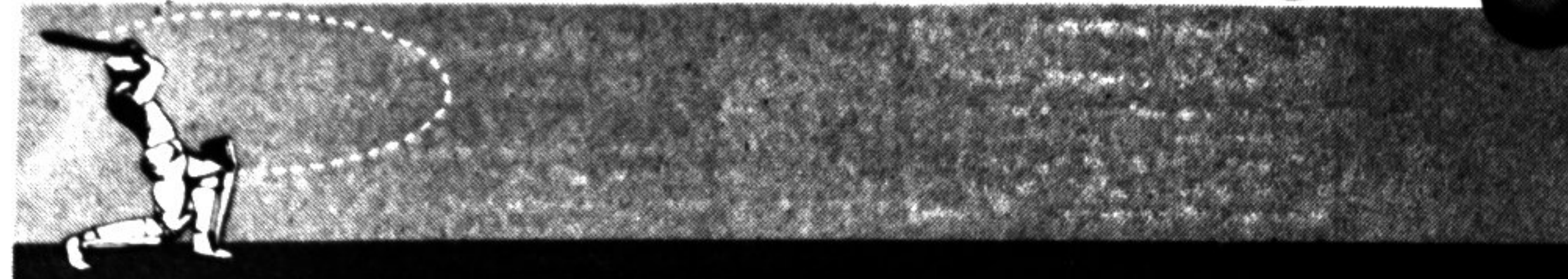


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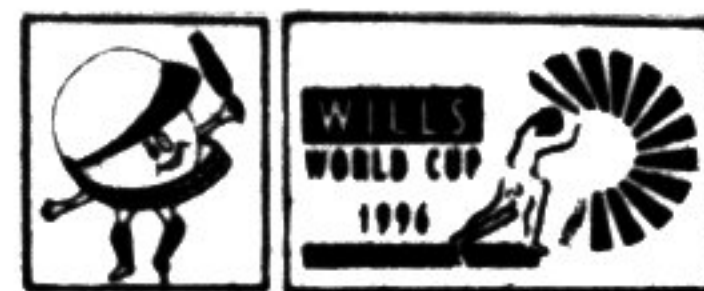
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Proposal for urging UN to solve crisis

Preening for the party

Computer can compel 'em to play!

CALCUTTA, Feb 8: The Pak India-Lanka Committee (PILCOM) today urged the ICC to refer the boycott issue to the United Nations in a bid to resolve the impasse which had jeopardised Willis World Cup matches in Sri Lanka, reports PTI.



NEW DELHI, Feb 8: Calcutta, a city regarded as one of the world's filthiest, has begun cleaning itself up for the grand opening of the 12-nation World Cup Cricket tournament, reports AP.

NEW DELHI, India, Feb 8: So what if the Australians won't play cricket in Sri Lanka during the World Cup. You can force them to. And even make them win or lose, reports AP.

PILCOM convenor-secretary, Jagmohan Dalmyia said that United Nations should appoint an independent observer to comment on the state of affairs on security in the island nation.

This week, police set ablaze hundreds of mud-and-thatch houses just behind the Eden Gardens Stadium, which sits alongside the Ganges river, and pushed out thousands of vendors who crowd the sidewalks selling everything from fruit to ball-point pens.

"It's good for business. A lot of people will be coming to the hotel just to catch a glimpse of their favorite cricket stars," he said in a telephone interview.

A computer software has been released in India just in time for the World Cup, and it allows arm-chair cricket buffs to ring up their own teams, coach existing ones, and play in any of the 37 stadia in the subcontinent.

"PILCOM's stand on the Sri Lankan issue remains the same. We have made a request to the ICC to appoint an independent United Nations observer to comment on the security situation there," Dalmyia said.

Nearby roads are being resurfaced, and walls of 200-year-old British colonial mansions, stained by betel juice that passersby spit out, are being scrubbed clean by municipal workers.

Thousands of people are already visiting a museum close to Eden Gardens where the Willis World Cup trophy is being displayed. The 28-inch-tall (70 centimetres) silver cup, with a batsman perched atop it, was designed by a London jeweler.

