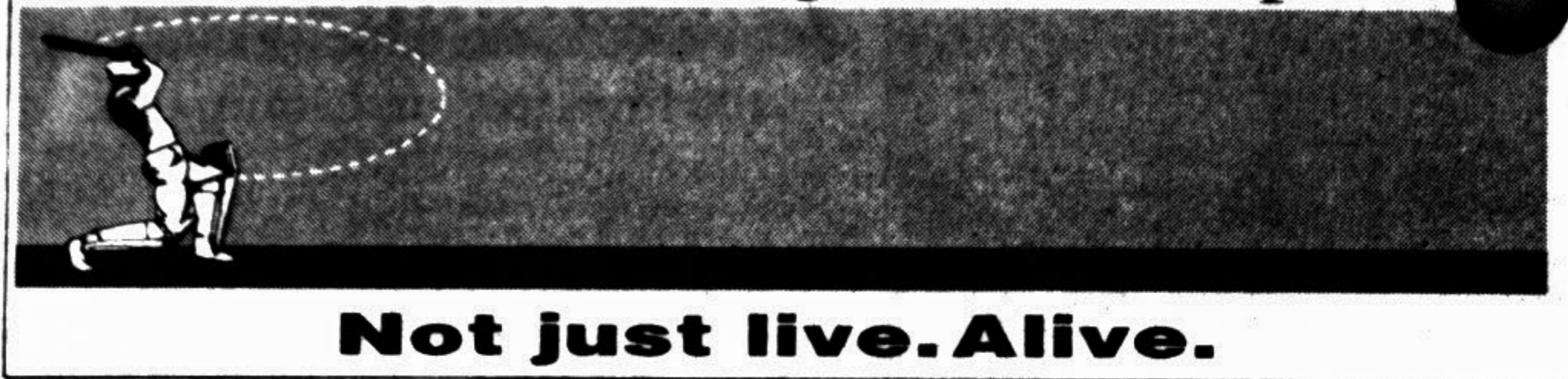


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Sonali Bank soccer Chalantika, BRTC promoted

Sports Reporter
Mirpur Chalantika and BRTC Sports Club earned promotion to the First Division after winning their penultimate Sonali Bank Second Division football league matches.

Among the two, Mirpur Chalantika was the first to confirm their place in the upcoming First Division when they handed Mahakhali Eleven a crushing 3-1 defeat on Saturday night at the Mirpur Stadium.

For the Suburban outfit, striker Shajahan, the highest scorer in the league, raised his tally to nine with two spectacular goals in the match. Rabul notched the third while Masud pulled one goal back of the vanquished.

With this win Chalantika raised their collection to 32 points with one match to spare in the 16-team league.

On the other hand BRTC recorded an emphatic 3-1 victory over Little Friends in one of the two matches decided at the same venue yesterday.

In a lop-sided affair Badrul struck twice and Uttam added the third to establish a resounding victory for BRTC, who with this win collected 30 points from 14 league engagements.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, Rayerbazar defeated Gandaria Famous by the odd goal in three with Amin and Jaisal scoring once apiece for the winners while Munir reduced the margin for the losers.

What a pity!

CALCUTTA, Feb 11: Indian authorities on Sunday ordered a strict security for the Australian cricket squad to avoid any attacks by angry cricket fans, reports AP.

Australia's refusal to play in Sri Lanka for security reasons has annoyed many in this cricket-crazy east Indian metropolis of 12 million people.

Anti-terrorist commandos from India's elite Rapid Action Force, a specialised group, have been put on the job to protect the Australian players and officials, a police official said.

"We have told the Australian team members not to move without the commandos," the official said on condition of anonymity.

The Australians have decided against playing in Sri Lanka where a terrorist bomb attack killed at least 83 people, and wounded 1,400 others last month.

"What a pity," wrote The Asian Age newspaper.

"Australia was known for the quality of its courage, its determination to fight; it is now becoming more famous for the colour of their liver," said M J Akbar, the newspaper editor in an article.

Australian chicken and Sri Lankan curry are on the World Cup menu, said Akbar.

Trinidadians take reins

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 11: Trinidad and Tobago, the only team that has won all their matches in this year's regional Red Stripe cricket competition, took command over Jamaica on the second day of the tournament's third round, reports AP.

The Trinidadians, who beat Barbados and Guyana in their first two matches, piled up a first innings 408 and then reduced Jamaica to 139 for seven wickets in reply by the end of Saturday's competition at Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad.

