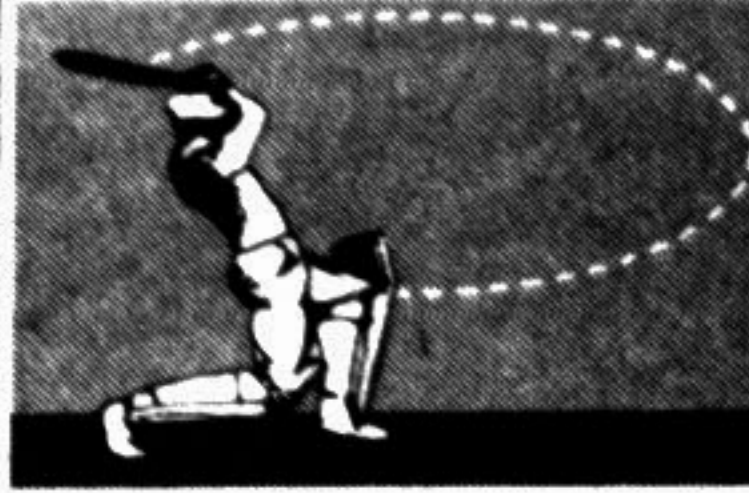


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**South Korea lift
Indira Gandhi
Gold Cup**

LUCKNOW, India, Feb 10: Defending champions South Korea beat India 3-2 today to win the four-nation Indira Gandhi Gold Cup hockey tournament, reports Reuter.

Australia took third place beating the United States 5-1.

Shin Heum Park scored in the 16th minute to put South Korea ahead, but Sarabjit Singh senior equalised nine minutes later.

Two quick goals from Keon Wook Kang and Seok Kyo Shin in the 41st and 45th minutes gave the Koreans a firm advantage, and Brojen Singh could only reduce the margin with his 55th minute goal.

"It is always difficult to beat India on their home ground. My team played well and according to a strategy," South Korean coach Kim Sang Rhyul said.

"We only needed a draw to win the tournament," Indian coach Vasudevan Bhaskaran said, blaming his team for "missed chances".

Australia rammed through the United States as a 14th minute goal by Todd Williams was followed by a bludgeoning attack just before half-time.

Glen Kingston scored two goals within a minute after half an hour and Lee Bodimead put one away three minutes later. Five minutes after the interval, Jason Duff scored again. A late goal by Scott Williams in the 63rd minute softened the blow.

**King's Cup soccer
Hosts shock
Finland**

BANGKOK, Feb 10: European finalists Denmark and Romania drew 2-2 in an exciting match on the opening day of the four-nation King's Cup on Friday, reports Reuter.

In the opening match earlier on Friday hosts Thailand scored in the 75th minute through Natipong Sritong-in and held on for the last 15 minutes to upset Finland 1-0 at the national stadium.

The second match of the day saw Romania dominate play in the first half with team captain Marius Lacatus leading the attack and it was no surprise when Ion Vidicu opened the scoring with a 20th minute penalty.

Denmark equalised through Jacob Laursen in the 36th minute before Romania went ahead just before the interval when Daniel Proden scored after a deflected attempt by Tiberiu Vurt.

Denmark took control of the match in the second half and equalised for a second time after 74 minutes with a powerful drive from Erik Bo Anderson.

Earlier, Natipong Sritong-in's goal helped the Southeast Asian Games champions thrill a cheering partisan crowd with their upset over Finland.

The Thais did most of the legwork in the early stages of the match but were unable to pierce their rival's defence until Natipong scored on a pass from midfielder Surachai Jaturappattarapong.

**France plans
gala draw for
soccer WC '98**

NEUCHÂTEL, Switzerland, Feb 10: The draw for the 1998 World Cup finals will be staged at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille before a crowd of 40,000 people, organising committee president Michel Platini said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Platini said all previous World Cup draws had been held indoors but France wanted to do something different to allow ordinary fans and children to take part.

"We want the 1998 World Cup to be a great festival," he said.

