



A TRUE VICTORY MARCH IN THE MONTH OF VICTORY... the men in uniform having a hard time to contain a jubilant crowd as they try to enforce some sort of an order prior to the award giving ceremony after Bangladesh's enthralling one-run win over India at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo by A K M Mohsin

NZ 130 for eight

DURBAN, Dec 26: New Zealand had their backs to the wall at 130-8 when bad light stopped play two minutes before the tea interval on the first day Monday of the second Test against New Zealand at Kingsmead here, reports AFP.

The Kiwis owe their precarious position to some exceptional bowling from South Africa's all-pace attack and some poor strokeplay from their upper-order batsmen.

Only three batsmen were able to make double figures: Darrin Murray (38), Martin Crowe (18) and Shane Thomson, who is not out on 53.

The only partnership of note was 43 for the third wicket between Murray and Crowe.

Steven Jack made an impressive debut for South Africa, returning figures of 2-14 off 10 overs, while Brian McMillan and Fanie de Villiers weighed in with three wickets apiece.

Scrooge-like Craig Matthews was not giving anything away for Christmas, with only 23 runs coming off his 14 overs, of which nine were maidens.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first day in the second Test between South Africa and New Zealand at Kingsmead here:

NEW ZEALAND: First in-

	O	M	R	W
Young b Jack	2			
Murray c Richardson b De Villiers	38			
Fleming c Jack b De Villiers	4			
Crowe c De Villiers b Jack	18			
Kutherford c Commons b De Villiers	0			
Thomson not out	53			
Parore c Kirsten b McMillan	5			
Hart c Cronje b McMillan	5			
Dowd c Richardson b McMillan	0			
Morrison not out	0			
Extras: (b 4, nb 1)	5			
Total (8 wks)	130			
Overs: 52 (bad light stopped play, early tea taken)				
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-19; 3-62; 4-65; 5-66; 6-102; 7-114; 8-114.				

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Jack	10	4	14	2
De Villiers	16	5	51	8
Matthews	14	9	23	0
McMillan	11	3	35	3
Cronje	1	0	3	0

Nat'l handball begins

CHITTAGONG, Dec 26: The 10th national men's handball competition began at the Dampara police line ground here today, reports BSS.

Minister for Fishery and Livestock, Abdullah-Al-Noman inaugurated the competition as chief guest.

Bangladesh Handball Federation president MA Hamid was present.

Six matches were decided on the opening day.

Bangladesh Rifles crushed Rajshahi 45-7, Bangladesh Police outplayed JESSORE 30-15. Air Force defeated Navy 21-18. Dhaka knocked out Narail 22-20, and the hosts Chittagong Metropolitan Sports Association Pabna trounced 22-7.

Nat'l team bridge Jan 19

The national bridge team championship '95 of the Bangladesh Bridge Federation will be held from January 19 to January 27 here, states a press release, reports BSS.

Interested teams have requested to contact the following persons by January 12:

Kazi Abdul Halim, chief tournament director, Dhaka. Phone: 245083-5.

Mahfuzur Rashid, convener, tournament committee and president, Bangladesh Bank Club, Dhaka. Phones: 247403 (off) and 889657 (res).

Words of a red letter day

Sports Reporter

When Shakil Khan, one of the two umpires of yesterday's match, ruled the last Indian batsman out to the penultimate ball of the innings, it appeared to the zillion cricket lovers of this country as if a probated judge has awarded them with all the money in all the banks.

The 25,000-strong crowd at the big bowl, who kept their fingers crossed, erupted in thunderous cheers when wicket-keeper Jahangir Alam stumped Venkatesh Prasad off left-arm spinner Rafique to ensure Bangladesh their first ever win against any Indian side.

The delirious fans soon rushed on to the ground and invaded the players on a victory lap while the subdued section of the crowd hugged each other and waved the national flag with seemingly ceaseless enthusiasm.

Sandeep Patil, the manager of the Indian cricket team, was overwhelmed and summed up his feelings by saying, "it would be more fitting to say that cricket was the winner."

The match relieved the memories of the 1983 World Cup final," said Patil, who was a member of India's World Cup



rest of the cricketing world."

When asked to name the pick of the Bangladeshi performers, Patil said, "The credit should go to Aminul Islam who guided Bangladesh to a fighting total with a superb 64 and I must also appreciate the way

the bowlers and the fielders have performed."

