

Nirman Schools cricket

Sports Reporter
Armanitola High School and St Gregory High School won their respective matches in the 12 the Nirman Schools cricket championship at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium, Omar Faruque's all-round performance could not prevent his team T&T High School's defeat by 53 runs against Armanitola High School.

Armanitola batted first and were all out for 181 runs with two balls to spare of their 35 overs.

Extras contributed top to the total while Zahirul, Mohsin, Shamim and Shahidul were the notable run-getters for Armanitola with scores of 34, 31 (not out), 22 and 21.

Omar Faruque and Zaman took three wickets each giving away 25 and 23 runs respectively.

Chasing a target of 182 to win T&T High School were restricted to 128 in 31.1 overs.

Omar Faruque again sparked with the bat hitting five boundaries in his 33 for the losers.

Extras added 37 runs.

Arif captured three wickets for 16 while Javed and Afzal took two wickets each.

At the Dhanmendi Club ground St Gregory High School captain Moin Sobhan's had a great day helping his team record a 34 run convincing victory over Nazrul Shikshalaya.

Put into bat St Gregory piled up 195 for the loss of seven wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.

Moin top scored with an unbeaten 47. He was closely followed by Simon with 42 and Rumi's 39.

Nazmul claimed two for 34 for Shikshalaya.

Shikshalaya fell 34 runs short of their victory target when they were shot out for 161 in 32.3 overs.

Shaky start for Pakistan

HAMILTON, Jan 30: Pakistan opened their cricket tour of New Zealand here today with a four-run win in a not-too-serious one-day game, reports AFP.

Pakistan faced a scratch team of provincial players under the captaincy of former New Zealand Test player Lance Cairns, now 44.

It was called the Sir Ron Brierly XI after the wealthy businessman and cricket patron who heads Brierly Investments.

The match as billed as a festival, an opportunity for local fans to see the world one-day champions in action, and they were rewarded by seeing batting star Inzamam-ul-Haq hit a fine 105 after a shaky opening to the Pakistan innings.

Cairns, who has taken more Test wickets than any other New Zealander except Sir Richard Hadlee, showed he could still turn his arm over and captured 2-16 in seven overs.

Pakistan scored 211 for six wickets and the home team had the chance of beating them in the final over. They failed, reaching 207 for seven off their 50 overs.

Pakistan meet an Emerging Players XI in a three-day game later this week before their first Test against New Zealand starting on February 10.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN				
Saeed Anwar c Doull b Cairns				4
Shakeel Ahmed c Astle b Cairns				16
Inzamam-ul-Haq b Nash				105
Salim Malik c Parore b Astle				1
Basit Ali b Bradburn				8
Asif Mujtaba c Doull b Bradburn				12
Shoaib Mohammad not out				51
Mushtaq Ahmed not out				10
Extras: (lb-3, w-1)				4
Total: (for 6 wickets, 50 overs)				211
Fall of wickets: 12, 33, 36, 53, 97, 185				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Nash	7	1	33	1
Cairns	7	1	16	2
Astle	10	2	33	1
Bradburn	10	0	42	2
Cooper	10	1	48	0
Doull	6	0	36	0

SIR RON BRIERLY XI

Pamment c Shakeel b Nazir				1
Pocock b Ashfaq				19
Burnett c Malik b Mujtaba				29
Cooper c and b Malik				18
Fleming lbw b Malik				5
Bradburn not out				83
Nash c Basit b Mujtaba				7
Parore st Shakeel b Malik				30
Cairns not out				2
Extras: (lb-6, nb-2, w-3, b-2)				13
Total: (for 7 wickets, 50 overs)				207
Fall of wickets: 1, 48, 72, 87, 104, 198				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Azhar Rehman	10	1	39	0
Nazir	9	1	42	1
Ashfaq Ahmed	4	0	28	1
Mushtaq Ahmed	4	0	16	0
Salim Malik	9	1	29	3
Asif Mujtaba	10	1	28	2
Shoaib				
Mohammed	4	0	17	0
Result: Pakistan won by four runs				

Kenya B beat Bangladesh



Opening batsman Jahangir Alam followed up Saturday's superb century against Uganda with another responsible knock but still ended up on the wrong end of the table when Bangladesh, tuning up for next month's ICC Trophy, lost their second warm-up match to Kenya B in Nairobi yesterday, according to a faxed message received at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) last night.

