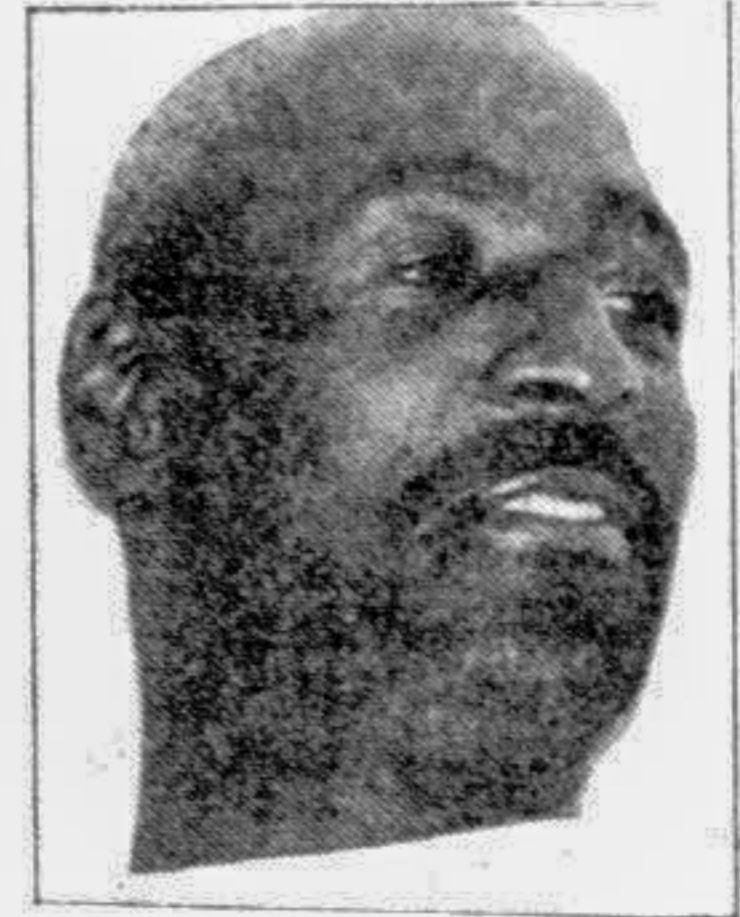


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Vivian Richards
(Legendary West Indian batsman)
"He's a positive individual, an elegant left-hander and makes batting look so easy."
On Saurav Ganguly.

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- How many centuries were scored in the third Sahara Cup?

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- Who earned the player-of-the-series in the Sahara Cup?

Alfidi	Azharuddin	Inzamam
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- Which county does Saqlain Mushtaq play for?

Surrey	Lancashire	Kent
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- The next Commonwealth Games will be held in:

Sydney	Toronto	Manchester
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- Who became Commonwealth cricket champions?

India	South Africa	Australia
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(The Professor does)

