

Column One SPORTS TALK



Barry Richards (Legendary South African batsman) 'I've always believed that scoring big runs and huge scores means nothing. If you don't win the game.'

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

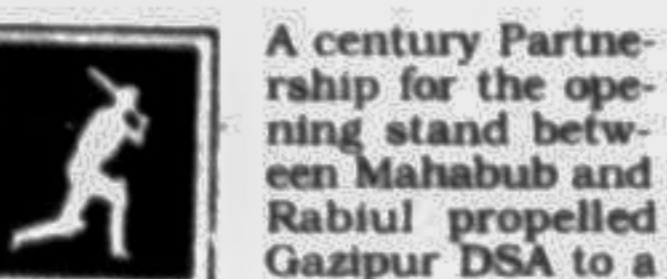
Sports WHIZZ KID competition-34 Tick the correct answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 19, 1996)

Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options. Questions include: 1. Sir Richard..., 2. The Atlanta Olympics..., 3. Who has taken more Test wickets?, 4. Dhaka football is controlled by..., 5. Aussie Rules Football resembles...

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Gazipur defy Mr Sundries

SUNAMGANJ DSA: 190 for 9 in 45 overs (Moazzem 32, Salim 29, Norman 3/24, Tuhin 3/28). GAZIPUR DSA: 191 for 5 in 43.4 overs (Mahbub 49, Rubiul 44, Jamil 3/30).



A century Partnership for the opening stand between Mahabub and Rubiul propelled Gazipur DSA to a convincing five-wicket win over Sunamganj DSA in a Dhaka zonal engagement of the 18th National youth cricket championship at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Meanwhile Four other district teams - Khulna, Lalmonirhat, Thakurgaon and Pirojpur - advanced to the next round winning their opening matches at different venues.

In a zone A match at Dinaipur, Lalmonirhat DSA defeated Gaibandha DSA by four wickets.

Gaibandha DSA: 91 all out in 23.1 overs. Mahmudun Nabi 44, Dipul 5/10.

Lalmonirhat: 92 for 6 in 26.3 overs. Hasu 24, Ahad 16, Ziplul 15, Anwar 2/19.

Khulna DSA: 243 for 4 in 45 overs. Mithu 101, Setu 62, Turki 43, Uttam 2/38.

Magura DSA: 123 all out in 33 overs. Mishu 33, Tito 20, extras 30. Shaon 3/7, Sadik 3/23 and Riad 2/14.

Thakurgaon DSA got walkover against Rangpur DSA in a zone B match at Pabna while Pirojpur DSA got walkover against Rajbari in a zone E match at Jheridaha.

Rani atop alone

International Women's Master (IWM) Rani Hamid took the solo lead in the 17th national chess championship when she defeated Nazrana Khan Esm for her fifth win at the NSC Chess room yesterday.

Rani Hamid, the nine-time champion, with this crucial victory raised her collection to five and a half points at the end of the seventh round of the nine-round Swiss league meet.

On the other hand Tanima Parvin, the co-sharer of the top slot along with Rani Hamid earlier, dropped behind after yet another disappointing draw.

Tanima, who lost her way after winning her first four matches, in this round drew with Zakia Sultan to remain content with the second slot collecting 5 points.

While Masuda Begum, fresh after her sensational win over Tanima in the previous round, continued her impressive run beating Jahanara Haq Runu for her successive victory.

With this win Masuda raised her tally to four and a half points to hold the third position behind Rani and Tanima.

SA shut Pakistan out



SHARJAH: United Arab Emirates, Apr 16: Han- sene Cronje's mara- uding South Afri- can crushed Pe- psi Cup favourites Pakistan by eight wickets today to confirm their berth in Friday's final of the three-nation event here, reports AFP.

The shot out Pakistan for a modest 188 and then notched up the required runs with 16.5 overs to spare to continue their unbeaten run in a maiden appearance at cricket's famous desert venue.

Pakistan's slim hopes of qualifying for the title clash on a superior run-rate rest on South Africa defeating India.

Useful contributions from Sohail (46), Rameez Raja (40) and Inzamam-ul-Haq (41) lifted Pakistan to a promising 145 for two by the 34th over.



