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July 25, '97

1 Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?
Majoli Hingis Vicario

2 How many times has Sampras won the Wimbledon?
Two Three Four

3 Which nation clinched the Copa America title?
Brazil Peru Bolivia

4 Who became champions in the World Youth Soccer Cup?
Ghana Colombia Argentina

5 Who won this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league title?
Mohammedan Abahani Usha

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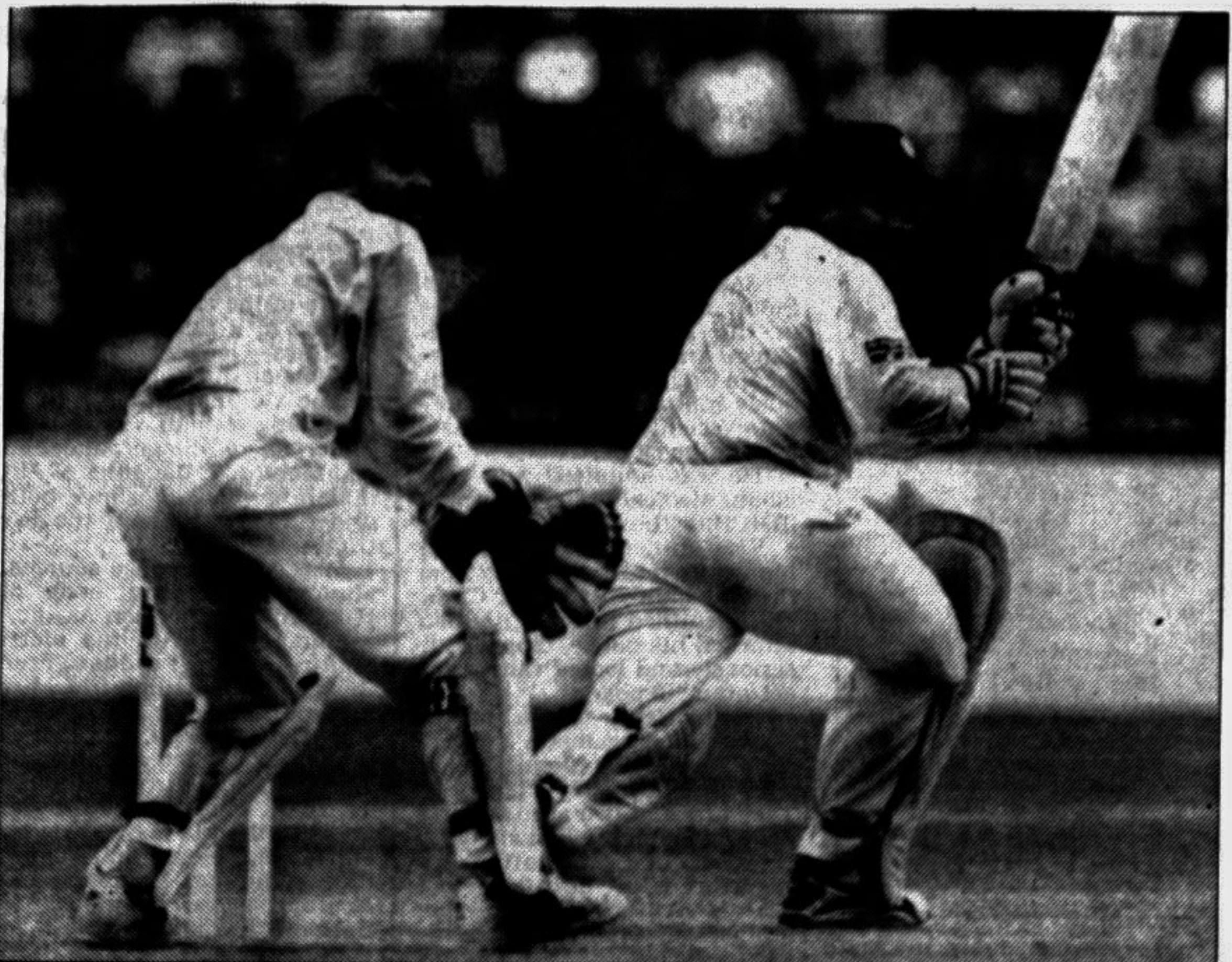
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Sri Lanka captain and man-of-the-match Arjuna Ranatunga plays on the on-side during the Asia Cup clash against India in Colombo on July 18. —AFP/UNB photo

Arjuna upstages Azhar



COLOMBO, July 19: Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga slammed a brilliant 131 not out Friday to carry the world champions into the Asia Cup final with a remarkable six-wicket win over India, reports AFP.

