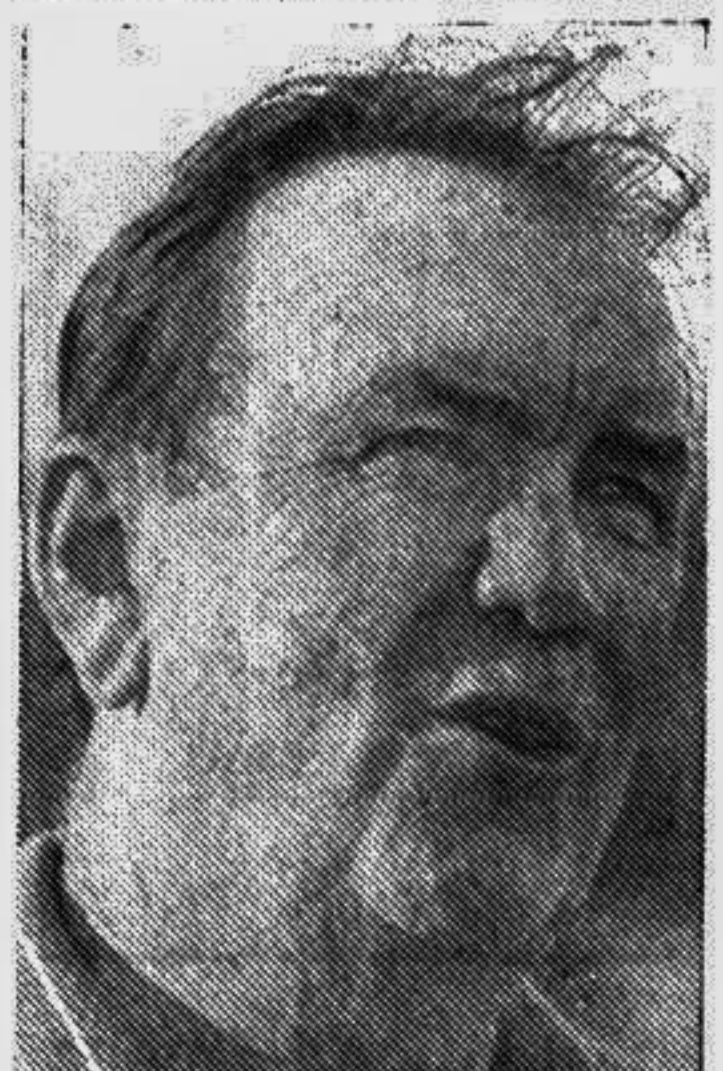


Sport

Column One SPORTS TALK



Bobby Simpson (Former Australian Test cricketer) Two of the great things I have learnt in cricket are, never to assume that a player knows everything and that the game is much easier and clearer when viewed from the sidelines.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-90

- Who won the fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess title? Rajib Nguyen Raktim
- How many ODI centuries have been scored by Pakistan opener Saad Anwar? 13 14 15
- Who keeps wicket for South Africa? Symcox Kallis Boucher
- Emerging tennis star Anna Kournikova is American Russian Swedish
- Who lifted the girls' singles title of the 12th Bangladesh International junior tennis championships? Uzma Radhika Struti

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Indian spin strikes back

MADRAS, Mar 7: India's three-man spin attack wrecked Australia's batting today to lead a gallant fightback by the home team in the first Test here, reports AFP. The Indians, shot out for 257 in their first innings, took advantage of the unpredictable Chepak wicket to reduce the tourists to 193 for 7 by close of the second day's play.

Spinners Anil Kumble (3 for 64), Venkatapathy Raju (2 for 28) and Rajesh Chauhan (1 for 56) made the ball turn and bounce, forcing wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia to call for a helmet at one state.

Mark Waugh played a lone hand for the Australians with an elegant 66 as none of the other five top batsmen managed to reach their twenties. Australia were 137 for 6 an hour before stumps when Ian Healy (31 not out) and Paul Reffel (15) boosted the score with a 36-run stand for the seventh wicket.