CRAIG MATTHEWS... m-o-m

73 for the first wicket by the 13th over. When Kirsten fell for 32, Pat Symcox made merry in a pinchhitter's role at number three by slamming two sixes and three fours in a brisk 35 off as many balls.

Hudson fell short of his century by six runs, remaining unbeaten on 94 in the company of Kallis (24 not out) when victory was achieved easily in the 34th over.

'It's always good to win but I think we played particularly well today,' South African captain Cronje said.

'The bowling and fielding was spot on which eased the job of our batsmen. There's little a captain needs to do when the team is performing so well.'

Cronje said he hoped the team will continue in the same vein for the remaining two matches.

'After the disappointment of the World Cup where South Africa were shocked by the West Indies in the quarter-finals, we are determined to go from here with the title,' he said.

Sohail said the defeat against India on Monday appeared to have unnerfed his team.

'Nothing went right for us today. There was little chance after we were bowled out for 188 on a good wicket,' he said.

'The South Africans played consistently well. Any team would want to emulate them.'

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Pakistan and South Africa, listing players and their runs/wickets. Includes a bowling table with columns O, M, R, W.

Nirman schools results

Khilgaon Govt. High School, St. Jude's Tutorial, Mirpur, Bangla High School, Badda Biddya Niketon and Shantibagh High School moved into the next round in the Dhaka zonal competition-34.

At the tiny City Club ground, Khilgaon High School, powered by a cracking unbeaten half century from Kamrul Hasan, posted a massive 81-run win over Vhasa Prodig School.

Batting first, Khilgaon scored a commanding 178/6 in their share of 35 overs with Kamrul hammering 71 off 84 balls which included 10 hits across the fence.

In reply, Vhasa Prodig were slumped to paltry 97 in the face of some accurate bowling from Imran and Jamil, who evenly shared six wickets among them. Ripon and Ajay with 25 and 22 respectively

were the only notable run-getters for the losers.

On the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Saint Jude's Tutorial recorded a three-wicket win over Dhanmondi Tutorial.

In an exciting affair of the two neighboring outfits, a brilliant unbeaten 67 from Rezwan paved the way for a sensational win of Saint Jude's, who in their chase of a combative Dhanmondi Tutorial total of 170/7, posted the victory with more than two overs to spare.

In his undefeated 88-ball stay at the crease Rezwan clubbed a dozen of sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

At the RMS (East) ground, Mirpur Bangla High School handed a thumping 8-wicket defeat on Abdullah Mollah High School. In a low-scoring affair, the Abdullah Mollah boys were shot out to a meager 83. In reply, Mirpur Bangla rattled up the required runs in only 16.3 overs with Liton scoring a quick-fire unbeaten 34 off 24 deliveries.

Earlier, Rajon, who was responsible for the opponents destruction, finished with a fabulous figures of 2-0-4-3.

Away at the Mirpur Other Stadium, a staggering 66 extras played the staler role in Badda Biddya Niketon's 14-run win over Muslim Govt High School.

Batting first, Muslim Govt scored 159 with Nehal contributing the highest 30 runs in his side's modest total. But despite an excellent bowling from Kamal Hasan, who took five wickets for 27 runs, Muslim experienced an unlikely defeat when their bowlers conceded 66 extras including 44 wide balls, a record of some sort in the cricketing history.

Meanwhile, in another ground of Residential Model School (RMS), Shantibagh High School recorded a facile six-wicket win over Dhaka Cotton Mills High School.

In another run-draught duel on the day, Shantibagh, chasing a moderate Dhaka Cotton total of 108, reached the victory with more than 21 overs to spare.

Vogts' code of conduct

BONN, Apr 16: Germany coach Bert Vogts, announcing his squad for next week's friendly against the Netherlands, warned his players not to transfer the current stormy climate in the Bundesliga to the international stage, reports Reuter.

