

Brothers lose yet again

Sports Reporter
Surjo Tarun's Indian skipper Rajinder Singh and Test-discard Sanjeev Sharma flashed with the willow to design yet another defeat for Brothers Union in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
Rajinder scored a blazing 76 and Sharma made a polished 48 as Surjo Tarun, chasing the Brothers Union score of 149, raced to 152 for the loss of five wickets to post an emphatic five-wicket victory.
Earlier, batting first, the Brothers batmen really found it hard to get going against accurate bowling from the Tarun bowlers. A late charge from Shri Lankan Fernando enabled the Gopibagh outfit to reach a somewhat respectable total.
Captain Zahid Razaque Masum and Shaob contributed 22 each with the latter remaining unbeaten. Rukon and Shantoo were the other batsmen to reach the double figures with scores of 20 and 16 respectively.
Sajal and Nafis accounted for three Brothers batsmen each.
In the other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Dhanmondi Club registered a huge 124-run victory over Udit.
Two fine half-centuries from Kamrul and Vishal Singh laid the bulwark for the big Dhanmondi total of 220 for three in 45 overs.
Kamrul remained unbeaten on 63 and Vishal made 53. Mohammed Ali and Bulu also found scoring easy against weak Udit attack, notching up 36 and 31 respectively.
When Udit's turn came, it was all disaster. In the face of tight bowling from former national Jahangir Badshah and Billu, Udit innings simply collapsed.
Only Nahid with an unconquered 35 came up with any resistance.
In the end Udit made 96, thanks to a hefty 29 from extras.

SAF Games organising committee meets
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A meeting of the Organising Committee for next month's sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games was held yesterday with its president Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair.
The committee assessed the current status of the preparatory arrangements for the Games, scheduled for December 20-27.
Ministers Tariqul Islam, Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan; State Ministers Major (ret'd) Abdul Mannan and Sadek Hossain were also present at the meeting.

Karpov richer for \$51,000
TILBURG, Netherlands, Dec 4: Russian Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov won the 100,000 guildler (\$51,000 dollar) first prize in the prestigious Tilburg chess tournament Friday, beating Ukraine's Vasily Ivanchuk in the final after a rapid-play decider, reports AFP.
The finalists were tied after the two games played at normal speed, but Karpov won one and drew the other of the two playoff games played with a limit of 20 minutes for each player.
Karpov, world champion from 1975 to 1985, was awarded the FIDE World Championship title in October after beating Dutchman Jan Timman in an official world title series following the breakaway by Gari Kasparov, the previous title-holder, and Nigel Short, winner of the official challengers competition.
Karpov is to return to Moscow to compete in parliamentary elections due on December 12. He is standing as a candidate of the opposition Agrarian Party in his native Ural.

Fromberg draws level in Davis Cup final
DUESSELDORF, Germany, Dec 4: Richard Fromberg saved five match points in a five-set thriller against Marc Goellner to help Australia level the Davis Cup final 1-1 after the opening two singles on Friday, reports Reuter.
Fromberg saved three match points in a third-set tie-break and another two in the fifth set as he clinched a 3-6, 5-7, 7-6 6-2, 9-7 victory after more than four and a half hours in the second rubber of the best-of-five final.
The partisan German crowd witnessed eight hours of tension in all after Michael Stich, the world number two, played the pressure points superbly as he battled back from one set behind to beat Jason Stoltenberg 6-7, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 to give the Germans a 1-0 lead.

Maradona rules himself out
BUENOS AIRES, Dec 4: Injured Argentine skipper Diego Maradona stated on Friday he was unlikely to play the next two friendly matches against Cameroon and Germany, reports AFP.
The 33-year-old, who suffered a left thigh strain while playing for Newell Old Boys on Thursday, said: "It's almost certain I will not be able to play till next year."

