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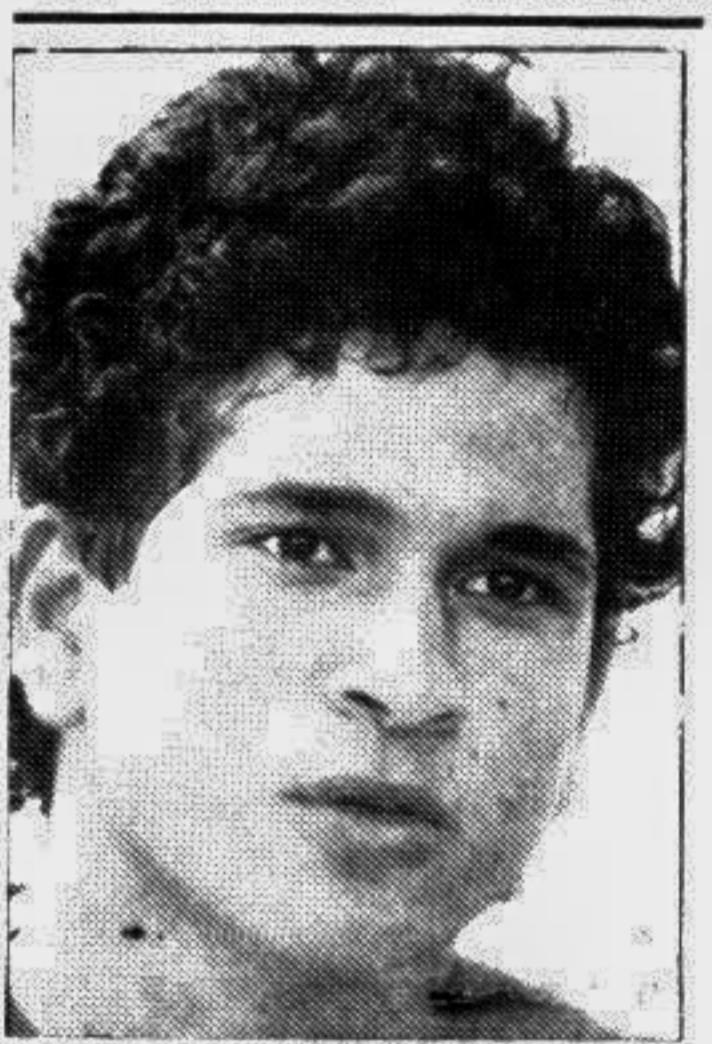
Competition closes 8 pm.

Feb 28, '97

1	Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league?
2	In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by
3	The eighth SAF Games will be held in
4	Where was Martina Hingis born?
5	Name the skipper of the Zimbabwe cricket team.

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SPORTS TALK



Sachin Tendulkar

(India captain)

"We have to look for batsmen who would be capable of handing the West Indian attack."

Said in South Africa recently.

WHIZZ KID-63 correct answers

1. Who won the Australian Open women's singles title this year?

Ans. Hingis
2. Which nation lifted the World Series Cup cricket title this year?

Ans. Pakistan

3. Who won this year's Frank Worrell Trophy?

Ans. Australia

4. Which team clinched the invitational international hockey title?

Ans. PIA

5. Who won the 18th national junior chess championship title?

Ans. Tipu

WHIZZ KID -63 winner

Afzana Ahmed Moon

Sher-e-Banglaagar Govt. Girl's High School

(Remember to bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm, February 19. Please collect the prize in time).

Botham's hair at stake!

WELLINGTON, Feb 14: Former England cricketer Ian Botham says he will shave his head if readers of a Wellington newspaper donate 50,000 New Zealand dollars (about US 20,000 dollars) for cancer research, reports AP.

Botham, in New Zealand helping to coach the England cricket side and as a commentator for British television, wants Evening Post readers to donate the money to the Child Cancer Research Foundation.

The shedding of hair is part of a nationwide Crop-A-Cop fund-raiser which has the backing of police and service clubs.

