

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Goran Ivanisevic**

(Croatian tennis player)  
 "For me Steffi Graf is the best in the history of women's tennis. All others are okay, but Steffi, if she wants to play, she beats everybody."

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the Japanese have many forms of martial art. Aikido is one of them that use a system of holds, throws, and locks as its principal movements. The name comes from the Japanese words ai (union, harmony); ki (vital breath, energy); do (way). Although many of the moves of aikido resemble the disarming techniques and throws of jujitsu and judo, the art focuses on controlling one's ki, or vital energy within the body that is centered in the abdominal region. In order to subdue an opponent, Aikido advocates self-defense, placing emphasis on nerve points that, when pressed, can bring down an adversary without risk of maiming or killing.

**Aikidoka** (students of aikido) practice aikido in a **dojo** (practice hall) wearing a thick, cotton, kimono-style top with a wide, long skirt called a **hakama**. In **ekka dokka** played in Bangladesh, there is never any risk of maiming or killing. But you have to hold your ki (fill you find your do to base).

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- Who scored highest number of runs in the Wills Cup?  
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- Who topped batting average in the Bangladesh-West Indies A One day series?  
 Reifer Akram Javed
- Which team emerged champion in the national age-group swimming?  
 Khulna Nagan Kushia
- Who will lead Bangladesh at Asian Games hockey tournament?  
 Mamun Sadek Kamal

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### JPC sports

A 10-day sports meet of the Jatiya Press Club begins today marking the 44th founding anniversary of the club, reports UNB.

The first day will be featured by a chess competition beginning at 10:30 am. Eighteen players will take part in the two-day contest.

The other events include table tennis (singles and doubles) from November 21 to 23, spade trump from November 23 to 25 and mini-marathon on November 27.

### Bagan in semis

CALCUTTA, Nov 17: Mohun Bagan missed chances galore to finish with a goalless draw against Royal Thai Air Force in a pulsating and fast paced Group B league encounter of the 104th IFA Shield tournament at the floodlit Salt Lake Stadium here yesterday, reports PFI.

Bagan with five points from three matches moved to the last four stage by finishing as group champions pushing Bengal Mumbai Football Club (BMFC) to the second spot by virtue of a better goal difference.

## Bangladesh to receive bulk of ICC Development Fund Test teams to tour Dhaka, int'l meet in March likely

Sports Reporter



An international cricket tournament, in lieu of the delayed eighth Asia Cup, is likely to be held in March at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. But nothing has been finalised yet.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury revealed this while talking to a group of journalists at his BCB office last night. He was speaking after a more than two-hour long session with the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM).

The eighth Asia Cup was scheduled to be held from March 20. But Saber hinted that the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) might change the schedule at its next meeting in Colombo early next month as India would be unavailable for the biennial meet in March.

The tournament will be a part of our preparation for the

World Cup," said Saber, adding that the Asia Cup might be shifted to November.

"We will use the Bangabandhu National Stadium till April as declared earlier by the NSC. Although we are already behind schedule and that is, of course, our failure, we are planning to announce the annual domestic cricket calendar within the next couple of days," said Saber.

Saber, who is also a member of the ICC executive committee, further disclosed that Bangladesh is likely to receive the bulk of the ICC Development Fund.

"We had a meeting last week in Singapore regarding the disposal of the fund generated from the recently concluded Wills International Cup. And I'm hopeful that Bangladesh is going to get the biggest slice of the cake," said Saber. But he did not elaborate.