"Cricket Challenge" allows a user to play many one-day internationals, choosing teams from among 500 players.

He said administrators were not in a position to comment on security, it should be done by people who knew.

Calculta was once the pride of Britain's colonies, with wide boulevards, manicured gardens and huge country villas.

The software, developed over six years by the Bangalore-based Hallmark Software Pvt Ltd, analyzes the records of bowlers and batsmen, weather conditions typical of various regions, and the quality of the grounds. It allows the user to programme specific strategies, from extremely defensive to utterly wild.

The Windows version, which costs 1,490 rupees (40 dollars), was developed by Y Anantha Narayanan, and its database is constantly updated.

He said there was still no reaction to PILCOM's latest proposal as top officials of the ICC were on transit at the moment.

But that was 200 years ago.

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It will provide 150 pages of cricket statistics, match schedules and Gavaskar's syndicated cricket column.

The chairman of ICC, Clyde Walcott and chief executive David Richards were expected to reach the city by tomorrow to attend the meeting.

Since then, the city has crumbled under the pressure of nearly 13 million residents, many of them illegal immigrants living in shantytowns like the one levelled alongside the stadium. Another five million arrive each day to work as hawkers or day laborers.

Police say they will frisk spectators for firecrackers and won't even allow them to carry water bottles into the stadium.

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Historical tie sees a batting nightmare

Determined yet dejected

SYDNEY, Feb 8: Nineteen wickets fell on the opening day of the historic day-night Sheffield Shield match between Queensland and New South Wales on Wednesday as the yellow ball swung and seamed continuously throughout both innings, reports Reuter.



COLOMBO, Feb 8 (AP): If the controversies don't take their toll, Sri Lanka's cricket squad could have their best chance ever of winning the World Cup.

wide exposure during the upcoming World Cup have been dashed as two key teams stay away and newspapers, politicians and the cricket-crazy public have roundly blasted Australia and the West Indies for pulling out of their matches scheduled in Sri Lanka.

At the close New South Wales were 151 for nine in reply to the defending champion's 150 all out at the Gabba in the first Shield match to be played under lights.

This tiny island nation has been performing at its best during the past months, even though its ace off-spinner

The Pope's been here. Princess Anne's been here. The Duke of Kent's been here," cricket fan and chairman of the famous Galle Face Hotel, Cyril Gardiner, told

PCB chief executive Arif Abbasi, quoted by the official APP news agency, said Indians and Pakistanis holding match tickets worth 700 rupees (20 dollars) or more would get visas for a limited period without having to report to police.

