

Emirates Trophy from Friday

Star Sport Monitor

England buoyed by their maiden Test series success in more than a decade, switch their attention to the abridged version when the hosts are involved in a triangular tournament with South Africa and world champions Sri Lanka.

The series sponsored by Emirates airline, begins with the World Cup holders meeting the Proteas at Trent Bridge, Nottingham on August 14.

All teams will wear coloured uniforms and play each other once. The final is to be staged at the traditional home of English cricket — Lord's on August 20.

The winners will receive a magnificent handcrafted silver and gilt model of a dhow and a cheque for 15,000 pounds (£24,680 dollars).

ESPN will telecast the entire tournament. Matches will be shown from 15:30 (BST).

FIXTURE

Aug 14: SA v SL (Trent Bridge)
Aug 16: ENG v SL (Lord's)
Aug 18: ENG v SA (Edgbaston)
Aug 20: Final (Lord's)

C'wealth Games

Cricket squad to be named today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is likely to announce a 14-man Bangladesh national team today which will take part in the 16th Commonwealth Games to be held in Malaysia next month.

The newly formed three-member selection committee had a long closed door meeting at the BCB office yesterday afternoon in this regard and reportedly had a discussion with national coach Gordon Greenidge and coach of the Commonwealth Games bound team Gazi Ashraf Lipu.

When contacted last night over telephone, Enayet Hossain Siraj, the chairman of the selectors, admitted that the committee had talked with Gordon and Ashraf during the meeting but refused to elaborate.

Asian U-16 football

Bangladesh open against Oman

Bangladesh will take on holders Oman in the inaugural final round match of the 8th Asian Under-16 football championship in Qatar on September 3, reports UNB.

Ten leading teams of Asia, split into two groups, will take part in the final round to be held from September 3-16.

Earlier, Bangladesh have been placed in Group B with Oman, South Korea, Japan and Bahrain while the Group A comprises hosts Qatar, Thailand, Iraq, North Korea and Iran.

Bangladesh entered the final round of the prestigious meet as the champions of Group V in the preliminary round held in the Nepalese town of Birganj in April.

In the remaining matches, Bangladesh will face Bahrain on September 5, South Korea Sept 8 and Japan Sept 11, all at the Al Saad Stadium in Doha. Two top teams from each group will qualify for the semi-finals, slated for Sept 15. The third place deciding match and the final will be held on Sept 16.

CJKP football

CHITTAGONG, Aug 10: The quarterfinal round of the CJKP Mayor Cup Football tournament begins here tomorrow at MA Aziz Stadium, reports BSS.

