

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT wives can be pretty much on the edge of their seats when it comes to their husband's moment of trial. With Ivan Lendl having won so many tournaments (except the Wimbledon) you would imagine his wife not bothered about another match. May be she should consider it just a part of his job, but not so!

During the 1991 Wimbledon Samantha Lendl, who was expecting twins in a month, phoned the All England club from Connecticut during Ivan's five-set victory over Malvina Washington as many as ten times.

Lendl may have finished the match earlier had Samantha not rang so many times. These wives — when will they ever learn!

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-56

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm November 8, 1996

1 How many one-day hundreds has Gary Kirsten scored?

6 7 8

2 How many sixes did Wasim Akram hit to create a world record?

11 12 14

3 Whose mark did Hasan Raza eclipse to become the youngest Test cricketer?

Tendulkar Mushtaq Mohammad Pataudi

4 For how many years Gordon Greenidge has been appointed as the Bangladeshi cricket coach?

3 2 4

5 Who won this year's Meril under-19 national soccer title?

Khulna Pabna Jessor

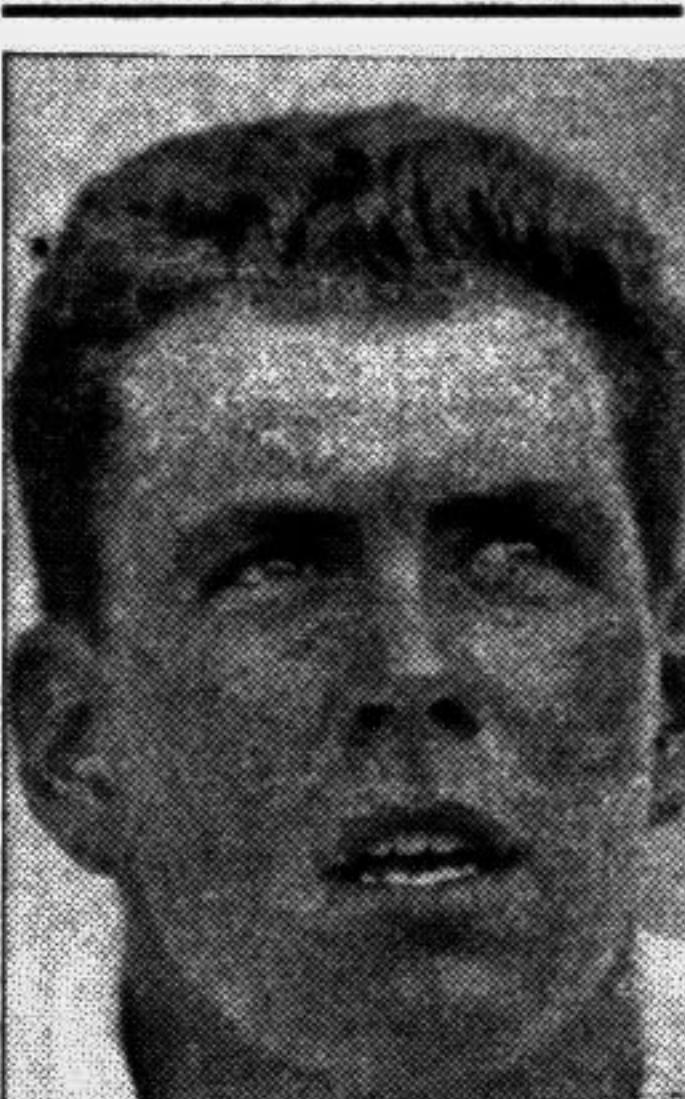
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SPORTS TALK



Hansie Cronje

(South Africa captain)

"The World Cup loss was a big disappointment ... but there is a sense of pride in the fact that we won everything else."

After winning the Pepsi Cup in Sharjah in April.

Panathinaikos
get Croatian
coach

ATHENS, Oct 26: Croatian Velimir Zajec has taken over as coach of defending Greek champions Panathinaikos. The Athens club announced Friday, reports AP.

He replaced Argentine Juan Ramon Rocha, who was sacked last week after a series of losses — including a 3-1 defeat to Panachaiki of Patras in western Greece two weeks ago. The loss was the club's first and only league loss.

Rocha had been coaching Panathinaikos since March 1994.

Zajec's last managed Croatia Zagreb.

Panathinaikos reached the Champions' League semifinals last spring but were eliminated from this year's competition by Rosenborg of Norway in the preliminary round and then dumped out of the UEFA Cup in the first round by Legia Warsaw on Sept. 24.