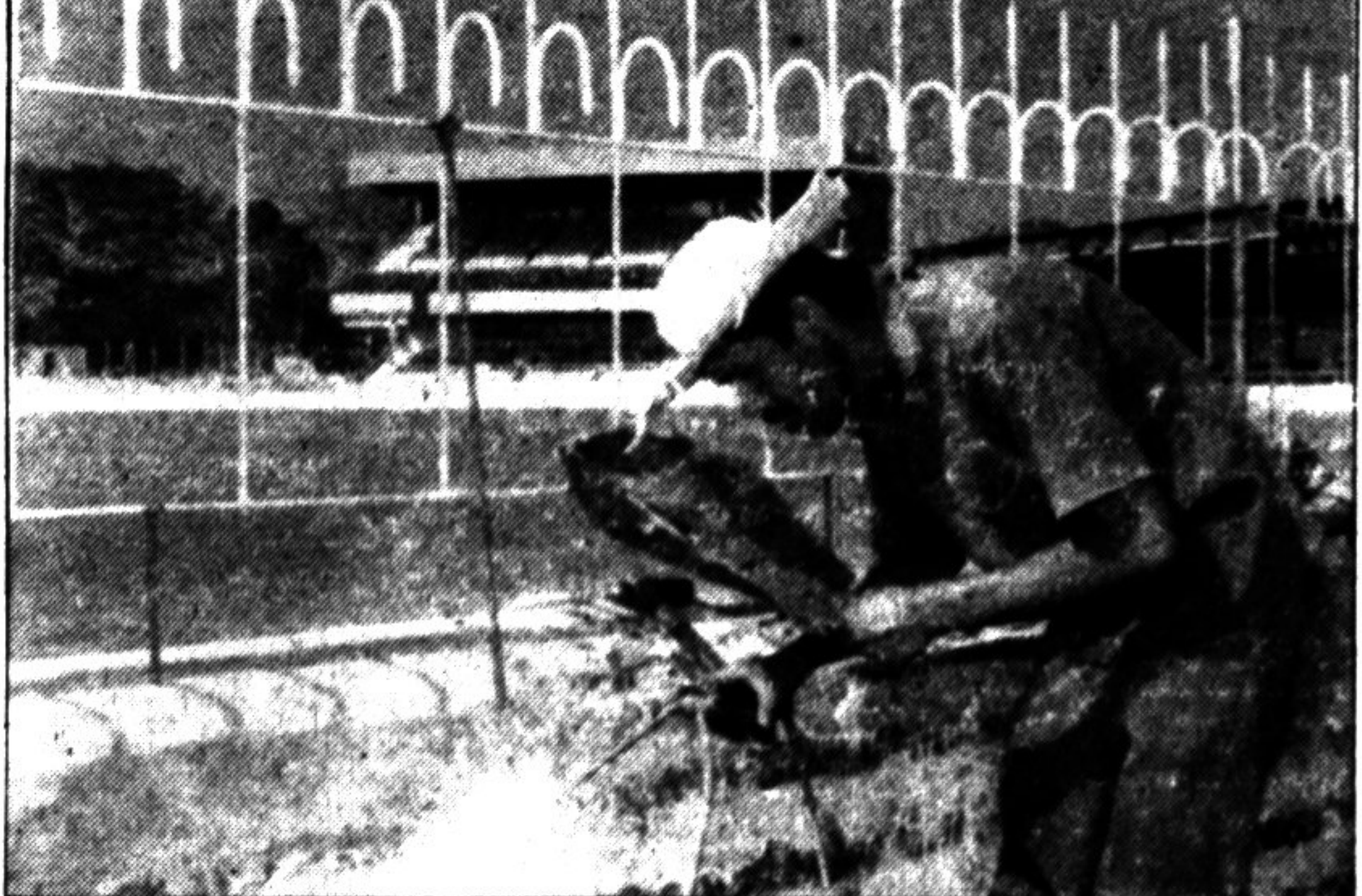
Veteran Queensland pace bowler Dirk Tazelaar took five for 37 in 16 overs as New South Wales rallied from a parlous four for four to take first innings points.

Sri Lanka has a string of capable batsmen in Rohan Mahamana, Asanka Gurus-

India will issue 1,000 visas for semi-finals and both India and Pakistan will issue 1,000 visas each for quarter-finals and 500 visas for each of group matches, he said.

Normally, Pakistani and Indian visitors to each other's country report their arrival to police because of strained relations between the two countries, who are co-hosting the World Cup with Sri Lanka.

Queensland captain Allan Border was still optimistic that his team could snatch victory.



A welder gives his final touch Feb 8 on the security fence at the Sinhalese Sports Club grounds ahead of the first round World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe scheduled to be played in Colombo Feb 21.

The bottom line is that we are still in the game, our heads are not down," he said. "To bat like we did and then have them nine for 150, I'm quite satisfied. We want six points."

Muttiah Muralitharan faces charges of throwing. But the International Cricket Council has cleared it of charges of ball-tampering during its tour of Australia in January.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 8: The West Indies' World Cup squad were forced to return to Barbados on Wednesday night when their aircraft developed engine problems shortly after take off, reports Reuter.

Both West Indies and Australia have refused to play in Sri Lanka after the bomb blast last Wednesday which killed up to 80 people and injured 1,200.

In Hobart, an unbeaten half century by wicket-keeper Mark Atkinson helped steer Tasmania out of trouble on the first day of their Shield match against South Australia.

Right now, Australia and the West Indies are trying to avoid playing in Sri Lanka because of a terrorist attack.

