

Toyota int'l jr tennis from tomorrow

The Toyota ninth Bangladesh international junior tennis championship...

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman will formally inaugurate the six-day international junior ranking tournament at 3 pm.

Speaking at a news conference, chairman of the organising committee A N Hussain said 54 players, including 22 girls from nine countries will take part in the tournament in four events — boys' singles and doubles, girls' singles and doubles.

The participating countries are: Pakistan, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Oman, Uzbekistan, Slovenia, Austria and hosts Bangladesh.

Players from Austria, Hong Kong, India, Slovenia have already arrived in the capital and the rest are expected well before the meet begins.

The winner of the singles will earn 40 international junior ranking points while the runner-up will get 30 points. The semifinalists will secure 20 while the quarter-finalists will receive 10, Hussain said.

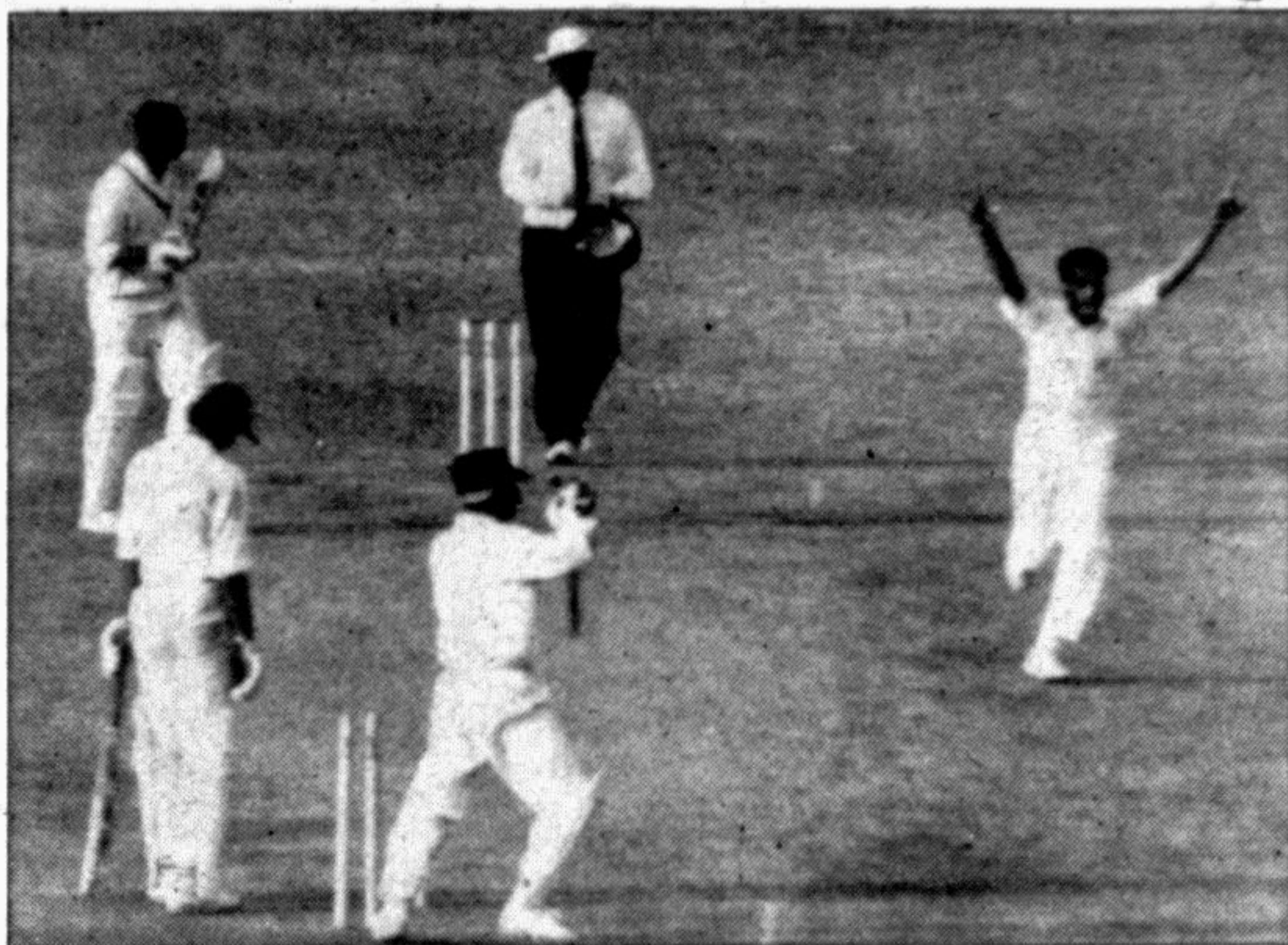
In the doubles, the winners will get 30 ITF points while the runners-up and the semifinalists will get 20 and 10 respectively.

