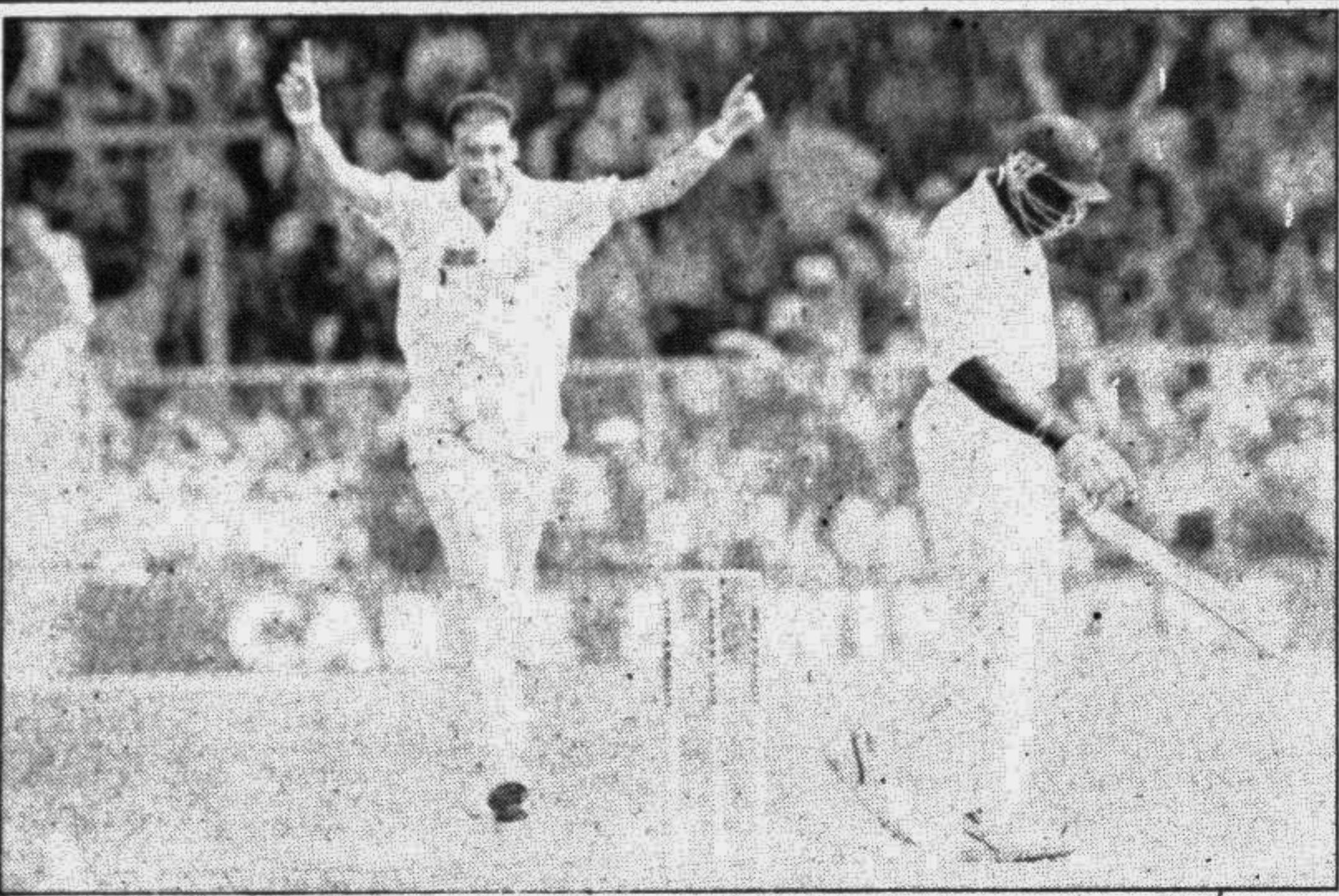


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West Indian Winston Benjamin starts his long walk back to the dressing room after edging Angus Fraser to Graeme Hick during second day's play of the fourth Test against England at the Kensington Oval, Barbados on Saturday. Fraser finished with fantastic figures of six for 47, leaving the home side 188 for seven at stumps. — AFP photo

It's still pretty Fanny's way for England

## Fraser fankles Windies



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 10: West Indies are under pressure to avoid their first defeat at Kensington Oval since 1935 after Angus Fraser bowled England into a position of strength on the second day of the fourth Test on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Fraser took six for 47 in 21 overs in high-class seam bowling to reduce the West Indies to 188 for seven, 167 runs behind England's first innings total of 355.

