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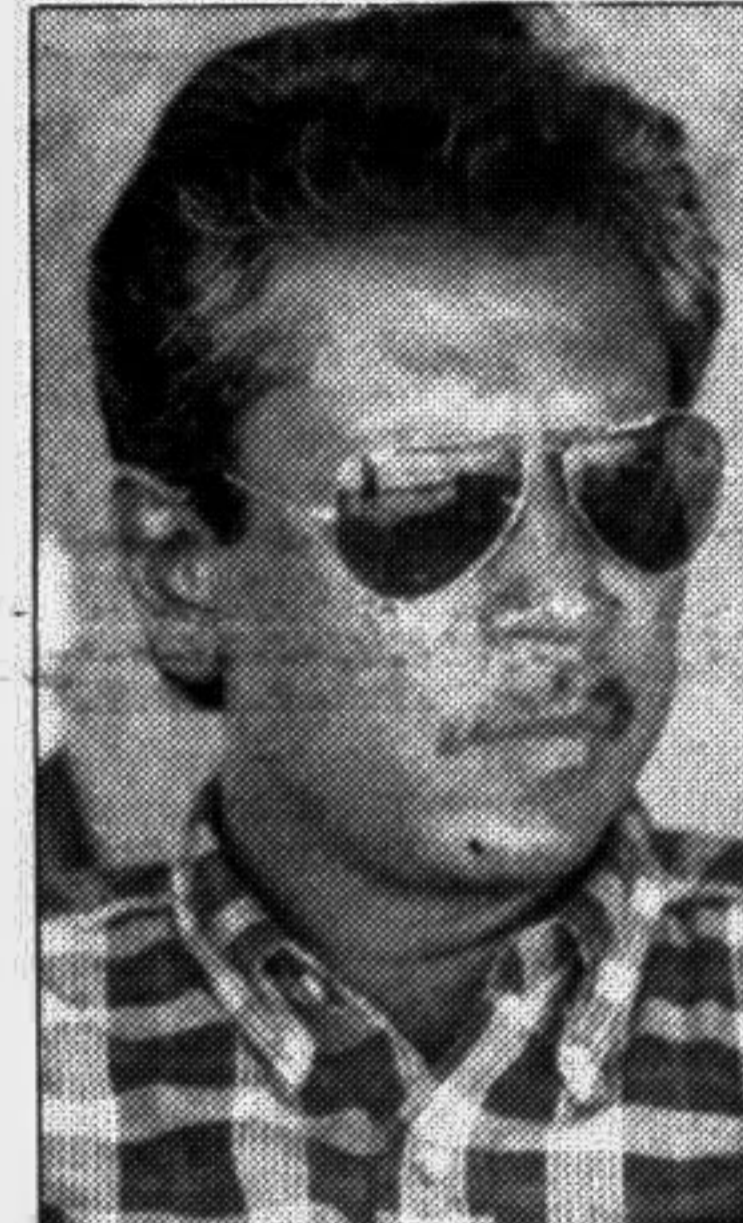
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