Healy and Shane Warne (13 not out), who have so far added 20 for the eighth wicket, resume on Sunday with Australia still needing 65 runs to take the lead. Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, however, cautioned against taking victory for granted.

"We've made a great start, but a lot of work remains to be done," he said. "We should not allow the lead to narrow down, otherwise we could be in trouble. The wicket could be a terror later on."

Earlier, Australia's spin duo of Shane Warne and Gavin Robertson ran through India's lower half after the home team resumed at their overnight score of 232 for five.

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a flipper that the batsman did not read. Then off the last ball before tea, Ricky Ponting (18) was caught behind off left-armed Raju to make the Australians 95 for four at the end of the afternoon session.

Chauhan trapped Greg Blewett leg-before for nine, before Raju struck a valuable blow when he forced Mark Waugh to slice a turner to Saurav Ganguly at silly point.

Earlier, India's number three Rahul Dravid, who came in one Friday afternoon and was unbeaten on 42 at close, made 52 before he was ninth out. Dravid batted for six hours and hit five boundaries.

Robertson ended a sixth wicket stand of 52 between the overnight pair of Dravid and Anil Kumble (30) when he forced Kumble to drive straight to Steve Waugh at mid-off.

Robertson and Warne then wrapped up the tail, only to see their batsmen fritter away the advantage.

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Mark Taylor and Mark Waugh carried the lunch score of 17 for one to 44 when the tourists were set back by two quick wickets.

Taylor, who stayed at the wicket for almost two hours to score 12, edged a simple catch to Mongia to give rookie seamer Harvinder Singh his first Test wicket.

Steve Waugh, who survived a first ball appeal for a catch at second slip, did not last long as Kumble bowled him for 12 with

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Zia suffers defeat

KOZHIKODE, Mar 7: Viktor Komelakov of Moldova snatched an early lead with two points when he beat P Konguvel in a modern defence game in the second round of the Indian Independence Golden Jubilee Grand Masters' chess tournament here yesterday, reports PTI.

National 'B' champion K Sasikiran, Indonesian super Grand Master Utut Adianto, GM Leonid Yurtaev of Kirgistan and national champion Abhijit Kunte are in the second spot with 1.5 points each.

Former national champion P Konguvel was forced to sacrifice two pieces one after another to avoid a mate on move 51 which forced him to resign on move 53.

The fight between K Murugan and Lanka Ravi, both International Masters ended in a draw without much of a fight.

The same was the case between DV Prasad and Abhijit. K Sasikiran of India beat IM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh in a Chigorin variation of Sicilian defence.

India's GM Pravin Thipsay, who was in a better position, but lost on time pressure to Adianto on move 33.

Parore fined

NAPIER, New Zealand, Mar 7: New Zealand wicketkeeper Adam Parore has been fined half his match fee after he marched angrily down the wicket toward the umpire in a one-day match against Zimbabwe, the New Zealand Herald reported today, says AFP.

Captain Stephen Fleming receive a severe reprimand. Both he and Parore showed dissent when umpire Doug Cowie ruled in favour of batsman Guy Whittall following a confident appeal for caught behind in the 27th over.

Television replays clearly showed the ball touching Whittall's bat and Parore completing the catch off left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori.

Parore marched toward Cowie and had to be restrained by teammate Dion Nash while Fleming joined in the chorus of protests.

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Rai's new lease of life

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar 7 (AP): He began the 1994 World Cup acclaimed for his talent as playmaker, scorer and leader. He ended it on the bench, execrated and forgotten watching his companions win the world title.

Now, Rai is back on the Brazilian national team, for what almost certainly will be his last chance.

Head coach Mario Zagallo made the surprise announcement on Tuesday, during a stint as TV commentator on a local game. Rai will be on the team for an exhibition game against Germany on March 25 in Stuttgart.

