

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Phil Simmons
(West Indian cricketer)
"I don't know if I'd call it another chance; it's just a matter that there are a lot of injuries and I have to come in."
After being called up to join the West Indies squad in Australia.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Competition closes 8 pm, Feb 28, '97

1. Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league?	Buman	Kalabagan	Brothers
2. In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by	Bulbul	Nannu	Akram
3. The eighth SAF Games will be held in	Nepal	Bhutan	Sri Lanka
4. Where was Martina Hingis born?	Switzerland	Hungary	Czech Republic
5. Name the skipper of the Zimbabwe cricket team.	A Flower	Campbell	Houghton

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Class Roll No.

School Address

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Wang falls sick

BEIJING, Feb 18: China's Olympic 5,000 metres champion Wang Junxia has been forced to stop training after contracting a nervous disorder, the China Sports Daily said on Monday, reports Reuters.

In an interview, Wang said she was suffering from neurasthenia, a nervous condition causing fatigue and anxiety, due to her rigorous training.

But she vowed to continue running, saying: "As long as my body permits, I will continue to run. It is a pity for me to stop training but now it will take some time to cure my illness first."

Atherton carries the day

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 18: Captain Mike Atherton's 11th Test century led England to a tense Zealand in the third cricket Test on Tuesday, giving the visitors a 2-0 series win, reports AP.

John Crawley and Dominic Cork shared a 76-run unbroken stand as England reached 307-6, passing their 305 target with 12.2 overs to spare.

The Test series win was England's first overseas since they beat New Zealand, also 2-0, in 1992.

Only once in Test history had an English team scored more than 300 to win a Test - against Australia in Melbourne in 1928-29.

Atherton, on 65 overnight with England resuming on 118-2, eventually made 118 from 311 balls. Nasser Hussain contributed 33 to a fourth-wicket partnership of 80 with his captain.

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SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the fifth and final day of the third cricket Test between England and New Zealand Tuesday.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 346 (S P Fleming 62, Parore 59; Croft 5-95)

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ENGLAND: First innings 228 (Atherton 94; G Allott 4-74)

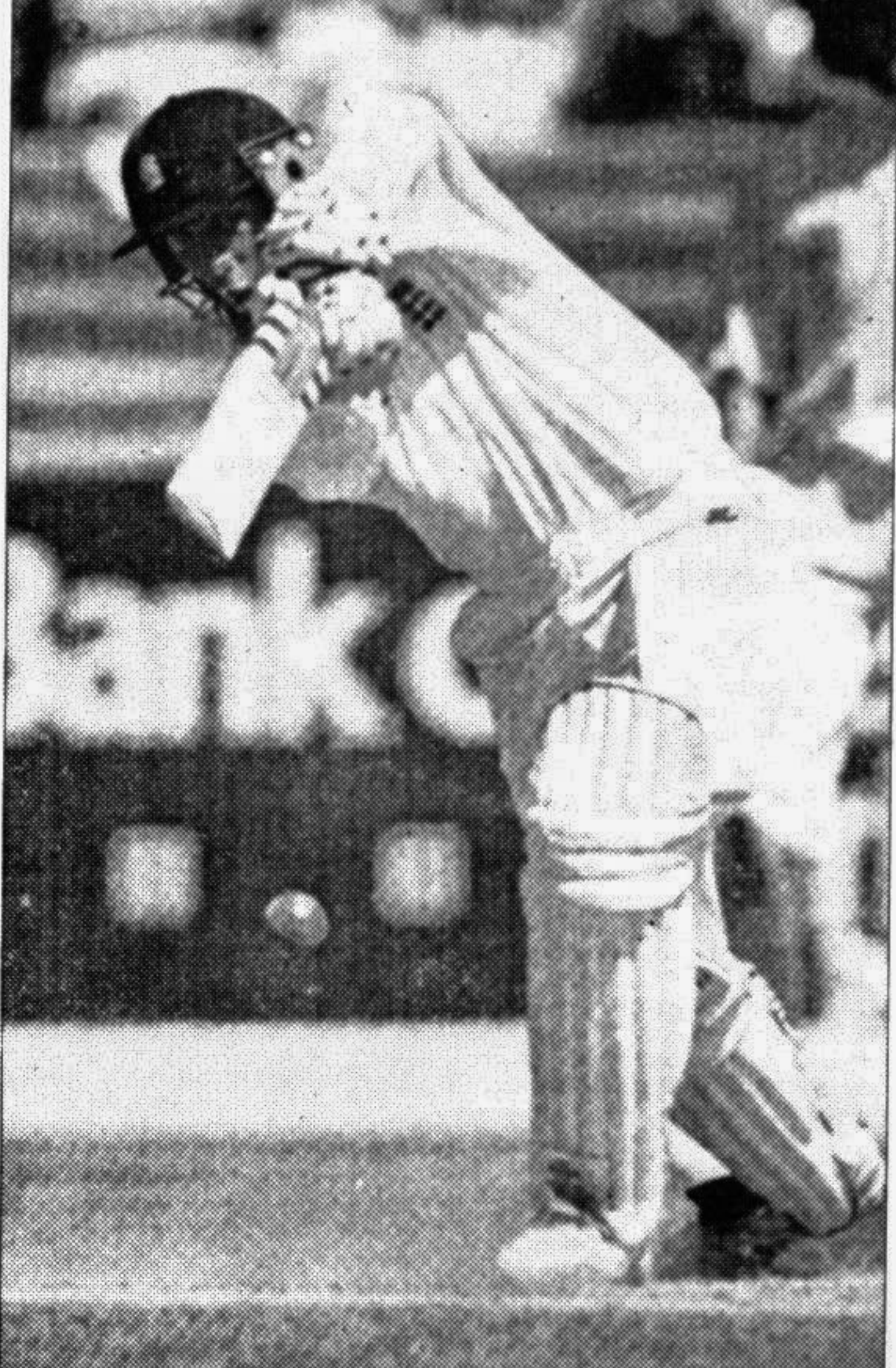
ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 118/2)

