

### DU-Sylhet final today

Sports Reporter

The Pepsi Cup 20th national cricket championship final between Sylhet and Dhaka University begins at the Dhaka Stadium today.

Originally planned to be a three-day affair, the final, which starts at 9:30 am, has been reduced to an 80-overs-a-side one, due to what BCCB termed 'unavoidable reasons'.

Golan Faruque Chowdhury, the skipper of Sylhet who propelled his side to their third final, defeating Chittagong champions for the last two years, by 23 runs in the first semifinal, expressed high hopes of clinching the title for the second time after a decade.

With seven national colours in his side, Golan Faruque better known as Suru, said, 'We are a good side, comprising current and ex-national players. We are hopeful of winning the title.'

Dhaka University skipper Selim Shahed, a national all-rounder who guided his team to the final eliminating Bangladesh Biman by seven wickets, rated Sylhet as a very strong side but added, 'If we have anything to prove we will prove it in the match.'

Sylhet clinched the national championship title for a record six times, four of them in a row, are making their eighth appearance in the final.

### Nat'l v'ball

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Defending champions Bangladesh Army moved into the final of the national volleyball championship when they eliminated Bangladesh Air Force in straight sets at the Kushiha Stadium yesterday.

The army men were stretched to duce in the second set before wrapping up the best-of-five first semifinal 15-7, 17-15 and 15-7.

The other semifinal between Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Rifles was the match of the day in every respect. With two teams locked 2-2 and Rifles leading 17-16 in the deciding set, undesired intrusion by the spectators led the match to postponement.

Rifles, who clinched the first two sets 15-6, 16-14 before conceding the next two by similar margin of 9-15, needed one point for a victory when things went all wrong around the net.

In the women's group last year's champions BJMC walked into the final with a facile 15-2, 15-9, 15-3 win over Dinajpur.

They will meet Bangladesh Ansars in the final, who also earned a straight 15-4, 15-13, 15-3 win over Rangpur.

### BOA meeting adjourned

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The meeting of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) technical sub-committee was adjourned for four days.

Yesterday's meeting at the BOA office, which was chaired by Enamul Haq, chairman of the five-member committee, produced no positive result as the participants could not come to any conclusion regarding Bangladesh's participation in the upcoming Commonwealth Games and Hiroshima Aiad.

The committee meets again on April 9.

## Easy winners everywhere

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Sathkira PN High School, Dinajpur Zilla School, Khulna Zilla School and Rajbari Govt High School recorded victories in the final round of the 12th Nirman schools cricket championship at different venues across the capital.

Of the four matches scheduled for the day, only the Group C encounter between Khulna Zilla School and Patuakhali Adarsha School at the Dhanmndi Club ground contained some element of excitement with Khulna winning by a tight margin of four wickets.

Patuakhali, batting first after their skipper won the toss, struggled to a modest 126 in their quota of 40 overs with Sujit Kumar notching up the highest individual score of 33. Sujit apart only three batsmen made it to the double figures with Kishore Das, who opened the innings with Sujit, topping the trio with a patient 19.

Tota, the Khulna captain, had a nice time with the ball, finishing with handsome figures of three for 21 in his regulation spell of eight overs.

Tota also produced a stormy 18, including two sixes, when Khulna's turn to bat came, although Ujjal, who scored an unbeaten 42 inclusive of six shots across the fence, starred in the winners' run chase.

Dipak and Kochi even shared four wickets between themselves.

A few blocks away at the Dhanmndi Cricket Stadium, on the western strip, Sathkira PN High rode well on the top order batsmen to record a facile 52-run win over Jhalokathi Govt High.

Batting first, the PN High were given a wonderful start by the opening pair of Munir and Maruf, who put on 83 runs in 21.2 overs. However, the winners lost the initiative in the face of some accurate bowling from Ashim and Apu. Ashim dismissed three for 29 as the PN High students lost all their wickets for 149 in 37.3 overs. Munir topscored with 39, followed by Maruf and Asif Kabir, who made 28 and 25 respectively.

In reply, Jhalokathi Govt High could manage only 97 off 34.1 overs. Shahid and Jelin with 25 and 27 respectively were the only two batsmen to have made it to double figures.

On the eastern wicket, Dinajpur Zilla School had almost an identical win against Jessore Sammiloni Institute.