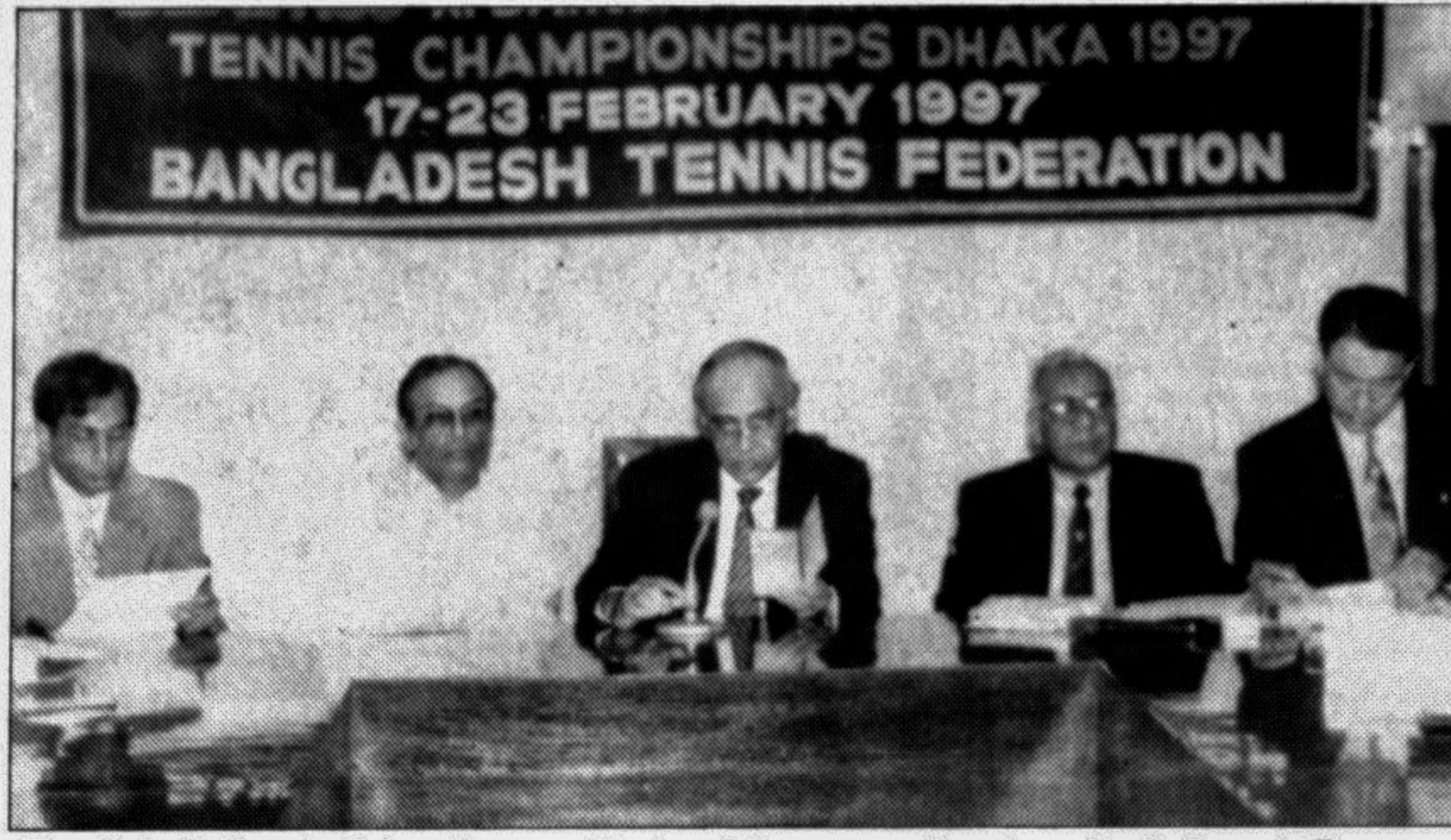
"I'm always keen to do anything I can to help the cause of child cancer research," Botham said.

He will have his head shaved during the limited-overs international at Wellington's Basin Reserve on March 4 if the target is reached.

"Half of me hopes you don't get it, the other half hopes you do," said Botham. "My hair will grow again, kids with cancer sometimes don't."