West Indies are travelling to London en route to India, where they were scheduled to play their opening Group A game next Friday against Zimbabwe.

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Captained by David Boon, now retired from Test cricket, Tasmania had been in trouble at 122 for five before a steady partnership between Atkinson and fast bowler Colin Miller, 31.

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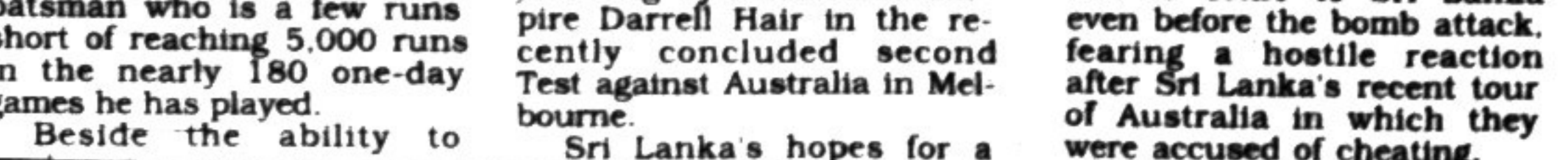
Atkinson was 59 not out at the close with Tasmania 258 for eight.

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Cork deepens Illy's woe



Scene from yesterday's seventh round matches of the International Masters' qualifying chess tournament at the NSC.

LAHORE, Pakistan, Feb 8: Dominic Cork, England's leading strike bowler over the past 12 months got off the field during a practice match on Thursday with an injured knee, reports Reuter.

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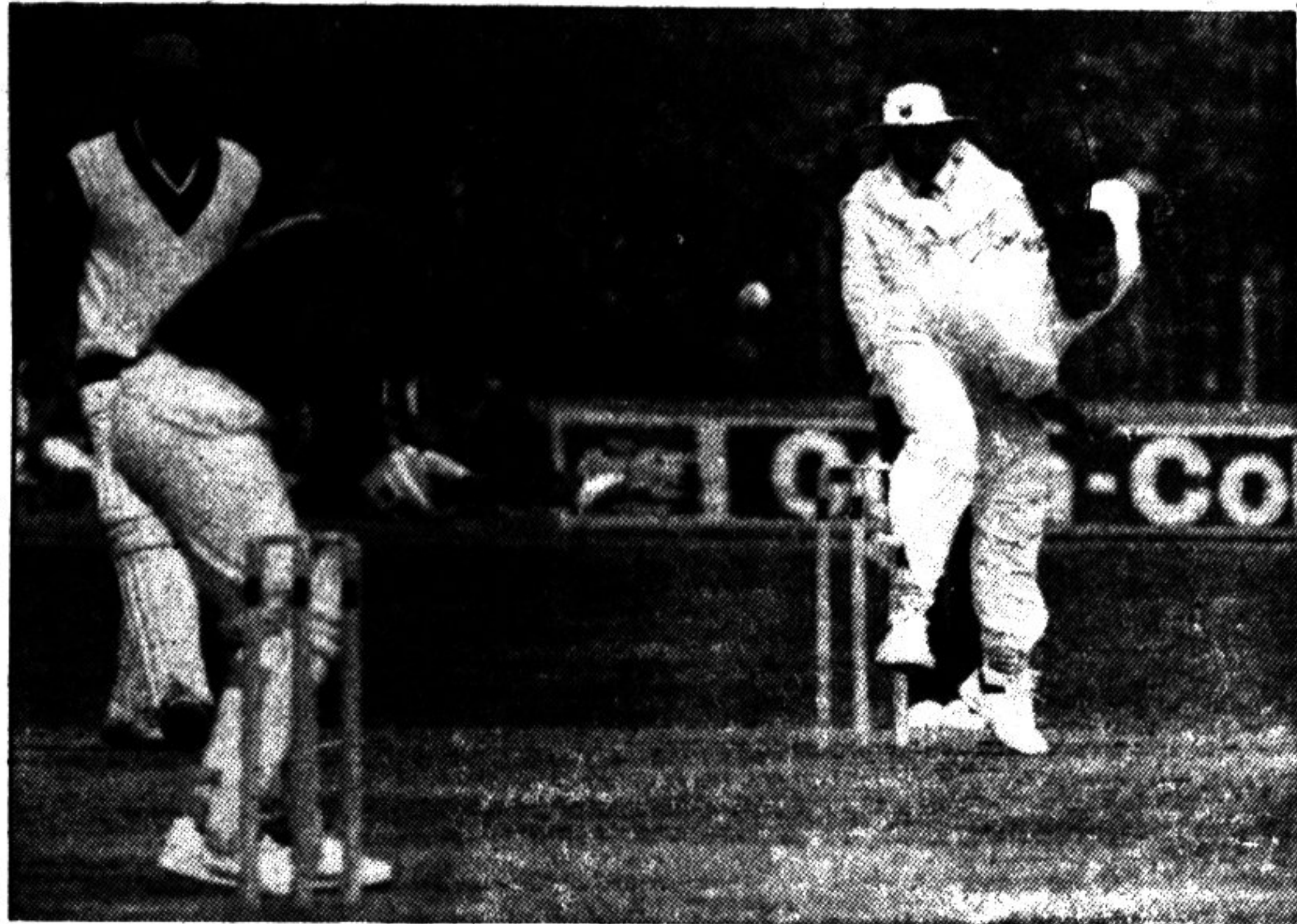
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Robin Smith, who pulled a groin muscle taking a spectacular catch at mid-wicket during another warm-up match on Wednesday, will learn his World Cup future this weekend.