Besides, Saber also divulged

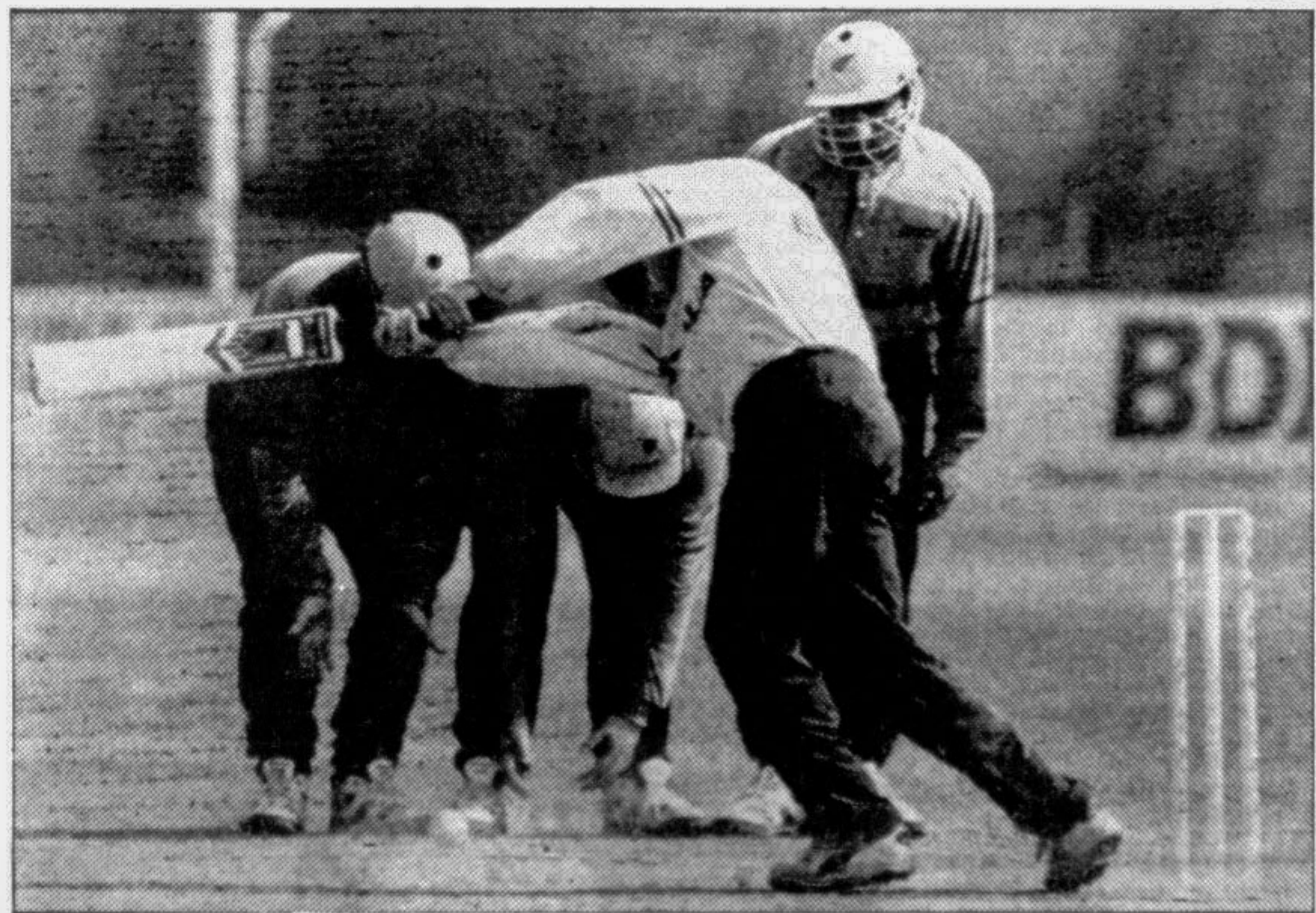
that BCB is trying to convince Test teams to make stop-overs in Bangladesh ahead of their planned visit to India, Pakistan or Sri Lanka.

"The successful hosting of the Wills International Cup was lauded by all and sundry. Specially the cricketers who played here were very happy with the facilities. So I don't think any country will oppose the idea when we propose this at the ICC executive meeting," said Saber.

The next ICC meeting will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand from January 10 to 12.

