

Ganguly gets the call

AHMEDABAD, Nov 23: The national selectors today made only one change in India's 14-man squad for the second Test against South Africa, commencing at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta on November 27, reports PTI.

Medium-pace bowler David Johnson, who was in the team for the first Test that India won today, was replaced by Saurav Ganguly.

The left-handed Calcutta batsman could not play in the first Test due to injury.

Ganguly, however, has to undergo a fitness test at Calcutta on November 25 and, in case he does not pass it, then Johnson would be re-inducted into the fourteen-member selection committee chairman Ramakant Desai told reporters here after the announcement of the team.

TEAM

INDIA: Sachin Tendulkar (capt), Nayan Mongia, Sanjay Manjrekar, Rahul Dravid, Saurav Ganguly, Mohammad Azharuddin, V S Laxman, Sunil Joshi, Anil Kumble, Venkatesh Prasad, Narendra Hirwani, Javagal Srinath, Ashish Kapoor and Pankaj Dharmani.

World men's v'ball

Italy beat Netherlands

TOKYO, Nov 23: Italy, who crashed to a shock defeat to the Netherlands in the Atlanta Olympic final, extracted a small measure of revenge at the World Super Challenge men's volleyball tournament Saturday, reports AFP.

The Italian world champions used quick attack and fine reflex in receiving to score a 15-6, 15-8, 15-12 win over the Olympic champions to remain unbeaten with four consecutive wins.

"I was relieved when the game was over. Many of our players came to Japan with many physical problems, but they've got well and played well with strong desire to win," said Italy's coach Julio Velasco.

"I feel happy that we haven't lost a game to them after the Atlanta Olympic Games," he added.

Dutch coach Joop Alberda said: "I worked hard for the past four years, but I'm going to leave the team in December, so that the team will have new ideas and opportunities."

China showed their tight defence with firm blocks to beat South Korea 15-12, 15-13, 15-5, while Olympic bronze medalists Yugoslavia whipped hosts Japan 15-12, 15-11, 15-8.

The Netherlands stood with three wins against one defeat, Yugoslavia and China 2-2, South Korea 1-3 and Japan 0-4.

Weah gets into hot water

AMSTERDAM, Nov 23: UEFA said on Friday it had called a special disciplinary hearing next week on the scuffle involving AC Milan's George Weah after Wednesday's Champions League match, reports Reuters.

Porto defender Jorge Costa suffered a broken nose in the incident which took place in the players' tunnel at the end of an ill-tempered match.

The 30-year-old Weah, hailed by FIFA as a model of fair play, could face a lengthy suspension if European soccer's governing body found he had attacked Costa in the post-match clash.

Costa could also face sanctions if UEFA found he had provoked the incident with racist taunts.

UEFA spokesman Rene Eberle said the disciplinary hearing would be held next week but would not say on which day or where it would take place.

"The decision will probably be made at the end of next week," he said. "It all depends on the reports and the eye-witnesses. We may well have to call our own investigation and decide later on."

Costa on Thursday needed surgery after breaking his nose in the incident, witnessed by a UEFA official following a tense 1-1 Group D draw littered with fouls and yellow cards.

Porto club doctor Jose Carlos Esteves said Weah had head-butted Costa.

Milan officials and Weah's wife Claire were quoted as saying the Liberian, holder of the prestigious Golden Ball award to Europe's top player, had reacted to racist taunts.

"That player covered George with spit and insults. Do you know what he was doing? He was baring his teeth and jumping up and down like a monkey," Gazzetta Dello Sport quoted Claire Weah as saying.

Milan's managing director Adriano Galliani told the newspaper, "Without accusing anyone, I would just observe that certain things like spit and racist grunts are less evident than blood. We will be presenting our version of the facts."

Costa was shown after the incident on Portuguese television with blood streaming from his nose. He is expected to be out of soccer for three weeks.

Milan still need a point from their final Group D match against Norway's Rosenborg Trondheim to be assured of reaching the quarterfinals of a competition they have won five times.

Wednesday's draw meant that Porto, unbeaten so far in the competition and with one Champions League game to come, finished first in the group and meet the runners-up of Group C in the last eight.

Srinath heat sizzles SA



AHMEDABAD, India, Nov 23: A fiery spell by Indian seamer Javagal Srinath sent South Africa crashing to a sensational 64-run defeat in the first cricket Test here Saturday, reports AFP.

