

Column One  
SPORTS TALK



**Pete Sampras**  
(World No 1 tennis player)  
I usually convert my opportunities. I'm the one that should be setting the tone, being aggressive. I didn't have my game. That is disappointing.  
After losing to unseeded Sergi Bruguera in the Lipton Championships semifinal.

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- Who clinched the title of the Club Cup hockey tournament?  
Abahani Mohammedans Usha
- Who became champions in the five-national hockey tourney in Pakistan?  
Germany Holland Australia
- Pete Sampras has won all except one Grand Slam singles title. What is that one?  
Wimbledon US Open French Open

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**Oscar remains unbeaten**  
DUNKIRK, France, Mar 30: Spanish champion Oscar Garcia Cano took the European lightweight boxing title here on Saturday beating holder Manuel Carlos Fernandes of France after the bout was stopped in the 11th round, reports AFP.  
Garcia Cano, who has nine wins from nine contests, put Fernandes on the canvas twice in the first and 10th rounds although the judges had the Frenchman ahead on points when the fight was stopped.  
The referee stopped the fight when Cano unleashed another volley of punches that had Fernandes, who suffered ankle ligament injuries during the fight, reeling against the ropes.

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**Police Headquarters**  
**Dhaka**  
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Bangladesh keep all-win record  
**Nannu justifies elevation**

Bangladesh completed their impressive first round campaign in the sixth International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy with an all-win record when they defeated hosts Malaysia by 59 runs in their last Group B encounter at the Kilat Kelab ground in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.  
According to a faxed message received here yesterday in the evening, Bangladesh, defending a healthy total of 211, went on to restrict the hosts for 152 for eight to celebrate their fifth consecutive victory in the 22-nation meet, an World Cup qualifying tourney among the ICC associate members. The top three notchers of tournament, which began on Mar 24, will earn elusive tickets to play in the 1999 World Cup alongside nine Test-playing nations.  
Although Bangladesh, seeded second behind Kenya, confirmed their passage to the second round as group champions even before their last match against Malaysia, the title aspirants made no nonsense of a serious business to consolidate their position as a worthy contender for the status of the tenth Test-playing nation.  
In a welcome change of a chronic failures skipper Akram Khan, for the first time in the meet won the toss and elected to use the wicket first. But his intention to put up a commanding total at one stage seemed a tall task when Bangladesh were reduced to 126 for six.  
After a jumpy start with Athar Ali Khan and Naimur Rahman putting on 26 runs for the first wicket, the fragile middle-order failed to click again, barring two exceptions in Minhazul Abedin's 42 and Akram's 40.  
Minhazul, the most experienced campaigner of the country who in a welcome change was pushed up in the batting order, clubbed three hits across the rope and a massive six in his 79-ball vigil at the crease. His polished innings while batting at number three, however, proved a point against a suspect against the shining ball, Minhazul, who is also an useful bowler with his gentle medium pace, later captured one wicket in his eight economic overs and was duly adjudged man-of-the-match for the second time in the meet.  
Minhazul apart, Akram Khan played a captain's knock 56-ball 39. Vice-captain Aminul Islam, who made 21 off 35 deliveries, was the other notable run-getter.  
But the real tempo of the Bangladesh innings was provided by the lower-order heroes in the ACC triumph here last year, scored a dazzling run-a-ball 33 to celebrate his first appearance in the meet. His enterprising knock pulled Bangladesh from a precarious position to a respectable total. New-ball bowler Saiful Islam, who smote a sixer in the final over of the innings, ensured Bangladesh cross the 200-figure mark. Besides, wicketkeeper Khaled Masud, who came in to



M ABEDIN... m-o-m finish, hitting a towering sixer over mid-wicket. In reply, the no-hopers