Regarding his meeting with the CCDM last night, Saber said that he had a successful session with the local club representatives.

"They have asked for monetary assistance from the board for their respective development programme and have requested the board not to make any change in the local calendar," concluded Saber.



A DIFFERENT TYPE OF CRICKET... Australia's Chris Backstrong bats while the New Zealanders field during their game in the World Cup for the blind in New Delhi yesterday. — AFP photo

## New venues for football, cricket at Fatullah BCB-BFF talks to share Bangabandhu today

The row between Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on use of the Bangabandhu National Stadium is likely to end today.

Talking to BSS yesterday, BFF president and Dhaka Mayor Mohammad Hanif said, "State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury and myself will sit together and we will finalise the convenient time schedule for both cricket and football."

He welcomed the BCB president's offer on sharing the sta-

dium under mutual understanding and the offer would help in reaching an understanding.

The BFF president said, "We sat last week and the meeting is the follow-up. I hope it will be a fruitful one," he added.

Quader indicated that the Bangabandhu Stadium problem is likely to be solved in the next meeting.

BCB president earlier said the cricket season has already started and will end before the monsoon. So the cricket league and other cricket activities, keeping the next year's World Cup in mind, will have to complete before the rainy season."

Meanwhile the government has decided to take necessary steps for phase-wise expansion and renovation of the Bangabandhu Stadium for holding international events.

The decision was taken at the monthly review meeting of different projects under the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs.

The meeting was informed that the two stadiums — one each for football and cricket — will be built at Fatullah.

The meeting decided to give priority on development of sports grounds in the remote areas.

## Brooker baffles Windies

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Nov 17 (Reuters/Internet): Finley Brooker struck his maiden first-class century and looked like saving Queensland West from defeat in their four-day tour match against the West Indies on Tuesday.

At tea on the final day, Griqualand were 378 for seven in their second innings, giving them a lead of 183 with just one session remaining.

Brooker and Wendell Bossinger began their eighth-wicket partnership in the over before lunch and were still together at tea, having added 120 runs.

Brooker was 102 not out after 273 minutes at the wicket and had faced 232 balls and hit 11 fours. Bossinger was 69 not out at the interval.

Overcast, humid conditions should have favoured the West Indies bowlers but they struggled against the watchful discipline of the eighth-wicket pair despite taking the second new ball during the session.

Earlier Test candidate Pat Symcox blasted 50 runs off just 22 deliveries to give West Indies hopes of a quick victory.

The home side passed their target score of 195 to make West Indies bat again, for a total of 258 in seven wickets at lunch.

At the wicket for 28 minutes, the 38-year-old veteran was particularly severe on Shivnarine Chanderpaul, carting two overs from the part-time legspinner for 43 runs.

Symcox's performance over-

shadowed a defiant sixth-wicket partnership of 94 between overnight pairing Piet Barnard and Finley Brooker.

### Scholes sidelined

LONDON, Nov 17 (Reuters/Internet): Manchester United's Paul Scholes on Tuesday became the latest striker to be ruled out of England's friendly with the Czech Republic.

Scholes has not overcome a hamstring strain and is definitely out of Wednesday's game at Wembley Stadium.

Also out are Alan Shearer, Michael Owen and Teddy Sheringham, while Leicester's Emile Heskey is very doubtful.

The injury list means an almost certain start for Dion Dublin with Jan Wright and Paul Merson, who both missed training with slight knocks on Tuesday, also hoping to play.

Scholes, who has played in England's last seven international matches including all four in the World Cup, scored in United's 3-2 win over Blackburn on Saturday before coming off with the injury midway through the second half.

Heskey could well field a front three with a combined age of 94 against the Czechs — Wright (35), Merson (30) and Dublin (29).

England have made an indifferent start to their European championship qualifying campaign with a defeat against Sweden (1-2), a draw with Bulgaria (0-0) and a win over Luxembourg (3-0) and will be looking to beat the Czechs to regain some lost momentum.

which made it all possible.

