



The Malaysian team who won the Bangabandhu Cup beating PSM Ujung Pandang of Indonesia in the final.

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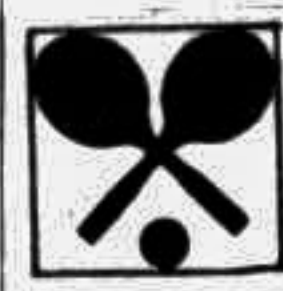
Drena delays NZ Open qtrs

AUCKLAND, Jan 10: Wind and rain, courtesy of cyclone Drena forced the quarterfinals of the New Zealand Open tennis tournament to be abandoned here today, reports AFP.

Play did manage to get under way in the early afternoon, and American Jan Michael Gambill took a 2-1 lead, with serve, over Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman before worsening conditions forced them from the court.

Organisers hope to play the quarterfinals and semifinals Saturday with the final on Sunday.

Yevgeny joins absentees



MELBOURNE, Jan 10: World tennis number four Yevgeny Kafelnikov today joined a growing casualty list of top seeds as injury ravaged the field before the start of the Australian Open, reports Reuters.

Kafelnikov was forced to pull out of the year's first Grand Slam with a broken hand, while doubts surrounded the fitness of fellow seeds Jim Courier and Thomas Enqvist.

The French Open champ-

on's withdrawal removed one potential threat to Pete Sampras, the world number one and top seed, before the tournament starts on Monday.

Sampras, who won in Melbourne three years ago and is chasing his second successive Grand Slam title after his US Open triumph last year, will play a qualifier after the first round draw was made today.

Defending Australian Open champion Boris Becker was handed a tougher assignment when the computer paired him with improving young Spa-

niard Carlos Moya, ranked 28 in the world.

Becker, the sixth seed here and a six-time Grand Slam winner, lost in three sets against Moya at last year's Paris Open, their only previous meeting.

"Carlos is not a typical Spanish clay court player because he is able to play on quicker surfaces, which is going to make it more dangerous," Becker told reporters.

In the women's draw, world number one seed and overwhelming favourite Steffi Graf will play Janette Husarova of Slovakia in the first round.

Swiss teenager Martina Hingis, seeded four and regarded as the biggest threat to stop the German winning her fifth Australian Open, was drawn in the opposite half of the draw, clearing the way for a possible final showdown.

In a further boost for tournament officials Sampras and Becker, whose rivalry last season enlivened the sport in the wake of Andre Agassi's decline, were also kept apart in the draw and can only meet here in the final on January 26.

If Sampras beats the qualifier and the next two matches go his way as expected, his first seeded opponent should be number 16 Alberto Berasategui of Spain in the fourth round.

Kafelnikov, who was competing this week at the Colonial Classic warm-up exhibition event, suffered the fracture in an accident while training in the gymnasium on Thursday. Classic organiser Colin Stubbs said.

Former world number one Courier, the Australian Open champion in 1992 and 1993 and seeded 11 this year, pulled out of his game at the Classic today because of hamstring strain. Stubbs said.

Sun shines on Indians

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Jan 10: India came out with all guns blazing Thursday night to crush Griqualand West by seven wickets in their limited-over clash at the Kimberley club, reports AFP.

The tourists needed just 34.4 overs and three wickets to reach the target of 206 set by Griqualand.

It was their first win of their current tour of South Africa. An opening salvo of 51 (eight fours and one six) off only 49 balls by Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar gave the 5,000 spectators plenty of action and left the home attack in tatters.

Tendulkar's opening partner Saurav Ganguly provided more fire-works with an explosive 101, which included eight fours and five sixes, off 84 balls.

Ganguly, later named man-of-the-match, needed only 26 balls to record his second 50. Local seamer Willie Dry celebrated his 26th birthday with a scintillating career-best 72 but spoiled the party when he came on to bowl by sending down a humiliating 12-ball first (and last) over. It included eight wickets.

Other Griqua bowlers fared little better. Adri Swanepoel's opening three overs cost 16 runs, Garth Roe's three cost 19 and Cedric English's three 34.

All attempts by Griqualand captain Micky Arthur to halt the run rampage came to naught and when Tendulkar was finally dismissed, in a run-out mix-up with Ganguly, the two had already put on 94 runs in just 12.3 overs.

