

Sport

Queensland close in on victory

SYDNEY, Feb 2: Queensland moved towards a likely victory against Western Australia on the third day of a match involving the top two sides in the Sheffield Shield competition on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The home team reduced Western Australia to 96 for four in their second innings, still needing another 313 runs to win, at close of play at the Gabba in Brisbane.

Queensland earlier set a target by scoring 412 all out in their second innings, an overall lead of 408.

On a wicket providing variable bounce, Western Australia, who lead the Shield table by six points from Queensland and New South Wales, will be looking to all-rounder and captain Tom Moody, their last remaining recognised batsman, when play resumes.

In Melbourne, Victoria made a bold start in the run chase against New South Wales.

Australia Test opener Mathew Elliott and Graeme Vimpani added 136 runs in an unbroken opening stand, leaving the home side with another 255 runs to score to pull off an unlikely win.

At close of play on the third day, Vimpani remained unbeaten on 77 alongside Elliott, who was 54 not out.

Victoria were set a target of 391 for victory after New South Wales declared their second innings on 264 for eight.

In Adelaide, South Australia reached 287 for eight at close of play on the first day of their match against Tasmania.

Beer barred in Aussie dressing room!

PERTH, Australia, Feb 2: The traditional end-of-day beer in the dressing room will be banned for Australian players during their South African tour starting later this week, reports AFP.

They have been told they must replenish fluids lost on the field with water and non-alcoholic soft drinks.

The tough rule has been imposed by new Australian coach Geoff Marsh, keen that players are 100 per cent sharp for a tour expected to present Australia with a major challenge.

"You need rules and you need strict discipline," Marsh said here today. "It's not a big sacrifice... it's Test cricket we're talking about and the guys need to be sharp every day."

There will be no late-night frolicking either. Marsh has imposed an 11:30 pm lights-out policy from two days before and during Tests.

The guidelines are designed to make us an even better team," said Marsh, who played in 10 Tests.

There is a strong feeling in the Australian camp that South Africa will be extremely tough opponents, especially on their own wickets.

Australia and South Africa will clash in three Tests and seven one-day internationals.

New BOA office

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the new office of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) at the third floor of National Sports Council building yesterday, reports UNB.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division Cricket League:

(Super League)
Abahani vs Wari Club (DS)
(Relegation League)
Agrani Bank vs Lalmatia Club (BKSP)

GMCC vs Gulshan Youth (DCS)

First Division Cricket League:

Ajax SC vs Dhanmondi Club (CCG)

Acme Second Division Cricket League:

Kathalbagan GCC vs Jatra-bani KC (T&T)

Gendaria Cricketers vs Spread Eagles (DCS, West)

Young Ones CC vs Indira Road KC (DCG)

Nawabganj CC vs Lalbagh USC (MOS)

Rupali Bank vs PWD SC (Uttara)

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন
ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class civil contractors for construction work of office chamber of the computer centre at the 2nd floor of WASA Bhaban at an allotted cost of Tk 3,96,043/-. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 13/2/97 and will be opened on the same day at 2:00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

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A cakewalk for SA



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Feb 2: South Africa defeated India by six wickets in their triangular series one-day international match today, reports Reuters.

AP adds: Allan Donald spearheaded a searing South African attack Sunday, seizing three wickets to help limit India to 179 runs in their allotted 50 overs.

South Africa, with a perfect 4-0 record so far in the triangular series that includes Zimbabwe, already have clinched a berth in the championship match.

India, with one loss and one draw, play South Africa twice and Zimbabwe twice to decide the other finalist.

The visitors were in trouble early Sunday, losing three wickets for only 11 runs until Rahul Dravid and Mohammad Azharuddin put together a 105-run fourth-wicket partnership that salvaged a respectable score.

Both reached half-centuries for the only bright spots in an otherwise drab Indian batting performance. Donald claimed the wickets of Dravid, Azharuddin and captain Sachin Tendulkar, while Jacques Kallis also grabbed two wickets for South Africa.

