

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT aviation sports in cludes ballooning, parachuting, sky diving, paragliding, parasailing, air racing, air touring, aerobatics, gliding, hang (yes, hang) gliding, etc.

In the beginning of this millennium, the Chinese were making attempts to jump off high buildings. Well, they could not be very high. There were also various ill-fated parachuting attempts.

The French were the pioneers of ballooning from as early as the 1790s. The French also made the first successful jump in fairly modern design of parachute at about the same time.

The USA made parachuting a show business using balloons to jump free in the 1880s. The first successful descent from an aeroplane was also made in the USA in the 1920s after the Wright brothers developed powered flights early in the 20th century, of course, the Wrights were ably supported by the aerodynamic principles formulated by Leonardo da Vinci of Italy.

Germany, Great Britain, France and the USA made notable contributions to gliding but Vinci was their father. You can jump to the next column, if you like.

Wills Little Flower School and Khilgaon Govt High School moved to their respective group finals in the Dhaka zonal qualifying rounds of the 14th Nirman School cricket tournament while three other schools moved to their group semifinals on Sunday.

In a Group F encounter at the Residential Model School ground (west), Wills Little Flower School handed Rajdhani High School a six-wicket defeat to book a berth in the group final.

Chasing Rajdhani's paltry 111 to win in 35 overs, Little Flower reached home in 22.4 overs with six wickets in hand. One-down bat Bunty scored highest 44 for the winners while Apu added 24 runs to their account.

Earlier put into bat, Rajdhani School were all out in 26.1 overs with Kamal (30) and Rupom (25) being their leading scorers.

Little Flower's new-ball bowler Kashif captured four wicket for 20 runs in 6.1 overs while Nahil and Mahmud grabbed two wickets each.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Khilgaon Govt High School beat Ahmed-Bawany Academy by 95 runs in a Group E semifinal.

Put into bat first, Khilgaon boys piled up 237 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs with opener Rajib scoring 50 off 78 balls. Among others, Hasan and Tapash added 33 and 28 respectively to the Khilgaon account.

Ahmed Bawany's Imam and Sharma took three wickets each conceding 31 and 35 runs respectively.

In reply, Ahmed Bawany were bundled out of 142 in 29.4 overs.

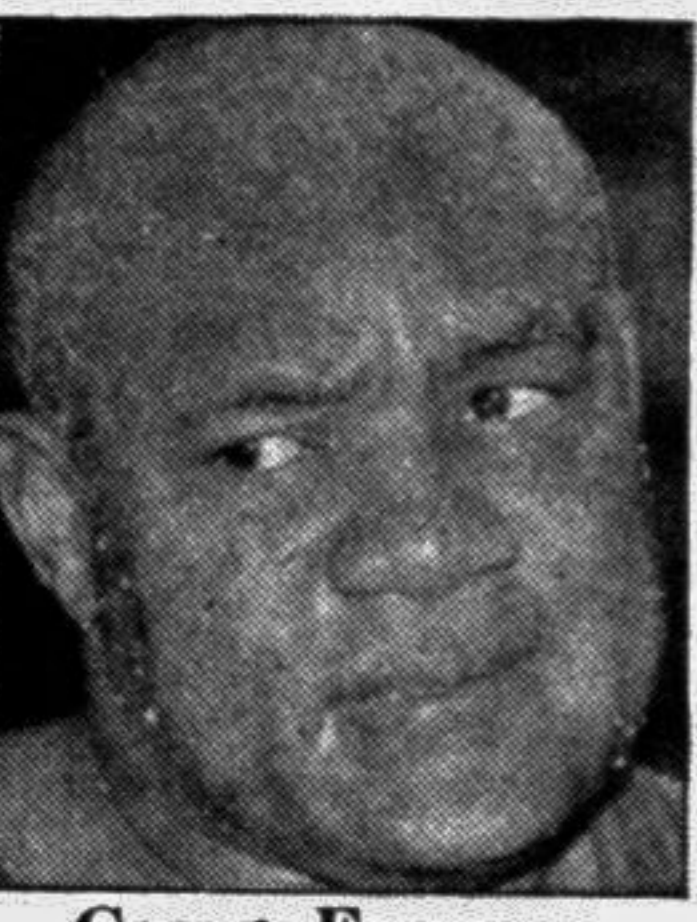
Khilgaon's Imran captured seven wickets for 35 runs in 6.4 overs.

