

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the cheetah can accelerate from zero to 45 mph in two seconds.

Now that's what we have to be, or half if it, if we want to have any chance in winning a medal anywhere.

The problem with our athletes is that, rather than running, they talk like the cheetah. Chatter, chatter, chatter....

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-104

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
 Post to The Daily Star
 Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 9 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- How many centuries were scored in the third Sahara Cup?
 One Two Three
- Who earned the player-of-the-series in the Sahara Cup?
 Afridi Azharuddin Inzamam
- Which county does Saqlain Mushtaq play for?
 Surrey Lancashire Kent
- The next Commonwealth Games will be held in:
 Sydney Toronto Manchester
- Who became Commonwealth cricket champions?
 India South Africa Australia

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

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EN-VITS

ENERGY BEHOLDING VITAMINS



Lindsay Davenport
 (American tennis player)
 I'm sick of defending myself for not having won a Grand Slam yet. God, I'm only 22 and it's not exactly over for me.

Just before the women's singles final at the US Open this year which she won to capture her maiden Slam.

WC cricket for the blind in November

For the first time a World Cup cricket for the blind is going to be held in New Delhi November 17-28, reports UNE.

The first such World Cup will see seven of the top cricketing nations — Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and host India — battle it out in the Indian capital.

There are three categories of players allowed in each team — three totally blind, four partially blind and a maximum of four with partial eyesight, said a Cricinfo report on the Internet.

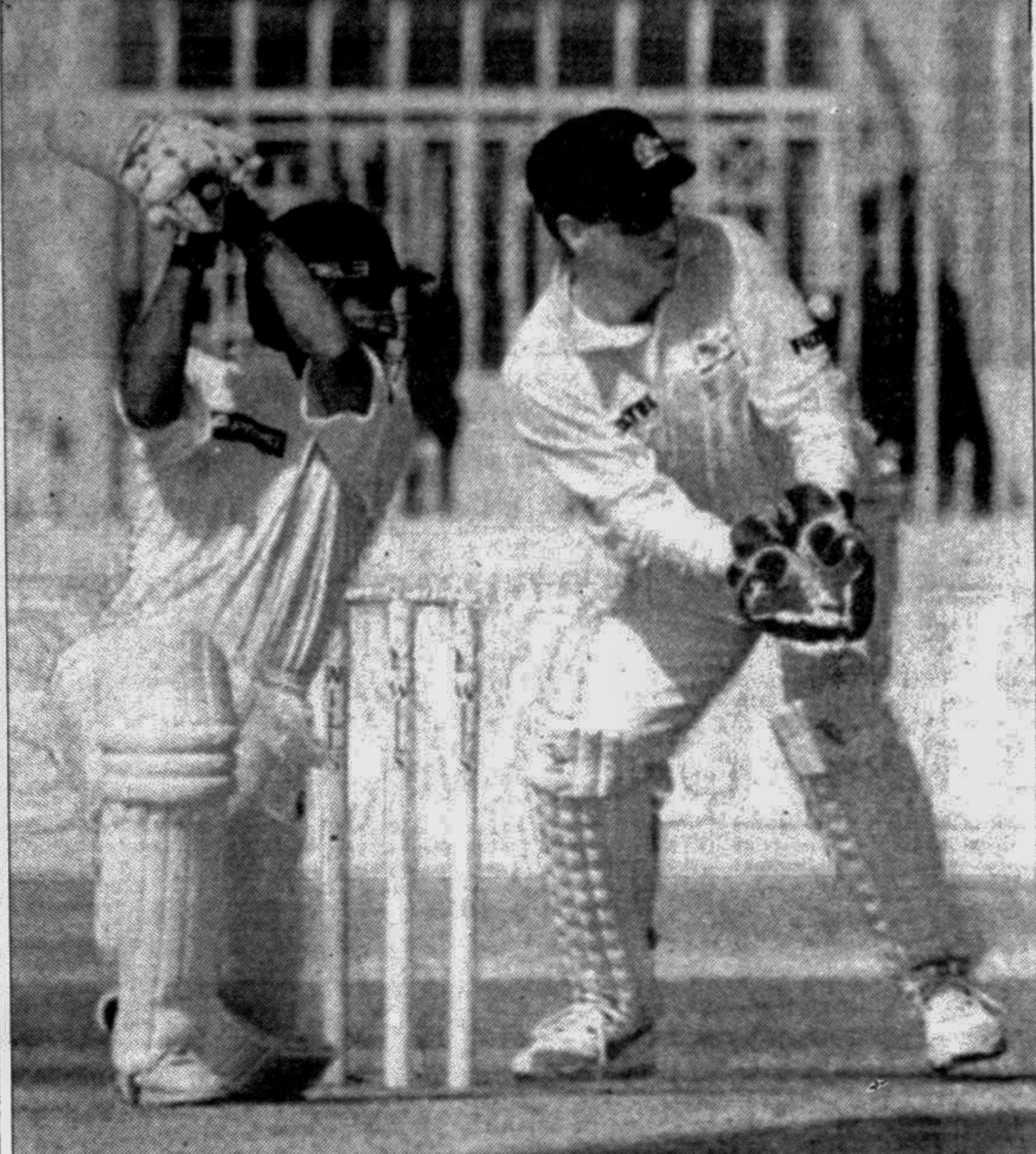
Delhi-based Anand Sharma will lead the Indian team for the inaugural World Cup. The appointment was made on the basis of his recent performance at the Challenger Cup series held at Dehradun, near Delhi.