Former Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin acknowledges the crowd's applause on reaching his half century during the triangular series one-dayer against South Africa in Port Elizabeth yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

English ego in disgrace



WANGANUI, Feb 2: England's struggling cricket team crashed to another defeat Sunday — this time against the second-string New Zealand A team, report agencies.

New Zealand A won the match by 90 runs just before lunch on the final day of the four-day contest at Victoria Park, and then criticised the English players for a lack of effort.

"As soon as we got partnerships going they weren't prepared to dig in when it got tougher fight a bit harder," said New Zealand A captain Darrin Murray.

"We were the opposite. When we got on top we made sure we stayed on top."

England were all out for 272 in their second innings as they chased 363 for an unlikely victory. Russell, who hit an unbeaten 61 in what could be his last innings of the tour, ran out of tail-end partners as he bravely fought to make up for Saturday's collapse.

England resumed at 166 for six and wicketkeeper Russell and off-spinner Robert Croft put on 73 for the seventh wicket.

Russell's place in the Test series is in danger because of England's policy of using Alec Stewart as batsman and wicketkeeper instead of using a specialist wicketkeeper.

In a show of defiance that few other England players have

been able to match in recent months, Russell stayed at the crease for 189 minutes, facing 130 balls and hitting seven fours.

Bad luck hit with Croft's departure for 49. The Glamorgan player swept a ball from off-spinner Paul Wiseman which struck short leg fielder Phil Chandler in the stomach.

Chandler saved the ball before it could fall to the ground and England's hopes then disappeared as none of the other tail end batsmen could give Russell support.

Andy Caddick briefly hit out and reached 12 before dangerously hitting a ball of Kiwi fast bowler Heath Davis to Matt Horne at point.

Chris Silverwood lasted half an hour for his 10 runs but was run out going for an over-ambitious run.

Russell sliced a shot to third man and Silverwood rushed up the pitch only to be furiously sent back by the Gloucestershire wicketkeeper.

Phil Tufnell came out with only a few minutes before the lunch break but did not seem to want the match to last.

After one wild stroke brought two runs, he skied his fourth ball off Chris Harris to Kennedy at mid-off. England were all out but their coach showed little sign of the disappointment being expressed at home.

New Zealand coach Steve Rixon has on the contrary been delighted with events in Wanganui. Rixon has been highlight-

ing the effect of a New Zealand victory on England's spirits.

He was particularly encouraged by the performance of Geoff Allott, who took eight wickets in the match, including four in the demolition of the England top-order on Saturday, and is in the Test side for Wellington.

It was, however, England's second first-class loss on their current tour to non-test opposition.

The Englishmen were beaten by Mashonaland on the Zimbabwe leg of their trip, where they failed to win a Test and lost a limited-over series.

It was the first time an international side has been beaten in a first-class match, outside a Test, in New Zealand since England went down by five wickets to a Shell Selection XI in New Plymouth in February, 1988.

The second Test starts at the Basin Reserve on Thursday. The first Test was drawn after England failed to take advantage of being in a strong position.

England approached this match in a surprisingly light-hearted way and coach David Lloyd seemed unperturbed by the loss.

"I don't think any damage will be done by a result like that," Lloyd said. "We gave as good a performance as can be expected."

Scores: New Zealand A: 181 and 288; England: 107 and 272 (Jack Russell 61 not out). New Zealand A won by 90 runs.

Sampdoria baffle Milan



ROME, Feb 2: Two goals within five minutes late in the match rallied short-handed Sampdoria to a 3-2 win over defending Serie A champions AC Milan Sunday.

With leaders Juventus held 0-0 at Cagliari, second-place Sampdoria pulled within two points of first place while Milan sank to 12th, reports AP.