The top seed is India's Saurav Panja, who is now 91st in the ITF ranking. Thirteen boys and as many girls with ITF rankings will take part in the championships.

The matches will start at 8 am everyday.

The BTF has organised a photo competition on the photographs of the tournament to be published during the meet. Press photographers have been invited to take part in the competition, the BTF officials said.

The draw will take place today.



IT'S ALL OVER: Wicketkeeper Debashis Barua uproots a stump to chime in with a delighted Enamul Haq, who picked up two wickets in the penultimate over to send the Kenyans hurtling to a six-run defeat in their last exhibition match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

A sad farewell to Kenya



The visiting Kenyans ended their two-week tour on a sour note when the Bangladesh national team handed them a stinging six-run defeat in a limited over exhibition match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In an intriguing finish, the hosts, who were defending somewhat a shaky total of 170 for eight, bundled their opponents out for 164 in 48.5 overs to maintain an all-time record in the four engagements against the Kenyans.

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who had captured four wickets against Kenya on Friday, claimed five wickets to design the second consecutive defeat of the South Indian team to the shadow national eleven of Bangladesh.

The Hyderabad Cricket Association could muster only 161 for eight wickets when they ran out of overs in a wicket assisting the bowlers.

Among the, visiting willow welders, Praveen Reddy with 30 could offer some sort of resistance before becoming one of Sharfuddin's five victims while Sridhar, the only century-maker in the series of exhibition matches, made only 17 before depositing his wicket to Sharfuddin's account, who finished with five for 28 in his 10 overs.

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Maradona fined

Buenos Aires, Feb 4: Diego Maradona has been fined 2,100 dollars by the Argentinian Football Association for insulting two referees, including one who ordered him from the touchline during a match last Saturday, reports Reuter.

Maradona, currently coaching Racing Club, insulted referees Francisco Lamolina and Javier Castrilli after his team were beaten 2-0 by Independiente.

A statement from the AFA said: "We repudiate Maradona's expressions in which he disrespectfully casts doubts on the honourability and professionalism of our men."

Lamolina ordered Maradona from the touchline after the former national team captain threw a ball at an Independent player.

Maradona called Lamolina "a good for nothing" and said drinking "a couple of bottles of wine" had added the referee's judgement.

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Pakistan humiliated by an innings and 64 runs

Zimbabwe's finest moment

HARARE, Feb 4: Zimbabwe won their first cricket Test ever when they thrashed Pakistan by an innings and 64 runs here Saturday, reports AFP.

Pakistan followed on 222 runs behind they were shot out a second time for 158 to give Zimbabwe, the newest Test nation, their finest hour.

After being bowled out for 322 in the first session of the fourth day Pakistan went into lunch at 11-0.

But in a disastrous 66 minutes after the break everything fell apart as they collapsed to 35-5 in the 20th over.

A stubborn stand of 96 between first innings hero Inzamamul Haq and Rashid Latif helped up the Zimbabwean for

who had taken 6-90 in the first innings, the best figures by a Zimbabwean bowler in Tests, bowled last man Aaqib Javed for 2 there was a massive cheer from the festive 3,000 Zimbabwean crowd.

There were three wickets apiece for left-arm paceman David Brain, Guy Whittall and Heath Streak. Brain took 3-50, Whittall 3-58 and Streak 3-15 which gave him match figures of 9-105.

But the man-of-the-match prize went jointly to Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower and his brother Grant. They laid the foundation of Zimbabwe's huge first innings score of 544-4 declared with a 269-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Grant went on to get an unbeaten 201 while Andy finished on 157.

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Pakistan on Saturday.

ZIMBABWE: First innings 544-4 declared (G Flower 201 not out, A Flower 156, Whittall 113 not out)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 27) for seven)

Scoreboard on the second day of the fifth Test between Australia and England.