In another Group E encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Maple Leaf International School defeated



Progoti Boys on the attack against Nawabpur Sporting. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

SPORTS TALK



George Foreman

(Veteran American boxing star)

"God made me what I am. Him and my wife, Joan. What that woman puts up with. I'll say things to her and instead of getting mad, she'll pat me on the back."

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-35

Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 26, 1996)

- Who won the Pepsi Cup at Sharjah in 1996?

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| Pakistan | India | South Africa |
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- Bayern—

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| Hoechst | Munich | Fuso |
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- Which of these is most modern?

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| Football | Cricket | Basketball |
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- The swimming event combining all strokes is

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| Medley | Freestyle | Composite |
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- A healthy diet means more

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| Ice-cream | Sweets | Cereals |
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Biman football

Sports Reporter

Chittagong, Bagerhat, Brahmanbaria, Jhenidah and Dhaka DSAs moved into their respective zonal finals of the Biman national (under-14) football championship on Sunday.

Chittagong, who in their previous match trounced Cox's Bazar 9-0, once again went on a goal scoring spree — 13-0 victory over Moulvibazar at the Chandpur Stadium.

Hasan, Yousuf and Yasin each scored a hat-trick for the winners who will now face Bandarban in the zonal final tomorrow.

Away in Jessore, Jhenidah defeated Barisal 4-1 to secure a berth in the zonal final.

Jhenidah will meet Sathkira in the final tomorrow at the same venue.

In Moulvibazar, Brahmanbaria handed Chandpur a 5-0 defeat to ensure a final encounter against Habiganj scheduled tomorrow.

Meanwhile in Tangail, Dhaka trounced Netrakona 6-0.

In Khulna, Bagerhat defeated Jessore 5-0. The winner will face Jhalakathi in the final today.

Nirman schools cricket

Imran skittles Bawany's 7

Sports Reporter

Saint Judes Tutorial by 77 runs and moved to their group semifinal.

Electing to bat first, Maple Leaf were restricted to 168 for eight in their allotted 35 overs with Shamim Kabir scoring highest 57 off 78 ball inclusive of five fours.

Saint Judes' Hashmi grabbed three wickets for 21 runs while Citor captured two for 28.

In reply, Saint Judes were all out for 91 runs in 25.2 overs.

Maple Leaf's Ali Bashir took four wickets while Asif and Rashed earned two wickets apiece.

Majidul Islam Govt High School earned a berth in the Group F semifinal with a 41-run win over Dhaka Collegiate High School at the Residential Model School ground (east).

Batting first, Majidul Islam School were restricted to 187 for eight in 35 overs. Opener Sajal scored highest 62 runs while Sumit collected 24 runs. Collegiate's Syeedur captured four wickets in seven overs giving away 35 runs.

In reply, Collegiate School were booked for 146 in 28.3 overs.

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Bangladesh Olympic Assoc reconstituted

National Sports Council (NSC), the highest body of country's sports, yesterday reconstituted the executive committee of Bangladesh Olympic Association on ad-hoc basis, reports UNB.

The BOA committee was reshuffled after four years with Abdul Hamid, a renowned sports commentator and national sports awardee, as the new secretary general. Earlier, Agriculture Secretary M Akhtar Ali was named BOA president.

The BOA executive committee was last formed in April, 1992 with journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury as president and national sports awardee Bashir Ahmed as secretary general.

The 33-member new BOA executive committee with a record five vice-presidents was constituted ignoring some of the Olympic charters.

The committee: President — M Akhtar Ali, Vice-Presidents — Abbab Ahmed, Capt (Rtd) Siddique Ahmed, Bashir Ahmed, Zalar Imam and Zakaria Pintu.

Secretary general — Abdul Hamid, Deputy Secretary General — Secretary of National Sports Council (M Fazlur Rahman Khan), and M Lutfar Rahman Talukdar, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Communication.