Sharma, a 21-year-old English honours student at Delhi's elite St. Stephen's College, lost his eyesight at the age of two falling victim to a terrorist bomb in Jamshepur, Bihar.

Anand's family lives in a small village near the steel town of Jamshepur. It was not till eight years later that he regained partial eyesight after receiving a cornea graft from a young American.

He first came to prominence when he scored 152 not out in the final of a tournament in 1990 and won a free ticket to London as the prize for the best cricketer.

It was the first time he had flown. Anand's ambition now is to study at Oxford, said the Cricinfo report.



IN FULL CRY: Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar executes a flashing square drive during his unbeaten 132 against Australia on the opening day of the first Test at Rawalpindi yesterday.

Healy equals Marsh's feat

Saeed digs deep to save hosts

RAWALPINDI, Oct 1 (AFP/AP/Reuters) — Saeed Anwar's maiden unbeaten century against Australia rescued Pakistan on the opening day of the first Test at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium Thursday.

When bad light brought the day's play to close five overs prematurely, Pakistan, who at one stage were struggling at 147 for 8, were feeling more comfortable at 253 for 8.

Together with Mushtaq Ahmed (26 not out) Anwar had so far put on invaluable 106 runs for the unfinished 9th wicket partnership. Anwar's majestic unbeaten 132, his sixth overall Test hundred in his 33rd Test match, featured a dozen fours and came off 234 balls.

On an eventful opening day Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy equalled Rodney Marsh's 355 dismissals behind the wicket.

It also saw Pakistan tumble to 147 for eight with leg-spinner Stuart MacGill claiming three wickets in just seven deliveries.

But, the ninth wicket pair of Anwar and Mushtaq frustrated Mark Taylor's Australians for 127 minutes and steadied the home team's ship with some brilliant batting.

Anwar, the left-handed opener, who was on 58 when Mushtaq joined him half an hour before tea, played with determination.

If the last session was entirely dominated by Anwar and Mushtaq, the Australians enjoyed an upper hand in the first two sessions, claiming eight Pakistan wickets with the aid of some superlative catching.

Healy did not have to wait long to equal Marsh's 355 dismissals record as the agile wicketkeeper was involved in the first two dismissals.

The 34-year-old Australian, playing in his 104th Test match, caught Muhammad Wasim to equal his predecessor's world mark off Damien Fleming's huge away swinger.

Pakistan were off to a disastrous start with Sohail (4) getting the bottom edge straight to Healy while attempting to leave Glenn McGrath's delivery.

Wasim fell to a magnificent away swinger of Damien Fleming as Healy dived to his right and grabbed the catch inches off the ground.

