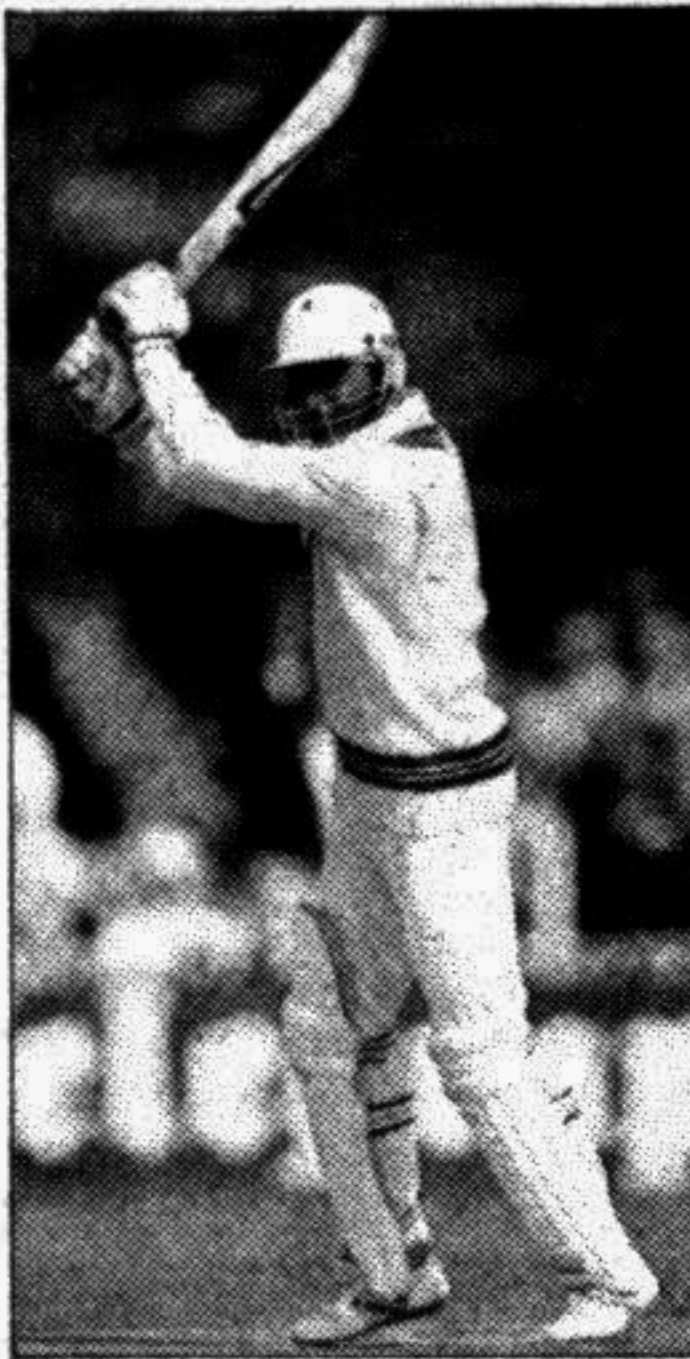


De Silva plays the lone ranger

Sohail Pakistan's hero

VERWOERDBUR G. South Africa, Dec 5: Opener Aamir Sohail followed a fluent 67 with three important wickets as Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by 12 runs in the Mandela Trophy on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Sohail, who scored a century in Pakistan's six-wicket victory over the Sri Lankans in Durban on Friday, combined with Saeed Anwar to give Pakistan an excellent start by putting on 130 for the first-



SOHAIL ... allround show wicket in 28 overs.

A score in excess of 300 looked on the cards until both men fell to superb catches by Muttiah Muralidharan. Salim Malik, who did not field during the Sri Lankan innings because of the six stitches he had inserted in his chin during Friday's game, survived his now customary let-off at the start of his innings when wicketkeeper Pubudu Dasanayake fumbled a simple stumping chance.

But when he was run out by a direct hit from Sanath Jay-

suriya for 20, only Inzamam-ul Haq, who worked hard for his 62, made much headway against some tight Sri Lankan bowling.

Chasing 246 to win from their 50 overs the Sri Lankans made a slow start and then lost both openers to find themselves 36 for two in the 11th over.