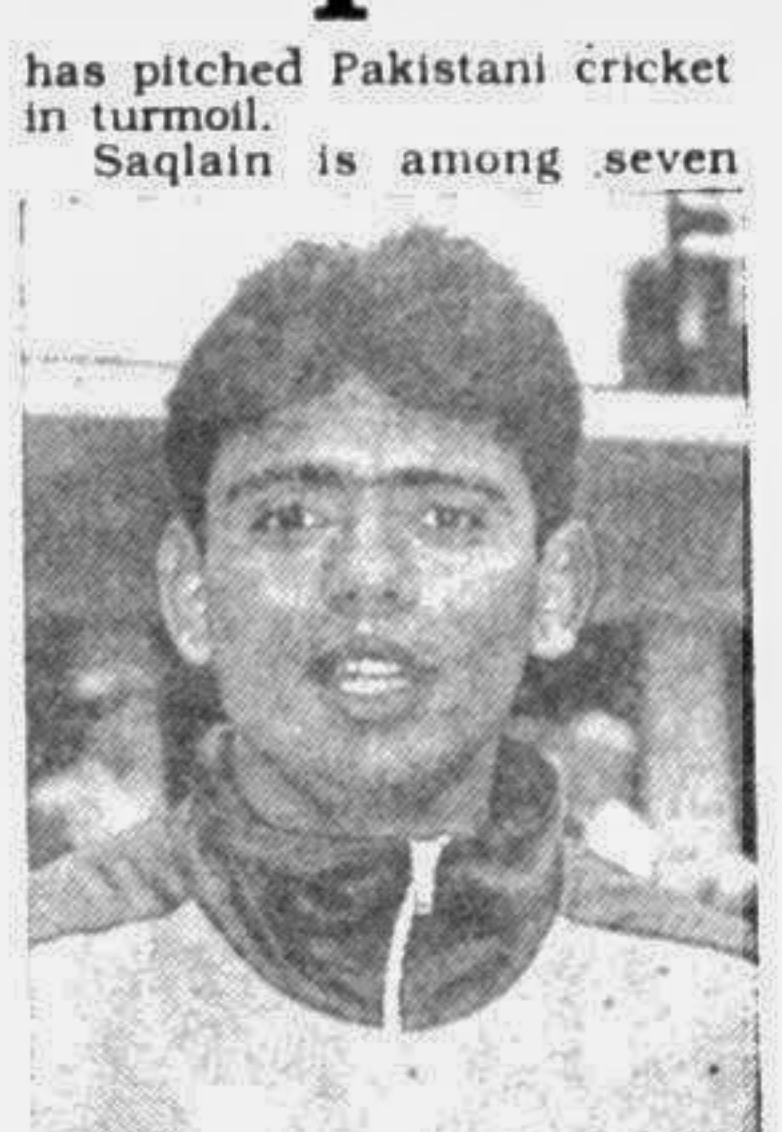
THAT the koala sleeps on average 22 hours a day. It is the only animal more slothful than the sloth, which sleeps only 20 hours a day. Some say that the koala's diet of eucalyptus leaves means that it is in an almost permanently drugged sleep.
I wonder if our Commonwealth cricketers confused this fact about the 'koala' with Kuala Lumpur and went off to sleep.

Div I hockey Second leg from today

The second leg matches of the Green Delta First Division hockey league begin at Moulang Bhasani National Hockey Stadium today, reports APB.
Bangladesh SC were top with 19 points while Wari Club finished second with 14 points at the end of the first leg matches.
On the first day of the second leg, Wari Club will take on Bachelors SC at 2 pm while Bangladesh SC will meet Cantonian SC at 4 pm.
Premier Division hockey begins Oct 20
The Premier Division hockey league involving eight teams will begin at the Moulang Bhasani Stadium from October 20, reports UNB.
On the opening day, holders Mohammedan will take on Azad Sporting Club, while last year's runners-up Usha Krira Chakra will face Farashganj SC.
The double league basis competition is likely to be completed by the end of November.
Like last season, each team will be allowed to register and field four foreign players in a match.
The participating teams are: Mohammedan SC, Usha KC, Abahani, Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, Ajax SC, Sadhan Bima KS, Farashganj SC and Azad SC.

Saqlain in depths of despair

KARACHI, Sept 28 (AFP/Internet): Surrey off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq denied allegations of match-fixing and claims he has been suffering mental torture since being linked to the affair.
"It's really disgusting. We were playing in Canada recently and when I misfielded on the boundary people shouted that there was money on the ground which I was looking for," Saqlain said in a newspaper interview.
"I have suffered mentally and physically. Recently I lost my nephew and niece and my father is still hospitalised in London and people are further torturing me."
"I am brought up in a manner that I can never think to do this. I am ready to face any punishment if I am found guilty."
Three committees are currently probing the match fixing and betting controversy that

