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MOMENT OF TRANQUILITY IN A TORNADO: Sachin Tendulkar who gave a near complete demonstration of his genius at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, gets off the block after turning one to long in the middle of his accomplished assault on the Pakistani attack.

Jagmohan due Jan 15

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International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya is likely to arrive in the city on January 15 to witness the Independence Cup.

Dalmiya, who is now in South Africa in connection with the inauguration of the World Youth Cup, will be coming here as an special guest of the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Besides, David Richards, the chief executive of ICC, Majid Khan, chief executive of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Dhammika Ranatunga, the chief executive of Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL), are also likely to arrive in the city on the same day.

Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Jan 11: Three matches of the Second Division cricket league were played yesterday, reports BSS.

In the first match Sabuj Bangla Club defeated Haji Abdul Barek Memorial Club by 90 runs at the Khulna University ground.

Sabuj Bangla decided to bat first after winning the toss collected 198 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply Haji Barek were all out for a total of 108 runs.

JBM Cricket Club beat Inter Sports Club by four wickets in the second match of the day played at the JBM ground.

Winning the toss Inter Club scored 104 runs by losing all the wickets. In reply JBM Club reached their target losing six wickets.

In the third match of the day played at the Khulna Stadium, Boyra Rangdhanu Club won against Postal Sporting by 24 runs.

Boyra Rangdhanu winning the toss to bat first and scored 129 for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply Postal Sporting were all out for 105 runs.

Hewitt lifts hardcourt crown

ADELAIDE, Jan 11: Australian high school student Lleyton Hewitt, ranked just 55th in the world, upset compatriot Jason Stoltenberg to win the Australian men's hardcourt tennis championship Sunday, reports AP.

Home-town hero Hewitt, 16, took the final at the Memorial Drive courts 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

The win makes him the lowest ranked and second youngest player to win an ATP tournament, officials said.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet," Hewitt, aged 16 years and 11 months, said of his triumph over world No. 79 Stoltenberg.

Hewitt, playing only his second ATP Tour event, is the youngest player to win an ATP event since Michael Chang of the United States triumphed in San Francisco in 1988 at age 16 years and seven months, officials said.

Hewitt, who beat Andre Agassi in the semifinals Saturday, said his low ranking worked to his benefit.

"I do not think they (the players) knew really how to play me and had not seen a lot of my matches," he said.

Stoltenberg knew he was in a battle after a marathon opening game, which went to five deuces before he held serve.

"I had my chances today and I certainly could have won the match when I broke back in the second set, but then I played a silly service game," Stoltenberg, returning from an injury layoff, said.

Independence Cup notebook

Hasan Masood

being the most honest and disciplined cricketer in Pakistan.

"There prevails a notion that Rashid only concentrates on cricket. The main consideration behind his appointment as the captain was his honesty and simplicity which are in short supply in Pakistani cricket these days," said Tariq.

SHAME!

An unknown girl in the gallery raised a placard during yesterday's match reading "Shahid Afridi, please, marry me." This shameless exhibition of marital inclination caught the public eye when the TV cam-



beverage company during yesterday's India-Pakistan match at the Dhaka Stadium.

It was learnt that the girls, who are professional models, have been brought from the Indian city of Bangalore for promotional reasons.

P-O-M

Rafiqul Alam, one of the five national selectors who was the adjudicator for yesterday's player-of-the-match award, came under fire from cricket lovers and experts for choosing Ifttan "captain" Mohammad Azharuddin ahead of Sachin Tendulkar, whose all round excellence was the source of everybody's admiration yesterday.

Many felt Sachin who scored a swashbuckling 67 off just 44 balls to give India a perfect start and then took four brilliant catches including that of dangerman Imzamul Haq whom he caught off his own bowling should have been named the player-of-the-day.

Zia Smriti cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 11: Mukti Sangha defeated Unity Sporting Club by 14 runs in the 10th Shaheed Zia Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Government College ground today.

Winning the toss, Mukti Sangha batted first and made 129 runs for five wickets in stipulated 25 overs. Ripon, Biplob and Kabir bagged 33, 25 and 24 runs.