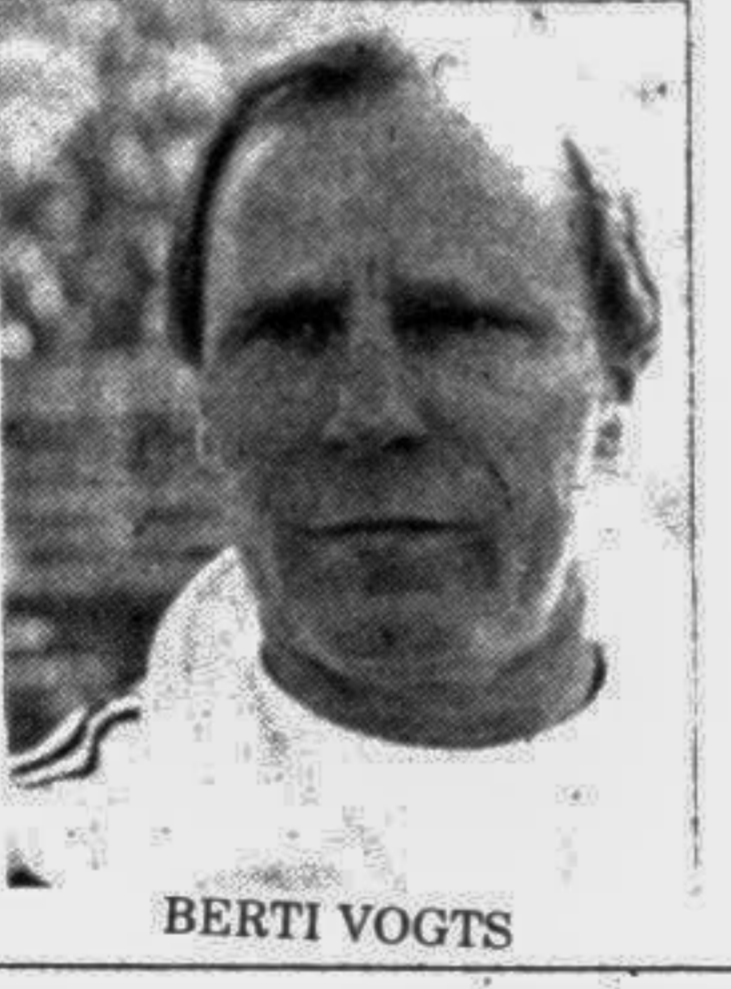
'I don't like the gestures and dissent from my players one little bit. If we produce that sort of thing at the European Championship, we'll finish our games with just eight men,' Vogts cautioned on Monday.

The Bundesliga has seen a spate of controversial incidents and sendings-off as the season enters its final phase, with clubs fighting for the championship, European competition or just top-flight survival.

Two of the strikers named in Vogts' provisional 25-strong squad to face the Dutch in Rotterdam on April 24 - VFB Stuttgart's Fredi Bobic and

Bayer Leverkusen's Ulf Kirsten - have been sent off for dissent in the past few weeks.

Play-maker Andreas Moeller, suffering from torn ligaments, will be missing from the German side but his Borussia Dortmund teammate Matthias Sammer will be back to fill the line-up.



BERTI VOGTS

Sammer missed Germany's last friendly, a 2-0 win over Denmark last month, with a calf strain.

There is still no place in the squad for Lothar Matthaeus, capped 122 times for his country. Vogts says he must have clear proof that the Bayern Munich midfielder has recovered from a year-long injury lay-off before considering him.

SQUAD

- Goalkeepers - Oliver Kahn, Stefan Klos, Andreas Koepcke. Defenders - Markus Babel, Tomas Helmer, Juergen Kohler, Stefan Reuter, Matthias Sammer, Rene Schneider, Christian Woerns. Midfielders - Joerg Albertz, Mario Basler, Stefan Beinlich, Marco Bode, Dieter Ellits, Steffen Freund, Thomas Haessler, Mehmet Scholl, Jens Todt, Christian Ziege. Strikers - Oliver Bierhoff, Fredi Bobic, Ulf Kirsten, Juergen Klinsmann, Stefan Kuntz.

Superstitious Man United

LONDON, Apr 16: Manchester United decided on Monday to scrap their 'unlucky' grey away strip - ditched halfway through Saturday's defeat at Southampton - after less than a season, reports Reuter.

The English championship leaders have worn the kit in five matches, losing four and drawing one.

