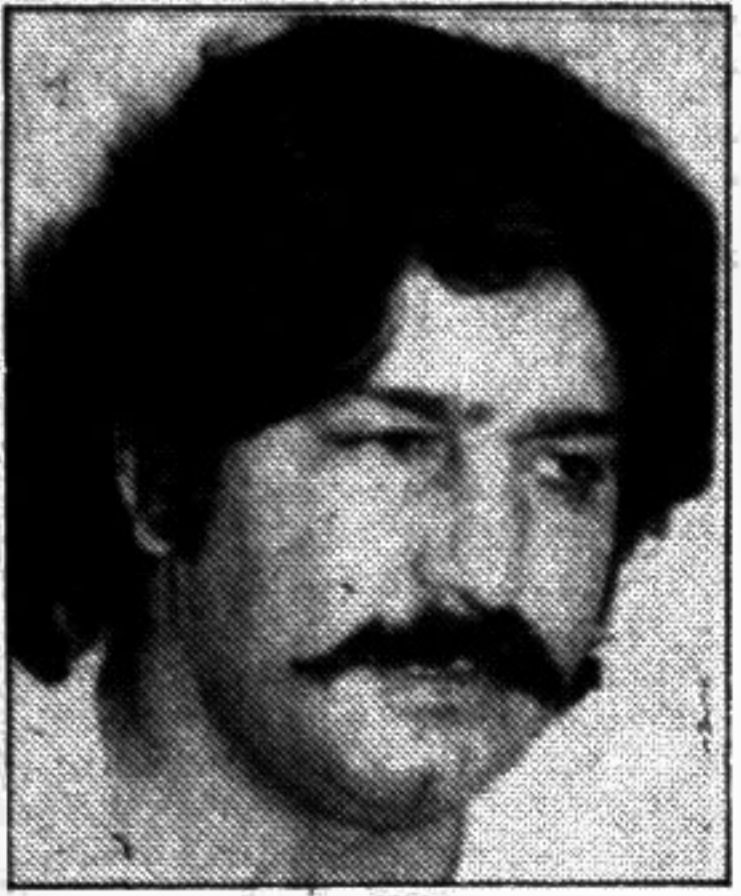


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Sarfraz Nawaz
(Former Pakistan fast bowler)
"We have a number of good fast bowlers and in the next Test we should replace Saqlain Mushtaq with a pacer and make a fast track."
After Pakistan lost to Australia in the first Test at Rawalpindi.

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Swedish coach confident of young players

STOCKHOLM, Oct 7 (Reuters/Internet): Swedish coach Tommy Soderberg said on Wednesday he had full confidence in the three relatively untested players in his squad for next week's European Championship qualifier against Bulgaria in Burgas.
Instead of opting for experience, Soderberg is gambling with form and youth, including among his strikers, Bari's Yksei Osmanovski and uncapped Martin Aslund of Swedish side Norrkoping. Both are well known to Soderberg from his time as Sweden's youth coach.
Midfielder Magnus Svensson of Norwegian club Stavanger was also included in the squad.
The choice of Aslund was clearly unexpected, as he has been playing mainly as a midfielder this season. Aslund admits that even he was surprised.
"I talked to Tommy this morning and he told me that I was chosen as a striker. But I do not feel any pressure as I played as a striker in his youth squad. I have nothing to lose," Aslund said.
Soderberg commented: "Martin Aslund is a strong player with good technical skills. He is also a good finisher and always hard-working."