"I believe in Zajec. I trust him as a coach and a man because I know his character well," daily SportTime quoted Panathinaikos president Giorgos Vardinogiannis as saying.

Rocha and Zajec had played for Panathinaikos in the 1980s.

Panathinaikos turned to Zajec when negotiations with Romanian national team coach Anghel Iordanescu collapsed earlier this week.

Akram the wrecker-in-chief

Pakistan zap Zimbabwe



FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Oct 25: Pakistan pace trio Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Shahid Nazir destroyed Zimbabwe's second innings to set up a 10-wicket victory in the second and final Test on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Captain Akram finished with a match haul of 10 for 105 as Pakistan won before tea on the third day to clinch the two-match series 1-0.

Zimbabwe, 134 behind on first innings, collapsed from their overnight 136 for three to 200 all out. Akram finishing with four for 57. Waqar four for 54 and Nazir two for 25.

Openers Saeed Anwar and Aamir Sohail comfortably scored the 67 needed to win, the former hitting the winning four off pace bowler Bryan Strang as Pakistan won with two and a half days to spare.

Anwar struck nine fours to finish on exactly 50, his third successive half-century of the series. Sohail was 18 when the victory was achieved 70 minutes after lunch.

Zimbabwe's chances of building a good lead had depended on the overnight pair of David Houghton (74) and skipper Alistair Campbell (51) extending their century stand.

But Akram struck a telling blow by trapping Houghton leg before with his first ball of the morning to end the 113-run fourth-wicket partnership.

Nazir then accounted for Campbell, who touched the paceman's fourth delivery to wicketkeeper Moin Khan to leave the touring side reeling on 136 for five.

Nazir took his second wicket when Guy Whittall was adjudged leg before for nought at 140.

Paul Strang had his stumps rattled by Waqar, who also removed Andy Flower for 23 with a fine slip catch by Anwar.

Akram disposed of Mbangwa and Matambanadzo to terminate the innings five minutes before lunch, Zimbabwe having lost their last seven wickets for 64.

Akram, dominating the series with a career-best 257 and a haul of 11 wickets in the drawn first Test, was voted man-of-the-match.

"We played positive cricket and the team fought very well. It was a good pitch and the way the Zimbabweans batted yesterday I thought we might have to work hard, but we got two quick wickets which put us top," Akram said after the game.

Meanwhile, his counterpart Campbell said he was disappointed at losing.

"It wasn't an easy pitch to bat on and once we were bowled out for 131 it was always an uphill task," he said.

