

### 30 hurt as soccer fans clash in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: At least 50 people, including policemen and players, were injured here today in clashes between rival football fans, forcing postponement of the CJKP First Division football league tie between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Steel Mills Eleven, reports BSS.

The trouble broke out when Misan of the Steel Mills and Nazrul Babu of Mohammedans started a fist-fight over a disputed foul in the 63rd minute, inciting their fans to go berserk. The violence quickly spread to the players of the rival teams, the galleries and even outside, the ground.

The referee postponed the match, which was locked at 1-1 at the time.

Ripon scored for the Steel Mills in the third minute while Shamsu of Mohammedans levelled the score in the 46th minute.

Police resorted to baton charge, fired rubber bullets and teargas shells to break up the feuding players and violent rival fans in the stadium. The mob damaged the stadium gate and ransacked the Chittagong DSA office.

Some of the injured were being treated in the medical hospital, hospital sources said.

Mohammedans needed only a draw against Steel Mills in their last and most vital match today to regain the league title. Mohammedans collected 29 points from 16 encounters. Arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra have also earned 29 points from 17 outings.

### Vandals prevent inter-university cricket final

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 29: The final match of the inter-university cricket tournament was postponed on Wednesday after a group of students damaged the pitch and the pavilion at the Rajshahi University stadium.

The students were reported to be the supporters of Chhatra Otkhya which had called a strike at the university demanding withdrawal of cases against some 60 students, leaders and workers of the party.

Rajshahi University and Agricultural University were to have played in the final.

### Soccer violence claims one

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 29: A 13-year-old boy has died after being hit in the head by a home-made "Marble Bomb" — a new trend in Brazilian soccer violence — at a game last week, police and hospital officials said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Rodrigo Gasperi died on Monday from a massive concussion, a hospital spokesman said, four days after the explosive hit him in the head as fighting broke out between spectators at a soccer tournament in a Sao Paulo Stadium.

The death was the first at a soccer match in Brazil in recent memory, police and hospital officials said.

The so-called marble bombs, a recent trend in soccer stadium violence in Brazil, are made by wrapping gunpowder and common marbles tightly into a package of aluminium foil.

### ITTF ruling

TOKYO, Jan 29: The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) said Tuesday players could represent non-members Croatia, Slovenia, Albania and Estonia in Olympic qualifying rounds, reports AFP.

## Ajax overcome Usha

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Ajax Sports Club heaved a sigh of relief when veteran Syed Byazid Hyder scored the winner towards the end of play to record the third Ajax win in the Green Delta First Division hockey league against Usha Krira Chakra 2-1 yesterday at the hockey stadium.

The winners were down by a goal soon after the start of the second session.

Ajax have now seven points from four outings while Usha have none from an identical number of games.

Both teams tried hard to win control and maintain territorial supremacy, and from the outset concentrated on attacking, making the game a keenly-contested affair.

Ajax earned a penalty corner in the very fifth minute of play but failed to capitalise.

Soon after this they forced another one but once again wasted the chance.

