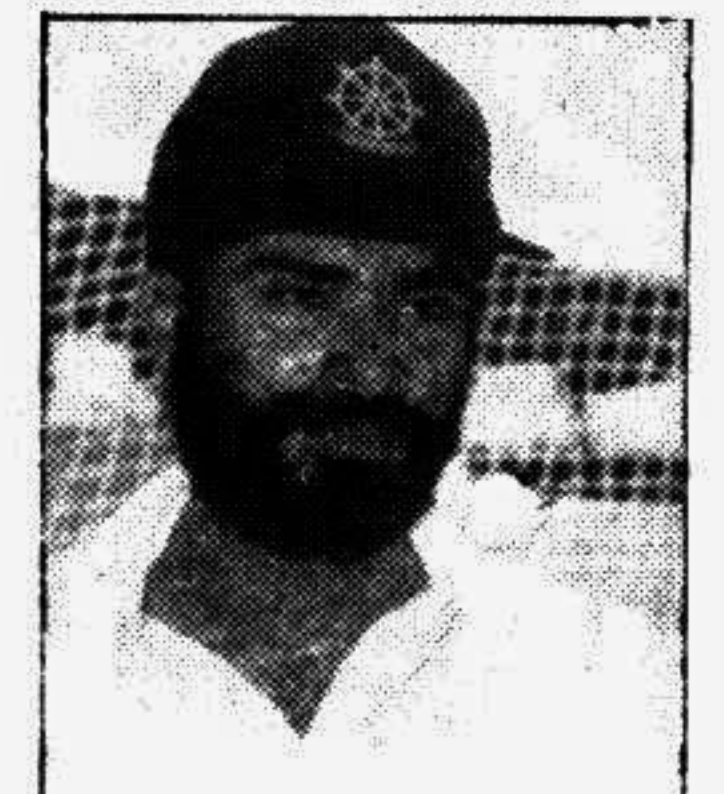
Openers Phil Simmons and Clayton Lambert gave the West Indies a good start. Putting on 54 in 14 overs when Simmons was trapped leg before by left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri for 20.

India would have gained another wicket in the next over, but Shastri's spinning Partner Venkatapathy Raju floored an easy return catch from new batsman Richie Richardson.

Anil Kumble added to India's woes when he dropped a skier from Lambert on the midwicket fence off Shastri at the score of 65 for one.

Lambert, then on 39, completed his individual 50 in the 21st over, with the aid of four boundaries and a six over long on against Kapil Dev.

Shastri suffered again when wicket-keeper Kiran



**NAVJOT SIDHU**... missed ton

Richardson swept Shastri hard to square leg where Azharuddin dived to his right and scooped the catch inches off the ground. The West Indian skipper had made 28.

## SA in Sharjah!

**HARARE, Oct 19:** Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao placed South Africa prematurely back in international cricket on Friday, saying they were playing his country in the Sharjah Cup tournament in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), reports Reuter.

Rao, speaking before his departure from the Commonwealth summit in Harare, gave this as an example of increasing international contacts with South Africa as apartheid crumbled.

When a Zimbabwean sport journalist told Rao South Africa was not at Sharjah, the Prime Minister said he must have been misinformed. The tournament is between India, Pakistan and West Indies.

Rao said he was returning home because of pressing domestic commitments.

# Asian Championships open

**KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 19:** Malaysian King Azlan Shah Saturday declared open the ninth Asian Field and Track (ATF) Championships in a brief and simple ceremony at the Merdeka Stadium here, reports AFP.

Some 750 athletes from 27 countries were assembled on the field after a march-past of the teams before the King's arrival.

Bangladesh, with an all-male contingent of five, led the teams into the stadium with host Malaysia bringing up the rear with the largest contingent of 75.

Jordan failed to turn up in time for the opening ceremony and the organisers were still hoping they would arrive to take part in events Sunday.

A slight drizzle during the opening ceremony forced the

organisers to cancel an aerial drop of the games, flag into

## Sadjadi wins gold for Iran

**KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 19:** Iran sprang the first surprise in the ninth Asian Track and Field (ATF) championships here Saturday when they took the first gold medal in the five-day meet, reports AFP.

Hamid Sadjadi secured the gold for his country when he won the 3,000 m steeplechase event with a time of 8 mins 33.89 secs.