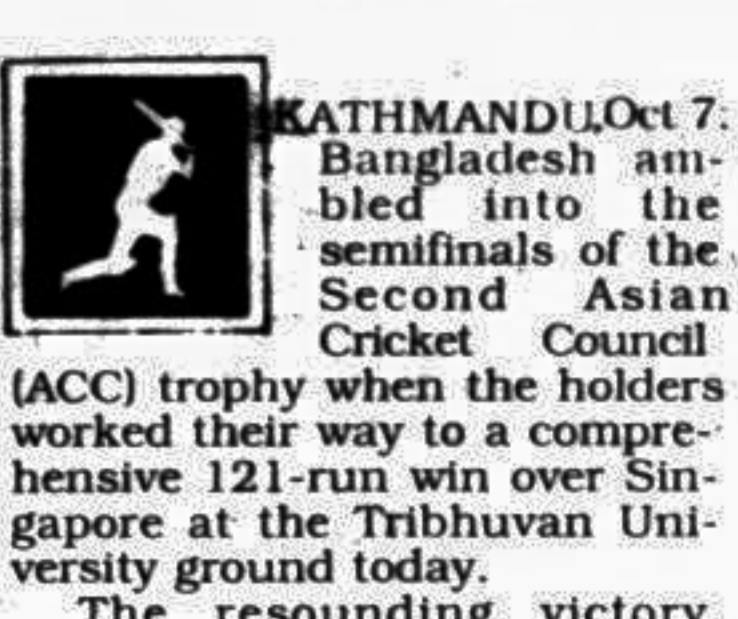
Nat'l rowing Nov 6

The 23rd national rowing championship, organised by Bangladesh Rowing Federation, will be held on November 6 in the River Buriganga near China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge, reports UNB.
Teams from districts, services, organisations and affiliated clubs have asked to send their entries for the six-event meet by October 20.

Div II football

Mohakhali Eleven beat Bashabo Tarun Sangha 1-0 in the Metropolitan Second Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.
Sayed Aminul Islam netted the only goal in the 73rd minute.
In the other game, Jurain Janata Club and Avijatrik Malibagh shared points after their 2-2 draw.

Player-of-the-match Aminul unhappy Singapore make meek match



KATHMANDU, Oct 7: Bangladesh ambled into the semifinals of the Second Asian Cricket Council (ACC) trophy when the holders worked their way to a comprehensive 121-run win over Singapore at the Tribhuvan University ground today.
The resounding victory, Bangladesh's second on a trot, was sealed when Singapore, chasing a huge Bangladesh total of 279 for nine in 47 overs, could manage only 158 runs for eight wickets before exhausting their share of overs. The match was reduced by three overs due to wet ground condition prevailing in the morning.
With this win, Bangladesh topped group A with five points from three outings, reducing their tomorrow's match against Maldives to only academic appeal.

The day, to some extent, turned out to be prolonged for Bangladesh, who at one stage sent Singapore reeling to 99 for five but were denied of an early victory by an obdurate Zubeen Shroff who scored an unbeaten 73.
Hot on the heels of their thumping 141-run victory over Malaysia on Monday, it was once again a collective effort from the recharged batteries of Aminul and Co that stymied the sub-standard but spirited Singapore side.
Bangladesh had half their job done when, aided by half centuries from captain Aminul Islam and Faruque Ahmed, followed by a breezy 48 from Al-Shahriar, they piled on a massive score.

Bangladesh, however, had an uncomfortable start when, sent into bat by Singapore skipper Kiran Deshpande, they lost both their openers Shahriar Hossain and Javed Omar Belim, no thanks to the controlled bowling of new-ball duo, Reginald Martens and Joshua Dearing.
Dearing, the 19-year-old right-arm seamer who plays cricket in Queensland, was the most impressive among the two with his natural out swingers and occasional short pitch deliveries.
The youngest cricketer among the ageing lot drew first blood in the 13th over. He had an itchy-feet Shahriar caught at point for 12.

His partner Martens then captured the wicket of Javed, highest scorer (79) against Malaysia, at 21, leaving Bangladesh at 37 for two in 13.4 overs. Javed hammered five fours in his chancy 46-ball knock.
But once the two were removed from the firing line, Bangladesh took the wind out of the Singapore sail with Aminul and Faruque playing sensibly. The two experienced campaigners put on 123 runs for the third wicket to lay the foundation of

the huge total.
Aminul, who played some elegant shots in his polished knock, scored 56 off 62 balls, which included a sweetly-timed six over extra cover and three fours.
Faruque, playing his first match in the tournament, hammered a strokeful 58 off 74 balls, studded with half a dozen fours and a huge six over long-on.
But both returned in quick succession.
The enterprising part of the Bangladesh innings came when vice-captain Khaled Mahmud and Al-Shahriar pushed on the accelerator. Bangladesh had got off to a slow start scoring their first 50 in 15.2 overs, 100 in 26.5 overs and 150 in 32.2 overs. But Mahmud and Al-Shahriar virtually sent the opponents on a leather hunt in the last ten overs. Bangladesh reached 200 in 37.2 overs and the 250 came in 43.3 overs.
Al-Shahriar, the more aggressive of the two, smashed a whirlwind 48 off 28 balls, which included three sixes, two consecutive over boundaries against off-spinner Zubeen Shroff. Vice-captain Mahmud chipped in with a rapid-fire 30 off 24 balls.
Singapore were never up in their chase. They lost wickets at regular intervals. Only Zubeen Shroff with an unbeaten 73 of 132 balls stood among the ruins. Among the Bangladeshi bowlers, captain Aminul Islam captured three wickets to complete a savoury day's cricket. The dapper all-rounder was later declared as the player-of-the-match for his virtuoso all-round performance.