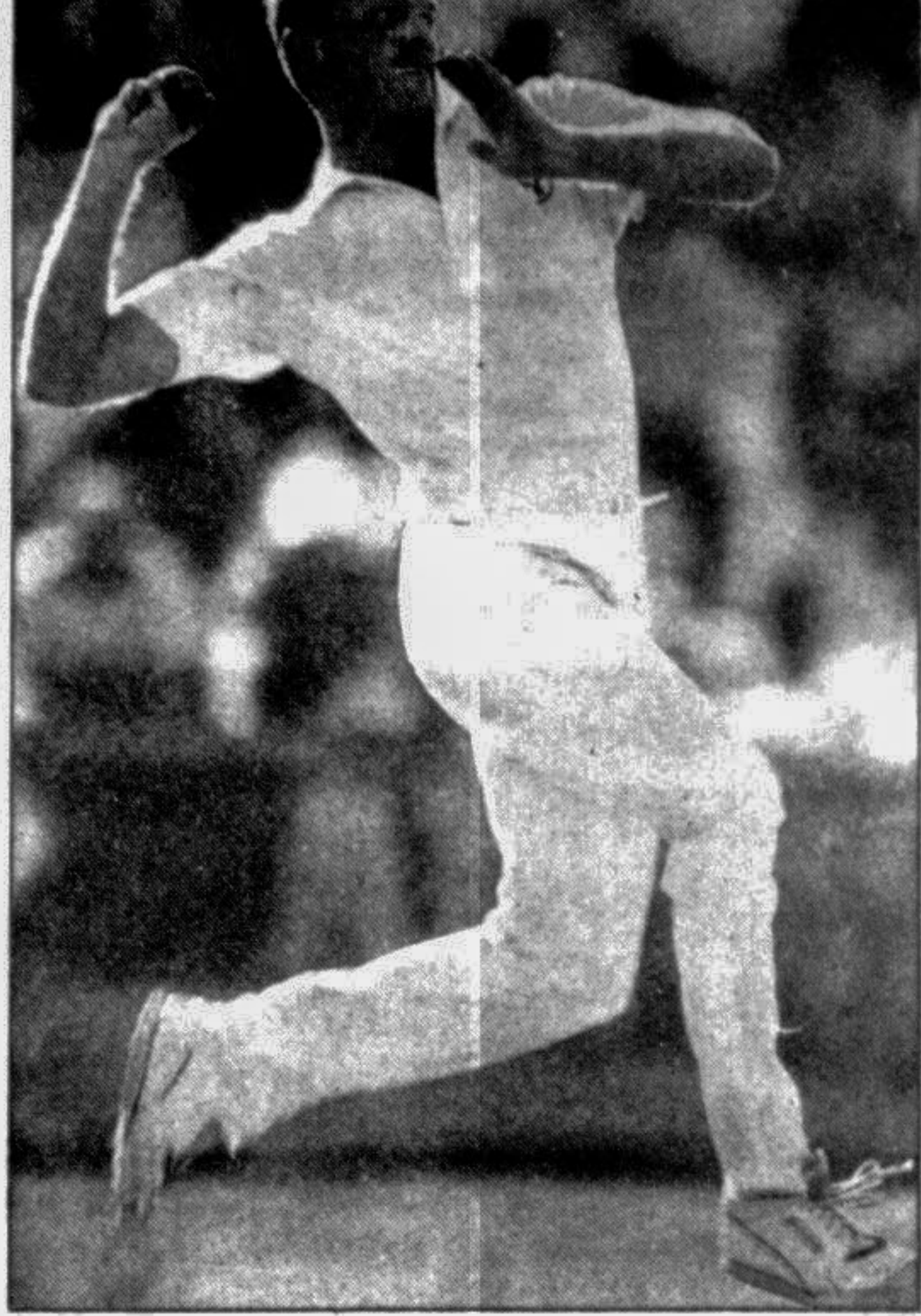
Usha earned the first of their four penalty corners but they also failed to profit from it.

However, Usha moved ahead nine minutes after the lemon-break. Khwaja Musa Azhar converted a penalty corner to give Usha the lead (1-0).

# Aussies clinch series despite brave Indian challenge

ADELAIDE, Jan 29: Australia won the fourth cricket Test and the five-Test series against India today despite a brave challenge led by captain Mohammad Azharuddin, reports Reuter.

Their 38-run victory, with



CRAIG McDERMOTT ... 10 wickets for 168

dropped two simple chances while Waugh had dropped Azharuddin on 37.

The key wicket today was that of Azharuddin, who scored 108. After struggling to find his form throughout the series, he rediscovered the timing that has made him one of the world's best batsmen and took India within sight of victory.

After Azharuddin's departure, Manoj Prabhakar ensured the match would go into its last hour, hitting 64 before also falling to McDermott.

Fourteen years ago, India made 447 in the fourth innings on the same ground and lost by 47 runs. No team had ever made 372 to win in Australia and only two teams had made more for victory anywhere.

Azharuddin walked to the crease with his team 270 runs short of the target, four wickets, including that of Sachin Tendulkar, down and just 51 runs behind him in six-Test innings in the series.

It was hardly the platform to launch an assault on history but, after an understandably hesitant start, Azharuddin blossomed in partnership with Sanjay Manjrekar.

Azharuddin has regularly insisted he has been hitting the ball well without making runs and, as he passed his previous series-best of 22, his confidence rose high enough to survive two unnerving moments on 37.

Firer he over-reached while driving at the luckless Shane Warne only to be dropped by the normally glue-like hands of Waugh, low at short extra cover.