In reply, Unity Sporting went all out in 19.5 overs collecting 115 runs. Nitu of Mukti got three wickets for 15.

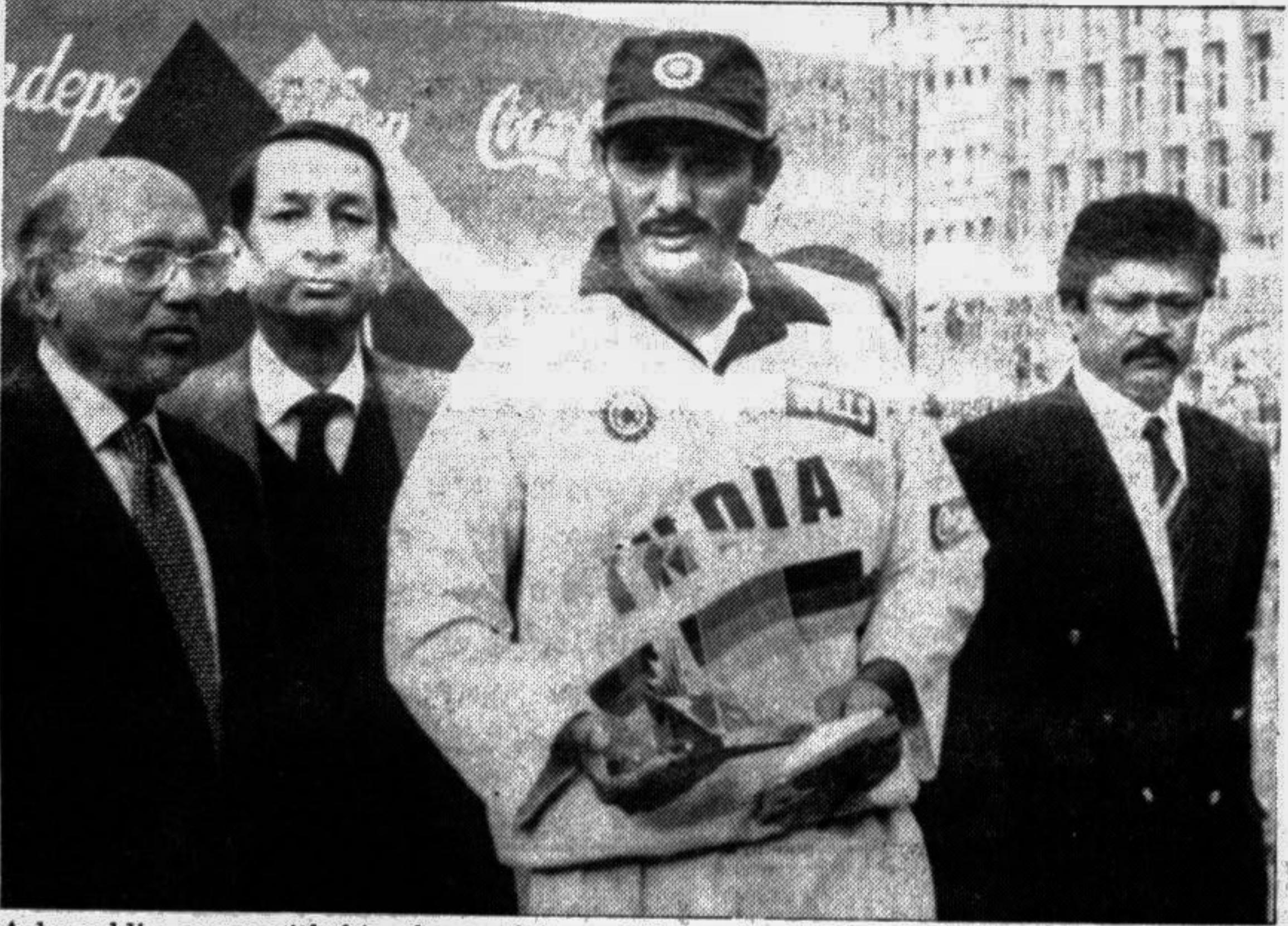
In the second match of the day, Mohammadpur Tarun Sangha defeated River Wave Club by seven wickets.