Bangladesh, who began their build-up for the ICC tournament in style, crushing the Ugandans by 169 runs, didn't quite find Saturday's touch after their skipper Faruque Ahmed, having won the toss, decided to make the first use of the strip.

Although the two openers — Athar Ali Khan and Jahangir — put on 46 runs for the first wicket, the other Bangladesh batsmen failed to capitalise on the solid start. Especially, the middle order was painfully subdued against the Kenyan side.

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which boasted six national players. A sudden collapse saw Bangladesh crumble from a comfortable 83 for one to 144 all out in 40 overs.

Jahangir, whose blazing 109 was the foundation for the side's victory Saturday, top-scored with 41 followed by his opening partner Athar, who made 32. Faruque failed once again with the bat, managing only 13 and so did Selim Shahed, the young right-hander, who could collect only seven.

Akram Khan, the burly in-form batsman, notched up 22 and Aminul Islam Bulbul had 12 to his name.

Former national captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu was one of the two Bangladesh batsmen to be dismissed for no score with the other being new ball bowler Saiful.

Zahoor was by far the best Kenya B bowler with figures of four for 34 in his ten-over spell. Intikhab claimed two for nine in three overs while Steave bagged one for 16.

In their turn, despite facing a spirited spell of medium pace

bowling from Golam Nawshar Prince, Kenya B careered past the victory target in 41.3 overs, posting 146 for six.

Left-arm Prince, who opened the Bangladesh attack with Saiful, nevertheless, finished with handsome figures of 10-1-23-3. Enamul Huq Moni, the left-arm spinner, who conceded 37 runs Saturday for his two wickets, claimed two for 27 from nine overs. Nannu bagged the other wicket, giving away 27 runs in five overs.

Steave led the charge for the host squad with an unbeaten 46 followed by Sayeed Khan and Mohsin, who scored 18 each.

Bangladesh play their next match against West Africa on February 4.

SUMMARISED SCORE

BANGLADESH: 144 in 40 overs (Jahangir 41, Athar Ali 32, Akram 22, Faruque 13, Bulbul 12, Zahoor 4-34, Intikhab 2-9)

KENYA B: 146-6 in 41.3 overs (Steave 46 n.o., Mohsin 18, Sayeed Khan 18; Prince 3-23, Moni 2-27)

Steve Waugh flashes with the ball

Aussies comfortably placed



ADELAIDE, Jan 30: Australia's Steve Waugh followed up the 164 runs he scored on Saturday by taking four vital wickets to put his side in a commanding position against South Africa in the third Test at the Adelaide Oval today, reports Reuters.

Waugh, whose mighty total on Saturday was the foundation

man Craig McDermott for 43.

The Australians took their second wicket in the third over after lunch when captain Hansie Cronje (0) edged paceman Paul Reiffel to keeper Ian Healy. That made the total 103 for two.