**face the final delivery of the innings, chalked up a sensational**

Naimur c Rajah b Menon	17
Minhazul c Navaratnam	42
b D Ramadas	21
Aminul c Rajah Nair	39
Akram Khan b Navaratnam	40
Jahangir run out	8
Enamul c D Ramadas b Menon	0
K Mahmud b Menon	33
Saiful b Navaratnam	12
Hasibul Hossain not out	7
K Mahmud not out	6
Extras: (lb-1, w-15)	16
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs)	211
Fall of wks: 1-26; 2-55; 3-89; 4-110; 5-126; 6-126; 7-187; 8-188; 9-205.	
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Minhazul	9 0 41 0
Selvaratnam	4 0 22 1
Menon	10 2 43 3
Navaratnam	9 2 36 2
D Ramadas	8 0 31 1
Nair	10 0 37 1

**MALAYSIA**  
SS Vello c b Minhazul 9  
Selvaratnam c b Hasibul 5  
V R Rajah b K Mahmud 2

**ICC TROPHY STANDINGS**

Group A	P	W	L	D	Pts
Kenya	5	5	0	0	10
Ireland	5	4	1	0	8
USA	5	3	2	0	6
Singapore	5	2	3	0	4
Gibraltar	5	1	4	0	2
Israel	5	0	5	0	0
<b>Kenya and Ireland qualify for second round.</b>					
Group B	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bangladesh	5	5	0	0	10
Denmark	5	4	1	0	8
UAE	5	3	2	0	6
Malaysia	5	2	3	0	4
West Africa	5	1	4	0	2
Argentina	5	0	5	0	0
<b>Bangladesh and Denmark qualify.</b>					
Group C	P	W	L	D	Pts
Holland	4	3	0	0	7
Canada	4	3	0	0	7
Fiji	4	2	2	0	4
Namibia	4	1	3	0	2
E&C Africa	4	0	4	0	0
<b>Holland and Canada qualify.</b>					
Group D	P	W	L	D	Pts
Scotland	4	4	0	0	8
Hong Kong	4	3	1	0	6
Bermuda	4	2	2	0	4
PNG	4	1	3	0	2
Italy	4	0	4	0	0
<b>Scotland and Hong Kong qualify.</b>					
<b>Second round draw:</b>					
Group E: Kenya, Canada, Scotland, Denmark.					
Group F: Bangladesh, Holland, Ireland, Hong Kong.					