China's Gao Shuhai took the silver with a time of 8:34.32 while Syria's Alloein Habib took the bronze when he clocked 8:34.66.

Japan's hope Atkyo Shigetuki finished fourth with a time of 8:35.10.

the stadium by eight parachutists from the Royal Malaysian police force.

Eight officials marched into the stadium with the flag for the hoisting ceremony soon after the king had declared the meet open.

Two former Malaysian athletes, Rabuan Pitt and Maliva Rajamant, jointly lit the cauldron to signal the start of the games.

Rabuan was Asia's fastest man when he won the 100m sprint in the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games while Rajamant won the gold medal in the women's 400m in the 1986 Bangkok Asian Games.

She was also the first woman athlete to represent Malaysia in the Olympics in Tokyo in 1964.

The captain of the Malaysian contingent, Nordin Jadi, Malaysia's best 400m runner, took the oath on behalf of all the competitors.

At state on the first day are two gold medals for the men's and women's 800m and the 400m hurdles the competitions kick off later Saturday.

# Xie takes lead

**MANILA, Oct 19:** Chinese challenger Xie Jun won on Friday by time forfeit after 34 moves over Soviet

holder Maya Chiburdanidze to seize a one-point lead in their battle for the women's world chess title in the Philippines, reports Reuter.

Xie now leads the 16-game series 6-5.

"We feel she played her best game today, but the Championship is not decided until the last match," said Ma Guilian, president of the Chess Association of China.

Chiburdanidze, playing black, failed to make the regulation 40 moves in 2-1/2 hours of play. It was the first time since she won the title in 1978 that she had been behind time this late in the match.

Observers said the Soviet player overestimated her position and was forced to give up a rook for a knight on the 19th move. She then found herself under severe time pressure trying to fend off Xie's attack.

Xie managed to put heavy pressure on the queen-side and the centre using the dragon

variation of the Sicilian defence.

By the time Chiburdanidze's flag fell, her position was a complete loss, chess analysts said.

The Chinese player is seeking to end more than six decades of Soviet dominance of the women's world chess title.

The first player to score 8.5 points wins. A victory counts for one point and a draw for half a point. Chiburdanidze, a native of the troubled Soviet republic of Georgia, retains the crown in case of an 8-8 tie.

**Sacchi replaces Vicini**

**ROME, Oct 19:** Arrigo Sacchi was named Italy's new national soccer coach on Friday, replacing Azeglio Vicini who this week bowed to pressure to resign, reports Reuter.

The Italian Football Federation gave former AC Milan coach Sacchi official approval at a brief meeting at its Rome headquarters.

Vicini's downfall was sealed by a goalless draw against the Soviet Union in Moscow



British Prime Minister John Major (L) and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke finish their innings during a charity cricket match during the 48th Commonwealth Summit in the Zimbabwean capital Harare on Oct 18. — AFP photo

# Sharif charms Harare crowd

**HARARE, Oct 19:** Commonwealth Prime Ministers put differences over sanctions against South Africa to one side on Friday to trade shots on the cricket field, reports Reuter.

Britain's John Major and Australia's Bob Hawke—on opposite side in the sanctions debate—took time off from the Commonwealth summit to open the batting at a fund-raising charity cricket match.

Hawke quickly emerged as the dominant player scoring 21 runs, including three fours, out of 26 in a four-over partnership. Both players were not out.

Major, a conservative, bore his socialist counterpart no grudges for taking most of the bowling. "It was absolutely classic Australian style," he told reporters later. "It was great fun. I enjoyed myself enormously."

Major himself hit the boundary only once with an elegant haymaker shot over mid-off a four in his first game of cricket since he lost his left kneecap in a motor accident in 1966.

"Come the election it will be me hitting the sixes," he joked. Major and Hawke face tough election battles next year.

Both men were overshadowed by Pakistan's Prime Minister Sharif Nawaz who delighted the crowd with three sixes in a 26-run partnership with President of the Maldives Mamoun Abdul Gayoom.

Gayoom faced the bowlers—scholars at Zimbabwe's elite Prince Edward Government School—for only a few balls while Nawaz demonstrated a repertoire of strokes that drew cheers from a large crowd of onlookers.

"Oh! But he's been cheating, he played last week and scored 45 not out," an appreciative Major said from the stands.