Aussies put Kiwis to sword

BRISBANE, Dec 4: Australia moved towards a seemingly impregnable position after the second day of the third and final cricket Test against New Zealand here Saturday, reports AFP.
With memories still fresh of New Zealand's innings and 222-run Test humiliation in Hobart a week ago, Australia cruised to 241 for three at the close, overhauling the Kiwis modest 233 to lead by eight runs with seven wickets in hand.
Australia, needing only to draw to retrieve the Trans-Tasman trophy, looked poised to amass another massive innings led when the third day gets underway on Sunday.
The rocklike David Boon was unconquered on 72 and captain Allan Border, playing his world record 150th Test, was on five.
Yet again the Kiwis looked impotent against the Australians, although their sloppy fielding again made their task even more onerous.
Andrew Jones dropped both Mark Waugh, on 52, and Boon in the 30s while skipper Ken Rutherford grassed a chance at second slip before Waugh had scored in his flowing innings of 68.
It was the 10th catch put down by the Kiwis in the series so far.
Australia got away to another flying start, Michael Slater and Mark Taylor, playing on the home ground of their Test claimant Matthew Hayden, put on 80 for the opening wicket before Slater fell to a catch

behind to keeper Tony Blain off spinner Dipak Patel for 28.
Taylor, conscious of reports that he may be the one to make way for the prolific scoring Hayden in the coming one day international series, scored his 22nd Test half-century with an attractive knock of 53.
Mark Waugh was in full flow before he fell to a magnificent right handed catch by Mark Greatbatch falling backwards at first slip off Chris Cairns for 68.
Waugh and Boon combined in a belligerent 125-run partnership for the third-wicket, with Boon, scoring his 27th Test half-century, to near 1,200 runs for the calendar year.
Border, the greatest run-scorer in Tests, was given a rousing reception by his home crowd as he came to the crease to bat in his 150th Test.
Earlier, he accepted his 150th Test catch to clean up the New Zealand innings when he caught tallender Richard de Groen at deep mid on for one to give legspinner Shane Warne his fourth wicket of the innings.
Pugnacious Tony Blain splurged 25 more runs to New Zealand's overnight total of 208 for nine, frustrating the Australian bowlers for half an hour before his last wicket partner de Groen holed out.
Blain although batting down the order, finished unconquered on 42, only nine short of his highest Test score.
Warne finished with 4-66 and Craig McDermott had impressive figures of 4-39 off 23 overs.

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NEW ZEALAND: 1st innings:
Pocock c Healy b McDermott 0
Young c Healy b M Waugh 38
Jones b Warne 56
Rutherford c Boon b McDermott 36
Greatbatch c Healy b McDermott 35
Patel c Boon b May 1
Cairns c and b Warne 5
Blain not out 42
Morrison c Healy b Warne 0
Doull c Healy b McDermott 10
De Groen c Border b Warne 3
Extras: (b-2, nb-2, lb-3) 7
Total: 233
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-96; 3-98; 4-167; 5-170; 6-174; 7-174; 8-178; 9-193.
Bowling: O M R W
McDermott 23 11 39 4
McGrath 20 7 45 0
S Waugh 3 0 13 0
M Waugh 10 4 14 1
May 21 7 51 1
Warne 28.3 12 66 4
Overs: 105.3
AUSTRALIA: 1st innings:
Slater c Blain b Patel 28
Taylor c Pocock b Doull 53
Boon not out 72
M Waugh c Greatbatch b Cairns 68
Border not out 5
Extras: (lb-8, nb-6, b-1) 15
Total: (3 wkts) 241
Fall of wickets: 1-80; 2-102; 3-227.
Bowling: O M R W
Morrison 14 0 40 0
Cairns 20 6 65 1
Doull 11 2 38 1
De Groen 16 9 31 0
Patel 17 2 58 1
Overs: 78