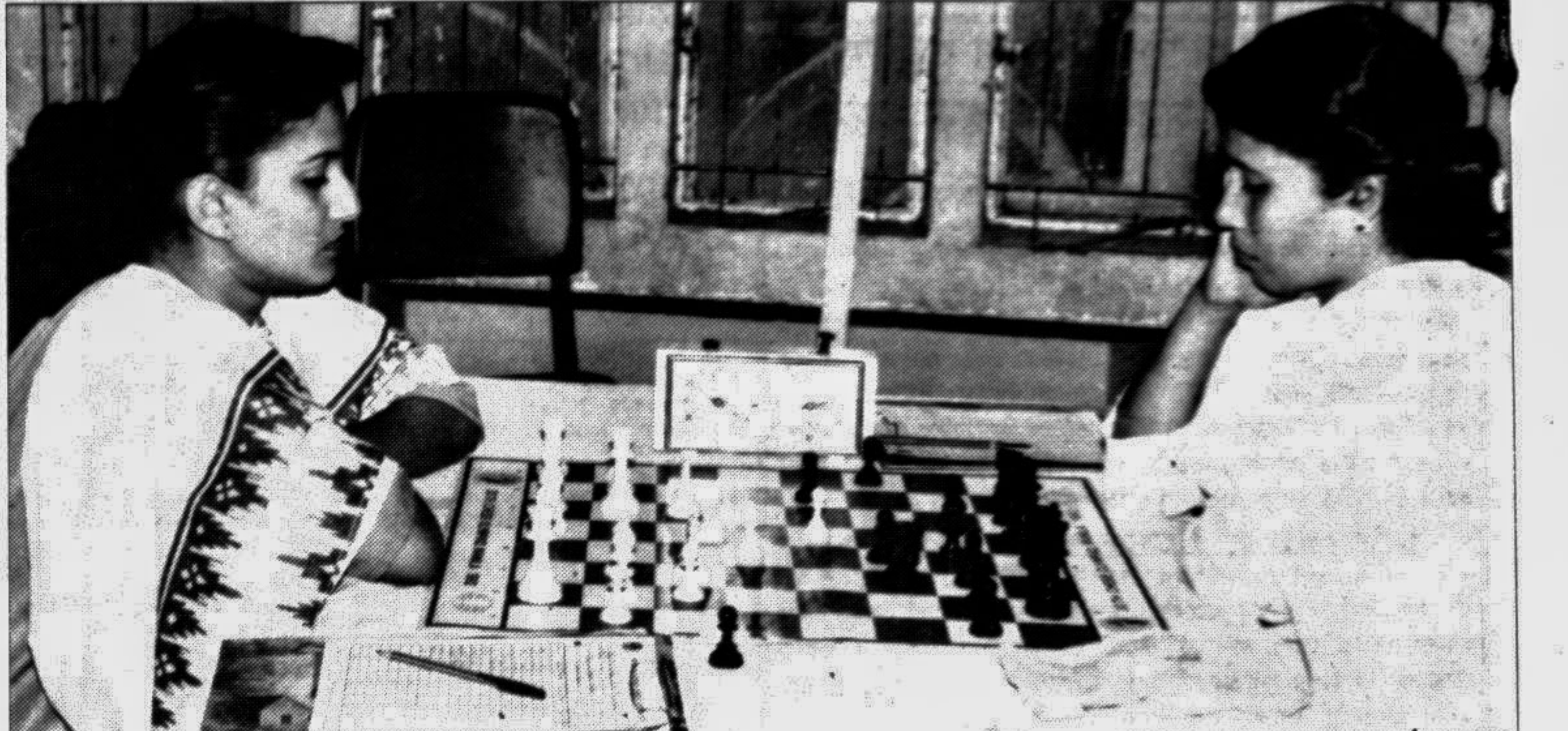
Malaysia were off to a disastrous start losing six wickets for 91 runs on the board before an enterprising 58 off 69 balls by Williams. Williams, who played every ball on its merit, ran a ruthless attack on loose balls, on five occasions his savage hits yielded five huge sixers. The eight teams qualified for the second round, which gets underway after a day's recess, are split in two groups — E and F. Bangladesh are pencilled in to comparatively strong Group F which includes Holland, Ireland and Hong Kong. On tomorrow's opening match of the second phase to be played on round robin league basis, Bangladesh will take on Hong Kong.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Bangladesh  
Athar c K Ramdas b Selvaratnam 10

**Result: Bangladesh won by 59 runs.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Minhazul Abedin Nannu.**

**Bayern regain top spot**

COLOGNE, Germany, Mar 30: Alexander Zickler scored the third quickest goal in the Bundesliga's history to give Bayern Munich a 1-0 victory over Werder Bremen on Saturday and help them establish a two-point lead at the top of the table, reports AFP.  
Zickler put the ball into the net after just 15 seconds in Munich's Olympic Stadium, equalling the mark of Borussia Moenchengladbach's Martin Dahlin against Borussia Dortmund a week ago.  
Werder tightened up thereafter but never looked like ending the only unbeaten home record in the German top flight.  
Bayern Leverkusen kept up the pressure with a 2-0 win over Schalke that lifted them to second.  
Leverkusen were slow starting but found their form in the second half when Ulf Kirsten rediscovered his goal touch in the 63rd minute.  
Brazilian Paulo Sergio, currently a target of Roman, played a decisive role in his side's second goal when he passed to Dutchman Erik Meijer, who made no mistake four minutes from time.  
Leverkusen's win sends them from fourth to second in what is a thrilling title race between Bayern, Leverkusen, Dortmund and Stuttgart.  
The latter pair played Thursday in this split Easter round with Dortmund stealing a 1-0 victory at Saint Pauli while Stuttgart lost ground after a 1-1 draw at home to 1860 Munich.  
Hansa Rostock confirmed Freiburg's hopeless position at the bottom by beating the Black Forest visitors 3-1.  
The result could well have saved the job of Hansa coach Frank Pagelsdorf who has been under fire for much of this year. The three points lift Hansa one