Barnard batted for 192 minutes for his 76 and together with Brooker had taken his side to within two runs of avoiding an innings defeat.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the last day of the four-day match between Griqualand West and the West Indies at the De Beers Oval on Tuesday:

**GRIGUALAND WEST:** First innings 271

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 466

**GRIGUALAND WEST:** Second innings

M Arthur run out 46 (112m 110b 5x4)

M Gidley c Wallace b Hooper 4 (39m 24b)

L Bosman c Wallace b Dillon 8 (31m 22b 1x4)

P Barnard c Jacobs b Chanderpaul 76 (192m 178b 11x4)

W Dry c Lara b Chanderpaul 4 (11m 8b 1x4)

A Botha c Lara b Rose 5 (15m 15b 1x4)

F Brooker not out 56 (153m 128b 6x4)

P Symcox lbw Hooper 50 (28m 23b 4x4 4x6)

W Bossinger not out 0 (1m 4b)

Extras: (leg byes 4, no balls 5)

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Total: (For 7 wks) 258

Overs: 85

Fall of wks: 1-17; 2-46; 3-79; 4-86; 5-99; 6-193; 7-258.

**Bowler** O M R W

Dillon 17 4 50 1

Hooper 25 8 51 2

Chanderpaul 20 5 89 2

Ganga 6 1 23 0

## Bhasani's mural unveiled

A mural of leader of the masses Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was unveiled yesterday at the National Hockey Stadium, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader unveiled it on the occasion of his 22nd death anniversary.

National Sports Council (NSC), which renamed the hockey stadium after the national leader, laid the 12'-8" mural in front of the VIP gate of the stadium at cost of Tk 1.32 lakh.

The minister informed that the mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was erected at Bangabandhu National Stadium and it will be unveiled on March 17, the birthday of the father of the nation.

Murals of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq and Hossain Shahid Suhrawardy will adorn the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium and National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur.

## Jayasuriya readjusts

COLOMBO, Nov 17: Sri Lanka's best-known batsman says he has revised his batting technique because bowlers are familiar with his style, reports AP.

From obscurity in a fishing village a few years ago, Jayasuriya has risen to earn the nickname "master blaster" and has put Sri Lanka on the top in world cricket.

During the recently concluded three-nation tournament in the Middle East, Jayasuriya failed to live up to his reputation. Jayasuriya says bowlers have concentrated on his weak points, going round the wicket to tap him leg before or hit his stumps.

Jayasuriya won't spell out his new technique, but he promised reporters on Monday that he is determined to play the role of Sri Lanka's main batting stay in future tournaments. Sri Lanka is scheduled to go to Australia in January.

During the 1996 World Cup, Jayasuriya clobbered the ball with ease for a hundred boundaries. The same year he travelled to Pakistan with a Sri Lankan-B team and scored two centuries.

Although a gifted all-rounder, he is particularly good at batting. He relishes one-day games and his ability to hit over the top in the early overs has given his side a tremendous impetus.

## Zowie does it in style

GOLD COAST, Australia, Nov 17: Eleven-year-old Zowie Norford took about 45 seconds to defend her Australian boxing title on Tuesday, reports AP.

But it will take the controversy surrounding her appearance in the ring longer to die down.