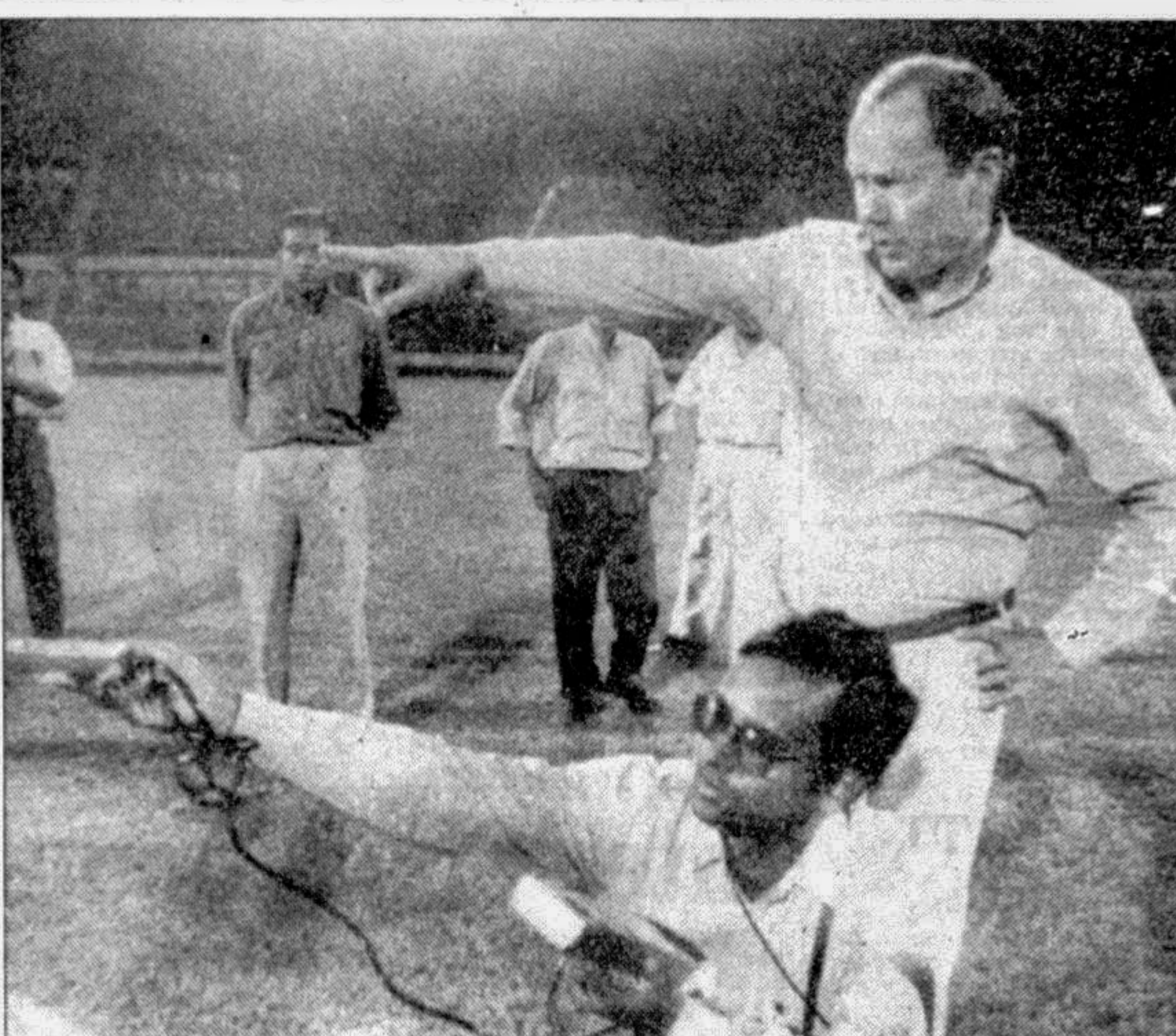


SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ players accused of match-fixing. Former coach Haroon Rasheed in his statement to a judicial commission alleged

has pitched Pakistani cricket in turmoil. Saqlain is among seven Saqlain threw a match against India in Karachi last year.
In the match in question Saqlain, who has a reputation as a weak bowler, was thrashed for a six and a four in the last over by Indian tail-ender Rakesh Chauhan and Pakistan lost the match.
Rasheed claims Saqlain deliberately bowled badly to throw the match.
He is likely to miss the first Test against Australia starting in Rawalpindi on October 1 as he is in London to see his ailing father.
During the interview Saqlain started weeping and took oath on the Holy Quran.
Saqlain, 21, burst onto the international scene during the 1995-96 Australian tour. A year later he starred in Pakistan's triumphant three nation World Series.
His vicious spin brought him fame and a contract with English county Surrey and he had a successful county season this year, taking 63 wickets.

ICC OK: Bangabandhu lights Excellent, reassuring Sports Reporter

International Cricket Council officials—David Richards, the chief executive, and his assistant Campbell Jamieson, and former Pakistan Test captain Asif Iqbal arrived in the capital yesterday on a four-day visit to review the ongoing preparation for the forthcoming Wills International Cup to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October 24.
Upon their arrival, the ICC officials and Asif, the event manager of the knock-out tournament involving nine Test-playing nations, visited the hoodlit Bangabandhu Stadium last evening to inspect the newly-installed lighting system for the day-night meet.
Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury and two joint-secretaries Mahmud Ul Haque Manu and Dewan Shafiqul Arifin Tutul, and a number of Siemens officials, who installed the flood lights, were present during the inspection.
When asked to comment on the floodlights which was otherwise commissioned last night, the ICC chief executive said he was fully satisfied with the lights.
"Excellent! It's very very reassuring," said David.
The ICC officials and Asif will look into the practice arrangements in three grounds in the city this morning. They will also sit with all the sub-committee secretaries today.