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 283 for four)

M Slater c Lewis b DeFreitas 124
M Taylor c Rhodes b Lewis 9
D Boon c Ramprakash c Lewis 1
M Waugh c DeFreitas b Lewis 88
S Waugh not out 99
G Blewett c Rhodes b Fraser 20
I Healy c Lewis b DeFreitas 12
S Warne c Rhodes b DeFreitas 1
J Angell run out 11
C McGrath run out 0
C McDermott run out 6
Extras (lb-4, lb-4, w-4, nb-9) 31
Total (for eight wickets) 402

Fall of wickets: 1-47; 2-55; 3-238; 4-247; 5-287; 6-320; 7-328; 8-386; 9-388

Bowling: O M R W
Malcolm 31 6 93 0
DeFreitas 29 8 91 3
Fraser 32 11 84 1
Lewis 31.5 8 73 3
Gooch 1 1 0 0
Ramprakash 11 0 43 0

ENGLAND: First innings
Gooch lbw M Waugh 37
Atherton c Healy b McGrath 4
Gatting b McGrath 0
Thorpe not out 58
Crawley c Warne b M Waugh 0
Ramprakash not out 14
Extras (1-nb) 1
Total (for four wickets) 110

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Glenn McGrath 14 4 45 2
Greg Blewett 4 1 9 0
Mark Waugh 5 2 13 2
Shane Warne 4 1 12 0

Batting time 149 minutes (overs 36 overs)

India A on familiar course

Dean Jones in record books

MELBOURNE, Feb 4: Dean Jones became Victoria's greatest run-scorer during his swashbuckling unbeaten 218 against South Australia on Friday, reports Reuter.

He surpassed Bill Lawry's record of 7,618 runs when he reached 132.

Jones was at his dashing best on the opening day of the Sheffield Shield match, totally demoralising the South Australian attack with the eighth double century of his career off just 292 balls.

He hit 23 fours and two huge sixes to take his tally of runs for the summer to 935 and remind the national selectors, he remains one of Australia's most talented and exciting batsmen.

Said Lawry: "To lose the record to some one like Dean Jones is almost a pleasure. He's been a super player for us and a massive run-scorer, especially in the last two or three seasons."

Victoria were 376 for one at the close.

Div III football

Sports Reporter

Fire Service and Civil Defence S & RC and Rahmatganj Club won their respective Pragati Insurance Third Division football league matches by an identical 1-0 margin at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Amjad scored in the ninth minute of the proceedings as Fire Service edged past Purbachal Parishad in the first match of the day while Sohel's 13th-minute strike gave Rahmatganj a lone goal victory over Chalanitika in the other billing of the day.

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RARE SUCCESS FOR HK

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PERTH, Feb 4: Australian bowlers Glenn McGrath and Mark Waugh took two wickets apiece to have England struggling at 110 for four at stumps Saturday, second day of the fifth and final Ashes cricket Test at the WACA ground, reports AP.

England's hopes of scoring 203 runs to avoid the follow-on rest largely on the shoulders of the fifth wicket pair. In-form batsman Graham Thorpe is unbeaten on 54 with Mark Ramprakash on 14.

Australia earlier scored 402 runs in their first innings. England looked like recovering from a second-over batting disaster when medium-pacer Mark Waugh took two wickets in the space of four deliveries as the innings sunk to 77 for four.

Waugh, who conceded 11 runs in his first over, struck with the first delivery of his second — trapping Graham Gooch (37) leg before wicket. Three balls later he had John Crawley brilliantly caught by Shane Warne at second slip for a duck.

McGrath made up for the absence of the experienced Craig McDermott — who was sidelined by a back injury — forcing England on the back foot in his first over, taking two wickets off successive deliveries.

Skipper Michael Atherton suffered a rare failure, dismissed for the first time in the series without getting into double figures.

After Atherton gloved a catch down leg side to wicket-keeper Ian Healy, Mike Gatting fell for his second nought in successive innings

when McGrath forced him to play-on the very next delivery.

McDermott suffered a sprained back during a net session and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Having hobbled around for 25 minutes in a desperate effort to see Steve Waugh through to a century, McDermott aggravated the injury, forcing him out of Australia's new ball attack.

Steve Waugh batted for 288 minutes before being stranded on an unbeaten 99 as Australia posted their sizeable first innings total.

Waugh became only the second batsman in Ashes history to remain not out on 99 when No. 11 McDermott was run out.

Steve's twin brother Mark, running for McDermott, backed up too far and a TV replay decided the non-striker's fate.

Former England opener Geoff Boycott was the only other batsman left unbeaten on 99 — in an Ashes Test here in 1978-79.

England's frustration continued for the second day as the tourists dropped two more catches to add to a first day tally of four.

Australia resumed on 283 for four and Greg Blewett departed in the fourth over the day for 20 when he edged a catch to wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes off the bowling of Angus Fraser.

Healy, discomforted by a calf muscle injury, batted with a runner and helped Waugh add 37 runs for the sixth wicket.

Waugh, who resumed on 23 played and missed for major part of the morning session

but batted bravely to hit 12 boundaries off 183 balls, the sixth time he has reached the 90s in 72 Tests.

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Sports Reporter

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The draw left Badda Jagarani at 26 points from 13