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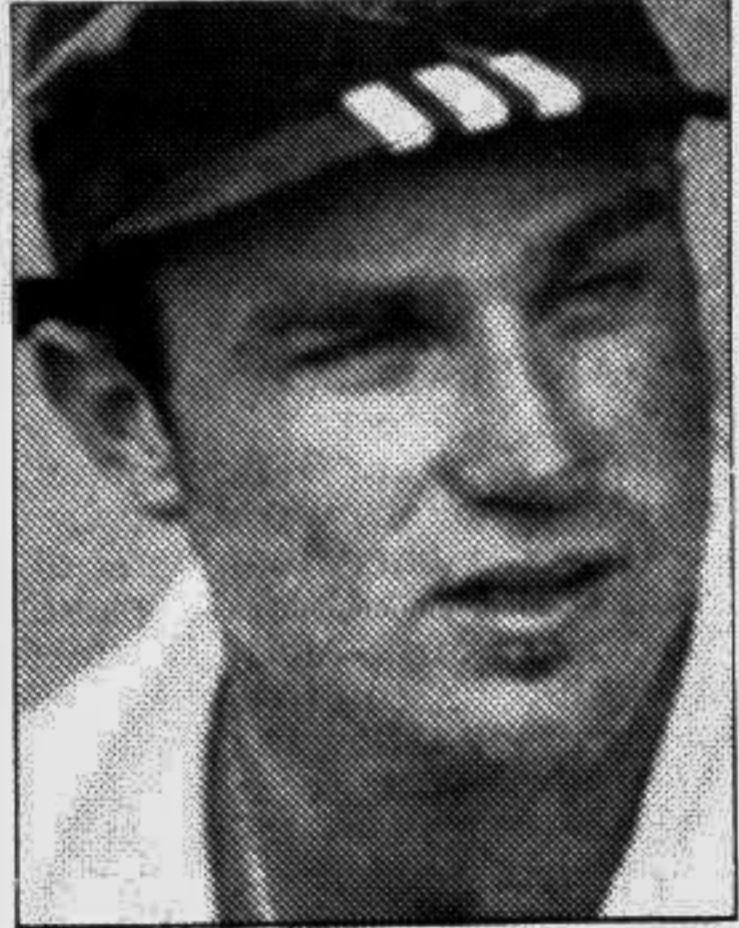
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## Column One

SPORTS TALK



**Michael Slater**  
(Australian opening batsman)  
"I just play it as I see it. The bottom line is you got to play your natural game. That's about it."  
His philosophy about batting.

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT American professional basketball player, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was born in 1947. He was six-time National Basketball Association (NBA) champion and six-time winner of the most valuable player (MVP) award. Originally named Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor, Jr., he was born in New York City. He was educated at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he led the university's basketball team to three consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association championships (1967-1969). While a student, he became a member of the Black Muslim faith and changed his name in 1971. From 1969 to 1975 he played centre for the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA and led his team to the NBA championship in 1970-1971. In 1975 he was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers; he led that team to five NBA championships. Abdul-Jabbar also developed a high-percentage signature shot known as the "sky hook," which was difficult for opponents to block. When he retired in 1989, he was the all-time NBA leader in points (38,387) and games played (1,560).

Was all this possible because he is 7-ft. 1-in tall?

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1	How old is Mark Waugh?	*
	32	33 34
2	How many ODIs has Jack Russell played?	
	38	39 40
3	Who is the new US soccer coach?	
	Robson Sampson Arena	
4	Who are the ACC Trophy champions?	
	Bangladesh PNG Malaysia	
5	8th SAF Games will be held in	
	Colombo Kathmandu Male	

**EN-VITS**  
ENERGY RELAXING TASTING

### WC cricket for blind starts Nov 17

NEW DELHI, Nov 11: India will host the first world championship of cricket for the blind where seven nations from four continents will vie for honours in the Kanishka World Cup from November 17 to 28, reports PTL.