At the interior city of Ribeirao Preto, Rai's brother Rainair heard the news and immediately called his brother in Paris, where Rai plays for Paris Saint Germain. It was 3 am there, but that didn't dampen the celebration.

"I never lost hope," Rai said in a televised interview Friday. "I consider this a reward, another little victory of my career."

Zagallo hopes Rai will be the elusive "11" in the 4-3-1-2 tactical plan he envisions for Brazil. He has the rest: four defenders, three midfielders and Ronaldo and Romario up front.

The "11" must be playmaker, scorer and defender in one — and no one tested so far has made the grade. The top contender for the job was Juninho of Spain's Atletico Madrid until he broke his leg. Now, it's doubtful he will recover in time for the Cup.

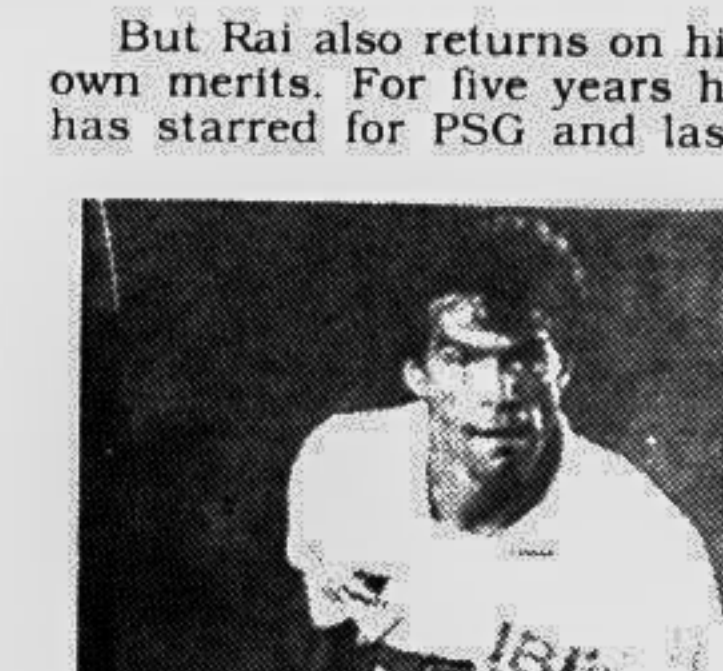
But Rai also returns on his own merits. For five years he has starred for PSG and last season was voted the outstanding foreign player in the French league.

It's no surprise for Brazilians who remember Rai as the dominating force that led Sao Paulo to back-to-back titles in South America's Copa Libertadores and the World Club Championship in 1992 and 1993.

On a team of all stars that included Muller, Palhinha and Catu, Rai was a virtuoso, a true "1" before the position was invented. He was named to Brazil's World Cup team almost by acclamation.

Then, mysteriously, everything fell apart. Rai was suddenly lead-footed, missing passes and not coming close to scoring. He said he hadn't unlearned how to play, but it sure seemed that way. He was benched and replaced by Mazinho.

His last appearance for Brazil was a few second-half minutes against Sweden in the semifinal. Rai sat out the final against Italy, and few expected to see him again in the Brazilian yellow jersey.



Except Rai I stopped getting anxious every time the national team was named, but I never stopped believing I would be called, he said.

Now the pressure is on again. With time running out till this summer's Cup, Rai has one chance to prove he deserves a berth.

"I'll have to fight harder than ever," he admitted. "But I'll do everything I can to go to the Cup."

At 32, Rai knows this will be his last World Cup. And playing in France, where he achieved the recognition that seemed lost after the 1994 Cup, is an extra motivation.