Srinath picked up a career-best six for 21 as the South Africans, chasing a modest 170 for victory, crumbled for 105 in their second innings an hour after lunch on the fourth day.

The last six wickets fell for nine runs in 22 balls, leaving disappointed South African skipper Hansie Cronje stranded at the other end on 48 not out.

It was India's 13th victory in their last 17 home Tests since 1989 and Sachin Tendulkar's second in as many matches as captain.

India, who won the one-off Test against Australia last month in under four days, start as favourites when the second of the three Tests against the South Africans begins in Calcutta next Wednesday.

Srinath, whose previous best in 21 Tests was four for 33 against the South Africans at Cape Town in 1992, wrecked the tourists' bid for victory with inspired bowling.

He took two successive wickets in his first over before a run had been scored, two more off consecutive balls in the middle of the innings and another two in a row to finish the match.

"It was one of the greatest exhibitions of fast bowling I have seen from an Indian for a long time," a visibly elated Tendulkar said.

"Srinath was absolutely superb, just out of this world. I don't think a captain can ask for more."

Vice-captain Anil Kumble chipped in with three for 34 to restrict the South African second innings to just 38.5 overs on a wearing track at the Gujarat Stadium.

Srinath's fifth delivery cut in sharply and trapped Hudson on the back foot. Umpire S K Bansal had no hesitation in declaring the batsman leg-before.

The next ball was an away swinger which took the edge of Cullinan's bat and was easily caught by Mongia.

Then left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi claimed Gary Kirsten leg before for 20 to make the South Africans 48 for three at lunch.

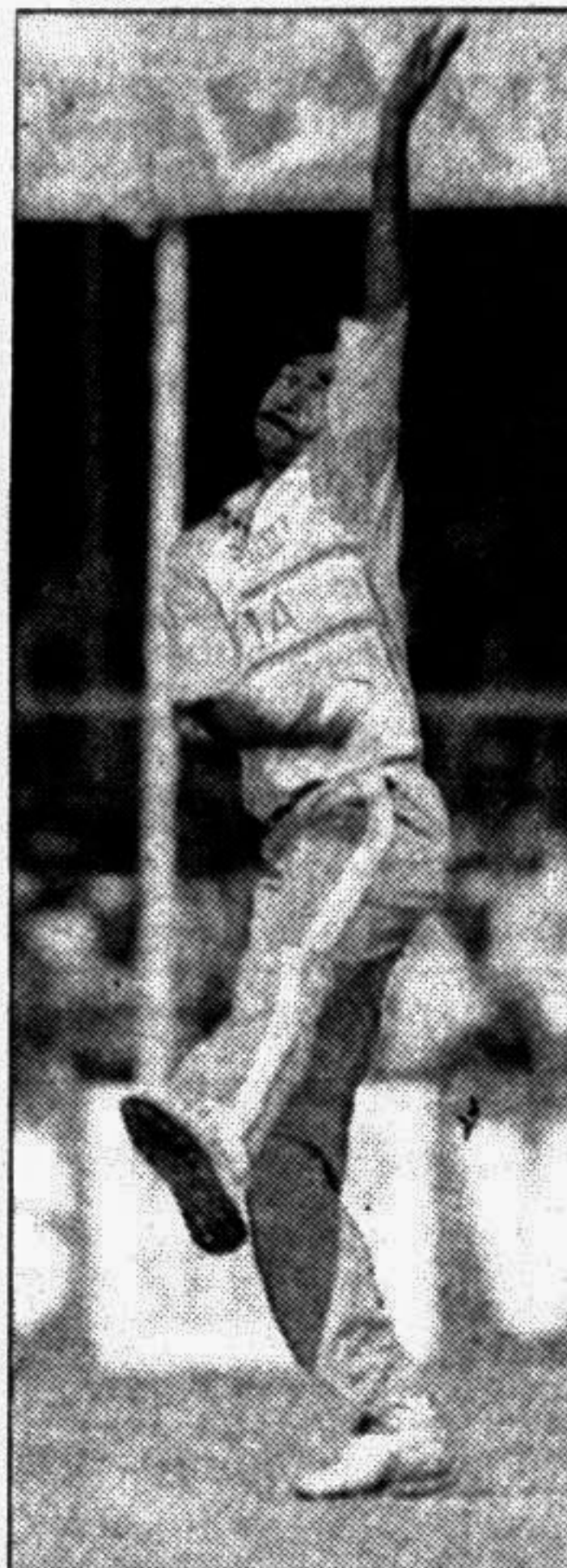
The tourists added 17 to their lunch score when Brian McMillan fell into Kumble's trap, sweeping the leg-spinner down Sunil Joshi's throat at

deep square leg. Dave Richardson helped Cronje take the score to 96 for four before edging Srinath to wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia after making seven.