place to 16th but they are still deep in the relegation Zone.  
Moenchengladbach took another large step towards safety with their 2-0 over Fortuna Dusseldorf.  
Romanian Ion Lupescu capably filled the shoes of Gladbach's absent captain Stefan Effenberg in defensive-midfield and put his side ahead just before half time by converting a penalty.  
Dusseldorf came back after the break but were finally killed off in the 87th minute when red haired striker Joergen Pettersson got Gladbach's second.  
Karlsruhe jumped from eighth to fifth when Eberhard Carl sneaked a goal past Bielefeld in the 90th minute, giving the visitors a 2-1 victory.



Scene from the 18th national women's chess championship engagement between Shabana Parveen Nipa (L) and Masuda Begum at the NSC yesterday.

**Nipa stays ahead**

**Sports Reporter**  
Shabana Parveen Nipa maintained her slender lead in the 18th national women's chess championship defeating Masuda Begum in the penultimate round of the nine-round meet at the Chess Room of the National Sports Council yesterday.  
Nipa, the former national champion, playing with white pieces, adopted the Catalan opening to tame Masuda after 32 moves. With this win, Nipa improved her tally to seven points, half point clear from nearest rival Rani Hamid, who in this round prevailed over Gulshan Ara Nikkon after 60 moves.  
Rani, the lone International Women's Master (IWM) of the country and a record ten-time champion, with this win rekindled a glimmer of hope after her stunning defeat at the hands of Afroza Khanum Bably in the previous round.  
Nipa will be looking forward for a win against Nazrana Khan Eva today, the concluding day of the meet, to topple Rani, who will meet Masuda.  
Meanwhile, in the other billing of the day, Bably, fresh after her win against Rani Hamid, drew with Zakia Sulatana; Tanima Parvin, the last year's runner-up, defeated Jahannara Haq Runu; while the game between two tail-enders — Nazrana Khan Eva and Farzana Khan Awa — ended in a draw.  
**Standings (On completion of the eighth round):** Nipa 7, Rani 6.5, Bably 5.5, Tanima 5, Nikkon 4, Zakia 3.5, Masuda 3, Runu 2.5, Eva 2, Awa 0.5.