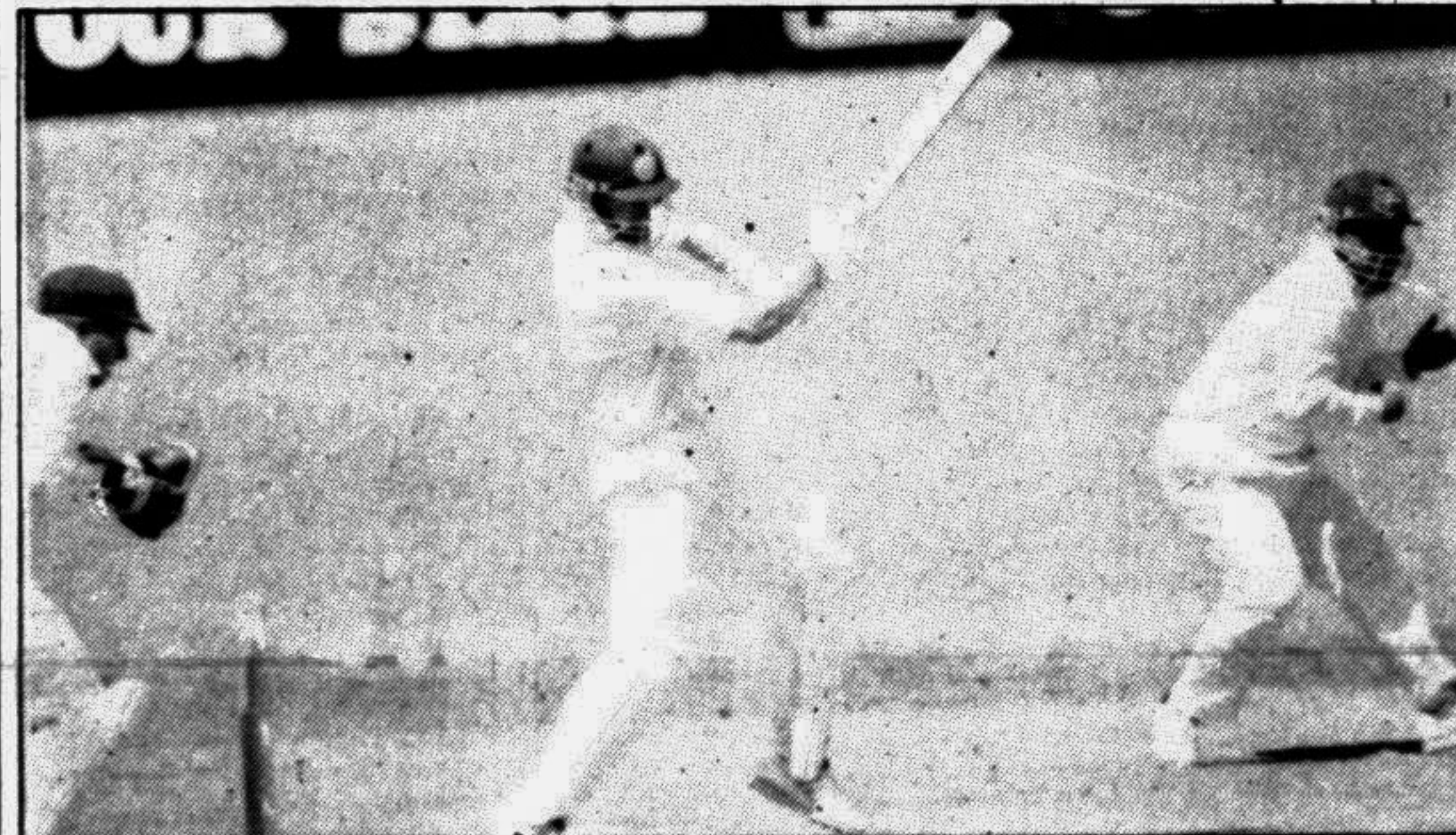
Hudson was then joined by Peter Kirsten and their partnership put on 70 runs off 192 balls in an hour and 53 minutes to take the score to 173

born early resistance, Australia had played themselves into a possible winning position.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and South Africa at the Adelaide Oval today.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 469 for seven wickets declared (S Waugh 164, B McMillan 3-89).



Opening batsman Andrew Hudson drives the ball for two off leg-spinner Shane Warne on the third day of the final Test between Australia and South Africa in Adelaide yesterday. Hudson cracked a fine 90.

of Australia's first innings haul of 469 for seven declared, was handed the ball as a post-tea ploy today.