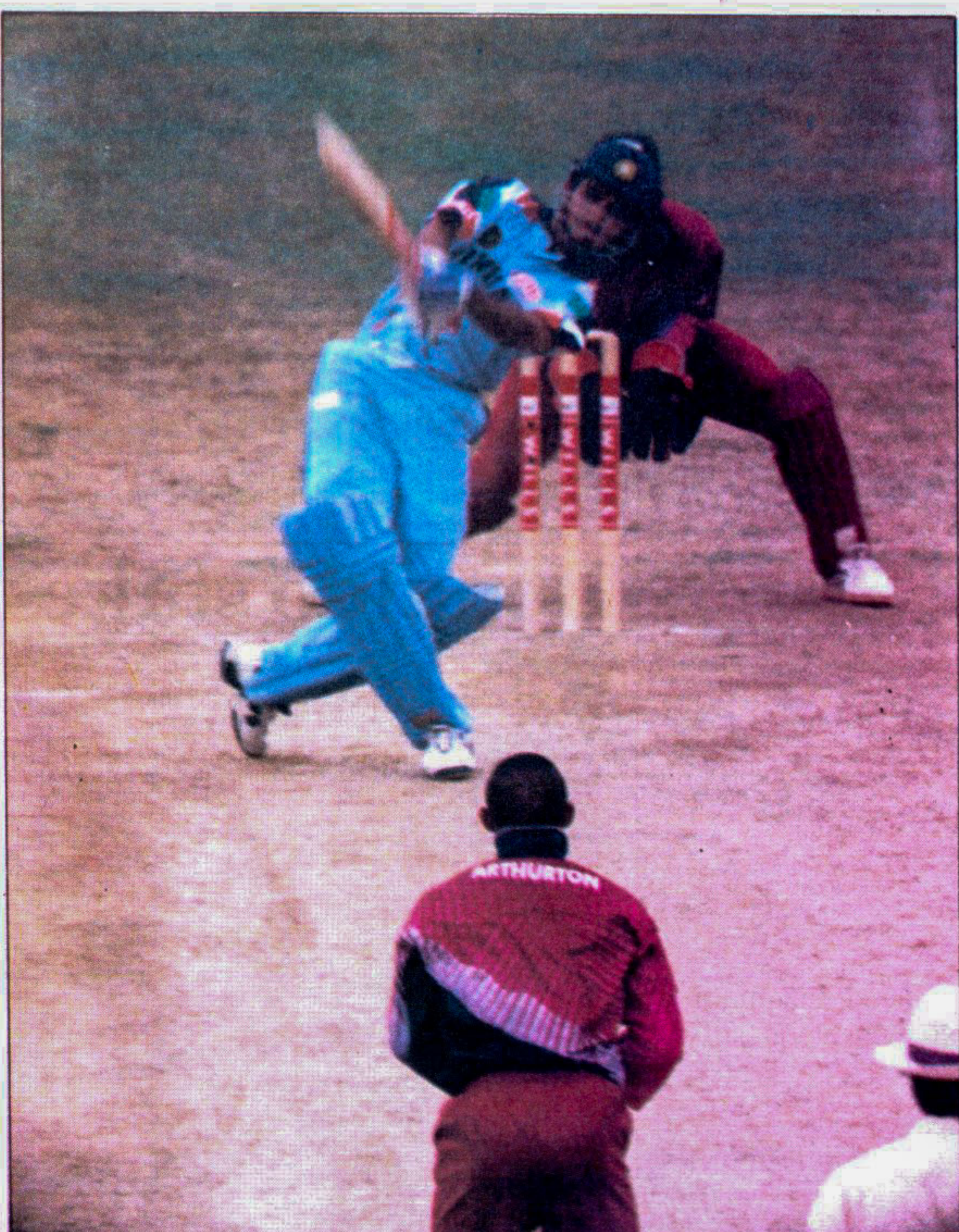
(Indian cricket coach)
 "Not only Lara, we have to contain all of them. They are all very aggressive."