Major said the last time he played was also in Africa—in 1966 in Nigeria when he represented a scratch team called "The North of Nigeria".

A few days after that match, Major lost his left knee in a motor accident that ended his cricketer career.

Under the rules of the competition which aims to raise 80,000 Zimbabwean dollars (16,000 US), Commonwealth heads of government notched up 1,000 Zimbabwean dollars (2000 US) with a six, 500 dollars (1000 US) for a four, and 250 dollars (50 US) for a single.

Veteran West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, England International Garme Hick—who was born in Zimbabwe, and the Zimbabwean national cricket captain David Houghton followed the heads of government onto the pitch.

A spectacular display of six hitting then saw the runs really start to flow.

# Kasparov consolidates lead

**TILBURG, Netherlands, Oct 19:** World champion Garry Kasparov defeated veteran Soviet emigre Viktor Korchnoi on Friday to take a clear lead in the Interpolis Tilburg chess tournament, reports Reuter.

Korchnoi adopted his favoured French defence against the 28-year-old Soviet player who was playing with the white pieces. But the 60-year-old Korchnoi got into time trouble and resigned in a lost position on move 45.

"The ending was a dead draw. But in time trouble Korchnoi lost his way, though I didn't play so well myself," Kasparov said after the match.

Kasparov began the tournament convincingly on Thursday by beating Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman in 35 moves.

Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand looked likely at one point to join Kasparov in the lead with two points from two matches.

Anand played well in the first states against Timman who also adopted the French defence. But after Timman overcame time trouble to reach 40 moves, Anand let his advantage slip away by playing too fast himself. He finally resigned on move 55, having missed many drawing chances.

Timman later acknowledged he had been lucky.

"There were many ways to make a draw. It was very difficult to find a losing line," he said of Anand's play.

British grandmaster Nigel Short got his first half point in the tournament when he drew with former world champion Anatoly Karpov in a 41-move Marshall gambit.

Gata Kamsky, the 17-year-old Soviet prodigy now based in the United States, was held to a draw by Soviet grandmaster Yevgeny Baryev in a 29 move Tchigorin defence.

The 14-round tournament lasts until November 4. With an average grade for the eight players of 2,666 on the international rating system, the organisers claim it is the strongest tournament ever held.

Second round results: Baryev 1/2 Kamsky 1/2; Kasparov 1 Korchnoi 0; Anand 0 Timman 1; Karpov 1/2 Short 1/2.

# Rivals profit at BU, Biman's cost

**Sports Reporter**

Inter-club transfers for the 1991-92 cricket season closed at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) office yesterday evening with another 45 players deciding to change their teams for the coming Navana Premier Division and Mirnars First Division leagues.

This takes the number of cricketers opting for a side other than the one they played for last year to 153.

Among the 45 who exercised their options on the last day of the five-day transfers yesterday are a dozen on so more prominent cricketing names of the country whose choice of new clubs are likely to have a notable impact on the outcomes of the two leagues.

Last year's Navana league champions Brothers Union, who had spent a lot of money in gathering a galaxy of stars for their successful league title bid, have this year lost some key players to their two main rivals Mohammedan Sporting and Abahani Krira Chakra.

Abahani, who couldn't manage a strong enough pool of players last year to defend the title they had won in 1989-90 for a variety of reasons including a paucity of funds, seem to have done much better this year, winning over four good players from the champions.

Having earlier enticed Feroque Ahmed and Akram Khan from Brothers on Thursday, Abahani yesterday succeeded in securing the prized signatures of left-arm pacer Golam Nowsher Prince and all-rounder-cum-opening batsman Zahed Razaq Masum. These two latest pickings have substantially bolstered Abahani's strength, at the same time seriously depleting Brother's resources.

Two Abahani players also left the side yesterday. Rafiqul Alam, who led them last season, signed for arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting while Syed Hasnain Mohammad, the youngster who had found a place in the weak Abahani team last year, has moved to Rupali Bank.

Mohammedan Sporting Club, always building their sides with an eye on the title honours, picked up Golam Faruq Chowdhury Sura, the effective all-rounder from /Brothers Union yesterday. Sura's joining, coming in the wake of the three Biman stars

also signed up two medium-pacers, left-armer Syed Shahidur Rahman Shamim from Shadharan Biman and the right-armer Syed Ashfaqur Rahman from Gulshan Youth.