Platini said the draw for the 32 finalists would be held either before or during an extended halftime of a big soccer match at the Stade Velodrome in December next year.

He said famous players would be present, as they were for the qualifying draw staged at the Louvre Museum in Paris last December.

Platini, speaking at a congress to mark the opening of the FIFA-backed International Centre of Sports Studies, said he had discussed the plan with FIFA president Joao Havelange and general secretary Sepp Blatter.

Platini also said there would be a four-nation tournament involving France, Italy, England and probably Brazil staged in the summer of 1997 to act as a test of World Cup stadiums.

It's more than a sport



CALCUTTA, Feb 10: Pakistani cricketers stepped on Indian soil for the first time in seven years on Friday night, hoping to make up for lost time by winning both friends as well as the World Cup, reports AFP.

Wicket-keeper Rashid Latif said he hoped to also use the team's brief trip to Calcutta for Sunday's opening ceremony to trace his elder brother Shahid, whom he has not seen for 22 years.

"Please give me the telephone number of the Statesman (newspaper)," Latif asked an official as soon as the Pakistanis landed at the Calcutta airport amid tight security. "My brother works there."

Born in the Indian state of West Bengal, of which Calcutta is the capital, Latif and his parents opted for Pakistan in 1974 while his brother stayed behind to look after the family property here.

"I can't tell you how it will be when I meet Shahid bhai. The World Cup means so much to me. It will unite me with my brother," the 25-year-old said excitedly.

Latif was not in the Pakistani team which won the Nehru Cup tournament in Calcutta on their last visit to India in 1989. Since then, Pakistan has twice cancelled scheduled tours to India citing security fears.

Skipper Wasim Akram, who was besieged by photographers at the airport terminal, said he was delighted to come to India.

"Have many friends here, so India is like home to me. I am happy to be here because we always look forward to coming to India," the ace all-rounder said.

Akram was confident about Pakistan's chances of defending the World Cup, which they won in Australia in 1992 under Imran Khan's captaincy.

"Believe me, we are going to the World Cup again. The rounder said.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since the 1947 partition of the subcontinent. Cricket and hockey matches between the two neighbours generate huge tensions among supporters in both countries.

Williams hit a dazzling career-best 165 for the Leeward Islands against defending champions Barbados in Bridgetown. Simmons was equally punishing in his 156 for leaders Trinidad and Tobago, against Jamaica at Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad.

Both players were omitted from the World Cup 14 after dismal performances on the recent tours of Sharjah for the Champions Trophy and Australia for the World Series Cup.

Both emphasised the gap between international and first-class level Friday.

Williams' innings spanned five hours, included 25 fours and two sixes and lasted 189 balls. The 26-year-old's fourth regional century was the platform for an imposing Leeward Islands total of 429 for nine. He got admirable support from his captain Dave Joseph (78) and Carl Tuckett (63).

Simmons, the 32-year-old Trinidad and Tobago captain, led his team to 306 for five at the close. His Annings included 21 boundaries, lasted 239 balls and spanned 281 minutes.

Both semi-finals will be played in India. Lahore, in Pakistan, is the venue for the

reception and riot police outside to keep out hundreds of fans trying to seek entry.

Sri Lankan players have been given special armed escorts.

The Cricket Association of Bengal and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) say they were not taking chances.

"Now that we are assured that nothing will go wrong, we are totally satisfied," BCCI president Jinderjit Singh Bindra told AFP.

Visiting teams are, however, understandably nervous.

Several Pakistanis were seen asking their Indian counterparts on the security situation in Calcutta, where the two teams could possibly clash in the semifinals in March.

Pakistani Saad Anwar said a single blast should not be allowed to cast a shadow over cricket's premier limited-overs competition.

"Just one incident should not scare anybody," Anwar said.

**Azhar feels
Dev's absence**

CALCUTTA, Feb 10 (AP): Mohammed Azharuddin, considered to be a lucky cricket captain for India, is keeping his fingers crossed about his side's prospects in the 1996 Cricket World Cup.

"The team is well prepared," said Azharuddin under whose stewardship India has won 53 of 101 one-day international cricket matches.