Association for Cricket for the Blind in India (ACBI) chairman George Abraham said the matches would be held in four stadia of the capital.

The tournament will be played on league basis with each country meeting the other once before qualifying for the semifinals.

India will take on Sri Lanka on the opening day at Karnal Singh Stadium while England and New Zealand and Australia and South Africa meet in their opening day matches.

Pakistan is the other team in the competition.

## The circus that came to town-2

### Silence is not always golden

The effect of the big top has been so immense that in my urge to 'win friends' at the BCB so that Bangladesh has a fairer deal in future ICC-brokered international meets, yesterday I involuntarily credited Dale Carnegie for cricket's leisurely dilly-dallying. My apologies to the legendary Neville Cardus, who despite such mortal blunders must still be happily perched on the best seat there is. Or there ever will be.

Seated much below cricket's most famous scribe, I hardly needed to crane my neck to notice a Bengali daily's most ludicrous claim that one and a half crore Taka was spent to prepare the pitches for the Wills International Cup. Ha! Ha! Ha! If, however, by a coincidence of foolish NSC and BCB nods, the figure is correct by even a difference of 22 yards, I leave it up to the beneficiaries of such financial jugglery to do the laughing.

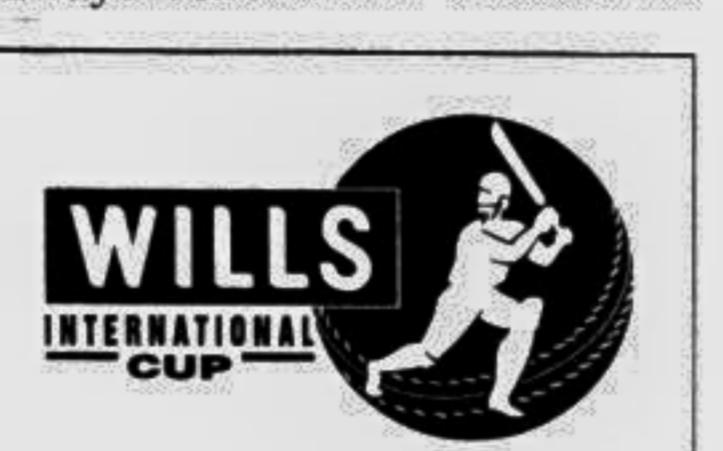
Those who have been hit by a bouncer and are in need of a calculator, I can volunteer. How much do you reckon would it have cost, if it was absolutely necessary, to send a couple of our groundsmen to more reputed international venues and learn a trick or two about preparing cricket pitches? There is hardly one more celebrated than Eden Gardens and that by generous estimate would have cost...click...click... Even the calculator refuses to admit such low figures saying, 'Use your brains, you sucker!'

Anyway, I am certain that even without the clamour from the press corps, the BCB would tomorrow or day after reveal

Nizamuddin Ahmed

the figures; that which has been earned and how that has been disbursed, that which has been consumed (no pun intended) and under which head (again no pun intended). From observing the noisy but cultured cricket crowd at Bangabandhu, BCB more than anyone else must understand that silence does not pay.

For cricket's sake, I pray it is only a rumour that the National Parliament has asked for the books of account. But, I always believe that there is no



