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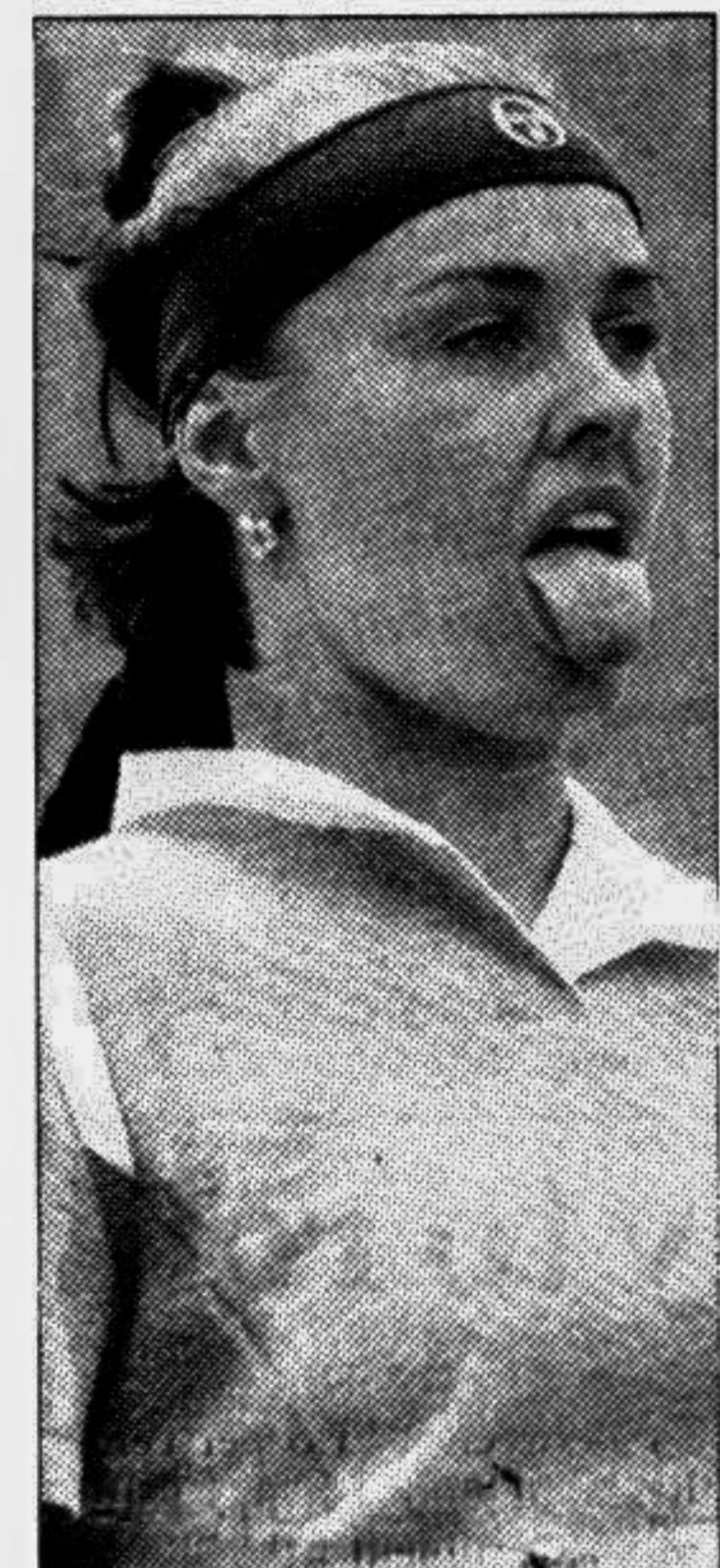
## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the Afghan Hound is a breed of sporting dog, which has long been found in the hill country of northern Afghanistan. Evidence exists that the breed was known in Egypt as far back as 4000 and 3000 BC. British soldiers returning home from the India-Afghanistan border wars introduced the breed into England in the late 1800s, and it was taken to the United States about 1931. The Afghan hound weighs about 60 pounds and stands about 27 inches high. It has a narrow head, like that of the greyhound; a long neck; straight, strong forelegs; and thick, silky hair. A hunter, the Afghan Hound courses its game by sight. The dog is especially valuable in hilly country because of its ability to turn easily and execute powerful leaps.

## SPORTS TALK



**Martina Hingis**  
(Swiss tennis superstar)  
"I have to defend so many titles and every loss I have is a big loss... because I am No. 1."  
When she was the top-ranked player.