Inzamamul Haq survived a confident leg before appeal off Fleming's very first ball, and went on to complete his 3,000 runs in 48th Test match. Justin Langer held a brilliant low catch at forward short leg off McGrath's low full toss to dismiss the burly Pakistan batsman.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first Test between Pakistan and Australia at Rawalpindi on Thursday:

PAKISTAN: First Innings 132
 Anwar not out 58
 Sohail c Healy b McGrath 4
 Wasim c Healy b Fleming 15
 Inzamam c Langer b McGrath 14
 Malik c Taylor b Miller 10
 Azhar c McGrath b MacGill 16
 Moin c Fleming b MacGill 39
 Akram c Fleming b MacGill 0
 Hussain b MacGill 1
 Mushtaq not out 26
 Extras: (b-5, lb-2, nb-3) 10
 Total: (for eight wickets in 85 overs) 253

IAN HEALY

partnership with Anwar.

MacGill changed ends for his second spell and was immediately rewarded with three quick wickets. First he had Moin (39) caught at point by Fleming and two balls later, Wasim Akram swept high into the safe hands of Fleming fielding at deep square leg.

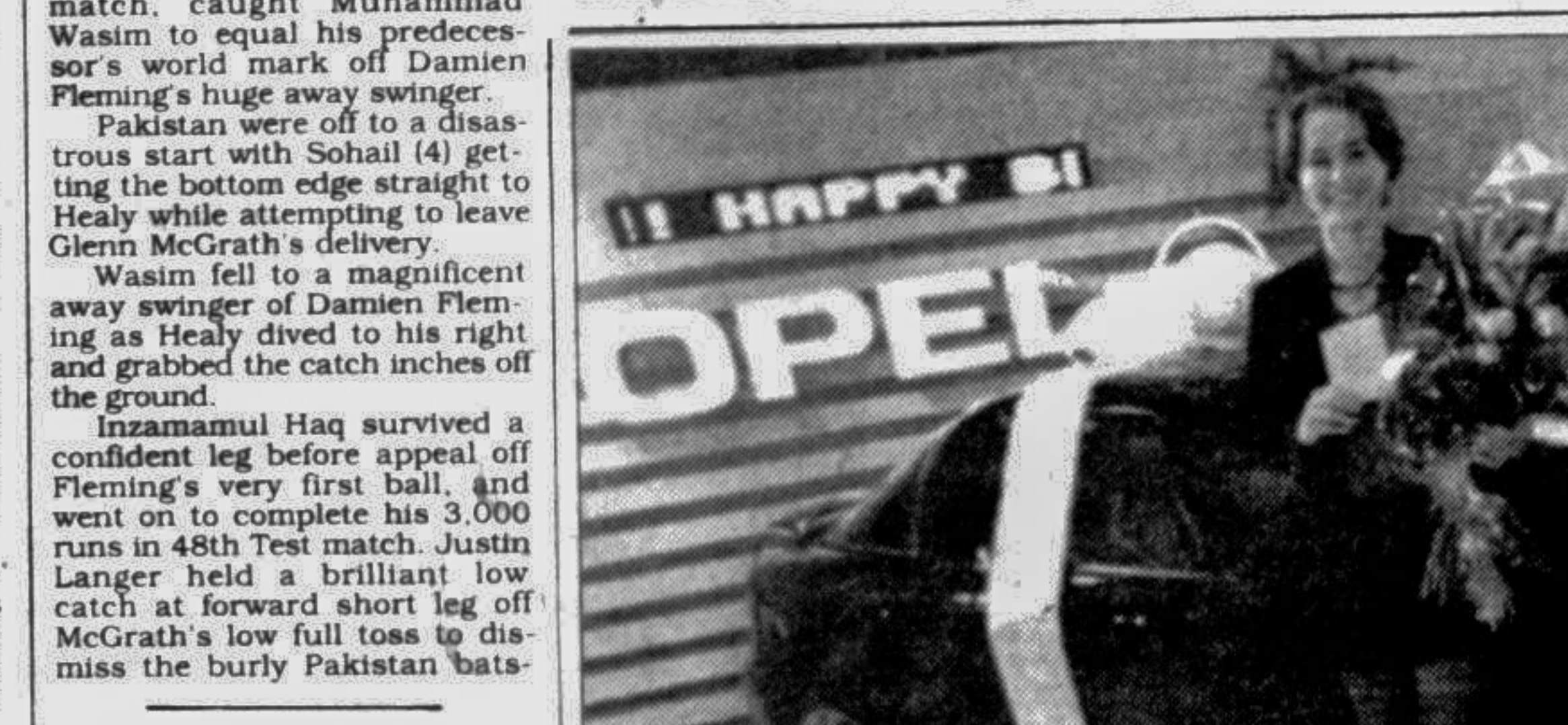
MacGill on the very next ball bowled the left-hander Muhammad Hussain around his legs as Pakistan struggled to get near the 200 mark with 147 runs on board and eight wickets gone before Anwar and Mushtaq were involved in a brilliant unfinished century stand.