India is going to miss all-rounder Kapil Dev, who turned down offers to stage a comeback for India. Dev retired from international cricket in 1994.

"It has been very hard to find a replacement for Dev. His experience is not there," the Indian captain said in an interview with The Week magazine.

He agrees with many experts who feel that the Indian squad for the World Cup lacks in experience.

Since Dev retired two years ago, India has been unable to put up a strong opening bowling attack and a middle-order batting display.

And the strongest of the Indian team has ever been was probably the time when it was known as Kapil's Devils after it won the cricket World Cup in 1983.

As it prepares for the first encounter of the 12-nation tournament which is being inaugurated on Sunday, India is heavily dependent on Azharuddin and his deputy Sachin Tendulkar for a good batting score.

"It is now fairly accepted that if (Sachin) Tendulkar and Mohammed Azharuddin fail, the game is over for India," said TS Venkataraman, a cricket commentator.

Rally Australia gets '95 WRTA award

555 Subaru driver and current World Champion, Colin McRae, presented Gerry Connelly, Clerk of Course, Rally Australia, with

the 1995 WRTA Rally of the Year Award at a packed press conference held prior to the Rally of Sweden on Feb 8, says a press release.

The Western Australia event won the honour ahead of the other eight rallies that made up the 1995 FIA World Rally Championship. Joint runners-up for the annual award were Spain's Catalunya Rally and the Rally of Portugal.

The eight rounds of the 1995 FIA World Rally Championship were judged by WRTA members using various criteria, including public relations and media coverage organisation and willingness to work the teams, drivers and co-drivers, spectator views of the event, safety procedures and route content.

Charles Reynolds of the World Rally Teams Association said, "Even though Telstra Rally Australia is one of the youngest events on the World Rally Championship, it has managed to incorporate the best aspects of other events around the world while remaining innovative in its presentation."

In receiving the award, Gerry Connelly said, "I'm very proud to receive this award on behalf of Rally Australia. It's great to see that by regularly consulting manufacturers, competitors, the FIA, and the media, we've managed to create an event that is so widely appreciated."



RASHID LATIF

boys are relaxed and that is a good sign," he said.

Pakistan will return home after the opening ceremony for the preliminary league in which they are grouped with England, South Africa, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates and Holland.

Pakistan may have to return to India for the quarter-final if they finish second or third in their group. A first or fourth position will keep them at home.

Both semi-finals will be played in India. Lahore, in Pakistan, is the venue for the

Stage set for supremacy

Short, the president of West Indies Cricket Board of Control, but fresh problems arose after he returned home.

He was fined by the WICBC for misconduct during the tour, a punishment that prompted Lara to make a late

1990, making his Test debut in the final match at Lahore where he scored 44.

Lara toured England in 1991, not playing in any of the Tests for his side. But it was on the 1992-93 tour of Australia that he showed his potential.

In the third Test at Sydney he scored a magnificent 277, which proved to be the turning point for his side in the series. The West Indies, 0-1 down, went on to win against Australia 2-1.

That innings, notable for its stroke play and concentration, was a prelude to his record-breaking performance in 1994.

Against England in the Caribbean, he piled up 798 runs in the five-Test series, crowning his achievement in the final game at St John's Antigua, by amassing 375 to break Sir Gary Sobers' 36-year-old record Test score of 365 not out.

Lara then landed a remunerative contract with Warwickshire and marked his debut season in English county cricket with a magical spell between April and June in which he stroked eight centuries in 11 first-class innings.

That golden phase included a monumental 501 not out against Durham which surpassed Pakistan's Hanif Mohammad's 499 as the highest score ever made in first-class cricket.

During the England tour, Lara peaked in the last three Tests with scores of 87, 145, 152 and 179 in a great batting display.

Cricket Manager Hall is sure that Lara will return to the game in a big way, and there can be no better place than the World Cup.