United Trained 3-0 at half-time at the Dell, switched to blue and white outfits and lost 3-1.

Although thousands of supporters have bought the grey shirts priced 30 pounds (45 dollars) and 40 pounds (60 dollars) each, the club said they would be dropped immediately with a new white strip introduced next season.

Club chairman Martin Edwards said the replacement shirts would be offered to fans with a 10-pound (15 dollars) price reduction.

Manager Alex Ferguson said his players had complained that they had difficulty identifying each other in the grey kit.

'We wanted to deal with the issue as a matter of urgency and we have put the football team first but have also given careful consideration' to our own supporters,' he said.

Alan Hadfield, managing di-

rector of manufacturers Umbro, said, 'If you're looking at blaming anybody we ultimately have to say we're responsible.'

United were already committed to introducing a new version of their traditional red shirt for the start of next season, with the blue and white third kit also changing at the turn of the year.

Tony Kershaw, secretary of the national federation of football supporters' clubs, said: 'You can only sum it up as a rip-off.'

'Changing all three kits in the course of one season is totally unfair to the fans of all age groups, not just children.'

Div III soccer

Tofazzal Hossain scored the all-important goal in the 16th minute as Matuul Juba Sangha ran away with a shaky lone goal win over neighbours Matuul Udayan Sangsad in one of the two Progot Insurance Third Division football super league matches held at the Rajuk ground yesterday.

In the other engagement of the day, Dipali Juba Sangha and Prantic Kirra Chakra shared honours in a dreary goalless draw.

Back after a long 60-yr

BERLIN, Apr 16: The Olympic flame returned Monday to Berlin for the first time since the 1936 Games organised by Nazi Germany where they were opened by Adolf Hitler, reports AFP.

The flame was flown from Frankfurt to Berlin where the chairman of the German National Olympic Committee, Walter Troeger was on hand to receive it.

Fritz Schligen, 89, the last athlete to bear the Olympic torch here in 1936, carried it again on Monday after the flame had been borne from the airport to the Olympic Stadium by 28 young athletes.

In 1936, Schligen was the last of the 3,075 men who carried the torch and the only one to embrace the bowl, in which the flame burned throughout the Games.

Tyson's accuser questioned

CHICAGO, Apr 16: Chicago police have questioned an Indiana woman who last week accused boxer Mike Tyson of sexual assault in a nightclub, reports AP.

Chicago police spokesman Paul Jenkins said the woman was questioned for two hours Monday at the South Side precinct where she filed her complaint against the WBC heavyweight champion on April 9. Jenkins said the woman, a 25-year-old beautiful from Gary, Indiana, told police enough to keep the investigation alive.

Tyson has not been charged. Jenkins said police have interviewed people who saw Tyson at the club and added that Tyson has told police he was willing to be questioned about that night.

Reality bites Lefebvre

SWANSEA, Wales, Apr 16: Glamorgan all-rounder Roland Lefebvre, one of the most successful Dutch imports on the county circuit, revealed Monday he has been forced to retire due to injury, reports AFP.

Lefebvre suffered pelvic damage during Sunday League match against Durham last July and despite attempting a comeback with Holland in the recent World Cup he has failed to recover his fitness.

The Dutchman, who took 149 first-class wickets and scored 1,494 runs during his six seasons with Glamorgan and Somerset, said: 'Naturally, I am extremely disappointed to know that I am no longer fit enough to do justice to myself or my teammates is a bitter pill to swallow.'

'I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Glamorgan and I would like to record my thanks to everyone at the club for their continuing support.'

Modahl's call

LONDON, Apr 16: Britain's former Commonwealth 800m champion Diane Modahl has appealed for a system to support for athletes innocent of doping charges, reports AFP.

Modahl, cleared of drug-taking charges by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) last month, says she felt 'powerless' when fighting her case.

She makes the plea on a BBC programme, the Diane Modahl Story Updated to be shown on Tuesday night in which she reveals the logistical nightmare she and her husband faced in the fight to clear her name.



An uppish square cut by South African opener Gary Kirsten touches the finger tips of an airborne Ramiz Raja of Pakistan during yesterday's Pepsi Cup fixture in Sharjah. South Africa romped home by eight wickets.

