

Column One

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1 Who is the Australia cricket coach?
Lille Marsh Simpson

2 Who is the Argentina soccer coach?
Passarella Venables Cruyff

3 Which county will Lara lead next year?
Essex Durham Warwickshire

4 Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league?
Nadim Saeed Kamal

5 Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships?
Lina Tumpa Zuleika

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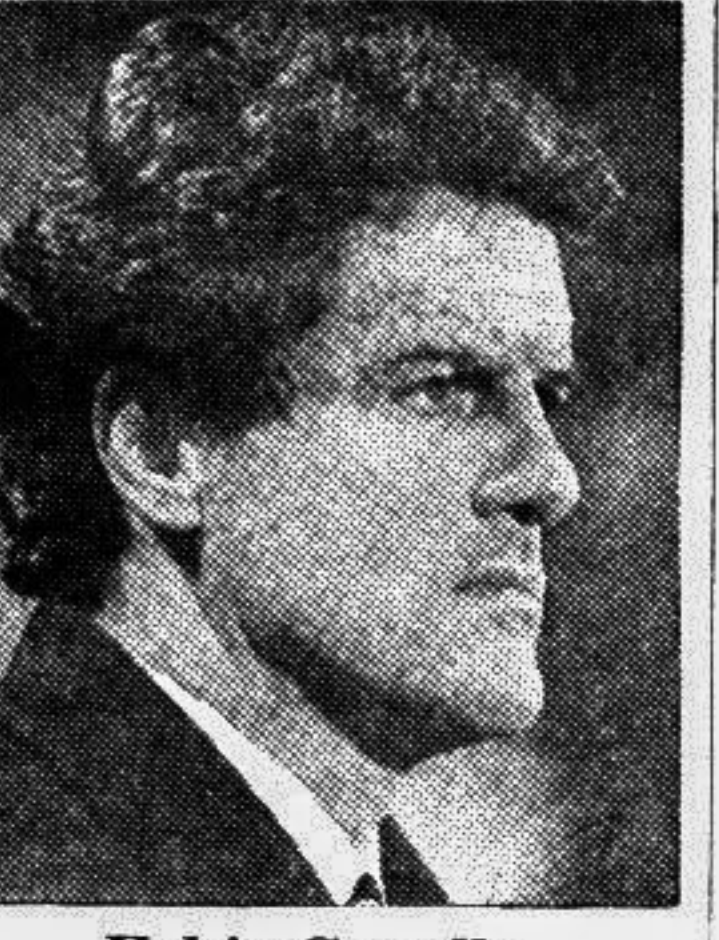
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SPORTS TALK



Fabio Capello
(AC Milan coach)
"He played wonderfully tonight. It's difficult to recall a derby like this."

Williams next meets Hingis

SYDNEY, Jan 11: America's Venus Williams advanced today into a second round bout with Martina Hingis in the Sydney International tournament, which is set to be a testing ground for tennis' teenage stars, reports AFP.

Williams, currently ranked 22, is aiming to knock Hingis from her number one spot this year and predicts that her 16-year-old sister and hitting partner, Serena, ranked 99, will crack the top ten.

She will meet the Swiss number one after playing only a single set in the tournament. Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir was forced out with an injury in their first-round match today.

"I wasn't playing what I consider good. And it was the first match of the season so I really would have wanted to get a little bit more practice," Williams told reporters after winning the set 6-4.

Hingis, who had a bye in the Sydney tournament's first round, last met 17-year-old Williams at the US Open final where she beat her 6-0, 6-4.

"In that match I did a lot of mistakes, things that weren't called for, basically out of control, and she took advantage of me playing so badly," Williams said.

But Williams, who stands out here with her athletic 1.8-metre frame and beaded hair, has put a brave face on meeting the number one seed so soon in the competition.

"This title is hers, I suppose, and she is going to want to defend it... so I am going to have to be ready," she said of the 1997 title-holder.

If Williams upsets Hingis, also aged 17, she will be on course for a semifinal showdown against Romanian fourth seed Irina Spirlea.

Munich air crash anniversary

MANCHESTER, England, Jan 11: A memorial service will take place at Manchester Cathedral on February 6 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Munich air crash when 23 people, including eight Manchester United players, died, reports AFP.

The following day, before Manchester United's game against Bolton at Old Trafford, a one-minute silence will be observed at 1504 GMT, which was the time of the disaster.