"It is one of my best innings as it was very tricky to bat on this pitch. Mushtaq hanged on in the end and I was encouraged by that," Anwar said.

Earlier Pakistan won the toss and decided to bat on a hard wicket. Both teams decided to play with three spinners. Pakistan left out Waqar Younis and included left-arm spinner Muhammad Hussain.

Pakistan last used three spinners in a Test against the same opponents in Lahore in 1988-89.

Australia gave a Test debut to Miller and left-arm Darren Lehmann was brought in as back up spinners.



LICENCED TO DRIVE: World No 1 Martina Hingis, who celebrated her 18th birthday on Wednesday, stands in front of her birthday present, a 'Tigra MH', at Munich on September 30.

Sino referee stripped

SHANGHAI, Oct 1: China has taken the rare move of stripping one of its football referees to his credentials for making grave errors in domestic matches, reports Reuters.

Yu Yuancong, a nationally qualified referee, has had his credentials revoked after making serious "technical errors," The Liberation daily said on Thursday.

Chess Olympiad

Bangladesh win in 2nd round

Bangladesh won both in men's and women's second round competition of the 33rd Chess Olympiad at Elista in the Russian Republic of Kalmeika on Wednesday.

Two International Masters earned Bangladesh a creditable 2.5-1.5 points victory over six Grand Master-studded Netherlands.

In the women's group, international Women's Master beat the Special Blind team by straight 3-0 points, according to a message received here yesterday.

Last year, Bangladesh women's team was beaten by the Special Blind team.

After the second round matches, Bangladesh men's team has four points and the women's team 3.5 points.

At the end of second round, Argentina and USA were on top of the list jointly security 7.5 points each out of possible eight.

Kazakh youth's straight fourth

The visiting Kazakhstan youth basketball team recorded their fourth successive win in Bangladesh when they defeated national champions Bangladesh Navy 67-46 points at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

The visitors, who beat Bangladesh Air Force 98-57 on Wednesday, led the first half 40-26. The tourists will face Bangladesh national youth team at the same venue tomorrow at 4.30 pm.

Venus outpowers Arantxa

MUNICH, Oct 1: Venus Williams used her overwhelming power to beat French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-3, 6-2 on Thursday and reach the semifinals of the 6.7 million dollar Grand Slam Cup, reports AP.

Williams, 18, served hard on the fast indoor surface of Munich's Olympiahalle and Sanchez-Vicario was unable to match the American's powerful ground strokes.

Both players were inconsistent in the first set. Williams dropping her serve twice and Sanchez-Vicario unable to hold three times. A return by the Spaniard that went long gave Williams the first set.

Williams broke serve for a decisive 3-2 lead in the second set and gained another break to go up 5-2 after rallying from a 0-40 deficit by winning five straight points. She gained the break by hitting an overhead smash.

The American served out the match in the next game, hitting a perfect volley on her second match point.

Women are playing for the first time at the tournament that brings together players with best records in the four Grand Slam events of the year — the Australian, French and US Open and Wimbledon.

Only one of the year's Grand Slam champions among the men is here — Australian Open champion Petr Korda.

But the eight women included all the champions and all the top-ranked players except Monica Seles.

Two of the Grand Slam champions already have been eliminated — Sanchez-Vicario and Jana Novotna, the Wimbledon champion who was ousted Wednesday by Patty Schnyder.

The tournament is the most lucrative per head in tennis, and Williams earned 200,000 dollars for reaching the semifinals. Sanchez-Vicario's consolation was 100,000 dollars.

Williams, ranked No. 5, brought her career record against Sanchez-Vicario to 3-2. The American reached the semifinals of the US Open earlier this month and made the quarterfinals in the other three Grand Slams.