— AFP/UNB photo

who also have one win from three matches, by more than 100 runs in the last league game of Wednesday.

In the first leg, the Indians lost to the South Africans by 80 runs.

Cronje's in-form team proved too strong for the Pakistanis despite resting two key players, star all-rounder Brian McMillan and batsman Darul Cullinan.

The Pakistanis, low on morale after Monday's stunning defeat against arch-rivals India, failed to run up a big score against the steady South African bowling away when skipper Aamir Sohail won the toss and elected to take first strike.

for the middle-order caved in tamily.

Seamers Craig Matthews, Fanie de Villiers and Jacques Kallis shared the spoils with three wickets apiece as Pakistan lost their last eight wickets for the addition of just 43 runs.

Kallis, playing his first match of the tournament, missed a coveted hat-trick when Sri Lankan umpire BC Cooray turned down a confident leg-before appeal against last man Mohammad Akram after Basit Ali and Mushtaq Ahmed had been removed off successive deliveries.

Openers Gary Kirsten and Andrew Hudson... up South Africa's easy win by putting on

Passarella picks Caniggia



BUENOS AIRES, Apr 16: Striker Claudio Caniggia has been recalled by Argentina for their opening World Cup qualifying match at home to Bolivia next week, reports Reuter.

But Real Madrid's Fernando Redondo was not included in the 22-strong squad, apparently because of a disagreement with coach Daniel Passarella over which midfield role he should play.

It is the first time that Caniggia, who played in the last two World Cups has been picked by Passarella, appointed coach following the departure of Alfio Basile after the last Cup.

This year Caniggia has scored four goals in six games for his club Boca Juniors, where he plays alongside Diego Maradona.

'The Argentina shirt gives

me a lot of motivation,' he said. 'Playing for your country is the best thing that can hap-



CANIGGIA pen to a footballer.' Both players have been at

odds with Passarella over his ban on long hair and earrings in the national team in contrast to striker Gabriel Batistuta, who paid a much-publicised trip to the hair-dresser to keep his place.

Argentina face Bolivia, finalists in 1994, in Buenos Aires on April 24.

SQUAD

- GOALKEEPERS - Oscar Passet, Carlos Bossio. DEFENDERS - Javier Zanetti, Roberto Ayala, Jose Chamot, Roberto Sensini, Gustavo Lombardi, Nestor Fabrizi, Pablo Paz, Juan Carlos Ramirez. MIDFIELDERS - Diego Simeone, Fernando Galletto, Matias Almeyda, Christian Basesedas, Hugo Morales, Gustavo Lopez, Ariel Ibagaza, Ariel Ortega. FORWARDS - Claudio Caniggia, Claudio Lopez, Abel Balbo, Gabriel Batistuta.

New NSC, BOA chiefs named

Professor M Shamsul Haq, Adviser for Education, Youth and Sports, has been appointed chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC), officials said yesterday, reports BSS.

The government meanwhile appointed Health and Family Welfare Secretary M Akhtar Ali as president of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA).

All succeeds Gias Kamal Chowdhury.

Sacchi prolongs his stay

ROME, Apr 16: Coach Arrigo Sacchi, who led Italy to the World Cup finals, in 1994, has extended his contract with the national team through 1998 when the next finals will be held in France, reports AP.

The Monday announcement came on the eve of the European Championship finals, in which the Italian team is a qualifier.

According to federation officials who spoke on condition of anonymity, the new contract will give Sacchi 1.7 billion lire (1.06 million dollars) a year.

The amount is unchanged from the current contract, which expires this year.

Sacchi, 50, a former coach of AC Milan, joined the Italian national team in 1991.

