

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Abebe Bikila, the Ethiopian track-and-field athlete, won two Olympic gold medals in the marathon. Bikila was born in Mout province in 1932. Before competing as a runner he was a member of the imperial bodyguard of Haile Selassie I, the Ethiopian emperor. The marathon at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy, was only Bikila's third race at this distance, but he set a new world best time of 2 hours 15 minutes 16.2 seconds and also attracted attention by running the race barefoot. (The designation world best is used instead of record because marathon courses differ greatly and comparisons of finish times are difficult.)

At the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, Bikila, no longer competing barefoot, became the first runner to win the Olympic marathon twice, finishing with a new world best time of 2 hours 12 minutes 11.2 seconds (his previous mark had been broken several times between the Olympics). Bikila competed in the marathon at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, but he dropped out of the race after about 16 km (about 10 miles) because of injury. During his career Bikila won 12 of the 15 marathons he entered, an outstanding accomplishment. In 1969 an automobile accident left him paralyzed below the waist, and he died of a brain hemorrhage four years later.

SPORTS TALK



Ian Healy
 (Australian wicketkeeper)
 "If I cost Australia a Test, I don't want anyone to say that I could have trained harder."

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EN-VITS
 ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

Record entries for Asiad

BANGKOK, Nov 22: A record 42 nations will vie for glory in next month's 13th Asian Games here, with only Afghanistan of the region's Olympic committee members absent, organisers said, reports AFP.

Mongolia was the last country to confirm it would send a team to the December 6-20 Games, said Dr Sakchye Tupswan, chairman of the Games' Technical Committee in a weekend statement.

The organising committee is very pleased to get confirmation from 42 nations, which will send 6,617 athletes and 2,623 officials, totalling 9,240 persons, he said.

Mongolia is still deciding how many athletes it will send, he added.

Forty-one nations took part in the last Games in Hiroshima, Japan, four years ago.

Welcome shock wave? World Cup players off from domestic chore

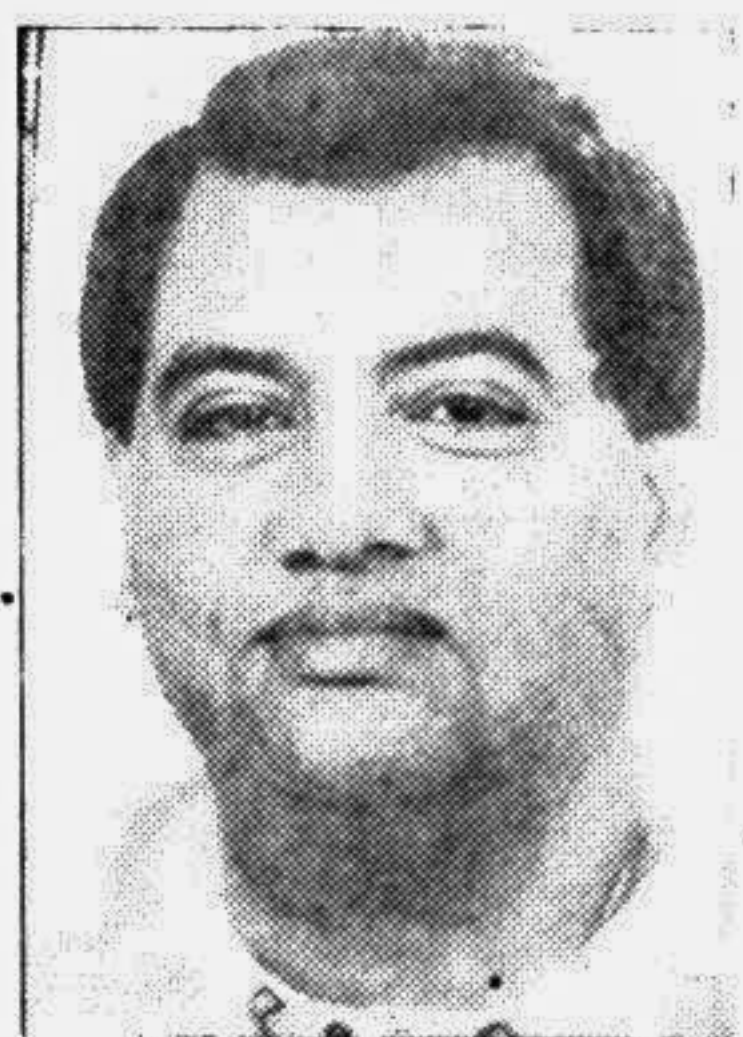
Sports Reporter



The soaring price hike of the players ahead of the inter-club cricketers' transfer was snapped yesterday in the wake of a sensational decision of the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury revealed to the national news agency.