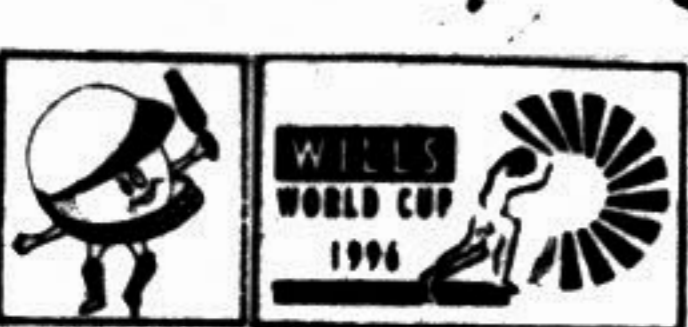
They were indebted to an unbeaten 102 by former West Indies wicketkeeper David Williams, his second first-class hundred, for their commanding total. Their score after the first day had been 305 for five.

Williams hit two sixes and eight fours in 237 minutes and faced 216 balls.

The Leeward Islands and the Windward Islands both took a first innings lead and seemed set for outright victories in other matches.

In Bridgetown, Barbados, the Leeward Islands team pushed their first-day 429 for nine wickets to 446 all out, wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs finishing unbeaten 70.

Backing a wrong horse!



LONDON, Feb 11 (Reuters): Should England win the World Cup final in Lahore on March 17, their manager Ray Illingworth will no doubt explain to uproarious laughter how he pulled off the biggest con-trick in recent sporting times.

When it comes to lulling opponents into a false sense of security, England have already done a world-class job. Now all that remains is to extract the rabbit from the hat

about limited-overs cricket than any of their opponents will ever learn.

England may have reached three of the last four World Cup finals, but the South Africans, like the Australians and Pakistanis before them, have successfully sidestepped the conventional one-day wisdom of county cricket.

The one English team to adopt an innovative approach to a well-tried format has been Warwickshire, yet their success has been curiously ignored by both Lord's and the selectors.

Bob Woolmer, who has merely transferred the modern ideas he introduced at

Africa, which implied that Illingworth already had his World Cup party in mind at the end of the Test series which the touring side lost 1-0.

England play four of their five group matches in Pakistan and Illingworth believes the South African experience will be forgotten once the tournament starts.

"I don't think these games have too much relevance to the World Cup, because pitches and conditions in general will be very different," said Illingworth. "But we have not performed to our ability and we must improve."

"It's very important to get the balance right. If you get used to winning, it's hard work."

Skipper Michael Atherton knows, though, that an English metamorphosis will require a huge effort at the end of a tiring tour. "It we play like this in the World Cup, we have no chance," said Atherton, reviewing the wreckage of his side's final 64-run defeat in Port Elizabeth on Sunday.

"We were not playing with a lot of confidence by the end of the tour."

Both men know that England's problem in all forms of cricket has been the inconsistency of their top-order batting, while the fielding has also suffered by comparison with some of their rivals.

But as David Gower has pointed out, the World Cup will effectively boil down to a side producing three good performances in the knock-out stages, and England have been nothing in recent years if not unpredictable.

Illingworth can also call on three left-handers in Neil Fairbrother, Graham Thorpe and Jack Russell, which in theory makes his side less vulnerable to the leg-spin of Shane Warne should they face him later in the tournament.

English confidence, though, remains a fragile thing and Illingworth, who is not keen to tour again, sounds as uncertain about the future as anyone as he struggles to hang on to his job.

Whoever came in would not be able to find two or three miracle players who would transform the team, he insists.

"I don't think anybody has seen more cricket than me over the last two years and I can count the young players on one bloody finger, never mind one hand."



Glimpses of the opening ceremony of cricket's one-day fiesta zoomed in on the glasses of England spinner Richard Illingworth at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta, yesterday.

and expose their tournament build-up as just a clever illusion.

If they fail, on the other hand, it will confirm the evidence of their recent 6-1 one-day series humiliation by South Africa and finally explode the myth that English pros have forgotten more

Edgbaston to his news role as South African coach, was not offered a job by England and his Warwickshire captain Dermot Reve has been unceremoniously rejected from the 14-man squad.

Reve was chosen for only two of England's seven one-day internationals in South

'Deep Blue' drubs Garry

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 11: An IBM computer called 'Deep Blue' made chess history on Saturday

by comfortably beating world champion Garry Kasparov, marking a machine's first victory under classic tournament rule, reports Reuters.