The Dinajpur boys, victors by 48 runs, batted first and made 142 in 39 overs with six batsmen making double-digit scores. In their turn, the Jessore schoolboys made 94 in 34.2 overs.

Away in Mirpur, at the Pallabi ground, Rajbari Govt High won by six wickets in their tie against Rajshahi ISRC Model School.

The winners bowled the Rajshahi school out in 29.5 overs for 103, thanks to a splendid spell from Paris, who took four wickets for only ten in 5.5 overs.

Tapan stood erect in the Rajshahi ISRC debris with a patient 45. His 75-ball stay at the crease had only one shot across the fence.

Rajbari lost four wickets in their journey past the winning target, making 104 in 33.3 overs. Rajbari's Tapan, like his Rajshahi namesake, accumulated the highest score of his side's innings with an 83-ball 26. Sabuj and Enamul, the two unconquered batsmen, made 24 and 11 respectively.

## TV wrangle may cost India dear

NEW DELHI, Apr 4: India stands to lose cricket's World Cup in 1996 if a dispute over television rights is not resolved quickly, the country's top cricket official said today, reports AFP.

Inderjit Singh Bindra, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said the Indian government's refusal to allow uplinking facilities to foreign companies could disrupt the World Cup to be jointly hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The US-based WorldTel holds the exclusive TV rights for the event, but the state-run Indian network Doordarshan has refused to cooperate unless it is allowed to generate the host signal.

The Indian side of the joint three national organising committee has approached Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao to intervene and allow uplinking facilities to WorldTel.

'The matter will have to be settled in the next 15 days or else we stand to lose the right to co-host the World Cup,' Bindra said.

He added that India 'would be isolated' since both Pakistan and Sri Lanka have granted permission to WorldTel to uplink its telecast.

A newspaper report today said the Pakistan board had hinted that it would go ahead and co-host the World Cup with Sri Lanka if the Indians are unable to resolve the dispute.

'Why should we suffer if the Indian government does not give the permission? We don't have such problems,' the Hindu newspaper quoted an unnamed Pakistan cricket official as saying.

The last time India co-hosted the World Cup with Pakistan in 1987, Doordarshan telecast the matches played at home, while Pakistan Television beamed their own matches.

This time the organisers awarded the rights to a foreign agency, hoping to generate more money and better technical quality.

The sixth edition of the game's premier limited-overs tournament, to be held in early 1996, will be contested for the first time by 12 countries: the nine Test-playing countries and United Arab Emirates, Kenya and Holland.

## Martinez mauls Zvereva

HULTON HEAD, South Carolina, Apr 4: Second seed Conchita Martinez of Spain demonstrated her clay court prowess on Sunday by winning the 750,000 dollars Family Circle Cup title with a decisive 6-4, 6-0 victory over sixth seed Natalia Zvereva of Belarus, reports Reuters.

The title was the first of the year for the third-ranked Martinez and the ninth of 17 career titles won on clay.

'It feels really good because I know it is such an important tournament and it is really important for me to win here,' said Martinez, who earned 150,000 dollars.

The match featured the last person to beat Steffi Graf in Martinez, who defeated the German star in a Philadelphia final last November, against the only player to take a set from Graf this year. Who dropped a set before beating Zvereva two weeks ago in the Lipton final, withdrew from this event with a knee injury.

Martinez made the most of her opportunities — she converted all six break points she held — and thoroughly dominated the second set, dropping just 10 points in the minimum six games.

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## South Africa 227 for six

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Apr 4: Australia did well to restrict South Africa to 227 for six in their allotted 50 overs in the sixth day-night one-day international at St. Georges Park Monday, reports AP.

After a pace-setting 105-run stand between half-century opener Andrew Hudson and Jonty Rhodes had given the prospects of a total over 250, the rest of the batters lost their way in the last 10 overs.

The pair came to the rescue of the South Africans, who came up against a disciplined pace attack and lost cheap wickets of Peter Kirsten (10) and Hansie Cronje (11).

With the home side badly placed on 48 for two after Kepler Wesels had won the toss again, Hudson joined by the energetic Rhodes gave the innings the kick start it needed in just 22 overs.

Hudson soon shrugged off his failure in the previous game with an elegant 63 despite enjoying a reprieve on 55 when wicketkeeper Ian Healy missed him off spinner Tim May.

Rhodes in particular provided the impetus that was missing in South Africa's innings in their defeat a couple of days ago when they were bowled out for 158.