Wreaths will then be laid in the centre circle before the match kicks off at 1515.

Survivors, relatives of those bereaved and representatives of the United and Bolton 1958 FA Cup final teams will be guests at the match.



SAURAV SANS FRAGRANCE: Saurav Ganguly, Indian cricket's man-of-1997 seems to have lost his golden touch. After hinting a return to form with a short burst of aggression the southpaw from Bengal made yet another early exit yesterday. Pakistanis have a cause to celebrate. — Star photo

Tourists lost in Murali maze

KANDY, Sri Lanka, Jan 11: Zimbabwe crashed to an eight wicket defeat against Sri Lanka Sunday in their first Test, reports AP.

But the visitors earned some respect by capturing the prized wicket of Sanath Jayasuriya and number three bat Roshan Mahanama without conceding a run.

A 15,000-strong crowd raced onto the field moments after Sri Lanka posted the victory as opener Marvan Atapattu landed the winning runs, a pulled stroke to the boundary off paceman Bryan Strang. Zimbabwe had a lead of just nine runs.

The victory marked the first time the home side won a Test at the venue after losing four previous matches and drawing two. It was only the 10th Sri Lankan Test victory in 80 outings, and the third over Zimbabwe in six encounters.

Jayasuriya was adjudged before in the second ball. Mahanama was bowled two balls later.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was player-of-the-match for a harvest of 12 wickets for 117 runs which made his only the second Sri Lankan to take 10 wickets in a match after paceman Chaminda Vaas who achieved the feat against New Zealand at Napier in 1994-95.

Zimbabwe started the day at 289 for seven, still needing 40 runs to make Sri Lanka bat again.

Paul Strang made certain the home team needed to bat for victory when he launched an attack against Muralitharan by hitting the bowler for two fours, one to the mid-off boundary and the other back-cut to the fence, in one over.

But he fell to the same bowler, caught bat-pad by substitute fielder Russell Arnold with his score on 33, having lost his overnight partner Heath Streak for 13 in the second over of the day.

Sri Lanka skipper Arjuna Ranatunga praised Zimbabwe's batsmen for their performance in the second innings in the face of a 329 deficit.

"We bowled very well to get them out for 140, but I thought

Zimbabwe on Sunday:
SRI LANKA: First Innings 469 for nine declared (M Atapattu 223, A de Silva 75)
ZIMBABWE: First Innings 140 (G Rennie 53; M Muralitharan 5-23)
ZIMBABWE: Second Innings (overnight 289 for 7)
Rennie lbw b Muralitharan 24
G Flower b De Silva 38
Goodwin b Muralitharan 70
Whittall b Muralitharan 14
A Flower c Mahanama 67
b Muralitharan 40
Campbell lbw b Vaas 40
Wishart b Muralitharan 0
P Strang c sub (Arnold) b Muralitharan 33
Streak c Kaluwatharane b Pushpakumara 13
b Strang not out 15
Huckle lbw b Muralitharan 0
Extras: (b-5, lb-11, nb-8) 24
Total: (All out in 126.5 overs) 338
Fall of wickets: 1-68; 2-68; 3-103; 4-185; 5-261; 6-261; 7-271; 8-297; 9-334; 10-338.
Bowling: O M R W
Vaas 24 3 65 1
Pushpakumara 19 2 64 1
Muralitharan 42.5 13 94 7
De Silva 13 5 25 1
Silva 11 2 35 0
Jayasuriya 16 0 38 0
Atapattu 1 0 1 0
SRI LANKA: Second Innings
Jayasuriya lbw b Streak 6
Atapattu not out 0
Mahanama b Streak 4
A de Silva not out 4
Extras: 0
Total: (For two wickets in 15 overs) 10
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0.
Bowling: O M R W
Streak 1 0 4 2
B Strang 0.5 0 6 0
Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets.
Player-of-the-match: Muttiah Muralitharan.
Next Match: From January 14 in Colombo.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at the end of the fifth and final day of the first Test between Sri Lanka and

Proteas power into finals

BRISBANE, Jan 11: A majestic 89 from South African opener Gary Kirsten and another batting failure by Australian Captain Steve Waugh helped the Proteas crush home-side by five wickets in their tri-series one day cricket international here today, reports AFP.