The mood at the Bangabandhu National Stadium saw a sea of change following the BCB's announcement that the thirty to thirty-five players picked for the national team for the England World Cup would not be allowed to play in domestic cricket without the permission of the board. This in effect means a total embargo on their playing in any local tournament till the World Cup in May next year. For their obvious monetary loss for not playing for any Premier Division cricket club, the players would be compensated by the Board.

Saber Hossain made the decision public after a meeting with his general secretary Syed Ashraful Haq, chairman of the selection committee. Enayet Hossain Siraj and director of



SABER HOSSAIN
 coaching Gordon Greenidge.
 Talking to BSS, Saber said, "This is for the first time Bangladesh has taken a decision to pay remuneration to the cricketers for keeping out of the domestic tournaments in the greater national interest." The BCB president also sought cooperation from all quarters to make this unique decision a success.

closed that the Board will announce the list of World Cup probabilities before the much-anticipated inter-club cricketers' transfer, which is scheduled to start from November 25.

Meanwhile, Tanvir Haider, the chairman of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), said that he was informed of the decision by the president over telephone.

The president (Saber Hossain) has talked to me over telephone and advised me to shift the transfer for a couple of days," said Tanvir last night.

But the announcement at the eleventh hour, with most of the leading clubs having already made some advance payments to some of the players, has caused an uproar among club officials. Among the affected lot Kalabagan's influential official Dewan Shaful Arefin, who is also a joint-secretary of the BCB, looked very annoyed due to the impromptu move.

Tanvir said it for all. "The decision will force all the clubs to change their plans. Because, they will now have to recast the team excluding the players who are in the national pool."

Zimbabwe thump Pakistan



SHEIKHUPURA, Pakistan, Nov 22 (AFP/AP): A magnificent maiden century by Neil Johnson steered Zimbabwe to a comfortable six-wicket win over Pakistan in the second one-day international cricket match here today.

Zimbabwe restricted Pakistan to 211 in the allotted 50 overs and levelled the series 1-1.

Johnson, 28, played a superb innings of 103 to help his team overhaul the most successful Pakistani total with six wickets in hand and 9.2 overs to spare.

Johnson brought up his century in the 39th over when he drove part-time spinner Saeed Anwar to the cover boundary for his 13th four of the innings.

"I will cherish this moment for the rest of my life, but I was a little disappointed not to be there in the middle when victory came," said Johnson after his man-of-the-match winning knock.

The fast improving Zimbabweans, who have beaten India once and defeated world champions Sri Lanka twice, recorded their only second one-day international victory against Pakistan in 18 matches. Their only win before Sunday came in 1995 when they beat Pakistan by 74 runs in Harare in 1995.

Pakistan teenager Hasan Raza crawled to his highest one-day score of 46 while recalled Inzamam ul Haq struggled to make 34 as the frontline batsmen failed.

Zimbabwe opens Grant Flower and Neil Johnson set the foundation for victory by putting up a solid stand of 101 off 114 balls.

Johnson, who became Zimbabwe citizen only last month after playing most of his cricket in South Africa, batted with confidence and followed his 74 in the first one-day with some improvised shots to record the first one-day century by a Zimbabwean against Pakistan.

The previous highest was 91 made by Grant Flower at Quetta in 1996-97.

Zimbabwe were never in trouble though they lost Murray Goodwin (30) and Craig Evans (2) after a good start. Johnson fell with just three runs required. His 103 came off 122 balls with 13 boundaries.

He completed his fifty off 61 balls hitting nine well timed over the rope shots.

"It is a very good win for us, one we were looking for to keep the interest alive in the series," Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell said.

"I give full credit to the opening stand and to our bowlers," he said.

Campbell put the hosts in after winning the toss on an apparent batting wicket. Zimbabwe retained the side which lost the first match at Gujranwala by four wickets.

Pakistan brought Raza and Mohammad Akram for unflinching Ahmed and Shaob Akhter.