China assert ascendancy

MANILA, Dec 4: China dominated the Asian Track and Field Championships, winning five gold medals on the meet's final day Saturday for a total of 23 golds — more than half of those awarded, reports AP.
However, China's victories failed to meet its own target of 24 golds, the number of golds it won in the last meet in Kuala Lumpur in 1991. China also won 11 silvers and four bronzes for a total of 38 medals.
South Korea was a distant second place overall with three gold medals, four silvers and three bronzes. Kazakhstan was in third with the same number of golds but one less silver.
As a sidelight, Talal Mansoor of Qatar was named the meet's top male athlete for winning the centry dash in record time. The best female athlete was China's Ma Yujin, who won two golds by winning the 400 meter race and anchoring the 4x400 relay.
The next meet will be held in Jakarta in September 1995.
On the final day, China won the golds in men's shot put, women's triple jump, men's and women's 200 metres and the women's 4x400 relay.
China's Chen Zhaojing set a meet record in the women's 200-metre despite a leg injury and Hao Liu beat an injured Uzbek favourite in men's shot-put.
India picked up its second gold when Bahadur Prasad won the men's 5,000-metre race in 13 minutes 41.70 seconds. Alyan Al-Gathani of Saudi Arabia was second in 13:48.03 and Amer Ahmed of the United Arab Emirates took the bronze in 13:49.74.
Bahadur said he knew he had a chance of winning after top seed Mohammad Suleiman of Qatar quit due to cramps.
But China's domination remained overpowering.
Chen's winning time of 23.24 seconds in the 200-metre beat the old mark of 23.27 set by P T Usha of India in New Delhi in 1989. Shri Lanka's Damayanthi Darsha won the silver in 23.29 and Wang Hui Chen of Taiwan took the bronze in 23.42.
"I was not 100 percent confident of winning," said Chen, who wore a silver necklace and earrings for luck. "I am satisfied with the results. The last moments were good considering the injury."

20.98 and Zhao Cunlin of China in 21.07.
Ibrahim Ismail of Qatar, who won the men's 400 metres Friday, was expected to win the event and jumped off to an early lead. But he dropped out late in the race, rubbing his leg in pain.
"I would have won very easily," Ismail said. "The race was over for me after 50 metres. I was really feeling good, then disaster struck."
Triple jumper Aleksei Fatiyov gave the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan its first gold with a winning distance of 16.89 metres (55/7) in the men's event. Oleg Sakirkin of Kazakhstan won the silver at 16.82 (55/5) and Sergey Arzamasov of Kazakhstan took the bronze at 16.78 (55/3).
Svetlana Zaleskaya of Kazakhstan won the women's high

jump at 1.92 metres (3ft 3 inch). Uzbekistan's Svetlana Rouban won the silver at 1.92 metres (6-3) and Chinami Sadahiro of Japan took the bronze at 1.89 metres (6-2). The winner is determined by the number of bar clearances.
In the men's shot put, Liu — already assured of a gold after his first heave of 18.56 metres (60/10) — threw the shot put to a distance of 19.04 metres (62/5) on his sixth and last try, breaking a former meet record of 18.32 metres (60/1) set by China's Ma Yong Feng in Singapore in 1987.
Bilal Saad of Qatar came in second with a throw of 18.28 metres (59/11). Heavily favoured Sergey Kot of Uzbekistan suffered a leg injury while making his first throw, and had to settle for third with a distance of 17.85 metres (58/6).
Uzbekistan won its only gold when Oleg Veretelnikov won in decathlon with 7,601 points. Compatriot Ramil Ganisky won the silver with 7,558 points while South Korea's Kim Tae-Keun took the bronze with 7,397 points.
China's 4x400-metre relay team won in 3 minutes 37.76 seconds, India was second in 3:36.06 and Malaysia was third with 3:41.66.
Japan won in the men's 4x400 in 3:09.03. Saudi Arabia won the silver in 3:10.25 and Sri Lanka took the bronze in 3:10.49.

Jahangir turns up the heat

ZURICH, Dec 4: Jahangir Khan turned on a mastery display in Friday's opening session of the Super Series finals — his farewell to squash, reports Reuter.
Playing, what he insists is "positively my last competitive tournament", the Pakistani withstood a fightback by Australian world number four Brett Martin to win 15-8, 17-14, 5-15, 8-15, 15-8 in 77 minutes.
Martin will be delighted to see the back of Jahangir — he lost to him in the quarter-finals of the World Open in Karachi two weeks ago, then again in the World Team final at the same venue last Monday, when Pakistan wrested the title from Australia.
Yet, at last, it appeared the Australian had the great man at his mercy when he swept through the third and fourth games to square the match. Jahangir looked weary and increasingly unable to cope with Martin's superb front court game.
But he came out fighting in the decider and rocked the Australian with fierce, accurate driving. Martin tried to stay with him but from 8-4 down, he was never able to make up the leeway and the Pakistani managed to keep him from the front of the court.

MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
China	23	11	4	38
South Korea	3	4	3	10
Kazakhstan	3	3	3	9
Japan	2	5	7	14
India	2	2	5	9
Saudi Arabia	2	2	4	8
Qatar	2	1	2	5
Syria	2	1	2	5
Uzbekistan	1	5	1	7
Azerbaijan	1	1	1	3
China-Taipei	2	4	6	12
Malaysia	2	3	5	10
Sri Lanka	2	1	3	6
Thailand	1	2	3	6
UAE	1	1	2	4
Iran	1	1	2	4
Kuwait	1	1	1	3
Philippines	1	1	1	3
Kyrgyzstan	1	1	1	3
Total	41	41	41	123

Windies bat through Day 2

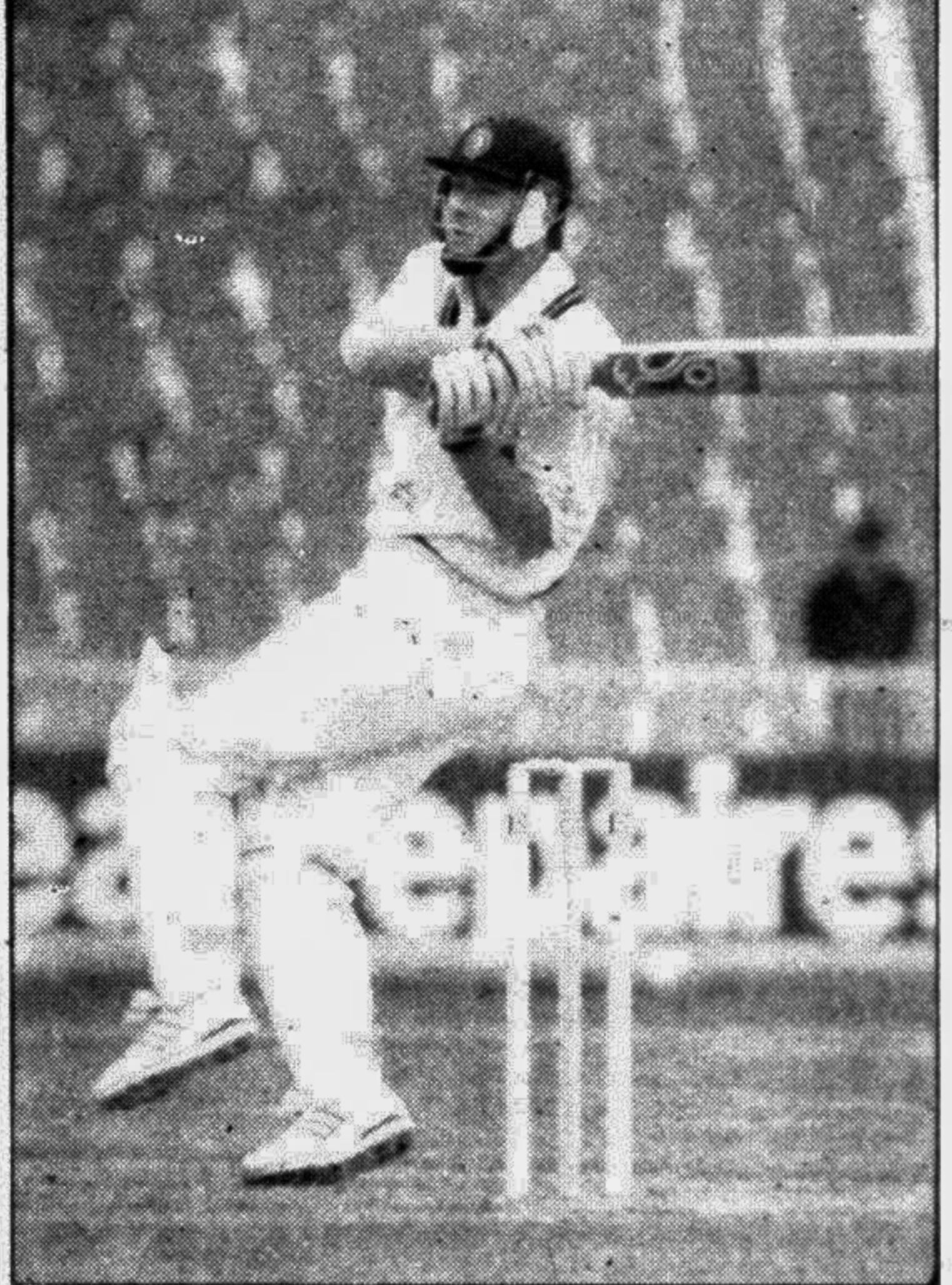
GALLE, Sri Lanka, Dec 4: West Indies ground their way to 287 for six at the close of the second day in the three-day match against the Sri Lanka Board President's XI here Saturday, reports AFP.
Carl Hooper, Roger Harper and Roland Holder collected half-centuries as the tourists took in some useful batting practice before the one-off Test against Sri Lanka next week.
The weather once again intervened, with play called off one hour early due to rain.
Resuming from their overnight total of 93 for 1 the West Indies lost opener Phil Simmons in the ninth over of the morning session.
Attempting to cut paceman Ramesh Ratnayake, Simmons offered a simple catch to Hemantha Wickremaratne at gully.
Batsman and parttime bowler Asanka Gurusinha, fighting to get back into the Sri Lankan Test team after injury, took two wickets either side of the lunch break to reduce West Indies to 139 for four.
Jimmy Adams was Gurusinha's first victim, caught by wicketkeeper Pubudu Dasanayake for four.
Immediately after lunch, Gurusinha's slow medium pace bagged the important wicket of Carl Hopper, who missed the line to be judged leg before for 89.
Keith Arthurton, coming way down the batting order, was next to go when he hit a full toss from leg spinner Piyal Wijetunga to Wickremaratne fielding on the deep mid-wicket boundary.
At 165 for five, the home team seemed to have the edge, but Harper and Holder calmly wrested the initiative back with a 113 run partnership, before Harper was caught behind for 55.
Holder, who was unbeaten on 72, was joined by Junior Murray, but rain brought about a premature end.