The experienced 30-year-old Kirsten is in top form and proving invaluable to South Africa in their quest to topple the Aussies as undisputed world number ones.

His 103 against New Zealand here Friday was his eighth one-day ton and he dominated the attack again, before the Australian captain brought himself into the frame and made the breakthrough.

The Aussie's seemed all but beaten before Kirsten's dismissed, with the visitors cruising 151 for two after 32 overs chasing 236.

But the fall of Jacques Kallis and Herschelle Gibbs in quick succession gave them a hint of victory before captain Hansie Cronje took control to see his side home with 15 balls to spare.

It was the Australian's lacklustre batting display and in particular Steve Waugh's continuing nightmare in the series that left them down.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, he fell cheaply again as Australia scrapped together 235 for eight off 50 overs. His day went from bad to worse when he had to leave the field with a hamstring strain.

The same Gabba wicket produced 508 runs on Friday in the thriller between South Africa and New Zealand, which the Proteas won on the last ball.

Paceman Allan Donald once again proved the aggressor, taking the crucial wickets of opener Mark Waugh and Stuart Law, both caught behind by Richardson to finish with three for 37 of 10 overs.

It was left to one-day specialist Michael Bevan to prop up the batting and top score with an unbeaten 45.

Although Waugh made amends somewhat with the wicket of Kirsten, who was players-of-the-match. It is his batting failures that are of concern.

He has made just 12 runs in the five one-day games since he took over from Mark Taylor.

The usually prolific run scorer was out today lofting an on-drive to Pat Symcox from

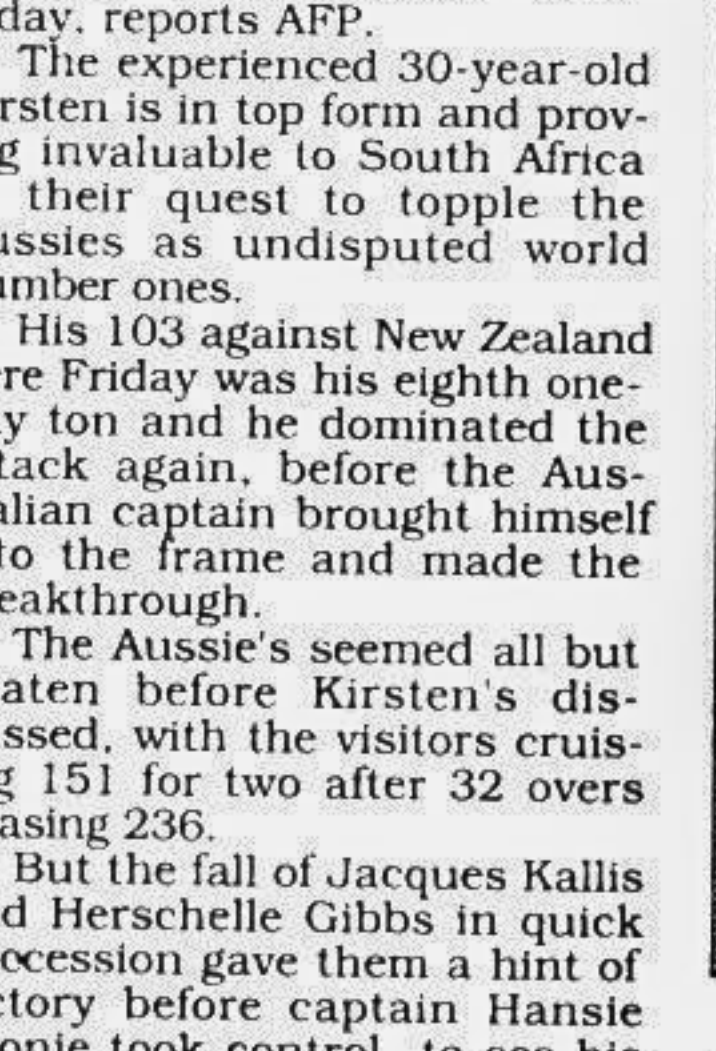
the bowling of Kallis.

His wicket came in a period when Australia lost three for 9 after making a reasonable start through openers Law and Mark Waugh plus a consolidating stand of 56 between Darren Lehmann and Ricky Ponting.