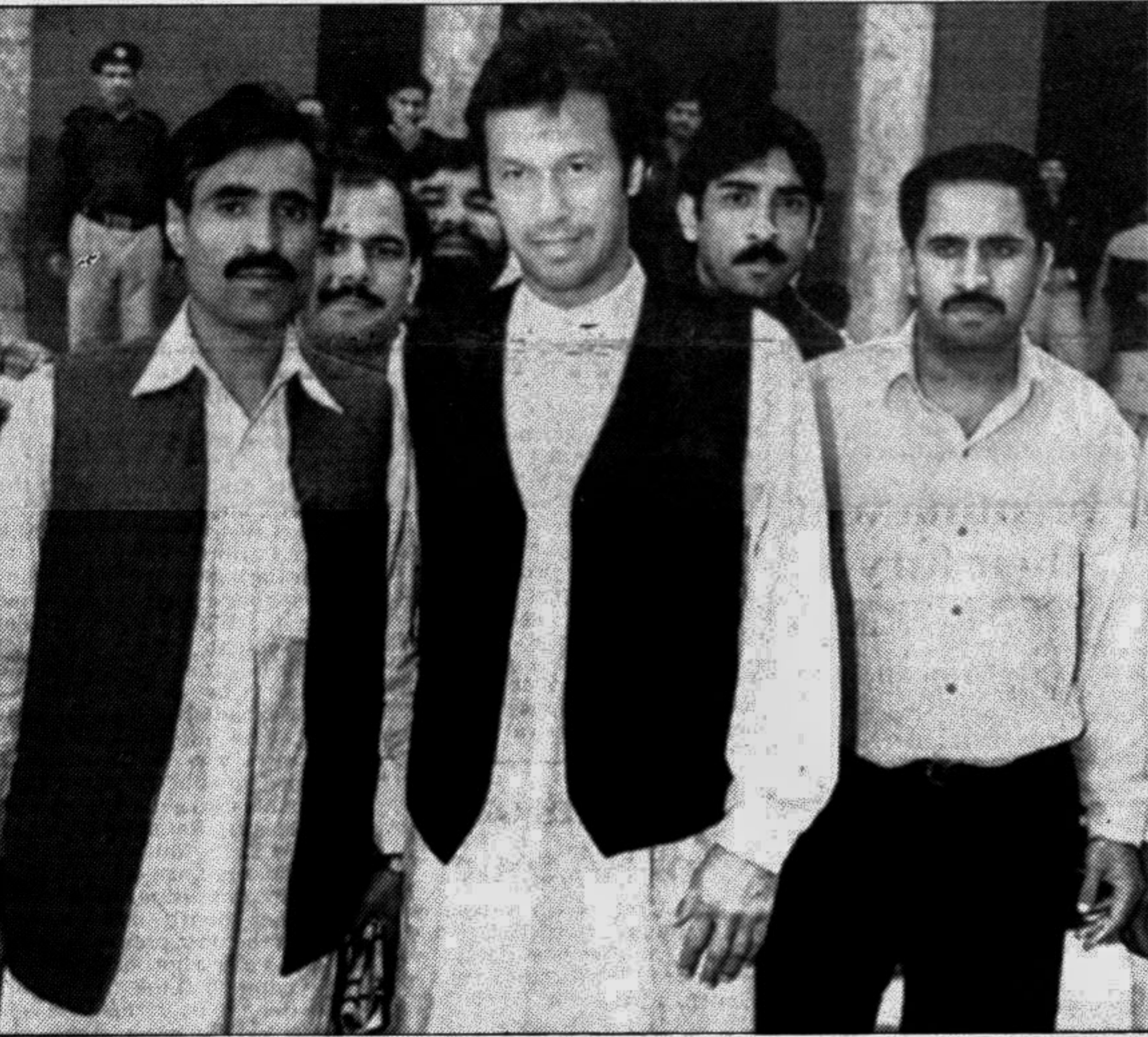
smoke without fire, even in the case of Wills without the cigarette being mentioned.

BCB also chooses to remain silent, for the moment only I hope, on their deal with Dhaka Club and Uttara Club, who we know were given a bulk of the Wills tickets in preference to local cricket clubs, which are the lifeline of the Board. What prompted the BCB to give away tickets to social clubs, who have nothing to do with cricket directly, while ignoring those that provide not only cricketers but also cricket officials is beyond my boundary. Yes! Of course, any cricket club in Dhaka or Chittagong or Rangpur or ... would have been willing to pay whatever members of those two clubs paid. Any dispute with the local sporting

clubs, and each has enough money, muscle and mentality to woo the powers that be, may rock the Board for good. Now that will be a high price to pay after such a successful tournament.