River Wave batted first winning the toss and collected 95 runs for all in 22.3 runs.

In reply, Mohammadpur Tarun Sangha made 96 runs for two wickets in 12.1 overs. Titu of the Winner Club made a glorious half century.

CHEER GIRLS

Four beautiful girls were seen as cheer leaders bearing the name of an international



Azharuddin poses with his player-of-the-match crest and cheque during the presentation ceremony yesterday. (From L to R) Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, Shamim Kabir, first captain of the Bangladesh cricket team and Rafiqul Alam, match adjudicator are also seen.

IND-PAK SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the tri-nation Coca-Cola Independence Cup cricket tournament between India and Pakistan played at the Dhaka National Stadium yesterday:

INDIA

Ganguly c Inzamam b Aaqib	13
Tendulkar st Latif b Saqlain	67
Azharuddin c Mahmood b Saqlain	100
Sidhu c and b Mahmood	36
Jadeja c Manzoor b Saqlain	6
Robin c Anwar b Aaqib	1
Bahutule c Afridi b Saqlain	1
Monga not out	1
Srinath not out	0
Extras: (lb-10, w-6, nb-4)	20
Total: (For seven wickets in curtailed 37 overs)	245
Did not bat: Harvinder Singh, Debasish Mohanty.	
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-126; 3-215; 4-236; 5-239; 6-243; 7-243.	

Bowling

O	M	R	W
Aaqib	6	0	34
Akbar	2	0	19
Mahmood	7	0	65
Saqlain	8	0	41
Sohail	1	0	9
Manzoor	5	0	29
Afridi	8	0	38

PAKISTAN

Afridi c Tendulkar b Mohanty	5
Ijaz b Harvinder	18
Sohail c Tendulkar b Srinath	19
Anwar c and b Harvinder	13
Inzamam c and b Tendulkar	77
Manzoor run out (Bahutule)	39
Mahmood c Tendulkar b Harvinder	16
Latif not out	14
Saqlain b Srinath	11
Akbar run out	7
Extras: (lb-4, w-3, nb-1)	8
Total: (For nine wickets)	227
Did not bat: Aaqib Javed.	
Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-44; 3-44; 4-62; 5-146; 6-185; 7-197; 8-214; 9-227.	

Bowling

O	M	R	W
Srinath	8	0	40
Mohanty	3	0	31
Harvinder	8	0	47
Robin	6	0	20
Bahutule	7	0	53
Ganguly	1	0	8
Tendulkar	4	0	24

Result: India won by 18 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Mohammad Azharuddin (India)

Real rope in Fabri

MADRID, Jan 11: Brazilian striker Rodrigo Fabri signed a 1-2-year contract with Spanish powerhouse Real Madrid Friday, but the 21 year old won't play in Spain until the start of the 1999-2000 season, reports AP.

