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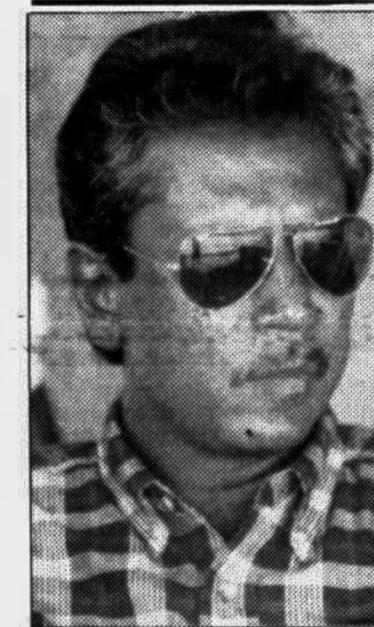
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(Indian cricket coach) "Not only Lara, we have to contain all of them. They are all very aggressive."

Arjuna to take legal action

COLOMBO, Oct 31 (AFP): Sri Lankan cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga is suing three newspapers for 4.6 million dollars over reports on his absence from the September Commonwealth Games in Malaysia, a report said today.

The three privately-owned newspapers allegedly attributed Ranatunga's non-appearance to the lack of money for players, the state-run Daily News said.

The paper said senior players, including 34-year-old Ranatunga were kept out of the games squad because the selectors believed they needed a rest after participating in several tournaments.

