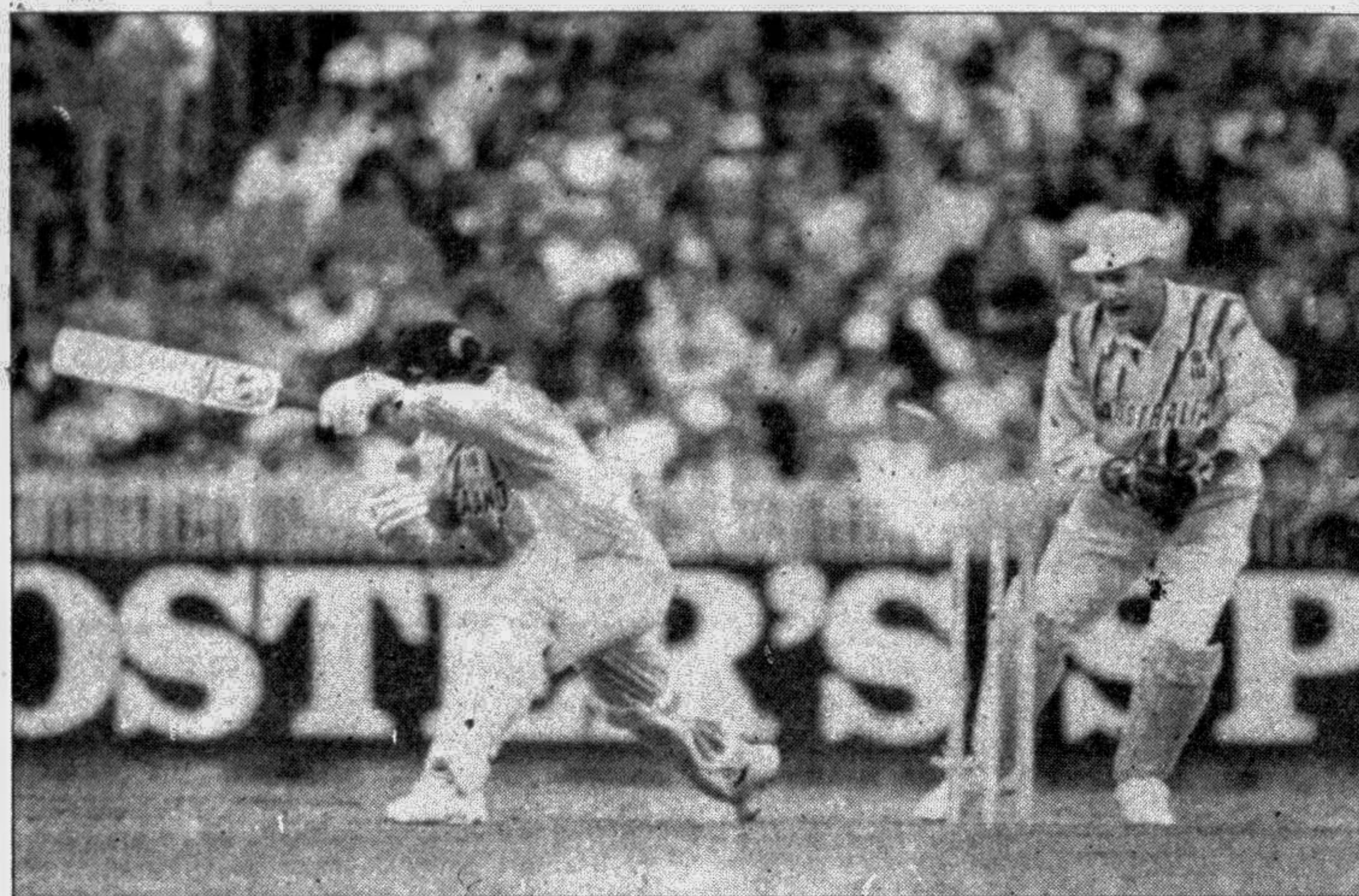


Sport



Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy whips the bails off in a flash to stump New Zealand batsman Rod Latham out off the bowling of Shane Warne (not in picture) during their World Series one day international in Melbourne on Dec 16. — AFP photo

Jewel-Mushtaq cricket on Sports Reporter

Gulshan Youth and Kalabagan KC both scored 116 in the stipulated 45 overs but the Gulshan outfit wound up winners for losing lesser number of wickets in the inaugural match of the Shaheed Jewel-Mushtaq Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on the Victory Day.