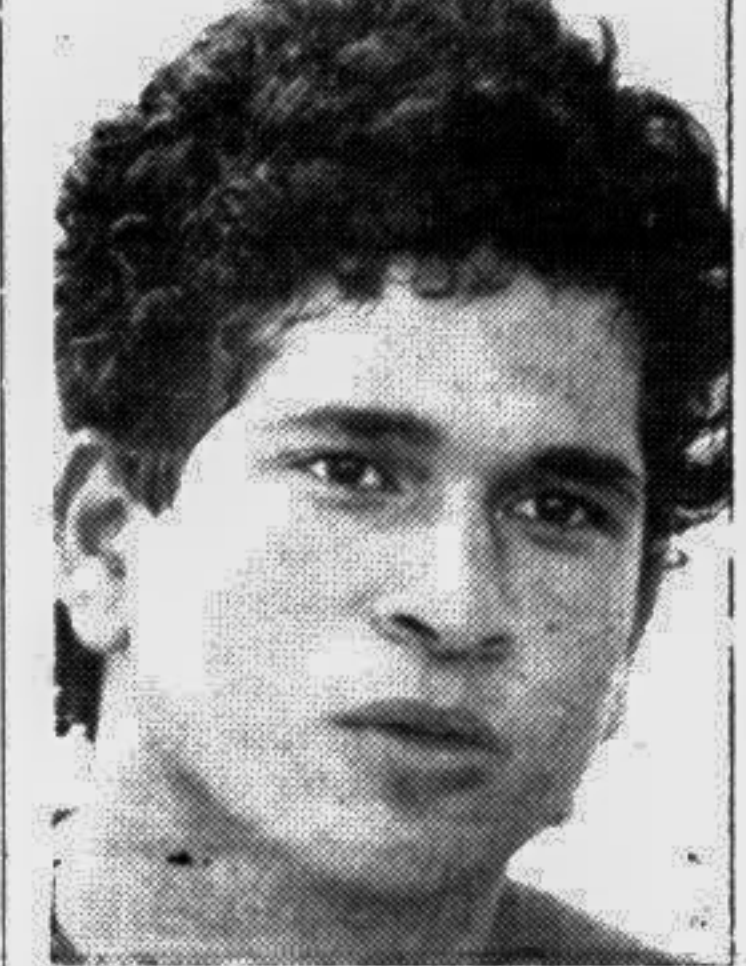
**Div II soccer**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Shantinagar Club maintained their solo lead in the Second Division football league defeating Gandaria Famous by a lone goal in one of the two matches at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.  
Allaiddin grabbed the winner in the 63rd minute. It was Shantinagar's seventh victory from eight outings.  
Meanwhile, the other match of the day between Avijatrik Malibagh and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha ended in a one-all draw.

**Schools h'ball**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Rajdhani High School, Ahmed Bawani Academy and Shaheed Nabi High School won their respective matches in the boys section of the 8th Bata schools handball championships at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.  
In the first match of the day, Ahmed Bawani recorded a thumping 11-2 win against Wari High School. The winners led the first half 5-1.  
While Shaheed Nabi boys picked up a facile 13-1 goal win over Dhanmondi Tutorial and Rajdhani High cantered past Cosmic International 10-1.  
Meanwhile, in the girls section Narayanangj Adarsha High School, Scholastica and BAF Shaheen School defeated Rajarbagh Police Lines High School, Lalmatia High School and Bangladesh Rifles High School respectively in the three billings at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex.

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**Indians solid in reply**

**BRIDGETOWN, Mar 30:** Skipper Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid put on 170 runs for the third wicket as India posted 249 for three in reply to West Indies' first innings score of 298 on the second day of the third Test here yesterday, reports PTI.  
The Indian captain fell on 92 in controversial circumstances when the touring team mustered enough lead against the home team.  
It paled in shadow, more so in overall context, the composed innings of Shivnarine Chanderpaul (137 not out) and



**TENDULKAR ... 92**  
the perseverance of Venkatesh Prasad (5 for 82) when the West Indies finished their first knock 50 minutes before lunch. Dravid was still there after almost five hours on 71 (9x4), providing the kind of support his captain's sublime afternoon strokeplay deserved as India fought their way into a position of strength from a shaky 42 for two.

This is the Karnataka youngster's third fifty from four Test innings on the tour and he is performing a similar role to what Chanderpaul has done for the Windies.  
Another youngster, Saurav Ganguly, unbeaten on 21, set to play his part.  
The Indian captain looked vulnerable and extremely fallible at the start of his innings, especially against Curtly Ambrose, before dictating the rest