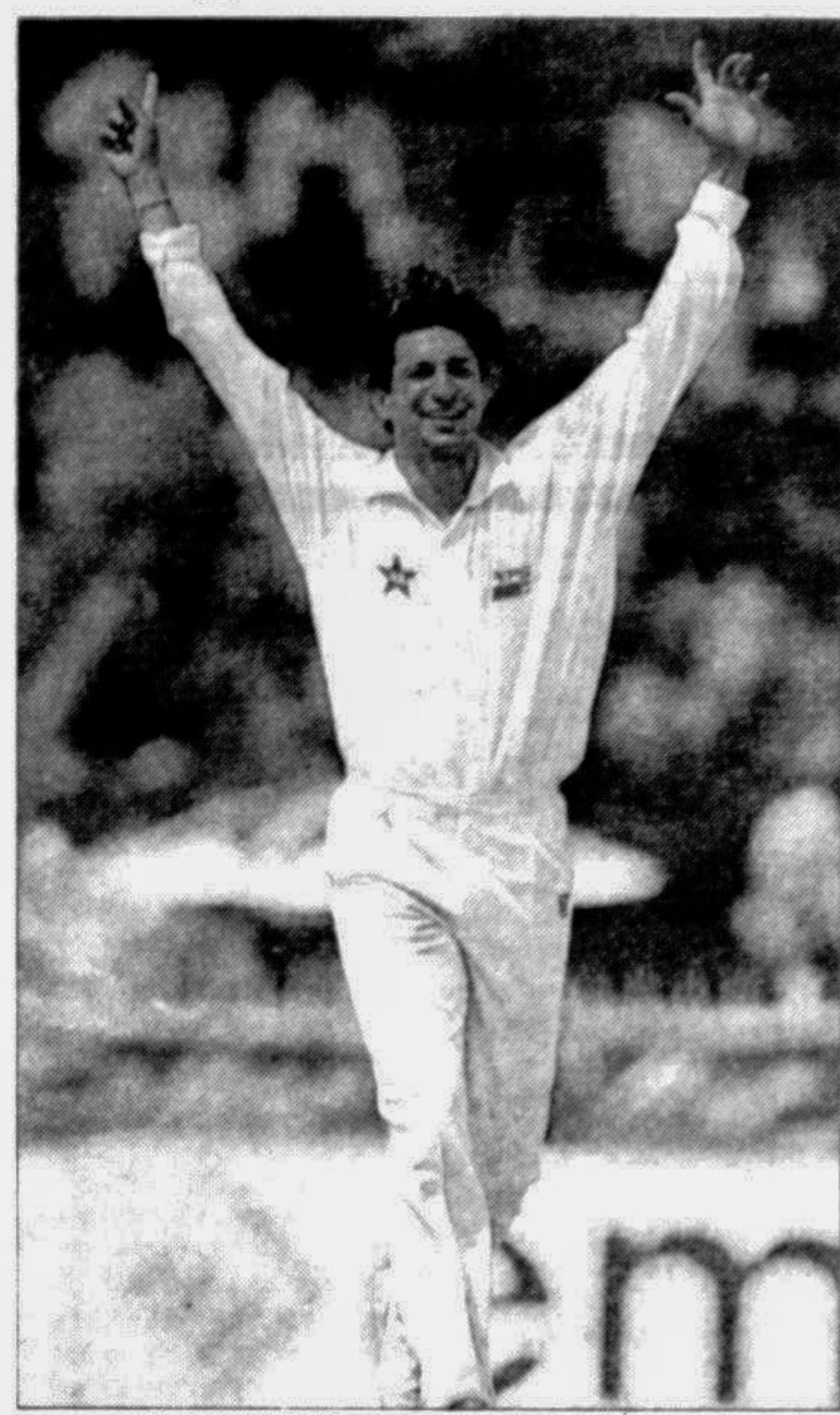
"Pakistan had world-class bowlers and we had no answer to it. It was mainly due to these bowlers that the match finished in two and a half days," Campbell added.

The two teams now play a three-match one-day series with the first game in Quetta next Wednesday.

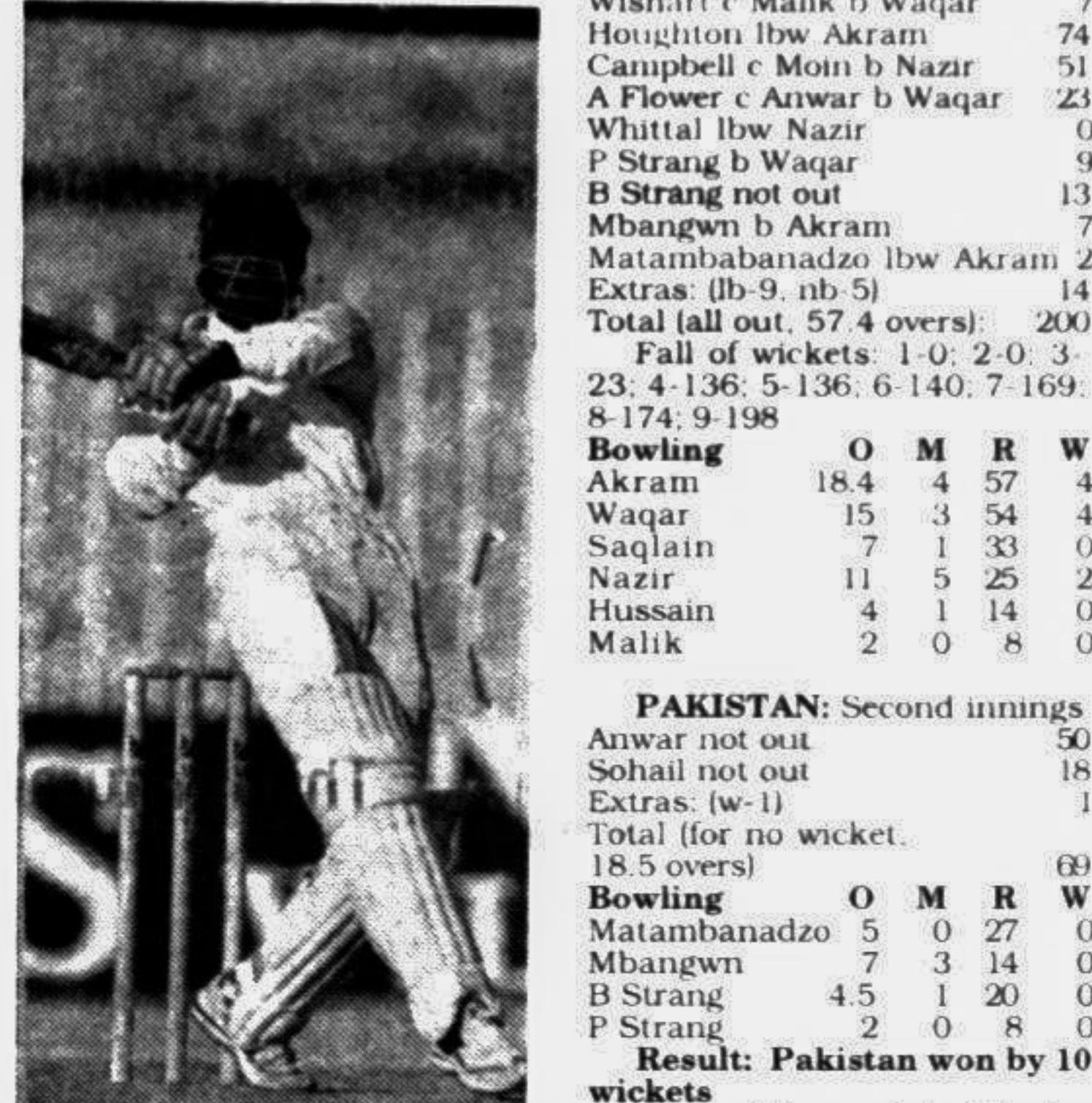
SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the second and final Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe in Faisalabad on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 136-3) G Flower lbw Akram 0 Dekker lbw Waqar 0