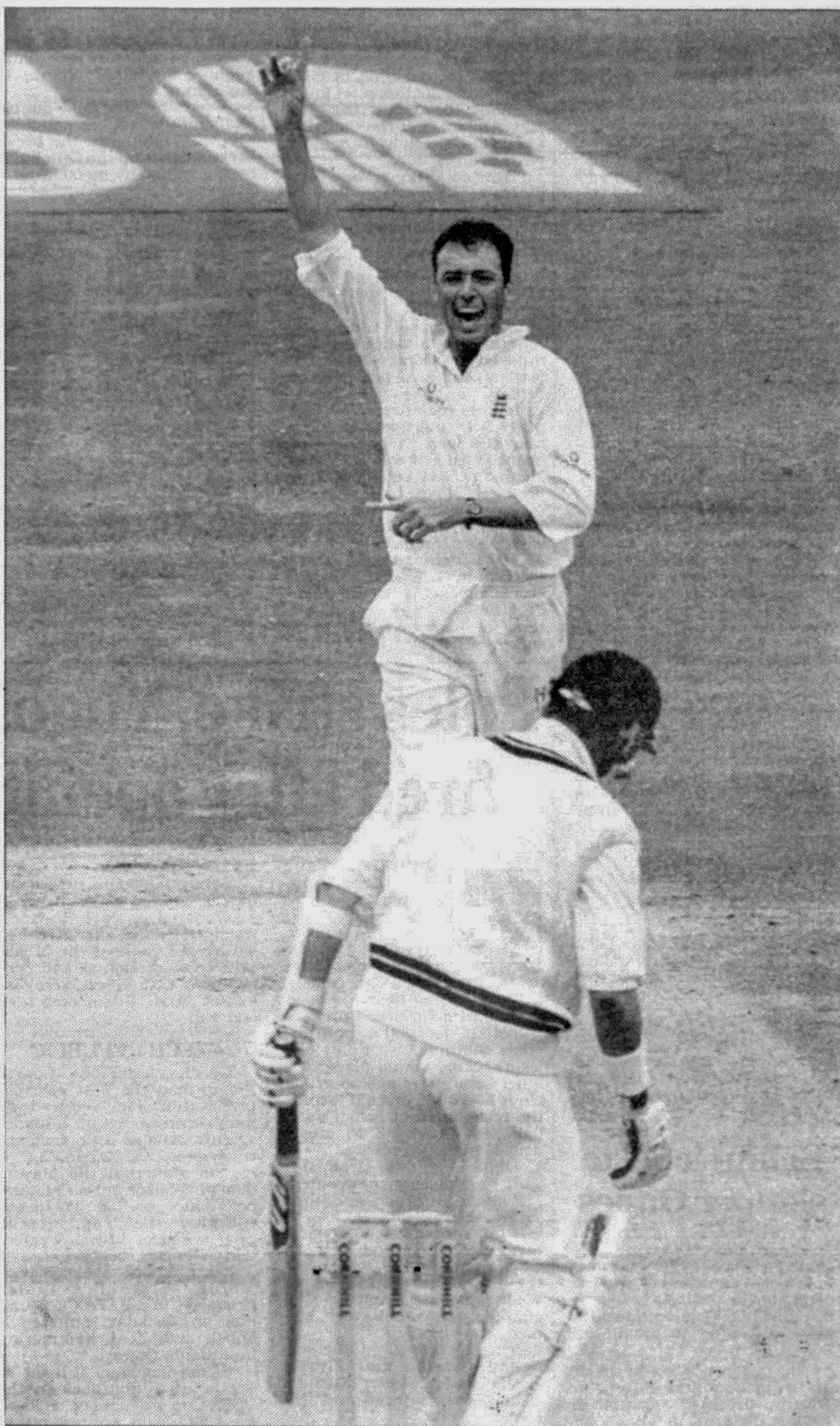
Eight teams — Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Regency Sports Club, Sea-Customs, Friends Club, Shatadal Club, BCIC and City Corporation Club have qualified for the round.

Sea-Customs will play against Friends Club in the first match.

Meanwhile, Mohammedan moved into the quarterfinal collecting full six points from their two group matches. They beat Shatadal Club by a solitary goal in their last group encounter today.

Liton scored the all-important goal in the second half. Regency Sports Club played to a 1-1 draw with City Corporation Club in the other match of the day.

Matiur Munna of Regency and Anwar of City Corporation scored for their teams.



JUST ONE MORE TO GO: Veteran England pacesman Angus Fraser jubilates after getting the ninth South African wicket (Allan Donald) in the fifth and final Test at Headingley yesterday. — AFP photo

England rise from Ashes



LEEDS, Aug 10 (AP/Reuters): England scored their first five-Test series victory since 1986, bow-

ling out South Africa for 195 to win the fifth and deciding Test by 23 runs at Headingley on Monday.

England came back from 0-1 down in the series after losing the second Test at Lord's by 10 wickets to win the fourth and fifth Tests and claim the series 2-1.

South Africa, set a target of 219 to win the match and the series, was bowled out for 195 runs in their second innings.

Both teams entered the final day in hunt of a series victory. South Africa needed 34 runs and England needed two wickets — it took England just 30 minutes to win.

It was the first time an England side has come from behind to take a series since David Gower's side won 2-1 in India in 1984-85.

South Africa resumed at 185 for eight and added nine to their total in five overs before Allan Donald edged a slower ball from Angus Fraser to wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Darren Gough ended the series when he dismissed No 11 batsman Makhaya Ntini.

Gough trapped Ntini leg before wicket to seal a remarkable win and finished the innings in a game but when you get an opportunity you have to take it.

Shaun Pollock, who had carried South Africa's hopes into the last day, was left unbeaten on 28.

It was Stewart's first series as captain since taking over from Mike Atherton at the start of the summer.

"South Africa are in the top three sides in the world and we weren't in that top three, and that made the victory all the more sweet," Stewart said. "We have shown in this series that we can compete with top sides like South Africa."

Stewart said England were now looking forward to the Ashes series in Australia later this year.

"To beat the best in the world is a big challenge," Stewart said. "They (Australia) have been off top of us in five series, and it's time we did something."

South African skipper Hansie Cronje said his side was on track until the fourth day at Old Trafford to win the series.

"The pendulum swung their way and took a definite win away from us," he said. "Obviously, we are very disappointed."

"We had high hopes after winning the second Test at Lord's and did our best at Old Trafford but we didn't get the

wickets. Then things started to go wrong for us.

