

## Column One DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT *The Guardian* reported that John Hunt, the Conservative MP from Bromley, Ravenbourne, was convinced that deaths can be attributed to jogging. Mr Hunt feels the sport may be "potentially lethal" for middle-aged people and it would be a good idea to put government health warnings on track suits.

Just when I was about to suggest that our chess team at Elista, Russia, should face their opponents in track suits.

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

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Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to *The Daily Star*  
Win attractive prizes  
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- How many centuries were scored in the third Sahara Cup?  
One Two Three
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Alfidi 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 champion?  
India South Africa Australia

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## EN-VITS

ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS



**Ian Healy**  
(Australian wicketkeeper)  
"It is something I will cherish for the rest of my life. I was waiting for it and it was not coming. I felt like a batsman on 99 and the single was not coming for 150 overs."  
After setting a new world record for the most dismissals in Test cricket.

## UCB scraps its plan

CAPE TOWN, Oct 6 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa's United Cricket Board has scrapped plans to introduce a two-division domestic competition in the 1999-2000 season because it could impede the development of black cricketers.

The UCB said in a press release on Tuesday second division teams could also lose key players and important sponsorship deals while provinces could be forced to pay inflated salaries to retain key players.

Now the existing nine-team league will be expanded to 11 teams with the inclusion of Easterns and North West.

The plans for two divisions of six and five sides had been put in place to combat a perceived decline in domestic first-class playing standards.

To ensure an even spread of talent in the new 11-team competition the UCB are examining the introduction of a player pool.

Provinces would be limited to contracting 16 or 17 players. Those players not retained would be placed in a pool.

A working party is examining the practicalities of the proposal.

The philosophy behind this innovation is to ensure the redistribution of playing strength around the country in an attempt to raise standards and to make the (first class) Super-sport Series more competitive," the UCB statement said.

The executive committee of the UCB recognises that some provinces may have misgivings about abandoning the split-division proposal.

# Faruque back in the reckoning Singapore looks to upset Bangladesh cart



KATHMANDU, Oct 6: Kiran Deshpande is not ready to resign without a fight. The 37-year-old captain of Singapore is looking forward to upsetting the Bangladesh cart when they take on the defending champions at the Tribhuvan University ground tomorrow.

"Bangladesh is certainly the top team in the tournament. But we are looking forward. We are ready to give a dog fight," said Kiran, who is a good friend of his Bangladesh counterpart, Aminul Islam.

A left-arm spinner, Kiran, the long-standing captain of Malaysia, also led his side when Bangladesh 'A' toured the sprawling commercial city early this year. Faruque captained the second string Bangladesh team then in a couple of limited-over matches.

Aminul Islam, on the other hand, is not taking victory against Singapore as granted. The south-east Asians pulled off a stunning win over Papua New Guinea yesterday. "They are a spirited side and we are not taking them lightly", said the Bangladesh captain. But Aminul is more concerned about the unpredictable wickets at Kathmandu than his opponents tomorrow.

"We have actually two enemies here. The first one is the wicket", said Aminul. The Bangladesh captain is hopeful of fielding a full strength side.

"Faruque Bhai has recovered and I think he will play tomorrow", said Aminul. Faruque was suffering from diarrhoea for the last few days and could not play against Malaysia, which Bangladesh won by 141 runs on October 5.

Both Bangladesh and Singapore have three points each from two outings. And a victory for either will enable them a passage to the semi-finals from Group A with match in hand.

**'KHEL' AT DHULIKHEL**  
When the organisers of the Second Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Trophy declared the day as time out for cricket, four star cricketers of the yesteryears form different corners of the world grouped together perhaps to relish the sweet memories of the past.

