

Pak team leaves for home

Sports Reporter

The Pakistan cricket team and a part of the Indian contingent for the unfinished SAARC cricket tournament left Dhaka yesterday while the Sri Lankan squad stayed back.

Six Indian cricketers domiciled in parts of Maharashtra left the capital while their peers were left awaiting their turn of departure, delayed for non-availability of a flight.

Although the remainder of the Indian cricketers are expected to be on their way back home the fate of the Sri Lankan cricketers is still undecided following disruption in the air route since the outbreak of civil strife all over India after the demolition of a mosque in Ayodhya.

The nine-day long first-ever SAARC cricket tournament was postponed last Wednesday for fear of any untoward incidents as a certain political organisation threatened the organisers with dire consequences if one of the teams in this four-nation tournament were allowed to play.

However, an official Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) press release had said that the tournament was suspended in view of the postponement of the seventh SAARC summit.

The suspension of international cricket seems to have affected domestic engagements, too. Sources close to the BCCB informed The Daily Star that the Victory Day cricket tournament, originally scheduled to begin from December 12, will now start from December 19.

Non-availability of grounds is the reason preferred for this delay, sources apprised.

Four top teams of the recently held Damal Summer tournament—Abahani, Mohammedans, Brothers Union and GMCC—will take part in this competition with every match spread over two days.

The traditional annual fixture between the Shaheed Jewel Eleven and the Shaheed Mushtaq Eleven, played on December 16 every year to commemorate the Victory Day, will this year be organised as an over-limit tournament.

Seven teams from the eleven outfits competing in this year's Navana Premier Division league will take part in the nascent tournament.

The seven teams are, PWD, Victoria, Udit, Gulshan Youth, Bangladesh Biman, Surja Tarun and Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Wessels-Kapil skirmish as South Africans go 2-0 up

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa. Dec 10: Indian allrounder Kapil Dev was at the centre of two storms on Wednesday as South Africa won the eventful second day-night one-day international here by six wickets to take a 2-0 lead in the seven-match series, reports AFP.

The South Africans, who won Monday's first international in Cape Town by a similar margin, bowled the Indians out in the afternoon for a paltry 147 and won with 21 deliveries to spare after a dramatic final session.

Watched by a capacity crowd of over 19,000 at the floodlit St. George's Park, Kapil ran out Peter Kirsten for backing down too far at the non-striker's end before the ball had been delivered.

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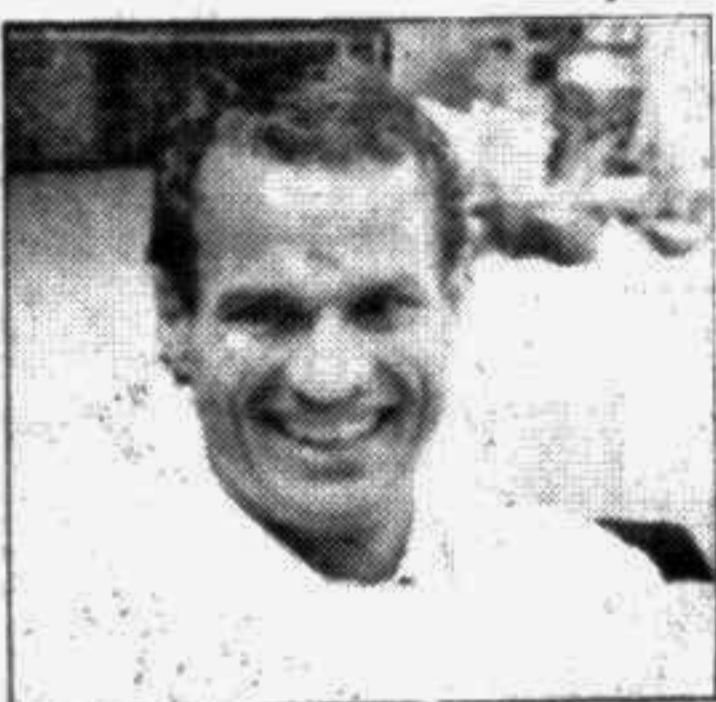
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KEPLER WESSELS

"This is news to me. I don't think such a thing happened," Procter said, when queried by reporters in the press box during the match.

The incidents marred a keen contest as the Indians fought back in the field after a poor batting display.

Left-handed opener Raman top-scored with 33 followed by useful contributions from Praveen Amre (30) and Kiran More (32), but the others failed miserably.