In an eventful match at Milan, Yugoslav midfielder Sinisa Mihajlovic snapped in a free kick for his first goal of the season in the 74th minute to equalise for Sampdoria, and substitute striker Marco Carparelli hit the winner in the 79th.

Liberian striker George Weah, returning from a six-week injury absence, scored Milan's goals in the 37th and 57th minutes. But he limped off the field, replaced by Dutch defender Michael Reiziger just before Mihajlovic's score. Milan (7-4-8), who have lost two straight and four of eight games since Arrigo Sacchi rejoined the club as coach, also saw de-

fender Paolo Maldini leave in the first half with an apparent leg injury. That puts his status in doubt for Italy's crucial 1998 World Cup qualifying match Feb 12 against England.

Sampdoria who led after one minute thanks to veteran forward Roberto Mancini's goal, were reduced to ten men to the 22nd minute when goalkeeper Fabrizio Perron was sent off for a foul on Weah outside the penalty area.

Their sixth win in seven outings overall — and first at Milan since the 1990-91 season, when they last won the title — give Sampdoria (10-5-4) 35 points. Reigning European and World Cup champions Juventus are at 37 after failing to earn points against Cagliari, who stand 16th of 18 teams. Juventus (10-7-2) had to play conservatively after Uruguayan defender Paolo Montero was expelled in the first half.

Bologna, who were in Serie B last year, moved up to third place on 31 points with a 6-1 rout over next-to-last Verona.

Elsewhere, Argentine striker Abel Balbo's double gave AS Roma a surprising 2-0 win over fourth-place Vicenza.

Enrico Chiesa's score lifted AC Parma past Piacenza 1-0, while Internazionale settled for

a 0-0 draw at Perugia. Vicenza, Parma and Inter all have 30 points.

In other matches Sunday: Lazio edged Udinese 3-2 and last-place Reggiana held Napoli to a 1-1 draw.

The Italian first Division will take a two-week break, with action resuming Feb 16, because of World Cup qualifier against England at Wembley Stadium.

Cannes hold PSG

PARIS, Feb 2: Midfielder Cedric Dauray scored a shock equaliser as Cannes held crisis-ridden Paris St Germain 1-1 in the French First Division at the Parc Des Princes on Saturday, reports Reuters.

PSG, desperate for a first home win since early November, went ahead with striker Cyrille Ponget's first league goal for the club in the 12th minute.

PSG remain six points adrift of leaders Monaco who will pull nine clear if they win at Lyon today.

Guinean striker Aboubacar Camara scored twice as Lens beat Guingamp 2-1 at home to end a nine-match run without victory.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the triangular series one-day match between India and South Africa at St George's Park on Sunday:

INDIA
Ganguly run out Bacher 0
Dravid c Cronje b Donald 50
Srinath c Richardson b Kallis 1
Tendulkar b Donald 1

Azharuddin c Rhodes b Donald 57
Jadeja lbw b Kallis 15
Karim c Bacher b Adams 8
Singh c Donald c Pollock 18
Kumble not out 11
Ankola run out 8

Extras: 8
Total: (for nine wickets in 50 overs) 179
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-7; 3-11; 4-116; 5-118; 6-130; 7-147; 8-168; 9-179.

Bowling:
Pollock 10 1 37 1
Kallis 8 2 23 2
Donald 10 2 40 3
Klusener 8 0 28 0
Adams 10 1 31 1
Cronje 4 0 17 0

SOUTH AFRICA
G. Kirsten c Azharuddin 6
B. Prasad 13
Bacher b Kumble 79
Kallis c Ankola b Singh 21
Cullinan c Jadeja b Singh 29
Rhodes not out 20
Cronje not out 12
Extras: 12
Total: (for four wickets in 45.1 overs) 180
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-47; 3-89; 4-152

Bowling:
Srinath 7.1 2 24 0
Prasad 9 0 41 1
Kumble 9 0 30 1
Ankola 10 0 42 0
Singh 10 0 34 2

Result: South Africa won by six wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis (South Africa).