'Deep Blue' playing with the advantage of the white pieces, forced the Russian Grand Master to resign on the 37th move in the first game of a six-game match after surrounding his king with pieces and winning material in a relentless attack.

With five games left from Sunday until next Saturday, Grand Masters believe the game would also be significant to the outcome of the contest, which is worth 400,000 dollars to the winner and 100,000 dollars to the loser.

Although computer programmes have beaten Grand Masters including Kasparov in games lasting five, 30 or 60 minutes, this was the first win for a machine in a classical chess format. Each player had two hours in which to make 40 moves, two hours to complete the next 20 and

then an hour to end the game.

Saturday's game was over in three hours. 'Deep Blue' having used one hour and 10 minutes and Kasparov one hour and 55 minutes.

"Deep Blue had no fear," said Grand Master Joel Benjamin, who worked with the IBM team of programmes in its final preparation. "If it does not see a winning attack for its opponent it just presses on. It saw everything and it was right."

The computer programme selected an opening of the Sicilian defence known to chess experts as the "C3 Sicilian." It had become popular in the last 10 years as a way to avoid the sharpest attacking options of the black pieces.

Kasparov, 32, sitting on a raised platform opposite a video display terminal and an IBM programmer receiving the moves over the Internet Computer network from Yorktown heights, New York, was in trouble as early as the 13th move when the computer thrust a knight at his queen.

Holding his head in his hands and grimacing over the

chess-board, Kasparov spent a valuable 30 minutes in deep thought before making his reply. By the middle game, Kasparov's pawn structure was in disarray. As 'Deep Blue' marshalled its pieces to attack, the world champion's counter-attack folded.

"Kasparov decided to go on to the attack because in his judgement it was a forced win," said Grand Master Yasser Seirawan, who led the commentary in a separate room for more than 200 spectators. "He overlooked a very critical defensive move that would have given him an advantage."

Seirawan, who predicted a resounding victory for Kasparov before the match started, said he was now seriously rethinking that view.

The IBM programmers, who spent six years developing 'Deep Blue', were jubilant. Kasparov left the Philadelphia convention centre without speaking to reports, but associates said he was very disappointed and took the defeat to heart.

In a control room, programmers cheered, clapped and hugged each other when Kasparov resigned.



World chess champion Garry Kasparov (L) moves a pawn during a match against IBM's Deep Blue computer in Philadelphia, USA, on Feb 10. The super computer took three-hour to inflict the stunning defeat on Kasparov. — AFP/UNB photo

Not made in India!

By Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed
Pop star Alishas melodious presentation "Made in India" blared continuously over the PA system but the opening ceremony of the sixth World Cup cricket at Calcutta's Eden Gardens on Sunday was anything but made in India.

The proceedings, dubbed boring by TV viewers in Dhaka, was a classic example of the pathetic results that became somewhat obvious when a centuries old culture is sold to alien carpet baggers.

In none of the items was true India represented — Jyoti Basu, the Chief Minister of West Bengal spoke in English and over — publicised former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen sported an Italian(?) outfit.

The music, the choreography, the attire, etc were all foreign to a people whose culture and heritage is an envy of the rest of the world.

The opening ceremony was a big let-down and the cricket-crazy sub-continentals will be hoping that none of the goof-ups will be repeated once the cricket begins on February 14.

UAE's bizarre wisdom!

DUBAI, Feb 11: An Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) member has flayed the London-based International Cricket Council (ICC) for suddenly changing the rules to make seven nationals mandatory for any team to qualify for World Cup and sought backing from India and Pakistan to get it reviewed, reports PTI.

"They have decided to change the rule because we won the ICC Cup. Otherwise no one would have bothered," Mohammed Redha Abbas told PTI adding that the ECB will take up the issue during the next meeting of ICC.

"I hope India and Pakistan will support us," Abbas said. "We have played and won according to their rules. Now they cannot insist that seven nationals should be in a team to qualify as it takes time to promote and develop local talent."

He said many countries do allow expatriates to play for their team. "Our team too has Indians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans, but they had all fulfilled the residency rules," he said.

A false alarm!

CALCUTTA, Feb 11: Indian authorities detained a Ukrainian plane with a huge consignment of arms here, triggering security concern ahead of the World Cup opening later Sunday, police said, reports AFP.

Airport officials seized the lethal cargo and detained the six crew members overnight Saturday, before military officials said the consignment was meant for the Indian army.

The crew was detained because they spoke little English and could not explain the consignment, a police officer said. "When we contacted the army to identify the weapons, they said it was for them."