of play.  
The scoring rate was more than brisk and at one stage India seemed well on its way to matching the West Indian total by evening itself.  
After tea, Tendulkar himself looked to advance the scoring with singles only, and both Dravid and he refused to take extra chances against the off-spin of Carl Hooper.  
Committing himself on the front foot to a lifting delivery from Ian Bishop, Tendulkar steered a catch to Sherwin Campbell at backward point. His 92 came in 223 minutes off 147 deliveries, including 14 fours and one six. Bishop could have had Dravid too thereafter but a spooned chance fell at no man's land at backward square.  
Tendulkar was harsh on rookie Mervyn Dillon as he hit three boundaries in one over on his way to 50 off 75 balls.  
But Tendulkar's dismissal was controversial as Bishop's front foot was way outside the bowling crease and the TV replays conclusively proved that umpire Lloyd Barker was guilty in not calling a no-ball on the occasion.  
Barker, standing for his second straight match of the series, absented himself for an hour after lunch because he was not well. Third umpire Dalton Holder stood in for him in the third hour.  
The lack of success for the West Indian pacemen was disappointing for the packed crowd and they indeed were guilty of pitching it too short. Only Ambrose looked a class and probed the off-stump line consistently.

India's openers Laxman (6) and Navjot Singh Sidhu (26) failed though the Punjab opener had one brief moment of flourish when he hit young Mervyn Dillon for three successive fours in the last over before lunch.  
Laxman touched an outswinger from Ambrose (1/47) to give Browne a comfortable catch.  
Sidhu went to Rose's (1/60) first delivery in the match but Tendulkar and Dravid made it a non-issue.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the second day of the third cricket Test

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Prasad	31.4	9	62	5
Kuruvilla	28	4	88	1
Ganesh	21	2	70	2
Kumble	16	1	44	1
Ganguly	2	1	9	0

**INDIA: First innings**  
Laxman b Ambrose 6  
Sidhu c Browne b Rose 26  
Dravid not out 71  
Tendulkar c Campbell b Bishop 92  
Ganguly not out 21  
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-26) 33  
Total (for 3 wks) 249  
Fall of wks: 1-23; 2-42; 3-212  
To bat: Azharuddin, Mongia, Kumble, Ganguly, Kuruvilla, Prasad.  
**Bowling:**  
Ambrose 18 6 47 1  
Bishop 16 2 55 1  
Dillon 14 2 52 0  
Rose 15 4 60 1  
Hooper 8 1 28 0

between West Indies and India at Kensington Oval here on Saturday.  
**WEST INDIES: First Innings**  
(overnight 240/7)  
Campbell c Azharuddin b Prasad 6  
Williams c Laxman b Ganesh 24  
Chanderpaul not out 137  
Lara c Tendulkar b Prasad 19  
Hooper c Mongia b Ganesh 19  
Holder c Azharuddin b Prasad 5  
Browne c Tendulkar b Kumble 24  
Bishop b Prasad 4  
Ambrose c Tendulkar b Kuruvilla 37  
Rose run out 11  
Dillon lbw b Prasad 0  
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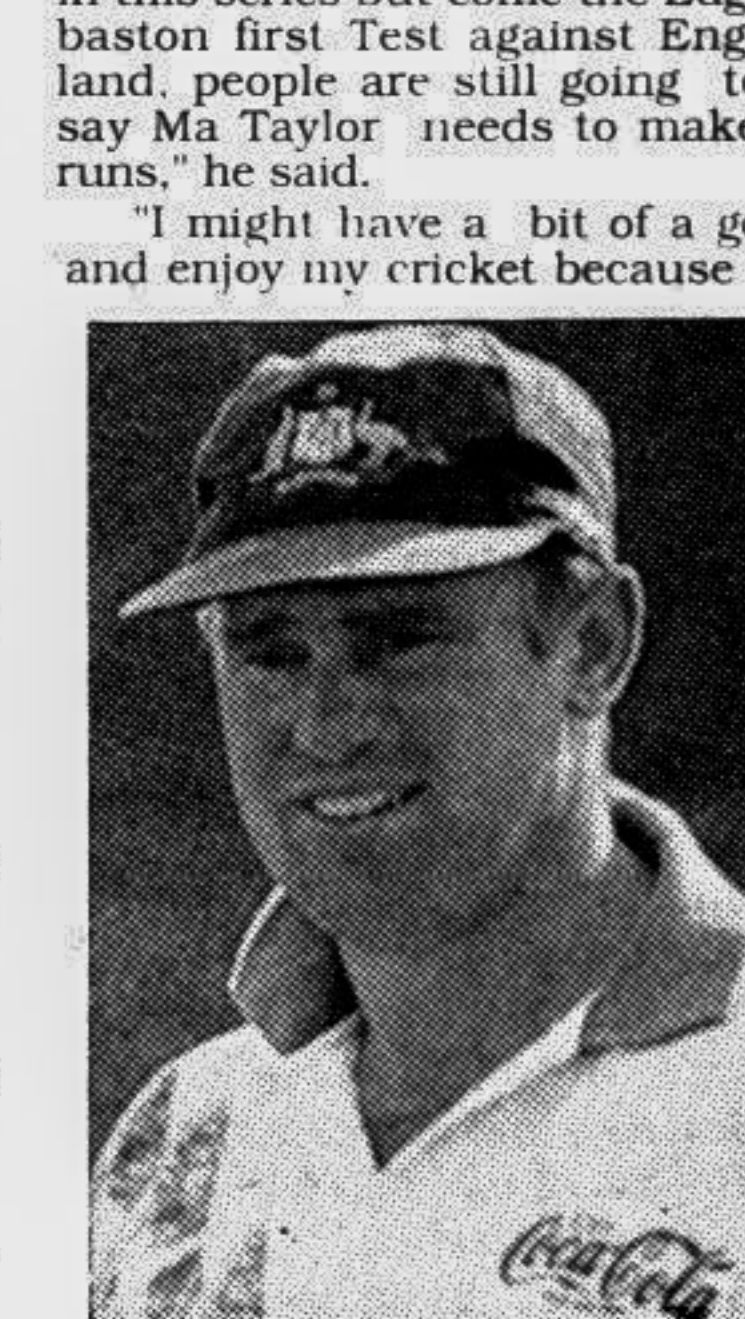