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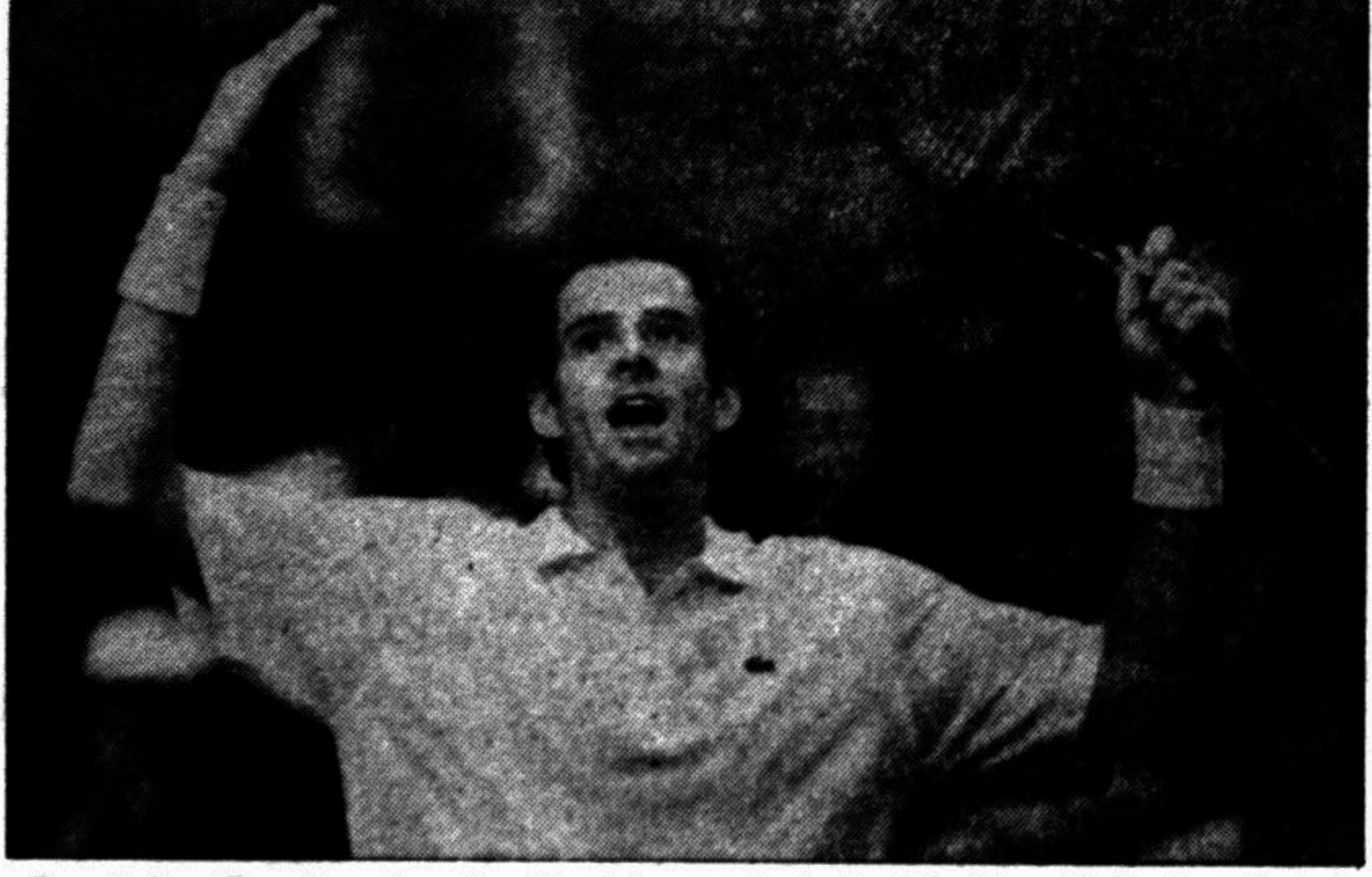
BRIAN LARA

withdrawal from the team's tour of Australia.

Born in the small hamlet of Cantaro, upper Santa Cruz, in North Trinidad on May 2, 1969, Lara revealed his prowess and passion for the game at an early age.