Then, without addition to the total of 172, he sent back Manjrekar who was running on a Warne misfield only for his partner to keep coming and be run out as the leg-spinner recovered.

Kapil Dev came and went but Azharuddin continued untroubled by reaching 50 with 11 fours, in company with the willing Prabhakar.

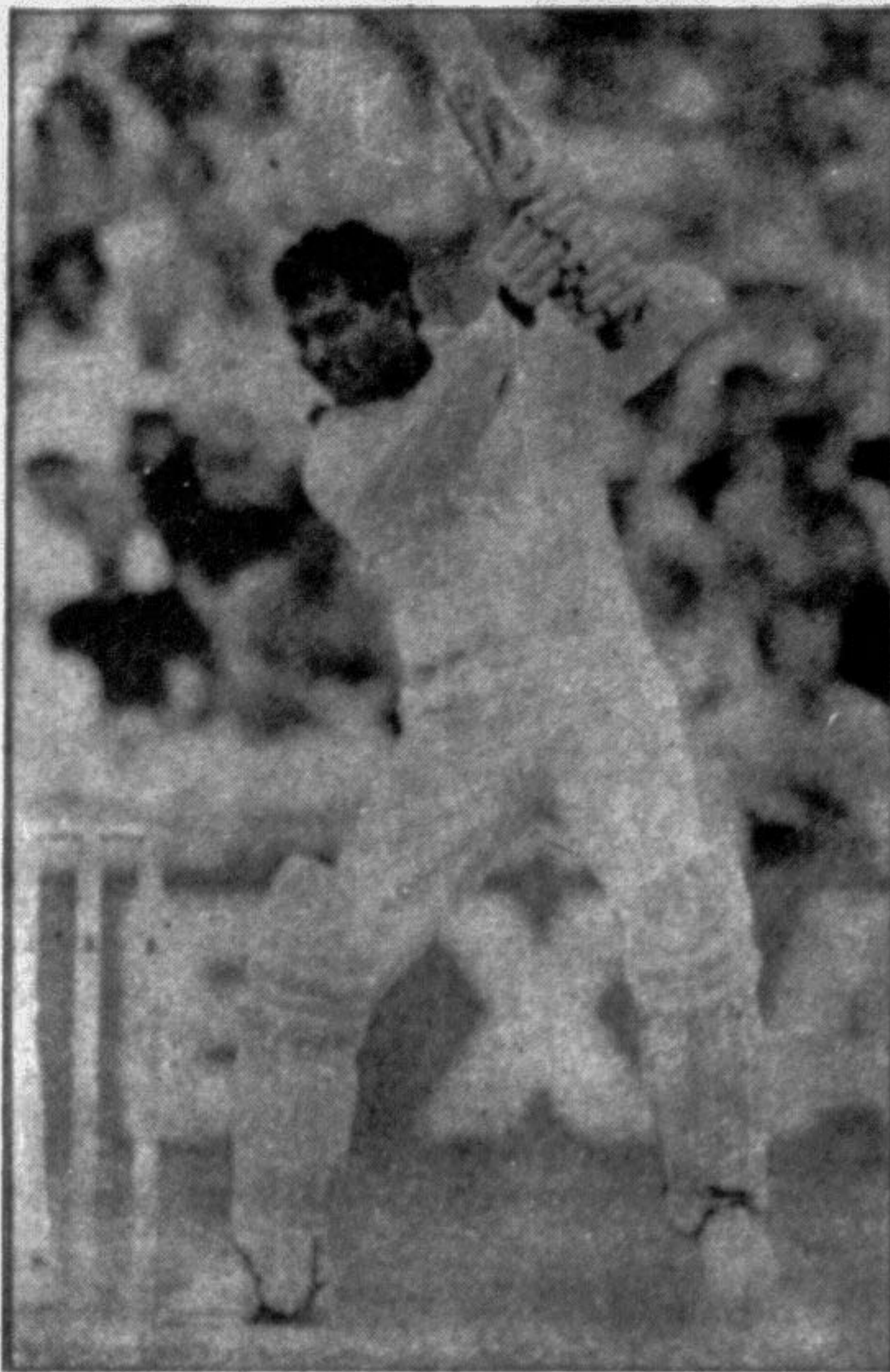
Prabhakar, having watched from the dressing rooms for most of the last two days nursing a stomach injury while his team toiled in the field, made up for his absence with the bat.