World Tel looks for a easy way out
NEW DELHI, Dec 4: A US television company which won the rights to cover cricket's 1996 World Cup is discussing joint cover with India's state network to defuse a looming conflict, an Indian newspaper reported on Saturday, reports Reuter.
The Economic Times said Connecticut-based WorldTel was likely to let India's state-run Doodardshan handle coverage within the country, to avoid a row which partly scuppered coverage of a five-nation tournament in India last month.
The deal is expected to be finalised later this month, the paper said.
A Broadcasting Ministry official declined to confirm the newspaper report. "I am not aware of any such deal," said the ministry's deputy secretary, Sanjiv Dutta.
Doodardshan is involved in a court battle with London-based Trans World International (TWI) over coverage of last month's Hero Cup, sponsored by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).
Cab sold television rights to TWI as the highest bidder, but the government supported Doodardshan's demand that it should have a monopoly on sports events in India.
Early matches in the tournament were blacked out when the government prevented TWI coverage. Doodardshan has appealed to India's Supreme Court for a monopoly on future events.
The Economic Times quoted WorldTel president Mark Mascarenhas as saying his network would not exclude Indian television while covering the World Cup, due to be hosted jointly by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
"We will sit down with Doodardshan and they will not be excluded from our efforts for the World Cup," Mascarenhas said.