The BCB is under a lot of pressure. By all means this was a big tournament. Big names, big commentators, big umpires, big guests... There was a lot of hard work. Volunteers have spent many a sleepless night at the BCB office and the stadium to put everything in order, to present Bangladesh befittingly to the world. And they have. Much of the efforts of the BCB has done us proud. But, then this is the thanklessness of a public body. Do a good job and everyone remains silent. Make a flaw or indicate one, and everyone is after your butt. There are several queries. BCB would best serve the interest of Bangladesh cricket and them if they came out with the answers. I for one have no doubt that they have extremely credible ones.

More than ever before, the BCB should today understand that it is an elected body. It is privileged to represent the people of Bangladesh and look after their cricket. It is answerable to the people and the parliament. It must explain word for word what transpired between it and others, local and international. Whatever the circumstances, it cannot choose to remain silent. The tide of the people does not succumb to time. If the people want answers, and there are plenty of queries, they will have them. Even if it takes 23 years.



Former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan (C) arrives at the Lahore High Court to give his version regarding match-fixing allegations. — AP/UNB photo

## Luckless Lankans go home

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 11: Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul Strang knocked World Cup holders Sri Lanka out of the Coca-Cola Trophy with a four-wicket haul here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Sri Lankans were bowled out for 235 in reply to Zimbabwe's 259 for seven, bowling out of the three-nation event with their fourth successive defeat.

Sri Lanka, reduced to 103 for six at half-way, were saved total humiliation by Hashan Tillekeratne (72 not out) and Kumara Dharmasena (39) who put on 93 for the seventh-wicket.

Chaminda Vaas hit 19 off nine balls at the end but Zimbabwe wrapped up the innings with seven balls to spare.

Zimbabwe's 24-run win lifted them into Friday's final against unbeaten India and gives them their first chance of a one-day title featuring Test-playing nations.

The two finalists will also clash today in an inconsequential last match of the preliminary league.

Zimbabwe, who beat Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the first round, had an even easier outing against the beleaguered world champions in the return.

Neil Johnson and Andy Flower hammered a record 148 for the fourth wicket as Zimbabwe recorded the highest total by any side in the tournament so far.

Johnson made 72 and Flower 95 after Sri Lanka had Zimbabwe at 24 for three in the seventh over.

The stand was Zimbabwe's best for the fourth-wicket, surpassing the 143 by Andy Flower and his brother Grant against Pakistan last year.

Paceman Heath Streak then

struck early to remove openers Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana by the sixth over before Strang took over.

The leg-spinner, who came on in the 17th over, dismissed Marvan Atapattu and skipper Arjuna Ranatunga with his second and fifth deliveries.

He then trapped Roshan Mahanama leg before in his fourth over and took care of dangerous Aravinda de Silva in the fifth.

Ranatunga admitted his team had not suffered such humiliation since 1996, the year they won the World Cup.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the Coca-Cola Trophy match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at Sharjah on Tuesday:

**ZIMBABWE**  
Campbell b Wickremasinghe 9  
G Flower c Kaluwitharana b Wickremasinghe 12  
Johnson run out 72  
Goodwin lbw b Vaas 0  
A. Flower st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya 95  
Brandes c Ranatunga b Wickremasinghe 28  
Wishart b Vaas 11  
Rennie not out 12  
Streak not out 11  
Extras: 19  
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 259  
Did not bat: Paul Strang, Andrew Whittall.  
Fall of wks: 1-16; 2-23; 3-24; 4-173; 5-229; 6-229; 7-258.

**Bowler**  
Vaas 10 1 48 2  
Wickremasinghe 10 0 28 3  
Dharmasena 10 0 41 0  
Samaraweera 8 0 46 0  
De Silva 4 0 27 0  
Jayasuriya 8 0 59 1

**SRI LANKA**  
Jayasuriya c Goodwin b Streak 19  
Kaluwitharana lbw b Streak 6  
Atapattu c Campbell b P Strang 24  
De Silva c Johnson b P Strang 26  
Ranatunga c G Flower b P Strang 16  
Mahanama lbw b P Strang 32  
Tillekeratne not out 79  
Dharmasena b A Whittall 39  
Wickremasinghe b Brandes 3  
Vaas c Rennie b Johnson 13  
Samaraweera run out 11  
Extras: (lb 5, w 5, nb 1) 0  
Total: (all out in 48.5 overs) 235  
Fall of wks: 1-17; 2-28; 3-75; 4-75; 5-96; 6-103; 7-196; 8-209; 9-234.