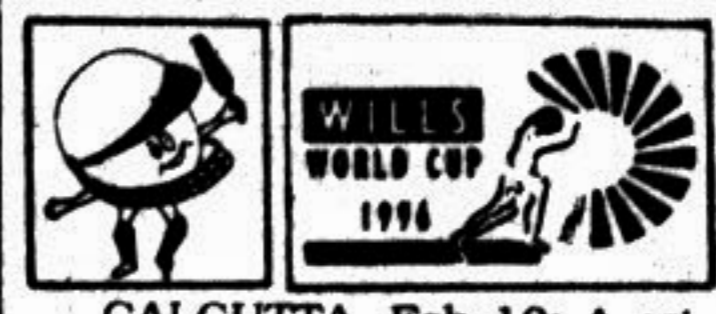
A product of the Harvard Club Coaching Clinic and Fatima College, he ruled regional youth cricket tournaments and soon graduated, making his first-class debut for Trinidad and Tobago in 1988 against the Leeward Islands.

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French Guy Forget exults after his victory against Danish Kenneth Carlsen during Davis Cup world group first round match at Besancon in France on Feb. 9. Forget won 6-4, 7-6 (7/3), 5-7, 7-6 (9/7). — AFP/UNB photo

Dialogue in a deadlock



entire thing is in a state of flux." The crisis meeting, chaired by International Cricket Council (ICC) chief Clyde Walcott was attended by PILCOM members and officials from all the 12 participating nations.

It followed requests from Australia and the West Indies to shift their matches out of Sri Lanka after more than 85 people were killed and 1,400 injured in a bomb blast in Colombo on January 31.

Australia and the West Indies were scheduled to play the hosts in Colombo on February 17 and 25 respectively. Two other teams also billed to play in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Kenya, have agreed to make the trip.

A PILCOM official said earlier on Saturday that one of the compromises being considered was rescheduling the programme with some of Sri Lanka's matches being shifted to India and vice-versa.

"The proposal to swap matches is being considered, every option is being looked into to solve the problem," the official told AFP.

"Sri Lanka are determined to host four matches, and if the Australian and West Indian games fall through in Colombo, we could hold them in India and give Sri Lanka two other matches instead," he said.

"It could create major organisation problems, but we will consider it only as a last option," the official said, refusing to divulge which matches were in line to be shifted.

Walcott, a former West Indian batsman, conceded on Friday that he could not force any team to play in Sri Lanka because "the ICC has no influence on the teams taking part in the World Cup."

Bindra, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), played own alternatives to force Sri Lanka to yield to Australian and West Indian demands to change venues.

He had held out a threat on Friday that tensions between playing nations could result in retaliatory boycotts in future.

"It would be counter-productive in the long term," he said of the Australian move that triggered a similar West Indian response. "If (World Cup) should not be allowed to be ruined in this manner."

"The refusal to play scheduled games raised fresh questions on rules regarding forfeiture of matches, which is not covered in the playing conditions."

"ICC cannot ignore laying down criteria for forfeiture of matches anymore," Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), told Reuters on Friday.

Priority over security



blamed on LTTE, which killed more than 85 people and injured hundreds was on their minds.

"Although the LTTE has said it will not attack World Cup teams, we cannot be lax," said a police officer, Tapan Talukdar, at the Eden Gardens.

The LTTE, which has denied staging the Colombo blast, said in remarks published in Indian newspapers today that the Australian and West Indies teams would not be harmed.

"We have nothing against any foreigners, and they have nothing to fear from us," LTTE spokesman Lawrence Thilagar was quoted as saying.

"Can we take their word on trust?" asked an official at the Taj Bengal Hotel where several teams, umpires and officials from the International Cricket Council (ICC) are staying.