Batting first, Gulshan Youth made 116 for the loss of eight wickets in their quota of 45 overs with Rafiqul Alam, the former national player, topscorer with 28. Sohel and Nobel contributed 25 and 21 respectively while a hefty 28 came from extras.

In replay, Kalabagan, needing eight runs to win in 13 balls with two wickets in hand, were all out with three balls to spare for 116.

V-Day cricket

Rahmatganj Kishore Sangha became champions in the first Abdus Sobhan and Abdur Rashid Smriti six-a-side cricket tournament, beating Rahmatganj Club in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association Gias Kamal Chowdhury inaugurated the tournament, organised by Rahmatganj Surjaday Krira Sangha in observance of the Victory Day.

Spanish soccer

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec 17: Result of the second-leg of the Spanish Supercup played in Barcelona on Thursday.

Kiwis fall painfully short



MELBOURNE, Dec 17: New Zealand, fighting all the way, went down gamely by three runs to Australia in an exciting finish to their limited overs cricket match here on Thursday night, reports AFP.

The Kiwis, hammered 2-0 in the Test series and losing their one-day meeting by eight wickets in Adelaide last Sunday, almost brought off an upset victory as fast bowler Danny Morrison faced the final ball needing a six to clinch victory.

Australia scored 202 for five off 50 overs and had to pull out all stops to stave off the New Zealanders, who finished their allotted overs on 199 for four.

Australia went three points clear of South Africa on the triangular series standings after four games.

New Zealand must beat South Africa in Saturday's one-dayer in Hobart to sustain their bid for a place in next month's finals' series.

Spearheaded by spirited innings by first-timer Shane Thomson, top-scoring with 42 runs off 41 balls, Mark Greatbatch, who clouted Allan Border for six in compiling 41 from 51 balls and skipper Ken Rutherford with 39, the Kiwis doggedly chased the Australian target after being set 4.06 an over for victory on a flat, hard pitch.

Lethal leg-spinner Shane Warne finished with 4-19 from his 10 overs to claim the man-of-the-match award, while Craig

McDermott and Mark Waugh netted two wickets each.

Mark Taylor, fighting off a challenge for his opener's spot from Matthew Hayden, topscored with 81 for Australia, with Mark Waugh hitting 53.

But Australia were counting the cost of Thursday night's victory with all-rounder Steve Waugh ruled out of the opening two Tests against South Africa

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-297; 3-131; 4-183; 5-202.

Did not bat: P Reiffel, S Warne, T May, C McDermott.

Bowling: O M R W

Pringle 9 1 26 1

Morrison 7 2 17 0

De Groot 10 0 40 2

Cairns 7 0 33 1

Larsen 10 0 57 0

Thomson 7 0 22 0

NEW ZEALAND

Young lbw b McDermott 0

Latham st Healy b Warne 39

Rutherford b M Waugh 39

Greatbatch lbw b Warne 41

Cairns c Healy b Warne 5

Thomson c Border 1

McDermott 42

Blain c Border b Warne 1

Larsen b M Waugh 17

Pringle run out 4

Morrison not out 2

De Groot not out 2

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-1) 7

Total: (for nine wickets) 50 overs) 199

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-66; 3-99; 4-109; 5-146; 6-154; 7-187; 8-193; 9-194.

Bowling: O M R W

McDermott 9 1 40 2

Reiffel 10 1 44 0

M Waugh 9 0 42 0

May 10 0 35 0

Warne 10 1 19 4

Border 2 0 13 0

Result: Australia won by three runs.

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