The openers put on 68 in 94 balls before Law, who had

Bevan not out 45
Gilchrist c Donald b Pollock 21
Reiffel c Rhodes b Donald 5
Warne run out 8
Bichel not out 9
Extras: (lb-6, w-6, nb-2) 14
Total: (for 8 wks in 50 overs) 235
Fall of wickets: 1-68; 2-75; 3-131; 4-140; 5-140; 6-192; 7-203; 8-27.
Did not bat: P Wilson.
Bowling: O M R W
Pollock 8 1 32 1
Klusener 9 0 65 0
McMillan 6 0 25 0
Donald 10 0 37 1
Symcox 10 0 38 1
Kallis 7 0 32 2
SOUTH AFRICA
Kirsten c Warne b S Waugh 89
Klusener c Bevan b Wilson 15
Symcox run out (Reiffel) 6
Kallis lbw Wilson 47
Cronje not out 59
Gibbs b Bichel 2
Rhodes not out 14
Extras: (lb-3, w-1) 4
Total: (for five wks in 47.3 overs) 236
Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-72; 3-151; 4-189; 5-192.
Bowling: O M R W
Wilson 10 1 50 2
Reiffel 8 1 39 0
Warne 10 0 47 0
Bichel 10 0 47 1
Bevan 2.3 0 25 0
S Waugh 4 0 14 1
M Waugh 3 0 11 0
Result: South Africa won by five wickets.
Player of the match: Gary Kirsten.
Next match: Australia vs New Zealand in Sydney on Jan 14.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at the tri-series limited-overs international between Australia and South Africa at the Gabba on Sunday:
AUSTRALIA
M Waugh c Richardson b Donald 37
Law c Richardson b Donald 27
Ponting c b Symcox 31
Lehmann c Rhodes b Kallis 34
S Waugh c Symcox b Kallis 4



G KIRSTEN ... p-o-m

Youth WC cricket Bangladesh open campaign today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh youth cricket team will take on Namibia in their inaugural group match of the World Youth Cup at the Laudium ground in Johannesburg, South Africa today.

The 19-day tourney involving nine Test playing nations and seven associate-member countries of the International Cricket Council, began yesterday.

Bangladesh, who have qualified for the finals as Asian champions, have been penciled in the Sobers Group, one of the four groups for the preliminary round, along with Namibia, New Zealand and England.

They will face New Zealand in their next match tomorrow before playing their last first round match on January 15.

The other participating nations are: Australia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, West Indies, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Denmark, Ireland, Scotland and hosts South Africa.

The 15-member Bangladesh team led by Al-Shahriar, has left Dhaka on January 8.

Jalal Younus and Moshud-din Ahmed Montu will act as manager and coach of the team respectively.

TEAM (from): Al-Shahriar (captain), Sabbir Khan (vice captain), Hannan Sarkar, Moshfiquur Rahman, Mehrez Hossain, Sajal Chowdhury, Golam Murtuza, AKM Ahsanullah, Manjurul Islam, Shahnewaz Kabir, Montasir Rahman, Tanveerul Islam, Rashidul Haque, Towhid Hossain and Rubayat Saiful Islam.

Qatar Open Santoro, Korda showdown

DOHA, Jan 11: France's Fabrice Santoro reached the final of the Qatar Open on Saturday after beating big servers Greg Rusedski and Goran Ivanisevic in the space of a few hours, reports Reuters.

In today's final the eighth seed meets Petr Korda who booked his place with victories over Briton Tim Henman and seventh seed Andrei Medvedev of the Ukraine.

Santoro posted a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 quarterfinal victory over Rusedski, the top seed and US Open finalist last year, and then beat Ivanisevic 6-1, 6-4.

Friday's play had been washed out by the rain, forcing organisers to telescope the quarter and semifinals into a single day.

Rusedski's powerful serve was not in full working order in the first set and Santoro kept the Canadian-born Briton on the defensive with double-fisted drives.

Rusedski lost just five points on his serve in the second set but sloppy volleying and careless groundstrokes lost him the initiative in the deciding set and Santoro wrapped up the match.

"It was just one of those days," said Rusedski, "I made far too many unforced errors."

Henman, seeded five and runner-up to Jim Courier here in 1997, lost to third seed Korda 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Medvedev, seeded seven, defeated Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 while fourth-seeded Ivanisevic defeated German wild card Bernd Karbacher 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 in the quarter-finals.