Fiji, Brunei pull out

ACC adjusts schedule

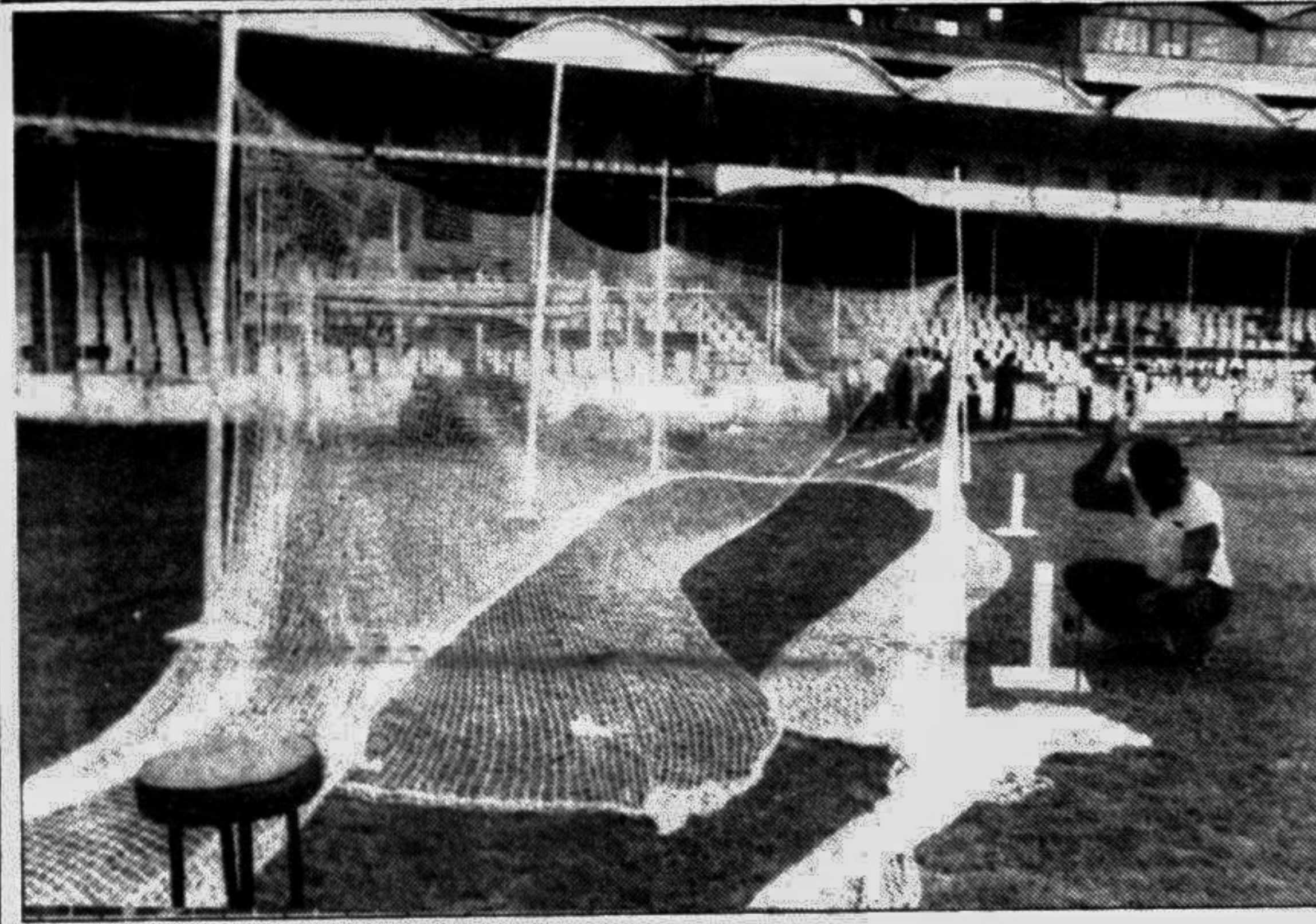
The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has rescheduled the fixture of the Pepsi second ACC Trophy as two teams — Brunei and Fiji — have withdrawn their names.

Ten teams, split into two groups for the first phase, will now take part in the meet which will start in Kathmandu, Nepal from tomorrow. There is no change in the earlier groupings as Fiji were placed in Group A and Brunei in Group B.