Reesty rear to SA rescue

MELBOURNE, Dec 4: A spirited tallend rearward lifted South Africa from a modest first innings total on the first day of their opening first-class Australian cricket tour match against Victoria here Saturday, reports AFP.
A 64-run ninth-wicket stand between Dave Rundle and Craig Matthews lifted the tourists to 261 after they had been tottering at 185 for eight on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, venue for their opening Test against Australia starting on Boxing Day.
Matthews finished unbeaten on 42, his highest score for South Africa while Rundle scored 29.
At the close, Victoria were five without loss with Wayne Phillips on four and Darrin Ramshaw on one.
South Africa's number one strike bowler Allan Donald sent the shivers through his teammates when he slipped on the popping crease as he was about to deliver his first ball of Victoria's first innings.
The virus which has plagued the squad since they arrived from India seemed in significant as Donald lay sprawled on the wicket and appearing to be in great pain.
But his team-mates breathed

easy when he got up to continue his two over spell before slumps.
A Victorian attack without Test bowlers, Shane Warne and Paul Reffel, did well to bowl the South Africans out for under 300.
Skipper Dean Jones' decision to send South Africa in didn't look to be playing dividends when the tourists cruised comfortably to 78 for one at lunch.
But a combination of steady bowling and poor shots gave Victoria the upperhand during the afternoon session when they captured five wickets for 78 runs.
Victorian paceman Damien Fleming made the most of his recall to capture 6-86, the fourth time he has snared five or more wickets in an innings.
Fleming was only selected because Reffel was in Brisbane for the third Test against New Zealand.
His day began well when he removed the skipper Kepler Wessels for 16 after the veteran opener got a leading edge to Tony Dodemaide at short cover.
Brian McMillan made the most of his promotion to number three with an authoritative 55 off 94 balls.
He and vice-captain Hansie Cronje (41) made batting look easy before their partnership was broken by Simon Cook shortly after lunch.
Fleming then ripped through the middle order to have Jonty Rhodes (8) and David Callaghan (20) follow McMillan back to the pavilion during the session.
Victoria looked likely to wrap up the South African innings for less than 200 but Matthews and Rundle steadied the innings.
They took the long handle to Victorian leg spinner Craig Howard and also preyed on the tiring Fleming to post South Africa's highest ninth-wicket stand in seven tour matches against Victoria dating back to 1910.
Dodemaide stopped the rot when he forced Rundle to flash outside his off-stump and tinkle the ball through to wicketkeeper Darren Berry when the score was 249.



South African all-rounder Brian McMillan plays an excellent pull shot to the boundary during his innings of 55 on the first day of a three-day match against Victoria at the MCC yesterday. — AFP photo

Pickering breaks pattern

PALMA DE MALLOCA, Spain, Dec 4: Americans Angel Martino and Janet Evans and Britain's Karen Pickering shattered the monopoly of China's women swimmers at the World Short-Course Championships on Friday, reports Reuter.
Martino obliterated the 100 metres backstroke short-course world mark, Olympic champion Evans maintained her rule at 800 metres freestyle and Pickering burst through for a magnificent victory in the 200 freestyle.
The trio halted a Chinese sweep of all the women's titles, but only after another cascade of world records from Canada's two most prolific performers.
Le Jingyi and Dai Guohong, who had each broken world marks on Thursday, trumped that by setting world records in both heats and finals of their events on Friday.
Le, winner of Thursday's 100 metres freestyle, lowered the 50 metres freestyle short-course world mark first to 24.62 seconds and then to 24.23, eclipsing the previous standard of 24.75 set by German Franziska van Almsick.
Dai, supreme in Thursday's 400 metres individual medley, turned her sights on the 200 breaststroke and took the record down initially to 2:22.89 and finally to 2:21.99.
Friday he did not believe that China's phenomenal women swimmers used illegal drugs and proclaimed his faith in the sport's doping controls, reports Reuter.
"We operate controls outside competition and we've done them in China. These tests were negative," said Larfaoui, the International Swimming Federation (FINA) president.
"FINA has rules of anti-doping control, these rules are applied to the letter," Larfaoui said at the World Short-Course Swimming Championships.
"You can be sure that we in FINA are fighting very strongly against doping."
Asked if he believed swimming was a clean sport, Larfaoui replied: "My answer is yes."
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But that was to prove the last Chinese victory of the day as Pickering, Martino and Evans led the revolt on the second day of the four-day meeting.
Philip Rogers and Daniel Kowalski set Australia on the winning trail with impressive victories in the 100 metres breaststroke and 400 metres freestyle, while American Tripp Schwenk won the men's 200 backstroke and Sweden the men's 4x200 freestyle relay.
Martino was comprehensively beaten by Le in the 50 metres freestyle, setting for the silver behind the powerful Chinese swimmer as she had in Thursday's 100.
But she turned the tables on the Chinese in the 100 backstroke, defeating He Chiong by nearly two seconds and destroying the world short-course record she set two weeks ago in Stavanger, Norway.
Martino, suspended for two years after a positive dope test at the 1988 US Olympic trials, slashed her record from 59.41 to 58.50 on a stroke she says she took up just for fun this year.
"This morning I just wanted to make it into the finals so I was surprised it was so fast," the 26-year-old American said.
Pickering, bronze medalist behind Le and Martino in the 100, pulled off an exhilarating victory in the 200 freestyle, charging through in the second half of the race to overhaul