Griqualand West's 207 for seven was dominated by a third-wicket partnership of 123 between Dry and Piet Barnard. Dry's 72-run birthday bash contained five fours and two sixes and came off only 85 deliveries. Barnard's 54 was scored off 104 balls.

Former booter behind bars

SINGAPORE, Jan 10: A former star player on Singapore's national soccer team has been sentenced to two years in prison for taking 360,000 dollars from a bank where he worked, reports AP.

Lim Tang Boon, 41, received the sentence Monday despite letters of support from a former national coach and his boss at Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., where he worked from 1976 to 1992.

Lim, who joined the Singapore national team in 1977 and was voted footballer-of-the-year in 1980, pleaded guilty to taking the money from an account holding US currency in 1991.

Judge S. Thyagarajan said he took into account the letters of support, but also had to consider the size of the sum involved, according to the newspaper The New Paper.

Lara hammers second hundred WI muscle past Pakistan



PERTH, Australia, Jan 10: A magnificent unbeaten 103 by star left-hander Brian Lara spearheaded the West Indies to a five-wicket victory over Pakistan in a World Series one-day clash under lights here today, reports AFP.

The West Indies surged to 258-5, with eight balls to spare after Pakistan had set them a challenging target by reaching 257-7 at The WACA ground.

The win almost certainly propels the Windies into the best-of-three finals of the triangular contest starting in Sydney on January 18.

The West Indies is now lead the table, with eight points (four wins from six games) followed by Pakistan with six points (three wins from six games) and Australia with four points (two wins from six games).

The host nation must beat the West Indies in Sunday's day-time clash here to stay in contention for the showdown.

Openers Sherwin Campbell (21) and Junior Murray (62) put the West Indies well on course with a handsome start of 60 in 56 minutes.

But the game was clinched by Lara and Chanderpaul (35), who cracked 117 for the fourth wicket from only 123 balls in 117 minutes.

In Pakistan's innings, middle-order batsman Ijaz made the most of a life at 14 to lash an exhilarating 94 from 81 balls before being run out.

He hammered six fours and three sixes in his 105-minute knock — exactly what his team needed after a lethargic start which produced only 2-74 in the opening 25 overs.

Ijaz had been at the crease only a short time and was yet to launch his savage attack when wicket keeper Junior Murray muffed a straight forward stumping chance.

The right-hander advanced down the pitch to a ball from left-arm spinner Jimmy Adams and was beaten, but Murray failed to gather the ball.

In contrast to Ijaz's enterprising exhibition, Mohammad Wasim laboured over 105 deliveries to craft a watchful 53 in almost two and a half hours.

The West Indies decided at the last minute to rest their match-winning fast bowler, Curtly Ambrose, recovering from a hamstring strain.

While the West Indies were keen to win this match, they did not want to risk their major strike force 15 days before the start of the crucial fourth Test against Australia in Adelaide.

Australia were leading 2-1, but the West Indies can still win back the Frank Worrell Trophy by snatching victories in Adelaide and Perth.

Pakistan chose not to take any gambles with ace paceman

Waqar Younis, still recovering from a pulled muscle in his right-bowling arm.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the World Series limited-over match between West Indies and Pakistan at The WACA ground on Friday:

PAKISTAN					
Sohail c Hooper b Walsh	9				
Elahi c Griffith b Adams	32				
M Wasim c Lara b Chanderpaul	53				
Ijaz Sr run out	94				
Afridi st Murray b Hooper	29				
Akram c Adams b Thompson	10				
Moin c Adams b Walsh	5				
Jamshed not out	3				
Ijaz Jr not out	3				
Extras: (lb-7, w-8, nb-4)	19				
Total: (for seven wickets in 48.4 overs)	257				

Fall of wickets: 1-60; 2-93; 3-102; 4-219; 5-242.

Did not bat: A. Griffith, I. Bishop, C. Walsh, P. Thompson.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Akram	10	1	30	1
Zahid	10	0	41	0
Saqain	10	0	45	1
Sohail	10	0	53	1
Afridi	6	0	52	0
Ijaz Jr.	2	0	9	1
Ijaz Sr.	4	0	4	0

Results: West Indies won by five wickets with eight balls to spare.