In a dramatic reversal of previous form in the five-Test series, which West Indies lead 3-0, the home side had to struggle to avoid the follow-on a pitch less friendly to batsmen than it had been on the opening day.

Twelve wickets fell in three sessions after England had resumed on 299 for five, and West Indies had collapsed alarmingly to 134 for seven before Shivarine Chanderpaul and Curtly Ambrose steadied the ship, with an unbeaten eighth wicket stand of 54.

Fraser, whose England career has been seriously curtailed by injury in recent years, gained both life and movement to undermine the West Indian top order after Desmond Haynes had been forced to retire with a finger injury.

Haynes, who needed stitches after being struck on the glove by a lifter from Chris Lewis on 35, returned after tea but was unable to add to his total before loosing a slower ball from Fraser to mid-off.

The Middlesex bowler had already removed Richie Richardson and Keith Arthurton in the same over, and also accounted for Jimmy Adams, Junior Murray and Winston Benjamin to slip catches.

Lewis, meanwhile, had struck a crucial blow with the dismissal of the exciting Brian Lara for 26.

The Trinidadian left-hander was beginning to look in excellent touch when he blazed at a wide delivery from Lewis and watched in horror as substitute fielder Nasser Hussain

clung on to a fierce chance at extra-cover.

The West Indian predicament might have been even worse had Mike Atherton accepted a chance offered by Chanderpaul off Tufnell when the batsman was 27, but England could still look back with pride on a day which did not start well.

Ambrose struck twice in his first over to remove Graeme Hick and Chris Lewis, both caught behind by Junior Murray, and England's innings continued only 75 minutes before Jack Russell was last out for 38.

The relentless Ambrose, wicketless on the opening day, finished with figures of four for 86, but efforts were quickly overshadowed by the persevering Fraser.

Between the 1990-91 tour of Australia and the current series, a hip problem restricted Fraser to just one Test appearance and he had appeared to be struggling with his rhythm in the Caribbean.

All that changed after Richardson steered a catch to rival captain Mike Atherton at slip and when Haynes and Murray later departed in the same Fraser over it was the third time in the day the crowd had witnessed the feat.

"There was a bit of pace and bounce in the wicket," said Fraser, reflecting on his best Test figures. "We'd like to have got a couple more wickets tonight... hopefully we can do that quickly tomorrow."

Chanderpaul has so far bowled for three and a quarter hours for his 31 runs, while Ambrose hung around with increasing conviction to be 35 notout at stumps.

Amid all the drama, both sides appeared to forget a bizarre pre-lunch incident involving Tufnell.

A drive from Haynes appeared to reach the boundary wall but Tufnell hurled the ball back and, with Haynes ambling in mid-pitch, the wicket was broken.

England players approached umpire Lloyd Barker and the incident threatened briefly to

### SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First innings			
	O	M	R
Atherton c Lara b K Benjamin	85		
Stewart b W Benjamin	118		
Ramprakash c Murray b W Benjamin	20		
Smith c Murray b W Benjamin	10		
Hick c Murray b Ambrose	34		
Thorpe c sub (P Simmonds) b K Benjamin	7		
Russell c	38		
Chanderpaul b Ambrose	0		
Lewis c Murray b Ambrose	0		
Caddick b Ambrose	8		
Fraser c Chanderpaul b Walsh	3		
Tufnell not out	0		
Extras: (lb-8, nb-24)	32		
Total: (all out)	355		
Fall of wickets: 1-171; 2-223; 3-242; 4-265; 5-290; 6-307; 7-307; 8-327; 9-351.			

### BOWLING:

O	M	R	W	
Ambrose	24.2	6	86	4
Walsh	24	3	88	1
Benjamin	22	4	76	3
Benjamin	20	5	74	2
Chanderpaul	10	4	23	0

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Richardson c			
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Lara c sub (Hussain) b Lewis	26		
Arthurton c Russell b Fraser	0		
Adams c Thorpe b Fraser	26		
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Extras: (nb-7)	7		
Total: (for seven wickets)	188		
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Fraser	21	6	47	6
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Lewis	15	2	54	1
Tufnell	21	9	35	0

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