The four living legends -- West Indies opener Gordon Greenidge, former Indian cap-

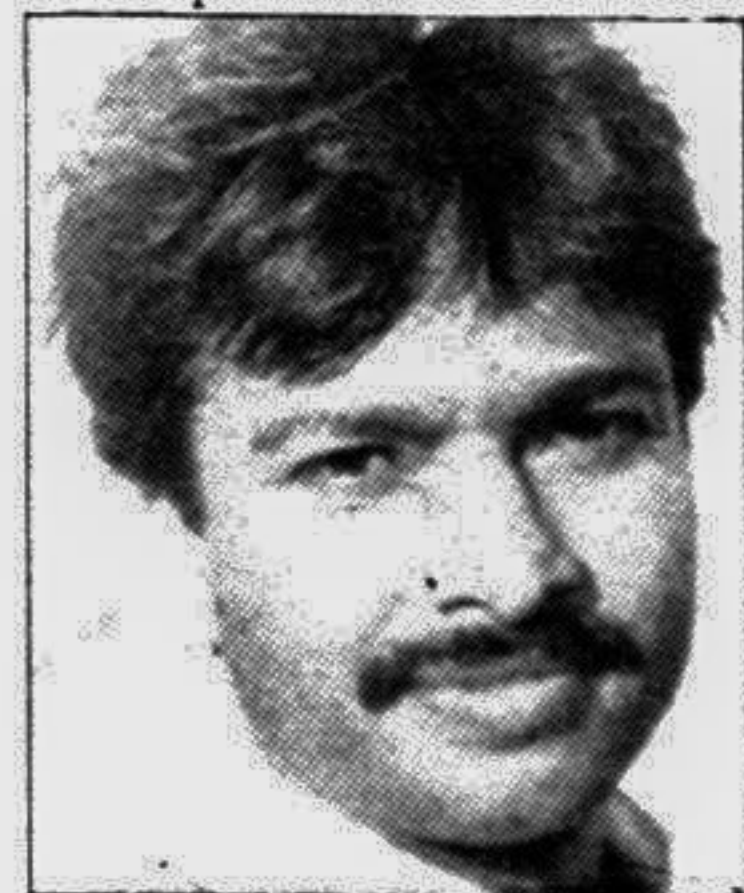
tain Gundappa Viswanath, former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammed and former Indian Test star Abid Ali -- took the merry ride at Dhulikhel, one of the major tourist attractions of Nepal.

Although the purpose of the mysterious tour remained undisclosed, the quarter however returned to base, the Soaltee Hotel, in time to comply with their respective jobs.

Gordon, coach of the Bangladesh team, took only five minutes to get ready before leaving with his boys for the afternoon practice session.

Viswanath, who came to Kathmandu in the capacity of match referee, however stayed back.

Mushtaq, currently coach of the UAE, rushed to join the team's practice. So did Abid Ali.



**FARUQUE AHMED**  
who is the coach of the Malaysians.

**BANGLADESH-UAE FINAL**  
Saeed Al Safar, the double centurion in limited-over cricket, is happy of reaching the unique landmark. But the UAE captain is not ready to consider it a mouthful achievement since he scored it against a sub-standard team.

Saeed hammered an unbeaten 209, the highest individual score in over-limited competition, against Thailand in a Group B match yesterday.

"This is the highest score in my life. But, then, I do not treat it as a stupendous achievement. Luck was on my side. I have taken a few chances. And those let off helped me a lot", said the 28-year-old right-hand batsman.

Saeed, who is also a useful left-arm medium pacer, how-

ever was more inclined to talk about the predictable final clash between Bangladesh and UAE.

"Bangladesh is the defending champions. But we are the runners-up. I think the final battle will once again be pitted between the two", Saeed hoped.

"This is a better side than the previous one. We have some quality batsmen as well as some good spinners. I'm hopeful of turning the table around this time", said the confident UAE captain.

"UAE would have been a real force in international cricket. But the ICC rule has destroyed us", said Saeed who learned cricket while studying at the St. Xavier's College in Bombay.

"What we lack is experience. But we are looking forward to getting the ODI status in the near future", said Saeed.

**DR. PATRICIA GREENIDGE**  
Doctor Mahfuzur Rahman is tagged with the Bangladesh cricket team in the capacity of physio. But his presence has hardly helped opener Shahriar Hossain to recover from a stiff neck.

Shahriar sustained the injury on his neck while fielding against Malaysia on October 5 and was carried off the ground with his neck locked. Mahfuz, a member of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), tried heart and soul to alleviate Shahriar's agony for the remaining part of the match but in vain.

Shahriar has however finally recovered. Thanks to Patricia, wife of Gordon Greenidge, who did the magic with a little knowledge of professional physio therapy. It was learnt the Patricia is currently running a health centre in Dhaka. Cynics say Mahfuzur Rahman availed the trip in the capacity of a board member in disguise of a physio. The BCB decision could prove vitally wrong.