STANDINGS

Standings in the World Series (limited-over competition after Friday's game):

Country	P	W	L	Pts
West Indies	6	4	2	8
Pakistan	6	3	3	6
Australia	6	2	4	4

Hogg wags in rescue

SYDNEY, Jan 10: Western Australia's Brad Hogg ensured the hard work of his side's pace bowlers did not go to waste as 18 wickets fell on the opening day of their vital Sheffield Shield encounter with New South Wales on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Hogg was the only player on either side to pass fifty as New South Wales were bundled out for 126 and Western Australia replied with 180 for eight.

The visiting team had slumped to 72 for five, New South Wales all-rounder Brad McNamara capturing three wickets in his first three overs, before Hogg provided some late resistance with 59.

New South Wales had earlier been undone by the pace of Jo Angel and Matthew Garnatt who each took four wickets, giving their side a perfect start in a match both sides needed to win to stay in touch with leaders Queensland.

A Century partners between former Test batsman David Boon and all-rounder Shaun Young rescued Tasmania from early trouble on the first day of their match against Victoria.

Boon and Young put on 100 for the fifth wicket after Tasmania had slumped to 76 for four, steering their side to 250 for six at stumps.

Boon made 75 before losing his wicket to all-rounder Ian Harvey while Young fell for 50 to Victoria captain and seam bowler Tony Dodean.

While Boon prospered, Ricky Ponting did little to advance his claims for a Test recall against West Indies.

Ponting, dropped for the third Test last month, made 26 before becoming one of Dodean's three victims.

USA ready for another shot

NEW YORK, Jan 10: Five months after the flame was doused in Atlanta, US Olympic Committee officials are stoking the fires for a bid to bring the Summer Games back in 2008, reports AP.

It would be extraordinary for the United States to host a third Summer Games in 24 years, and a fifth Olympics overall since 1980. To do it, any US city would have to win a truly worldwide competition in an atmosphere perhaps soured by what one official labeled "hangovers from Atlanta."

But with a big push from its new president, the USOC's executive committee is scheduled to decide next week whether to formally nominate a city for consideration, the first step in the long and costly process that will end in 2001 with selection of the host by the International Olympic Committee.

And, while a US bidder for 2008 seemed a remote possibility when the Atlanta Olympics ended Aug 4 amid criticism of its fund-raising and organization, it now appears the USOC will at least decide to open the door for the chance to play host again.

William Hybl, the USOC's new president, is eager to put an American City up for consideration.

"My opinion is that we have many cities with great facilities and organizations who are eager to host the Olympic Games," Hybl said. "It's hard to project what the playing field is going to look like a year from now, let alone seven years from now."

Hybl said the quality of the cities, a strong television and sponsorship market and the IOC's precedent two decades ago to award 1980-84 Winter and Summer Games to American cities boded well for US chances.

"We don't know what turns it's going to take," he said. Potential bidders said they were pleased by Hybl's stance.

"It's my guess there is a lot of momentum to a US bid, and a feeling that a US city should be part of the process," said Nicholas Vehr, head of the Cincinnati bid committee.

In addition to Atlanta last year and Los Angeles in 1984, Salt Lake City already has been picked as the site of the Winter Olympics in 2002, 22 years after Lake Placid, New York, staged the Winter Games for the second time.

No other nation has hosted so many Olympics in such a short time, and the IOC is looking to expand the games into Africa, South America and Asia, drawbacks that Hybl acknowledged. Eleven international cities are bidding for the 2004 games, and many are expected to run again for 2008.

This will be the first full working session of the new executive panel, and it's uncertain both how hard Hybl will push the 2008 plan and how malleable the other members will be to his wishes.

But it's fair to say that not all share Hybl's view that it's best to put a city up for review, no matter the consequences.

"We need to see what the climate might be," USOC executive director Dick Schultz said. "There might be a few hangers on from Atlanta."

The Centennial Games were the biggest and most expensive in history, their 1.7 billion dollars budget covered entirely by private funds. But they also were plagued by breakdowns in transportation and technology, and harshly criticized by international Olympic officials for being overly commercial.

Bids for 2008 are expected from organisations in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, New York and Seattle.