Intelligently mixing attack with caution he provided the ideal foil to a captain now unrecognizable from the desolate man dismissed for one in the first innings.

Having reached tea with

120 required, India cut the deficit to 89 before Border took the new ball as soon as he was able with a minimum 21 overs remaining.

The move brought instant rewards as McDermott's fourth ball swung back from leg and Azharuddin, seeking to play that favoured shot his legs,



MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN ... gallant 106 goes in vain

edged low to Taylor at slip.

In McDermott's next over Chandrakanth Pandit was well caught at second slip by Waugh, but Prabhakar refused to go quietly and dispatched the fast bowler for a series of fours only to become India's eighth lbw victim in the match.

McDermott's final spell earned him four for 24 off 31 deliveries with the new ball as his side clinched both the match and series.

The big fast bowler was deservedly named man-of-the-match and earned fulsome praise from his captain.

"He is a class act and can

McConnell and Darrellhair] was very good except for the interpretation of some of the rules which we are not aware of.

There seem to be different interpretations in the same match. Certain decisions have been given that perhaps should not have been given.

India's eight leg-before victims in the match contrasted sharply with just two Australians.

The tourists were particularly unhappy about rejected second-innings appeal against David Boon when one and Border at three. The pair went on to make 135 and 91 not out respectively.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the fourth Test between Australia and India today.

**AUSTRALIA**: First Innings 145 (D Jones 41, Kapil Dev three for 33, V Raju three for 11).

**INDIA**: First Innings 225 (Kapil Dev 56, C McDermott five for 76).

**AUSTRALIA**: Second Innings 451 (M Taylor 100, D Boon 135, A Border 91, Kapil Dev five for 130).

**INDIA**: Second Innings (overnight 31 for no loss) Srikanth b McDermott 22 Sidhu lbw Hughes 35 Manjrekar run out 45 Tendulkar lbw Hughes 17 Vengsarkar lbw Hughes 4 Azharuddin c Taylor b McDermott 106 Kapil Dev c Marsh b Hughes 5 Prabhakar lbw McDermott 64 Pandit c Waugh b McDermott 7 Raju not out 8 Srinath c Warne b McDermott 3

Extra: (b-3, lb-9, nb-5) 17 Total: (all out) 333

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-72, 3-97, 4-102, 5-172, 6-182, 7-283, 8-291, 9-327.

**Bowling** O M R W McDermott 29.1 8 92 5 Whitney 17 3 59 0 Hughes 23 5 66 3 Waugh 12 2 36 1 Warne 16 1 60 0 Border 3 0 8 0

Result: Australia won by 38 runs. Australia lead the five-Test series 3-0.

## Marsh, Waugh axed

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 29: The Australian cricket selectors Wednesday axed vice-captain Geoff Marsh and middle-order batsman Mark Waugh from the team to face India in the fifth Test starting Saturday in Perth, reports AP.

Marsh and Waugh both were members of the Australian team that an hour earlier completed a 38-run victory over India in the fourth Test to take an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the five-Test series.

The out-of-form duo was replaced by new international Wayne Phillips and limited-overs specialist Tom Moody.

Moody has not played a Test match for two years.

Marsh has been Allan Border's deputy throughout the Australian team's resurgence, but his recent poor form became too much of a worry for the selectors to ignore.

The opener scored 10, eight, four, eight and five in his last five-Test innings.

In 50 Tests for Australia, Marsh has scored 2854 runs at 33.18 last year, but has had a horror series against the Indians, averaging just 13.83.

"It hurts, I tell you," Waugh said of his omission.

Phillips, no relation to the former Australian wicket-keeper of the same name, has scored 334 runs at an average 41.75 this summer.

Moody has not represented Australia in a Test since he filled in for the then-injured Marsh in the last Test against Pakistan at Sydney two years ago.

The Australian squad is: Allan Border (captain), David Boon, Ian Healy, Merv Hughes, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Tom Moody, Wayne Phillips, Paul Reffel, Mark Taylor, Shane Warne, Mike Whitney.

## Crowe faints during practice

AUCKLAND, Jan 29: New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe fainted during a practice session Wednesday but said he would be fit to lead his team in the second test against England beginning Thursday at Eden Park, reports AP.

Crowe toppled to the ground after feeling ill during the team's morning net session and returned to his hotel room for a rest. He took no further part in training.