Jonny Rhodes, who came in with Gary Kirsten as runner after pulling a hamstring in the field on Friday, failed to bring his bat down to the first ball he received and was declared leg before.

Pat Symcox denied Srinath a hat-trick but could not open his account, beaten by a Kumble flipper to be bowled.

Two balls later, Kumble had



SRINATH ... 6 for 21

first innings hero Fannie de Villiers snapped up at silly point by Mohammad Azharuddin to make South Africa 100 for eight.

A fired-up Srinath clean-bowled Allan Donald and Paul Adams to seal the emphatic win in an engrossing Test match where fortunes fluctuated with each passing moment.

Earlier, India added 10 runs to their overnight score of 172 for seven before being all out for

190 within 20 minutes of the start.

The home side's hopes of setting a target of more than 200 were dashed by unorthodox left-arm spinner Adams, who picked up all three wickets.

Adams, given the responsibility to bowl because fast bowler Donald did not take the field due to a toe injury, began the slide by trapping debutant Venkat Laxman leg-before for 51.

Two balls later, Adams had Venkatesh Prasad caught at silly point and terminated the innings in his next over when last man Narendra Hirwani holed out to mid-on.

Hirwani scored nine in a valuable 10-run stand for the last wicket with Kumble, who remained unbeaten on 30.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of first Test between India and South Africa on Saturday:

INDIA: First innings 223

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 244

INDIA: Second innings (172 for 7 overnight)

Manjrekar c Hudson b Donald 5

Mongia c Richardson b Donald 5

Dravid lbw Symcox 34

Tendulkar c Rhodes b McMillan 7

Azharuddin c Rhodes b Donald 24

Laxman lbw Adams 51

Joshi c McMillan b Symcox 13

Srinath lbw De Villiers 1

Kumble not out 30

Prasad c McMillan b Adams 0

Hirwani c Crookes b Adams 9

Extras (b-4, lb-4, nb-3) 11

Total (all out in 79.2 overs) 190

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-15; 3-38; 4-82; 5-91; 6-123; 7-124; 8-180; 9-190.

Bowling: O M R W

Donald 15 6 32 3

De Villiers 17 4 45 1

McMillan 9 4 18 1

Symcox 22 8 47 2

Cronje 7 2 10 0

Adams 9.2 4 30 3

SOUTH AFRICA: Second

innings

Hudson lbw b Srinath 0

Kirsten lbw b Joshi 20

Cullinan c Mongia b Srinath 0

Cronje not out 48

McMillan c Joshi b Kumble 17

Richardson c Mongia b Srinath 7

Rhodes lbw b Srinath 0

Symcox b Kumble 0

De Villiers c Azharuddin b Kumble 0

Donald b Srinath 4

Adams b Srinath 0

Extras (b-1, lb-3, w-5) 9

Total (all out in 30.5 overs) 105

Fall: 1-0; 2-0; 3-40; 4-65; 5-96; 6-96; 7-100; 8-100; 9-105.