Treasurer — Deputy Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Members — Kazi Anisur Rahman, Kazi Abdul Alim, Lt Col (Rtd) MA Hamid, Dr Shamsuzzaman Basunia, Akhtar Hossain Khan, AHM Shamsul Islam, Nabi Chowdhury, Begum Lutfunnessa Haq Bakul, Kamrul Islam, Ft Lt (Rtd) Sheikh Rustom Ali, Farukul Islam and Director of the Sports Directorate (M Akramuzzaman).

One representative (president or secretary) each from 11 national sports federations is included as BOA member.

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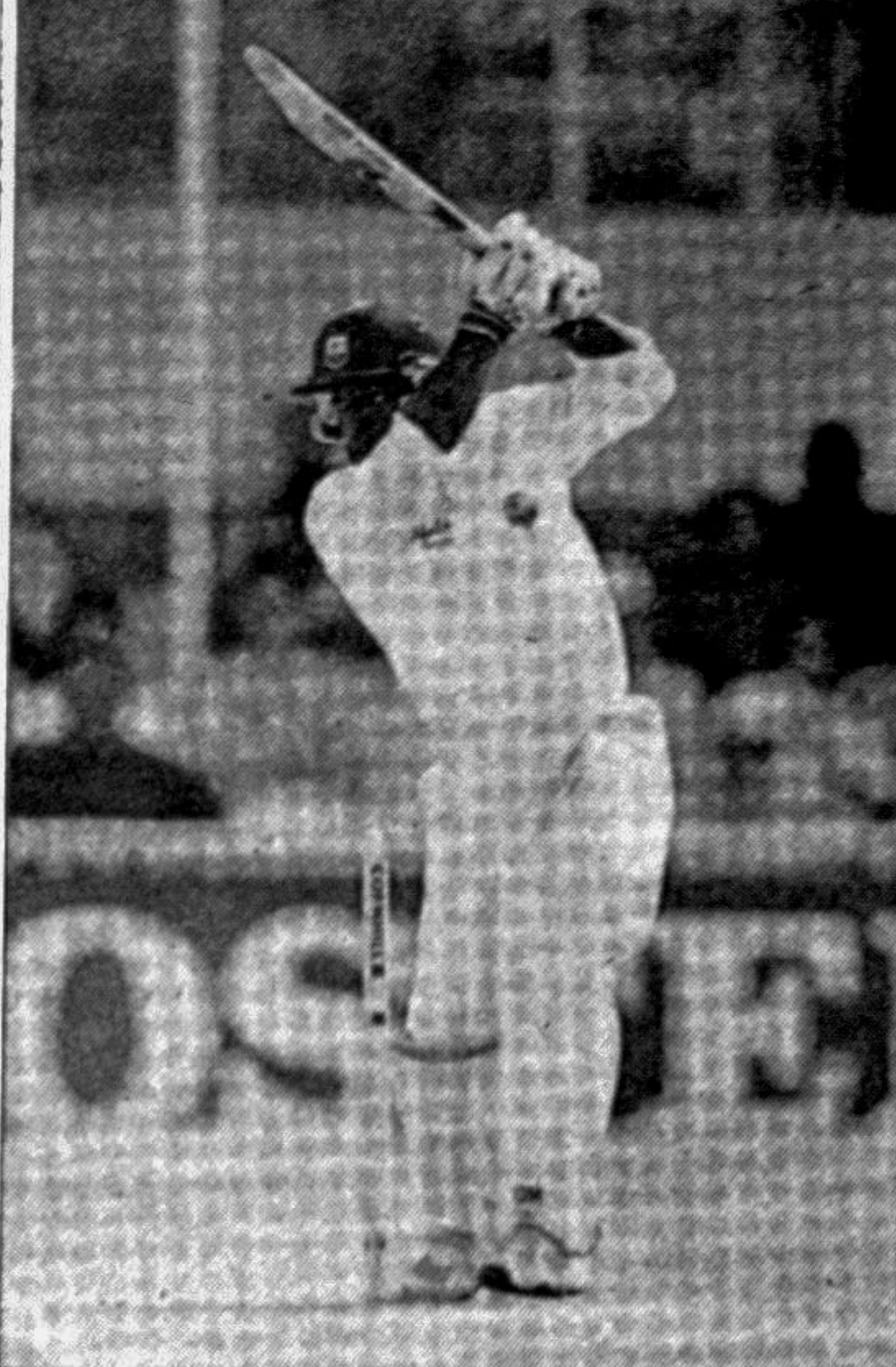
Sherwin in scoring spree

BRIDGETOWN Barbados, Apr 21. A masterful maiden Test century from Sherwin Campbell put West Indies firmly in control of the first Test against New Zealand on Saturday, reports Reuter.