HOW BRIGHT ARE THE LIGHTS? ICC chief-executive David Richards pointing towards a corner while a Siemens expert takes readings on the lightmetre at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday evening.

MacGill spins Karachi out

KARACHI, Sept 28: Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill gave Australia a winning start to their Pakistan tour, taking six wickets to seal a 333-run win over Karachi on the final day of a four-day match today, reports Reuters.
MacGill took six for 34 off 8.4 overs as the Quaid-i-Azam Trophy champions were skittled out for 123 just before lunch after being set a huge 457-run victory target. The home team resumed this morning at 11 for two.
MacGill, in the side because of an injury to Shane Warne, spun the ball viciously and picked up his last five wickets in just 19 balls as Karachi lost eight wickets for 43 runs. The first Test against Pakistan in

Rawalpindi starts on Thursday.
"It gives you a lot of confidence to go into the Test with wickets under your belt. I am happy with the way I bowled though I would have liked to bowl a little bit more," MacGill said.
"Shane Warne took just one wicket on his Test debut. So we were never worried about Stuart MacGill's form as we knew he can strike," Australian coach Geoff Marsh said.
MacGill, who took three for 91 in the first innings, finished the match with impressive figures of nine for 125.
"It's always pressure on a young bowler who is replacing as great a bowler as Shane Warne. But the boy has talent and I am sure he will make a good name for himself," skipper Mark Taylor said.

"He is here because he had the potential to be in the team. And he has proved us right. Though the Test series has yet to start, it is a great beginning for the youngster as well as for the team."
Only three Karachi batsmen reached double figures in the second innings with Saeed Azad top scoring with 44.
"I am satisfied with my form though I could score only one and 19. But Test match would be a different ball game," Taylor, who scored a pair here four years ago, said.
"When you beat any opposition by this margin, the impression one gets is that it was a weak team. That was, however, not the case but our bowlers played very well, particularly Glenn McGrath who was coming after a long lay-off," the skipper said.
MacGill, who missed the Commonwealth Games with a groin injury, took two for nine in the second innings in 10 overs after grabbing three wickets in the first innings. Australia leave for Rawalpindi on Tuesday.
"It is five times more difficult to beat Pakistan in Pakistan than beating them in Australia. It is going to be a tough but interesting series," Taylor said.



FILLING IN WARNE'S SHOES: Stuart MacGill, Australia's promising leg-spinner, bowling against Karachi in the tour match yesterday. MacGill's match haul of nine wickets gave Australia a resounding victory.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day match between Karachi and Australia Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 540 for nine declared (M Slater 221, S Waugh 92, M Waugh 66, R Ponting 52, Ali Hussain Rizvi 4-161)
KARACHI: First innings 278 (Azam Khan 57, Waqar Younus 41)
AUSTRALIA: Second innings 194 for two declared (J Langer 101, I Healy 45 not out)
KARACHI: Second innings (overnight 11-2)
 Suleman c Langer b Robertson 21
 Alfidi b McGrath 1
 Aliq c Langer b McGrath 4
 Azad c and b Robertson 44
 Azam c McGrath b MacGill 0
 Hasan Raza c Taylor b MacGill 24
 Faisal Ibw MacGill 7
 Sohail st Healy b MacGill 4
 Waqar not out 3
 Rizvi lbw MacGill 4
 Gohar st Healy b MacGill 0
 Extras: (lb-4, b-4, nb-3) 11
 Total: (All out in 38.4 overs) 123
 Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-11, 3-80, 4-81, 5-81, 6-111, 7-112, 8-117, 9-123, 10-123.
Bowling O M R W
 McGrath 10 7 9 2
 Kasprovic 9 2 24 0
 Robertson 11 2 48 2
 MacGill 8.4 2 34 6
Result: Australia won by 333 runs.
First Test: October 1-5 at Rawalpindi.