Knight c Davis b Vettori 29
Atherton c Parore b Astle 118
Stewart c Pocock b Vettori 17
Caddick c Fleming b Doull 15
N Hussain c Fleming b Vettori 33
Thorpe c and b Vettori 2
Crawley not out 40
Cork not out 39

Extras: (lb-8; nb-3; w-1; b-2) 14
Total: (for 6 wkts, 146.4 overs) 307
Fall of wickets: 1-64; 2-116; 3-146; 4-226; 5-226; 6-231

Bowling:
Allott 12.4 2 32 0 4
Davis 18 6 43 0 1
Doull 21 8 57 1 1
Vettori 57 18 97 4 0
Cairns 10 1 23 0 0
Astle 28 10 45 1 1

Result: England won by four wickets.
England win series 2-0.
Man of the match: Mike Atherton.



England captain Michael Atherton drives Daniel Vatori through the covers during the fifth day's play of the third and final Test against New Zealand at Lancaster Park in Christchurch yesterday.

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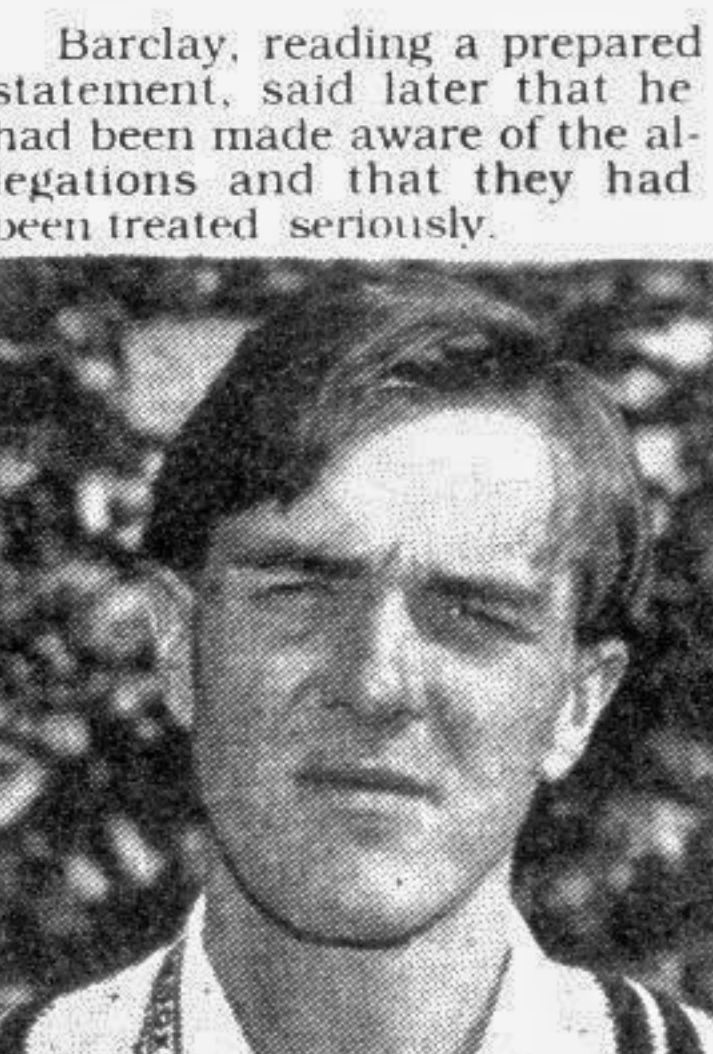
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Goodricke chess ends