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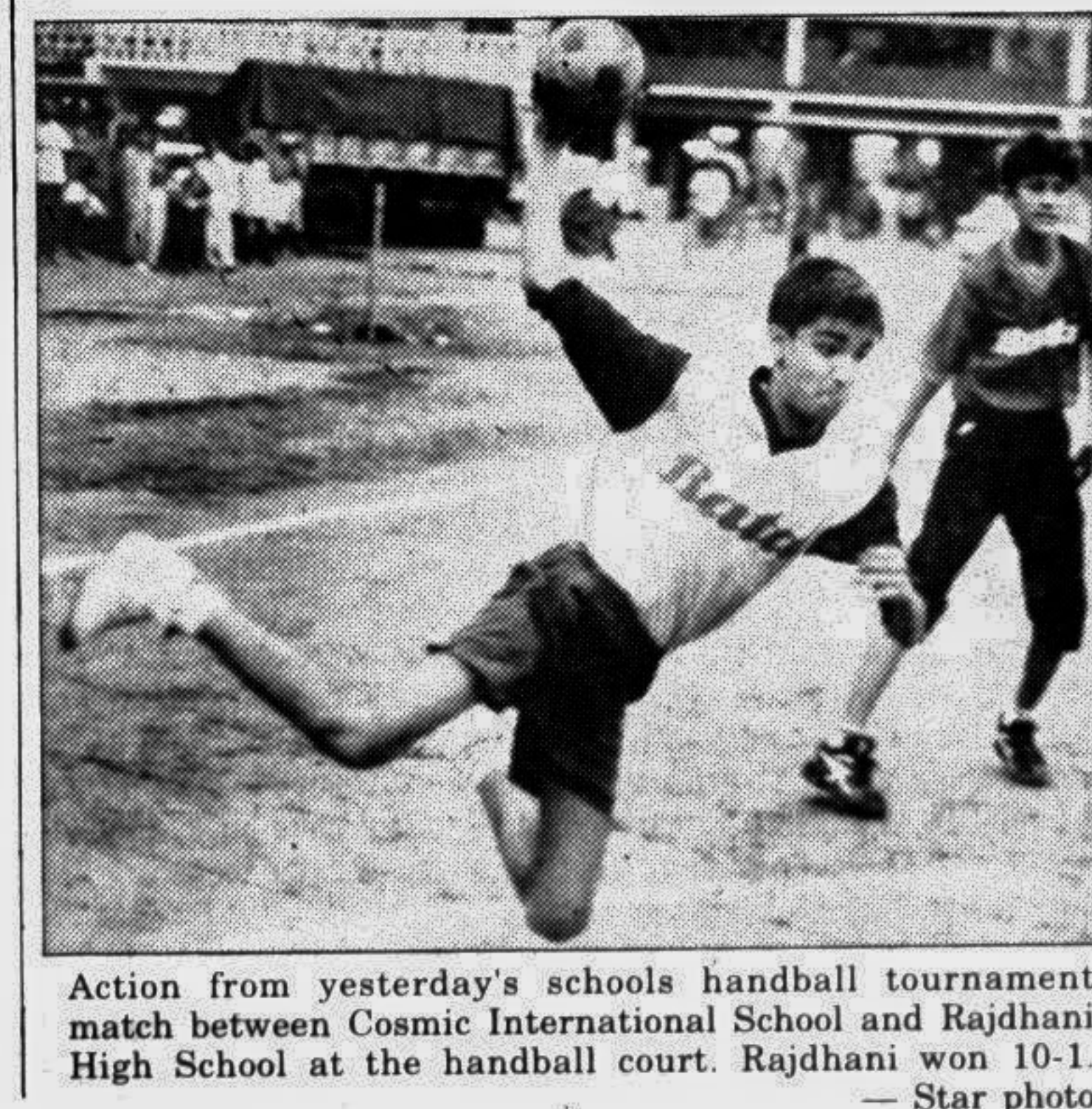
**MARK TAYLOR**