He had a fair share of luck on his side, twice edging paceman Glen McGrath past his stumps for a couple of boundaries to add to his six off Steve Waugh when Dean Jones misjudged a pull to see it go through his hand. Once Hudson fell holding out to Shane Warne at mid wicket, the innings lost its momentum especially when skipper Wesels was at the crease.

Hudson's innings included four boundaries and lasted 110 balls while Rhodes's highest one-day score included a six and five boundaries off 90 balls.

He was eventually out hooking Steve Waugh to Jones at the square leg.

Wesels and all-rounder Eric Simons shared a useful 41 runs for the fifth wicket when the South African innings looked like they would limp past 200.

Medium paceman Paul Reiffel once again bowled out-standingly to pick up two for 33 in 10 overs.

### Bima, Navy share points

Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Bangladesh Navy shared points in the Sonali Bank office hockey league when they were locked in a 1-1 draw at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mohammed Sadek put Sadharan Bima ahead in the 17th minute while Akhter Hossain levelled the margin for Navy two minutes into the breather from a nice field goal.

It was Bangladesh Navy's second successive draw after two comfortable wins over Bangladesh Army and Sonali Bank respectively raising their collection to six from four matches.

This was Sadharan Bima's a third league encounter. They earlier lost their first point after two big wins over Police and Ansars to earn five points.

### Navy b'ball ends

Sports Reporter

BNS Shaheed Moazzam clinched the title of the annual basketball championship of Bangladesh Navy, defeating BN Patrol Craft Squadron 67-62 at the BNS Issa Khan base in Chittagong yesterday, says a press release.

The winners led the first half 39-26.

M N Huda was the highest scorer for the winners, caging 38 points, followed by M M Islam and M L Hussain, who scored 18 and 16 respectively.

S Barua of the losing finalists topscored with 28 points for his team.

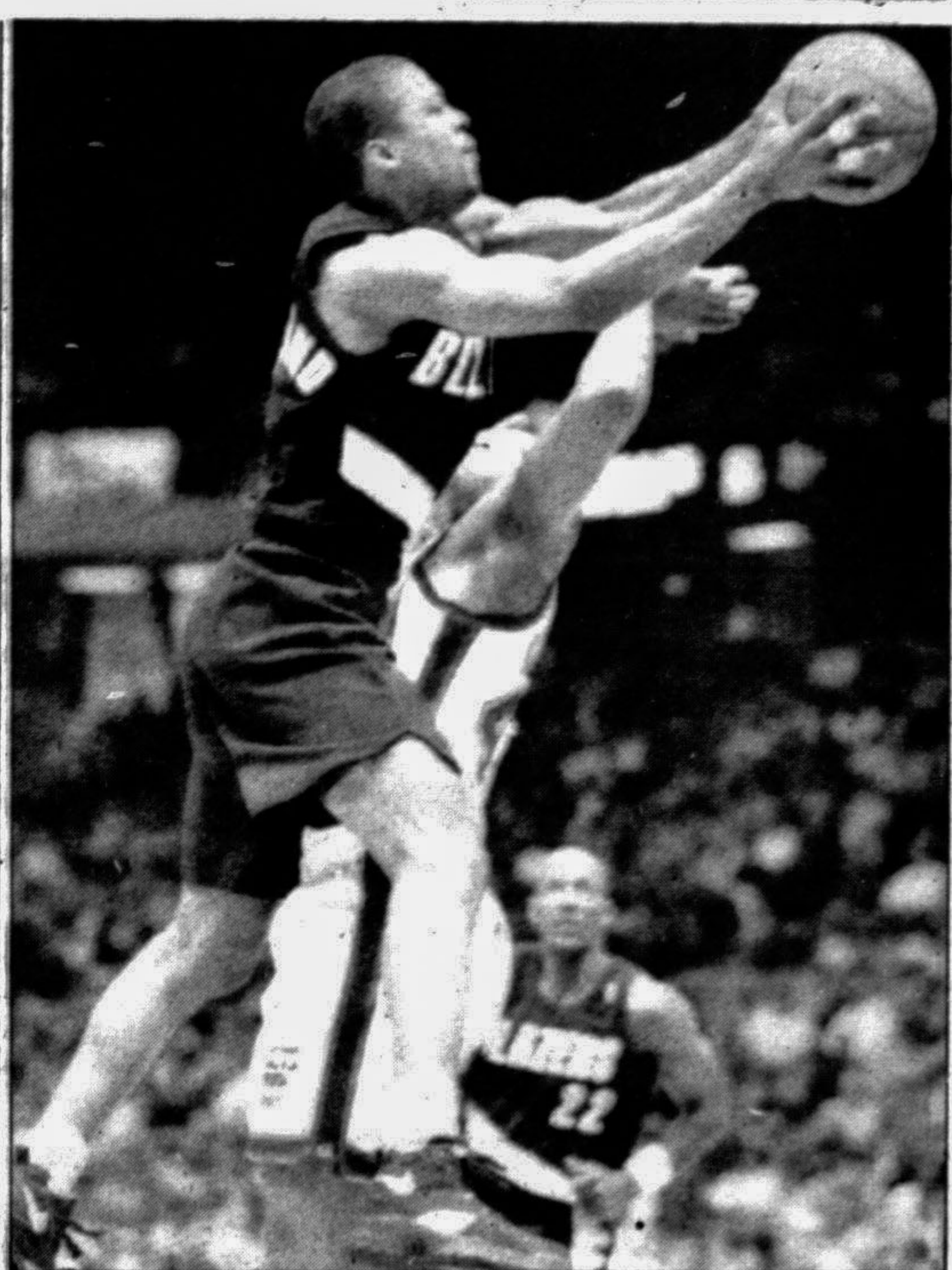
Commodore Zulfiquer Ali who was chief guest on the occasion gave away prizes among the winners.