WASIM AKRAM ... man-of-the-match



SAEED ANWAR ... 50 no.

PAKISTAN: Second innings
Anwar not out 50
Sohail not out 18
Extras: (w-1) 1
Total (for no wicket) 18.5 overs 69

Bowling O M R W
Akram 18.4 4 57 4
Waqar 15 3 54 4
Saqib 7 1 33 0
Nazir 11 5 25 2
Hussain 4 1 14 0
Malik 2 0 8 0

Result: Pakistan won by 10 wickets

Man-of-the-match: Wasim Akram

First Test: Sheikhupura — match drawn

ONE-DAY FIXTURE
First one-dayer — Oct 30
Second one-dayer — Nov 1
Third one-dayer — Nov 3

Lennox versus the court

LONDON, Oct 26: Lennox Lewis' bid to regain the WBC heavyweight title looked set Friday to go ahead — but in the courtroom and not in the ring, reports AFP.

And if Lewis' promoter Panos Eliades has got his sums right, the legal bout could result in damages amounting to a total of 6.7 million pounds (around 10 million dollars) if original agreements are not observed.

American promoter Don King last week named December 7 as the date for Lewis' proposed fight against Oliver McCall which will decide who succeeds Mike Tyson as WBC holder.

Tyson, who ended Bruno's reign as champion in March, relinquished the WBC belt after

a New Jersey court ordered him to fight Britain's Lewis, leaving the crown vacant.

But the WBC, currently holding their annual convention in Buenos Aires, have now pushed the deadline for the fight to January 26 — and Eliades smells a rat.

London-based Eliades is refusing to agree to the WBC's decision to delay and will file papers in a New Jersey court through Lewis' American promoters.

Eliades believes the WBC move could be a "ploy" to hold up Lewis-McCall until Tyson's planned clash with IBF champion Michael Moorer in Las Vegas in March, and to include it on the same bill at the MGM Grand Garden.

"There will be no extension," Eliades insisted on Friday. "I'm not standing for any more rubbish. It looks like King could be

responsible for 4.5 million dollars that is lost on his purse bid, plus damages of around the same figure. We could be going for 10 million dollars."

King won the right to stage Lewis-McCall with a bid submitted on September 6 which, Eliades claims, binds the controversial promoter to putting on the fight before December 26.

When we came to an agreement in the New Jersey court in July, there was a side letter King and WBC president Jose Sulaiman seem to have overlooked. The letter states the fight must take place within 90 days of the purse bid," claimed Eliades.

"I reckon it is a ploy to delay the fight for as long as possible in order to get it on the Tyson-Moore card, as that is the only fight that can carry it," he added.