Waugh's medium pace brought immediate dividends as he snapped up four wickets for 15 runs in nine overs dismissing Andrew Hudson (90), Jonty Rhodes (5), Daryll Cullinan (10) and Brian McMillan (2).

At the close of the third day, South Africa were 235 for seven, with Peter Kirsten unbeaten on 52 and Richard Snell still there on seven. South Africa require another 35 runs to avoid the follow-on.

Waugh's effort was the breakthrough Australia needed in their bid to win the match and level the three-Test series 1-1. The first Test was drawn.

Hudson and Gary Kirsten, resuming with the total on 39, pushed on to 100 when, just before lunch, Kirsten was caught by Tim May off pace-

for three.

But it ended with the second ball after the break when Hudson became Waugh's first victim, given out leg before wicket on 90 leaving the tourists on 173 for three.

Rhodes, playing with a fractured bone in his right hand, then joined Peter Kirsten but scored only five runs, becoming Waugh's second victim with just another six runs added. He played over a ball that kept low and was bowled middle stump by Waugh, taking his second wicket for two runs in four overs.

Cullinan was bowled for 10 and McMillan was leg before for just two as Waugh continued to dismiss the South Africans.

Dave Richardson (6), like Hudson, was unfortunate to be given out leg before off McDermott which left South Africa 222 for seven.

After struggling so hard for a breakthrough against stub-

SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

G Kirsten c May b McDermott				43
Hudson lbw b S Waugh				90
Cronje c Healy b Reiffel				0
P Kirsten not out				52
Rhodes b S Waugh				5
Cullinan b S Waugh				10
McMillan lbw b S Waugh				2
Richardson lbw b McDermott				6
Snell not out				7
Extras: (lb-3, lb-8, w-1, nb-8)				20
Total: (for seven wickets) 235				
To bat: F De Villiers, A Donald				

Fall of wickets: 1-100; 2-103; 3-173; 4-179; 5-195; 6-203; 7-222

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
McDermott	22	5	48	2
Reiffel	12	3	22	1
May	25	9	57	0
Warne	36	12	68	0
M Waugh	3	1	7	0
S Waugh	12	4	22	4

Athletes leave for Madras today

A ten-member Bangladesh athletics team led by Bangladesh Athletics Federation member Saidur Rahman Don leaves today for Madras, India to take part in an invitational athletics competition, reports BSS.

The four-day competition begins in Madras on February 2.

The team includes fastest man of South Asia Bimal Chandra Tarafder, Abdur Rahman Nayeem, Azhar Ali, Giasuddin, Rehana Parveen, Nilufar Yasmin, Jyotsna Afroz and Lubna Mahmud.

Close call for Christie

GLASGOW, Jan 30: Linford Christie's record of not having lost to a Briton over 60 metres for six years was almost ended by his best friend Colin Jackson on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Olympic and world 100 metres gold medalist Christie scraped to victory over his Welsh training partner in the international meeting between Britain and Russia.

Christie clocked 6.56 seconds, a time he has beaten on only two occasions, while Jackson was timed at a Welsh record 6.57 in one of his rare outings at the distance.

Second Division cricket committee meets Feb 2

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A meeting of the Second Division cricket League Committee will be held on February 2 at 6 pm at the office of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), a BCCB press release said yesterday.