Bangladesh Biman, who came so close to lifting the Navana league title last year, losing the controversial play-off to Brothers, managed to get back the services of former national star Omar Khaled Rumi, who had a fine 1990-91 season as skipper of Kalabagan Krira Chakra—his neighbourhood team—hitting a century and claiming quite a few wickets with his leg-spinners and medium-pacers, yesterday decided to play once again for the airlines which employs him.

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# Mercer's crown

**ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Oct 19:** Ray Mercer stopped fellow-American Tommy "The Duke" Morrison at 28 seconds of the fifth round on Friday night to retain his World Boxing Press Club mini-marathon results

Sarwar Alam Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Observer got the first position in the above-40 age-group in the Jatiya Press Club mini-marathon covering the distance from Farmgate to the Club in city yesterday.

Mokarram Hossain of Bangladesh Sanghad Sangatha (BSS) and M Gamruzzaman of Dainik Bangla finished second and third respectively.

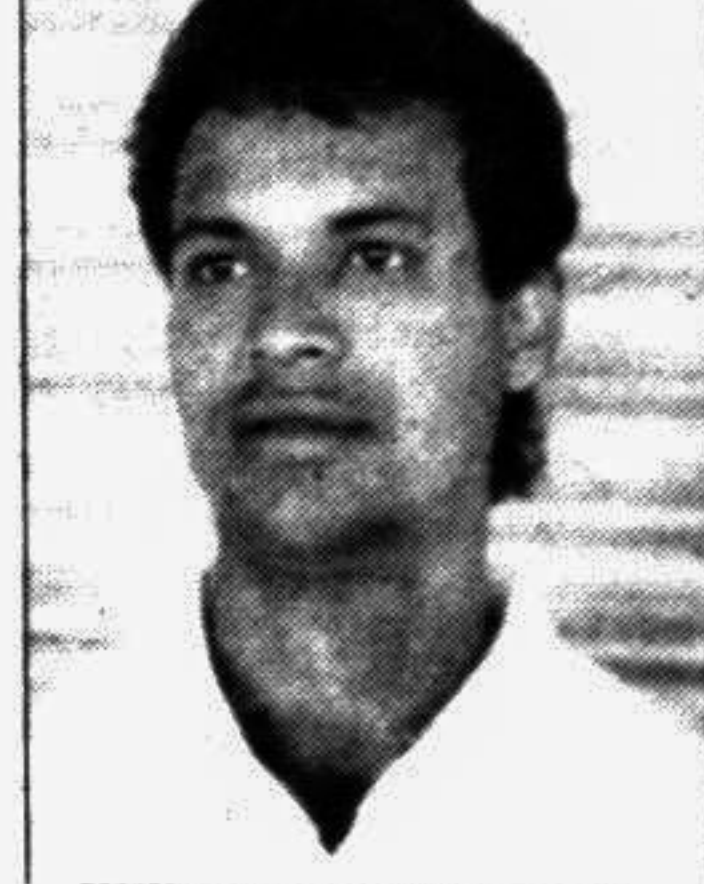
In the under-40 age group, Saad-bin-Rabbi of the Daily Azad came out first followed by Rafiqul Islam of the Daily Star. Abdul Hye Siddiq of the Inqilab was placed third.

In the women's group, Mahbuba Chowdhury, wife of Mottur Rahman Chowdhury (Ittefaq) became first while Mrs. Manzurul Huq (Times) and Nilufar Hasan, wife of AMM Hasan of the Purbakone, got the second and third place respectively.



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look of solidity to the title-aspirants. These four players will more than make up for the loss of Nurul Abedin Novel to Brothers. One other player who left Mohammedans yesterday is all-rounder Shahidur



**Z. RAZZAQ MASOOM**

Rahman, one of their regulars over the past few seasons, who moves to Lalmatia Club.

For their part the reigning champions from Gopibagh yesterday signed up two medium-pacers, left-armer Syed Shahidur Rahman Shamim from Shadharan Biman and the right-armer Syed Ashfaqur Rahman from Gulshan Youth.

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Prize-winners in the various events like chess, ludo and mini-marathon arranged on the occasion of the 37th founding day of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, Oct 19. Rafiqul Islam of The Daily Star (2nd from right) did us proud by finishing second in the mini-marathon held yesterday morning from the Farm Gate overbridge to the Press Club. — Star photo