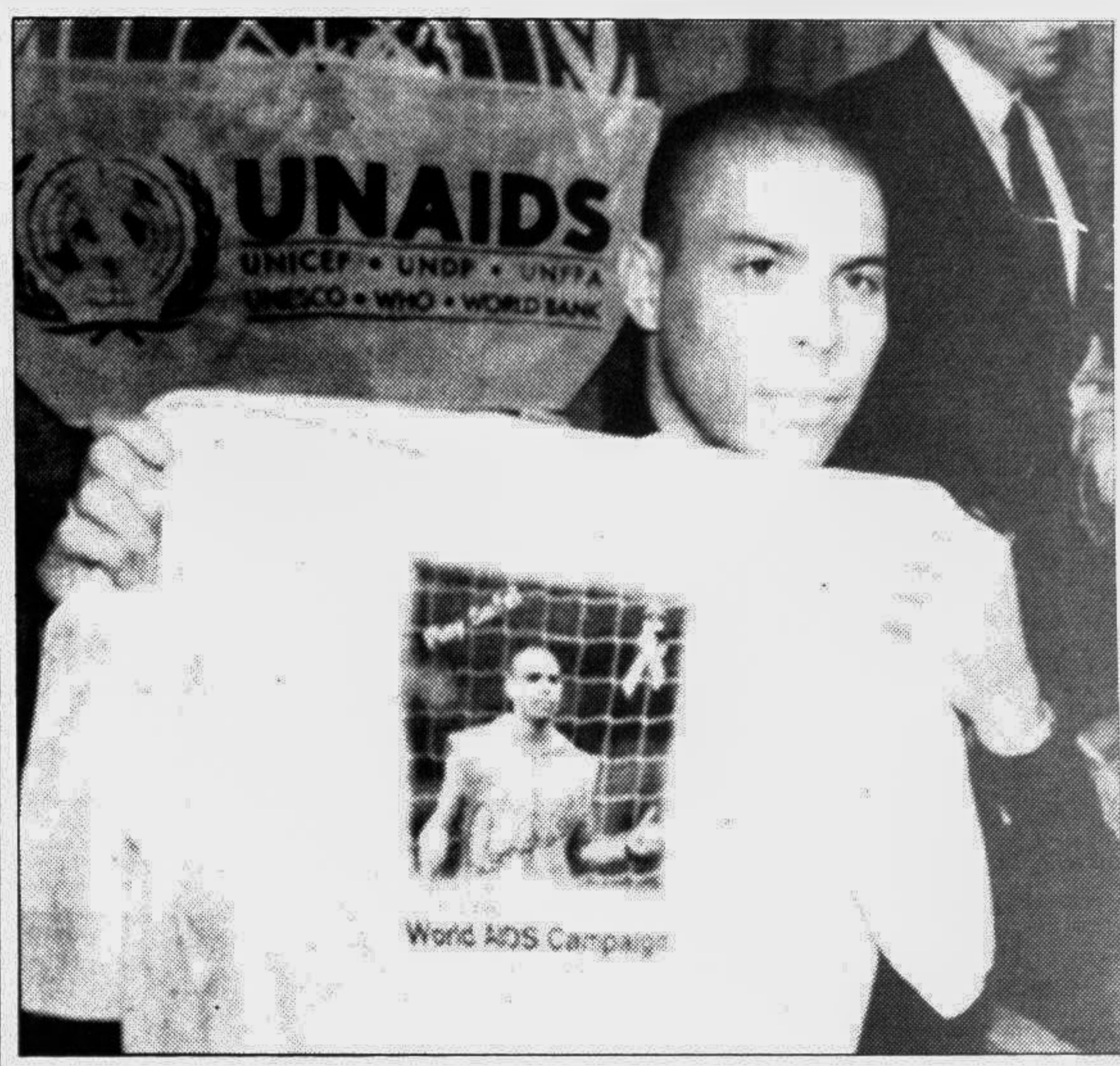
The schoolgirl from nearby Ipswich, Queensland on Tuesday danced and threw enough round-arm rights against 12-year-old Veronica Cameron of New South Wales to prompt the referee to stop the fight and award Norford her second consecutive Australian sub-junior 39-kilogram (86-pound) title.

But whether she will be able to continue to follow the family sport in Queensland, let alone Australia, will depend upon politicians.

Prompted by the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and Health Minister Wendy Edmond, Queensland Premier Peter Beattie said Monday that his cabinet would consider a ban on boxing for those under the age of 18.

Norford, a Grade 6 student, said the controversy surrounding her appearance and that of other children in the Australian Amateur Boxing League (AABL) titles at a Southport club was "stupid."