Bangladesh, the defending champions, have been placed in group A for the first round along with Papua New Guinea (PNG), The Maldives, Singapore and Malaysia while Group B comprises 1996 losing finalist United Arab Emirates (UAE), Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand and hosts Nepal.

Holders Bangladesh will take on PNG in their first match tomorrow at the Tribhuvan University (TU) ground. They will face Malaysia next at the Institute of Engineers ground-2 (IE-2) on October 5 and then Singapore at the Tribhuvan University ground on October 7 before meeting Maldives at the Saint Xavier's School (SXS) ground the following day.

FIXTURE				
The following is the revised fixture of the Pepsi second ACC Trophy:				
Date	Group	Match	Venue	
October 3:	A	Bangladesh v PNG	TU	
	A	Maldives v Singapore	SXS	
	B	UAE v Hong Kong	IE-1	
October 4:	B	Japan v Nepal	IE-2	
	B	Nepal v Thailand	TU	
October 5:	A	Malaysia v Maldives	SXS	
	B	Hong Kong v Japan	TU	
October 6:	A	UAE v Thailand	SXS	
	A	Singapore v PNG	IE-1	
October 7:	A	Bangladesh v Malaysia	IE-2	
	A	Rest Day	TU	
October 8:	A	Bangladesh v Singapore	TU	
	A	PNG v Malaysia	IE-2	
October 9:	B	Hong Kong v Thailand	SXS	
	B	UAE v Japan	IE-2	
October 10:	A	Bangladesh v Maldives	SXS	
	A	Singapore v Malaysia	TU	
October 11:	B	Japan v Thailand	IE-1	
	B	UAE v Nepal	IE-2	
October 12:	B	Nepal v Hong Kong	IE-1	
	A	PNG v Maldives	IE-2	
October 13:		1st Semifinal (A1 v B2)	TU	
		2nd Semifinal (B1 v A2)	TU	
		Rest Day	TU	
		Final	TU	



A groundsman inspecting the newly imported practice nets for the Wills Knockout Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Speed to meet Pak bosses

SYDNEY, Oct 1 (Reuters/Internet): Australia's top cricket official flew to Pakistan on Thursday, increasing the possibility that senior Australian players will be allowed to testify at an inquiry into match-fixing.

Australian Cricket Board chief executive Malcolm Speed has previously said that Australia's players had been banned from attending the inquiry because it clashed with their match days.

But he released a statement before leaving Australia on Thursday to say that he now wanted to discuss the issue with the Pakistani investigators.

"I have written to the commission of inquiry, stating we have received their request and asking if we can meet as early as this weekend to discover a greater understanding of the processes involved in the judicial inquiry," Speed said.

When Australia toured Pakistan four years ago three of their players — Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh — accused Salim Malik of offering them a bribe, to throw the Karachi test which Pakistan eventually won by one wicket.

The judge investigating the charges summoned the three Australian players and captain Mark Taylor to appear before him next week.

The orders were issued by the Lahore High Court on a directive from Justice Malik Muhammad Qayyum, who heads a government-appointed commission of inquiry into alleged malpractice in the national sport.

Taylor and Waugh are the only two currently in Pakistan. May, now the Australian Cricketers' Association president, said this week he was reluctant to go before the inquiry and said he was yet to receive any summons from Pakistan.

Warne also would not want to return to Pakistan, particularly as he is undergoing rehabilitation from serious shoulder surgery on his bowling arm.

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According to Shane Warne

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct 1: Shane Warne ripped into the Pakistan team taking on Australia today saying some were over-rated and others lazy, reports AFP.

Warne, who is recuperating from major shoulder surgery last May, made his presence felt thousands of kilometres (miles) from Rawalpindi in a newspaper column.

Warne, who is expected to be fit to bowl against England in the looming Ashes series, said Ijaz Ahmed thinks he's better than he is. Inzamamul Haq is lazy and Moin Khan is not the most popular player around.

Writing in the Melbourne Age, Warne rated each Pakistan player and while praising Wasim Akram, Salim Malik and Mushtaq Ahmed, was not as kind to others.