CALCUTTA, Feb 18: Grand Master Vadim Zvirginisev of Russia was declared the champion with eight points while India's Saheli Dhar was adjudged the best woman of the meet in the 11-round eighth Goodricke international chess tournament which concluded here last night, reports PTI.

Two other Grand Masters, top seed Jaan Elhvest and Alexander Nenasev also secured eight points but they were declared second and third on account of their lower progressive scores.

Hingis closes in on Graf

MIAMI, Florida, Feb 18 (AFP): Women's WTA rankings released here on Monday:

1. Steffi Graf	5028 pts
2. Martina Hingis	4277
3. Jana Novotna	3317
4. Arantxa Sanchez	3202
5. Conchita Martinez	3010
6. Monica Seles	2931
7. Anke Huber	2681
8. Lindsay Davenport	2243
9. Iva Majoli	2048
10. Karina Habsudova	2022
11. Irina Spirlea	2002
12. Amanda Coetzer	1731
13. Brenda Schultz	1596
14. Mary Pierce	1594
15. Fernandez	1542
16. Judith Wiesner	1533
17. Barbara Paulus	1404
18. Sabine Appelmans	1355
19. Kimberly Po	1259
20. Elena Likhovtseva	1168

Two-match ban on Cantona

LONDON, Feb 18: Manchester United captain Eric Cantona will miss two vital Premiership matches against title rivals Arsenal and Chelsea this week, reports AFP.

Frenchman Cantona is suspended for the trip to Arsenal on Wednesday and the clash at Stamford Bridge three days later after passing the 21 point disciplinary points.

But there is good news for United manager Alex Ferguson after both David May and Nicky Butt came through a reserve team game on Saturday following lengthy spells on the sidelines.

Central defender May has been out of action since a hernia operation four weeks ago, while midfielder Butt has not played since sustaining a foot injury in the New Year's Day clash with Aston Villa.

Defenders Denis Irwin and Ronny Johnsen are fully fit after hamstring problems and Jordi Cruyff, who also took part in the reserve team game, has recovered from the knee injury which has plagued him since October.

Nigerian soccer coach reinstated

LAGOS, Feb 18: Sacked Nigerian coach Shuaibu Amodu was restored to his post on Monday after a federal high court upheld his claim that he had been unfairly dismissed, reports AFP.

Nigeria's sports ministry removed Amodu as coach of the 'super eagles' on January 27 in a major reorganisation of the Nigerian Football Association that saw five other coaches dismissed. He was replaced by Monday Sinclair.

However, Amodu appealed against the decision and claimed financial damages of 5.9 million naira (73,750 dollars), as well as the payment of a number of unpaid bonuses.

Amodu's lawyer, the former Minister of Information Prince Tony Momoh, argued that the ministry's decision to dismiss his client had been taken on the basis of media reports. He also said Amodu had not been allowed to give evidence to the subsequent inquiry.

Judge Ibrahim Auta ruled that Amodu had been denied a fair hearing and ordered the Nigerian Football Association and the sports ministry to suspend Amodu's dismissal until a new hearing, scheduled for February 24, had taken place.

US Fed Cup squad named

NEW YORK, Feb 18: Martina Navratilova captain of the US Fed Cup team Monday named Mary Joe-Fernandez, Gigi Fernandez, Chanda Rubin and Kimberly Po to represent the United States against the Netherlands next month, reports AFP.