"The Cup for me is an honour, but in France it's special," he said. "After five years, it's a special ending for me personally — an ideal script for my passage through France."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer Local Govt Engineering Department, Noakhali. Tender No: LGED/XEN/NOA/IDA-1(One)/T-1/97/4773 Dated: 23-02-98

Tender Notice No 21/97-98(Re-Tender)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as received a Loan (IDA Credit No 1930 BD) from IDA towards the cost of Cyclone Rehabilitation Project (Cyclone Damaged Roads Rehabilitation Project) for the districts of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Laxmipur, Feni, Noakhali, Chandpur, Barguna, Patuakhali, Bhola, Pirojpur. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following works:

Table with 7 columns: Code No, Name of work, Estimated amount (Tk), Earnest money (Tk), Completion time, Price of tender document (Tk), Class of contractor. Includes details for improvement of roads and engineering services.

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Now football's trial by TV

PARIS, Mar 7: Soccer's world governing body FIFA took its first step toward introducing new technology into the sport, agreeing Friday to try video cameras that would help referees decide whether a ball crosses the goal line, reports AP.

At its annual meeting here, the International Football Association Board (IFAB), the FIFA body that sets the rules of soccer — asked the English Football Association to work with universities to develop technology that might be used to avoid goalscoring controversies.

FIFA officials emphasized that the move is only a trial, and that video evidence will not be used in other incidents, such as tackles or handballs.

"Technology will be looked at purely for goal-line decisions, nothing more nothing less," said Graham Kelly, general secretary of the English Football Association.

Trials will begin in coming months, though FIFA officials

gave no indication of when changes might be incorporated into the rules of the game. Under the laws of soccer, the whole of the ball must cross the whole of the line for a goal to be awarded.

Over the years, several goal-line decisions have proved controversial.

In a vital Euro '96 match against Bulgaria, Romania's Dorinel Munteanu was denied what later proved to be a good goal, after his shot thumped the crossbar, bounced over the line and then came back into the field of play.

Romania went on to lose the game 1-0.

Most famously, England and Germany are still arguing over an English goal by Geoff Hurst in the 1966 World Cup final that helped them win the World Cup.

The move, which will come into force in time for this summer's World Cup, will likely prove controversial as referees, players and coaches have criticised earlier FIFA rulings that force referees' hand in disciplining players.

Coming so close to the finals, there is also a danger the decision could result in a large number of sendings off during the tournament.

"Football is only a sport no matter how important the match and we must eliminate any brutality in the game," Blatter said.

FIFA will take action against any referee that fails to automatically send off a player after such an incident.

In another rule change experiment, the English Football Association will allow referees to advance a free kick by 10 yards in the event of players in a defensive wall failing to retreat 10 yards or being guilty of dissent.

The trial will be carried out in amateur games in Jersey.

Rafter exits

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Roqibul made VP of ASPU

ASMs Roqibul Hasan, former president of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA), has been elected as a vice-president of Asian Sports Press Union (ASPU). The election was held at the state guest



house in Shenjen, China on March 4, second day of the three-day long 10th congress of the ASPU.

STAR SPORTS

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STAR MOVIES 7:30pm Family: Asterix In Britain G (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 Action: The French Connection 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:00 The Bhaaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Comedy: Penny Ante 15:30 Action: Conan The Barbarian 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Horror: The Demon Keeper 15:30 Action: Halil A Loaf of Kung Fu 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 7:30 Comedy: Ghost Chase 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 The Bhaaskar Ghose Show 10:00 Family: The Sound of Music Big 12:00 Comedy: Moving Pic 15:00 Romance Kaleidoscope 15:40 Horror: The Fly (1986 Version) 15:30 Classic: A Letter to Three Wives (1949 Version) PG

CHANNEL V

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STAR PLUS 6:30am Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India & Election Special 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Head Hai to Taa Hai 11:30 Amul India Show 12:00noon Master Card Family Fortune 12:30 India Business Week 1:00 Post Cards From Pakistan 1:30 Good Food Guide 2:00 The Road