**POINTS TABLE**

Group A	M	W	L	NR	Pts.	NTR
Bangladesh	2	1	0	1	3	282
Singapore	2	1	0	1	4	057
Malaysia	2	1	1	0	2	-139
PNG	2	0	1	1	1	-052
Maldives	2	0	1	1	1	081
Group B						
Hong Kong	2	1	0	1	3	844
UAE	2	1	0	1	3	649
Nepal	2	0	2	2	0	00
Thailand	2	0	1	1	1	-649
Japan	2	0	1	1	1	-844

**33rd Chess Olympiad  
Vietnam conquered**  
Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh men's team continued with their impressive performance in the 33rd Chess Olympiad defeating powerful Vietnam by 2.5-5 points in the seventh round in Elista, Russia on Monday, according to a message received here yesterday.

In the seventh round, International Master (IM) Reza-bin-Sattar won his board against IM Tu Hoang Thong while Abdullah Al-Rakib defeated IM Cao Sang. IM Zia shared the point with Grand Master Tao Thien Hai while Enamul Hossain Rajib lost to IM Nguyen Anh Dong.

With the win, Bangladesh raised their tally to 16 points out of a possible 28.

In the women's group, Bangladesh shared points with Philippines 1.5-1.5.

Zakia Sultana won her board while Tanima managed a draw. But IWM Rani Hamid lost her board.

The women's team have so far collected 9.5 points out of possible 21.

**3-D ads to make sub-continent debut**  
CALCUTTA, Oct 6 (PTI/UNB): The high-profile Wills International Cup tournament, the International Cricket Council's fund-raising knockout event featuring all nine Test-playing nations beginning from October 24 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka, will be testing a three-dimensional ground advertising mat, a revolutionary technology on the sub-continent.

The 3-D Group mat will be displaying the name of the sponsors Wills.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will publish a colourful souvenir on the occasion of the tourney.

**WILLS INTERNATIONAL CUP**  
The main attraction of the 165-page brochure will be the profile of players of the participating countries with their respective cricket board logos.

It will also contain attractive descriptions of the capital as well as some important places of the country.

The history of Dhaka city by eminent author Muntasir Mamon will be an added attraction, said a BCB official.

Besides, as many as 50,000 coloured posters will be printed. The entire gallery of the stadium will be canopied while four giant balloons will be adding extra glamour.

**Div II soccer**  
Both the matches of the Metropolitan Second Division football league among four lowly teams ended in a tame draw at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Lowly City Club held BG Press in a goalless affair while another bottom team Little Friends Club shared points with old horse Adamjee SCC by equal margin.

BG Press have secured 10, Adamjee SCC 8, City Club and Little Friends Club three points on completion of seven matches each.

**Bengal thrash Mohammedans**  
CALCUTTA, Oct 6: Title aspirants East Bengal virtually toyed with a weak defence to trounce Mohammedan Sporting 7-1 in the second leg match of the Calcutta Super Division league at the Salt Lake Stadium here today, reports PTI.

The local giants fired in three goals in the opening session through Ghanaian-recruit Suley Musah and medio Basudev Mondal (2) and then struck four goals after the breather through Renedi Singh, Emmanuel Opucku, Bhaichung Bhutia and Bijen Singh in a ridiculously one-sided contest.

Suley Musah put East Bengal into the lead in the eighth minute of the contest with a lovely header following a cross from Basudev Mondal, but Mohammedan Sporting neutralised the lead seven minutes later with Moses finding the target.

The complexion of the game changed midway through the opening session as the glamour team scored one goal after another capitalising on defensive and goalkeeping lapses.

The hard-working medio Basudev Mondal produced a brilliant 30-yard long ranger after dribbling past a few defenders to score the second goal for East Bengal in the 25th minute.

**West Indies 'A' to tour Bangladesh**  
Sports Reporter  
West Indies 'A' cricket team, led by Test veteran Ian Bishop, will arrive in Dhaka on November 5 on an eleven-day tour of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary Syed Ashraf Huj said yesterday.

The Caribbean will visit Bangladesh before their month-long tour of India which starts from November 15. During their first tour of Bangladesh, the West Indies 'second string' side will play a three-day match and two one-dayers against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Besides, another limited-over match may be played in Rajshahi, according to Mr. Huj.