But Aminul was not happy with the overall performance of his side. "Faruque Bhai, Al-Shahriar and Mahmud batted well. Specially Al-Shahriar played a tremendous innings. But I'm not happy with my batting. I should have stayed there," said Aminul after the match.
"The bowling department leaves a lot to be desired. We gave 27 extra runs in a total of 158. This is disgusting," said the Bangladesh captain.
"The damp wicket caused problems in the morning. But with the progress of the game it became much easier to bat on," said Aminul.

Aminul is expecting to make a few changes in tomorrow's match against the Maldives.
"Mushiq is yet to play a match in the tournament. We might try him tomorrow. But things will be decided after the team meeting in the evening," said Aminul.

OTHER RESULTS
Group B's United Arab Emirates, who are fighting with Hong Kong to avoid an early clash against Bangladesh in the semifinals, recorded a massive 203-run win over Japan.

Sent into bat, UAE scored 273 before being all out in 44.1 overs with Malik notching highest 82 runs.
In reply, Japan were bundled out for 70 in 29.1 overs.
Hong Kong, who are leading the Group B table by virtue of a better run-rate, recorded a comprehensive six-wicket win over Thailand.
Batting first Thailand could muster only 125 before being all out in 43 overs. In reply, Hong Kong reached the victory target of 126 in 13.3 overs losing only four wickets. Sada Hussain smashed a brilliant 53 off 33 balls.
Malaysia, who will lock horns with Singapore in a do-or-die battle tomorrow to fill the second semifinal slot from Group A, defeated PNG, semi-finalists of the last edition, by 65 runs.
Malaysia, defending a fighting total of 170 all out in 48.5 overs, went on to skittle out PNG for 105 in 27.4 overs.

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH

Shahriar c Martens b Dearing	12
Javed c Dewan b Martens	21
Faruque lbw b Shroff	58
Aminul c Dearing b Mart	48
Al-Shahriar c Vijay b Ravichan	48
K Mahmud c Shroff b Ravichan	30
Hasibul c Dewan b Ravichan	8
K Masood not out	12
Rafique run out	0
Hasanuzzaman not out	1
Extras (w-21, nb-1, lb-6, b-5)	33
Total (For eight wks in 47 overs)	279
Did not bat: Saifuddin	
Fall of wks: 1-34, 2-37, 3-160, 4-170, 5-238, 6-251, 7-264, 8-264	

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
R Martens	10	1	59	1
Dearing	10	3	25	1
Mohan	2	0	24	0
Deshpande	7	0	34	0
Mari	9	0	47	1
Vijay	1	0	10	0
Shroff	4	0	47	1
Ravichand	4	0	22	3

SINGAPORE

Vijay c Faruque b Saifuddin	1
Scott run out	10
Shroff not out	73
Dearing b K Mahmud	1
K Martens b Al-Shahriar	15
Ravichand b Aminul	10
Deshpande st K Masood b Aminul	11
Ranggi c Javed b Rafique	2
Mari c Hasanuzzaman b Aminul	0
R Martens not out	8
Extras (w-17, nb-3, lb-1, b-6)	27
Total (For eight wks in 47 overs)	158
Fall of wks: 1-2, 2-36, 3-49, 4-80, 5-97, 6-117, 7-122, 8-127	

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Hasibul	10	0	26	0
Saifuddin	9	0	39	1
K Mahmud	6	1	13	1
Rafique	10	2	34	1
Al-Shahriar	3	0	16	1
Aminul	9	2	23	3

Result: Bangladesh won by 121 runs.
Player-of-the-match: Aminul Islam.

Bangladesh-WI 'A' match schedule

Sports Reporter
West Indies 'A' cricket team, led by Ian Bishop, which will tour Bangladesh from November 5 to 15, will play their first limited over match against the Bangladesh national team at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 8.
The 15-member team which includes five Test veterans, will play their next limited over match on November 10. The only three-day match between the tourists and Bangladesh will be held from November 12 to 14.
According to BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Huj yesterday, the second limited over match will be held at Rajshahi on November 10.
Besides, upon their arrival, the second string of West Indies will also play a practice match against a BCB selection on November 7.