How the match went

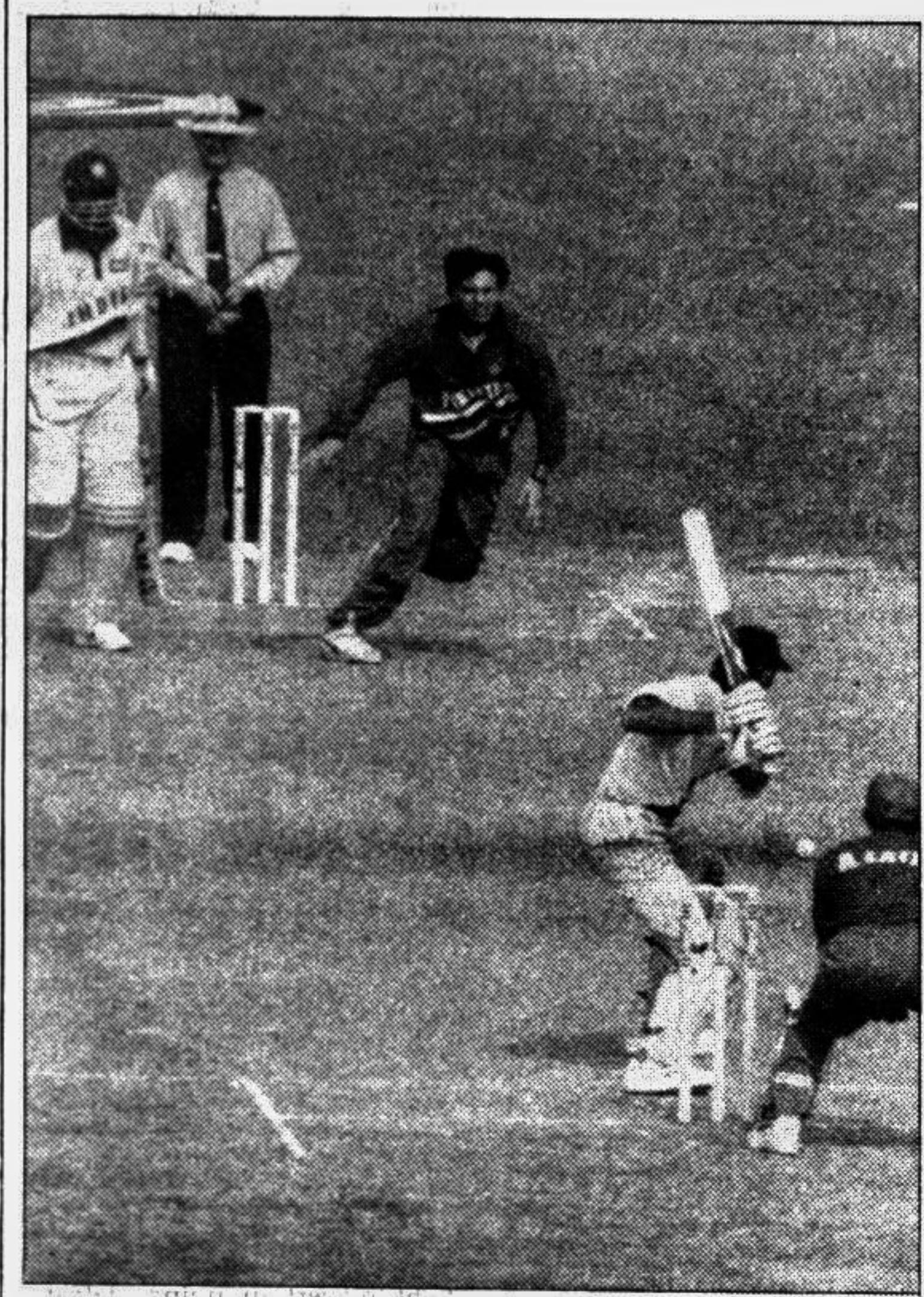
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him was open in one-day game because of he's such a talented batsman who has got the instant ability to play wide range of shots and does not need any guidance for batting," said Azhar.

The veteran player thought that toss was a good one to lose.

"The toss made no difference since we would have fielded anyway."

Commenting on his promotion in the batting-order Azhar said: "Well, I always thought batting at number three would be better for me."



SHORT AND SWEET: Azharuddin is all set to pounce on a short pitched delivery from Pakistani wunderkind Shahid Afridi.

PERTH, Jan 11: Russia and the United States continued their perfect record in the open-water races at the World Swimming Championships, winning the 25-kilometre races Sunday in the choppy Indian Ocean off Perth, reports AP.