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 Cook took Tasmania to 302 for four at the close on the opening day of their match against South Australia.



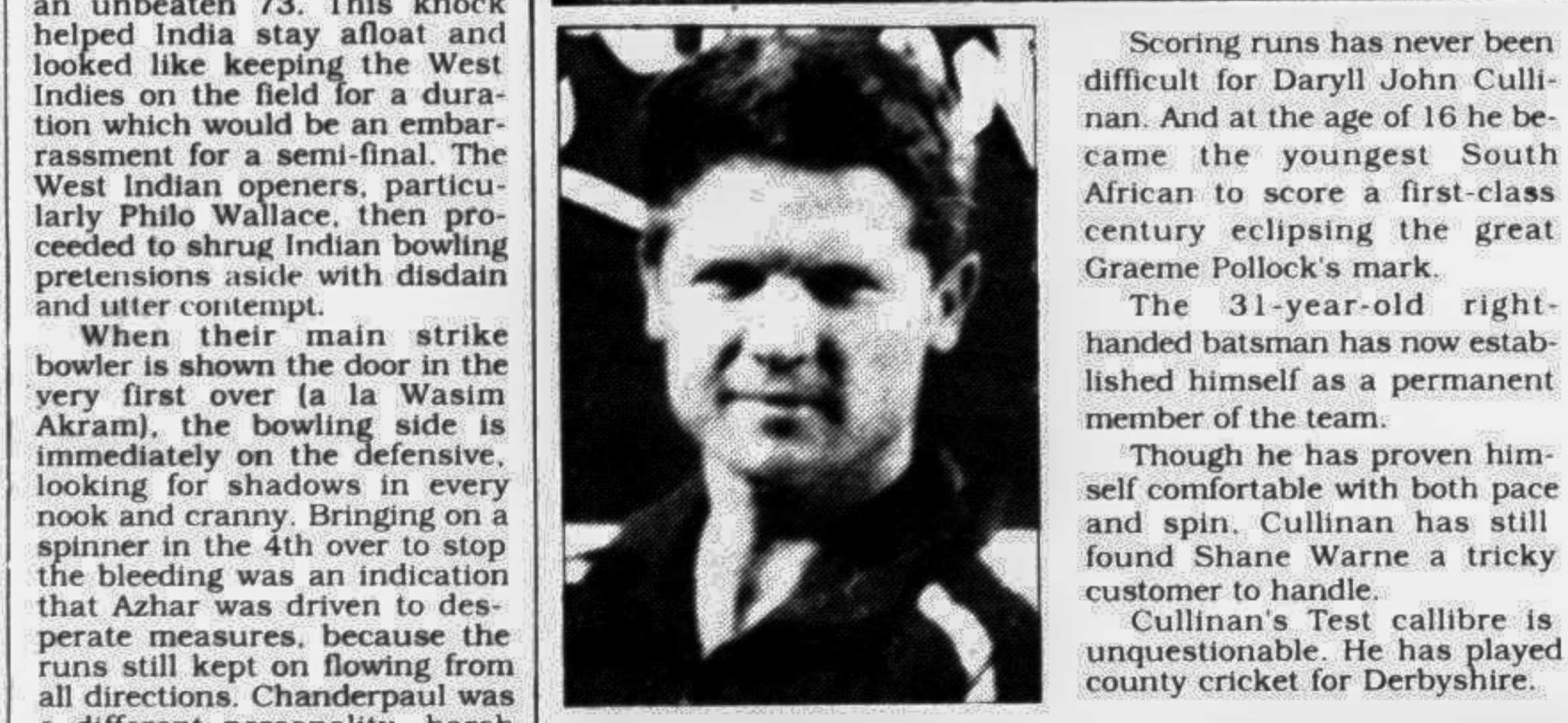
India opener Saurav Ganguly pulls Keith Arthurton for maximum. —Star photo by AKM Mohsin

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY Mediocrity On Centre-Stage

By Shakil Kasem

One does not quite attribute the virtues of drab, dull professionalism to the men from the Caribbean. Instinct an intuition are more their line of business. Yesterday Brian Lara and his team turned on a highly clinical and business like performance that stopped the high-flying Indians in their tracks.
 The bowlers, particularly the new ball trundlers, planned their attack with particular emphasis on line and length. Once the law of averages caught up with Sachin Tendulkar, the West Indian quickies moved in quickly for the kill. After Tendulkar fell to a brilliant effort, courtesy of Carl Hooper in the slips, Azharuddin plunged India into gloom by putting his pads in the way of one that had pace and did not look like doing 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 West Indian openers, particularly Philo Wallace, then proceeded to shrug Indian bowling pretensions aside with disdain and utter contempt.
 When their main strike bowler is shown the door in the very 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 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

STAR OF THE DAY



FACTFILE

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 International Series, 1992/93.
 Latest ODI: South Africa v Sri Lanka at Dhaka, Wills International Cup, 1998/99.
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (including 30/10/1998)