"Hotels where the 12 participating teams have been put up have commandos at

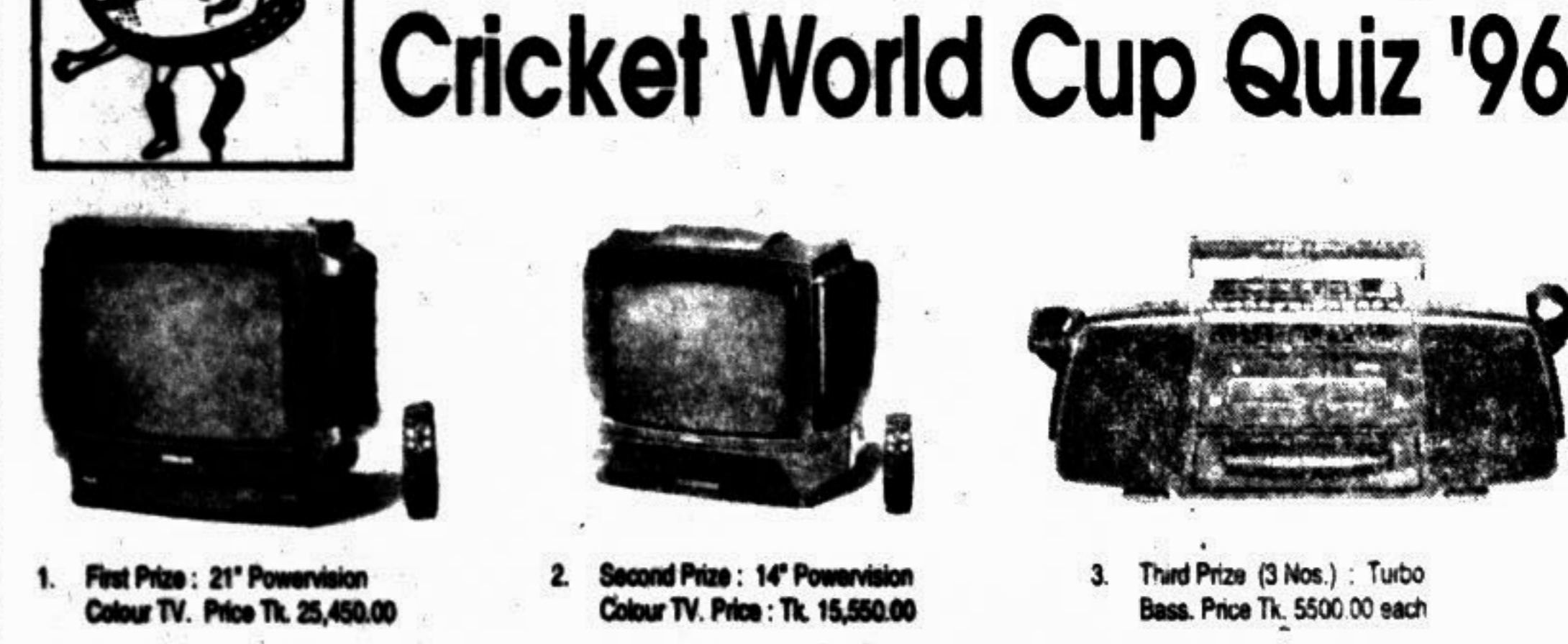
CALCUTTA, Feb 10: Fears of a Colombo-style suicide attack nag the organisers of the World Cup cricket, as the police fine-tuned the mammoth security ring ahead of the event's gala opening here Sunday, reports AFP.

Thousands of heavily-armed police and paramilitary troops placed the Eden Gardens out of bounds for cricket buffs and autograph seekers, cutting off roads leading to the 100,000-seat spruced-up stadium.

Security-cleared buses have been assigned to ferry officials and players to the stadium, while workers and other civilians are frisked before being allowed inside the stadium.

Police said fears of a repetition of the devastating January 31 Sri Lankan blast,

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- The 1979 World Cup was won by Australia England West Indies
- The man-of-the-match in the 1989 final was M. Amarnath S. Gavaskar Kapil Dev
- The 1987 World Cup final was held in Bombay Calcutta Lahore
- The highest scorer in the 1992 final was Graham Gooch Imran Khan Javed Miandad
- In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by Grant Flower D. Houghton Andy Flower
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