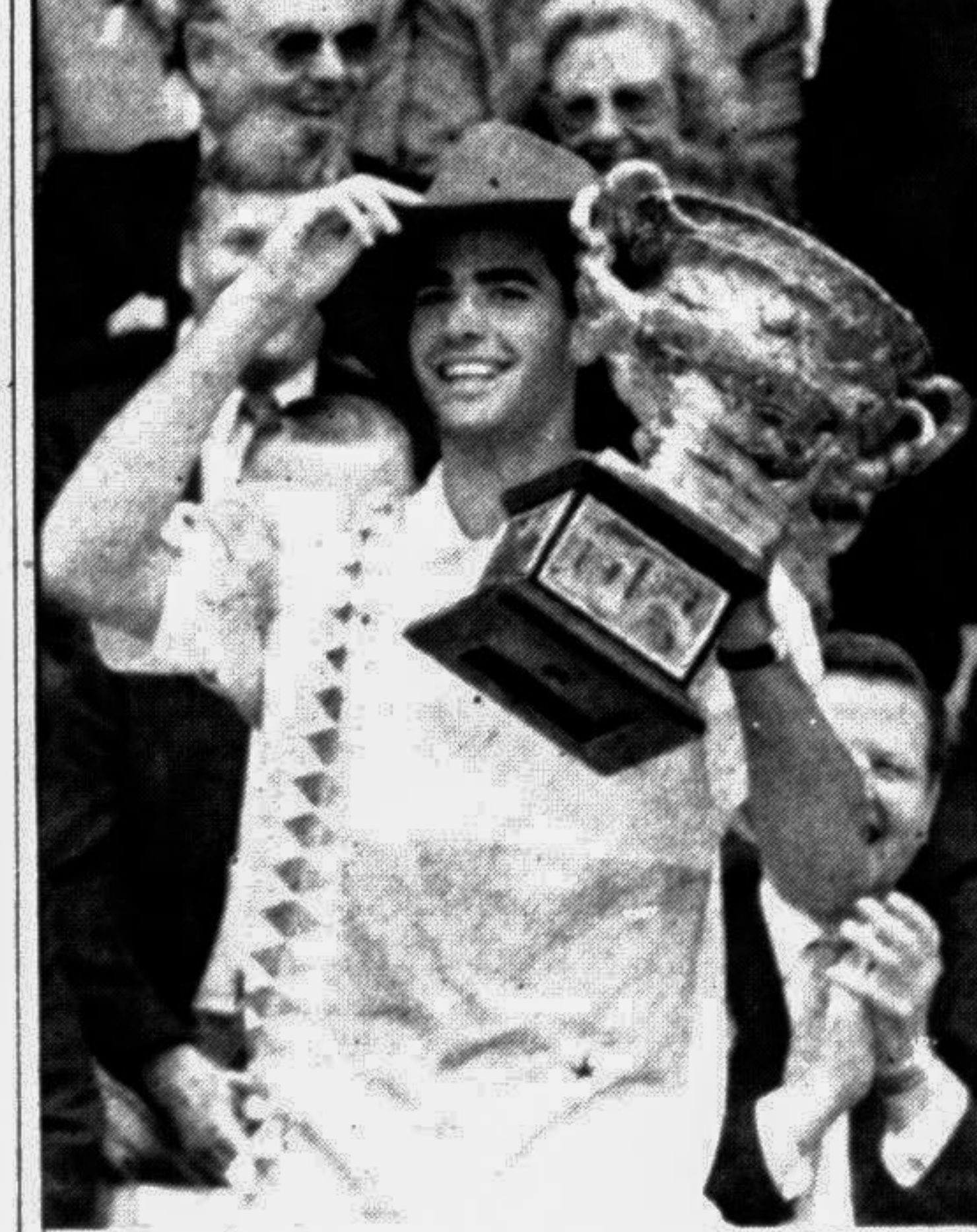
Representatives and members of all the concerned clubs are requested to attend the meeting.

Fernandez, Zvereva's seventh

MELBOURNE, Jan 30: Gigi Fernandez and Natalia Zvereva today retained their Australian Open women's doubles title, reports Reuters.

The US Belarus partnership beat American pair Patty Fendick and Meredith McGrath 6-3 4-6 6-4 to earn their seventh joint Grand Slam doubles title.

Fernandez had a temporary scare in the second set when she was struck on her left thumb by a McGrath smash, but she was able to continue after lengthy court-side treatment.



World number one Pete Sampras from the United States tips his Akubra hat after receiving the Australian Open Men's trophy beating fellow American Todd Martin 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 6-4 in the final in Melbourne yesterday. — AFP photo

England A bounce back

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Jan 30: Alan Wells struck his second successive century here Saturday to lead England A into a strong position against South Africa A, reports AFP.