### Germans reign in World Cup dressage

GOTEBORG, Sweden, Apr 4: Germany's Monica Theodorescu won the World Cup two-day dressage event Monday with a commanding performance in the free-style test, reports AP.

Theodorescu, riding Ganimedes, received 77.30 points for a technically complex free-style dressage performance before about 11,000 spectators in the indoor Scandinavium Arena. She had a total of 100 points for the two-day event, including the compulsory Grand Prix test held Sunday, which she also won.

Nicole Uphoff-Becker of Germany, on Grand Gilbert, finished second in the two-day event with 92 points. Uphoff-Becker placed third in the free style with 75.26 points.



Portland Trailblazers Rod Strickland (L) climbs over New Jersey Nets Derrick Coleman for the ball in the first half of the game in East Rutherford, New Jersey on April 3. — AFP photo

## Holder holds England up

ST GEORGE'S, Grenada, Apr 4: West Indian middle-order batsman Roland Holder pushed his claims for a Test place and cast more misery on England with an unbeaten century for the West Indies Board XI on Sunday, reports Reuters.

A day that was meant to herald the return from injury of England's premier fast bowler Devon Malcolm and renew hope for a battered side was hijacked by a man aiming to break into the West Indies team.

Holder, who has appeared in five one-day internationals but has yet to make his Test debut, made an unbeaten 108 to lead his side of international hopefuls to 260 for five in reply to England's first innings score of 319.

Malcolm, back in the Caribbean after a knee surgery and five weeks on the sidelines since the first Test in Jamaica, was disappointing by contrast.

His only success was dismissing recently-axed West Indian opener Phil Simmons for 18, and with 12 overs costing 57 runs, a return in Friday's fourth Test in Barbados could be a big gamble.

England's disappointment in Malcolm was compounded by another spectacular collapse which saw them surrender their last six wickets for 18 runs on the second day of the four-day match.

They also lost the services of Graham Thorpe with tonsillitis, although doctors hope he will recover in three or four days.

England, resuming on 281 for four, lost Thorpe for 16, while Nasser Hussain (6) and Matthew Maynard (2) both wasted opportunities to stake claims for a Test place.

Rawle Lewis, a promising 19-year-old Grenadian leg-spinner, made the most of woeful England batting to grab some glory with figures of five for 95 while pace bowler Anderson Cummins took three for 82.

As the West Indies side struggled to 62 for two, Holder steadied the innings with some punishing shots which earned him 16 boundaries in his 10th first-class century. It came in 199 minutes off 158 balls.

Holder, who escaped on 42 when bowled by a no-ball from spinner Phil Tufnell, took 137 minutes and 116 balls for his first 50, but raced to his second off just 42 balls as he developed an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 86 with Courtney Browne.