The Indians, restricted to 227 for six from their 50 overs, sensed an upset victory when seamer Venkatesh Prasad removed Sanath Jayasuriya with the first ball and Aravinda de Silva in his second over.

But the portly Ranatunga, batting with a runner in the later part of his innings due to cramps, stood rock solid at one end to steer his team home in the 45th over.

The 33-year-old hit 17 boundaries in his third one-day century from 214 matches to win the 1,000-dollar man-of-the-match award.

Marvan Atapattu, whose sister married Ranatunga's younger brother Sanjeeva on Wednesday, aided in the rescue act with a defiant 31 during a 108-run stand for the third wicket with his captain.

Debutant Lankha de Silva, who replaced the out-of-form wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwanthana, then put on 106 for the unbroken fifth wicket with Ranatunga, helping himself to a breezy 37 off 49 balls.

It was Sri Lanka's second successive win in the four-nation tournament following their 15-run defeat of Pakistan, ensuring the hosts a place in the July 26 final even before their last league match against Bangladesh.

Ranatunga's effort overshadowed an unbeaten 81 by former Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, recalled to the side after being axed for the Independence Cup at home in May.

Ranatunga received a standing ovation from some 32,000 home fans at the Premadasa Stadium, who were earlier stunned into silence by Prasad's quick blows.

Jayasuriya pulled the first ball of the innings hard and high to deep square leg where Rahul Dravid took a well-judged catch running to his right.

In Prasad's next over, Aravinda de Silva edged an outswinger to wicket-keeper Saba Karim to make Sri Lanka nine for two.

Ranatunga and Atapattu dug into take a heavy toll on a tiring Indian attack limited to just three from line bowlers and three part-timers.

Azhar and Rahul Dravid (69) put on 117 for the fourth wicket after India, sent to bat by the world champions, were gasping for survival at 51 for three by the 18th over.

Azhar, who came in at the fall of the third wicket, hit four boundaries and two sixes in his 103-ball knock. Dravid smashed six boundaries.

Azhar and Dravid were the only two batsmen to prosper against the steady Sri Lankan attack on the slow wicket.

Left-arm seamers Chaminda Vaas and Sanjeeva de Silva removed both openers Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly in successive overs to make India 35 for two by the ninth.

Left-hander Ganguly, who made 11, pulled a short ball from Sanjeeva to mid-on where Kumara Dharmasena took a head-high catch.

Tendulkar, who slammed a century on the same ground in his first outing as Indian captain last year, scored 21 when he stepped out to loft Vaas and was bowled.

India slid further in the 18th over when wicket keeper Saba Karim, promoted to number three, was caught behind off Dharmasena for 12.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup one-day international between India and Sri Lanka in Colombo on Friday:

INDIA

Tendulkar c Vaas 21
Ganguly c Dharmasena b Sanjeeva 11
Karim c Lankha b Dharmasena 12
Dravid c Jayasuriya 19
Azharuddin not out 81
Singh c De Silva b Vaas 10
Jadeja c Lankha b Jayasuriya 3
Kumble not out 16
Extras: (w-3, nb-1) 4
Total: (for 6 wkt) 227

Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-31; 3-117; 4-125

Did not bat: R. Kalpage, K. Dharmasena, C. Vaas, M. Muralitharan, S. de Silva.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	8	1	35	2
Sanjeeva	7	0	30	1
Muralitharan	10	1	30	0
Dharmasena	10	0	52	1
Jayasuriya	10	0	52	0
Kalpage	5	0	28	0

SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Dravid b Prasad 0
Atapattu lbw b Singh 31
De Silva c Karim b Prasad 6
Ranatunga not out 131
Mahanama c Karim b Singh 5
Lanka not out 37
Extras: (lb-6, w-12, nb-3) 21

Total: (for 4 wkt in 44.4 overs) 231

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Prasad	8	0	44	2
Kuruvilla	7	0	35	0
Kumble	10	0	38	0
David	8	0	36	0
Ganguly	3	0	19	0
Singh	4	0	29	2
Jadeja	4	0	18	0
Tendulkar	0.4	0	6	0

Result:

Sri Lanka won by six wickets.

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