The inspirational Bangladeshi captain, Akram Khan, for whom it was a dream debut after the Chittagong cricketer replaced Faruque Ahmed, said: "I have said earlier that we were going to win the match because my team possesses the killer's instinct."

"It is obviously the greatest moment of my cricketing career," added the soft spoken Bangladesh skipper.

Tanveer Haider, manager of the Bangladesh team, echoed Akram's words saying, "You know I said the other day at a dinner hosted by the BCCB that we were going to win the match."

Aminul Islam, who was named the man-of-the-match, for his gritty 64 — the highest individual score of the meet so far, said, "I'm happy that I have delivered what the team expected from me. It is one of the finest innings, I have ever played."

Mohammed Rafique, the young cricketer from Keraniganj, said, "I was not afraid when my skipper called me to bowl the last over. What crossed my mind was that I should let Utpal take a single because I was quite confident that I can pin down Prasad for the last five balls. Thank God, I'm successful."

Anisur Rahman, the most successful bowler so far in the tournament with a haul of ten wickets, who was once again unlucky not to win the man-of-the-match award after capturing three vital wickets in the match, said, "I'm not an award seeker. What I want is to improve on my performance."

"This is the first time in my career that I missed a match for the national team," said injured Minhazul Abedin. "I'm happy that my colleagues made it without me."

Brothers win

CHITTAGONG, Dec 26: Chittagong Brothers Union beat Bakalia Krira Parishad 1-0 in the tie-breaker in the Mayor Gold Cup football tournament at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

The match was goalless in the scheduled time.

In the tie-breaker, Bakalia's players missed all five penalties while four shots of Brothers were missed.

Chotan of Brothers scored the all-important goal.

Lapentti upsets Gomez

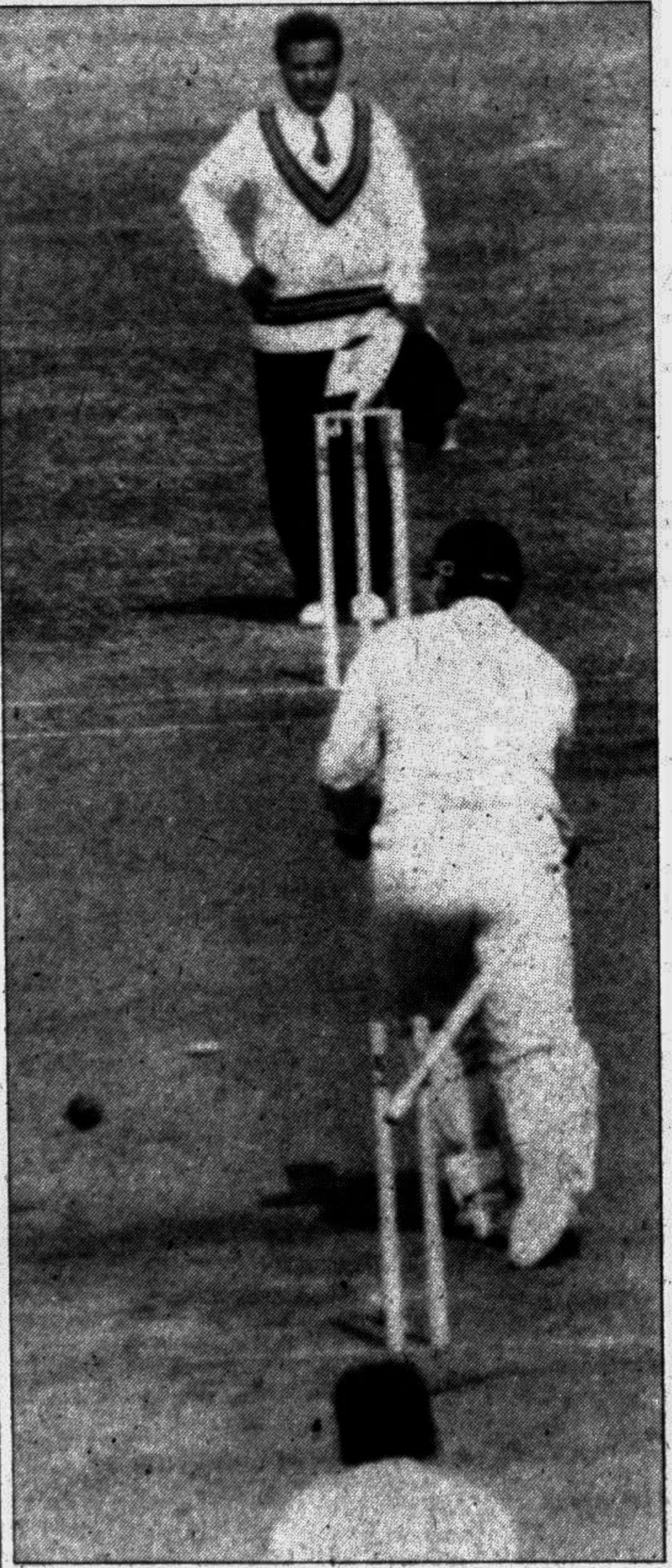
MIAMI BEACH, Fla, Dec 26: Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador, drawing on his Davis Cup experience, ended his junior tennis career by defeating doubles partner Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in the boy's 18s Rolex Orange Bowl international tennis championships on Sunday, reports AP.