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

### Confeds' Cup not before August

MEXICO CITY, Nov 10: FIFA has decided to postpone the Confederations' Cup from January to August in a hope to secure the participation of world champions France, reports Xinhua.

According to Justino Compean, president of the local organizing committee of 1999 Confederations Cup, announced that the event has been pushed back to August.

The schedule of the tournament will remain mostly unchanged but it is not clear if world champions France will participate or not.

France announced last month that they decided to pull out of the event after many European clubs and domestic leagues made it clear they didn't want to release their French players for the event.

## The circus that came to town

Nizamuddin Ahmed

From Dale Carnegie's dilly-dallying under the sun, cricket today has been reduced to but a wonder commodity. With every item record worthy, from a pre-lunch century to number of sixes hit over extra cover, the game proved ideal for television but not before the arrival of telecommunications satellite and computers. A happy marriage then of technology and tradition, and top players were finding it harder to obtain even Casual Leave.

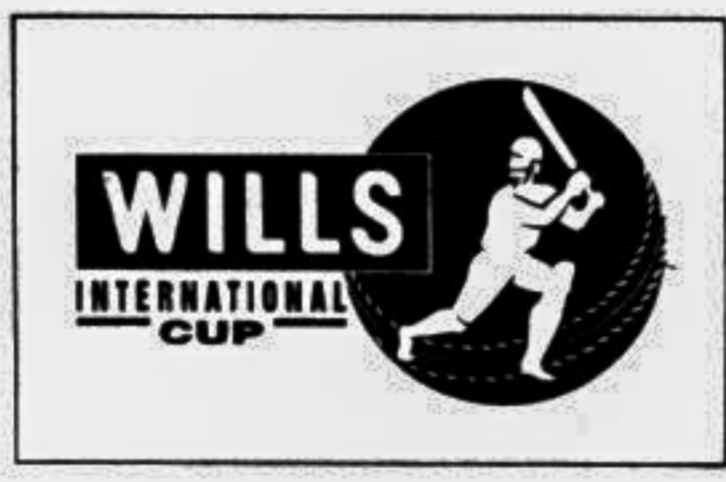
As with any saleable commodity, a group of ex-cricketers, business magnates, telecommunication giants, marketing dons and some none-the-wiser suckers emerged to make cricket an occupation. Without even ICC boss Dalmiya's globalisation scheme put into actuality, there is so much cricket, that the market today is virtually flooded. Antagonists consider it a fortuitous boon that the game is till now not possible indoors.

There is so much at stake and so little time (reminds you of 'time is money') that not even a sixty-day deluge was convincing enough to deter the financially interested. Bangabandhu Stadium, no less, was in October the venue of the world cricket haat.

The tournament was for several reasons good for us. That Dhaka is a city which has a stadium fit for the giants of the game is now common knowledge in the world's cricketering circle, however restricted may be its radius. That we can fill our stadium and make three Mexican waves every half-hour, whatever the state of the game. That we can jump and shout for any Tom, Dick and Harry; no matter whose wickets have been rattled, or who has battered a bowler, or who has bruised his knee to save a single for another country. Yes! Let it be known that Bangladesh love their cricket.

That our very capable Board can work on such a very wide canvas. That we can play extremely good hosts. This is being discussed in every living room from Cambridge to Cape Town, in every kitchen from Manchester to Matamoros; frankly, I don't know where that is. Such has been our ac-

commodating role in the nine-nation Wills International Cup that it reminds me of the travelling circus that moves from one town to another. The lions roar, the elephants stand on a rubber ball, the clowns put on big noses; and the townspeople pay to cheer them on. Even our own goat was not allowed on to the ring. Come the morning after, the circus moved out of town.



Like any business arrangement, the books have to be seen when the dust has settled. Correct me if I am wrong, the figures look something like this. From the Wills at Dhaka, we were so willing that ICC has funnelled out something between seventy-five to a hundred crore Taka. BCB has gained about six to seven crore from the money you and I paid at the gates. NSC has invested about fifteen crore in installations at and development of the Bangabandhu. And there was not even a whimper from Adhunik or other anti-smoking campaigners.

The Bangladesh cricketers not considered qualified to play even one match, although five Test-playing teams left after playing only one match. So, where was the ignominy? We were told that the Test greats have no time and an extra match involving hosts Bangladesh was not on the card. The Zimbabweans and the English tamed in our sun for full four to five days before getting into the Wills action. In fact, we did play a very honourable match with the English at the BKSP. Could not that game have been included in the 'untouchable' Wills?

