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3	The captain of PIA hockey team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is	Kamran	Khalid	Gamar
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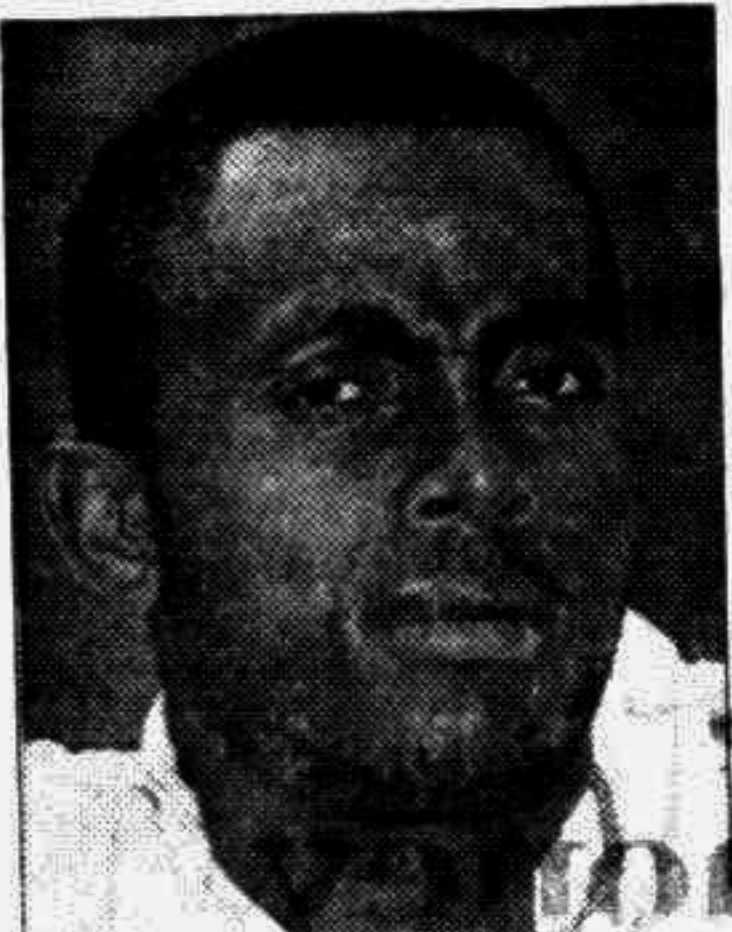
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SPORTS TALK



Courtney Walsh
(West Indies captain)

"The focus after going 0-2 down in Sydney was on the whole morale of the team performance, the confidence, just getting the guys to relax. When you are not doing well it is easy to start thinking negatively. I was trying hard to get them to think positively and focus on the job and hand because there was a lot more cricket to be played."

After winning the third Test of the Frank Worrell series in Melbourne.

Natore football

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 29: Hosts Natore stormed into the final of the Sobhan Shahjahan Smriti Gold Cup football tournament when they blanked Jaipurhat two to nil in the second semi-final at the local stadium here today.

In a lop-sided affair, Gopal gave Natore a 39th minute lead before Sagar extended the winning margin stabbing the second in the twelve minutes from the final whistle. Natore will take on Shaheed Tariq Club of neighbouring Bogra in the final to be held in the same venue on Friday.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division cricket league

(super league)
Brothers Union vs Abahani (IDS)

First Division cricket league

Dhaka Wanderers vs Sadhan Bina KS (CCG)

Uttara SC vs Bangladesh Boys (DCS)

Acme Second Division cricket league

East End Club vs Nawabganj CC (DCS, west)

Nabin Sangha vs Gendaria Cricketers (Uttara)

Mariner Youngs vs Jatrabari KC (T&T ground)

Young Pegasus vs Lalbagh Anwar SC (MOS)