Misinformation
In a news item published in The Daily Star sports page Sunday under the headline "Queen versus Princess," it was reported that Graf was eliminated from Australian Open prematurely following her fourth round defeat to Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands, but exacted revenge Saturday with a 6-1, 7-5 victory.

In fact, Steffi Graf was defeated by South African Amanda Coetzer to 6-2, 7-5 in the fourth round of the Australian Open.

The item was provided by Associated Press (AP). The mistake is regretted. — Sports Editor

China, USA match drawn

BEIJING, Feb 2: China and the United States drew 1-1 in a soccer friendly at Guangzhou Saturday, the last of a two-match series, the Xinhua news agency reported, reports AFP.

The United States, seeking to avenge their loss in the opening game, scored first when Alexi Lalas headed from a corner kick in the 24th minute.

Eight minutes later Su Mao-zhen equalised when he headed a cross from Pen Weiguo.

American veteran Lalas, the 1995 US player-of-the-year, was ordered from the field late in the game when he brought down teenager Li Jinyun to earn his second yellow card.

Han's new world record

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany, Feb 2: For the second time this week, China's Han Xue broke her own short-course world record for the 50-meter breaststroke Sunday, reports AP.

Han clocked 30.77 seconds, breaking the 30.88-second mark she set just Wednesday in Glasgow. She finished ahead of Canadian Tara Sloan, who timed at 31.76 seconds, and former World Champion Sylvia Gerasch of Germany at 32.16.

The 15-year-old Han held the previous short-course breaststroke record, 30.98 seconds set at Beijing in January 1996.

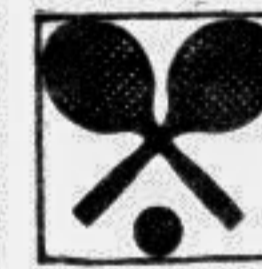
Han's mark was the third record set at the two-day World Cup short-course meet. On Saturday, two-time Olympic champion Denis Pankratov of Russia broke the short-course world 200-metre butterfly record in 1 minute, 52.64 seconds, and Marcel Wouda of the Netherlands set the 400-metre individual medley mark, 4:05.59.



STRAINED SUCCESS: Probably because she could not win the trophy after a showdown with a worthy rival that tennis' new princess Martina Hingis struggles to put on a smile while posing with Steffi Graf, the waning queen of the game who had to concede a walk-over in the final of the Toray Pan Pacific tournament yesterday in Tokyo due to injury. — AFP/UNB photo

Injury forces Graf out of final

Hingis' sweatless success



TOKYO, Feb 2: Swiss teen sensation Martina Hingis took the singles title of the Toray Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament Sunday as the other finalist, Steffi Graf of Germany, withdrew due to a knee injury, report agencies.

"I'm very sorry that I couldn't play today," Graf told a capacity crowd of 8,800 during the award ceremony at Tokyo's Metropolitan Gymnasium. "I'm disappointed in myself."

The spectators, who had booed at the initial announcement of Graf's withdrawal, warmly responded to her remarks with loud applause.

Organisers said Graf, top-ranked in the world and the tournament's top seed, withdrew "due to a severely aggravated patella tendon of the left knee, at the bottom front of the kneecap."

"It will take a couple of weeks, or longer" for Graf's injury to heal, said Australian trainer Kathy Martin.

It was Hingis' seventh career singles title and her third straight this year alone in as many tries.

Hingis, who this month became the youngest Grand Slam winner this century, could only comment that she was relieved because she had also felt unwell.

Graf's injury meant she must wait a little longer to become only the second woman tennis player to earn more than 20 million dollars, following Martina Navratilova. She received 50,625 dollars to reach 19,929,917 dollars, while Hingis collected 150,000 dollars.