At the close of the second day, West Indies, replying to

Barbadian Campbell, 25, reached his first Test century in his 10th Test, much to the delight of his home crowd, when he straight drove medium pacer Gavin Larsen for four off the final ball before tea.

His century, which was adorned by 16 elegant fours, spanned 253 minutes and 242 balls and triggered an invasion



SHERWIN CAMPBELL... a astutely built maiden Test ton which should bring a breath of fresh air to the fragile West Indies batting — opening to be precise.

New Zealand's first innings 195, were 334 for four, with Campbell 149 not out and Shivnarine Chanderpaul unbeaten on a Test best 81.

of the field by hundreds of spectators. It was also the first century by a Barbadian at the Kensington Oval since Desmond

Haynes hit a hundred against Pakistan three years ago and the celebrations which followed lasted five minutes, delaying the tea interval.

West Indies, who started the day at 98 for one, lost Brian Lara in the second over of the day for 35, caught at short midwicket by Craig Spearman off Larsen.

Larsen also accounted for Phil Simmons, who smashed five fours, four in succession of fast bowler Danny Morrison, while scoring 22.

By contrast, Jimmy Adams crawled to 21 in 128 minutes and 104 balls while sharing a fourth-wicket stand of 53 with Campbell.

After Adams departed, Chanderpaul joined Campbell and the pair added 152 in an unbroken fifth wicket partnership.

Campbell has so far occupied the crease for eight hours, facing 350 balls and striking 22 fours, while Chanderpaul, who passed his previous best score of 80 versus England at the Oval last year, batted for 175 minutes, facing 122 balls and stroking 11 fours.

The miserly Larsen, who pegged back West Indies in the morning session, was New Zealand's most successful bowler with three for 62.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first Test between West Indies and New Zealand at the Kensington Oval on Saturday.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings — (Adam Parore 59, Nathan Astle 54, Jimmy Adams 5-17)

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 98-1)

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| Campbell not out | 149 |
| Samuels lbw b Larsen | 12 |
| Lara c Spearman b Larsen | 35 |
| Simmons lbw b Larsen | 22 |
| Adams c Gernon b Vaughan | 21 |
| Chanderpaul not out | 81 |
| Extras (lb-4, nb-10) | 14 |
| Total (for four wickets) | 334 |
| Fall of wickets: | 1-46; 2-103; 3-129; 4-182 |

To bat: C Browne, C Ambrose, I Bishop, C Walsh, P Thompson.

| Bowling | O | M | R | W |
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| Morrison | 17 | 1 | 80 | 0 |
| Kennedy | 16 | 2 | 72 | 0 |
| Larsen | 28 | 6 | 62 | 3 |
| Vaughan | 24 | 5 | 51 | 1 |
| Harris | 26 | 10 | 42 | 0 |
| Twose | 4 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Astle | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Kardar passes away

A H KARDER

ISLAMABAD, Apr 21: Former Pakistan cricket captain Abdul Hafeez Kardar died today following a heart attack.

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Viswanath said the Indian players were playing well in the final against South Africa and were shaping the innings to achieve the target. "We had a chance and a good effort went unproductive. Though it was a good effort falling short by only 38 runs, a victory at this juncture could have boosted our morale."

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Of Indian elegy & efficacy

MADRAS Apr 21: India's performance both in the Singer Cup at Singapore and the Pepsi Cup at Sharjah has evoked mixed reactions from some former Test cricketers, reports PTI.

Krishnanachari Srikkanth has attributed the defeat to lack of all-rounders, while Erapalli Pasanna has observed that the Indian team was weak in all departments of the game.

On the other hand, BS Chandrasekar says, "Basically, we have the best team and the fought well but fell short of target," while GR Viswanath, talking in his capacity as a former player, said of Pepsi Cup, "Though it was a tall order, we had a chance. But the four run outs, especially of Sachin, Azhar and Sanjay cost us the victory."

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