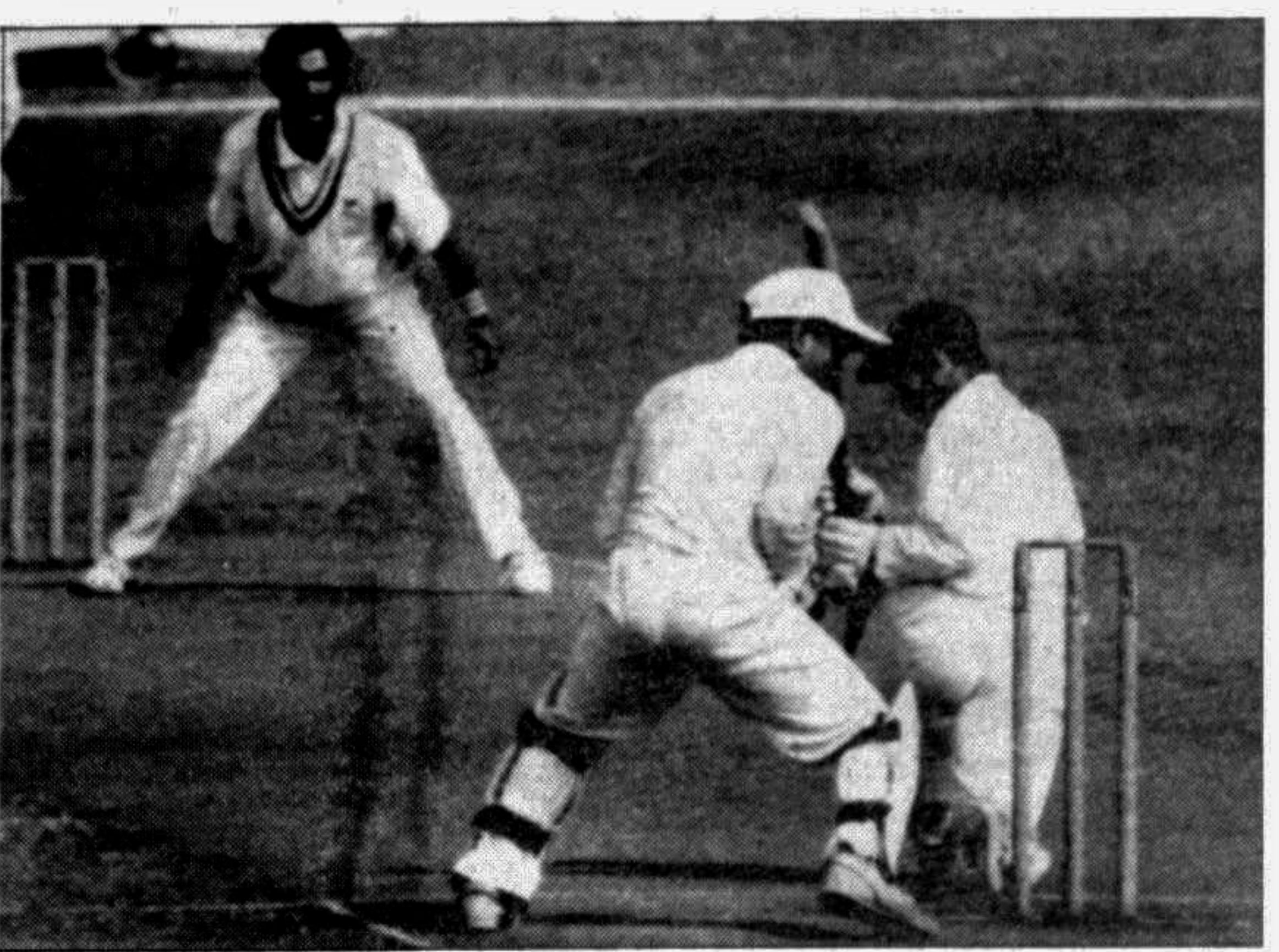
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Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul sweeps the ball on his way to an unbeaten century against Wari Club in yesterday's Premier cricket super league match at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

Mohammedans finally win

Sports Reporter



AMINUL ISLAM BULBUL

After six defeats in a row, last year's champions returned to winning ways crushing hapless Wari by a huge 181 runs in yesterday's lone Premier league match played at the Dhaka Stadium.

To add to the poignance of it all, Mohammedans' much delayed release yesterday from a mysterious spell of defeat was accompanied by two brilliant individual performances. But the popular team has slipped so far in the race for the title that even a hundred by skipper Aminul Islam and a five-wicket haul by Hasibul Hossain Shanto paled into insignificance.

The morning did not tip-off an easy Mohammedan ride though. Opting to bat first after winning the toss they were off to a shaky start as opener Parvez (7) was out in the fifth over with the scoreboard reading only 13.

But Pakistani Shahed Mehmod, the other opener promoted in the batting order of late, and one down Sanwar ensured convalescence with a 57-run second wicket partnership in 11.3 overs before the former departed after playing an almost run-a-ball innings of 34 off 36 balls.