Reparation for Surrey

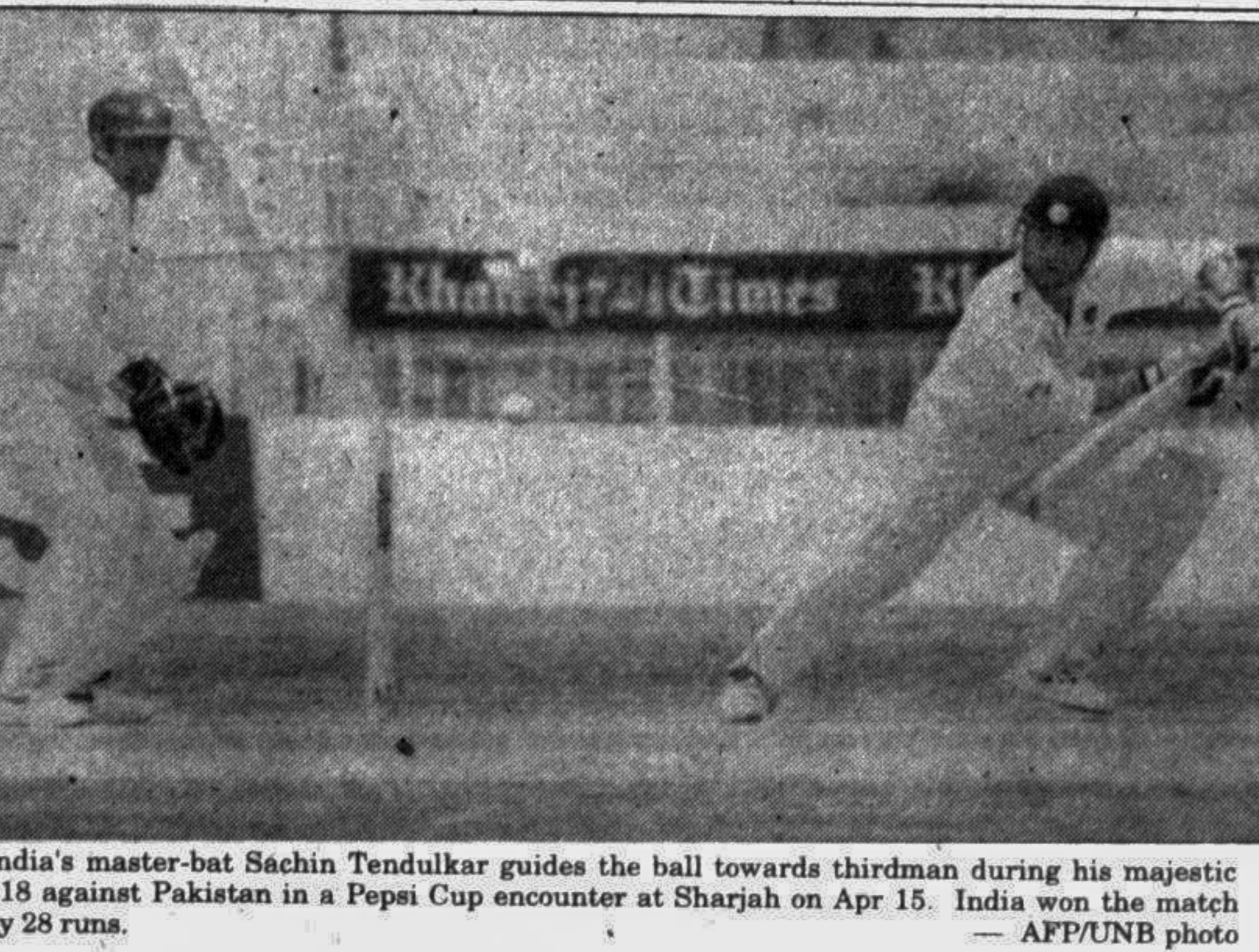
JONDON, Apr 16: Surrey revealed on Monday they will receive compensation from the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa for the loss of all-rounder Brian McMillan as their overseas player, reports AFP.

The county will receive a four-figure sum and were also given a public apology by the UCB and McMillan for the player's late withdrawal from a two-year signed contract.

McMillan signed a two-year deal reported to be worth 100,000 pounds a year as Surrey's overseas player in place of the unavailable Waqar Younis.

But following pressure from Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCB, McMillan was persuaded to pull out of the deal because of the amount of international cricket facing him over the next two seasons.

He could play up to 19 Tests and almost 50 one-day internationals in that time.



India's master-bat Sachin Tendulkar guides the ball towards thirdman during his majestic 118 against Pakistan in a Pepsi Cup encounter at Sharjah on Apr 15. India won the match by 28 runs.

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