Botham said his wife Kathy had laughed when he told her of his plans.

"We're going to the French Alps for a family skiing holiday when I get back, so I'll be buying a balaclava."



Bangladesh Tennis Federation president and Commerce Secretary Syed Alamgir Faruque Chowdhury addressing newsmen yesterday in connection with the BEXIMCO 11th Bangladesh International junior tennis championships which starts in the capital from February 17.

BEXIMCO U-19 tennis from Monday

Sports Reporter

The BEXIMCO eleventh international junior (under-19) tennis championship 1997, an annual event of Bangladesh Tennis Federation approved by the International Tennis Federation, will begin at the newly laid hard court surface of the National Tennis Complex from Monday.

Total 48 participants including 16 girls from Russia, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Pakistan, South Korea, USA and hosts Bangladesh will take part in the week-long meet scheduled to end on February 23.

This was informed by Commerce Secretary and Bangladesh Tennis Federation president Syed Alamgir Faruque Chowdhury during a press briefing at the BTF conference room yesterday. Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed, vice president of BTF, Masud Hasan Jamali, general secretary of BTF and Abul Kalam Majumder, Finance Manager of the sponsors BEXIMCO, were also present on the occasion.

Host Bangladesh will field highest 19 players including eight girls followed by India which lead the list of foreign teams in terms of the number of participants with 12 players in the meet featuring four categories: Boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles and girls' doubles. Among the other participating countries, South Korea will send eight players evenly divided in gender while Thailand and Myanmar will send four and two players respectively. Besides, one participant each from Russia, Pakistan and USA will also feature in the championships.

BTF has approved a budget of Taka seven hundred and sixty thousand for the meet out of which five hundred and fifty thousand will be provided by sponsors BEXIMCO.

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India go down fighting in a thriller 'Chokers' become winners



DURBAN, South Africa, Feb 14: South Africa threw off their reputation as a team of "chokers" when they snatched a thrilling 17-run victory over India in a pulsating final of the triangular, limited-over series at Kingsmead here Thursday.

Reports AFP.

Washed out on Wednesday, the final had to be started from scratch Thursday and with skipper Hansie Cronje winning only his second toss in 15 matches, the home side started off on the right foot.

Batting confidently, they reached a formidable 278 for eight in their 50 overs, with the main batsmen — Gary Kirsten (51), Jacques Kallis (49), Daryl

seam attack to pieces, reducing the initial asking rate of 6.27 to 5.3 by the 20-over halfway mark.

The early loss of Saurav Ganguly, brilliantly caught by Allan Donald off Shaun Pollock's bowling, only served to spur on Tendulkar, who, in a scintillating display of batsmanship, sprayed the ball around the ground at will.

The Indian skipper raced to 45 off only 33 balls, slammimg seven fours and a six — off Donald — along the way.

His South African counterpart, Cronje — later named man-of-the-series — then shrewdly brought himself on to bowl in a bid to stop the bloodletting.

The tactic worked, and Tendulkar, caught off guard by the change of pace, was tempest into an indiscreet touch down the leg side straight into Rudi Bryson's waiting hands.

Tendulkar's departure didn't stop the run flow, however, and Rahul Dravid and Mohammad Azharuddin kept up the pace, racing to a partnership of 81 off 85 balls for the fourth wicket.

At 198-3 in the 32nd over, India appeared to be coasting to victory.

The tide turned for the visitors, however, when yet another brilliant Jonty Rhodes catch cut the menacing Azharuddin down, also for 45.

Big hitting Ajay Jadeja went next, caught by Hudson at deep cover, and the South Africans began to sense victory.

They got the scalp they really needed — that of man-of-the-match Rahul Dravid (84) — in the 36th over.

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With 26 runs needed off the final two overs with only two wickets in hand, the spirited Indian assault began to waver.