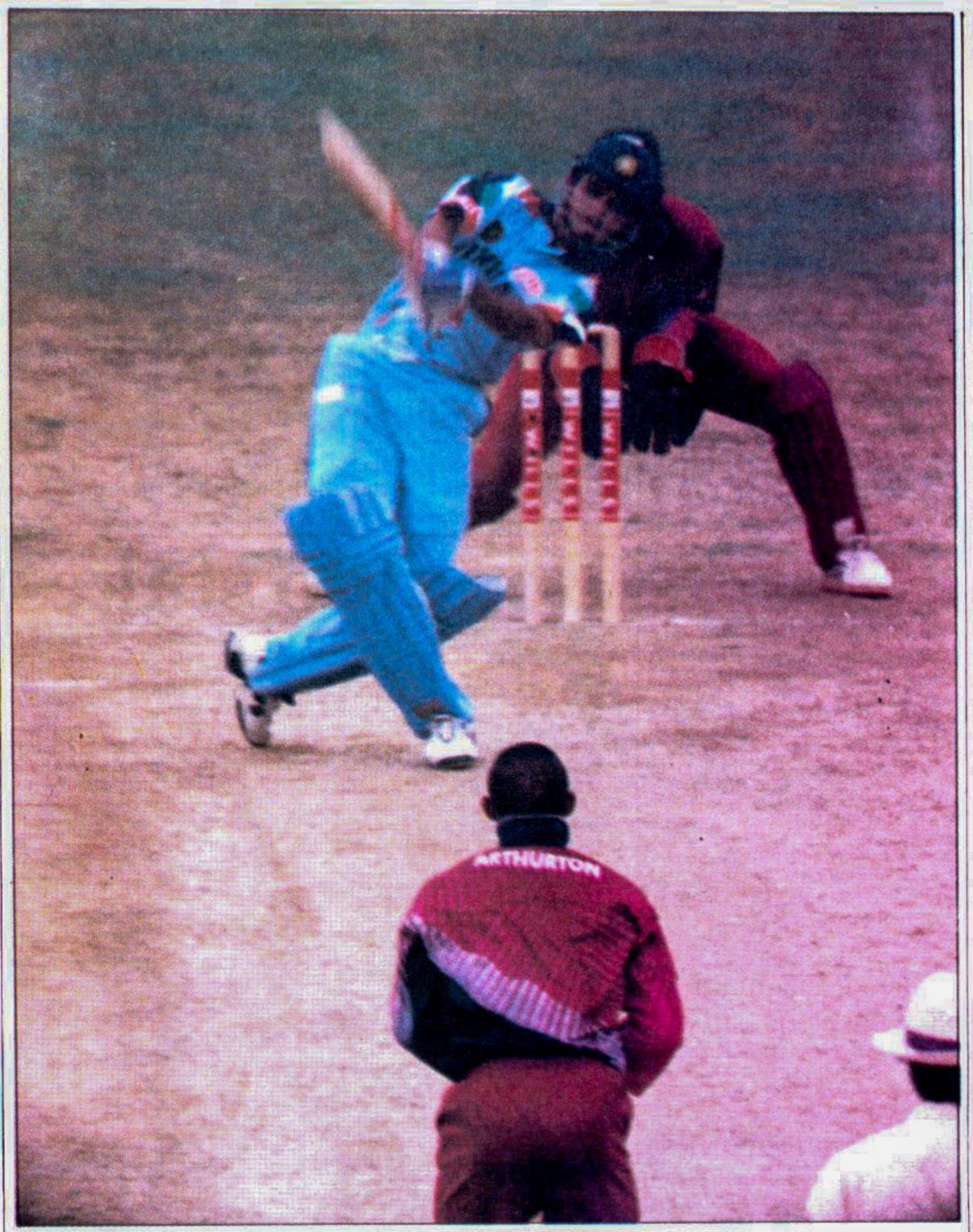
Queensland atop

CANBERRA, Oct 31: Queensland moved to the top of the Sheffield Shield with an outright victory over New South Wales on the final day of their cricket match here Friday, reports AFP.

A two-wicket burst from paceman Andy Bichel and three wickets from spinner Paul Jackson propelled the champions to victory.

Queensland won by an innings and 66 runs to go top of the standings with eight points from two games, while the Blues, without their core of Test players, are yet to claim a point after two games.

In Adelaide, an unbeaten century from opener Jamie Cox took Tasmania to 302 for four at the cose on the opening day of their match against South Aus-



India opener Saurav Ganguly pulls Keith Arthurton for maximum. -Star photo by AKM Mohsin

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

Mediocrity On Centre-Stage

By Shakil Kasem

preoccupied with staying alive One does not quite attribute the virtues of drab, dull profesthan taking the fight to the West sionalism to the men from the Indian bowlers. While trying to Caribbean. Instinct an intuconsolidate they used up preition are more their line of cious overs, and in the end, to one's surprise. India folded up business. Yesterday Brian Lara and his team turned on a highly at least 40 runs short of what clinical and business like perwas needed to make a tight formance that stopped the highmatch. To have expected Tendulkar to make the breakflying Indians in heir tracks. The bowlers, particularly throughs while bowling was asking for the improbable. the new ball trundlers, planned Tendulkar obliged for a while, their attack with particular

emphasis on line and length. but there is a point when even genius must bow down to the Once the law of averages caught up with Sachin Tendulkar, the mediocre. Kumble was a disappoint-West Indian quickies moved in ment and, along with his skipquickly for the kill. After Tenper, would not want to rememdulkar fell to a brilliant effort, ber this tournament with much courtesy of Carl Hooper in the affection. For Brian Lara, on slips. Azharuddin plunged Inthe other hand, life is beginning dia into gloom by putting his to treat him well as captain, pads in the way of one that had pace and did not look like doing and he seems to bring the best out of his charges. Chanderpaul anything but going straight.

Sourav Ganguly came good with a workman like 83, but it was Robin Singh who really spared India the blushes with an unbeaten 73. This knock helped India stay afloat and looked like keeping the West Indies on the field for a duration which would be an embarrassment for a semi-final. The

pretensions aside with disdain and utter contempt. When their main strike bowler is shown the door in the yery first over (a la Wasim Akram), the bowling side is immediately on the defensive, looking for shadows in every nook and cranny. Bringing on a spinner in the 4th over to stop the bleeding was an indication that Azhar was driven to desperate measures, because the runs still kept on flowing from all directions. Chanderpaul was a different personality, harsh and rude to every bowler who

West Indian openers, particu-

larly Philo Wallace, then pro-

ceeded to shrug Indian bowling

turned his arm over. Even Wallace took a backseat. Remind me to ask Tendulkar when he gets the time to practice his bowling. He bowls three different kinds, depending on who and what he faces. To Philo Wallace it was a slow one that wobbled in the air, and by the time Wallace's bat responded to his mind, the catch was there for the taking. Unlikely breakthrough, from an unlikely source. Or was it? India could not have been proud of what they offered on the day. Without Tendulkar on the scoresheet. the rest of the batting was more

has developed from a push-andprod player to one of sheer class, capable of holding his own with the best.