"I should be able to fight. It keeps me fit," Norford said after the fight.



Brazilian soccer superstar Ronaldo showing a shirt of World AIDS campaign at a conference in Geneva on November 16 organised to promote the UN-backed programme to increase awareness among the young about the dangers of AIDS. — AP/UNB photo

## The other side of Ronaldo

GENEVA, Nov 17: Brazilian striker Ronaldo launched a Swiss-made chronograph watch on Monday and said part of the revenue would go to keep poor children off Rio's streets, reports Reuters.

The "R9" watch, named for his jersey number, will be unveiled next April and will be available in three versions: platinum (at 35,000 dollars), gold (at 21,000 dollars) and steel (at 3,500 dollars).

Ronaldo said three per cent of the proceeds will be handed over to his Sao Cristovao Foundation, named after the first club for which he played. It gives poor children in the favelas (shanty towns) the chance to play sports.

Part of the proceeds will be earmarked for the foundation established in Rio to provide assistance to needy children. I

can but hope that in the future I will be able to provide assistance and obtain sponsorship," Ronaldo said.

"I consider myself to be the big brother of these children. I will always be their big brother. It makes me happy to help, to be close to them to the extent possible because I lead a very complicated life and it is often difficult," he added.

The 22-year-old football legend, who missed Inter Milan's 3-0 win on Sunday against Sampdoria, their first victory in five league matches, also said his left knee was healing and he hoped to play this weekend.

Ronaldo's health has been a question mark since he apparently suffered a convulsive fit in his hotel room before Brazil lost 3-0 to France in the World Cup final last July.

He has also been plagued by a recurring knee injury, limiting

him to just a few competitive games this season for Inter Milan.

"My health is fine," he told a news conference. "I am recuperating from an injury to the knee suffered last Sunday.

As for next Sunday, I hope to play. If I am in good shape, I will play," he added.

Ronaldo, Brazilian world player of the year in 1996 and 1997, who joined Inter from Barcelona last year, is among 50 players named by France Football magazine last week as candidates for the European footballer of the year — which he won in 1997.

Asked who might succeed him in winning the prestigious award, he replied you don't think that I am slated to win anymore. I was extremely happy to win that prize. I would be happy to do so again and I hope I will.

## Harbhajan reactivated

MOMBAY, Nov 17: Teenage spinner Harbhajan Singh, whose bowling action has come under close scrutiny, was today recalled to the Indian team for next month's tour of New Zealand, reports AFP.

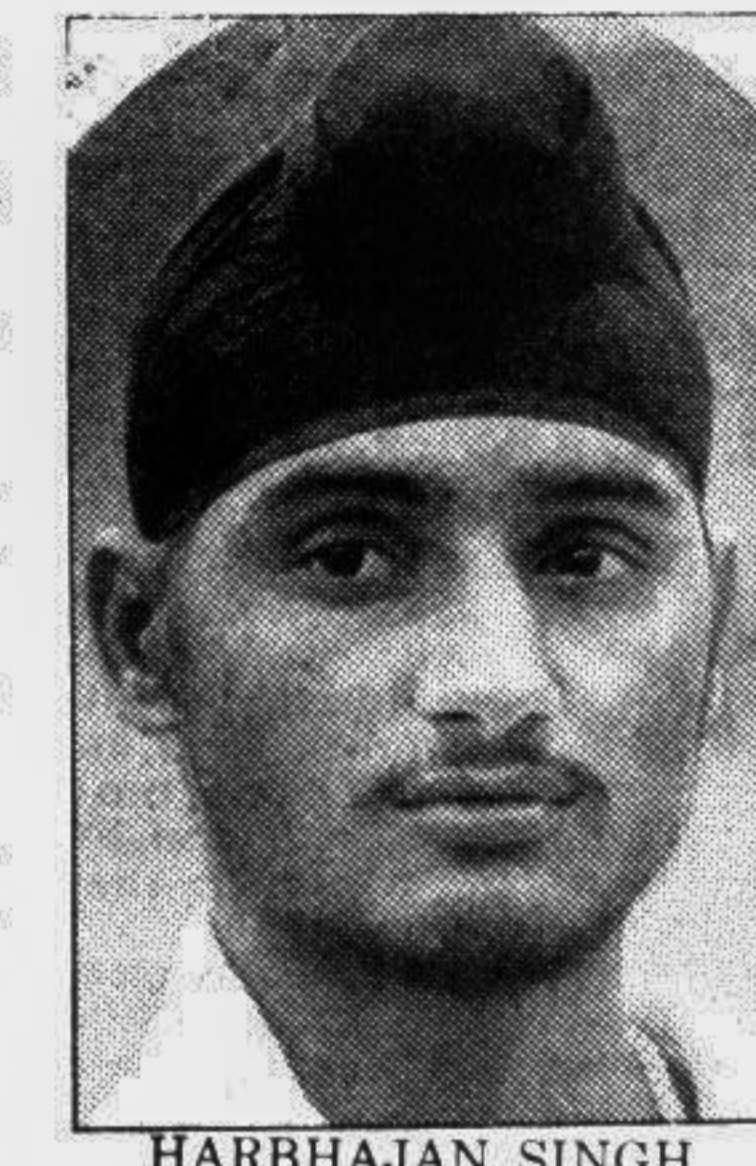
The 19-year-old off-spinner was dropped for the Wills Cup in Bangladesh and the Coca-Cola Trophy in Sharjah after the International Cricket Council raised doubts about his action.

Selectors, however, reinstated Harbhajan when the bowler was cleared by former England spinner Fred Titmus during two-day visit to London earlier this month.

Harbhajan, who made his international debut during the home series against Australia in March, has never been called for throwing by umpires.

But two ICC match referees, Ranjan Madugala of Sri Lanka and Peter van der Merwe of South Africa, questioned the legality of his action.

Veteran opener Navjot Sidhu and swing bowler Debashish Mohanty are also back in favour after being omitted for the Dhaka and Sharjah one-day tournaments.



HARBHAJAN SINGH

Mohammad Azharuddin will lead the 15-man squad named only for the three-Test match starting on December 18.

A separate team will be selected for the subsequent five limited-overs internationals, Indian board secretary Jayant Lele told reporters after the selection committee meeting here.

### SQUAD

Mohammad Azharuddin (capt), Ajay Jadeja (vice capt), Navjot Sidhu, Venkat Laxman, Sachin Tendulkar, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Naynab Modi, Jagavallab Sinthia, Ajit Agarkar, Venkatesh Prasad, Debashish Mohanty, Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi, Harbhajan Singh.

Coach: Anshuman Gaekwad.

### More calls it a day

BARODA, Nov 17: The former India wicketkeeper Kiran More announced his retirement from first-class cricket here yesterday, reports PFI.