Three batsmen ran themselves out while attempting quick singles and six railed to get into double figures on a wicket where the ball tended to keep low at times.

The South Africans themselves began on the wrong foot losing Andrew Hudson (five), Kirsten (five) and Jonty Rhodes (13) for 46 by the 19th over.

Wessels looked dangerous while making 30 off 77 balls, but ten top-edged a pull of Manoj Prabhakar for Ajay Jadhava to take the skier at square-leg.

South Africa were atop a powderkeg at 70 for four in the 29th over, but Dave

Callaghan and Hansie Cronje put South Africa on the road to victory with an unbroken 78-run stand for the fifth wicket.

The 27-year-old Callaghan, playing only his second international, survived a first-ball miss by wicket-keeper Kiran More, to make 45 not out with four boundaries.

Cronje, South Africa's 'man-of-the-match' in Cape Town, continued his good form with an attractive 38 not out to leave India reeling an indifferent performance with the bat.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second day-night limited overs international between India and South Africa at the St. George's Park here yesterday:

India:	
A D Jadeja c McMillan b Schultz	5
W V Raman b Matthews	33
M A Azharuddin run out	5
S R Tendulkar c Richardson b Callaghan	10
S V Manjrekar run out	17
P K Amre run out	30
Kapil Dev c Rhodes b McMillan	1
M Prabhakar c Richardson b McMillan	1
K S More b McMillan	32
A R Kumble b McMillan	7
J Srinath not out	1
Extras: (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total: (all out, 49.4 overs)	147
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-40; 3-48; 4-65; 5-81; 6-82	
7-84; 8-118; 9-144	

Bowling:	
Donald	10 4 26 0
Schultz	9 1 35 1
Matthews	10 4 20 1
McMillan	9.4 0 32 4
Cronje	6 0 18 0
Callaghan	5 0 13 1

South Africa:	
A C Hudson b Kapil	5
K C Wessels c Jadeja b Prabhakar	30
P N Kirsten run out	5
J N Rhodes lbw b Srinath	13
D J Callaghan not out	45
W J Cronje not out	38
Extras: b-2, lb-4, w-2, nb-4	12
Total: (For four wickets, 46.3 overs)	148
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-20; 3-46; 4-70;	

Friendship Tour

Kirsten also exchanged angry gestures and used harsh words which "violated the code of conduct of the International Cricket Council."

"We feel it is our right to lodge the complaint because one of our players was deliberately hit," Mathur said.

Did not bat: D J Richardson, B M McMillan, C R Matthews, N B Schultz, A A Donald.

South African won by six wickets.

Dark patch on the 'Friendship Tour'

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa. Dec 10: India's 'Friendship Tour' of South Africa was engulfed in a major controversy on Wednesday after the visitors lodged an official complaint against home team captain Kepler Wessels, reports AFP.

The Indians accused Wessels of 'hitting Kapil Dev on the shin with his bat' while turning for a second run during the second one-day international at the St. George's Park here.

The incident which the Indians referred to occurred three deliveries after Kapil ran out Peter Kirsten for backing down too far from the non-striker's end before the ball had been bowled.

Indian manager Amrit Mathur said Wessels and Now battle of sexes in athletics

LONDON, Dec 10: Women track runners will be allowed to compete against men for the first time next year after a revolutionary change in rules by the British Athletic Federation, reports Reuters.

The federation is believed to be the first anywhere to sanction races between men and women in graded competition — events featuring athletes of comparable standards.

Such events are currently restricted to men-only and women-only racing. The change comes into force on April 1.

Athletic officials agreed to amend the rules after women athletes said they were unable to find a sufficient calibre of competition at local level.

"This will help to clear the frustrations of women athletes unable to obtain competitions of the right standards," said Gwenda Ward, secretary of the BAF's women's advisory group.

"It's a great step forward because we've found that women have to often not been able to find the level of racing they want at the time that they want it," Ward said.