Dhaka's interest in keeping the subcontinent alive took an upturn when Chanderpaul enhanced Tendulkar's reputation as a bowler and Carl Hooper's brain died on him. India's mindset was difficult to comprehend, and their body language seemed to suggest that they were for some inexplicable reason apologetic for being in the semis. The fielding left gaping holes, and the bowling lacked the penetration and commitment that the Windies quickies made common place. But both sides left vast room for improvement. Because you can bet the South Africans won't be shaking in their boots after watching this particular match.

STAR OF THE DAY



Scoring runs has never been difficult for Daryll John Cullinan. And at the age of 16 he became the youngest South African to score a first-class century eclipsing the great Graeme Pollock's mark.

The 31-year-old righthanded batsman has now established himself as a permanent member of the team.

Though he has proven himself comfortable with both pace and spin. Cullinan has still found Shane Warne a tricky customer to handle. Cullinan's Test callibre is

unquestionable. He has played county cricket for Derbyshire.

Daryll John Cullinan Born: 04 March 1967, Kimberley

Major Teams: South Africa. Derbyshire, Gauteng, Western Province, Border. Known As: Daryll Cullinan

Batting Style: Right-Hand Bat Bowling Style: Right-Arm Off Break ODI Debut: South Africa v Pakistan at Durban, Total In-

ternational Series, 1992/93. Latest ODI: South Africa v Sri Lanka at Dhaka, Wills International Cup, 1998/99.

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (including 30/10/1998)

SCOREBOARD



Scoreboard of the second semifinal of the Wills International Cup cricket tournament between India and West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:

INDIA Ganguly st Jacobs b Lewis Tendulkar c Hooper b Dillon Azharuddin Ibw Dillon Dravid c Williams b Hooper Jadeja run out Robin Singh not out Mongia b Dillon Srinath not out Extras: (lb-5, wb-8)

Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs) 242 Fall of wkts: 1-14; 2-21; 3-91;

4-125; 5-153; 6-236 Bowler: Dillon Hooper Simmons Arthurton 58 Lewis WEST INDIES

Wallace c and b Tendulkar Williams c Mongia b Srinath Chanderpaul b Tendulkar Lara not out Hooper e Agarkar b Kumble Arthurton not out Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-2, nb-5) Total: (for four wickets in 47 overs)

Did not bat: P Simmons, R Jacobs, R King, M Dillon, R Fall of wkts: 1-27; 2-108; 3-

143; 4-156 Bowler 56 Srinath 0 25 Agarkar Kumble 35 Joshi Tendulkar Dravid Result: West Indies won by

six wickets. Sunday's final: South Africa v West Indies. Player-of-the-match: Mervyn

Umpires: David Orchard (South Africa) and Peter Willey (England)

Pak tour of India from January 21

Hasan Masood

The proposed tour of India by Pakistan after 12 years is likely to start from January 21 and will continue up to March 15, a source close to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said yesterday.

The block timing of the seven-week long tour was decided last week in a meeting of the presidents of the Pakistan and the India board -- Khaled Mahmood and Raj Singh Dungarpur -- who are now in Dhaka to witness the Wills International Cup.

Pakistan, who last toured India in 1986-87, will play three Tests and many One-Day Internationals against their arch rivals. The last Test match between the two perennial foes was played when India toured Pakistan in 1989-90 under the captaincy of Kris Srikanth

Calcutta, Madras and Bangalore have been primarily earmarked as Test venues while the limited-over matches are likely to be played at Chandrigarh's Mohali, Cuttack and Kanpur.

Shane starts bowling

MELBOURNE, Oct 31: Shane Warne moved a significant step closer to a return to first-class cricket today when he bowled in a competitive match for the first time in six months, reports Reuters.

The Australian leg-spinner wasted little time getting back in the groove when he took a wicket in his first over.

Playing for St Kilda against Geelong in a Victorian district match. Warne returned the tidy figures of one for 13 off six overs, including a stumping from his third ball.