Bishop, the 30-year old Trinidadian, who is out of favour with the West Indies selectors since early this year because of his poor form and is now fighting to regain his place in the Caribbean mainstream, is one of the five in the 15-man

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arranging four or five Australian players to perform below their best and lose the game the next day in return for 200,000 US dollars. He said he wanted to talk to me about it later.

"Subsequently that same evening Malik spoke to me again. He said I could have the money at my hotel that night."

"I thought about Malik's offer and then told him I didn't think it was a good idea. I told him Australians did not play their cricket that way; we play to win for the country all the time."

When the accusations were investigated three years ago, Salim Malik told Justice (retired) Fakhruddin G Ebraheem that "Mark Waugh had a grudge against him as he (Mark Waugh) had been dropped and he (Malik) was selected to play for the Essex team in the English County Championship". Malik was exonerated of all

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Wasim had vowed not to play for the national side until his name was cleared of match-fixing allegations. He was implicated along with veteran Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed in an inquiry committee's interim report.

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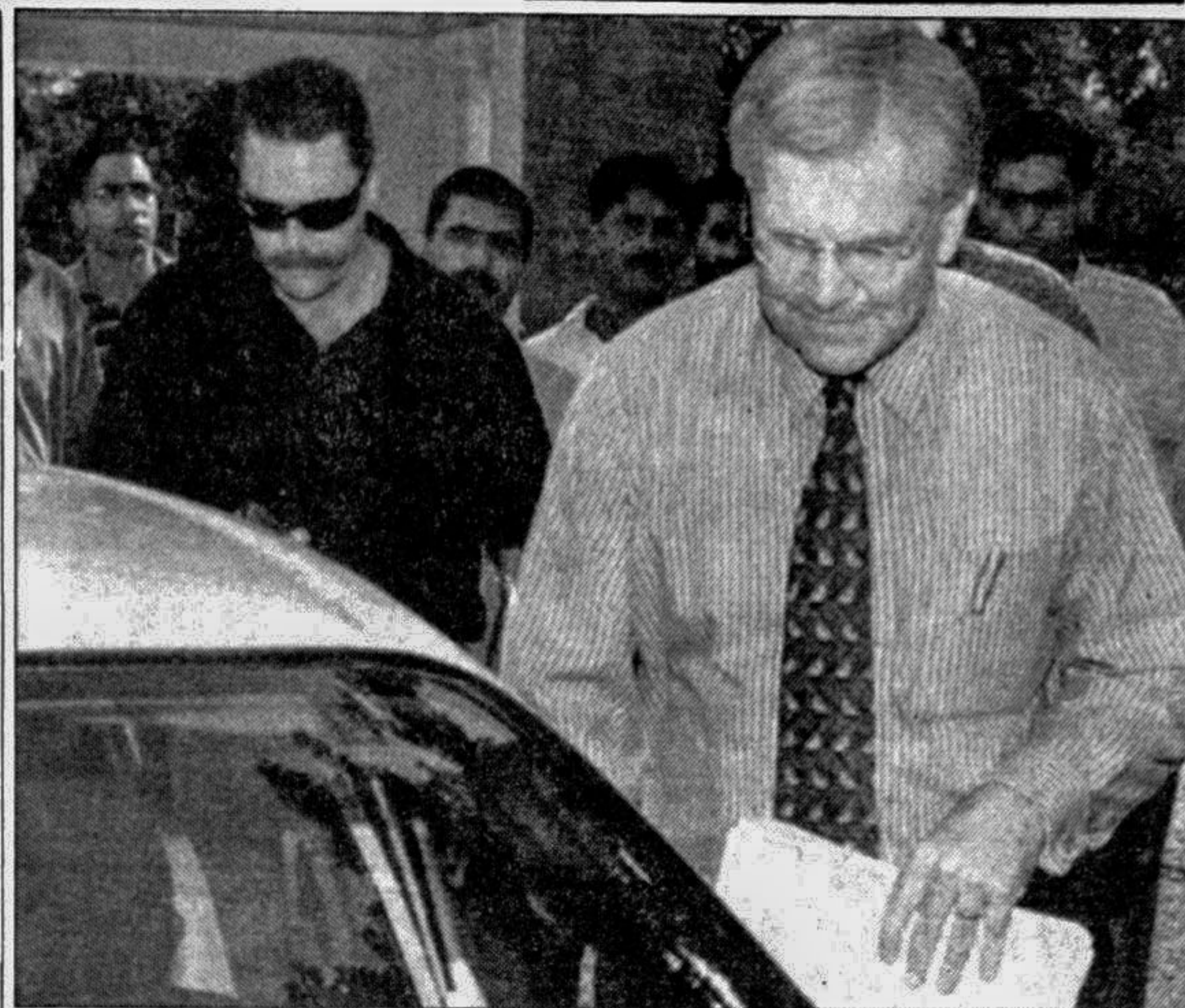
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**IOC's donation**  
International Olympic Committee (IOC) has donated 10,000 dollars for the flood-affected people of Bangladesh, reports UNB.