The Dutch team will be playing host to the defending champions in the first round in Haarlem March 1-2.

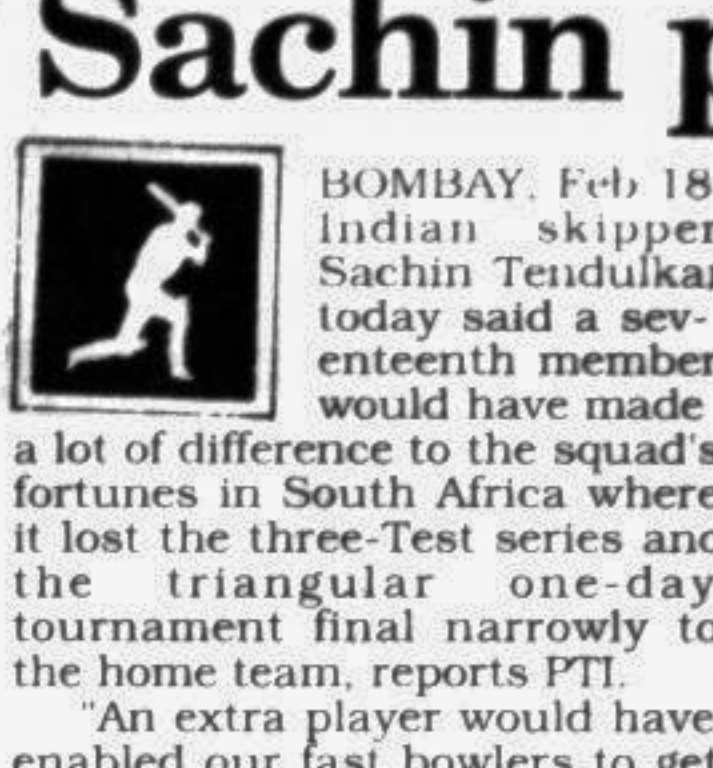
"We have a great team with a wonderful blend of rookies and veterans," Navratilova said.

"We are all looking forward to the challenge."

Mary Joe-Fernandez currently ranked 15th in the world, made her Fed Cup debut in 1991. She was the key player in last year's first round winning both her singles and the doubles with Gigi Fernandez against Austria in Salzburg.

Indian team back home

Sachin picks up the pieces



BOMBAY, Feb 18: Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar today said a seventh member would have made a lot of difference to the squad's fortunes in South Africa where it lost the three-Test series and the triangular one-day tournament final narrowly to the home team, reports PTI.

"An extra player would have enabled our fast bowlers to get the much-needed rest and our main strike bowlers would have been a bit more fresh for the second and third Test," the Indian captain said on his return along with the other members of the touring party, barring Rahul Dravid who came back after the triangular final and skipped the Zimbabwe leg.

Tendulkar told this to reporters at the Mumbai Airport when queried whether the selectors had erred in not sending Ajay Jadeja, Robin Singh, Sunil Joshi and Saik Anika who had joined the squad prior to the one-day series as replacements, for Woorkeri Raman, injured batsman V V S Laxman, Venkatapathy Raju and David Johnson.

Tendulkar said the defeat in the Test series, which India lost 0-2 after coming agonisingly close to winning the final Test at Johannesburg, was not due to lack of application.

"I think the application was there. It is just that sometime you have to accept the fact that

it was a very long journey from Kanpur (venue of the last Test of the three-match home series against South Africa in December, 1996 which India won to clinch the rubber 2-1) to Durban (venue of the first Test of the away series which India lost by a massive margin)."

"They were two different tracks. It makes a lot of difference," he explained.

"We are all very disappointed



TENDULKAR
at not winning the last Test, it rained and we lost 3 to 4 hours play. We could not help it. It was sheer bad luck. We knew we would have won it," Tendulkar said.

The Indian captain thought that the team played good cricket towards the end after struggling to get adjusted to the bouncy wickets in the beginning.

"We played only one-side (warm-up) match before the commencement of the Test series. It was played on the slowest track in South Africa at Port Elizabeth. And the next match we played (the first Test) was on the fastest track. It was a big contrast," he said in an obvious reference to the itinerary.

Tendulkar praised the efforts of his two pacemen Jaggaal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad and the batting of Dravid, former skipper Mohammed Azharuddin and Saurav Ganguly.