Damal Smriti cricket

Biman take on Uttara Sporting today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman will take on Uttara Sporting Club in the opening match of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament today.

The traditional curtain-raiser of the domestic cricket, which was formerly known as Damal Summer cricket, is scheduled to kick off at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium this morning. But yesterday's heavy downpour has cast a doubt about the slated start.

The twenty-two teams split into six groups, will feature in the round-robin first phase from where six top finishers will qualify for the second phase.

Defending champions Mohammmedan Sporting Club have been pencilled in to Group A while last year's runners-up Abahani in Group B.

In the previous 16 meets, Mohammmedans have won the trophy record eight times followed by their arch-rivals Abahani, who have wrested the championship on seven occasions.

Besides the two giants, Bangladesh Biman notched up the inaugural title in 1979-80 season.

Mohammmedans will begin their title defence against Gopibagh Friends Association on November 1 while Abahani on October 31 against Bangladesh Boys Club. The teams participating in the Damal Smriti cricket tournament this year are as follows:

Group A: Mohammmedan SC, Victoria SC and Gopibagh Friends Association.

Group B: Abahani, Gulshan Youth Club and Bangladesh Boys Club.

Group C: Kalabagan KC, Surjoratan Club, City Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club.

Group D: Brothers Union, Agrani Bank SC, Sadharan Bankia KS and Dhanmondi Club.

Group E: GMCC, Lalmatia Club, Eskaton SS and Azad SC.

Group F: Biman, Wari Club, Ajax SC and Uttara SC.



Groundsmen preparing a wicket at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on the eve of the Damal Smriti tournament. The tournament opens today with Biman taking on Uttara Sporting Club.

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Rennes spoil PSG's day



PARIS, Oct 26: Rennes' striker Stephane Guivarc'h, on loan from champions Auxerre where he could not command a regular place, struck twice to send Paris Saint Germain crashing 2-1 on Friday, their first league defeat of the season, reports Reuter.

Monaco, who have scored four goals in each of their last three matches, ended Lille's unbeaten home record as they climbed to just three points behind PSG in second place.

Brazilian Anderson and Nigeria's Victor Ikpeba continued in their scoring vein with a goal apiece after hitting two and four each in the 4-1 home win over Nice and the 4-2 away victory over Borussia Moenchengladbach in the UEFA Cup last week.

Auxerre, whose Algerian midfielder Moussa Said struck twice in their biggest victory in 17 years in the top division, are third, one point behind Monaco.

Striker Thomas Deniaud, who has scored all three of Auxerre's European Cup goals, hit his first-ever First Division goal in the fourth minute, but missed the second half with an ankle injury that might keep him out of the Zurich clash.

Lyon defender Florent Laville was sent off in the 45th minute for a second bookable offence with the score 1-0.

Former European champion

Hoddle holds cards to his chest



LONDON, Oct 26: England coach Glenn Hoddle said he will decide next week whether to name Rangers' troubled midfielder Paul Gascoigne in the squad for the World Cup qualifier in Georgia on November 9, reports AFP.

Gascoigne's place in the crucial game in Tbilisi was thrown into doubt after last week's accusations that he battered his wife in a drunken frenzy.

His famous inability to control himself on the pitch was also highlighted when he was sent off for kicking Ajax defender Winston Bogarde during Rangers' 4-1 Champions League defeat in Amsterdam last Wednesday.

Boddle had a one-to-one meeting with Gascoigne last week but will decide whether to include Gascoigne in the squad at some stage after the weekend.

An official statement from the Football Association read: "Glen Hoddle and Paul Gascoigne met together privately on Wednesday. They discussed Paul's problems and what he is seeking to do about them."

"Glenn is aware that among other things Paul is receiving counselling which will continue."

Glen Hoddle's intention is to seek to do what is right for the England team as well as for Paul and his family.

"He will have further contact over the next few days with Paul as well as with Rangers manager Walter Smith."

"It is good to have something to give you relief in circumstances like this. I wanted solitude and I wanted the time to ask questions about life."

"This is my way of coping but I don't know how others will cope. It is an individual thing."

On how the players and fans will cope today, Gullit replied: "It will be a very emotional occasion — and I honestly have no idea how it will turn out for me."

"We have all decided it is better to play the game because that is the way Matthew would have wanted it. If we had postponed it there is still the question of playing the first game after his death and so we might as well get this one out of the way."

"I will be asking my team to do best but I also know people have been given the opportunity to express their grief. There are no special demands I can make on people in an environment like this."