Did we have a bad deal? To a great extent, yes. Some say, otherwise ICC and its business interests would go elsewhere. Fair enough. But when the circus did arrive in town, could we not at

least impress upon the Council for greater Bangladeshi participation? Our cricketers were ignored, our umpires were humiliated, our journalists were restricted, and our organisers were made to stoop. ICC, so we were told, even dictated the manner in which the hospitality boxes were to be bought and sold.

Arrangements were not made for the national cricketers, past and present, to watch the circus and learn a few tricks. Need we remind the BCB that they exist for the cricketers?

Local umpires, because of lack of international experience so I assume, were awarded the distinction of carrying white balls to and from the umpires. They were appropriately dressed to match the balls when they are new and used, white and black. Would it have cost the BCB a fortune to provide them with what Shepherd and Bucknor were wearing? Would it have been that serious a risk to allow our umpires to officiate at least in one match? If it sound like I am pleading, it is because I am. BCB should know more than I that even Dickie Bird had his first game. If we do not have faith in our umpires at this stage, how on earth is the BCB even dreaming of Test status, how the heck shall they live up with their one-day status?

The ICC has not done anything illegal and neither has the BCB in terms of the finances involved, because a deal was signed. As it was the first time, we can look upon BCB's faux pas with understanding and sympathy. We are all learning. We are all trying to help.

Perhaps understandable to some extent that we had to do everything to bring the circus to town. To prove a point, our love for cricket. That our crowd is the best and the most learned in the world. But, the next time, BCB should make all contracts with ICC and others taking into consideration local interests, players, umpires and organisers. The next time BCB should make Bangladesh appear as a sovereign nation. Because we are.

## Hunte hopes to help 'em out

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 10 (Reuters/Internet): Former captain Conrad Hunte is set to become the West Indies team psychiatrist during their tour of South Africa.

Hunte revealed on Tuesday that the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) had looked favourably on his proposal to help the team with mental preparation.

"I made a proposition to the board and I understand that they have agreed with it, although I'm still awaiting final confirmation," Hunte told the news agency.

"I will hopefully work behind the scenes to ensure that we see the best of the West Indies."

Hunte made the proposal before the pay dispute between players and the WICB erupted last week. "I think now it will be even more important for me to do this job," Hunte said.

## Richardson come up with a solution

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 10 (Reuters/Internet): Ex-South African wicketkeeper Dave Richardson suggested on Tuesday the row which had threatened the formation of an international body aimed at looking after players' interests.

Richardson, who now represents the 21 players, contracted to the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said: "In this increasingly professional age, players' associations and players' committees are becoming essential in all Test-playing countries."

"Maybe the time has even come for an international players' association, under the aegis of the ICC, to be set up to ensure some kind of international standard."

"I don't think we can go as far as to have standardised contracts for tours, but guidelines and basic necessities ought to be established."

Former international Craig Matthews, who acted as vice-captain to Hansie Cronje for two years and was involved in the first negotiations between the UCBSA and the players' committee, believed the crisis stemmed from mistrust.

"Threatened strike action shows the power the players can have although it's an extreme measure and a great shame that it came to that," he said. "Both sides must now work as hard as they can at re-establishing some sort of trust."

Meanwhile, in a column in a Cape Town newspaper on Tuesday, former South African captain and all-rounder Eddie Barlow, said it was the responsibility of the West Indies Cricket Board to ensure that the players were happy.

"It is generally agreed that West Indies cricketers have always had the short end of the stick," Barlow wrote. "The reasons for this are many. Suffice to say that, over the years, West Indies administrators have not pulled their weight."

"It is they who should ensure that the players are adequately looked after and that financially they are sufficiently sound to meet the many needs of the cricketing business. This they have not done and they must bear the responsibility for this most unfortunate state of affairs."

## Krajicek has knee surgery

ROTTERDAM, Nov 10 (Reuters/Internet): Former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek underwent surgery on his left knee on Monday, the Rotterdam Dijkzigt Hospital said.