"I was feeling just a little faint, it's nothing really," Crowe said later. "I probably need more carbohydrates."

New Zealand coach Warren Lees said Crowe was apparently tired after a strenuous bowling spell — his first for some time — in hot, humid conditions.

Crowe said there was an air of resolve about the New Zealand team, which contains five new faces following England's innings and four runs victory in the first Test in Christchurch.

Crowe said the changes provided him with a number of options and said the newcomers were confident.

"They have come in with fresh enthusiasm and with some form, so it's really quite neat," Crowe said.

"The new guys, and some of them have been in before, of course, know what the situation is."

"They want to come in, help out, and do their thing."

"It's a challenging time, but we know it's going to feel good if we do something well."

"We probably need a bit of luck, but more than anything we just want to play as a team and put some pressure on England."

"Then we'll seize the opportunity if it comes."

## Kiwis face a firing squad

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 29: New Zealand, dubbed by their sponsors the "young guns," face a cricketing firing squad when they start the second Test against England here Thursday, reports AFP.

Only a miracle will spare the Kiwis from a hammering by a fired-up England team so good that even the likes of all-rounder Ian Botham cannot get a place.

New Zealand's problem is that after a decade of having an established team, it must now rebuild. Something England know all about.

New Zealand go into the Test with four new players in the squad, and a second string wicket-keeper to fill in for the injured Ian Smith.

With the brilliant slow left-arm bowler Phil Tufnell, England took the first Test in Christchurch by an innings and four runs.

Pace bowlers Chris Lewis, Philip DeFreitas and David Lawrence have suffered varying degrees of aches and pains though.

Lawrence, who missed the first Test through side strain, was looking better this week and captain Graham Gooch said he expected the Gloucestershire quick bowler to be fit for selection.

England have Neil Mallender, a fast bowler currently resident in New Zealand, on standby. Gooch is

lucky to have a wealth of batting and bowling talent.

For New Zealand, the interest will be in the attitude and performance of the oldtimers and the skills the new members bring. The big changes have drawn criticism that the selectors panicked after the Christchurch disaster.

"I don't regard it as panic, it could be exciting," chief selector Don Neely said.

The biggest worry must be captain Martin Crowe, whose batting alone would not justify selection.

In the first Test he lost his way as captain, poorly deploying his field and making major tactical blunders such as trying to hit a four off a poor ball when it was not necessary. That handed England victory.

Back in the squad is experienced batsman Ken Rutherford. He was dropped for the first Test for alleged off-the-field behaviour that was never publicly explained.

The naming of new left-arm seamer Murphy Su'a has England bothered.

Su'a, believed to be the first New Zealand-Samoan to make a Test side, has been sharp in provincial games. "From what I've seen there is enough talent there to do well," Gooch said of Su'a.

Gooch said most top left-armers can make the ball swing. "It's a dangerous type of bowling if you get it right so

we'll have to be on our guard."

New wicketkeeper Adam Parore, one of the few Maori to make a Test side, has for years lived under Smith's shadow and is anxious to make a good impression.

He made his Test debut in England in 1990 but Smith's form has kept him out since. Smith's hand injury is a mystery as he apparently played with the damage in the first Test.

If Parore does well, Smith, another stalwart of the Richard Hadlee era, is likely to make a new career as a television commentator.

A new worry arose Tuesday when New Zealand opener Blair Hartland tore part of his foot on springs and required stitches. But he is expected to be fit to play.

The sides are expected to be named just before the start.

Eden Park has endured a puzzling mix of hot weather that until recently had been very dry but in the last week became notably damper.

It will offer Crowe another nightmare after he badly misread the Christchurch pitch and put England into bat on what quickly turned into a batting paradise.

Traditionally, Eden Park favours the side bowling first, a seam-bowlers delight. Experts say the way it changes during the Test will depend heavily on the amount of moisture.

## Aussie booters shock Sweden

ADELAIDE, Jan 29: Substitute Alistair Edwards scored Australia's first kick to earn them a 1-0 victory over European Championship hosts Sweden today, reports Reuter.

Edwards struck in the 77th minute of a generally disappointing match to end nearly three hours of deadlock, the sides' first clash in Sydney having ended goalless.

The Sydney Olympic striker, who has had experience in British soccer with Glasgow Rangers and Brighton, ran on to a through ball to calmly curl his shot past debutant Swedish goalkeeper Jonnie Fedel.