In the semifinal a relaxed Korda had few problems downing Medvedev 6-3, 6-4, "against Andrei, I was hitting the ball a lot better and this is a good start to the year," Korda said. "I am building my confidence and concentration for the Australian Open."

Courtois advances

HOBART, Jan 11: Belgium's Laurence Courtois, coming back from injury, proved too strong for Magu Serna of Spain on the opening day of the Tasmanian International women's tennis tournament on Sunday, reports AP.

Courtois, 20, from Kortrijk, downed the world No 43 Serna 6-1, 6-1 in the first round.

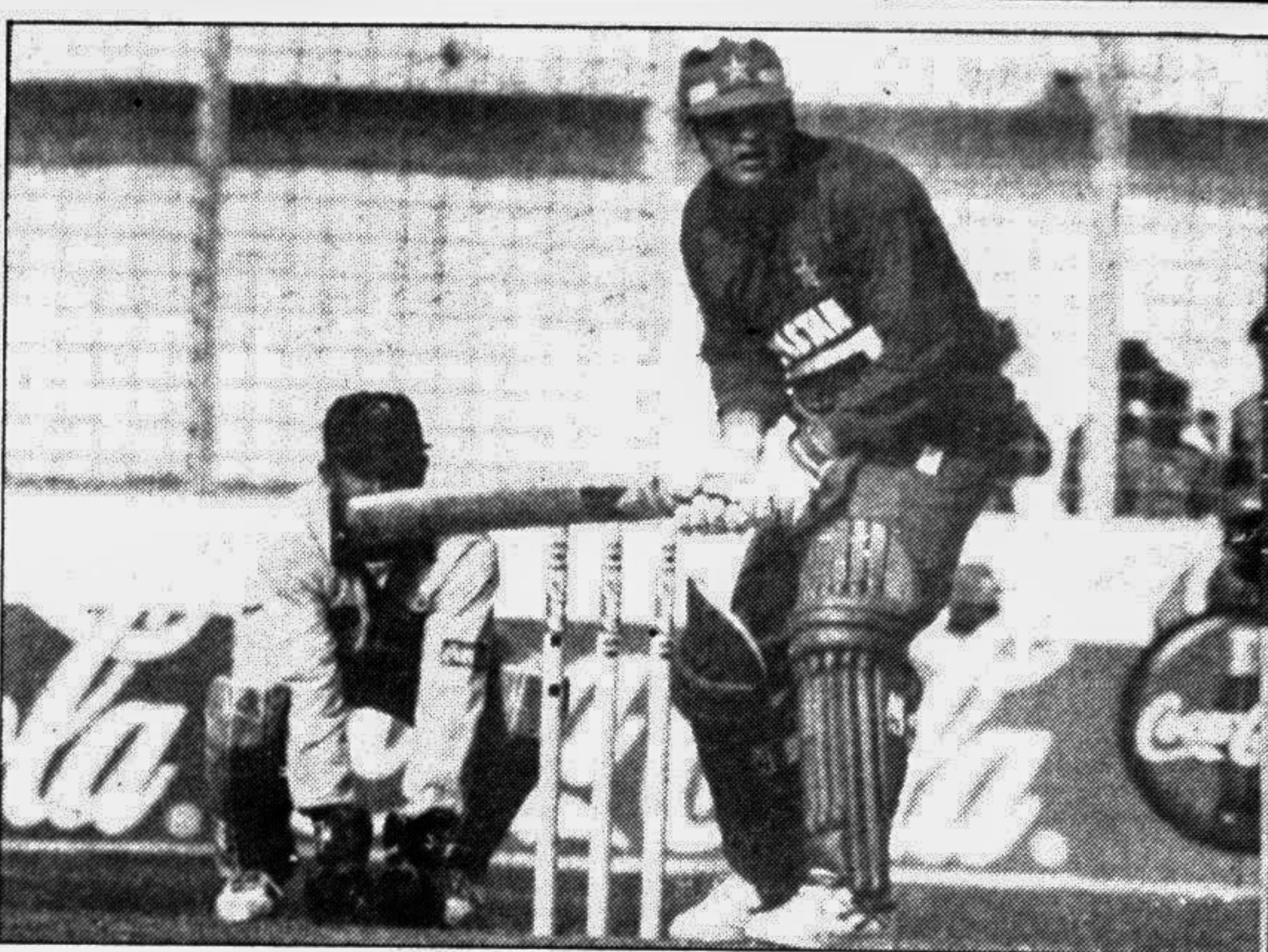
In another minor upset, 94th-ranked Austrian Marion Maruska beat Spain's Maria Sanchez Lorenzo, ranked 51st, 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-3).