Mission Kathmandu begins tomorrow Sports Reporter

The 18-member Bangladesh cricket team will leave the capital for Kathmandu tomorrow to participate in the Pepsi ACC trophy to be held in the Nepalese capital from October 3.
Drafted in group B along with Papua New Guinea (PNG), Malaysia, Maldives, Singapore and Brunei, Bangladesh, the reigning champions, will take on PNG in their inaugural match on opening day.
The other group consists of the 1996 finalists United Arab Emirates (UAE), Japan, Fiji, Hong Kong, Thailand and hosts Nepal.
The top two teams from each group will qualify for the cross-group semi-finals billed for October 11 and 12.
The final will be held on October 13.
The tournament, more than previously, is particularly significant for Bangladesh because the champions will qualify as the fourth team for the Asian Cup, along with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, to be held at the Bangabandhu Stadium next March.
The squad: Aminul Islam (captain), Khaled Mahmud, Faruque Ahmed, Hasanuzzaman, Khaled Masood, Shahriar Hossain, Hasibul Hossain, Morshed Ali Khan, Mohammad Rafique, Shafiquddin Ahmed, Al-Shahriar, Javed Omar, Belim, Mushfiqur Rahman and Sajjad Ahmed.
Officials: Enayet Hossain (tour manager), Gordon Greenidge (coach) Sarwar Imran (assistant coach) and Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman.

Azhar not at all happy

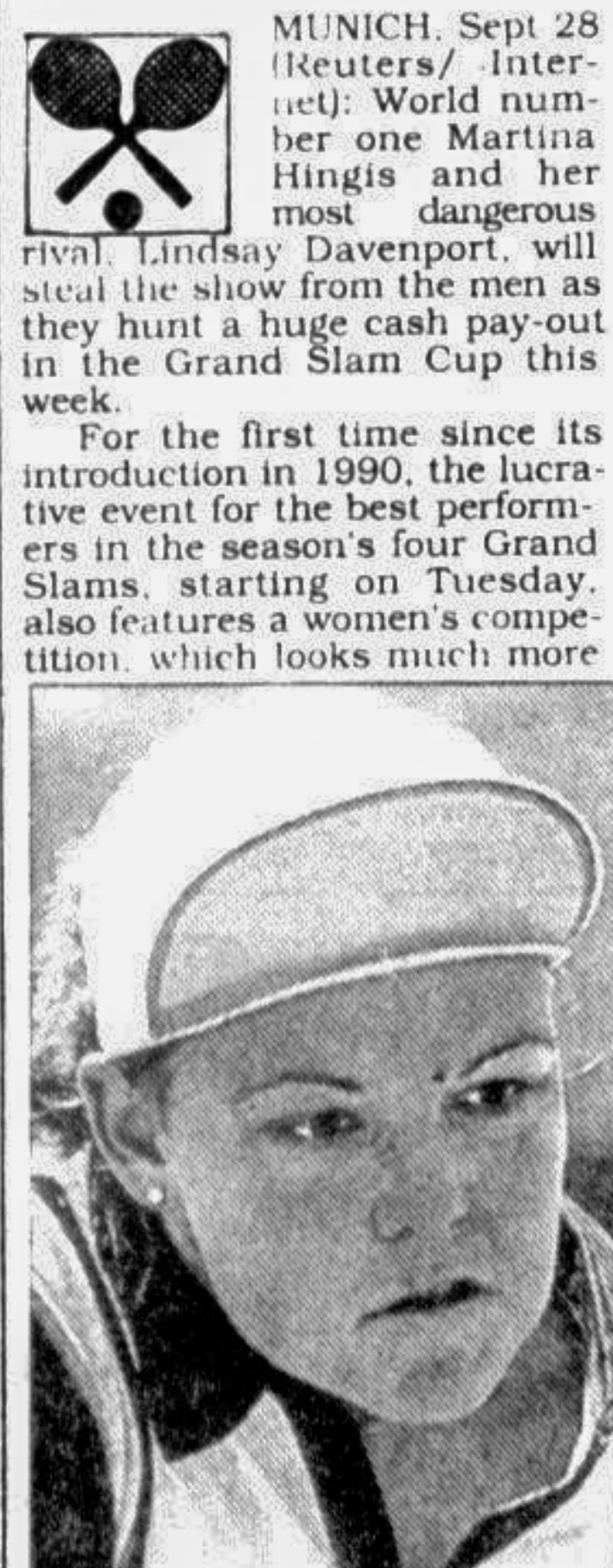
BULAWAYO, Sept 28: Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin refused to bask in India's one-day series win over Zimbabwe yesterday and blamed his teammates for playing too much "loose cricket," report PTI.
Azharuddin was not exactly thrilled after India's convincing eight-wicket win which helped them clinch the three-match 'Hero Honda' series within the distance.
"There is too much loose cricket and I don't like it," commented the Indian captain after the match.
"I have been patient about it for some time now but I don't know how long. We have been bowling badly and our fielders are giving away too many runs. It is just not on," said an exasperated Azharuddin.
"We conceded far too many loose runs and Zimbabwe could have easily made 250-plus. If they had managed 250 or 260 we would have been struggling. It would have meant too much work for the batsmen," said Azhar, who felt India should have curtailed the hosts for much less than the 235 they managed in the truncated 45-overs-a-side match.
"I don't want to be too critical of them for one simple reason. There is too much cricket being played and there is no recovery time. These back to back matches are never easy. It is not easy to keep your concentration and energy going for two successive days," he said.
He was referring to lack of recovery time as the Indian players have had little rest after the trip home from Toronto and immediately back here.