That brought in Aravinda de Silva who responded to the situation superbly. He shared in partnerships of 59 with Asanka Gurusinha (43) and 45 with Arjuna Ranatunga (24), reaching his half-century from 77 balls with four fours.

Then with the tail giving up the hunt he led the charge single-handedly hitting his next 45 runs in just 28 balls with another three fours and three sixes — one of them a monster pull off Waqar Younis — before he was caught just five runs short of what would have been a brilliant century.

For the second time in three days Waqar conceded over 50 runs and his form must be a source of concern to the Pakistan management.

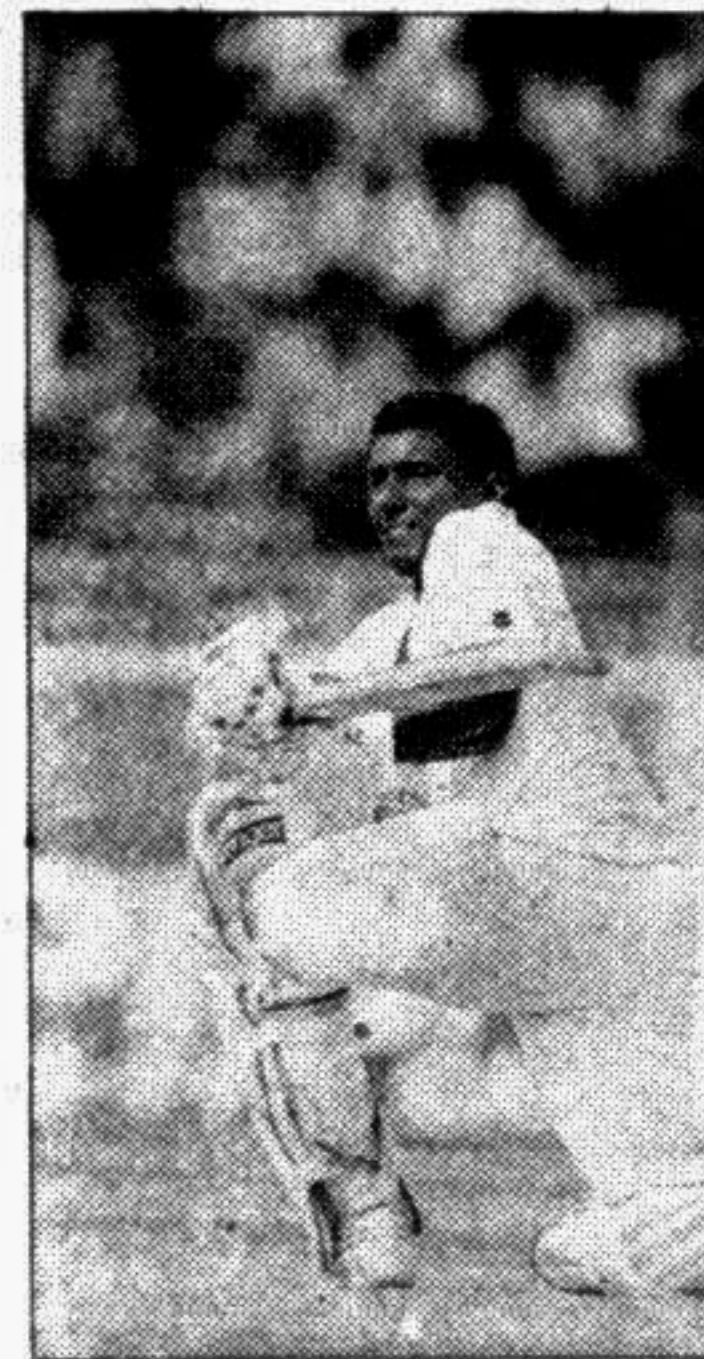
SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Mandela Trophy one-day (50 overs-a-side) cricket match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Centurion Park on Sunday:

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ITF masters' leg on

Sports Reporter

Michael Noel of the United States caused the only upset on the opening day of the masters' leg tournament of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

The unseeded American, who won his first round match against Srichaphan Paradorn of Thailand 6-0, 6-0, moved into the quarter-final alone with six other players when he prevailed over eighth seed Tom Spinks of England, the semi-finalist of the second leg in Thailand 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5-3) for his second successive win of the day.