England would have been even better placed had they not suffered a slump in the last 30 minutes on the third day of their five-day international.

Wells reached three figures for the 34th time in his career. The tourists reached 269 for seven at stumps in reply to the home sides 357.

After losing two wickets to be placed at 92 for four in the morning session, Wells and Malloy led an excellent recovery with a fifth wicket of 171. But three wickets fell in the last five overs for the addition of six runs.

Adrian Kuiper, who had waited for 105 overs to get a chance to bowl, struck in his fourth and sixth overs, removing Lye and Wells to end with two for 14, while left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen chipped in with the wicket of Adrian Dale.

Earlier, Wells had combined a watertight defence with an ability to punish the loose delivery to haul his side out of trouble in association with a resolute Loe (51).

Jimmy Cook's side enjoyed a reasonably profitable morning session. Removing England captain Hugh Morris and nightwatchman Mark Ilett, but their attempts to drive home that advantage floundered in the face of solid batting by Wells and Loe.

The wicket of the experienced Morris was a crucial breakthrough for South Africa and it fell to Clive Eksteen in the sixth over of the morning. The left-arm spinner had bowled a tight opening spell and he was rewarded when Kuiper safely pounced on a catch on the square leg boundary.

Peter Kirsten in a mess

ADELAIDE, Jan 30: South African batsman Peter Kirsten faces disciplinarian action after being reported Sunday during the third cricket Test against Australia at Adelaide Oval, reports AP.

Kirsten was reported to International Cricket Council's (ICC) match referee Jackie Hendriks by umpires Darrell Hair and Terry Prue under the code of conduct rules and attended a hearing after stumps.

South African team manager Robbie Muzzell refused to comment on the hearing but it was understood Kirsten was reported for questioning several lbw verdicts awarded by umpire Hair.

Hair adjudged opener Andrew Hudson and lower-order pair Brian McMillan and Dave Richardson to be lbw as the tourists struggled to 235-7 by stumps in reply to Australia's tally of 469-7 declared.

Kirsten batted through each dismissal and finished the day unbeaten on 52 after almost four hours at the crease.

The decisions against McMillan and Richardson were both questionable down the ball, possibly going down legside.

It is understood Kirsten attended the hearing with Muzzell, captain Hansie Cronje, Hendriks and both umpires.

Hendriks has the power to fine Kirsten up to 75 per cent of his match fee or suspend him for as many as three tests for a serious offense.

An Australian Cricket Board (ACB) spokesman said any penalty would be announced Monday.

India clinch series with another innings win as Kapil equals Hadlee's mark



BANGALORE, Jan 30: India's Kapil Dev joined Sir Richard Hadlee today as Test cricket's highest wicket-taker and in the process helped his team crush Sri Lanka in the second Test, reports Reuters.

Kapil, 35, drew level with New Zealander Hadlee's record of 431 victims with the final ball of the match, which ended with Sri Lanka suffering a second straight innings defeat and gave India an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Shri Lanka, who were made to follow on 310 behind, were all out for 215 after just half an hour of play today, giving India victory by an innings and 95 runs.

Captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who gave Kapil Dev a long hug after the match, bowled him unchanged at one end along with leg spinner Anil Kumble when play resumed on the fourth day at the Chinnaswamy stadium in this southern city.

Shri Lanka, overnight 179 for seven needed a total of 310 to make India bat again, and Kapil Dev needed to take all

the remaining three wickets to break Hadlee's record. The visitors were dismissed for 231 in their first innings in reply to India's 541 for six declared.

But Kumble struck the first blow Sunday, trapping Ruwan Kalpage leg before. With Kapil now aiming to equal Hadlee's record, he first dismissed Pramodya Wickremasinghe who drove uppishly to give Navjot Sidhu a simple catch at mid-on.

The last pair of Don Anura-siri and Muttiah Muralidharan were left untroubled by Kumble, apparently bowing to a game-plan, pitched wide off the stumps to avoid taking a wicket.