MCC's ladies dilemma

LONDON, Sept 28 (Reuters): Nearly 200 women aged a woman indirectly inspired a fundamental change to cricket.
Christina Wiles was unable to bowl in the accepted underarm style of the day because of her voluminous crinoline dress and instead delivered the ball round-arm.
Her brother John saw the possibilities of the new action and tried it out at Lord's, headquarters of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the private club who ran the game in England until 1968.
Wiles was promptly not-balled and, according to a contemporary report, jumped on his horse and rode out of the ground and the game for ever.
Christina's innovation was eventually sanctioned in the MCC's 1835 rules, the first formal laws and still the basis of the modern game.
Yet neither Christina, nor succeeding generations of women cricketers and supporters, have been able to join the MCC, which continues to exercise the privileges of an 18th-century gentlemen's club.
Social change, and perhaps more pertinently, money from the national lottery have led the MCC to vote for the second time this year today whether or not to move into the 20th century.

In February, 56 per cent of the members voted to admit women, less than the two-thirds majority required.
But the figure was a significant improvement on the 33 per cent in favour five years ago and the MCC committee has asked its 18,000 members to vote again.
The MCC has been refused 4.5 million pounds sterling (7.6 million dollars) in lottery money for rebuilding although the new president Tony Lewis says this has nothing to do with this vote.
The women's membership vote is nothing to do with political correctness," Lewis wrote in the Sunday Telegraph.
"It is not to do with the receipt of public money or other public funds. Rather proudly we can say there is not a single penny of public money in the Lord's ground."
"Any vote for or against women will be the true volition of the members."
Outgoing president Colin Ingleby-MacKenzie said the present ban on women was unacceptable, a view supported by Prime Minister Tony Blair.
"I want MCC to maintain their rightful position as a figurehead and example for cricket around the world," he said.
"But we cannot do this while we exclude women."
Tim de Lisle, editor of the Wisden Cricket Monthly, joined the campaign this month with a special women's edition and, for the first time, a woman cricketer on the magazine's cover.
"There are many people in this country who can only tell you two things about cricket: England are bad at it and MCC doesn't allow women to be members," De Lisle said.
"The first of these is being overturned. So is the second. Please, if you are a member, don't put the process in reverse."
The contrary view was expressed in a letter to the times today by Sir Kenneth James.
"The essential purpose of the MCC is to retain its private character," Sir Kenneth wrote. "It is a private club which is why we, the members, joined it."
Women may want the right to join the MCC but, if the committee does secure a two-thirds majority today, they may not rush to join the lengthy waiting list.
Amanda Spalding, a committee member of the Nottinghamshire county cricket club, described the MCC's attitude as "archaic."
"I really don't know if I'd want to be a member," she told Wisden Cricket Monthly.
"I'm not hugely impressed with the men I've met in bacon-and-egg ties and I'm not convinced I'd want to watch cricket in their company."

Women out for bigger money



LINDSAY DAVENPORT rival Lindsay Davenport, will steal the show from the men as they hunt a huge cash pay-out in the Grand Slam Cup this week.
For the first time since its introduction in 1990, the lucrative event for the best performers in the season's four Grand Slams, starting on Tuesday, also features a women's competition, which looks much more attractive than the men's tournament.
Pete Sampras, Carlos Moya and Patrick Rafter, who triumphed at Wimbledon, the French Open and the U.S. Open respectively, have all decided not to come Munich, leaving Australian Open champion Petr Korda as the sole winner of a Grand Slam this year in the men's 12-strong draw.
All four Grand Slam champions will be in a star-studded women's draw featuring, not only Hingis and Davenport, but also Novotna and Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who won her third title on the Paris clay last June.