The plane had arrived at Calcutta's international airport from Bombay. It was not immediately clear from where it had taken off originally.

Authorities have mounted heavy security in Calcutta ahead of the gala opening of the World Cup at the mammoth Eden Gardens stadium. Twelve countries are taking part in the meet, jointly hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

Whitaker caught and freed!

SAN ANTONIO, Feb 11: World Boxing Council welterweight champion Pernell Whitaker was arrested and briefly jailed after scuffling with three off-duty officers during a party held for the US National Basketball Association's All-Star Weekend, reports AP.

Whitaker, 32, was booked on two charges of resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. He was released early Saturday on 1,600 bond dollars. He came away from the ruckus with a swollen mouth.

Police department spokesman Al Ballew said Whitaker and several others were blocking an exit at an All-Star Weekend event at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown San Antonio when they were told to move along.

"The officers were trying to keep it (the exit) clear, Ballew said. "I guess he just didn't want to do it."

Anything but business



scribed by market analysts as an "ambush strategy". Television ads form the centrepiece of advertising strategies. WorldTel, the marketing firm that acquired broadcast rights, expects some 400 million viewers worldwide for the tournament's matches and highlights.

Tournament organisers expect to rake in 100 million dollars in revenue.

From burgers to chewing gum, liquor and photographic films, the World Cup is an occasion for sponsors to go all out to attract people by backing the sub-continent's most popular game.

Firms have offered cars, scooters and a host of other prizes to be won by guessing winners among players and teams.

For many global firms, the tournament offers a single opportunity to grab attention towards major brand names.

Brands such as Wills (cigarettes), Visa (credit cards) and Coke (soft drinks) have a presence in all three host countries, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Coke, which attracted million of cricket fans with a huge bat replica on which they signed their good luck

messages to the Indian team, has chosen the occasion to launch soft drink dispensers and cans.

Max India will offer its radio pager subscribers a free service giving the latest scores during the matches. Air-India will offer special flights to help players and fans.

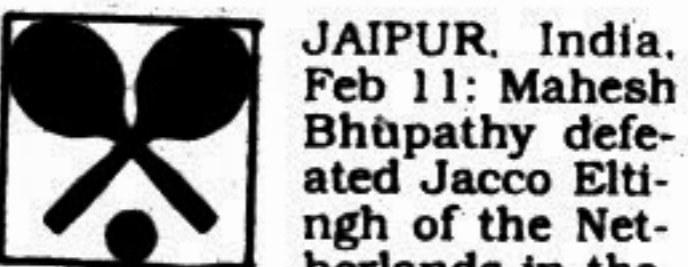
Cup matches starting on February 14 will be broadcast live, not just to living room televisions and radios. A firm called Cricinfo will offer ball-by-ball updates on the tournament on Internet, the worldwide network of computers.

Live scoreboards will be on offer worldwide from a centralised computer server at Oregon in the United States within seconds after scores are updated in stadiums.

The tournament sponsor, cigarette-maker ITC, has ignored protests from anti-tobacco lobbies to sell the Cup as an event that will carry its brand name, Wills, to Indian homes.

India's state-run Doordarshan Television will broadcast the matches live, although it does not allow tobacco commercials.

India's dream march on



JAI-PUR, India, Feb 11: Mahesh Bhatpathy defeated Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands in the decisive fifth match to fire India to an upset 3-2 win in their Davis Cup tie here Sunday, reports AFP.

Eltingh, who suffered a groin injury midway through the match, conceded victory at 1-2 in the fourth set with Bhatpathy leading by two sets to one on the grass courts of the Jai Club.

Bhatpathy, ranked 341 in the world to his opponent's 71, won 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 7-5, 2-1.

It was a remarkable turnaround by the Indians, who won both the reverse singles after the Netherlands had won the doubles on Saturday to take a vital 2-1 lead in the five-match tie.

Indian number one Leander Paes defeated Jan Siemerink in the first reverse singles earlier on Sunday to lead India's fightback.

Paes, a self-confessed Davis Cup addict, stunned world number 20 Siemerink 7-6 (7/2), 2-6, 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/5) in a thrilling encounter. The surprise win takes

India, semi-finalists in 1993, into the quarterfinals of the elite 16-nation world group.

The defending champion, United States clinched a first-round Davis Cup win over Mexico Saturday with a straight-set doubles triumph in Carlsbad, California.

Patrick McEnroe and Patrick Galbraith put the United States up an unbeatable 3-0 in the best-of-five Davis Cup tie by downing Mexico's Oscar Ortiz and Leonardo Lavella, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4, 6-3 on outdoor hardcourts at the La Costa Resort and Spa.