Hasan shared two useful partnerships of 37 with Wasim Akram for the eighth wicket and a record 57 with Saqlain Mushtaq for ninth to help Pakistan recover from a paltry 116-7.

Hasan, the youngest player to appear in a one-day at 14 years 233 days against Zimbabwe two years ago, faced 70 balls and hit just a single four but his patient knock raised hopes of a fight back.

Pakistan lost both openers Aamir Shohail and Saeed Anwar before reaching double figure.

Aggressive opener Shahid Afridi hit four boundaries in

his 30-ball 26 before being bowled by Heath Streak.

Inzamam (34) and Yousuf Yohanna (24) added 44 runs for the fourth wicket before off-spinner Andrew Whittall removed both in his first spell.

Pakistan were 89-4 after 25 overs. The home side were in deep trouble at 116-7 after losing Moin Khan (11) and Azhar Mahmood (3).

Wasim, who made 257 here against Zimbabwe in a Test two years ago, hit two fours and a six off Strang in his 19 facing 23 balls. He was caught by keeper Andrew Flower off Johnson.

Saqlain helped Hasan to lift Pakistan by making 29 off 27 balls hitting four fours and a six. Their 57-run partnership took 54 balls and beat the previous best ninth wicket Pakistan one-day record of 45 by Salim Malik and Saqlain against India in Toronto in 1996.

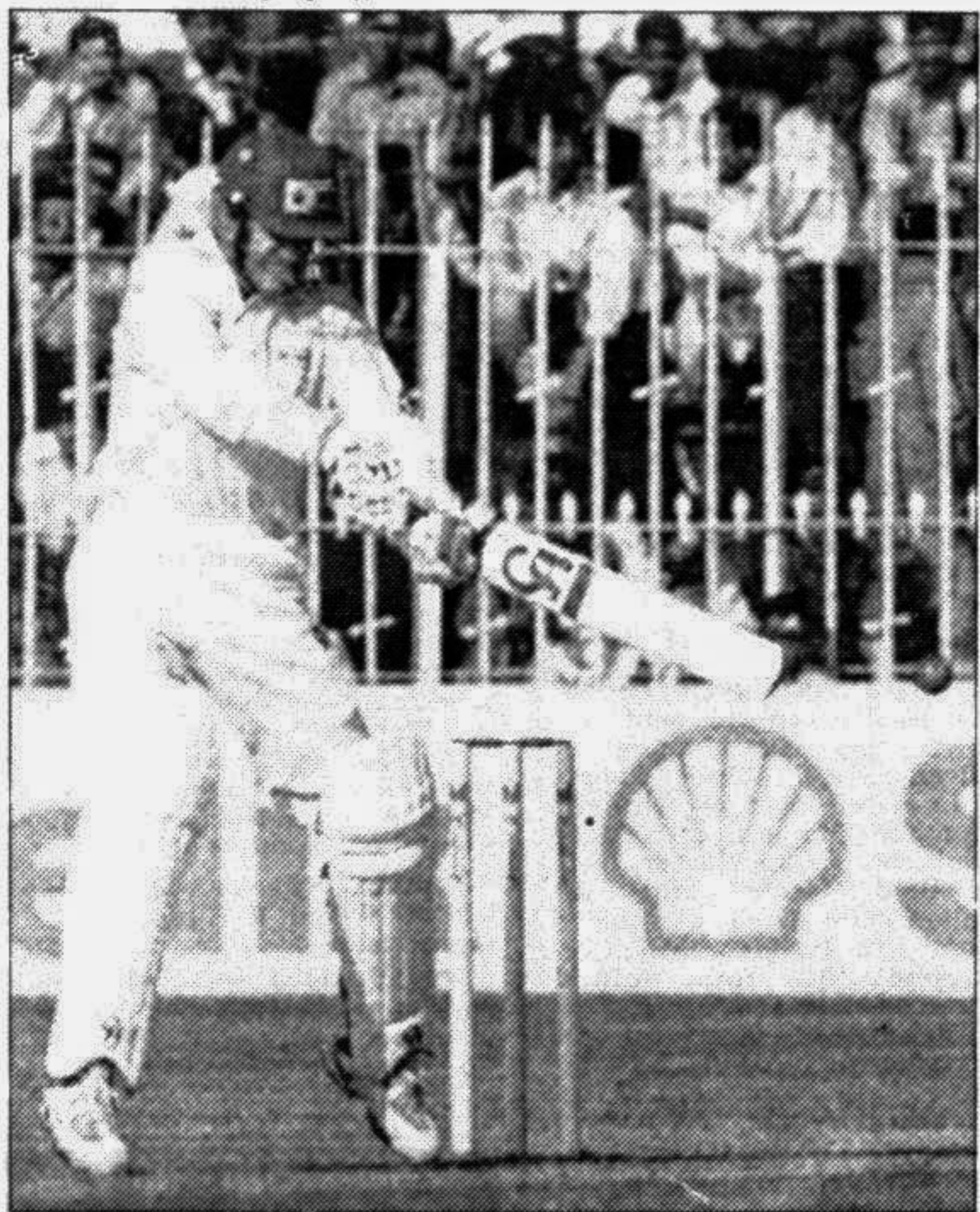
"We never tried to build up a partnership and all the batsmen fell while playing rash