After Shahed Mehmod's departure, captain Aminul Islam Bulbul joined Sanwar and the duo added 85 runs for the third wicket before Sanwar was bowled by Rakib Hasan Bappi with the total on 155 in the 39th over.

Sanwar, the technically competent right-hander batted for about two hours forming, in the process, a couple of useful partnerships. He fell one short of fifty making 49 off 103 balls. His innings contained three firm hits to the fence.

In the 43rd over, Mohammedans lost Pakistani Raja Arshad with the total on 181. The tall batsman, who came to bat at number five, scored only 13 runs off 17 balls.

After Raja's return, Bulbul and Hasibul Hasan Shanto took

over in a very commanding fashion realising 71 runs for the unfinished fifth wicket stand off just 45 deliveries.

When Mohammedans ran out of their quota of 50 overs, the score read a fairly imposing 264 for four. Bulbul, vice-captain of the Bangladesh national team, was the shining star in the Mohammedan innings with an unbeaten 100 made from 111 balls which included seven sweetly timed boundaries across the rope.



SHANTIO ... 5 for 53

The prospect of Bulbul's hundred was under the cloud when the dark and short right-handed batsman was needed to score ten runs in the last over to reach the coveted target. But the in-form batsman did it in style with five successive twos to record his first century of the league.

On the other hand, Shanto hammered a quick 30 of just 16 balls which included two big sixes and a four.

Facing a big task of scoring 265 for win in 50 overs, the Wari batsmen buckled under the pressure and eventually succumbed in 19.3 overs putting only 83 runs on the board.

After right-arm new-ball bowler Al-Amin gave the early break through by sending back first three Wari batsmen in 6.3 overs for 28 runs only, Bangladesh international and the main man in Mohammedans' new ball attack Hasibul Hasan Shanto did the rest.

In his nine and a half over spell, Shanto bowled aggressively though not economically. His five wickets cost him 53 runs.

His partner Al-Amin was however fairly economical spending 29 runs in his ten nippy overs for a haul of three wickets.

With yesterday's victory, Mohammedans confirmed at least the fifth place in the league table this season having raised their tally to 16 points from 14 matches. On the other hand, it was the third successive defeat for Wari which kept them glued to their previous collection of 12 points.

SCOREBOARD

MOHAMMEDAN SC

S Mehmod c Bappi b Tareque	34
Parvez c and b Arif	7
Sanwar b Bappi	49
A Islam Bulbul not out	100
Raja Arshad c Arif b Babu	13
H Hasan Shanto not out	30
Extras: (lb-3, lb-2, nb-2, w-24)	31
Total: (for four wickets in 50 overs)	264
Did not bat: Minhazul Abedin, Khaled Mahmood Sujon, Morshed Ali Sumon and Al-Amin	

Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-70; 3-155; 4-181.

Bowling:	OM	RW
Ariful Islam	15.0	37.1
Shafiqul Islam	8.0	50.1
Tareque Mehmod	10.0	26.1
Sohel	10.1	48.0
R Hasan Bappi	7.0	88.1
Aminul Islam	10.1	51.0

WARI CLUB

Obayedullah c b Al-Amin	1
Aminul Islam c Sujon b Shanto	21
Tareque Mehmod run out	5
Sajjad Kadir lbw b Al-Amin	4
Mehrab Hossain lbw b Al-Amin	0
Adil Hossain c S Mehmod	2
b Shanto	2
Sayeduzzaman c Bulbul b Shanto	0
Sohel b Shanto	11
Ariful Islam run out	2
R Hasan Bappi b Shanto	23
Shafiqul Islam not out	5
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-5)	9
Total: (all out in 19.3 overs)	83

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-17; 3-28; 4-28; 5-36; 6-36; 7-39; 8-46; 9-65; 10-83.

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H Hasan Shanto	9.3	0 53 5

Lalmatia win

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

GULSHAN YOUTH CLUB: 92 all out in 34.1 overs (Shaker 22, Sujon 21; Nahid 4/15, Babu 3/30)
LALMATIA CLUB: 94 for two in 21.3 overs (Noman 34 no, Kamran 32 no, Farhad 1/17)
Result: Lalmatia won by eight wickets.

Lalmatia Club recorded a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Gulshan Youth Club in a Premier cricket relegation league encounter at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Chasing a paltry Gulshan Youth total of 92 in 50 overs, Lalmatia's two Pakistani batsmen Kamran Ahmed and Nomanullah were unbeaten on 32 and 34 respectively as the winners reached the mark with more than 28 overs to spare and eight wickets in hand.