PTV

7:30 NBA Inside Stuff 8:00 NBA Basketball-Live Houston Rockets vs Phoenix Suns 10:30 WWF Live Wire 11:30 4th AFC Dynastu Cup-Japan vs China Live 12:00 South Africa Cricket Pakistan Tour of S Africa: 3rd Test-Day 2 H/L, 2:20 South Africa Cricket Pakistan Tour of S Africa: 3rd Test-Day 3 Live 4:30 Inside The PGA Tour, 5:00 South Africa Cricket Pakistan Tour of S Africa: 3rd Test-Day 3 Live 9:35 NBA Basketball-Houston Rockets vs Phoenix Suns 11:00 Spanish League Highlights 12:00 Asia Sport Show 12:30 4th AFC Dynastu Cup-Hong Kong vs Korea 2:30 4th AFC Dynastu Cup-Japan vs China

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gems 8:00 All Time Hits (Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Old Tevern-Sizlaars Show 9:30 Old Tevern-Sizlaars Show 10:00 Bagpiper-Jarokha 11:00 Banganga Festival 11:30 Bajaj-Music Box (Trailer Show) 12:00 Cocacola-World Premier 12:30 Old Tevern-Sizlaars 1:00 Bagpiper-Jarokha 1:30 Cibacaba-Tube Top Ten 2:30 Bajaj-Music Box (Trailer Show) 3:00 Old Tevern-Sizlaars 3:30 Bagpiper-Jarokha 4:00 Gaaye Ja 4:30 Bajaj-Music Box (Trailer Show) 5:00 All Time Hits 5:30 Bagpiper-Jarokha 6:00 B & W Gems 6:30 Music News 6:45 CocaCola-World Premier 7:30 Old Tevern-Sizlaars 8:00 Cocacola-World Premier 8:30 Bagpiper-Jarokha 9:00 Bajaj-Music Box (Trailer Show) 9:30 Pehlu 10:00 House of Choice 10:30 Bagpiper-Jarokha 11:00 Hindi Film Show: Yeh To Kamal

ZEE TV

6:00 B/W Songs 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Aashiana 8:30 Zee News Hindi - Update 9:00 Zee News-English 9:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 9:00 Jungle Book 10:30 Zee Cine Technical Awards 11:30 Bejan Baruwale Show 12:00 Aap Ki Adalat 12:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest 1:00 The Shot Gun Show 1:30 Music Show 2:00 Nirma - Hum Paanch 2:30 Close-Up Antakshari 3:00 Sunyee Zee 3:30 Hindi Feature Film: Seeta Aur Geeta (Hema, Sanjeev Kumar, Dharmendra) 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Chat Show 8:30 Hum Apke Hain 9:30 Wah! 9:00 Parbatan 9:30 Chahal Aur Nafra 10:00 Anthoni - The Zee Horror Show 10:30 Serial: Chandni 11:00 Zee News 11:20 Zee Business 11:30 Colgate Top Ten 12:30 Woh! 1:00 Baat Ban Jaaye 1:30 Shapath 2:00 Zee Arabia: Dum Dama Dum 2:30 ZEE Arabia: Daily Soap 3:00 Hindi Feature Film

TNT CARTOON

7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Cave Kids 9:00 Big Top 10:00 Timeless Tales 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Wacky Races 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs And Daffy Show 1:30 The Addams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure... 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper & The Angels 4:00 Goldie Golef And Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs And Daffy Show 7:30 The Real Adventure... 8:00 What A Cartoon Show 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You?

ZEE CINEMA

1:15 Top of the Tops 1:45 Sachai (Sunny Doo) 4:30 Ajeeb Dastaan Hi Yeh 7:15 Aakh Nishchay (Shekhar Suman, Sadhna) 9:15 Taraana 9:30 Dakh Kabira Royy (Anoop Kumar, Shobha K) 12:15 Movietare 12:30 Charas (Hema M, Dharmendra) 3:15 Almo Lilo Filmi Baatein 3:45 Madhyantar 4:00 Santaan (Jeetendra, Moushmi C) 6:45 Zee Cine Awards 7:15 Ilaika (Dharmendra, Anita Raj) 10:00 Candico Ikke Pe Ikke 10:30 Bazaar (Smriti Patil, Farookh S, Sanyu Pathak)