## Windies reach South Africa

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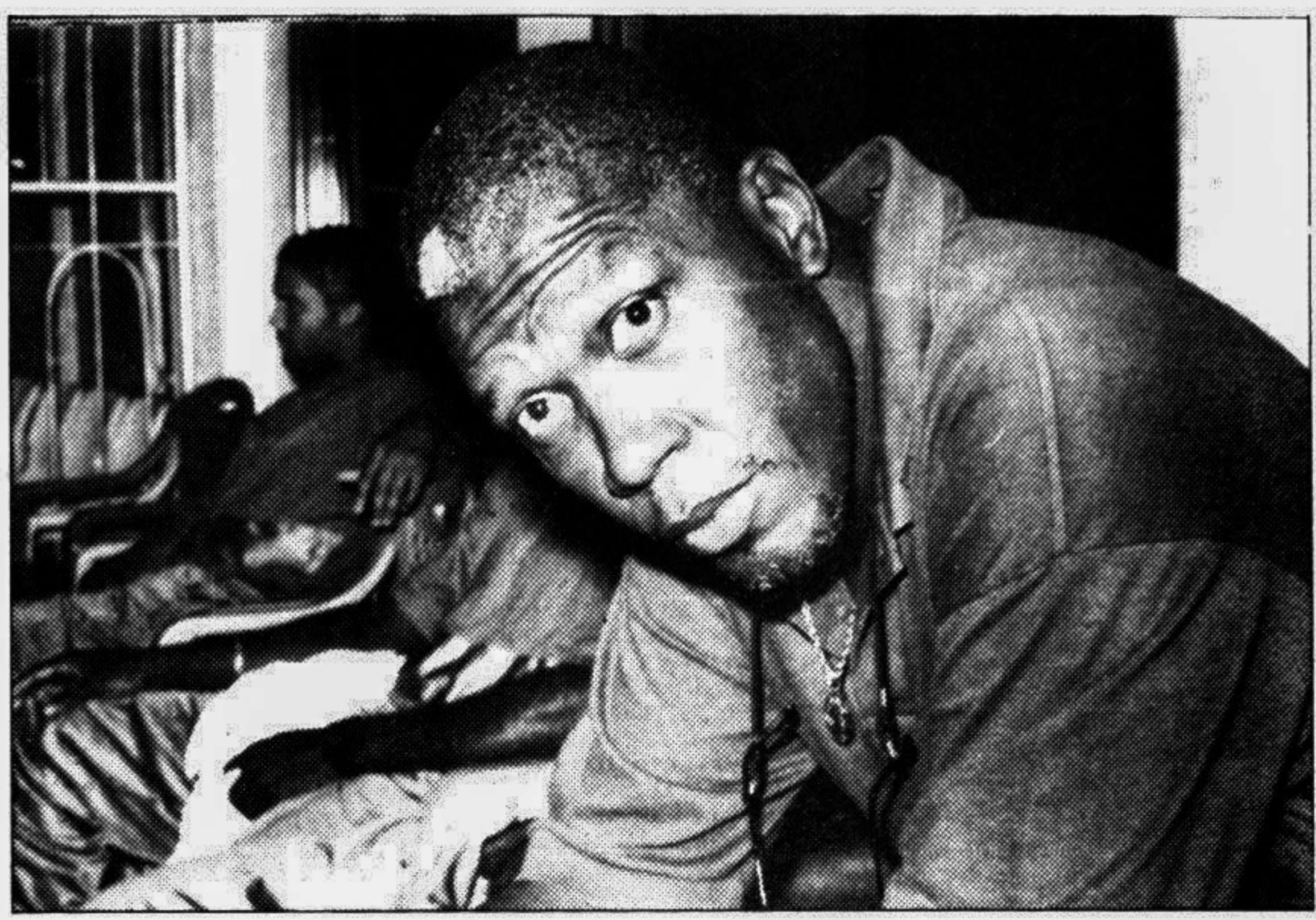
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'BIG BIRD' HAS LANDED: Former West Indies fast bowler Joel Garner enjoying the proceedings at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday. Garner, who is the manager of the touring Windies A team, arrived late in Dhaka as he was busy negotiating the dispute between the Windies board and players in London.

## Australia sweep the series

### An epic day in Lahore

LAHORE, Nov 10 (Reuters/ AP): A record partnership of 162 in 167 balls, beating the previous best of 112 between Javed Miandad and Imran Khan in the World Cup semifinal at the same Lahore ground in 1987.

103 and Ricky Ponting (124 net out) powered Australia to a 3-0 sweep of the one-day series against Pakistan today to add to their 1-0 Test triumph.

Set a challenging target of 316 by Pakistan whose 315-8 was their biggest one-day score ever against Australia, the visitors won by six wickets with seven balls to spare.