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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	83
Tendulkar c Hooper b Dillon	8
Azharuddin lbw Dillon	1
Dravid c Williams b Hooper	20
Jaisankar run out	73
Robin Singh not out	25
Mongia b Dillon	25
Srinath not out	6
Extras: (lb-5, wb-8)	13
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)	242
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-21; 3-91; 4-125; 5-153; 6-236	

Bowler:

O	M	R	W	
King	10	2	26	0
Dillon	8	1	38	3
Hooper	10	0	42	1
Simmons	10	0	47	0
Arthurton	3	0	26	0
Lewis	9	1	58	1

WEST INDIES

Wallace c and b Tendulkar	39
Williams c Mongia b Srinath	5
Chanderpaul b Tendulkar	74
Lara not out	60
Hooper c Agarkar b Kumble	8
Arthurton not out	40
Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-2, nb-5)	19
Total: (for four wickets in 47 overs)	245
Did not bat: P Simmons, R Jacobs, R King, M Dillon, R Lewis.	
Fall of wks: 1-27; 2-108; 3-143; 4-156.	

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Srinath	7	0	56	1
Agarkar	4	0	25	0
Kumble	10	0	52	1
Joshi	10	0	35	0
Tendulkar	10	1	29	2
Dravid	6	0	36	0

Result: West Indies won by six wickets.
Sunday's final: South Africa v West Indies.
Player-of-the-match: Mervyn Dillon.
Umpires: David Orchard (South Africa) and Peter Willey (England).

Pak tour of India from January 21

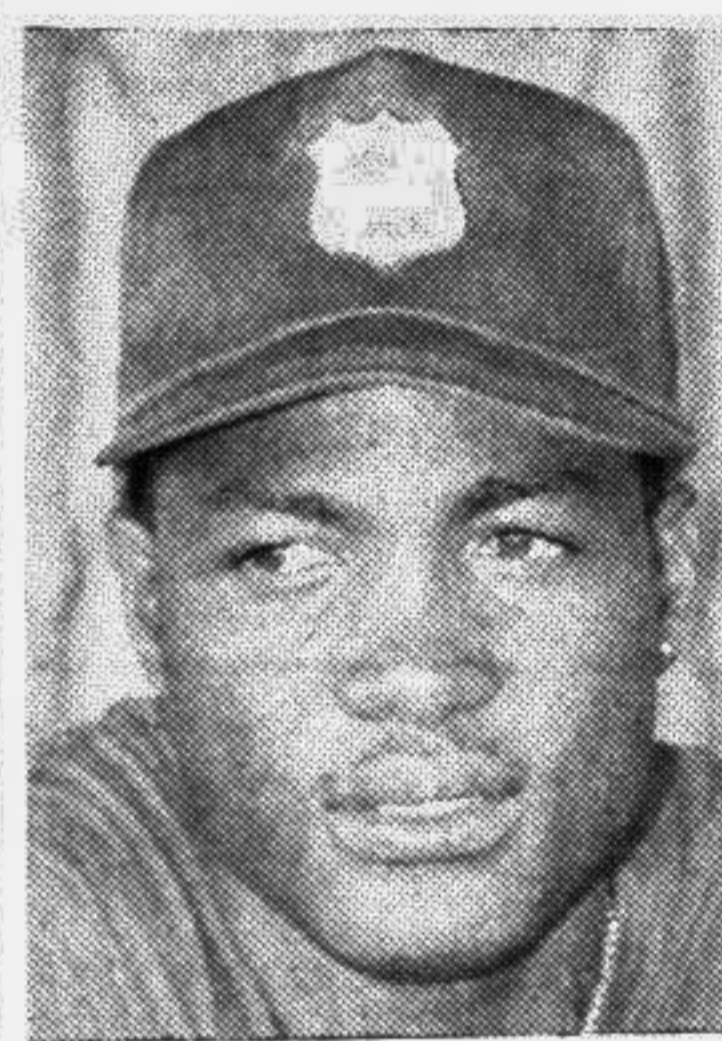
Hasan Masood
 The proposed tour of India by Pakistan after 42 years is likely to start up from January 21, and will continue up to March 15, a source close to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said yesterday.
 The block timing of the seven-week long tour was decided last week in a meeting of the presidents of the Pakistan and the India board -- Khaled Mahmood and Raj Singh Durgapur -- 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 Chandigarh'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 try-out and was hoping to play in next weekend's limited-overs match against New South Wales.
 "He bowled about three or four balls during that six-over spell where he really gave it a shoulder rotation and there was no discomfort at all," Graf said.