Earlier, opting to bat first, Gulshan, who have not won a single match so far in the league, were booked for a poor 92 in 34.1 overs with one down Shaker Chowdhury scoring the highest 22.

Lalmatia's Nahid, the man behind Gulshan's debacle, captured four wickets for 15 runs. He found an able ally in his fellow bowler Babu who took three wickets conceding 30 runs.

The win raised Lalmatia's tally to ten points from 13 matches which put them jointly second in the six-team relegation league table alongside Victoria Sporting Club. On the other hand, Gulshan are yet to earn any point.

Craig to call it a day?

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 29: Injury-blighted Craig McDermott has called a press conference here Thursday amid speculation that the long-time Australian Test new-ball spearhead is to announce his retirement from all levels of cricket, reports AFP.

McDermott, 31, has not played first-class cricket since breaking down during the last off-season, following a sequence of injuries which forced him home from five overseas tours.

Queensland state cricket officials offered no comment here today but an announcement by McDermott on his "cricketing plans" is scheduled for early Thursday.

McDermott is nine wickets short of the 300 Test wickets milestone and a retirement decision would prevent him from overtaking Dennis Lillee's 355 Test wickets, the greatest wicket-taker in world cricket.

McDermott lies second to Lillee as the all-time Australian Test wicket-taker. India's Kapil Dev is the leading all-time Test wicket-taker with 434.

In 71 Tests McDermott has captured 291 wickets at an average of 28.63 with a best of 8-97 in the first innings of the fifth Test against England in Perth in February 1991.

Milan win Euro Sixes trophy

AMSTERDAM, Jan 29: AC Milan defeated Ajax Amsterdam 6-2 here Tuesday to win the Euro Sixes soccer tournament and gain some revenge for their defeat in the 1995 European Cup final, reports AP.

Milan took the lead in the second eight-minute quarter through Roberto Baggio before Marc Overmars scored a third-quarter own goal after a powerful run from Edgar Davids of Ajax to make it 2-0 for Milan.

Ajax pulled back two quick goals through a Richard Witschge free kick and Frank de Boer before Baggio scored again to give Milan a 3-2 lead.

Milan scored their fourth, fifth and sixth goals while defender Frank de Boer was acting as an attacking goalkeeper for Ajax as the seconds ticked away in the last quarter.

Ajax earlier sealed their place in the final with an 8-1 demolition of Liverpool and Milan scraped through after drawing 3-3 with Glasgow Rangers.

Aussies stay unchanged



MARK TAYLOR

ADELAIDE, Jan 29: Australia's cricket selectors today stood behind the side which crushed West Indies in the fourth Test by choosing an unchanged line-up for the two-month tour of South Africa starting next week, reports Reuters.

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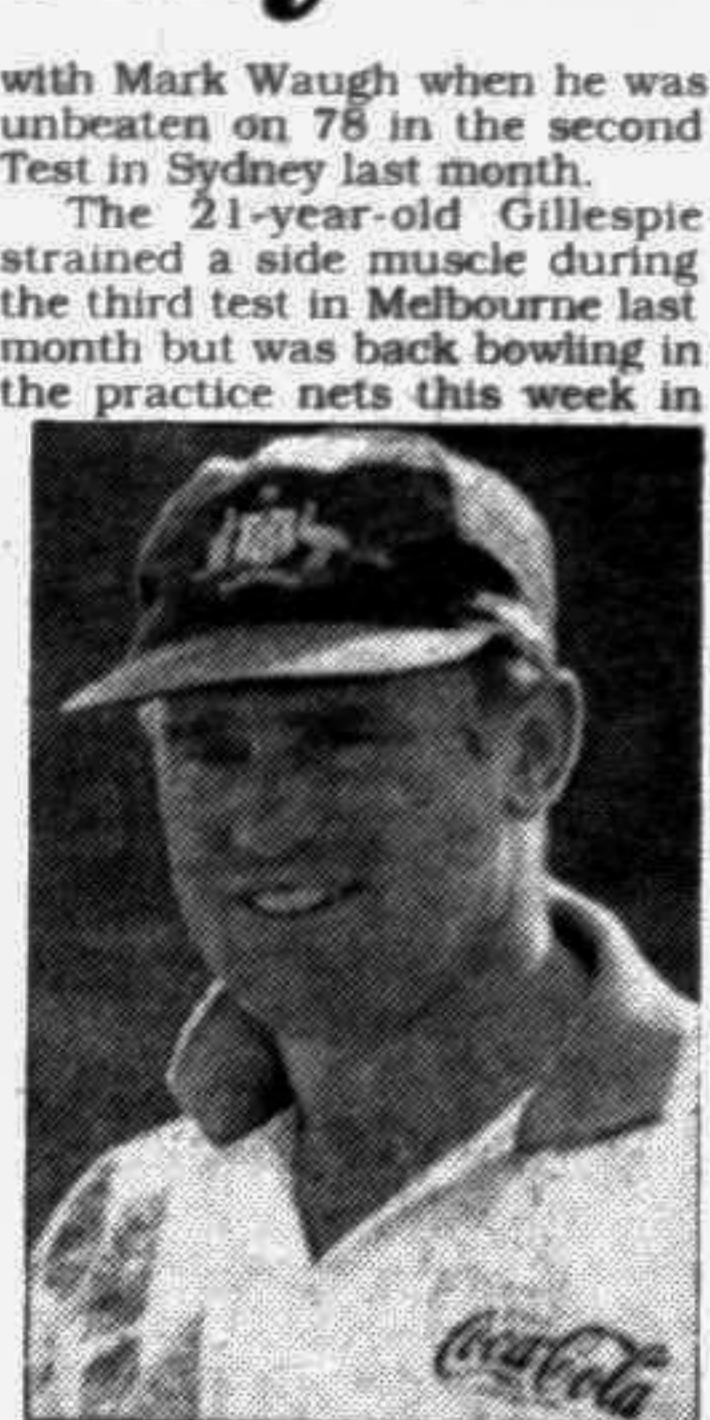
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Taylor said he was confident Elliott and Gillespie were fit to play on the South African tour, which he hoped would signal a period of selection stability after recent turmoil.