Shanghai Open Krosnak's
SHANGHAI, China, Feb 2: Seventh-seeded Jan Krosnak of Slovakia overpowered Russia's Alexander Volkov to take the final Sunday in the 303,000 dollars Shanghai Open, reports AP.

Krosnak easily took the first set and prevailed over the eighth-seeded Volkov after a tiebreaker in the second set, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) in a match that lasted 1 hours, 32 minutes.

In a gruelling 2-hour, 17-minute doubles final, Max Mirnyi of Belarus and Kevin Ullyet of Russia squeaked by Sweden's Tomas Nydahl and Italy's Stefano Pescosolido, 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (7-4), 7-5.

Goran keeps Croatian Indoors
ZAGREB, Feb 2: It was a fight, but top-seeded Goran Ivanisevic finally wore out Greg Rusedski of Great Britain for a 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 7-6 (8-6) victory Sunday at the 400,000 dollars Croatian Indoors men's tennis tournament, reports AP.

The 122-minute final match was announced as a battle of services. Ivanisevic, of Croatia, is known for his aces — he made 22 of them Sunday — while Rusedski's serves are among the fastest in professional tennis.

But at the end, both players double faulted at their match points — Ivanisevic at 6-5 in the tie-break and Rusedski at 7-6.

"I'll probably be back next year and I'll hopefully try to win it again," Rusedski said, adding he hoped to turn the tables on Ivanisevic at Wimbledon.

Savon sent packing
HOLGUIN, Cuba, Feb 2: Cuba's Felix Savon, five-time world amateur heavyweight champion and twice Olympic champion, was sensationally knocked out by compatriot Juan Cause Delis in the quarter-finals of the national championships, reports Reuters.

With 24 seconds remaining in the fourth round, Savon easily ahead on points, took a fearful right hook square on the jaw and slumped face down on the canvas in one of the biggest upsets in amateur boxing.

Savon, 29, was unconscious for three minutes in the ring while Delis jumped around to wild applause from the crowd of 3,000 in Friday night's bout.

Thakurgaon Road Division Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited.

1. Tender Notice No : 23 EE/T of 1996-97.

2. Name of work : Earth work in road approaches on Boda-Debiganj-Domar-Jaldhaka road in connection with proposed construction of Karotoa bridge under Thakurgaon Road Division during the year 1996-97 in 2 (two) groups.

3. Head of accounts : 266 DEV (Karotoa Bridge).

4. Estimated cost : Gr No 1 (one) Tk 22,24,954/-
Gr No 2 (two) Tk 11,48,440/-

5. Earnest money : Gr No 1 (one) Tk 44,500/-
Gr No 2 (two) Tk 22,969/-

6. Time allowed : Gr No 1 (one) 45 (forty-five) days.
Gr No 2 (two) 30 (thirty) days.

7. Eligibility of contractor : A to D general category of RHD.

8. Name of office where tender documents can be purchased : 1. Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi.

2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Thakurgaon/Dinajpur/Nilphamari/Planning & Design Division, Rangpur/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.

3. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Thakurgaon/Panchagarh, 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Thakurgaon.

9. Name of office where tender : 1. Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi.

2. Add Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.

3. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Dinajpur/Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.

4. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Thakurgaon/Dinajpur/Nilphamari.