"There's not much pressure in this tournament after I played Davis Cup with Andres Gomez, our country hero, at home," Lapentti said. "It was a great experience."

Gomez won the French Open in 1990.

Lapentti broke service to lead 4-2 in the first set, then won it by returning Kuerten's attempted drop shot down the line.

With the second set on serve through 11 games, Lapentti staved off set points with a service winner and a forehand winner down the line. In the tiebreaker, Lapentti followed his baseline topspin groundstrokes to the net.



Indian paceman Prashant Vaidya sends Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan's off-stump cartwheeling during yesterday's SAARC cricket tournament match at the Dhaka Stadium.



Scoreboard of the Bangladesh-India match in the SAARC cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium:

BANGLADESH:	
Jahangir Alam c Rathore b Ankola	12
Athar Khan run out	26
Al-Shahri b Prasad	0
Aminul Islam b Prasad	64
Akram Khan b Vaidya	11
Naimur Rahman b Vaidya	0
Enamul Huq c and b Vaidya	20
M Rafique b Prasad	2
Safiful Islam not out	5
Sajal Chowdhury not out	7
Extras: (b-2, lb-9, wb-8, nb-6)	25
Total: wkt's, 50 overs	172
Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-33; 3-63; 4-94; 5-98; 6-154; 7-159; 8-162.	
Bowling:	
V Prasad	10 2 25 3
S Ankola	10 5 28 1
P Vaidya	10 0 35 3
Utpal Chatterjee	10 0 32 0
R Chauhan	10 0 41 0

INDIA:

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V Rathore c Naimur b Athar	35
Arun Kumar lbw b Athar	0
R Dravid lbw b Rafique	33
A Bedade c Sajal b Athar	21
P Amre c Naimur b Athar	7
V Vaidya c Enamul b Safiful	11
P Vaidya run out	22
Utpal Chatterjee not out	6
S Ankola st Jahangir c Enamul	5
R Chauhan b Enamul	10
V Prasad st Jahangir b Rafique	2
Extras: (lb-5, wb-12, nb-2)	19
Total: (all out, 49.5 overs)	171
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-61; 3-83; 4-107; 5-107; 6-137; 7-150; 8-158; 9-166.	
Bowling:	
Sajal Chowdhury	5 1 28 0
Anis	10 0 28 3
Safiful Islam	9 0 27 1
Athar Ali Khan	7 0 22 1
Enamul Huq	10 0 36 2
Rafique	8.5 0 25 2

Result: Bangladesh won by one run.

Man-of-the-match: Aminul Islam Bulbul (Bangladesh)

SCORING PATTERN

	Bangladesh	India
After 5 overs	16/0	20/1
After 10 overs	32/1	33/1
After 15 overs	35/2	42/1
After 20 overs	45/2	49/1
After 25 overs	58/2	80/2
After 30 overs	77/3	97/3
After 35 overs	94/4	113/5
After 40 overs	113/5	137/6
After 45 overs	142/5	153/7
After 50 overs	172/8	

STANDINGS

Standing of the SAARC cricket tournament at the end of Bangladesh-India match (tableau under teams, matches, wins, losses, ties, points)

India	3 2 1 0 4

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