know that come the day of the Edgbaston Test match I'll be under the microscope again."  
Taylor produced only 80 runs in five innings of the recently completed Test series against South Africa, won 2-1 by Australia.  
Australia made four changes in their side for the one-day series, with tour newcomer Michael Di Venuto likely to open the batting with Mark Waugh.  
South African captain Hansie Cronje credited Saturday's victory to "100 per cent team effort," but said he would have liked a similar "mature" performance in the Test matches.  
The victory Saturday extended South Africa's unbeaten run at home to 12 one-day matches and was their 32nd win in 37 outings during the last 14 months.  
**SQUADS**  
**AUSTRALIA (from):** Mark Taylor (captain), Mark Waugh,

Michael Di Venuto, Stuart Law, Steve Waugh, Michael Bevan, Greg Blewett, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Paul Reiffel, Jason Gillespie, Brendon Julian, Andrew Bichel and Adam Dale.  
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**Pat to play in India**

**CHENNAI, Mar 30:** Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia will be seen in action for the first time in India as he has accepted a wild card entry to play in the 4,30,000 Gold Flake ATP Tour Open commencing here on April 7, reports PTI.  
According to a press release by the ATP Tour office here, confirmation from Pat Cash that he would take part had been received from Key Biscayne, Florida, where the tennis star played in the doubles event of the Lipton Championships.  
Pat Cash, the Wimbledon champion in 1987, in a message has said: "I have not really had that much of an opportunity to play in India in the past and I am very grateful to Brian (tournament director) for making this offer. I am once again enjoying being back on the courts and can see many positives and things coming together. I played well in Dubai last month, was playing doubles in Key Biscayne and played some great tennis."  
**REGRETS**  
Due to space constraint our regular item CROSSWORD could not be accommodated.  
— Sports Editor



Action from yesterday's schools handball tournament match between Cosmic International School and Rajdhani High School at the handball court. Rajdhani won 10-1.