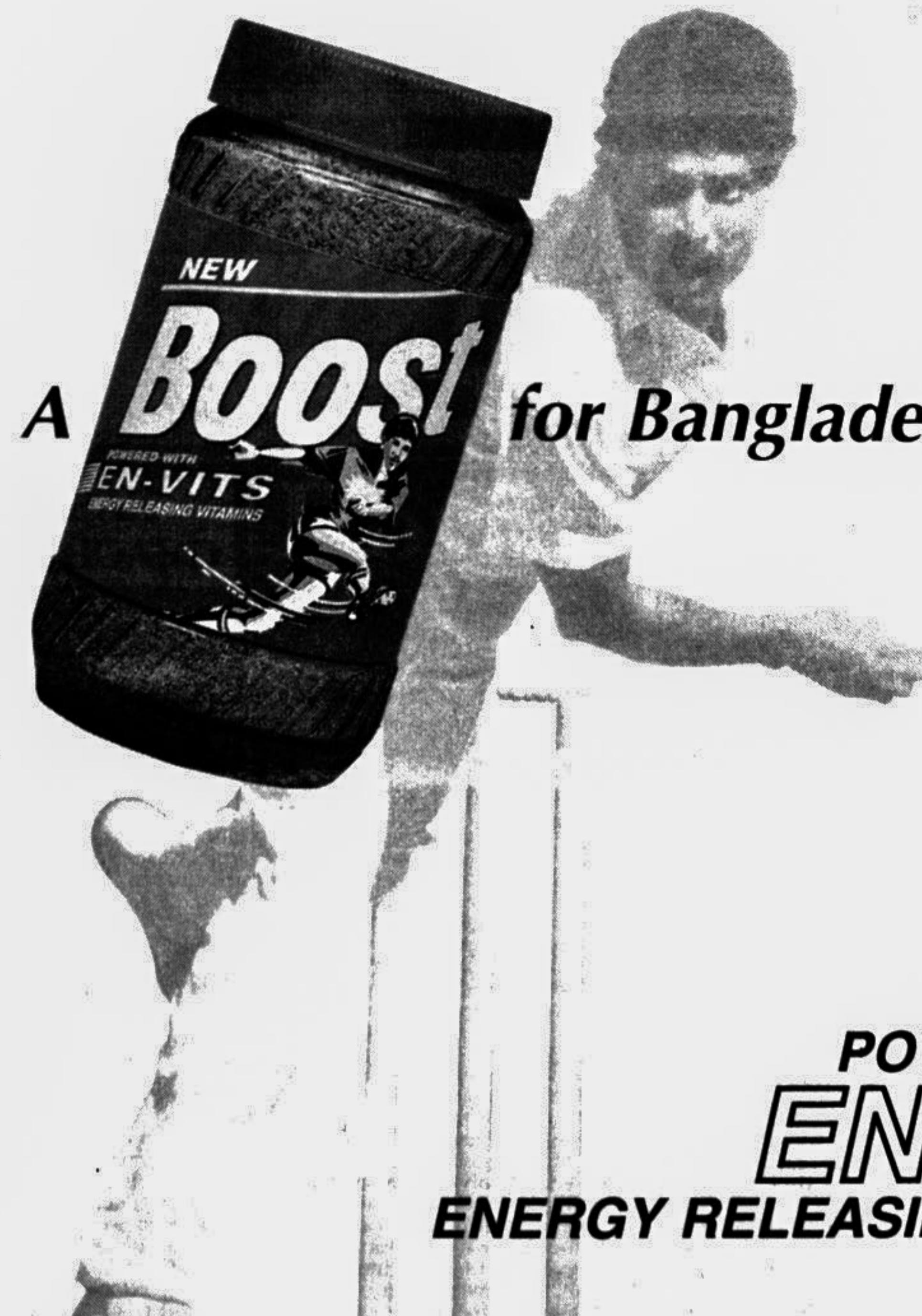
Alexei Akatieve added to his win in last Wednesday's five-kilometre race by taking gold on Sunday, while American Tobie Smith won the women's 25-kilometre race.

It gave the United States, third gold in the category after Erica Rose won the five-kilometre race and the Americans won the team event.

Akatieve, a 1,500-metre finalist at the Atlanta Olympics, is the European champion in both the five- and 25-kilometre distance. He also won a team silver medal with Russia in the five-kilometre race here.

"It was a very hard race with very difficult waves," said Akatieve. "I'm very, very happy and thrilled to have two gold medals."

Bangladesh, Pakistan Battle it out in the INDEPENDENCE CUP CRICKET 1998 in Dhaka



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