Malcolm Speed (R), chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, and team coach Jeff Marsh, arrives to give evidence of match fixing against Pakistani cricketers at a Lahore judge's office yesterday.

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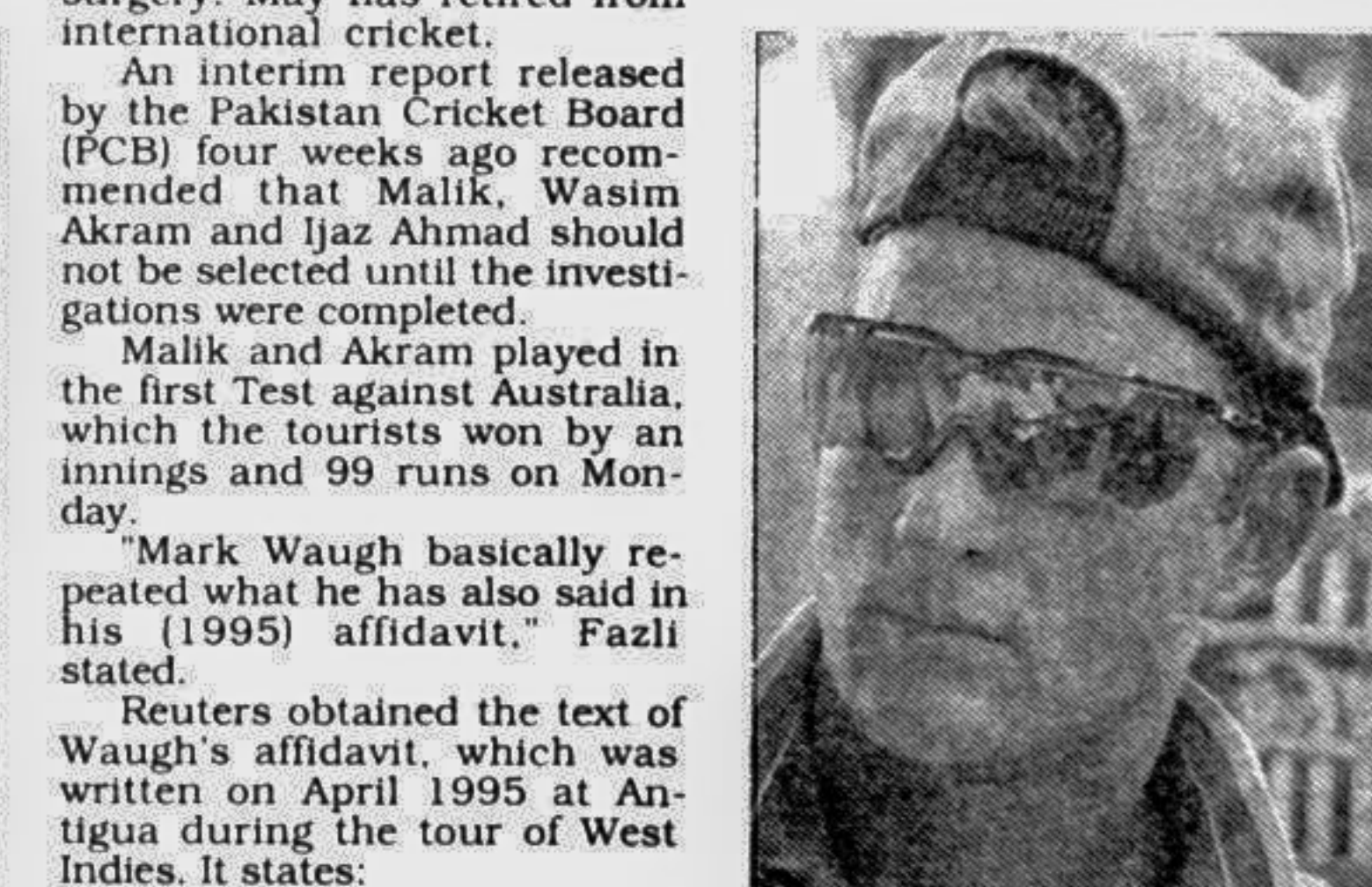
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"Salim Malik was also present during the testimony and was given the opportunity to cross-examine the accuser (Mark Waugh)," Fazli added after the hearing in Lahore.