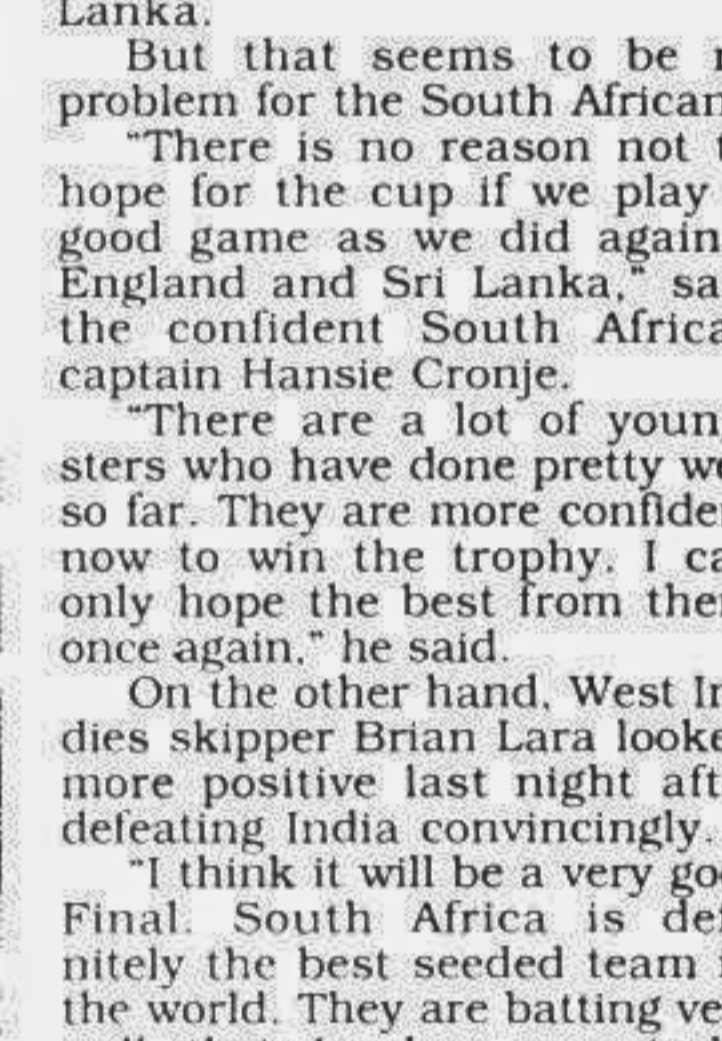
Wills International Cup final today Whoever wins, it will be Dhaka's cup of joy

Hasan Masood
 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 Lanka.
 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 definitely the best seeded team in 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



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 92-run 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 defeat.



HANSIE CRONJE

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Hansie Cronje (captain), Mark Boucher (keeper), Daryll Cullinan, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Mike Rindie, Derek Crookes, Nicky Boje, Pat Symcox, Allan Donald, 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: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

Syed Ashfaqul Haque

DETECTIVE DOGS

Dogs seized the limelight yesterday. 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 law-enforcing agencies made their presence felt in the stadium arena to ensure the maximum security of the premier, who was sitting at the VVIP Box with Bangladesh Cricket Board president by her side.
 Hasina, however, left the 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 cheered 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.



West Indian captain Brian Lara (C) congratulates Carl Hooper, who took a brilliant catch to get rid of Sachin Tendulkar. —AP/UNB photo

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