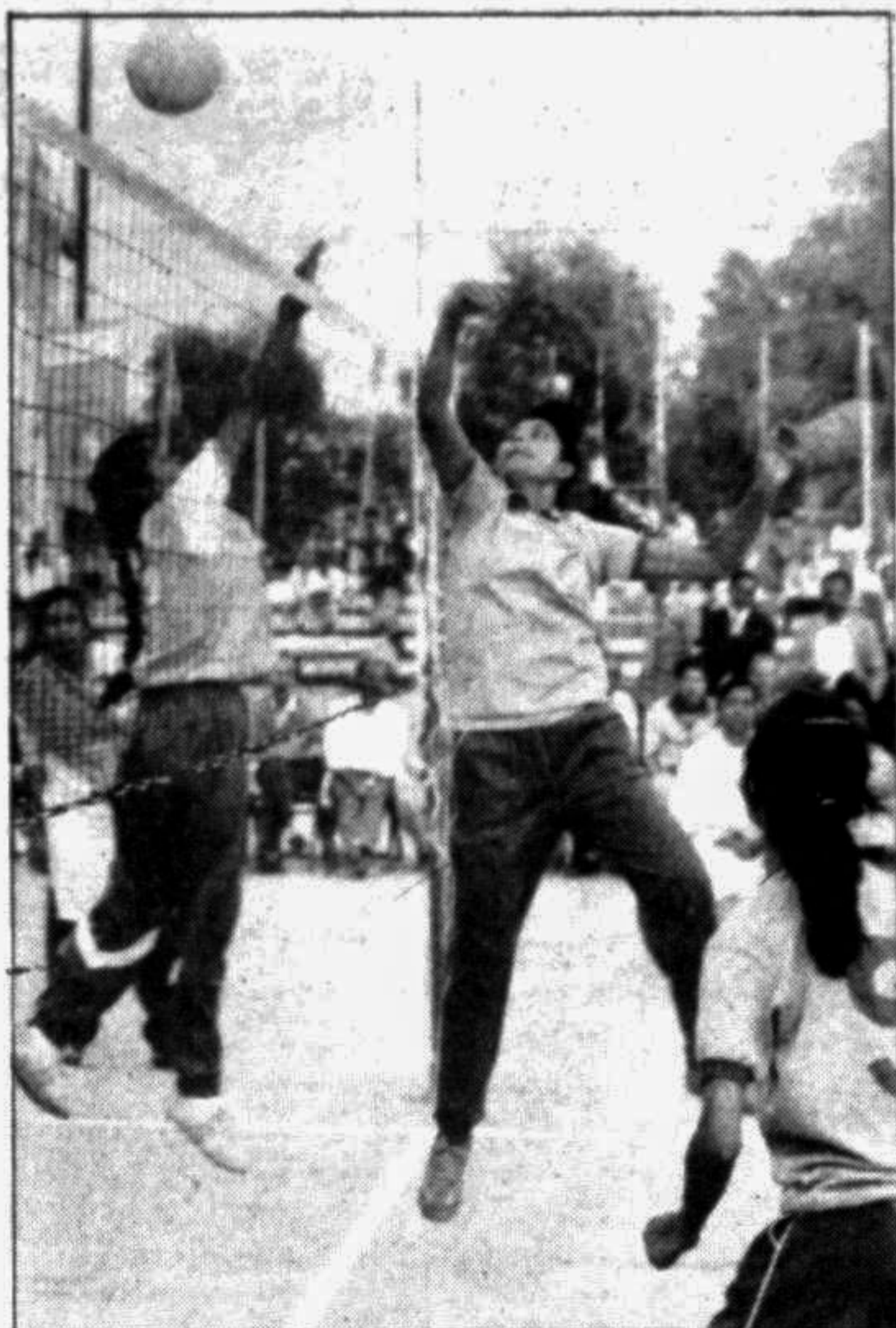
Nat'l jr tennis from today

Sports Reporter

The five-day 1992 national junior tennis championship under the aegis of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation begins today at 9 am at the Ramna tennis complex in the city, says a press release.

One hundred and four youngsters including 14 girls representing six teams — Dhaka Metropolitan, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Narayanganj — are participating in the meet.

Sonali Tobacco Company Pvt Ltd is sponsoring the championships.



Action from the inaugural match of the 10th national women's volleyball championship between Khulna DSA and Dinajpur DSA at the Outer stadium volleyball court yesterday. Khulna beat Dinajpur 15-1, 15-4, 15-5. — Star photo

Deep schisms in NZ camp

WELLINGTON. Dec 10: Deep splits in the New Zealand cricket team are going to be hard to fix and are the fault of coach Warren Lees, former New Zealand player and Wellington coach John Morrison said Thursday, reports AFP.

His comments followed Sri Lanka's nine-wicket Test defeat of the touring New Zealand on Wednesday.

Lees and five players abandoned the tour after a bomb blast outside their Colombo hotel room last month.

Morrison said in an interview the split which resulted would be hard to heal. He said it should never have happened.

"There is an element in the team which does not want to be there and his is reflected in their play. The players should never have been asked to vote on whether or not to come home," said Morrison.