"The Old Trafford Test was an opportunity for us to go 2-0 in front and we had another opportunity at Trent Bridge to get a big score and put England under pressure."

Cronje refused to be drawn into a debate on the umpiring, but said he would sit back and reflect on the series before submitting a report to his board.

"There are many ifs and buts



MARK BUTCHER ... p-o-m

but considering everything we were probably a bit light in our first innings," he said. "You do not want to blame anyone and there are many turning points in a game but when you get an opportunity you have to take it."

Cronje said the defeat was a



ALLAN DONALD ... p-o-s

step backward for his team.

"It's time we stood up and took responsibility," he said.

Donald, who is carrying an injury to his left heel, was given the option of missing the one-day triangular involving England and Sri Lanka.

"Allan feels he's got some unfinished business, so he'll want to be part of the whole tour," Cronje added.

Donald, with 33 wickets (avg 19.78), was South Africa's

player-of-the-series, while Atherton with 493 runs (avg 54.77) won the honours for England.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the last day of the fifth and final Test between England and South Africa at Headingley on Monday:

ENGLAND: First innings 230 (M Butcher 116; M Ntini 4-72)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 252 (H Cronje 57; A Fraser 5-42)

ENGLAND: Second innings 240 (N Hussain 94; S Pollock 5-53, A Donald 5-71)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 185-8)

Kirsten c Atherton b Gough 3

Liebenberg lbw b Gough 6

Kallis lbw b Fraser 0

Cullinan lbw b Gough 0

Cronje c Stewart b Fraser 0

Rhodes c Flintoff b Gough 85

McMillan c Stewart b Cork 54

Pollock not out 28

Boucher lbw b Gough 4

Donald c Stewart b Fraser 4

Ntini lbw b Gough 0

Extras: (lb-6, nb-2) 8

Total: 195

Fall of wks: 1-9; 2-12; 3-12; 4-12; 5-27; 6-144; 7-167; 8-175; 9-194

Bowler O M R W

Gough 23 6 42 6

Fraser 23 8 50 3

Cork 17 1 50 1

Flintoff 4 0 13 0

Salisbury 8 0 34 0

Result: England won by 23 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Mark Butcher (England).

Players-of-the-series: Mike Atherton (England) and Allan Donald (South Africa).

Umpires: Peter Willey (England) and Javed Akhtar (Pakistan).

TV umpire: Ken Palmer.

Match referee: Ahmed Ebrahim (Zimbabwe).

First Test: Edgbaston — match drawn.

Second Test: Lord's — South Africa won by 10 wickets.

Third Test: Old Trafford — match drawn.

Fourth Test: Trent Bridge — England won by 8 wickets.

England won series 2-1.

Farashganj blank Bachelors

Sports Reporter

Farashganj Sporting Club registered their second successive win in the first round of the Jiban Bima Club Cup hockey tournament when they beat Bachelors Club 3-0 in a group B clash at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Farashganj, with the win, raised their tally to four points from two outings while it was Bachelors' second defeat in as many matches.

Forward Mukti, who scored a hat-trick in their first group match against Wari on August 6, put Farashganj ahead with a magnificent field goal in the 27th minute.

In the second half, Farashganj maintained their initiatives and added two more to their credit.

Former national team players Abdullah Piru made it 2-0 after successfully converting a short corner in the 45th minute while Ramjan sealed the Bachelors' fate with a field goal in the 63rd minute.

The winners will face favourites Usha in their final group match next Friday.

In the other match of the day, Azad Sporting Club thrashed Bangladesh Sporting Club 5-0 in a group A match.

Forward Yean struck twice while Rajib and Tabib scored one apiece for the winners who will meet league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club in their final match of the three-team group on August 13.

Fazlul Islam of Bangladesh Sporting Club was sent off in the 63rd minute for his second bookable offence of the match.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Sadharan Bima KS v Dhaka Ansars (2:45 pm)

Usha KC v Wari Club (4:30 pm)

Incontrad v ball

All the four semifinal matches of the Incontrad inter-district men's and women's volleyball championship will be held today at the Mirpur Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium, reports UNB.

In the men's quarterfinal matches yesterday Kushtia defeated Chittagong 15-4, 15-6, 15-5. Dhaka beat Comilla 15-11, 15-5, 15-7. Khulna beat Rajshahi 11-15, 17-15, 3-15, 15-7, 15-12 and Rangpur beat Tangail 15-4, 15-6, 15-5.