The goal followed a defence-dominated match, hindered by a clogged midfield in which Stefan Rehn, Sweden's former Everton midfielder, stood out.

But with the majority of Sweden's senior players unavailable the visitors were unable to benefit from his probing passing.

Their best chance fell two minutes from time when former Bayern Munich striker Johnny Ekstrom, another substitute, set up full-back Jan Eriksson who failed to connect with a volley.

Socceroos manager Eddie Thomson, also missing players in Europe, admitted: "We were a little fortunate. Sweden made it very difficult for us and exposed a few flaws. It was not our night but we hung on."

## Boycott under fire

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 29: Veteran England batsman Geoff Boycott, who is acting as both a media correspondent and a coaching assistant for the England Test team, was under fire today for an attack he made in the press on Ian Botham, reports AFP.

Boycott, a former England captain, slammed all-rounder



GEOFF BOYCOTT

Ian Botham in his column in the London Sun, saying he should have spent Monday in the nets with captain Graham Gooch and recovering fast bowler David Lawrence instead of playing golf with the rest of

the squad who were having a day off.

Boycott felt Botham, who is overweight and has had limited practice since a Christmas season on the stage in pantomime season ended, should have been forced to knuckle down and put in extra work.

Manager Bob Bennett and coach Mickey Stewart said today they would be talking to Boycott.

"Geoffrey has no official post within the England framework," Bennett said. "There are obviously still players within this squad who look to Geoffrey for advice. Far be it for Mickey of any member of the management team to put any sort of block on that."

Stewart said he had warned Boycott of what could happen if he was seen to be wearing two hats.

"I pointed out that one he joined a certain newspaper he'd find it difficult to do both jobs. He's out here as a journalist and a commentator and if he's able to continue (assisting the coaching) in the benefit of the team out here... then that's all well and good."

Stewart said that at some stage he would have to "sit down and have a chat" with Boycott.

"This is the first hurdle that has been caused outside cricket. It wasn't completely unexpected, I can tell you, it's the way of the world."



Australian opening bowler Craig McDermott is congratulated by fellow Australian bowler Merv Hughes after his five-wicket haul in the second innings of the fourth Test against India in Adelaide yesterday. McDermott took 10 wickets for the game that saw Australia win by 38 runs and take a 3-0 lead in the five-Test series. — AFP photo

## NZ swimmers shine

MILAN, Italy, Jan 29: New Zealand's Danyon Loader and Anna Simic extended their World Cup lead in the men's butterfly and women's backstroke winning Tuesday's 200-meter races at Milan's swimming meeting, reports AP.

The opener of the two-day meet — the sixth and next-to-last stage of the 1992 World Cup — also featured wins of Japan's Yoko Kando in the women's 100-meter butterfly and four national records on short course.

Canada's Mark Tewksbury kept atop the World Cup standings in the men's backstroke winning Tuesday's 100-metre final ahead of Japan's Datchi Suzuki.

Simic, the world's third-fastest swimmer in the 200-metre backstroke, won the distance in 2:08.11 minutes ahead of Lorence Vigarani, who set an Italian record of 2:12.16.

Simic finished fourth in the 50-meter backstroke.

Germany's Sandra Volker won the shorter distance in 29.32 seconds.

Loader beat Germany's Bernd Zeruhn and Canada's

Tom Ponting in the 200-meter butterfly, in 1:59.17 minutes.

Kando took the 100-meter butterfly in 1:00.39 minutes, ahead of Dutch swimmer Inge De Bruijn, who came back to win the 50-meter free style ahead of Canada's Andrea Nugent.

Sharron Davies set a British record in the 200-meter women's medley, swimming to victory in 2:13.41 minutes.

Italy's Luca Sacchi clocked a national record of 4:12.06 minutes in the men's 400-meter medley.

Scandinavian swimmers did well in freestyle, with Finland's Antti Kasvio winning the men's 100-meters and Norway's Irene Dalby clinching the women's 800 meters.

Following Wednesday's second day of races, swimmers move to Paris for the last World Cup round.

## IOC sees no reason to ban Magic

STOCKHOLM, Jan 29: There is no medical reason to prevent Magic Johnson from playing in the Olympics, an official of the International Olympic Committee said Monday, reports AP.