The major culprit was Lees as he had an obligation to his employer. This whole situation came about by Lees saying right from the outset that he

wanted out of Sri Lanka.

He said there was no doubt this will affect the upcoming home series against Pakistan and Australia.

Lees responded to the claims saying this summer season was a case of mission impossible.

Facing two more one-day games in Sri Lanka before returning home to meet Pakistan and Australia, Lees said that even before the team split following the Colombo bomb blast, the season would not be easy.

"It was never going to be easy simply because of the way the itinerary was worked out," Lees said.

"The season started with the easy matches first, being Zimbabwe. It then got progressively more difficult with Sri Lanka, Pakistan and finally Australia."

Lees said he was hopeful the team would extract a result from Australia late in the season as the Australians would be tired after their long season.

Lees was adamant there would be no rift between any of the players.

Former New Zealand fast bowler Sir Richard Hadlee said he was confident the team could bounce back from the Sri Lankan defeat.

"There will be no problem with the mental approach of team members," said Hadlee.

Winning start for Winners

Sports Reporter

The 1991 First Division basketball league runners-up Dhaka Winners Club made a good start in the 1992 Victory Day basketball league by out-playing Hornets Sporting Club 54-28 in the inaugural match at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Winners Club led 29-14 at the lemon break.

Baby with 20 points and Touffique with nine points were the leading scorers for Winners Club while Faisal notched up 15 points for Hornets Sporting Club.

Winners Club will play Bangladesh Navy-A in the Group D final tomorrow at 5 pm.

Twelve teams in four groups are participating in the tournament, the final of which will be held on December 17.

The two vice-presidents of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation — ASM Shahidul Alam and ABM Feroz — inaugurated the nine-day meet.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Azad Boys Club vs Navy-B (3:30 pm)

Police vs BUET (5 pm)



Alamgir Mohammad Adel, the Bangladesh Hockey Federation president, inaugurated the 15th national hockey championship yesterday at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium. In the opener Bangladesh Air Force beat Bangladesh Railway 3-0. — Star photo

Mujtaba is Pakistan's man

HOBART, Australia. Dec 10: Pakistan's Asif Mujtaba hit a six off the last ball to tie the World Series cricket match against Australia at Bellerive Oval on Thursday, reports Reuters.

The visitors, who earlier looked to be crushing to defeat after Australia made 228 for seven off their 50 overs, took 16 runs off Steve Waugh's last over to finish on 228 for nine.

After 36 overs, Pakistan had been struggling on 123 for five, needing 7.6 an over for victory.

Asif, whose mighty blow over mid-wicket earned the tie was named man-of-the-match.

"I was prepared for the slow ball from Steve Waugh but I got a full toss," he said.

A beaming Pakistan skipper Javed Miandad said it was "the best game we've had since we came here."

He added: "At one stage we thought we might lose, but we got one point just like in the World Cup — and we went on to win that."

Javed was referring to a washout against England in Adelaide earlier this year when the Pakistanis had seemed certain to be soundly beaten. Pakistan eventually won the Cup after the point from the washout enabled them to reach the semifinals.

Australian captain Mark Taylor said the last 10 overs were always the hardest to bowl when the pressure was on. "I thought we had our nose in front for most of the day but that's the way it goes in one-day cricket."

Waugh had removed Mushtaq Ahmed for a duck with the first ball of his final over before having the 16 runs smashed off the five remaining deliveries.

"Steve Waugh would go for 16 runs off his last five balls probably once in his career — and that was it," Taylor said.

"We were in control all day and it's disappointing not to get the two points."

Then again, they (Pakistan) might have needed six runs off the last ball to win and we wouldn't have got anything," he said.