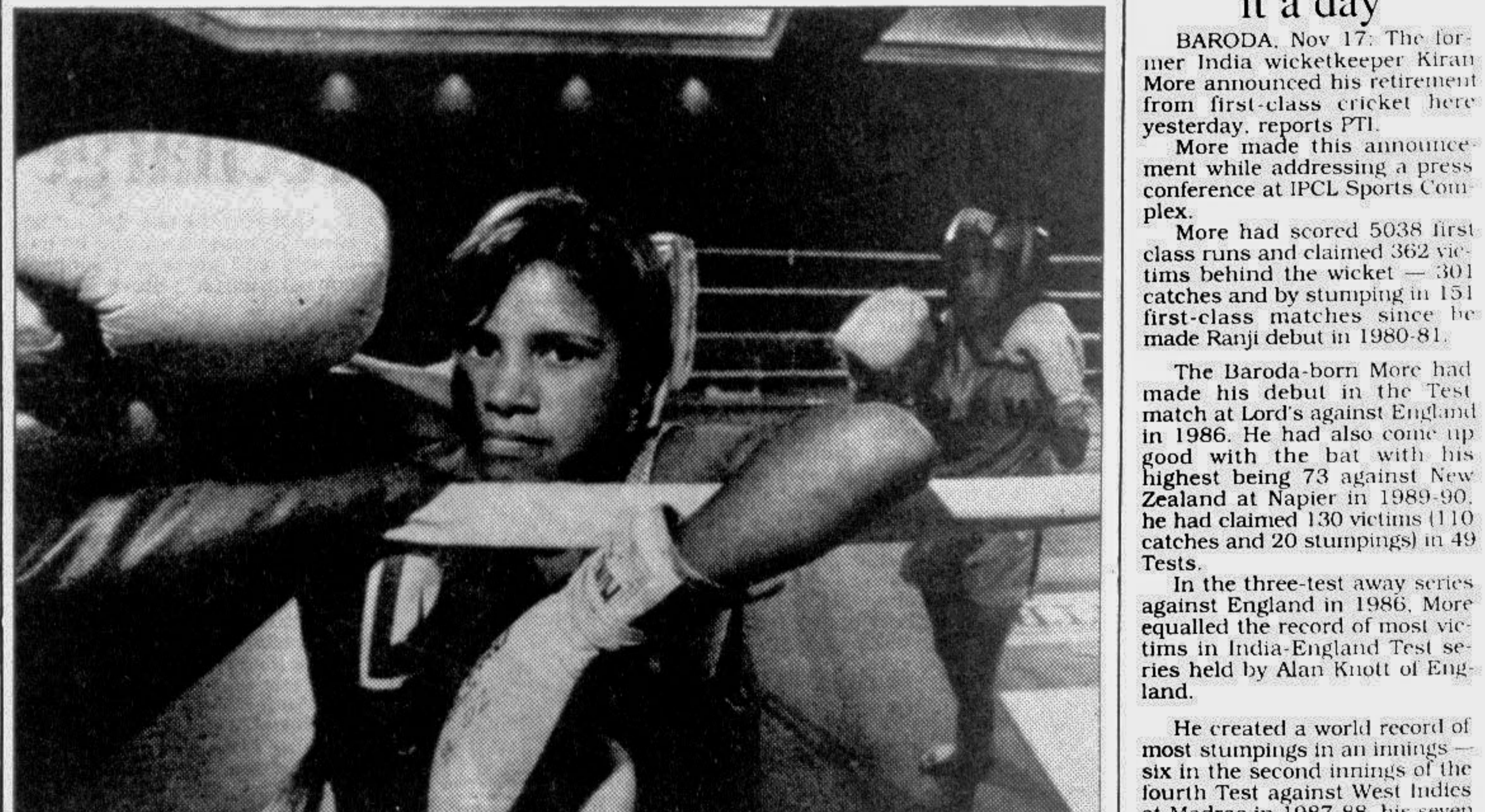
More made this announcement while addressing a press conference at IPCL Sports Complex.

More had scored 5038 first-class runs and claimed 362 victims behind the wicket — 301 catches and by stumping in 151 first-class matches since he made Ranji debut in 1980-81.

The Baroda-born More had made his debut in the Test match at Lord's against England in 1986. He had also come up good with the bat with his highest being 73 against New Zealand at Napier in 1989-90. He had claimed 130 victims (110 catches and 20 stumpings) in 49 Tests.

In the three-test away series against England in 1986, More equalled the record of most victims in India-England Test series held by Alan Knott of England.

He created a world record of most stumpings in an innings — six in the second innings of the fourth Test against West Indies at Madras in 1987-88. His seven victims (one catch and six stumpings) in the same match is also an Indian record of most dismissals in a Test.



Australian minors Jean Currie (L), 12, and challenger Tiara Kelly before the start of their Australian Amateur Boxing League bout in Brisbane on November 16. — AFP photo