Bowling: O M R W

Srinath 11.5 4 21 6

Prasad 7 0 18 0

Kumble 12 2 34 3

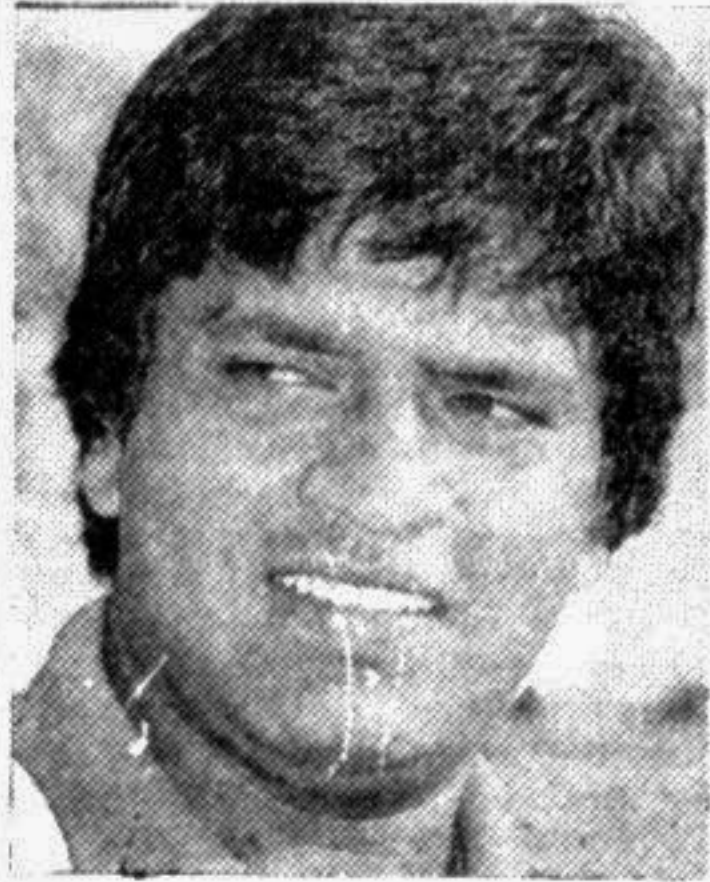
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Arjuna, Sanath due today

Sports Reporter

Two Sri Lankan World Cup winning team stars will arrive today to play for Mohammedali Sporting Club in the on-going Damal Smriti cricket tournament.

Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga flies into town this morning via Bangkok, while the pinch hitting opener Sanath Jayasuriya is due in the capital tonight straight from the Miss World competition in Bangalore.



RU h'ball final today

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 23: Department of Law will take on Islamic History and Culture in the final of the inter-departmental handball championship of the university at the University Stadium 3 pm tomorrow.

Vice-Chancellor Professor M Yousuf Ali will witness the final.

Taher tennis results

Sports Reporter

Army Club earned a 2-1 victory against Engineers' Club in the Taher inter-club tennis tournament at the Gulshan Club Tennis Complex yesterday.

Engineer Suza got his team off to a sound start with a convincing 6-0, 6-2 win over Col Tasaddak.

Suza later teamed up with Babu to defeat the pairing of Col Rozario and Capt Mizan 6-4, 6-2 in the doubles. The Armymen, however, earned a consolation 6-1, 6-4 win through Col Zia and Lt Kabir who disposed of Messrs Sanaul Haq and Shaheer in the last doubles.

American Club enjoyed an identical margin success against the host club in the other engagement on the day. Sabah Siddique of American Club overcame a first set loss to defeat Azmat Mayeen 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

The Gulshan pairing of Syed Wahid and Wahidul Alam evened the teams' scores with a 6-4, 6-2 win against Kevin Fitzcharles and Richard Brown respectively.

But Americans Thomas Handzel and Siddique restored their lead prevailing over Moyeen and Capt Munir 7-6, 6-2.

Khulna soccer

Town Club defeated Victoria Club by a lone goal in the Bull-Head Premier Division football league played here today at the local stadium, reports BSS.

Lalu struck in the 89th minute.

Five players of Town Club and four players of Victoria Club were shown yellow cards.

Delta Life h'ball on

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Bir Uttam, yesterday inaugurated the Delta Life inter-college ball women handball competition at Dhanmordi Women Sports Complex in the city, reports BSS.

Thirteen teams are participating in the meet, organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation.



Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, BU, shakes with the participants of the Delta Life inter-college ball women handball competition during the opening ceremony at the Dhanmordi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Healy's finest hundred



BRISBANE, Nov 23: A career-best century from Ian Healy put Australia in the driving seat in the first cricket Test against the West Indies at the Gabba on Saturday, report agencies.

Healy's record-breaking unbeaten 161 guided the home side to a total of 479 before they were skittled out just after tea on the second evening.

Australia hit back by removing both openers — Sherwin Campbell (18) and Robert Samuels (10) — with the West Indies' total on just 43.

But Brian Lara (19 not out) an Carl Hooper (unbeaten on four) saw the next 34 minutes through without much trouble as the tourists reached 61 for two at the close.

West Indies need a further 219 runs to avoid the ignominy of following on.

Healy became the first batsman in history to score his first three first-class centuries in test matches and in the process posted the highest individual innings by an Australian wicket-keeper in a Test.