JU school sports

SAVAR, Jan 10: Annual sports competition of Jahangirnagar University School and College was held at the university premises today, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader was present in the function as the chief guest and distributed prizes.

Vice Chancellor of JU Professor Amirul Islam Chowdhury was also present.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Directorate Barguna

Memo No. LGED/EE/Bar/D-515/96/4555

Dated: 24/12/96

Tender Notice No. 17/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Local Government Engineering Directorate enlisted all projects pre-qualified contractors/contractor firms (as per financial ability) for implementation of the undermentioned schemes under the Project Road, Bridge/Culvert construction and re-construction on priority basis in rural areas of Local Government Engineering Directorate Barguna district during 1996-97 financial year.

Schedule of works:

Gr.	Name of thana	Name of work	Estimated cost	Cost of schedule	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor
1.	Aamtali	Development of road from Chhukitara R.H. to Marichbunia Bazar with ASS+25mm carpeting.	18,00,000/-	500/-	120 days	Pre-qualified special A&E class.
2.	Aamtali	Development of road from Hazar Takar Bandh to Munirhat with ASS+25mm carpeting.	16,00,000/-	500/-	120 days	-do-
3.	Sadar	Development of Parikhal-Babuganj GCC Road with ASS+25mm carpeting.	15,00,000/-	500/-	120 days	-do-
4.	Patharghata	Development of Kalmegha-Ghatabachha GCC Road via Kalmegha High School up to Kalmegha Bazar Launchghat with ASS+25mm carpeting.	15,00,000/-	500/-	120 days	-do-
5.	Bamna	Development of road from Bamna GCC to Kholpatua GCC road with ASS+25mm carpeting.	15,00,000/-	500/-	120 days	-do-

a. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal, Deputy Commissioner, Barguna; Project Director, Priority Basis Project, LGED Headquarters, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, LGED, Patuakhali; Thana Engineer, Barguna Sadar/Aamtali/Patharghata/Bamna/Betagi, District-Barguna and office of the undersigned simultaneously up to 1:30 PM of 26.1.97 and will be opened on the same day at 2:00 PM at the above mentioned offices before the tenderers or their nominated representatives (if any) present.

b. Schedule regarding the tender can be purchased from the above offices at prescribed price (non-refundable) by depositing in cash and obtaining receipt, on production of papers renewed for the current financial year (1996-97), and the same papers and the receipt should be deposited with the tender.

c. Earnest money at the rate 2.50% of quoted price should be submitted with the tender through PO/BD from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Directorate, Barguna, if not submitted or is less, then the tender will be treated as cancelled outright. Tender consisting PO/BD from any unscheduled bank or investment company will be treated as cancelled outright.

d. Quoted rate should be distinctly written in the schedule and in the designated space of Form No. 2911 in figures and words. There should not be any erasing or overwriting in writing rate. Tenders consisting rate quoted with any erasing-overwriting will be treated as cancelled outright. However, if any cancellation in writing rate is required then it should be cancelled and the correct rate written distinctly beside supported by initial.

e. Tender with rate more than 5% (five per cent) below will be treated as cancelled outright.

f. Itemwise rate analysis should be submitted if quoted rate is more than 5% (five per cent) above.

g. Work schedule mentioning time limit for each phase of executing the work should be submitted with the tender. Tenders without work schedule will be treated as cancelled outright. Work alongwith the earnest money will be cancelled if the work is not started within 7(seven) days from the date of issuing work order.

h. Each page of the documents enclosed with the tender should be signed, otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.

i. Other terms & conditions and rules & regulations can be obtained from the abovementioned offices.

j. Tender submitted by the contractor will be considered as the first and formal tender.

k. In controlling the standard of quality of the work, the contractor should get the laboratory test done at his own expense to ensure the prescribed standard stated in specification of each item. No bill will be paid if the result of laboratory test is not found to be satisfactory.