Australian Open champion Hingis, who will celebrate her 18th birthday on Wednesday, looks forward to taking revenge on Davenport after losing to the American in the U.S. Open final earlier this month. The two who will clash only if they reach Sunday's final.
The highest-ranked player in the men's draw is Chilean Marcelo Rios, the world number three. But few expect him to shine as the super-quick synthetic surface of Munich's indoor hall does not suit his playing style.
It seems wiser to bet on hard-hitting Australian Mark Philippoussis, the U.S. Open losing finalist, or on Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, who relied on his trademark, booming serves to win here in 1995.
While in Munich, Philippoussis, appearing in the Grand Slam Cup for the first time, should receive a fax from Australia's Davis Cup captain John Newcombe, anxious to welcome him back to the team.
Australia beat Uzbekistan 5-0 in a world group qualifying tie at the weekend without Philippoussis, who missed the tie after accusing Australian coach Tony Roche of showing bias towards Rafter by sitting with his entourage during the U.S. Open final.
In the absence of German idols Boris Becker and Steffi Graf, both nursing injuries, the crowds favouring could well be showman Andre Agassi, who has had a frustrating grand slam season but was given a wild card.
The Grand Slam Cup has no influence on the world rankings as it does not grant points but there is more than pride at stake with a total \$6.7 million in prize money on offer.
The winner of the men's tournament will pocket \$1.3 million while the women's champion will have to be content with \$800,000.
The tournament, which will be staged in Munich again next year, faces an uncertain future. Criticised by many as a meaningless exhibition when it started, it still does not have the prestige of the ATP Tour world championship, which will be staged in November in Hanover.
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Newcombe to offer olive branch

SYDNEY, Sept 28 (Reuters/Internet): Australia's Davis Cup captain John Newcombe is ready to end a rift with Mark Philippoussis and welcome him back to the team.
Newcombe said that he would send a fax to U.S. Open finalist Philippoussis this week, seeking to have the matter resolved by the start of the Australian summer circuit in January.
Newcombe was speaking after Australia completed a 5-0 win over Uzbekistan in a world group-qualifying tie in Townsville, Queensland, on Sunday.
Philippoussis missed the tie after accusing Australian coach Tony Roche of showing bias towards Pat Rafter by sitting with Rafter's entourage during the U.S.
Open final contested by the two Australian players.
Relations have been strained since Philippoussis chose not to take part in last April's Davis Cup tie against Zimbabwe, which Australia lost.
"I'm going to contact Mark again and see if we can't get it settled by January and I can't do

much more than that," Newcombe said.
"If someone wants to come to the table and talk, the door's open. The boys (Davis Cup team) have all got together amongst themselves this week and they're happy for Mark to come back as long as he's part of the team."
Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said: "The main thing now is to move on and continue the success of Mark, Pat and other Australian players as witnessed at the U.S. Open."
Davis banned
LONDON, Sept 28: A leading British amateur swimming coach was suspended Monday following his arrest on child pornography charges, reports AP.
The action against Steve Davis, head coach at Northampton Swimming Club, was announced by the Amateur Swimming Association and the British Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association.
The BSCTA said Davis was arrested last Friday "for allegations of involvement in child pornography on the Internet."

Jason Stoltenberg, who filled the second singles spot behind Rafter against Uzbekistan, agreed.
"I really don't know what Mark's feeling. All I know is on behalf of the players we all want him back," Stoltenberg, players' spokesman in the Davis Cup team, said.
"We'd love to see him back in the team and there won't be any hard feelings if Mark is willing to come and put the work in that we're putting in and wants to do it as much as we do. Then we'll be a happy team and a much stronger team."
Philippoussis last played in the Davis Cup in a semifinal loss to the U.S. a year ago.
His manager, John McCurdy, said on Monday: "I know he'd like to play for his country and obviously things have to be resolved."
"There's been too much speculation about the dispute and too much attention has been paid to Mark's position in the team at the last two Cup ties."
"Mark expressed his disappointment at the press conference after the U.S. Open but he'll be back home in Australia by the end of the year and we hope to have a decision by then."