The US team next opposes the Czech Republic.

Sandra squares Almsick's mark

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany, Feb 11: Germany's Sandra Voelker equalled the absent Franziska van Almsick's 50 metres short course swimming European record here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Voelker equalled Van Almsick's record, set in November 1992, in the latest round of the World Cup short course series in a time of 24.75 seconds.

scheduled for April 5-7 in Prague. The Czechs also clinched a quarterfinal spot Saturday with a 3-0 score against Hungary.

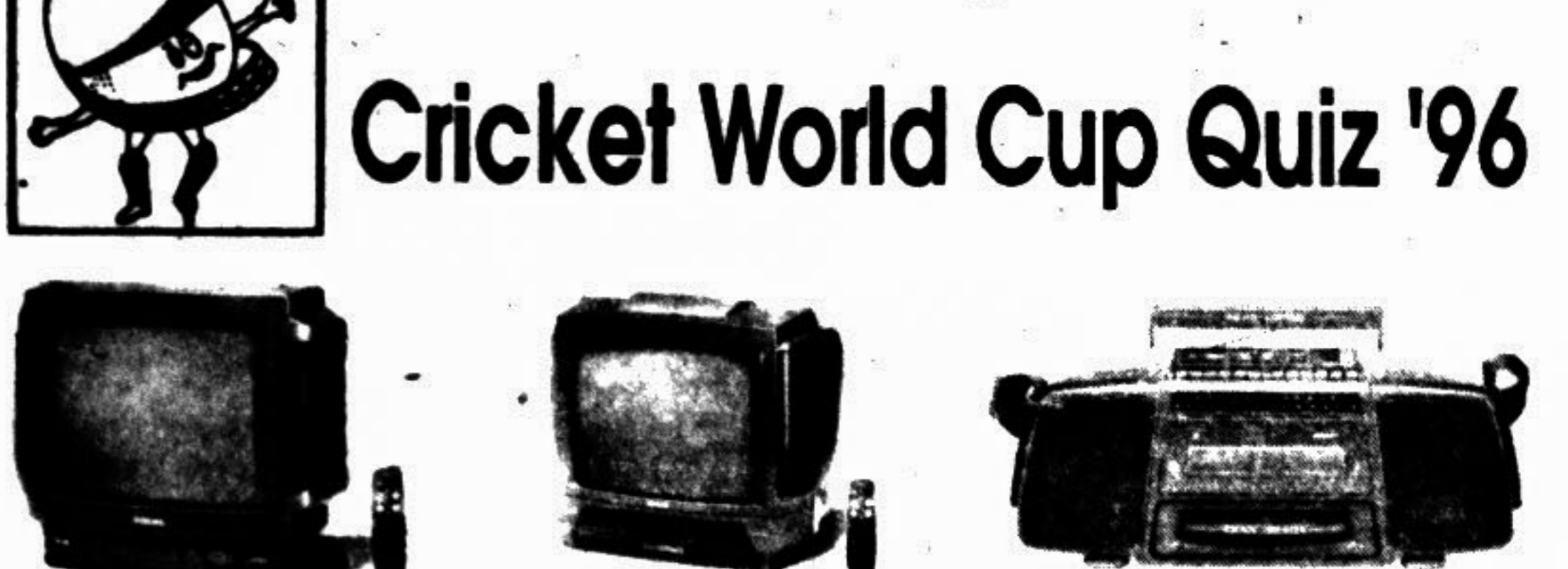
In Melbourne, Australia took just one day to wrap up their Asia-Oceania zone first round tie against Chinese Taipei here Sunday and start the long haul back to elite world group status.

The Australians blitzed Chinese Taipei 3-0 indoors at the National Tennis Centre where the match was switched following a two-day washout at the original venue in Hobart, Tasmania.

Brett Steven breezed to a straight sets victory over Xi Jai-ping Sunday as New Zealand clinched a 4-1 victory over China in their Asia-Oceania zone qualifying match at Christchurch.

Away in Yokkaichi teenager Takao Suzuki replaced Japan's ace Shuzo Matsuoka to help his side complete a 5-0 win against the Philippines in their Asia-Oceania zone Group I meet today while Thailand concluded a 4-1 win over Iran in the Asian zone Group Three first round tie with one more victory in the reverse men's singles match.

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4. The 1987 World Cup final was held in Bombay Calcutta Lahore
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6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by Grant Flower D. Houghton Andy Flower
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