It finally ground to a half with just four balls left to bowl.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the triangular limited-over series final between India and South Africa at Kingsmead on Thursday:

SOUTH AFRICA

A. Hudson c Karim b Srinath 19
G. Kirsten c Dravid b Singh 51

J. Kallis lbw b Singh 49

D. Cullinan b Kumble 60

J. Rhodes b Tendulkar 41

B. Cronje b Prasad 10

R. Dravid c Tendulkar 84

M. Azharuddin c Rhodes 5

S. Pollock lbw b Prasad 0
L. Klusener b Kumble 16
D. Richardson not out 15
R. Bryson not out 2
Extras: (b-8, lb-3, w-4) 15
Total: (for eight wickets) 278
Fall of wickets: 1-221; 5-242; 6-242; 7-244;
8-266.

Did not bat: A. Donald.

BOWLING O M R W
Srinath 10 0 50 1
Prasad 10 1 43 2
Kumble 10 0 45 2
Ankola 7 0 50 0
Singh 10 0 63 2
Tendulkar 3 0 19 1

INDIA
S. Ganguly c Donald b Pollock 5
Tendulkar c Bryson b Cronje 45
R. Dravid c Kirsten b Klusener 45
M. Azharuddin c Rhodes 5

HANSIE CRONJE ... m-o-m

Pollack 6 0 39 2
A. Jadeja c Hudson b Klusener 45
R. Singh run out 15

S. Karim b Donald 3

J. Srinath c Cullinan b Donald 1

S. Ankola b Donald 0

A. Kumble run out 6

V. Prasad not out 2

Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-3, w-2) 10

Total: 234

Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-84; 3-165; 4-198; 5-210; 6-224; 7-224;

8-224; 9-230.

BOWLING O M R W
Pollock 6 0 39 2
Bryson 7 0 47 0
Donald 7.2 0 48 3
Cronje 8 0 35 1
Klusener 8 0 42 2
Kallis 3 0 18 0

RESULT South Africa won by 17 runs (after a rain-adjusted target).

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH Rahul Dravid

MAN-OF-THE-SERIES Hansie Cronje

FRANZ BECKENBAUER

RAHUL DRAVID

m-o-m

Cullinan (60) and Jonty Rhodes (41) all joining the feast.

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BONN, Feb 14: Bayern Munich chairman Franz Beckenbauer has told his players that they will have to stop acting like prima donnas if they want to win a record 14th German championship when the season resumes at the weekend.

The former World Cup-winning coach and captain was very critical of the team's football in the first half of the season despite the fact they went into the two-month winter break in December at the top of the table.

Beckenbauer wants an improvement in performance both on and off the pitch. Trivial individual battles must stop if Bayern are to end Borussia Dortmund's grip on the Bundesliga.

They must learn that they are not so important," Beckenbauer said.

One of the most prominent reported disagreements at Bayern in recent seasons has been between Germany captain and striker Juergen Klinsmann and veteran ex-international and World Cup captain Lothar Matthaeus.

Cochi Giovanni Trapattoni says the club's two biggest names have settled their differences. But the Italian also believes that attitudes have to change in the second half of the season.

Bayern, who have a two-point lead over reigning champions Borussia Dortmund as they bid for their first championship since 1994, begin their campaign with a home game against lowly St Pauli on Saturday.

The European Cup quarterfinalists Dortmund, who struggled with injuries in the first half of

the season, re-start their campaign with an almost completely fit squad and a big match at home to third-placed Bayer Leverkusen on Friday.

Coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, who had led Dortmund to the title in the last two seasons, is in no doubt about the immense task against Leverkusen but he believes the main challenge will come from Bayern before the season finishes at the end of May.

"It's an absolute cracker of a game. It's as big as any European game as far as Dortmund is concerned," he said.

"There is going to be a battle between four clubs at the top (Bayern, Dortmund, Leverkusen and VFB Stuttgart), I expect Bayern to provide the main challenge. After missing out on two championships they are under more pressure than us."

Fourth-placed Stuttgart, who played some of the most attractive football in the first half, begin their campaign with an awkward trip to eighth-placed Schalke on Saturday.

GMCC take on Surjo Tarun tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club will take on Surjo Tarun Club in the opening match as the three-team Premier Division cricket relegation play-offs begin at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University tomorrow.

Lalmatia Club is the other team participating in the play-offs. One of three will join Estakton Sabuj Sangha in the First Division league next season.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer