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Column One DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT a good number of sport deals with 'accuracy', meaning closeness to a targeted goal, often the result of athletic skills as for a bowler in cricket, or the use of technology as for a shooter. A baseball pitcher, a basketball offense, a football striker, an archer, a golfer, a darts man or woman, a tennis player serving, they all have to be pretty accurate.

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Richie Benaud
 (Former Australian cricket captain)
 "It was a marvelous effort and the team deserves every plaudit it's getting."
 After Australia won the Test series in Pakistan.

'Don't write off SL'

SYDNEY, Nov 12 (AFP/Internet): Shane Warne believes Sri Lanka can shake off recent successive defeats to Zimbabwe to launch a strong defence of their World Cup title in England next year.

"Sri Lanka will bounce back. They're up there with South Africa and Australia as probably the best three sides," he said Thursday.

But he believed Australia had finally found a winning blend.

Warne said Australia's clean sweep of Pakistan in their three-match limited over series showed that separating the one-day and Test teams was starting to pay dividends.

"A 3-0 clean sweep in the one-dayers is a huge effort," he said. "We always had the making of a good one-day side there, we just needed to get the right people in there."

Under Steve Waugh, Australia's limited over team has been patchy with his captaincy record of 16 wins and 14 losses from 30 matches.

Series wins in Australia and Pakistan have been matched by losses in India, Bangladesh and Sharjah.

Spinners succeed in three-dayer but... Reifer, Sarwan call the shots



West Indies A got off to a sound start against hosts Bangladesh in the one-off three-day match, which began at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The visiting second string Caribbean side were on 336 for seven at stumps, thanks to a magnificent 127-run fourth-wicket partnership between two middle-orders Floyd Reifer and Ramnaresh Sarwan.

After the tourists lost their third wicket with the scoreboard reading 100 in 27.1 overs, the left and right hand combination of Reifer and Sarwan, proved too good for the thoughtless Bangladeshi bowlers as they took them to the sword from the very word 'go' of their partnership. They scored 100 runs in only 77 minutes with Reifer and Sarwan playing havoc with the local bowlers, who hardly have any experience of playing the longer rendition of the game.

Of the two, left-handed Reifer, who is tipped to replace injured Jimmy Adams in the West Indies senior team now touring South Africa, scored 89 from 108 balls. In his 127-minute stay at the crease punctuated by 14 sweetly timed hits across the rope, Reifer smoted a huge six off left-arm spinner Enamul Haque in the 42nd over to complete his fifty in 86 minutes. He was then dropped by Akram at first slip when he was on 55.

His young right-handed partner Ramnaresh Sarwan was rather more aggressive with the willow. The Guyanese middle-order, who contributed 59 runs facing 68 balls in 100 minutes, took only 57 balls to reach his fifty. He was absolutely harsh on debutant off-break bowler Fahim Muntasir Rahaman in the 35th over, hammering two sixes and scoring another five runs. Fahim, in that over, conceded 21 runs which also included a boundary from Reifer.

However, the fruitful partnership came to an end when Fahim trapped Reifer leg before in the last ball of the 50th over.

Fahim, who in his first spell in the morning session took the wicket of opener Adrian Griffith to open his account for the national team, then dismissed Sarwan in his second over when the West Indian tried to cut a rising ball but missed the line.

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giving a thin edge to wicket-keeper Khaled Masood.

After the successive departure of Reifer and Sarwan with West Indies A firmly placed on 233 for five, Richard Smith and wicketkeeper Courtney Browne added 74 runs for the sixth



ENAMUL... 3 for 73

more overs today as the first innings of both sides is of 100 overs.

For Bangladesh, two spinners Enamul Haque and newcomer Fahim Muntasir Rahaman evenly shared six wickets. Veteran left-arm twaker Enamul was the most successful bowler of the day. He bowled 30 overs including ten maidens and gave away only 73 runs for his three wickets. On the other hand, Fahim bowled 22 overs with a maiden and conceded 99 runs for his share of three wickets.

SCOREBOARD
 The following is the scoreboard of the first day of the three-day match between West Indies A and Bangladesh played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

WEST INDIES A

A Griffith c Akram b Fahim	36
W Hinds c Morshed b K Mahmud	28
K Temple c K Masood b Enamul	13
F Reifer lbw b Fahim	89
R Sarwan c K Masood b Fahim	59
R Smith c Shahrir b Enamul	49
C Browne c sub b Enamul	38
I Bishop not out	12
R Lewis not out	5
Extras: (lb-2, w-1, nb-4)	7

Runs scored by West Indies A per hour

Hours	Runs	Overs bowled	Wicket lost
1st hour	62	12 overs	1
2nd hour	38	16 overs	2
3rd hour	92	17 overs	0
4th hour	65	13 overs	2
5th hour	58	17 overs	1
6th hour	21	15 overs	1

Total: (for 7 wks in 90 overs) 336
 To bat: Perdo Colins and Carl Tuckett.
 Fall of wickets: 1/62; 2/70; 3/100; 4/226; 5/233; 6/307; 7/325.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Shafuddin	9	0	44	0
Morshed	15	3	45	0
K Mahmud	7	0	24	1
Fahim	22	1	99	3
Enamul	30	10	73	3
Aminul	5	1	34	0
Al-Shahrir	2	0	15	0

Bangladesh team: Aminul Islam (captain), Javed Omar, Shahrir Hossain, Al-Shahrir, Khaled Mahmud, Akram Khan, Shafuddin Ahmed, Morshed Ali Khan, Enamul Haque, Fahim Muntasir Rahaman and Hasanuzzaman (12th man).
 Toss: Won by West Indies A.
 Umpires: Ataul Haque Mullick and Mesbahuddin Ahmed Reza.

England manager Graham Gooch said on Thursday the four selectors had effectively chosen their strongest side, with the exception of Thorpe, for the four-day match in the Queensland state's tropical north.

The Queensland team, to be captained by Australia's record-breaking Test wicketkeeper Ian Healy, includes seven internationals.

"We want to give the more experienced players more cricket before the back-to-back Test matches," Gooch said.

Meanwhile, England named a provisional 23-strong squad on Thursday for the three-team limited-overs competition with Australia and Sri Lanka to be played after the five-test Ashes series.

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Six members of the party now in Australia - vice-captain Nasser Hussain, off-spinner Pe-

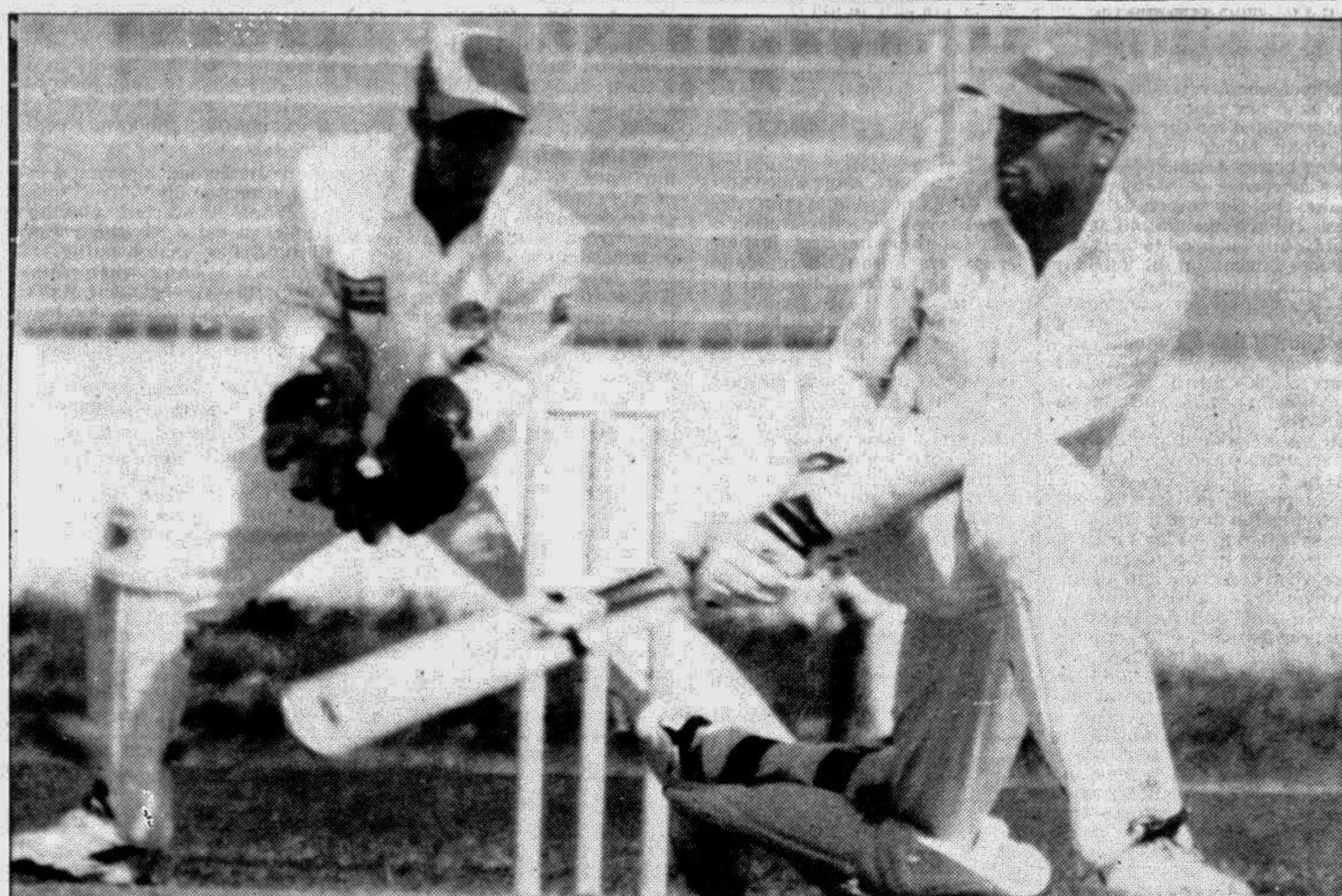
ter Such, batsmen Mark Ramprakash and Mark Butcher, paceman Dominic Cork and fast bowler Alex Tudor - were left out of the one-day list.

Graeme Hick, a surprise omission from the Test squad, was included along with Gloucestershire's Mark Allen and fellow all-rounder Vince Wells of Leicestershire, who are both uncapped.

There will be several players who will be disappointed not to be included," Graveney said. "But we must stress the door is not closed to any individual."

TEAMS
 Queensland (from): Ian Healy (captain), Matthew Hayden, Jimmy Maher, Stuart Law, Martin Love, Andrew Symonds, Geoff Foley, Michael Kasprovicz, Andy Bichel, Adam Dale, Paul Jackson, Joe Dawes.

England (from): Alec Stewart (captain), Michael Atherton, Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain, John Crawley, Mark Ramprakash, Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Darren Gough, Dean Headley, Allan Mulhally, Angus Fraser.



West Indies A's Floyd Reifer sweeps left-arm spinner Enamul Haque (not in picture) during the first day of the three-day match against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Reifer top scored with 89 in the visiting side's total of 336 for seven at stumps.

Darrell the menace

SYDNEY, Nov 12 (AFP/Internet): Sri Lanka's star spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was warned Thursday he will be called for throwing in Australia in January if he has not sorted out his action.

Australian umpire Darrell Hair, who called Muralitharan for throwing seven times in a three-over spell in the Boxing Day Test at Melbourne in 1995, says he will judge each ball individually.

"I am a ball by ball umpire," Hair said. "I have never prejudged any player and that will be the case again."

Hair has been appointed for next week's first Australia-England Test and will almost certainly umpire one of Sri Lanka's matches in next January's one-day series here.

He says in his autobiography to be released next week he believed two other Sri Lankan players - Khumara Dharmasena and Ruwan Kalpage - had suspect actions.

He would have no-balled them as well in 1995 but he feared a backlash for Australia when they played a World Cup match in Colombo later that year. In the end Australia refused to play in Sri Lanka because of a bomb blast.

The Sri Lankans have always defended Muralitharan on the lines that he was born with a permanently bent arm which cannot straighten, but Hair described that argument as "laughable."

Many critics questioned the worth of Hair no-balling an off-spinner who seemed to be gaining minimal assistance from his suspect action.

But he said: "If it is against the rules it shouldn't be allowed."

Muralitharan was subsequently no-balled by umpire Ross Emerson in Brisbane but has not been called since to play 200 Test wickets to match Steve Warne's rate.

Nat'l rowing on Nov 20

The Star 23rd national rowing championship will be held on November 20 in the river Buriganga, reports UNB.

The participating teams have been requested to send their entries on November 19 to the Rowing Federation office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Asian Games hockey Confidence high as Bangladesh announce team

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defeat, what can be called quite a success against the mighty Indians.

Defender Mamun-ur Rashid retained his captaincy while ace forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal remained as his deputy.

Only two players - Syed Rafiqunnabi Nakib and Monirul Islam Shipu - have been dropped from the team that toured Thailand and they will be replaced by Ishtiaque Ahmed Shipu and Ashiquzzaman.

The team: Mamun-ur Rashid (captain), Rafiqul Islam Kamal (vice-captain), Jahangir Alam, Mirajir Ahsan, Isa Miah, Khurshid Alam, Musa Miah, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Alamgir Alam, Ariful Haque Prince, Moududur Rahman Shuvo, Shamsuzzaman, Russel Khan, Tutul Kumar Nag, Ishtiaque Ahmed Shipu and Ashiquzzaman.

Officials: Khawja Rahmatullah (manager) and Ehtesham Sultan (coach).

Besides, BHF vice-president Mirza Farid Ahmed and Maksudur Rahman, acting director of BUET Physical Education Department, will accompany the team as judge and umpire respectively.

The selected players have been asked to report to manager Ehtesham Sultan at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium next Sunday at 4 pm.

Saber off to Singapore

President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury left for Singapore yesterday to attend the executive committee meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC), reports BSS.

The meeting will take place today.

Saber is an elected member of the ICC executive committee from the associate member group.

The meeting will discuss about disbursement of money to the associate members from the ICC development fund.

The meeting will also discuss a report of the Canadian Cricket Association, which will host the ICC Trophy in 2001, and other issues related to the development of the game.

Zimbabwe win in dress-rehearsal

Sharjah final today

Umpires: Steve Dunn, New Zealand; Javed Akhtar, Pakistan.
 Umpire: David Orchard, South Africa.
 Referee: Ebrahim Isaacs, South Africa.

Ranasinghe passes away
 Star Sportwatch
 Former Sri Lankan cricketer Anura Ranasinghe died in his sleep Monday night.

He was one of the finest all-round cricketers the emerald island ever produced.

The 48-year-old however never had the chance to fulfil his potential to the full at the highest level, because eight months after Sri Lanka had played their inaugural Test with England in February, 1982, he went to South Africa with a Sri Lanka rebel side and along with 13 other players, who undertook that tour, was banned for a period of 25 years.

The ban virtually ended his career as a cricketer, and Ranasinghe was never the same again until six months ago, when his club Bloomfield appointed him as the coach of their Under-23 and division III teams.

Ranasinghe created history in 1975 when he became the first schoolboy to play in a World Cup when he represented Sri Lanka in the inaugural tournament in England at the age of 18 years. He played in all three matches against West Indies, Australia and Pakistan.

He was unlucky not to make it to the final eleven of Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England at the Sara Stadium in February 1982 when another schoolboy Arjuna Ranatunga, the current captain, got the vote ahead of him, and went on to score a maiden Test fifty.

Ranasinghe made his Test debut the following month against Pakistan at Faisalabad

beat India by 13 runs in the Coca-Cola Trophy match on Wednesday.

It was a psychological boost for Zimbabwe ahead of Friday's final between the two countries.

Defending a modest 205, Zimbabwe survived a late charge by the Indians to score their third victory in the three-nation tournament.