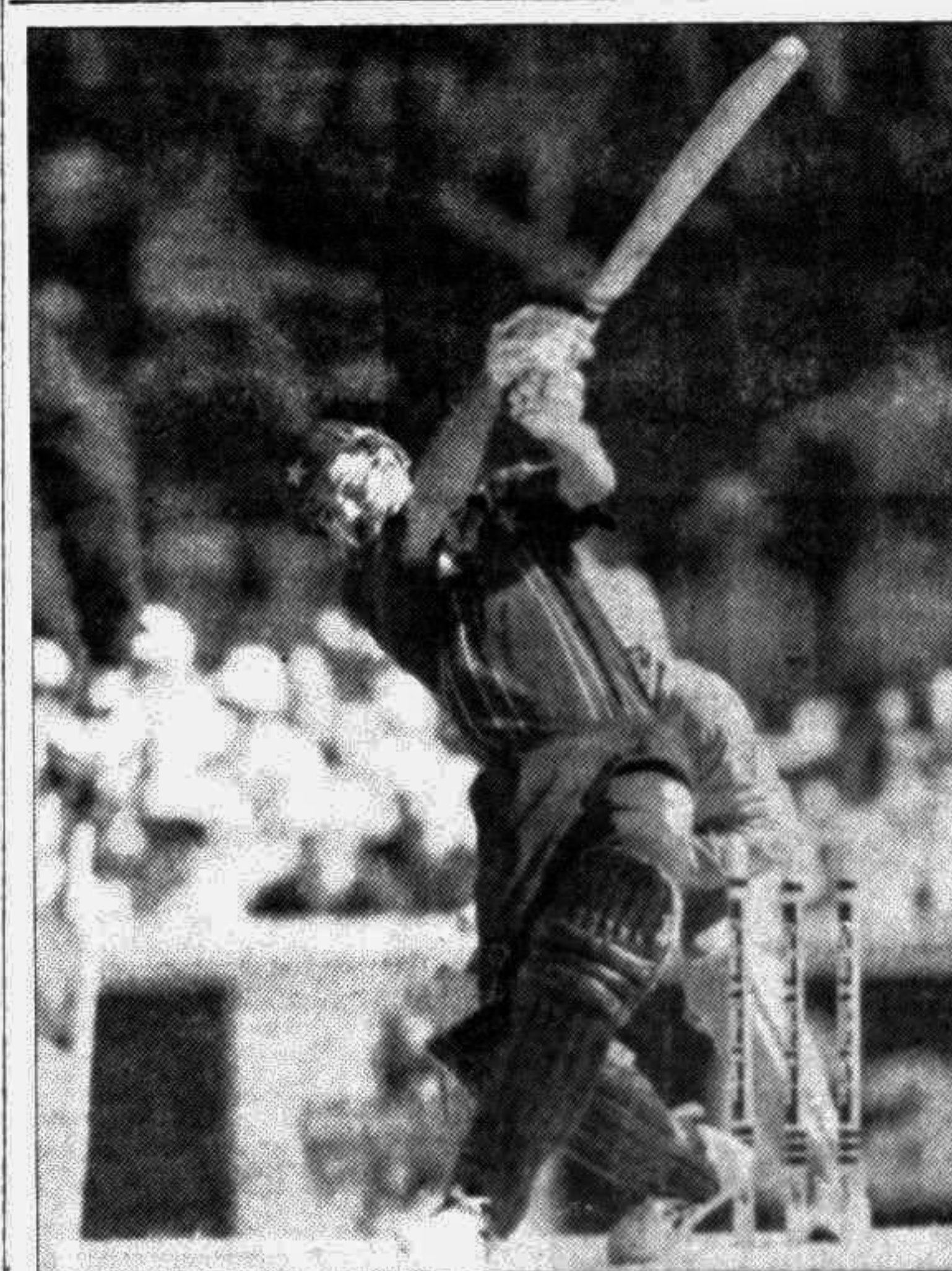
l. The authority reserves the overall right to reject any one or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Pakistani middle order Ijaz Ahmed Sr makes a savage hit to the rope off a Jimmy Adams delivery during their World Series limited-over match at The WACA in Perth yesterday.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 11th January
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in group programmes.)