On the third ball of the day's ninth over, Kapil Dev forced an edge off Anurasiri, producing a low catch to Azharuddin at first slip.

After a moment of stillness, the Indians broke into shouts of joy and jumped up and down in glee as Kapil Dev stood in the middle of the pitch with his hands held high. Then, one after the other, Kapil Dev's teammates hugged him.

SCOREBOARD

Following is the scoreboard at the end of the second

cricket Test match between India and Sri Lanka here at the Chinnaswamy Stadium here today.

INDIA: First innings 541 for 6 declared.

SRI LANKA: First innings 231 all out

SRI LANKA: Second in-

nings				
Mahanama c Azhar b Raju				36
Samaraweera c Tendulkar b Prabhakar				4
Tillekeratne c and b Chauhan				80
Aravinda de Silva lbw Kumble				8
Ranatunga c Sidhu b Kumble				28
Jayasuriya c (sub) Jadeja b Chauhan				1
Kalpage lbw Kumble				18
Dassanayake lbw Kumble				0
Anurasiri c Azhar b Kapil				7
Wickremasinghe c Sidhu b Kapil				20
Muralidharan not out				12
Extras: (lb-9, lb-3)				215
Total (all out 55.3 Overs)				215
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-69, 3-94, 4-164, 5-168, 6-176, 7-179, 8-188, 9-189.				

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Manoj Prabhakar	3	0	18	1
Kapil Dev	8	3	41	2
Venkatapathy Raju	12	2	36	2
Anil Kumble	16	3	64	3
Rajesh Chauhan	16	3	44	2

Tears, expressive tears



KAPIL DEV

"I don't know what tears are these — of joy or what — they have just trickled down."



SIR RICHARD HADLEE

"Following fifteen years for my country, having remained fit all these years has been most satisfying," said an elated Kapil Dev on television after equalling Sir Richard Hadlee's bowling summit of 431 wickets in his 129th Test this morning, reports PTI.

The strapping 35-year old dedicated his yeoman feat to his country and his parents. "I thank you all my parents, brothers and sisters and my fans," the ageing warhorse said after he had scalped Sri Lankan tallender Don Anurasiri to reach the epic mark.

"I just want to go home and meet my mom now," said Kaku, as the Haryana hurricane is called by his mother.

The first time Kapil's mother witnessed her son in action, the all-rounder hit his first Test century against West Indies at the Feroz Shah Kotla in 1978-79.

"I congratulate Kapil Paji for his feat," said skipper Azharuddin in the brief man-of-the-match ceremony, before dedicating the trophy awarded

to him to the man of the moment.

Azhar, in a touching show of emotion on the field, as locked in a long embrace with Kapil as his teammates mobbed their hero and later chaired him off the field.

Local boy Anil Kumble exhibited rare team-spirit as he trundled through his two overs casually as the crowd roared in approval of the smiling assassin's gesture.

The characteristic leap and the trademark grin after milestone 431, as was first seen in the autumn of 1978 against Pakistan at Faisalabad when Kapil Dev made his debut as a 19-year-old, was reflective of a youthful exuberance unaffected by passing years.

And to the youth, for many of whom he is a role model, Kapil advised be determined in whatever you do, be it studies or sport. Even if you don't get help from any quarter, if you want to reach the top, you have to find the way. No excuses.

Kapil said he had to prove a point to everyone that sport required primary attention when

he started off and to that end he had definitely contributed size-ably.

But having done that, Kapil has no immediate plans of hanging his boots.

"No plans at this stage. I cannot decide on that just now. I will sit with my family and think about it," the legendary hero of Indian cricket said.



SIR RICHARD HADLEE

EN ROUTE TO GLORY

Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev, who tied with New Zealander Sir Richard Hadlee today at the world's top Test wicket-taker, claimed his first victim in 1978 at Faisalabad in Pakistan.

Sadiq Mohammad was the bats