About the team's indifferent showing in the initial stage of the triangular series, the Indian captain said that the team did not get a good start and the performance improved when good opening stands were raised in the last three matches.

"I am quite pleased with the fact that we did something good towards the end," he added.

Coach Madan Lal put it in a more forthright manner by saying that the opening slot was the biggest problem the team faced and said in no uncertain manner that the squad needed specialists and not make-shift openers for the arduous tour to West Indies commencing later this month.

About his deputy, Anil Kumbel's decreased strike rate, Tendulkar said the leg-spinner was "too good a bowler not to be among the wickets for a long time."

Bichel, Bevan on song

CAPE TOWN, Feb 18: Paceman Andy Bichel and occasional left-arm spinner Michael Bevan shared eight wickets as Australia beat South Africa in a provincial champions Western Province by 32 runs at Newlands on Monday, reports Reuters.

Set to score 354 in 81 overs on the third and last day, the home side never gave up the chase and reached 321 all out. Bichel taking five for 62 and Bevan three for 113.

Western Province began their quest for victory with a stand of 61 before Bichel removed Test opener Gary Kirsten for 29 with the aid of a breathtaking slip catch from Matthew Elliott, who held four excellent catches in the match.

Bevan took the next two wickets to leave the home side 100 for three before Herschelle Gibbs and captain John Comins added 110 for the fourth wicket at over five runs an over.

Gibbs was in magnificent form, reaching 50 from 70 balls

and then accelerating to 80 from 92 deliveries, with 10 fours and three sixes. He fell to a fine catch in the gully by Elliott off paceman Jason Gillespie to inspire the breakthrough.

Bichel removed Commins for 51 and then grabbed two more wickets in his next three overs. Once again he owed his success to the safe hands of his teammates as Bevan took two successive catches in the covers.

Australian captain Mark Taylor said Bevan, who still regards himself as a batsman and occasional bowler, had played a vital role with figures of 29.4-3-113-3.

"I was really pleased with all aspects of our play and I thought Michel bowled tremendously. Unfortunately he was the only batsman not to get runs but his bowling makes him an important member of the attack and he'll probably bat at seven in the first Test," Taylor said.

Taylor continued to juggle his batting line-up when his side's second innings resumed

on the third morning at 78 for four.

Greg Blewett, who had opened, ensured his captain could declare on time with a splendid 86 from 106 deliveries.

Blewett's highlight was a six over extra cover off left-arm pacer Brett Schultz but his 13 fours were spread around the ground.

Australia will pick from 12 players for the four-day match against Natal starting in Durban on Thursday, with Justin Langer keeping wicket in place of Ian Healy and Mark-Waugh playing in place of his brother Steve.

SQUAD

Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Hayden, Matthew Elliott, Mark Waugh, Greg Blewett, Justin Langer, Michael Bevan, Shane Warne, Paul Reiffel, Andy Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

Albania soccer gets go-ahead

TIRANA, Feb 18: Albania's government ordered the re-start of the national soccer championship on Monday, reports Reuters.

The league had been suspended for one month because of unrest sparked by the collapse of five Pyramid investment schemes.

State sports secretary Margeta Zace told the country's soccer federation to resume matches this weekend, changing the venue of any potential trouble spots.

A friendly against Macedonia was cancelled last week and the federation was hoping that World Cup qualifiers with Ukraine and Germany on March 29 and April 2 respectively would remain unaffected.

Albania was suspended briefly by FIFA last year, after the sports ministry removed the chairman of the country's soccer federation, Eduard Dervishi, and dissolved the executive committee.

Argentine World Cup player Mario Kempes, who has a two-year contract to coach First Division Lushneje, has left the club until the situation calms down.

Lushneje were sponsored by Pellumb Xhaferri, detained chief of one of the collapsed Pyramid investment schemes.