Warne underwent surgery on his right shoulder in May and is hoping to be back in time for the forthcoming Ashes series against England

Shaun Graf, manager for the Victorian state side, said Warne was delighted with his first tryout and was hoping to play in next weekend's limited-overs match against New South

"He bowled about three or four balls during that six-over spell where he really gave it a shoulder rotation and there was 27.6 4.34 | no discomfort at all," Graf said.

Wills International Cup final today

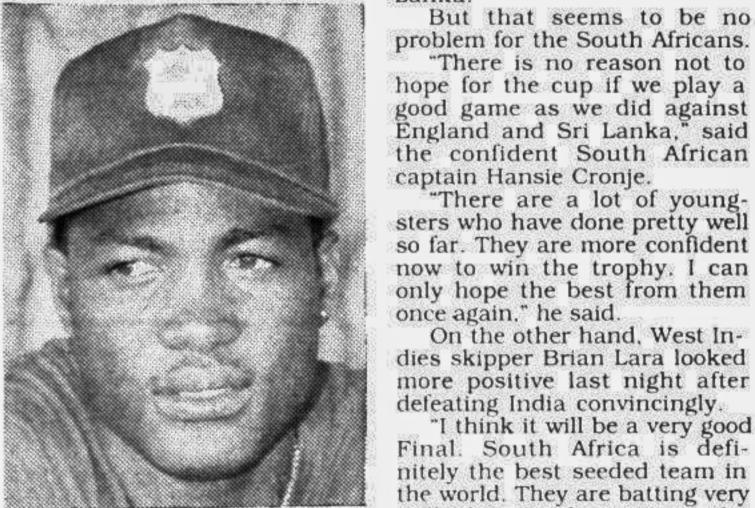
Whoever wins, it will be Dhaka's cup of joy

Hasan Masood

The last curtain of the Wills International Cup will be dropped tonight after the day-night Final between South Africa and West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Sta-

Weather permitting, the match will start at 2 pm. Bangladesh Television will telecast the match Live while Bangladesh Betar will provide ball-by-ball commentary.

The winners of today's Final will be richer by 100 thousand



BRIAN LARA

US dollars. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to hand over the trophy and the cash awards.

South Africa paved their way into the grand finale of the nine-nation knock-out tournament with an emphatic 92run win over World Champions Sri Lanka last Friday while the Caribbeans stormed into the final last night by handing India a surprisingly facile six-wicket

The two finalists met ten times in the past with each winning five games. The South Africans did not

have any practice yesterday. The Proteas, who have come to Dhaka without four leading players -- Allan Donald, Shaun Pollock, Gary Kirsten and Lance Klusener, will have only twelve fit players today as their thirteenth man, middle- order batsman Dale Benkenstein. sustained a toe injury during the semi-final clash against Sri

But that seems to be no problem for the South Africans. "There is no reason not to hope for the cup if we play a good game as we did against England and Sri Lanka," said the confident South African captain Hansie Cronje.

"There are a lot of youngsters who have done pretty well so far. They are more confident now to win the trophy. I can only hope the best from them once again," he said.

On the other hand, West Indies skipper Brian Lara looked more positive last night after defeating India convincingly. "I think it will be a very good

Final. South Africa is defi-

the world. They are batting very well, their bowlers seem to be getting it right and I am expecting a real good game tomorrow," said the West Indies captain after last night's match. "Our bowlers, specially Dillon and Reon King, did very

good bowling today and I hope a repeat from them tomorrow, Lara added. The cultured Dhaka crowd expects a good contest from the two strong sides. Going by the

excellent crowd behaviour

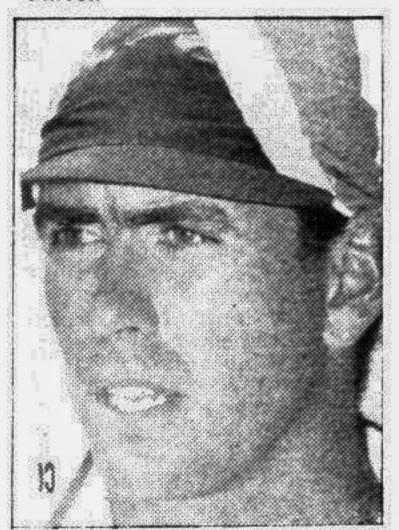
throughout the tournament, the

crowd shall cheer every good

shot and each dismissal. Whatever the outcome, cricket will be the winner tonight.

TEAMS

WEST INDIES (from): Brian Lara (captain), Stuart Williams, Philo Wallace, Shivnarin Chanderpaul, Carl Hooper, Keith Arthurton, Phil Simmons. Ridley Jacobs (keeper). Nixon McLean, Rawl Lewis, Mervyn Dillon, Clayton Lambert, Reon King and Neil Mc-



HANSIE CRONJE

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Hansie Cronje (captain). Mark Boucher (keeper), Daryll Cullinan, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Mike Rindle, Derek Crookes, Nicky Boje, Pat Symcox, Allan Dowson, Mkhaya Ntini and Steve Elworthy.

Today's Officials: David Shepherd and Srinivas Venkatraghavan (umpires). Peter Willey (third umpire) and Ranjan Madhugale (match referee).

Wills Cup: Itsu bitsu teenie weenies

Syed Ashfaqul Haque

DETECTIVE DOGS Dogs seized the limelight

vesterday. Five dogs became stars, at least for sometime, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

But they were not the average

dogs that roam the city streets.

They belong to the privileged

club, members of which are 'sniffer' dogs. Under army escort, those 'sniffer' dogs went out on patrol duty both inside and outside the stadium. Although the dogs did not detect any explosives, they

could arrest the attention of a good number of photographers and onlookers. The 'sniffer' dogs, however appeared rather embarrassed in

the face of flashlights and clicking cameras.

HASINA ALERT

Security men were on red alert yesterday as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived to see the second semi-final between West Indies and India Hundreds of members of lawenforcing agencies made their

Bangladesh Cricket Board president by her side. Hasina, however, left the

presence felt in the stadium

arena to ensure the maximum

security of the premier, who

was sitting at the VVIP Box with

stadium after the India innings. much to the relief of the spectators at the VIP stand and Hospitality Boxes. The security personnel imposed restrictions on the movement and transit of the spectators, making them virtually sit stationary for nearly two hours.

LARA ... LARA ...LARA After yesterday's match

Brian Lara would certainly love the Dhaka crowd. Albeit the majority of the spectators were behind India, a section of appreciative fans chose to jive with the Calypso beat. With beating trumpets, blowing whistles and chanting the name of the West Indies captain, a strong band of spectators cherished each and every stroke played by Lara throughout his

unbeaten knock of 60. Earlier, on October 29, after their quarter-final match against Pakistan, Lara felt that the crowd was wishing a victory against them. But, yesterday, it was a different experience of the Trinidadian.

FACE TO FACE

The two best batsmen of the world were face to face vesterday. Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar took on each other head-on while the West Indies innings was in progress. But Lara was with the willow and Tendulkar was out with the cherry. The Caribbean captain facing Tendulkar in the 19 over, paid his tribute to the Indian star without scoring any run in that over.

THE RETURN OF PHILO

Opener Philo Wallace pulled the very first ball of the West Indies innings straight over the long-off boundary. Javagal Srinath simply couldn't believe it. But it was nothing new for the big fellow Philo.

The Barbados batsman made his 'debut in international cricket against Pakistan in 1991. The very first ball he faced in international cricket, and that too from the great Imran Khan, was disposed off in similar fashion over the ropes. But it was not sufficient to sustain a place for him in the Caribbean side. It took him another seven years to return to the side. And what a return!

DAZZLING DEBUT

Reon King made a fiery debut in one-day cricket yesterday. The 21-year-old Guyanese was fast and accurate. He gave away only 26 runs in his share of ten overs. The speedster was seaming and swinging a lot, much to the discomfort of the Indians. He was recorded 138km/h on the speedometer, 2km/h faster than his new-ball partner Mervyn Dillon. However, his first one-day wicket remained elusive.





-AP/UNB photo

West Indian captain Brian Lara (C) congratulates Carl

Hooper, who took a brilliant catch to get rid of Sachin

Tendulkar.