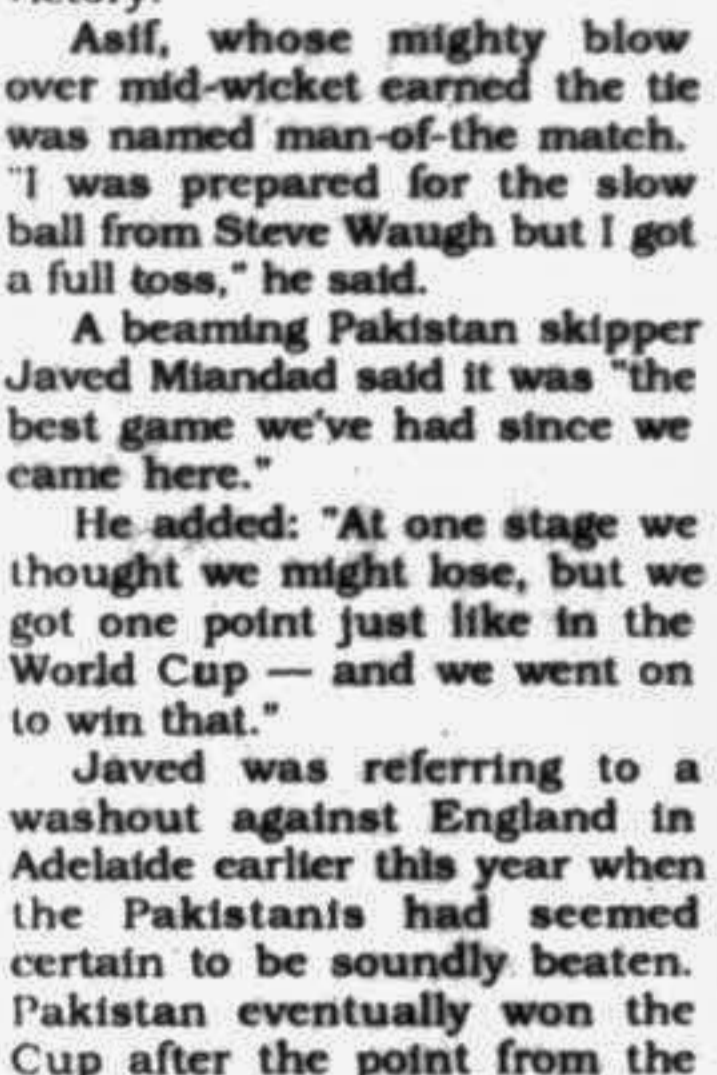
Taylor said that even with hindsight he would not have changed his game strategy and believed using Waugh and Craig McDermott, the team's two most experienced one-day bowlers, in the final overs was the right decision.

He said Waugh had been trying to bowl either a full length ball or a yorker with his last delivery to contain Mujtaba.

"It just got a little bit higher than he wanted it to," Taylor said.

Earlier, the home side won the toss and decided to bat in front of a packed gallery.

Pakistan's pace trio of



ASIF MUJTABA

Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Asif Javed bowled tightly to hamper the Australian progress early.

David Boon was lucky to survive two enthusiastic lbw appeals from Waqar before he was trapped in front by Asif for 14 when the score was 32.

Mark Taylor, finishing with 46, struggled to score quickly and was baffled by the leg spin of Mushtaq Ahmed, but added 92 with Dean Jones.

Jones and Steve Waugh picked up the pace, but in taking risks the Australians lost three wickets to run out — Jones for 53, Steve Waugh for 26 and Damien Martyn for five.

Mark Waugh was bowled by Mushtaq for 13 and it was up to the lower order to get the runs to compile a respectable total, with Ian Healy managing 24 and Paul Reiffel on 23 not out.

Pakistan now have three points from two matches in the triangular series.

Australia have three points from three matches while the West Indies have two points from three matches.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

M A Taylor c Latif b Asif Javed 46

D C Boon lbw b Asif Javed 14

D M Jones run out 53

S R Waugh run out 26

M E Waugh b Mushtaq 13

D R Martyn run out 5

I A Healy c Miandad b Akram 24

P R Reiffel not out 23

C J McDermott not out 2

Extras: (3b, 15lb, 1w, 3nb) 22

Total (7 wks) 228

Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-124; 3-138; 4-164; 5-172; 6-179; 7-217.

Bowling:

Wasim Akram 10 3 34 0

Waqar Younis 9 1 43 1

Asif Javed 10 0 35 2

Aamir Sohail 10 0 37 0

Mushtaq Ahmed 10 0 52 1

Asif Mujtaba 1 0 9 0

PAKISTAN:

Aamir Sohail c Martyn b McDermott 6

Ramiz Raja c S Waugh b Whitney 4

Salim Malik c Healy b McDermott 64

Javed Miandad lbw b Reiffel 14

Inzamam ul Haq c Martyn b M Waugh 22

Asif Mujtaba not out 56

Wasim Akram c Healy b McDermott 3

Rashid Latif run out 39

Waqar Younis b McDermott 8

Mushtaq Ahmed c Reiffel b S Waugh 0

Asif Javed not out 5

Extras: (lb6, w1) 7

Total: (9 wks) 228

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-10; 3-41; 4-91; 5-123; 6-129; 7-197; 8-207; 9-212.