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SQUAD

Mark Taylor (captain), Ian Healy (vice-captain), Michael Bevan, Andrew Bichel, Greg Blewett, Matthew Elliott, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Glenn McGrath, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh.

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Annals of a decline

LONDON, Jan 29: England's failure to beat New Zealand on Tuesday adds yet another mark to their poor record on foreign shores over the past decade, reports AFP.

Since the triumphant tour of Australia in 1986-87, when Mike Gatting's side pulled off an unexpected Ashes win, England have won just five Tests out of 41 played overseas, and come home with just one series victory, against New Zealand in 1991-92.

The decade of touring failure began in Pakistan in 1987, when a 1-0 series defeat was overshadowed by Gatting's furious row with umpire Shakoor Rana.

England then improved their game to draw the biennial Test against Australia in Sydney before a series of three draws with New Zealand.

The following winter's tour to India was cancelled, but England duly extended their unsuccessful streak over the next two years against the top two sides in world cricket.

A 2-1 defeat by West Indies in 1990, when they were desperately unlucky not to at least come away with a draw, was followed a year later by a 3-0 hammering by the Aussies.

The next time England played an 'abroad' was against New Zealand in 1991-92, when this time a 2-0 victory was secured.

But if England had hoped that would prove a turning point in their winter fortunes, they were to be disappointed.

Since then, England have

suffered a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of India, immediately followed by a comprehensive defeat by Sri Lanka in the one-off Test in Colombo. England next travelled to West Indies under a new captain, Mike Atherton but there was to be no change of fortune.

Despite several pluses from the tour, Atherton and Alec Stewart both averaged over 50 and the stunning victory at Bridgetown was their first there for 59 years, the series was lost 3-1, with the undoubted low

point being a second innings total of 46 at Port of Spain.

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Irani and Russell will be having their first first-class match on tour.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Alex Stewart, who hit an outstanding 173 in the first Test, but also injured a finger on the first day, is expected to have a game off.

The New Zealand A team, effectively the national second 11 in the New Zealand selectors' eyes, is loaded with players who have strong ambitions of winning national selection.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (Possible)

Mike Atherton (captain), Nick Knight, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, John Crawley, Craig White, Ronnie Irani, Jack Russell, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Chris Silverwood.

NEW ZEALAND A

Darrin Murray (captain), Iphel Chandler, Craig Spearman, Lorne Howell, Matt Horne, Chris Harris, Jason Mills, Paul Wiseman, Robert Kennedy, Geoff Allott, Heath Davis.



AC Milan's Francesco Coco (on the ground) fails in the fight for the ball against Patrick Kluitert of Ajax Amsterdam during the final of the Euro Sixes tournament in Amsterdam on Jan 28. Milan won 6-2. — AFP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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