In the day's women's quarterfinal, Pabna outplayed Kushtia 15-0, 15-0, 15-6. Rajbari beat Dinajpur 15-5, 15-15, 15-5. Tangail beat Bhola 15-8, 15-2, 15-5 and Khulna beat Rangpur 15-1, 15-8, 15-8.

Umpiring upsets Bacher



LEEDS, Aug 10: South African cricket boss Ali Bacher condemned the standard of umpiring

in the Test series between South Africa and England after the tourists slumped to a series defeat at Headingley on Monday, reports AP.

Bacher, who holds key positions on the International Cricket Council, said South African captain Hansie Cronje could not speak out against the umpiring due to the Code of Conduct but he urged the team management to take up the issue.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director said he had conferred with former England chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth and they



ALI BACHER

agreed that the standard of umpiring in this series was below par.

"The captain's tongue is handcuffed," Bacher said. "But I have asked the team management to put down in writing what has been perceived as a very bad umpiring series."

"We will handle it from there...there is obviously a problem and it is not in the interest of cricket," he added.

South Africa, having outplayed England early in the series, surrendered a 1-0 lead to lose the series 2-1, following a

23-run defeat in the fifth and final Test.

"I have spoken to Ray Illingworth and (he said) in his experience, every (questionable decision) in this series, is the worst he has seen," Bacher said.

Bacher's outburst follows an impassioned plea from South African coach Bob Woolmer, who called for an extension of duty for the third umpire in Tests following the string of contentious decisions which marred the fourth test at Trent Bridge.

"I am convinced three of our five wickets weren't out," Bacher said, referring to three of the top five given in the South African second innings.

The visitors, chasing 219 to win, collapsed dramatically to 27 for five, before Jonty Rhodes and Brian McMillan came together in a 117-run face saving stand.

The five-match series has been dogged by umpiring controversies.

Criticism of the umpires by South African fast bowler Allan Donald, the leading wicket taker this series with 33 wickets, landed him a 50 per cent fine and one match suspended ban.

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Lankans scrape home

NORTHAMPTON, England, Aug 10: Sri Lanka beat Northamptonshire by 16 runs in their one-day (50 overs) match on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Scores: Sri Lanka 308-6 in 50 overs, Northamptonshire 292 in 49.1 overs.

Yeboah sidelined

BONN, Aug 10 (Reuters/Internet): Ghanaian striker Tony Yeboah will miss Hamburg's opening Bundesliga match against newly promoted Nuremberg next Saturday due to a knee injury, his German club said on Monday.

ICC knockout Fixture on August 22

Sports Reporter

The fixture and other details of the forthcoming Wills International Cup, scheduled at the Dhaka Stadium from October 24, are expected to be revealed by International Cricket Council (ICC) and Wills, the official sponsor of the nine-nation knockout tournament, on August 22.

Although, former Pakistan Test cricketer and event manager of the meet, Asif Iqbal had told The Daily Star last month that the announcement would be made at the end of July, it was confirmed last night that the details will now be disclosed on August 22 either in Calcutta or Bombay.

Aussies arrive in Pakistan Sept 23



MELBOURNE, Aug 10: The Australian Cricket Board today confirmed the Australian team would

tour Pakistan from late next month after receiving assurances about players' safety from Pakistani officials, reports AFP.

ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed said a bribing controversy that shrouded Australia's last tour of Pakistan four years ago and strained relations between the two coun-

tries had been consigned to history.

Australian trio Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh were embroiled in controversy during Australia's 1994 visit after alleging Pakistani batsman Salim Malik had offered them bribes to perform below par.

Malik was later cleared by a Pakistani investigation after the three Australians declined to go to Pakistan and present evidence to the inquiry.

"We believe that has been consigned to the annals of his-

tory — we hope that will not be an issue," Speed said of the bribery issue.

ACB operations manager Richard Watson and Australian team manager Steve Bernard recently travelled to Pakistan to ratify the schedule after safety concerns following nuclear explosions on the subcontinent in late May.

"We're satisfied the security issue has been addressed, but that's not to say we won't be monitoring it," Speed said.

"We'll be monitoring it on a daily basis we'll be talking to the department of foreign affairs in Australia and we will receive briefings from them but the tour programme will go ahead."

The Department of Foreign Affairs played a key role in Australia boycotting a World Cup game in Sri Lanka in 1996 after it informed the ACB it would be unsafe for the team to travel to the capital Colombo following a bomb blast there.

PAKISTAN ITINERARY

Sept 23: Arrive Karachi.