Maruska, 25, was the more patient and proved too consistent for the Barcelona-based Sanchez Lorenzo in the tiebreaks.

The seeded players, led by top seed and defending champion Dominique van Roost of Belgium, play their first matches Monday.



Coca-Cola Far East Limited accorded a reception to the participating teams in the Coca-Cola Independence Cup cricket tournament at a city hotel on Saturday. — Star photo



Inzamam the classy Pakistani demolisher who almost stole Tendulkar's thunder yesterday waits for a delivery from Indian wrist spinner Bahutule whom he took for a ride last afternoon. — Star photo

Game's globalisation Dalmiya's goal World Youth Cup kicked off

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 11: For cricket to survive, it must be spread to all corners of the world, Jagmohan Dalmiya, the president of the International Cricket Council, said here Saturday, reports AFP.

Speaking ahead of the under-19 World Cup, the opening match of which — between South Africa and India — will be played at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg today, Dalmiya, expressed the vision of the ICC to "globalise" the sport.

"The controlling body has been around for some time but it has not been effective at developing cricket universally," Dalmiya said at a news conference. "While we don't expect Test teams to appear overnight, it is important we introduce new countries to the sport."

United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Dr Ali Bacher said the ICC had different products to sell and the package would need to change depending on the country concerned. "In some cases we might have to arrive with even shortened versions of the one-day game."

"In Australia, for example, they play a game called 'super eights' which has proved quite successful, that might be the right deal for countries like the US."

The Test playing countries have already been instrumental in spreading cricket gospel worldwide, with Australia doing their work in the Far East, cricket is 'like the modern commercial music'.

"In this regard, we want to have a 'world championship' of Test cricket which we plan to play over a couple of months all over the world, this will focus world attention on the five-day game and give Test cricket a new lease on life."

Another move — accepted in principle but yet to be passed by the ICC — to stimulate cricket universally was to introduce a cricket week, where all countries affiliated to the ICC would be involved in some sort of cricketing activity.

There will also be a knock-out tournament in Bangladesh later in the year, to be attended by all nine Test playing countries in order to raise money for the development of cricket internationally. "The participating countries have all promised to send their best teams to the event," added Bacher.

Bacher said he would like to see the under-19 World Cup played every two years. "It is important to raise the aspirations of young cricketers and this is one of the best ways to do it."