Left-hander Ridley Jacobs also slammed an aggressive 41 off 46 balls with seven fours and a six off Tufnell, who finally bowled him.

Tufnell was the pick of the England bowlers with two for 83 even though he sent down nine no-balls, while Steve Watkin captured two for 43.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the second day

| Bowling: | O    | M | R  | W |
|----------|------|---|----|---|
| Cummins  | 21.5 | 0 | 82 | 3 |
| Gibson   | 18   | 1 | 65 | 1 |
| Antoine  | 15   | 1 | 54 | 1 |
| Lewis    | 33   | 6 | 95 | 5 |
| Simmons  | 6    | 1 | 18 | 0 |

**WEST INDIES BOARD XI:**  
First Innings  
Simmons b Malcolm 18  
Williams c Stewart b Watkin 30  
Wallace c Hick b Watkin 25  
Holder not out 108  
Campbell c (sub) Atherton b Tufnell 5  
Jacobs b Tufnell 41  
Browne not out 18  
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-13) 15  
Total: (b-5, nb-14) 260  
Fall of wickets: 1-99; 2-206; 3-257; 4-277; 5-301; 6-308; 7-313; 8-313; 9-316.

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## Patrick McEnroe subdues Camporese

TOKYO, Apr 4: American Patrick McEnroe put on the pressure with his first serves and beat Italian Omar Camporese 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, Monday in the first round of the \$1.2 million Japan Open tennis championships, reports AP.

No 10 seed McEnroe, the highest men's seed in action Monday, put in 73 per cent of his first serves.

Camporese hit on 53 per cent, but blasted 10 service aces to two by McEnroe in one-hour, 28-minute match at Ariake Colosseum.

The Italian broke serve in the fifth game of the first set and McEnroe broke back in the eighth, leading to the tie-break.

McEnroe broke in the first and third games of the second set.

No 11 seed Henrik Holm of Sweden battled one hour, 55 minutes to beat Japanese wildcard entry Ryuso Tajiyo 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Holm, who offset six service aces with six double faults, was broken in the fifth and ninth games of the first set, while he broke in the sixth.

He then scored two service breaks each in the second and third sets.

Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, the 12th seed, beat Joern Renzenbrink of Germany 6-4, 6-4, and Darren Cahill of Australia upset 15th-seeded Javier Frana of Argentina 6-2, 6-0.

Top seed Pete Sampras, who came to Tokyo to defend his singles title after winning the Salem Open in Osaka on Sunday, drew a first-round bye. The Osaka championship was the fifth this season for the American, ranked No 1 in the world.

Also resting through the first round were second-seeded Michael Chang of the United States, third-seeded Boris Becker of Germany and fourth-seeded Ivan Lendl of the United States.

In women's first-round action, second-seeded Sabine Appelmans needed just 80 minutes to beat Belgian compatriot Nathalie Baudone 6-2, 6-4.

Linda Niemantsverdriet of the Netherlands upset sixth-seeded Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

Japan's Mana Endo, the seventh seed, also was upset, losing to American Linda Harvey-Wild 6-4, 6-6, 6-0.

Japan's Kimiko Date, who is seeking her third straight women's singles crown, did not play Monday.

## Zoecke wins S A Open

SUN CITY, South Africa, Apr 4: Markus Zoecke wanted to celebrate winning his first ATP tour event on Sunday by watching rock star Bryan Adams in concert in Sun City, reports Reuters.

But after beating fellow German Hendrik Dreekman 6-4, 6-1 in the final of the South African Open, Zoecke's celebrations were cut short by the need to catch a flight to Tokyo for the Japan Open.

'I play on Tuesday in Tokyo and must leave tonight to get there in time,' he said. 'That means I won't be able to see the Bryan Adams concert here.'

The match between the two unseeded players turned in the 10th game when Zoecke converted his only break point on the Dreekman serve to take the opening set.

He then raced to a 5-0 lead in the second set.

Meanwhile The South African Open tennis championship will continue to be staged in Sun City despite poor crowds at the inaugural event.

Bacon said that negotiations were already underway for the 1995 event with a possibility of increasing prize money to one million dollars.

He admitted that crowds had been disappointing over the past few days but said there were mitigating circumstances.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: THAT SPELLING BEE WINNER IS PROBABLY AS GOOD AS HIS WORD.

Today's Cryptquip clue: P equals B

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.