**Bowler**  
Brandes 9 0 51 1  
Streak 9 0 51 2  
Johnson 8.5 1 42 1  
P Strang 10 0 32 4  
A Whittall 10 0 40 1  
Goodwin 2 0 14 0

**Result: Zimbabwe won by 24 runs.**  
**Player-of-the-match: Paul Strang.**

## Bangladesh-Windies three-dayer from today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on visiting West Indies A in their only three-day cricket match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from this morning.

The match will start at 9:15 am. Bangladesh Betar will provide ball-by-ball commentary.

The tourists, who will be leaving for India on November 15, have already lost the limited-over three-match series 1-2 to the hosts.

Tickets will be available from 7 am at ticket counters of the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The rates are as follows: Special Enclosure (Gate 20) Tk 30, Western Gallery (Gate 12 to 19) Tk 30 and Eastern Gallery Tk 20.

**TEAMS**

**BANGLADESH:** Aminul Islam (captain), Khaled Mahmud, Javed Omar Belim, Shahriar Hossain, Harun-ur Rashid, Faruque Ahmed, Al-Shahriar, Akram Khan, Enamul Haque, Fahim Muntasir, Khaled Masood, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Hasibul Hossain, Morshed Ali Khan, Hasanuzzaman and Mushfiqur Rahman.

**WEST INDIES A:** Ian Bishop (captain), Sherwin Campbell, Reon King, Carl Tuckett, Rawl Lewis, Pedro Collins, Richard Smith, Floyd Reifer, Wayne Philip, Neil McGarrell, Adrian Griffith, Wavell Hinds, Keith Semple, Courtney Browne and Ramnaresh Sarwan.

**Umpires:** Ataul Haque Mullah and Mesbahuddin Ahmed Reza.

## Narayanganj best among the eves

Sports Reporter

The age-group eves swimming championship, organised by Bangladesh Women Sports Federation, was held at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex swimming pool yesterday.

One hundred fifty-seven swimmers of different age-group from 23 districts and other teams took part in the day-long championship.

Narayanganj emerged champions with nine golds while Kushtia finished second with eight.

Munshiganj bagged four golds while the other two golds went to Sagarkhali Swimming Club and Manikganj.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed prizes among the winners.

## Even Imran Khan thinks that way!

KARACHI, Nov 11: Former cricket celebrity Imran Khan said Tuesday Pakistan cricket was not free from match-fixing and bribery practices, reports AFP.

"You (Pakistan) players are saying there is match fixing, even your present team captain is saying so," Khan told reporters here.

But the problem was not as far ranging as suggested by some, he added.

Khan retired from the game after leading Pakistan to victory in the 1992 World Cup to engage in social welfare work and later entered Pakistan politics, forming his own Movement for Justice Party.

He is scheduled to testify in a Lahore today before a one-man judicial commission probing match-fixing and the bribery allegations involving Pakistan cricketers.

The commission, headed by Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum, has already recorded statements by cricketers Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Aamir Sohail and Rameez Raja.

Some former Pakistan team managers have appeared before the commission besides Australian skipper Mark Taylor and Mark Waugh.

## Obaidul greets cricketers

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader yesterday congratulated the members of Bangladesh cricket team, coach and officials for their outstanding feat against the visiting West Indies A in the one-day series, reports BSS.

The state minister also greeted president of Bangladesh Cricket Board Saber Hossain Chowdhury for his able leadership in running the country's cricket as well as for successfully organising the matches despite a lot of odds.