Noel, who has so far garnered only seven Circuit points from the previous three legs — two of them held in Thailand — with this creditable victory, exacted a sweet revenge of his 2-6, 6-2, 2-6 defeat at the hands of Spinks during a second leg engagement.

Noel apart five others who made it to the last-eight are — second seeded Van Schepplingen of Holland, Owen Casey of Ireland, Selvan Veerasingam of Malaysia, Nick Baglin of England and Glenn Wilson of New Zealand.

However, top seed Bok Martijn of the Netherlands who got a first round bye will meet Thomas Orval of the United States today.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman declared the week-long meet open in the morning.

Managing Director of Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC) Raymond Acorda was present as the special guest on the occasion.

Vice-president of Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed, chairman of the organising committee Faizur Rahman Chowdhury, marketing manager of BTC Francois Gillet, BTF general secretary Moazzem Hossain Khan and a good number of young tennis players were among others present on the occasion.

Top 24 players from first three legs of the circuit, held in Thailand and Rajshahi, are taking part in the masters tournament.



Michael Noel of the United States makes a forehand return during his first round match against Srichaphan Paradorn of Thailand on the inaugural day of the week-long Masters' tournament of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Tennis Circuit at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Shahbaz: A \$64,000?

SYDNEY, Dec 5: Shahbaz Ahmed is the greatest field hockey player of his genera-

tion. An artist in the vein of a Maradona, Jordan or McEnroe, Shahbaz capped a decade at the top on Sunday when he led Pakistan to victory over the Netherlands in the World Cup final. He now is under pressure to change his mind about retirement, reports AP.

"I think I'm going to retire, but I will see when I go back home what happens," said Shahbaz after Pakistan drew 1-1 with defending champions the Netherlands and then won a penalty shootout 4-3.

"I don't think I'll change my mind, because I wanted to stop after the 1992 Olympic Games."

Farooq Umer, the Pakistan Hockey Federation president and Shahbaz's boss at the International Airhubs, is reported to have different ideas.

Farooq talked Shahbaz out of retiring two years ago and he wants to see the 30-year-old player play for a while longer.

Shahbaz was the hero of the final, but he was sent out before justice was done in the penalty contest.

"It's a matter of excitement as a player and as captain that I could manage to win this World Cup," he said.

While Shahbaz was jubilant, Dutch penalty corner maestro Floris Jan Bovelander was ruing a rare mistake.

First Bovelander and then teammate Jeroen Delme failed to score during the nerve-wracking shootout.

Bovelander struck home five penalty corner goals during the tournament, but the usually deadly Dutchman stunned the crowd when he sent his stroke wide of the goal.

"I kept the ball too long on my stick and it went wide," explained Bovelander, who had put the Dutch in front with a goal from a penalty corner in the first half.

Pakistan equalised within four minutes through Kamran Ashraf and then dominated the rest of the game on their way to a record fourth World Cup triumph.

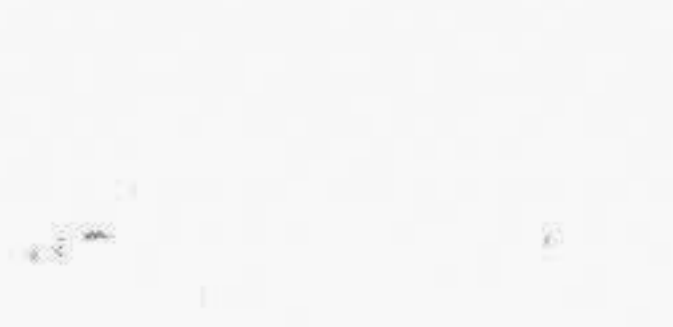
"I think in the second half we just ran out of gas," said Bovelander. "They kept the pressure on and played magnificently."

The Dutch were indecisive about their tactics after taking the lead.

After we scored our goal we didn't seem to have the will to keep attacking or to go on the defensive," said Dutch coach Roelant Oltmans, whose future also is in doubt.