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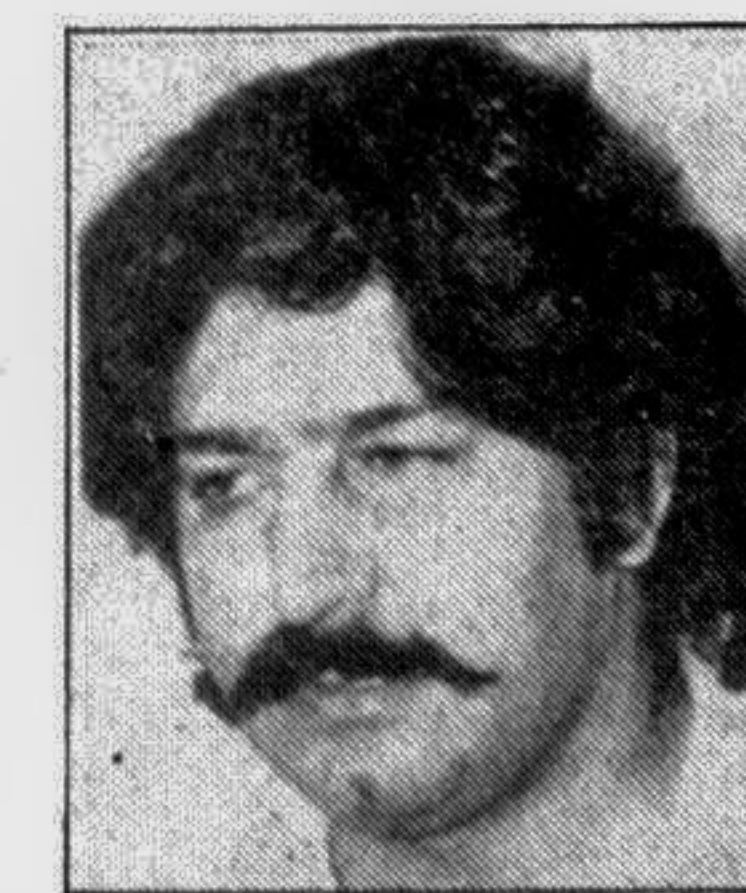
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Pakistan coach Javed Miandad however has said that his team will fight back with confidence in the next games.

"We played badly and Australia performed outstandingly in all departments of the game," he said. Miandad said that knowing it was a turning track they went all out for the game by playing three spinners. "One had to decide either way, so we decided to play the spinners. We won the toss although the batting opportunity was lost, we were very much in the game af-

ter getting the Aussies reeling at 28 for 3."

He stated that it was bad bowling by the spinners to give away 513 runs. "The Aussies spinners did what we were supposed to do."

The coach rejected the feeling in certain quarters that Pakistani cricketers lacked mental toughness. "These cricketers have played more than 30 to 40 matches each, and they have proven their worth with fine performances."

Miandad said that when the team performs badly everything, from rift in the team to pressures, comes to the forefront.

To a question whether he was thinking of making a comeback himself, Miandad said that since he was a playing coach, he may or may not.

A dejected Aamir Sohail however blamed the spin trio for not giving the performance that was expected from them.

Asked whether there was any pressure on the team of the match-fixing and betting controversy, Sohail said there was no impact of the issue on the players.

Sohail, who received a barge of questions to comment on Wasim Akram, said that he considered the inclusion of the all-rounder bolstered the strength of the side. "He made the initial break-through."

When asked whether he was staying as captain, Sohail said that it was up to the board to decide. "If they think I am capable they will keep me."