BTV

3:00pm Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:25 Recitation from the Tripitak 3:25 Movie of the Week: The Master of Ballantry 5:25 Banashree 6:00pm Samachar 6:30 Re-telecast of selected programme 7:00 News in English 7:25 Maati-o-Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Prabaha 9:00 Geeli Shatadal 10:00 News in English 10:30 Ai Prethibee 10:30 Drama Series: Dynasty 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:10 BBC Newsnight 7:00 BBC World News 7:10 BBC Newsnight 8:00 BBC World News 8:20 Window On Europe 9:00 BBC World News 9:20 Earth

Report Debate — Mapping the Millennium 10:00 BBC World News 10:05 World Focus: Assignment 11:00 BBC World News 11:20 Earth Report Debate — Mapping the Millennium 12:00 BBC World News 12:20 Window On Europe 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 World Focus: Everyman 2:00 BBC World News 2:05 World Focus: Pole to Pole 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: The Travel Show Holiday 4:00 BBC World News 4:05 World Focus: Horizon 5:00 BBC World News 5:20 Earth Report Debate — Mapping the Millennium 6:00pm BBC World News 6:05 World Focus: State Of The World Forum Debate 7:00 BBC World News 7:20 This Week 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Time Out: Film 9:00 Special with Liam Neeson 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 World Focus: Assignment 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Time Out: The Clothes Show 12:00pm BBC World News 12:20 This Week 1:00 BBC World News 1:20 Earth Report

CHANNEL V

6:00am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame by Frame 8:30 Asian Top 20 VJ 10:30 Big Bang Weekend VJ Alessandra 12:30 Billboard US Countdown 2:30 The Ride 3:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 4:30 House Of Noise VJ Luke 6:00pm Classic Rock 7:00 Top Of The Pops 8:00 BPI Cyeil 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Fashion Police 10:00 Soul Curry VJ Sophia 10:30 V Spot 11:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 12:30 The Ticket 1:00 Over The Edge VJ Sophia 2:00 Music Update Tokyo 2:30 The Ride 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 V Spot

STAR PLUS

6:30am Voltron 7:00 Aerobics

Oz Style 7:30 Star News 8:00 Sky News 8:30 Sky Business News 9:00 Sky News 9:30 Katts & Dogs 10:00 Incredible Hulk 10:30 Spider Man 11:00 Zoofie with Jack Hanna 11:30 BBC Documentary — All Our Children 12:30noon Mystery Movies: Inspector Morse — Promises Land 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 4:30 Jubilee Plus 5:00 Hindi Film: Southern 8:00 Bollywood Star Talkies 8:30 Baywatch 9:30 Baywatch Nights 10:30 L A Law 11:30 Backup 12:30mm Movie: House Of Bamboo 2:30 El TV 3:00 Hardcastle and McCormack 4:00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 5:00 The Wild Wild West

STAR SPORTS

6:00am Hilton Chinese National Basketball League 96-97 Jiangsu vs Beijing 7:00 PGA Tour Year in Review 8:00 Spanish Fb League HL 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Raw 9:30 NBA Inside Stuff 10:00 The Asian Football Shop 11:30 Live Chinese Taipei

Badminton Open 1997 1st & 2nd Semi Finals From Taipei 3:00 Sarazen World Open Championship 1996 Final Day Highlights From Georgia, USA 5:00 Sports India 5:30 Futbol Mundial-1 6:00 World Bobsled Push Start Champ Hits 6:30 Asia Sport Show 7:00 PGA Tour Year in Review 8:00 Spanish Fb League HL 8:30 Prime Boxing 10:30 The Asian Football Show 11:30 Thai Kickboxing Highlights 12:30mm Sports India-25 1:00 Futbol Mundial-1 1:30 Asia Sport Show 16:20 Hilton Chinese National Basketball League 96-97 Jiangsu vs Beijing 3:00 World Bobsled Push Start Champs HL 3:30 International Motorsports News 4:30 Sarazen World Open Championship 1996 Final Day Highlights From Georgia, USA

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Classic: Animal Crackers G (Arabic Subtitle) 9:30 Family: The Great Land Of Small PG (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Western: High Lonesome 12

Little Shop Of Horrors 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Adventure: Golden Needles 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Family: Best of Friends 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:00 Adventure: Safe Passage 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00 The Preview 9:30 Professions in the Movies... 10:30 Musicians: Blink 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Thriller: Miami Blues 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Night Night: The Hidden 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 Sunday Classic Western: The Legend Of The Lone Ranger 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Action: Vigilante Cop 15 (Arabic Subtitle)

ZEE TV

5:30 Suno Bhai Sadho 6:00 News 6:30 Jagar 7:00 ZED