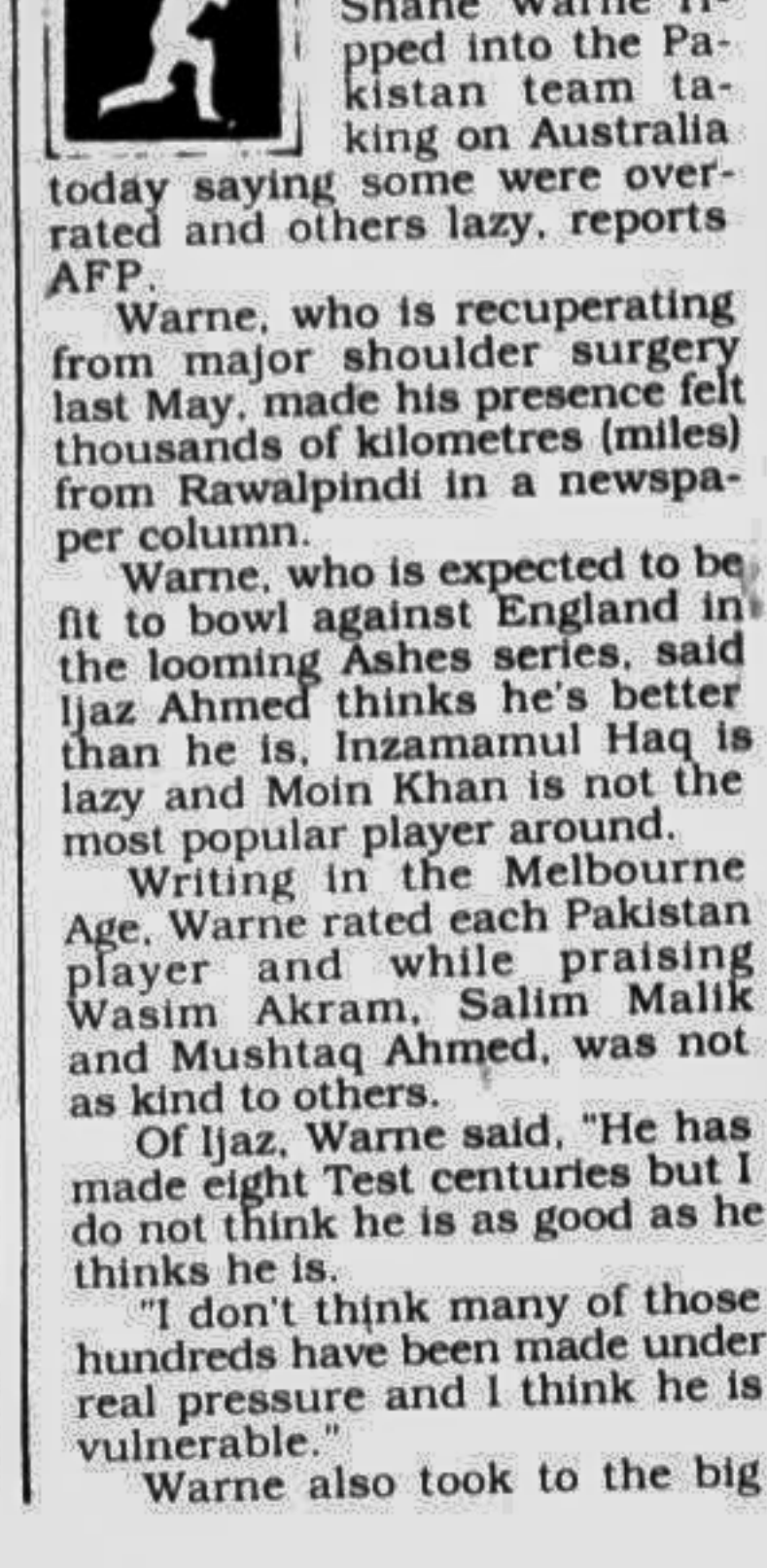
Of Ijaz, Warne said, "He has made eight Test centuries but I do not think he is as good as he thinks he is."

"I don't think many of those hundreds have been made under real pressure and I think he is vulnerable."

Warne also took to the big hitter Inzamam, saying: "He has all the talent in the world, but is lazy. He is a very good first slipper, which is just as well as I don't think he wants to be as good as I do."

Warne also took to the big field anywhere else because he'd have to run.

"In fact, he doesn't back up most of the time, which is why a run out is always a chance when he's batting."



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Warne rates Salim Malik as Pakistan's best player of spin, "when he puts his mind to it."