10. Last date for selling tender documents (within office hours) : 15-02-97.

11. Date and time for receiving tenders : Up to 12-30 PM on 16-02-97.

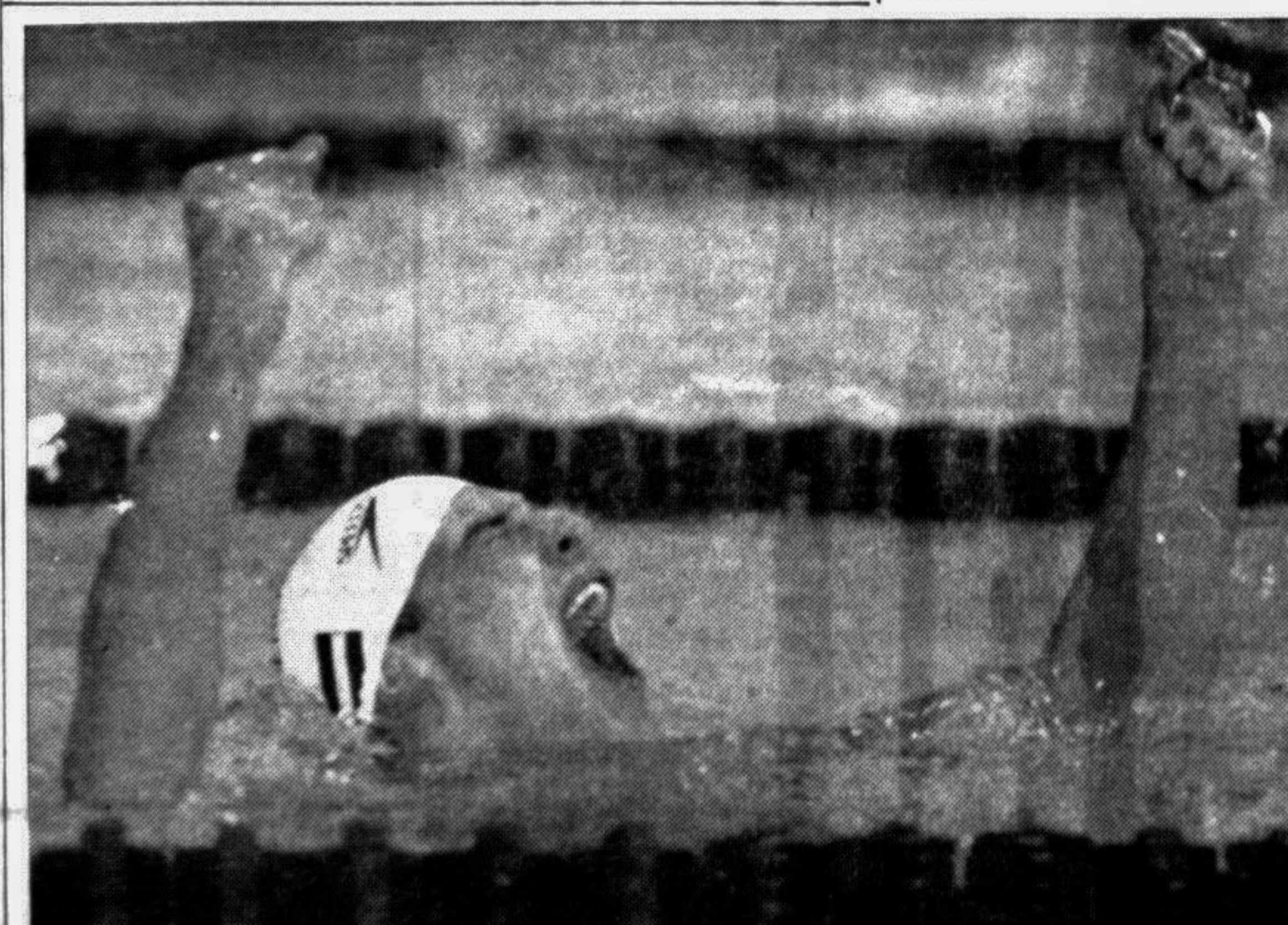
12. Date and time of opening tender box : At 12-45 PM on 16-02-97.

13. Date and time of opening tender bids : At 11.00 AM on 22-02-97.

14. Date and time of lottery (if necessary) : At 11.00 AM on 25-02-97.

Md Jahilur Rahman Pramanik
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Thakurgaon.

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Dutch swimmer Marcel Wouda exults after creating a new world record for the men's 400m individual medley clocking 4:55.59 at a shortcourse meeting in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on Feb 1. — AFP/UNB photo