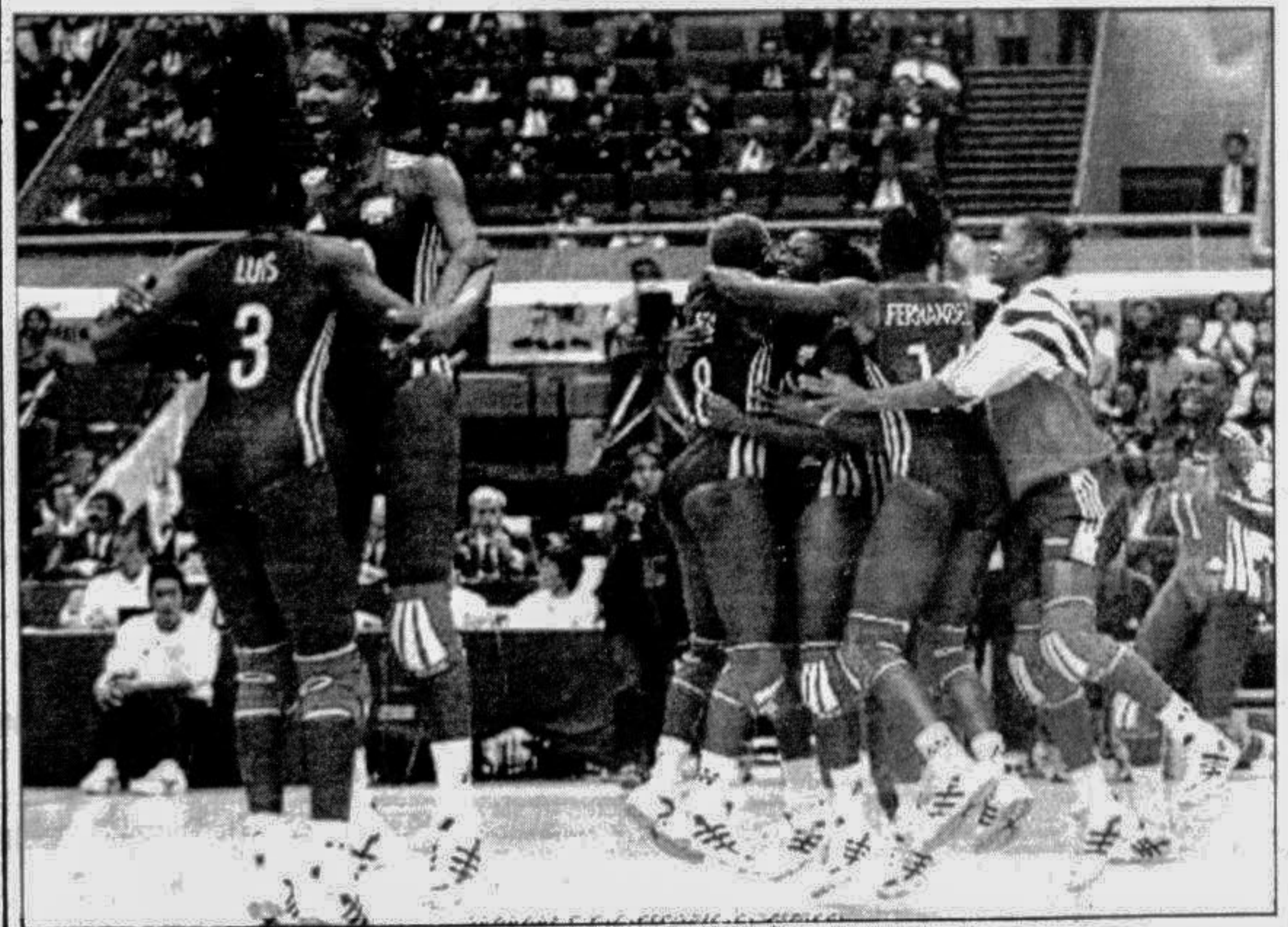
Olonga ripped apart the top order Indian batting, taking a wicket in each of his first three overs. He struck again in his second spell to remove Ajay Jadhava, the stand-in captain for Mohammad Azharuddin.

With India at 104-6 in 28.3 overs, Robin Singh and Nikhil Chopra injected some life with a stand of 55 for the seventh wicket.

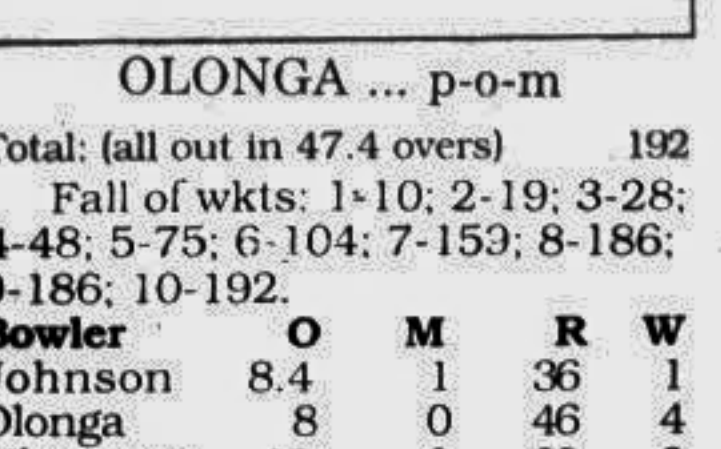
India needed just 20 off the last 24 balls after one Olonga over in which he conceded 17 runs, but Zimbabwe stuck to their task to dismiss the Indians for 192 in 47.4 overs. Robin Singh remained unbeaten with 49.

Earlier, Alistair Campbell hammered a solid 83 not out to help lift Zimbabwe from 65-5 to a total of 205-7.

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard of the Coca-Cola Trophy match between Zimbabwe and India at Sharjah on Wednesday:
ZIMBABWE
 Wishart run out 6
 G Flower c Joshi b Prasad 0
 Johnson b Robin Singh 18
 Goodwin run out 13
 A Flower c Chopra b Joshi 11
 Campbell not out 83
 Rennie c Dravid b Joshi 28
 Whittall b Tendulkar 29
 Huckle not out 2
 Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-3) 15
 Total: (For seven in 50 overs) 205
 Did not bat: Mqumelo Mbangwa, Henry Olonga.
 Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-9; 3-33; 4-46; 5-65; 6-120; 7-201.



Cuban players celebrate after their triumph in the World Volleyball Championship final in Osaka yesterday. They defeated China to clinch the title.



OLONGA... p-o-m