"It was a great achievement. I said we wanted to win every one of the one-day games and this was a triumph," said captain Steve Waugh.

"We'll go back to Australia tonight and take a few days off to prepare for the Ashes series against England, which is always a good series," he said.

Gilchrist, the 27-year-old left-hander from Western Australia, notched his second one-day hundred in his 39th game while Tasmania's Ponting earned the player-of-the-match title with his fifth century in 59 minutes.

The two repaired damage caused by the early dismissal of Mark Waugh, who was trapped leg before by Wasim Akram for 13, with the total at 25.

The partnership was the highest for any wicket between Australia and Pakistan, surpassing the previous best of 173 for the fourth wicket between Dean Jones and Steve Waugh at Perth in 1987.

Earlier, Pakistan were propelled to their highest ever total against Australia by centuries from Ijaz Ahmad and Yousof Yohanna after Aamir Sohail won the toss and chose to bat.

They beat the previous highest of 286-7 at Trent Bridge in the 1979 World Cup in England. Ijaz struck a dazzling 111 from 109 balls with 12 fours and a six for his eighth hundred in his 213th game and Yohanna, out for 100, completed his maiden century in

tween Australia and Pakistan on Tuesday.

**PAKISTAN**  
Sohail c Gilchrist b Julian 21  
Asif Mahmood c Julian b McGrath 0  
Ijaz Ahmed b Lehmann 111  
Malik run out 2  
Yohanna c M Waugh b Julian 100  
Afriidi run out 40  
Akram run out 13  
Moin Khan c Bevan b McGrath 0  
Azhar Mahmood not out 3  
Extras: (b-1, lb-14, nb-2, w-8) 25  
Total: (for 8 wks in 50 overs) 315  
Fall of wks: 1-7: 2-50; 3-73; 4-235; 5-288; 6-303; 7-303; 8-315

Did not bat: Saqlain Mush-taq, Shoaib Akhtar  
Bowler: O M R W  
McGrath 10 0 58 2  
Fleming 10 3 44 0  
Julian 10 0 75 2  
S Waugh 6 0 31 0  
Young 8 0 46 0  
Symonds 2 0 14 0  
M Waugh 2 0 16 0  
Lehmann 2 0 16 3

**AUSTRALIA**  
Gilchrist st Moin b Sohail 103  
M Waugh lbw b Akram 13  
Ponting not out 124  
Lehmann c Moin b Malik 08  
S Waugh b Saqlain 30  
Bevan not out 06  
Extras: (b-1, lb-12, w-11, nb-8) 32  
Total: (for four wks in 48.5 overs) 316  
Fall of wks: 1-25; 2-218; 3-237; 4-306

Did not bat: Andrew Symonds, Brendon Julian, Brad Young, Damien Fleming, Glenn McGrath.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Akram 9 0 46 1  
Saqlain 8 0 58 0  
Azhar 2 0 23 0  
Malik 7 0 54 1  
Sohail 10 0 54 1  
Afriidi 3 0 24 0

**Result: Australia won by six wickets and won series 3-0.**  
**Player-of-the-match: Ricky Ponting (Australia).**

Umpires: Mian Mohammad Aslam and Mohammad Nazir.  
ICC match referee: Ranjan Madugale (Sri Lanka).

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international between Australia and Pakistan on Tuesday.

## Battle won but not the war

LONDON, Nov 10 (Reuters/Internet): Brian Lara and his West Indies' team-mates have won a significant battle but not necessarily the war in their fight for more money and better conditions.

After four days of haggling at a London hotel, the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) agreed on Monday night to reinstate Lara as captain and resurrect the tour of South Africa threatened by players' strike.

The West Indies arrived in South Africa on Tuesday to start their tour that will now begin with a match in the black township of Soweto on Wednesday.

In a joint statement, the WICB and the West Indies Players Association agreed to a series of measures improving the players' lot.

WICB president Pat Rousseau also agreed to reinstate Lara and his deputy Carl Hooper, sacked last Wednesday after refusing to fly to Antigua to meet the board at the start of the dispute.

"Both sides acknowledged that the dispute originally stemmed from a misunderstanding between the two parties," the statement read.

"All issues related to fees and conditions for the South African tour have been resolved between the two parties. Lara and Hooper have been reinstated as captain and vice-captain respectively and will fly out to South Africa with the rest of the team tonight."