Oltmans' contract expired after the final, though he wants to lead the Dutch to Atlanta.

Australia outplayed Olympic champions Germany 5-2 to win the bronze medal game.



Barada leaves Zarak in cold

KARACHI, Dec 5: Ahmed Barada, Egypt's 17-year-old world junior champion, produced the shock result on the opening day of the 70,000 dollar Pakistan Open squash championship on Sunday with a victory over home player Zarak Jahani Khan, reports Reuter.

The Cairo student, ranked world number 64 and over 50 places below his opponent, finally won a tense 67-minute encounter 15-10, 15-13, 8-15, 13-15, 17-15.

Zarak 28, a former British Open semi-finalist who helped Pakistan win the World Team Championship in Karachi last year, staged a fine recovery after losing the opening two games but finally had to concede defeat.

In the fifth and deciding game Barada let a 10-5 lead slip, but clinched victory with a superb overhead volley.

This is the biggest win of his career after joining the circuit," said a delighted Barada, who looks certain to make a big move up the rankings this season.

Australian qualifier Craig Rowland shocked world number 14 Jason Nicole of England 15-13, 15-17, 15-4, 15-10.

Lyal quits Ipswich

IPSWICH, England, Dec 5: John Lyall resigned Monday as manager of Ipswich, the last-place team in the Premier league, reports AP.

The former West Ham boss, who has been in charge at Portman Road since May 1990, quit following talks with chairman John Kerr.

Time for Asian resurgence?

SYDNEY, Dec 5: Pakistan's triumph in lifting the eighth World Cup by defeating holders the Netherlands may have overshadowed a more significant event — an overall resurgence of Asian hockey, reports Reuter.

After a decade of domination of hockey by European sides, Pakistan re-established "credentials on Sunday with a skilful performance which culminated in a dramatic victory on penalties against the pre-tournament favourites. It was their fourth World Cup title, but the first since 1984.

The other Asian nations in the tournament — India and South Korea — also range up notable achievements.

India's fifth place was their highest ranking in either the World Cup or Olympic Games since 1984.

Likewise, South Korea, who have struggled since winning the 1988 Olympic Games on home soil, firmly established themselves in the top echelon. Their eighth place in Sydney was the highest position they have secured at either a World Cup or Olympic Games other than the 1988 win.

Asia's delicate hockey skills — exemplified for many by India's complete domination of the Olympics between 1920 to 1964 and Pakistan's string of successes in the next two

decades — have been put in the shade of late by the power game of Germany, Holland, Australia and Britain.

India served notice in the World Cup that they are on the way back to the top. No team outplayed them, even when they were defeated by the Netherlands and Germany.

England captain Jon Potter was quick to notice the difference, saying: "India are at long tactically astute."

Much of the credit for the transformation must rest with coach Cedric D Souza.

Noted for continually changing their team officials, no one was surprised when India appointed a new coach just before the World Cup after they finished runners-up in the Asian Games.

But D Souza may well prove an inspired choice. In a very short while, he has been able to impart motivation and self-confidence to the team, observers said.

South Korea, like India, have to improve their shooting but their speed, sudden changes of direction and ball

control were a revelation during the tournament. All three nations are now looking to the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. South Korea and Pakistan, as winners of the Asian Games and the World Cup respectively, have already qualified.

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Kenyan sweep

ALGHERS, Dec 5: Eluid Barngetuny led a Kenyan clean sweep in the second event of the World cross country challenge series on Sunday, finishing ahead of teammates James Kariuki and William Mutwol, reports Reuter.

The event will not count in the points standings as too few athletes and nations took part.

Barngetuny clocked 26 minutes 32.07 seconds for the 10-km course.

Burns, Eriksson battle it out

It had been a head to head battle between 555 Subaru driver Richard Burns and the Mitsubishi of Kenneth Eriksson throughout day two of the 1994 Rally of Thailand. The pair set identical stage times on many of the stages on Sunday as they both pushed to the limits and beyond in an effort to establish supremacy, say a press release.

Six of the day's 14 scheduled stages were cancelled by the organisers on safety grounds. The stages had been used yesterday and the average speeds set by the leading cars had been in excess of the limit of 132 km/h laid down by the sport's governing body. The revised schedule did not de-

tract from the intensity of the scrap between Burns and Eriksson.