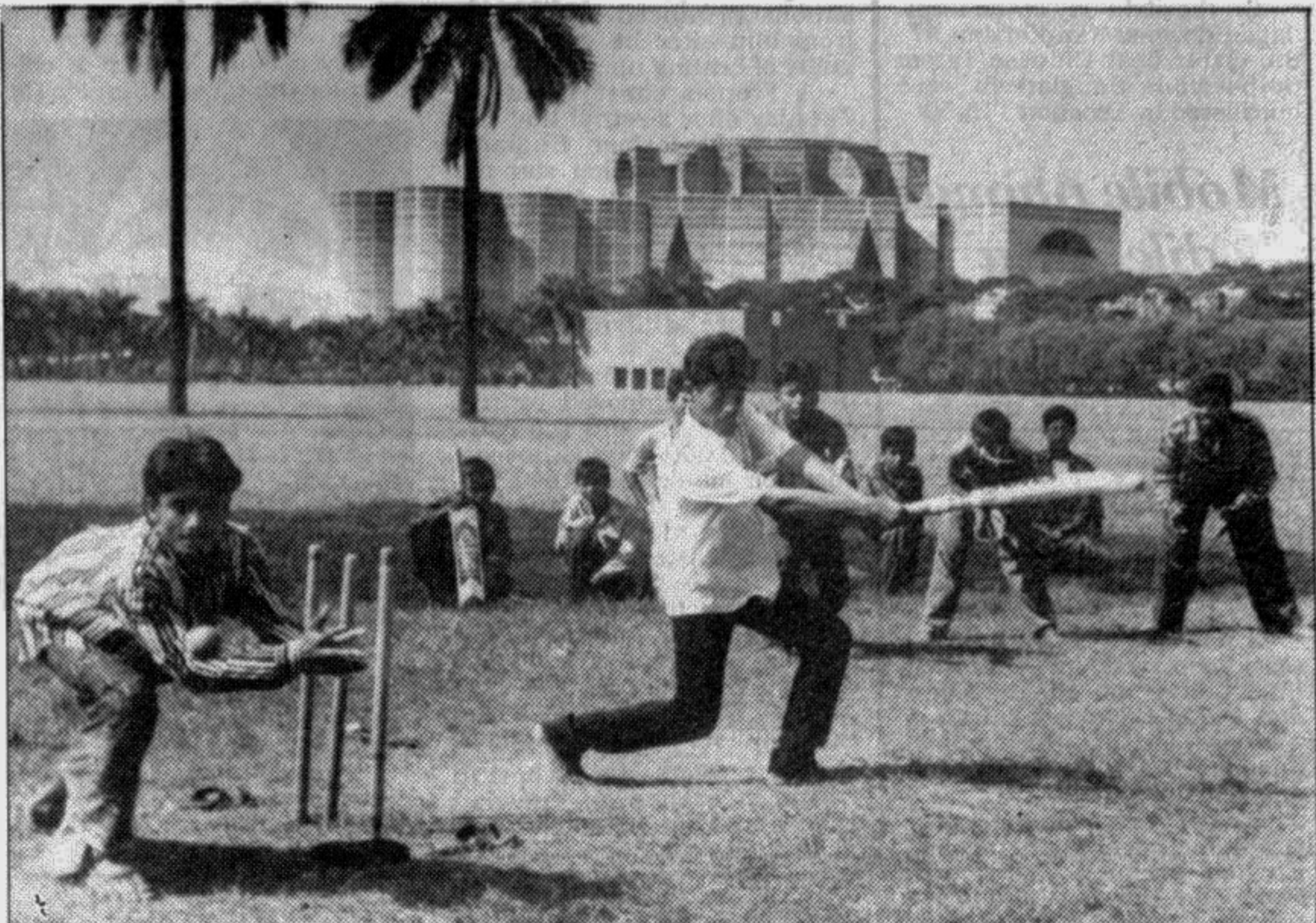
He urged the national cricketers to go ahead with the same spirit and bring laurels for the nation.