Australian pace-setter Susan O'Neill and win by nearly a second.
China's Lu Bin managed only third place and their team's sweep of the first six women's titles was brought to an end.
The absent Van Almsick, who pulled out of these championships after a bout of influenza, could at least take comfort from preserving her world record in the 200 event after Le had destroyed the German's 50 and 100 world marks.
Evans inflicted the heaviest defeat on the Chinese in an event in which they are not yet as strong as the rest.
The triple Olympic champion of 1988 finished two lengths of the 25-metre pool ahead of China's Sun Xuemei, who trailed home a distant last. Compatriot Zhou Guanbin was sixth, well over 20 seconds behind Evans.
Kowalski staged a barnstorming finish to take the men's 400 metres freestyle gold by just 0.03 of a second from European long-course champion Antti Kasvio of Finland, winner of Thursday's 200 freestyle.
Fellow Australian Rogers took the 100 metres breaststroke ahead of Dutch veteran Ron Dekker. His time of 59.56 was outside the 59.07 world short-course record he set in Melbourne in August.

FINA backs Chinese natants

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The performances of the two runners prompted allegations of doping-taking from other competitors and athletics officials, which the Chinese angrily denied.
Chinese officials, also denied that doping had played any part in the nation's rapid rise in swimming since the late 1980s.
Liu Jun, team manager and foreign affairs secretary of the Chinese Swimming Federation, said on Thursday they conducted tests at national competitions as well as out-of-competition testing.
The Ministry of Sports of China has a policy on doping which means strict prohibition of drug abuse in sport," Liu said. He added that urine samples were strictly analysed and doping offenders severely punished.
FINA officials said they had

been to China twice this year for unannounced testing. The tests had been evaluated at an International Olympic Committee (IOC) laboratory in Tokyo.
Larfaoui said China's vast population was a more likely explanation of the phenomenon. Chinese swimming officials said on Thursday they had selected a base of 50,000 swimmers across the country.
FINA has stepped up its doping controls, with 96 swimmers due to be tested at these four-day championships, including all world record-breakers and gold medalists.
China threatens to dominate women's swimming in the way the East Germans did between their arrival at the 1973 World Championships in Delegation and the downfall of the communist state system in 1989.
Ex-East German coaches have worked in China but they have now left.
East Germany's successes in the pool have subsequently been revealed by former trainers to have been tainted by systematic doping.
Larfaoui said FINA, other international sports federations and the IOC would meet in Lausanne in January. "We would like to unify our sanctions against doping," he said.



The victorious Japanese men's 4x400 metre relay team do a lap of honour after winning the gold medal in a time of 3 mins 9.03 secs on the closing day of the Asian Athletics Championships in Manila yesterday. — AFP photo