No ODI at BKSP

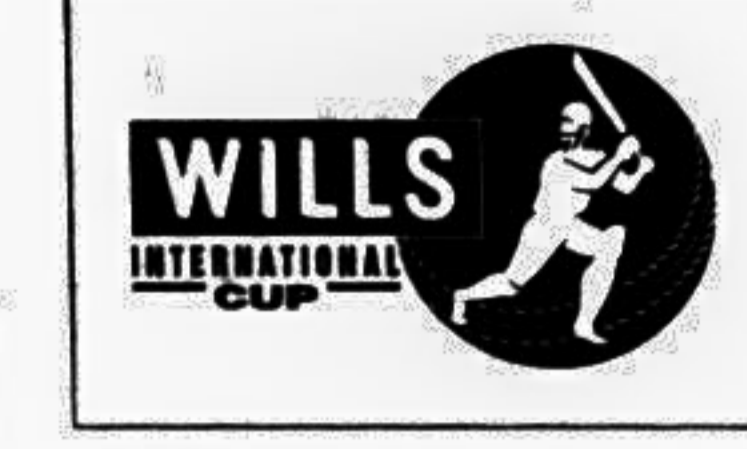
Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh-England match, scheduled at the BKSP ground on October 23, will not be considered as a One-Day International (ODI) match because of some technical problems, a senior BCB official disclosed last night.
Talking to The Daily Star, the BCB official who wants to remain anonymous, said that BKSP was not recognised as an ODI venue by the International Cricket Council because it does not fulfil the requirements for an ODI, such as public galleries and TV reply system for the third umpire.
England, who will arrive in the city on October 18, will play their first practice match against Zimbabwe on October 21 at the BKSP ground. That match, too, will not be an ODI.

Zimbabwe shot out for 221

Star Sportwatch
Indian bowlers staged a late rally to restrict Zimbabwe to 221 on the first day of the one-off Test at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.
Sent into bat, Zimbabwe went to lunch scoring a sedate 81 for one. At tea they were reduced to 162 for five and were eventually bundled out shortly before the match was called off for the day. Leg-spinner Anil Kumble meanwhile became the fourth Indian and 35 bowler in the history of world cricket to claim 200 Test wickets when he had Mbangwa stumped by wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia. Zimbabwe opener Gavin Rennie scored 47 and Andy Flower chipped in with 30.
India were at 6 for 1 when stumps were drawn.

Tickets up for grabs Oct 20

Sports Reporter
The tickets of the Wills International Cup, to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October 24, will go on sale from October 20. Tanveer Mazhar Islam Tanna, a Bangladesh Cricket Board vice-president and member-secretary of the ticket and seating sub-committee said yesterday.
IFIC Bank has bought the rights to sell tickets through its 12 branches in the capital. The bank, which also sold tickets of the Second Asian Cup in Dhaka way back in 1988, bid the highest 30 lakh Taka ahead of two other banks--City and Al-Baraka who offered 2.5 million each.
According to Mr. Islam, the name of the branches will be announced today.
In order to avoid any security leaks, the Bangladesh Cricket Board will use hologram image on the tickets for the first time. The hologram will carry the BCB logo.