Hockey result

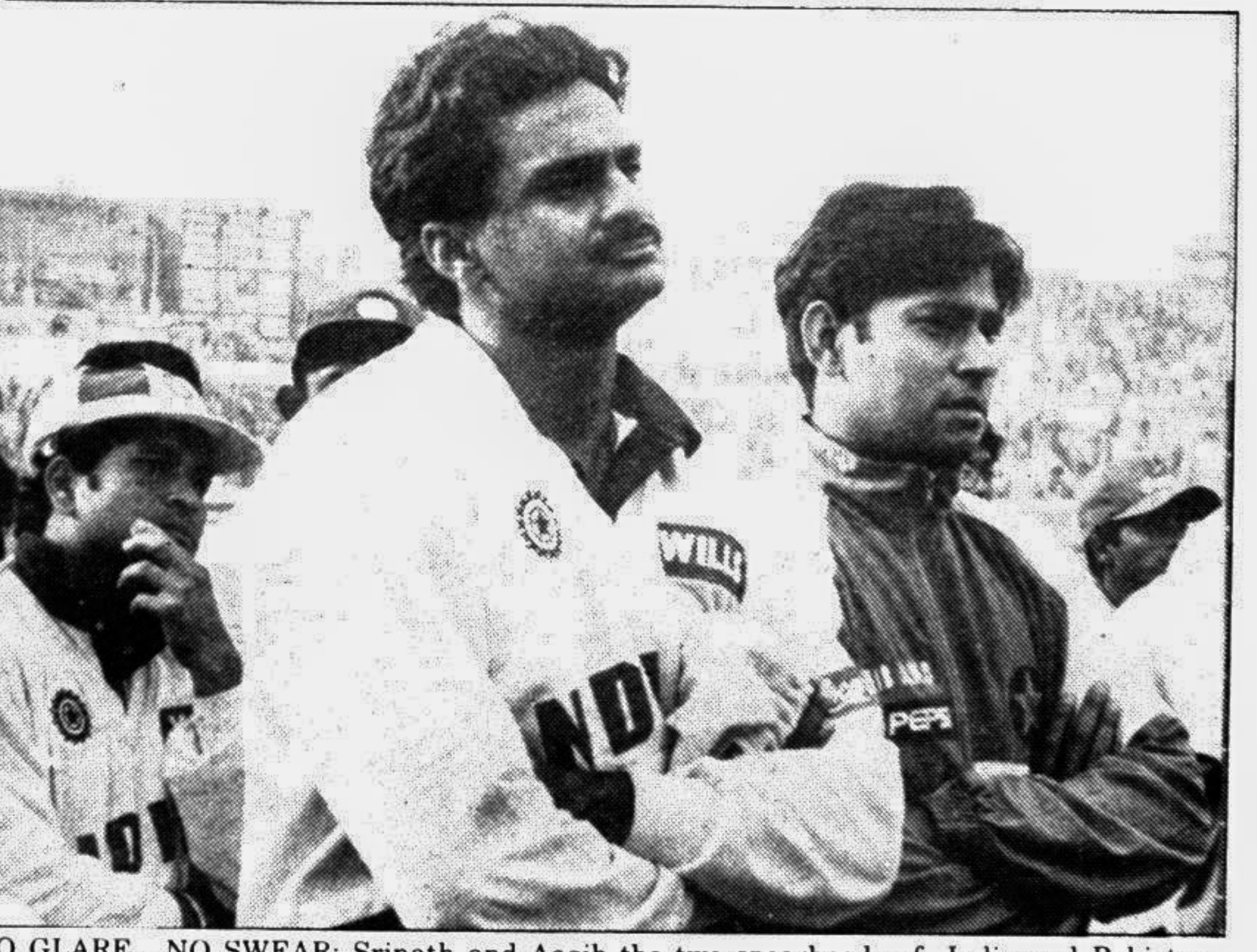
BUNBURY, Australia, Jan 11: The Netherlands were denied an equaliser by the full-time siren Sunday in their 3-2 loss to Australia in their second field hockey Test match, reports AP.

The teams were level at 1-1 at halftime before Adam Commens and Baeden Choppy put Australia two ahead.

Fullback Bram Lomans buried a penalty flick into the top left corner of the net with just two minutes to play.

A shot from Remco van Wijk then rolled past Australian keeper Mark Hickman and into the goal seconds after the siren.

The victory gave Australia a 2-0 lead in the six-Test series after a 2-1 win Friday.



NO GLARE, NO SWEAT: Srinath and Aaqib the two spearheads of India and Pakistan, stand side by side during the presentation ceremony. Tendulkar is all ears to the announcement only to be let down by the adjudicator for the player-of-the-match award. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Bad hairpieces
5 Back
8 Support
12 "Rhythm"
13 Abner's adjective
14 Command to Fido
15 Lotion
16 Put together
17 Three Sisters' sister
18 Stan of a 1994 movie
20 "Lisa"
22 Second part of quote
26 Connors' sear
29 Noon
30 Chemical suffix
31 Midwest polenta
32 Norm. abbr.
33 Erstwhile Peruvian
34 Joplin's style
35 Ruin the veneer

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2 France?
3 End of quote
4 Across
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7 Have high hopes
9 Othello
10 Swat
11 Tend texts
12 "and" size bottle
13 Teenager's "Away"
14 "been framed!"
15 Coagulate
16 "sound"
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11 Royal insomnia cause
19 "...and — my cap"
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24 Never again?
25 "ape —"
26 Playwright
27 Far Eastern nursemaid
28 Robust
29 480 B.C. battle site
33 Vet
35 Mid-May honoree
36 DOE's rival
38 Division union?
39 Not live
42 Between jobs
43 Laugh-a-minute
44 Diminutive ending
45 The word?
46 Uncluse
48 Eventual aces

CRYPTOQUIP

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CXFC CXR JHHW XR
UBWRO JROC BO *F
OFK'O ZFJURO

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CAN AN ARCHAEOLOGIST BE NOTHING BUT A RUBBLE-ROUSER?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals P

The Cryptoquip 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.