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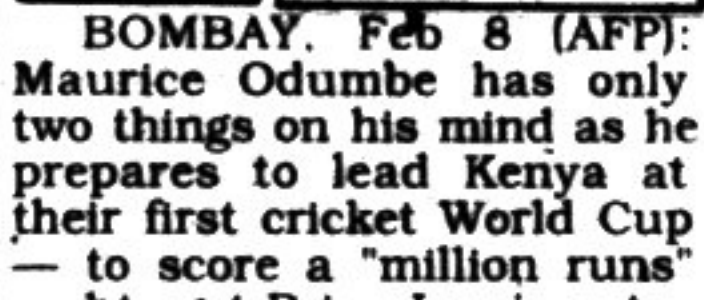
England fast bowler Darren Gough follows through on a delivery while the striking batsman anticipates during their practice match for the World Cup against Lahore yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Aspiring to an autograph



the shape of a bat and used maize corn as a ball," he remembered.

His dream of playing in the big league came true in 1994 when Kenya won the ICC trophy for non-Test nations in Nairobi to qualify for the upcoming World Cup.



Kenya showed on Wednesday they were fast learners when they defeated fellow debutants Holland by 64 runs in a practice match at the Brabourne stadium to avenge Monday's narrow three-run defeat.

Kenya are drawn with Australia, India, West Indies, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka in the preliminary league. Four of those teams will advance to the quarter-finals.

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- Information: The Daily Star-Philips World Cup Quiz is a series of 2 (two) Quiz Competitions on World Cup Cricket. Sets of questions will be published from Feb 4-17, 1996 for Quiz 1 and from Feb 25-March 15, 1996 for Quiz 2 which will be a Bumper Round. In the Sports Page. For the Quiz Competitions the prizes will be as follows:
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11. In complete forms will not be considered.

Quiz 1 Entries close on 17-2-96

Quiz questions and answer grid. Questions include: The final of the 1975 World Cup was held on June 14, June 21, or June 27. The 1979 World Cup was won by Australia, England, or West Indies. The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was M Amarnath, S Gavaskar, or Kapil Dev. The 1987 World Cup final was held in Bombay, Calcutta, or Lahore. The highest scorer in the 1992 final was Graham Gooch, Imran Khan, or Javed Miandad. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by Grant Flower, D. Houghton, or Andy Flower. Bangladesh has been participating in the ICC Trophy since 1975, 1977, or 1979.

Write with a ball point pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to or drop in the Quiz Box in the Daily Star. You may send as many entries as you like.