Healy, who is playing in his 81st Test, scored his other two centuries against England — 102 not out in Manchester (1993) and New Zealand — an unbeaten 113 in Perth (1993-94).

Healy, renowned for his fighting qualities as a batsman, described the innings, the first century by a native Queenslander in a Test in Brisbane, as the best of his career.

"I am very proud of what I achieved today," he said. "It was a very special moment for me to produce this innings on my home ground in front of my family."

Asked if the innings was typical of his image as a cricketer who performs at his best under pressure, Healy said: "I think that's the way my character is written."

"I am very happy to have that as a characteristic response," he added.

Healy's innings lasted four minutes short of six hours and provided the backbone of the home side's innings, starting when a middle-order collapse looked possible.

With Australia in trouble on 196 for five late on Friday, Healy joined all rounder Steve Waugh (66) to resurrect the innings.

The pair put on 142 runs in just over three hours.

The Australian wicketkeeper kept the lower order intact with invaluable contributions from

Paul Reffel (20) and Shane Warne (24) on a day the tourists' frustration reached boiling point.

On a wicket that was getting increasingly batsmen friendly, the 32-year-old Healy, mixed caution with timely aggression and put the tourists' pace quartet to the sword.

His 250-ball innings eclipsed former wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh's 132 against New Zealand in Adelaide in 1973-74.

The sixth-wicket pair weathered the second new ball



HEALY ... 161 n.o

until 22 minutes before lunch, when paceman Ian Bishop produced the much awaited breakthrough for the visitors.

Waugh, having preferred to play second fiddle to Healy, edged a Bishop delivery and Lara at first slip scooped up a very good catch.

Waugh managed just 18 runs in 97 minutes on the day. He batted for 255 minutes and struck three fours off 184 balls.

Australia resumed the day on 282 for five and continued to blossom in the post-lunch session once Healy had reached his century in 216 minutes.

Healy and Reffel added 69 runs for the seventh wicket followed by a run-a-minute 61 partnership for the eighth wicket with Warne.

The West Indies' fielders contributed to a miserable day by dropping three catches — wicketkeeper Courtney Browne being the main culprit with two fumbles.

Skipper Courtney Walsh returned the best bowling for the

tourists, picking up four for 112 while Bishop and Kenny Benjamin took three and two wickets respectively.

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath peppered Samuels repeatedly with bouncers and bowled a perfect outswinger that saw the left-hander give Healy a straightforward catch.

Late in the day, Australia were further encouraged by the return to the bowling crease of leg-spinner Warne.

Warne, who underwent surgery on the ring finger of his right hand in May, bowled five economical overs in his first Test appearance since the operation.

With stumps just 10 overs away, Campbell injudiciously chased a wide delivery and gave Warne a waist-high catch at third slip off the bowling of Reffel.

But there was to be no further celebration for Mark Taylor's side as Lara and Hooper safely negotiated Warne's threat.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first Test between Australia and West Indies at the Gabba on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 282 for five)

Taylor b Walsh 43

Ellott c Browne b Ambrose 0

Poston c Walsh b K Benjamin 88

M Waugh c Browne b Walsh 38

S Waugh c Lara b Bishop 66

Bevan c Samuels b Walsh 0

Healy not out 161

Reffel c and b Walsh 20

Warne c and b Bishop 24

Kasprovic c K Benjamin b Bishop 6

McGrath b K Benjamin 3

Extras (lb 8, nb 22, w-3) 30

Total (all out in 151 overs) 479

Fall of Wickets: 1-4; 2-130; 3-146; 4-196; 5-196; 6-338; 7-407; 8-468; 9-477.

Bowling: O M R W

Ambrose 34 4 93 1

Walsh 35 6 112 4

Bishop 30 2 105 3

Benjamin 33 6 97 2

Hooper 19 3 64 0

WEST INDIES: First innings

Campbell c Warne b Reffel 18

Samuels c Healy b McGrath 10

Lara not out 19

Hooper not out 4

Extras (lb-2, w-1, nb-7) 10

Total (for two wickets in 27 overs) 61

Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-43.

To bat: S Chanderpaul, J Adams, C Browne, I Bishop, C Ambrose, K Benjamin, C Walsh.

Bowling: O M R W

McGrath 8 4 10 1

Reffel 7 1 24 1

Kasprovic 6 2 12 0

Warne 5 1 12 0

S Waugh 1 0 1 0