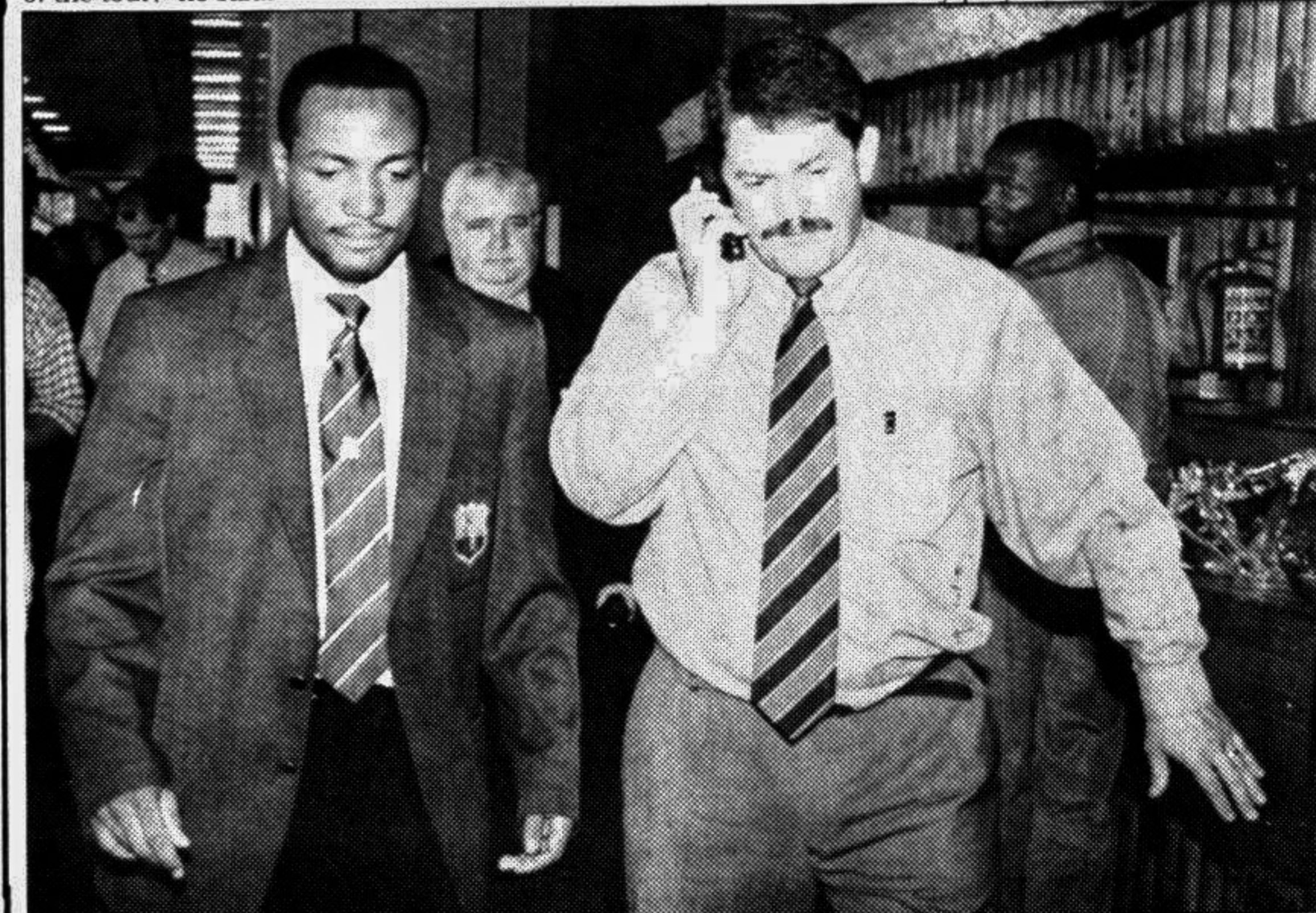
WICB into a corner.

The board had the option of sending a seriously under-strength team or cancelling an historic tour, featuring the first full West Indies' team to tour the republic.

Both choices were unacceptable and, after a dispute, which featured a personal intervention from South African President Nelson Mandela, the WICB backed down.

But to consolidate improved conditions and guarantee decent pay levels, the team must deliver on the field and arrest the decline in West Indies' cricket, or risk forfeiting public sympathy at home.

Early warning shots have been fired in both the West Indies and South Africa, which should help to concentrate the players' minds.



CENTRE OF ALL ATTRACTIONS: West Indies captain Brian Lara (L) being escorted by an unidentified United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) official upon arrival at Johannesburg Airport yesterday.