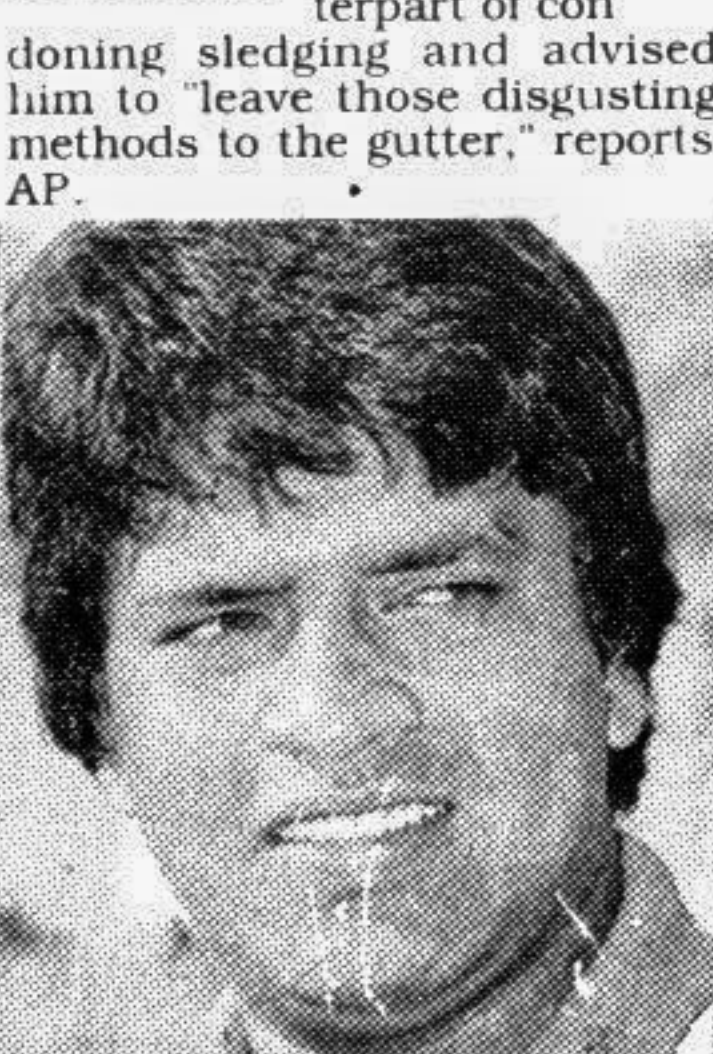
Ranatunga retorts

COLOMBO, Feb 18: Sri Lanka's cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga, has accused his Australian counterpart of con-

doning sledging and advised him to "leave those disgusting methods to the gutter," reports AP.

Ranatunga was reacting to statements by Mark Taylor after the recently concluded West Indies tour, where he accused Ranatunga and Brian Lara of being "antagonists."

"I think he (Lara) is an antagonist - there's no doubt about it ... I think he plays it very well, along the lines of a Ranatunga-type player," Taylor said after the star West Indies batsman accused the Aus-



tralians of sledging opening batsman Robert Samuels.

Sri Lanka's captain Arjuna Ranatunga in a statement said during their last tour in Australia, they were subjected not only to racial abuse, but even deliberate physical contact.

"We believe cricket is a gentlemen's game ... From the behaviour of the Australian cricketers in the field, one could hardly believe that they were conscious of such perceptions," said Ranatunga in his statement published in local newspapers Tuesday.

Ranatunga asked Taylor to consider why all these problems arise only when teams visit Australia and when the Australians are fielding. "May be it is the herd instinct within the safety of the domestic enclave," he said.

The Sri Lankan captain pointed out that Taylor is the successor to a proud tradition of great Australian captains and cricketers such as Sir Donald Bradman, who have unreservedly condemned sledging.

"Mark Taylor, by condoning such methods, is not only doing great disservice to himself, but to his predecessors as well," he said.

"My earnest request to Mark Taylor is that he should captain the team as a leader should ... leave those disgusting methods in the gutter, whence only there they can emanate," Ranatunga said.

officials also said Brazilians Edu and Valdemir Souza Dos Santos snapped up by Lushneje - Albania's first club to buy foreign players - had left the country because of the problems.