Sept 25-28: vs KCCA, Rawalpindi

Oct 1-5: First Test, Rawalpindi

Oct 8-11: vs RDCA, Rawalpindi.

Oct 15-18: Second Test, Peshawar

Oct 22-26: Third Test, Karachi.

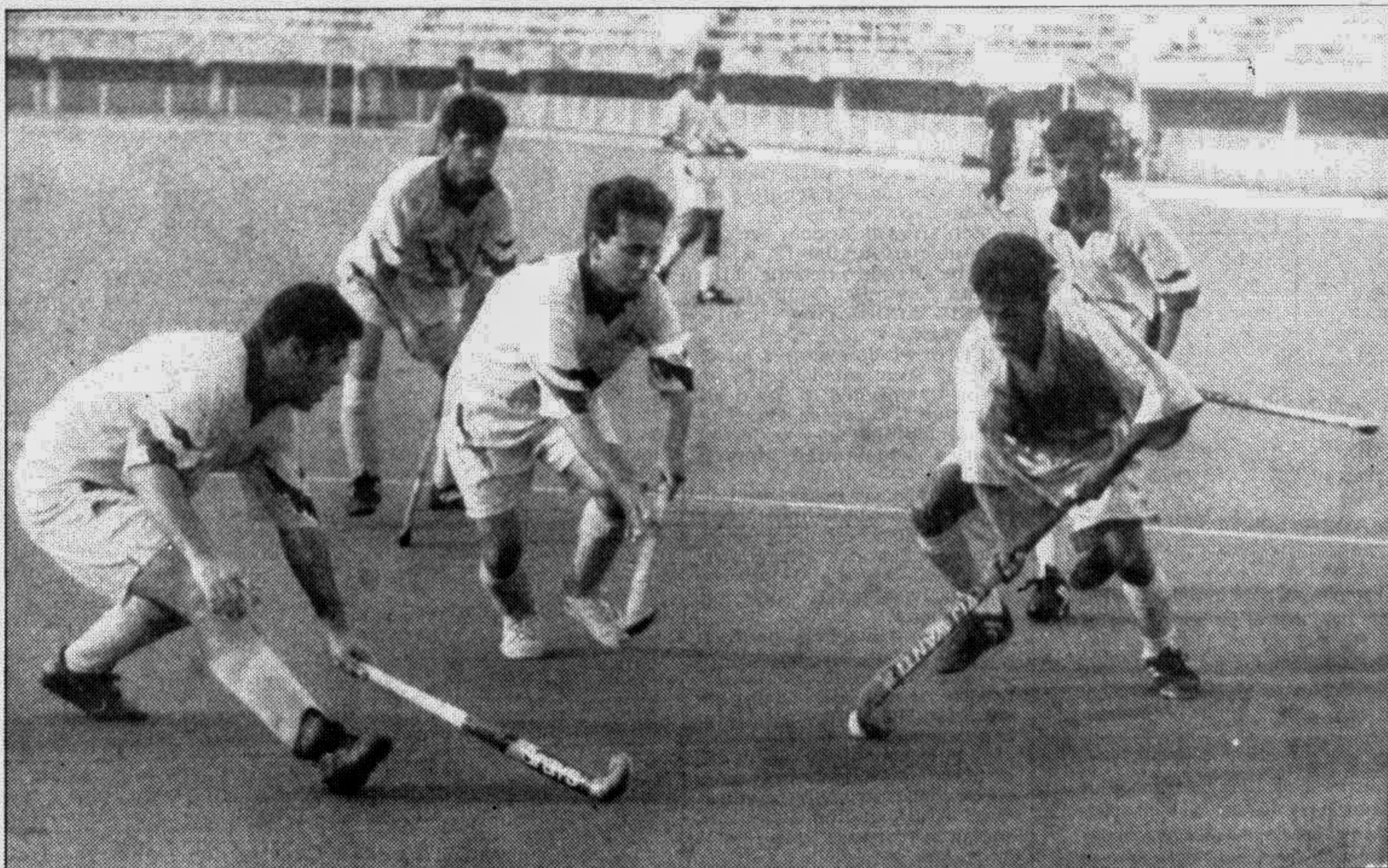
Travel to Bangladesh for taking part in mini World Cup.

Nov 5: Return to Karachi.

Nov 6: First one-day international, Karachi.

Nov 8: Second one-day international, Peshawar.

Nov 10: Third one-day international, Lahore.



Action from yesterday's Jiban Bima Club Cup tournament match between Farashganj Sporting Club and Bachelors Club at the National Hockey Stadium. Farashganj won 3-0. — Star photo