## SABER

Meanwhile, President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Deputy Minister for Shipping, Saber Hossain Chowdhury hailed the team's achievement.

He said, "I feel the win is undoubtedly the most significant achievement of Bangladesh cricket till date in its quest to attain Test status."

The BCB president said, "It is much more important as a victory than the ICC Trophy in Malaysia last year."



LET'S PLAY CRICKET... As their schools were closed due to the countrywide shutdown, neighbouring children decided what better way to enjoy the day than play cricket at the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## Bangladesh-West Indies A one-day averages

### Javed Omar tops batting Sarwan best in bowling



AKRAM KHAN

Hasan Masood

Among the two new-ball bowlers, Hasibul Hossain was the most expensive. Although both the right-arm seamers gave away equally 102 runs but Shafiuddin captured three wickets while Hasibul bagged two in the last match.

Among the West Indies batsmen, left handed Floyd Reifer averaged highest 60.5. The middle-order bat also scored highest 121 runs for the tourists. Another left-hander Wavell Hinds scored 87 runs in three matches while right-hand middle-order Ramnaresh Sarwan collected 74 runs averaging 37.00.

Leg-spinner Rawl Lewis captured highest seven wickets with an average of 17.14. Ramnaresh Sarwan who captured two wickets for 21 from four overs got the top spot in the bowling averages with 10.5.

**BANGLADESH**

Player	M	I	NO	R	HS	50s	Ave
Javed Omar	2	2	1	68	36*	0	68.00
Akram Khan	3	3	0	118	61	0	39.33
Al-Shahriar	3	3	0	73	40	0	24.33
Faruque Ahmed	3	3	0	68	28	0	22.66
Aminul Islam	3	3	0	56	52	1	18.66
Mushfiqur Rahman	1	1	0	16	16	0	16.00
Shariar Hossain	3	3	0	47	37	0	15.66
Khaled Mahmud	3	3	1	31	23*	0	15.50
Harun-ur Rashid	1	1	0	12	12	0	12.00
Enamul Haque	3	2	1	10	9*	0	10.00
Hasibul Hossain	3	3	1	9	9*	0	4.50
Khaled Masood	3	3	1	5	3*	0	2.50

**BOWLING**

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave
Enamul Haque	27	2	83	4	4/25	20.50
Al-Shahriar	5	0	42	2	2/22	21.00
Khaled Mahmud	24	0	91	4	2/38	22.75
Aminul Islam	25	0	113	4	2/38	28.25
Shafiuddin Ahmed	15.5	3	102	3	3/48	34.00
Hasibul Hossain	28	0	102	2	2/21	51.00
Mushfiqur Rahman	4.4	0	17	0		

**WEST INDIES A**

Player	M	I	NO	R	HS	50s	Ave
F Reifer	3	3	1	121	66	2	60.50
N McGarrell	3	2	1	43	19*	0	43.00
R Sarwan	3	3	1	74	48*	0	37.00
W Hinds	3	3	0	87	34	0	29.00
A Griffith	3	3	0	69	41	0	23.00
S Campbell	2	2	0	39	23	0	19.50
C Tuckett	3	2	1	17	13	0	17.00
I Bishop	3	2	0	30	30	0	15.00
R Lewis	3	2	0	18	16	0	9.00
C Browne	3	2	0	10	10	0	5.00
R King	3	1	1	5	5*	0	---

**BOWLING**

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave
R Sarwan	4	0	21	2	1/8	10.50
R Lewis	27.1	2	120	7	3/18	17.14
R King	27.1	6	93	4	3/19	23.25
N McGarrell	27.1	2	107	4	2/28	26.75
I Bishop	25	2	123	2	1/34	61.50
C Tuckett	30	7	86	1	1/40	86.00
K Semple	2	0	19	0		---
W Hinds	1	0	5	0		---

(\* not out)



Members of the Narayanganj team which emerged champions in the age-group swimming competition yesterday. — Star photo