চট্টগ্রাম ওয়াসা

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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এতদ্বারা নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য চট্টগ্রাম ওয়াসা কর্তৃপক্ষের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯০৮ এ সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২৮-২-৯৭ইং তারিখ বেলা ৯-০০টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। কাজের ফর্দ ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী অত্র অফিস/অত্র কর্তৃপক্ষের মোড়-২/হিসাব শাখা (অর্থ/জনতা ব্যাংক, ওয়াসা শাখা, দামপাড়া হাইওয়ে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিচের ধারকৃত (অফিসের/যোগ্য) হারে নগদ মূল্যে পাওয়া যাইবে। জনতা ব্যাংক ও ওয়াসা হিসাব শাখা ব্যতীত দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী উপস্থিত সকল অফিসে নির্ধারিত সময়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে। প্রত্যেক দরপত্রের সহিত প্রাক্কলিত দর ২.৫০% (আড়াই শতাংশ) নির্দিষ্ট হারে বায়নার টাকা অত্র সংস্থার চেয়ারম্যান মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার বা ব্যাংক ডাফট আকারে অবশ্যই সংযুক্ত থাকিতে হইবে, অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য করা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তসমূহ যথাযথভাবে পালন করিতে হইবেঃ

- ১। ঠিকাদার দরপত্র ক্রয় করার পর অবশ্যই দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- ২। যদি কোন ঠিকাদার দরপত্র ক্রয় করিয়া বা বৎসরে তিন বার ক্রয়কৃত দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে ব্যর্থ হন (দাখিল করিতে না পারেন) তবে তাহার নাম ঠিকাদারের তালিকা হইতে বাতিল করিয়া দেওয়া হইবে।
- ৩। কোন ঠিকাদার প্রাক্কলিত দর হইতে ৫% এর অধিক নিম্নে দর প্রদান করিলে দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য করা হইবে এবং ৫% এর অধিক উপর দর প্রদান করিলে দরপত্রের সাথে এনালিসিস দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

চট্টগ্রাম ওয়াসা কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ক্রমিক নং	কাজের নাম	দরপত্রের মূল্য	ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা
১।	বৃত্তার কেন্দ্রের ফিল্টার সেলে ফিল্টার মিডিয়া সরবরাহ ও স্থাপনের কাজ। (টেম্ভার শর্ত অনুযায়ী) প্রাক্কলিত	২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকা মাত্র। ১ম ও ২য় শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার।	অত্র সংস্থার বৈধ ও তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার।

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী

এম,পিআর নং২৫-১৭/২
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বৃত্তার কেন্দ্র, ওয়াসা, চট্টগ্রাম।

The single-hull "Geodis", skippered by French Christophe Auguin, is escorted into the western port of Sables d'Olonne on Feb 17 after winning the third edition of the solo, round-the-world Vendee-Globe race in 105 days, 20 hours, 31 minutes and 15 seconds, beating the previous record of 109 days held by compatriot Titouan Lamazou.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Peruke 4 Spring 8 Edge 12 Com- 13 Mrs. Zeus 14 Sneaker 15 Motown 17 Lustrous 18 Flirtatious 19 Teeter- 21 Quorum 21 Wall 26 Action- 29 House- 30 Partner 31 Sell tem- 32 Wire 33 Overlook 34 "Blue?" 35 Use a 36 Bergman, for one	DOWN 1 Hearing 2 Invention, initially 3 Pantheon 4 Rob 5 Bridger's 6 Neighbor 7 Spen- 8 It's all in 9 Ske- 10 Alford 11 Tex- 12 Making 13 Drenched 14 Product of 15 distillation 16 Saharan 17 U.S. 18 visitor, October 19 Bury a bit 20 Dorothy's 21 last word 22 Low-pH 23 Seed 24 Fully 25 developed 26 Guru 27 Menagerie 28 Pasta 29 variety 30 He's good 31 for a laugh 32 Zeal 33 Composer 34 Stravinsky 35 "Fly, fly!" 36 Pack 37 away 38 Exemplar 39 of patience 40 Mimic 41 Bottom 42 line 43 "Foucault's 44 Pendulum" 45 author
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Solution time: 28 mins.

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ASIA	AGRA	INA
TOUR	ORIG	IGNU
SYLVIA	ETHE	IB
EX	CAROB	
GOLD	PAD	WRAP
AINO	UMA	ORE
BOW	ROUND	WAP
GEARS	VU	
DARES	FACTOR	
EVA	SHORTCAKE	
JED	ATIDE	OBLE
ARE	MEAD	RUED

CRYPTOQUIP

AUC NOBE PKAHBCW
EOKYPUHYX MXUW NOUN
OY'E WKNNYC NOY MKKN?
Yesterday's Cryptquip: IT'S LOGICAL TO THINK THAT THE KIND CARDIOLOGIST IS ALL HEART.

Today's Cryptquip clue: P equals M

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.