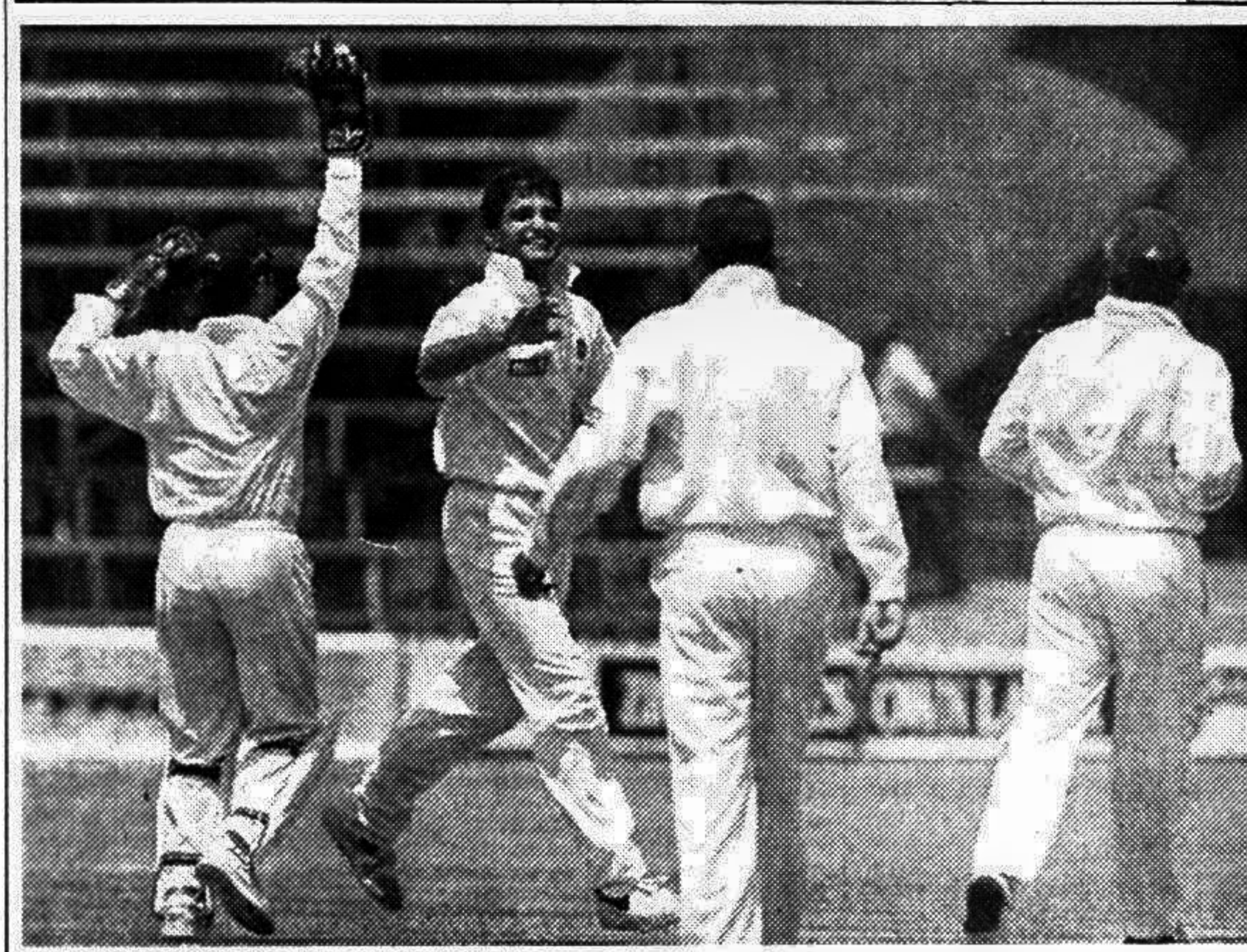


The rate of the tickets for each of the eight matches are: Western gallery--Tk 120, VIP--Tk 1500, Club house (west)--Tk 1200, Club house (east)--Tk 1000 and international gallery (for foreigners only)--Tk 750.
Besides, BCB has also prepared 16 air-conditioned and 24 non air-conditioned hospitality boxes which have already been sold at the rate of Tk 2.5 and two lakh respectively.
The day-night knock-out tournament involving nine Test playing nations will begin with the inaugural match between New Zealand and Zimbabwe which is considered as the only pre-quarterfinal of the eight-match tournament.
The next match, the first quarterfinal, will be played on October 25 between England and South Africa while World Champions Sri Lanka will meet the winners of the first match between New Zealand and Zimbabwe in the second quarterfinal on October 26.
After a day of break on October 27, the evening of which the official dinner will be hosted, India will meet Australia in the third quarterfinal on October 28 followed by the last quarterfinal between Pakistan and West Indies on October 29. The two semifinals are billed for October 30 and 31 while the final will be played on November 1.

Asif Iqbal, the former Pakistan Test captain and the event-manager of the Wills International Cup, will arrive in the capital today from Sharjah. This time Asif will stay until the tournament ends on November 1.

Painter Russell

LONDON, Oct 7 (Reuters/Internet): England wicketkeeper Jack Russell has already been called up for the World Cup final at Lord's next year -- but as a painter, not a player.
NatWest, one of the sponsors has commissioned Russell, acclaimed for his paintings of cricket scenes around the world, to capture the winning moment of the final on canvas.
"It seems unlikely that I will be required to play for England in the cricket World Cup so I am hugely chuffed to be selected by NatWest to paint the winning moment of this massive event. Hopefully it will capture England's victory," Russell said.
The World Cup, involving 12 nations, will be held from May 14 to June 20 in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the Netherlands.



Indian cricketers celebrating the fall of a Zimbabwe wicket on the opening day of the one-off Test at Harare yesterday. — Internet photo

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