Bowling:

McDermott 10 2 42 4

Whitney 10 3 29 1

Reiffel 8 2 29 1

S Waugh 10 0 56 1

May 5 0 29 0

M Waugh 7 0 37 1

STANDINGS

Pakistan	2	1	0	1	3	005
Australia	3	1	1	1	3	028
West Indies	3	1	2	0	2	022

(Net run rate is team's run rate per over less opponents' run rate per over.)

McEnroe magic in Munich

MUNICH, Dec 10: The fans in Munich's Olympic Hall wanted to see "the old master, Magic John McEnroe." They did.

Displaying frequent touches of his brilliance, the former No. 1 in the world began what could be his last big tennis tournament by trouncing Nicklas Kulti 6-1, 6-4 at the Grand Slam Cup Wednesday, reports AP.

After his victory, McEnroe, wearing a jacket in US colours, stayed in the hall to watch Michael Chang stun Wimbledon champion and second-seeded Andre Agassi 6-4, 6-2.

Michael Stich, the home favourite, produced another upset by ousting top-seeded Stefan Edberg, the No. 2 in the world, 7-6, 6-7, 8-6. Stich broke Edberg for a 7-6 lead in the final set, and converted his first match point when the Swede sent a forehand long.

Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion who has had a disappointing season, broke into tears after winning the dramatic match.

"I won against a top player after a very long time. It was very important to prove to myself that I can still win, to prove to all the people out there who had already counted me out," Stich said.

Third-seeded Pete Sampras, winner of the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in 1990, became the third American to reach the quarterfinals by beating Alexander Volkov 6-3, 6-4.

Chang, last year's runner-up here, broke Agassi to win the first set and went up a break in the second.

With Agassi facing a match point and serving to survive, Chang clinched the match with a spectacular forehand passing shot after running down an Agassi volley that hit the corner.

As his playing career winds down, the 33-year-old McEnroe's future plans include helping Agassi overcome such slumps.

"Yes, we have plans to work together," Agassi said. "He's expressed his interest and desire."

Agassi said he and McEnroe were still discussing the precise nature of their future partnership.

"I am waiting in the wings because his energies are concentrated elsewhere now," Agassi said after picking up \$100,000 in consolation for losing in the first round.

McEnroe had a score to settle with the 21-year-old Swede.

V-Day cycling

Sports Reporter

To mark the 1992 Victory Day, the Bangladesh Cycling Federation will arrange a 40-km Open cycling competition in the city for the juniors on December 16, says a press release.

BAF trounce Rly in nat'l hockey

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Air Force beat Bangladesh Railway by three goals to nil in the inaugural match of the 15th national hockey championship at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half all the three goals were scored in the second session.

Jabbar sounded the board for Air Force in the 43rd minute with a spectacular field goal (1-0).

Masud made it 2-0 in the 64th minute while Asghar completed the tally for the winners a minute from time (3-0).

Air Force will play Faridpur in their next match on December 16.

Twenty teams in four groups are participating in the preliminary round of this year's championship.

The final round comprising the top two teams from each group will compete in the final round to be held from December 18 to 25 during the fifth Bangladesh Games.

President of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation Alamgir Md Adel inaugurated the meet as chief guest.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Police vs Gazipur (1.30 pm)

Chittagong vs Noakhali (3 pm)

V-Day badminton begins

Sports Reporter

The first-ever Agrani Bank Victory Day Junior badminton championships under the aegis of the Bangladesh Badminton Federation got under way at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Mustafa Aminur Rashid, Managing Director of Agrani Bank, the sponsors, inaugurated the meet as chief guest.

About one hundred and four boys and girls under 16 years of age are participating in the tournament.

On the opening day 24 first round matches of the boys' singles event were held.

The tournament resumes today at 9 am.

N'ganj Club tennis concludes

Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 10: Faisal Huq beat former national champion Maruf Rahman 6-3, 6-3 to clinch the men's title of the Paradise Cable tennis championships, organised to mark the centenary celebrations of the Narayanganj Club, at the club courts today.

Spurred by the success in the men's singles event Faisal Huq then teamed up with Rumon to storm his way to a double crown with a comfortable 6-0, 6-2 victory over Fayaz and Rony in the men's doubles final.

In the other title deciders of the day, former national women's champion Rina proved too good for Saathi, winning the women's singles in straight sets while a similar result gave the boys' singles crown to Omar, who beat Johnny in the final.