After the first five stages the gap between the 555 Subaru and the Mitsubishi was still 23 seconds, as it had been at the start of the day. With today's evening stages cancelled, Richard would not suffer like yesterday in the dust and clearly had everything to go for: 555 teammate Possum Bourne was on hand to encourage and advise throughout the day as Richard sought to reel in Eriksson.

As the rally headed to the foothills East of Phrae, the 555 driver's challenge took a setback.

It lost the pair nine seconds and as Eriksson kept the pressure on for the final two stages. The Swedish driver had a 12 second advantage over the 1993 British Champion when the competitors returned to Phrae this evening.

Behind the fight for the lead, Australian driver Ed Ordynski lies in a comfortable third place in his first rally in a Group A Mitsubishi Lancer. Malaysian driver Karamjit Singh holds fourth in a Proton clear of the four way battle for fifth between local drivers all in Mitsubishi Lancers.

Karlsson, Voelker rule pool

Germany reign supreme

STAVANGER, Norway, Dec 5: Germany's Sandra Voelker and Sweden's Louise Karlsson won their top events for the fourth time in succession on Sunday to maintain twin 100 per cent records at the European Sprint Swimming Championships, reports Reuter.

Voelker, who had retained her 50 metres freestyle crown on Saturday, remained invincible in the 50 metres backstroke which she has monopolised since the inaugural European Sprint Championships in Gelsenkirchen, Germany in 1991.

Karlsson claimed the women's 100 metres individual medley title for the fourth time with equal panache and earned an award for the top performance by a woman swimmer in the two-day meeting.

Mark Warnecke, denying Russia's Vasily Ivanov a fourth successive 50 metres breaststroke title, was rated the top men's performer and helped Germany finish once again top of the medals table with seven of the 14 titles.

Warnecke also assisted Germany to a world best time in the men's 4x50 metres freestyle mark on Saturday.

Sweden, level with Germany on three titles apiece on Saturday, raised their golden tally to four thanks to Karlsson.

Bulgaria, Poland and the Netherlands accounted for the only other golds in the 20-nation meeting which attracted only 110 swimmers.

Jirka Letzin, Warnecke, Dirk Vandenhirtz and Silko Guenzel clocked one minute 38.01 seconds to win the seldom swum 4x50 metre medley relay and better the 1:30.10 world best mark set by a Finnish quartet at the November 1992 European Sprint Championships in Wespool, Finland.

Krzysztof Cwalina won Poland's first European sprint title, depositing Sweden's Jakim Homqvist with a decisive victory in the men's 50 freestyle.

Cwalina clocked 22.01 seconds to triumph handsomely over Holomqvist (22.50) and Gunzel (22.53).

Teammate Dagnara Komorowicz challenged Voelker on the first length in the 50 backstroke but could not match her rival's power on the return length. The German won by almost a second in 27.96 seconds.

Voelker ended the meeting with four golds, anchoring the women's 4x50 freestyle squad for a share of a second relay title.

Angela Postma of the Netherlands, silver medalist behind Voelker in Saturday's 50 freestyle, took early command to win the 50 butterfly.

Postma raised Dutch spirits after veteran Ron Dekker had been forced to settle for his fourth successive silver in the 50 breaststroke.

Dekker, beaten by Ivanov in the first three editions of these championships was thwarted by Warnecke by a cruelly small margin of 0.03 seconds.

Disqualification had denied the ill-starred Dutchman a bronze in his 100 individual medley title defence on Saturday.

Ivanov could manage only fourth this time. Denied the bronze by fellow Russian Dmitry Kovok.

Slovakia's Martina Moravcova, who had just collected a bronze medal at the 50 backstroke victory ceremony, returned to the fray with barely a pause for breath and took the butterfly silver.

Britain's Susan Rolph also achieved a creditable medal double, following Saturday's 50 freestyle bronze with the silver in the 100 individual medley 0.32 seconds behind Karlsson.

Advertisement for Subaru 555. Includes text in Bengali: 'পি ডব্লিউ ডি দরপত্র আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি'. Features the Subaru logo and details about a rally event.

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