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Brandes	10	0	44	1
Johnson	10	0	51	2
Streak	10	1	40	3
Strang	8	0	37	1
Whittall	10	2	23	2
Evans	2	0	10	1

ZIMBABWE	O	M	R	W
Johnson b Afridi	103			
G Flower c Anwar b Saqlain	42			
Goodwin b Sohail	30			
Evans b Saqlain	2			
A Flower not out	15			
Campbell not out	1			
Extras (lb-6, w-5, nb-8)	19			
Total (for four in 40.4 overs)	212			
Fall of wickets: 1-101; 2-161; 3-164; 4-209				
Did not bat: C Wishart, H Streak, P Strang, E Brandes, A Whittall				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
W Akram	7	0	31	0
M Akram	6	0	31	0
Saqlain	10	0	43	2
Afridi	16	0	33	1
Sohail	10	0	37	1
Anwar	14	0	11	0

Result: Zimbabwe won by six wickets.
 Man-of-the-match: Neil Johnson.



NEIL JOHNSON ... man-of-the-match

strokes," conceded Aamir Shohail.

"Zimbabwe deserved to win as they totally outclassed us. They are no more babes in international cricket and we really have to work hard to clinch the series," he said.

The third and final one-dayer will be played in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

Rakib, Ippolito draw

Bangladesh national junior champion Abdullah-al-Rakib drew with American FIDE Master Dean Ippolito (2430) in the 5th round match of the 37th World Junior Chess Championship in the Indian town of Calicut on Saturday, reports UNB.

After the 5th round, Rakib (2350) topped his compatriot Enamul Hossain Rajib securing three points from five matches.

Rajib lost his 5th round match to Bozan Bukovic of Yugoslavia on the same day to remain at his previous credit of 2.5 points from five outings.

International Master Sadakasab of Kazakhstan maintained his lead collecting full five points from five encounters on Saturday.

Rakib is scheduled to play his 6th round match with IM Olli Salmensuu of Finland while Rajib due to meet Damir Sutkovic of Bosnia Sunday night.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of second one-day international between Pakistan and Zimbabwe Sunday.

PAKISTAN	O	M	R	W
Anwar c Goodwin b Johnson	2			
Afridi b Streak	26			
Sohail c Flower b Whittall	34			
Inzamam c A Flower b Whittall	34			
Yohanna b Whittall	46			
Hasan Raza lbw b Streak	24			
Moin Khan c G Flower b Evans	11			
Azhar Mahmood c A Flower b Strang	3			
Wasim Akram c A Flower b Johnson	19			
Saqlain b Streak	29			
Mohammad Akram not out	0			
Extras (lb-6, nb-1, w-10)	17			
Total (all out in 50 overs)	211			
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-9; 3-36; 4-80; 5-96; 6-109; 7-116; 8-153; 9-210; 10-211				

Stadiums stones on Dec 11

The foundation stones of the two stadiums for cricket and football by the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road at Fatulla will be laid on December 11, reports UNB.

"Works on the stadiums will be completed within one year," said State Minister for Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader while exchanging views with newsmen at the local press club yesterday.

He said the two stadiums, along with accommodation facilities for players, will be constructed on 27 acres of land. Tenders for constructing the galleries have already been floated.

Quader said the government will soon take up a project to construct a sports complex in Narayanganj.

Free State 140/2 at tea

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 22 (Reuters/Internet): Free State redeemed themselves on the third day of their four-day tour match against the West Indies.

Dismissed for 67 on Saturday, the home side were 140-2 in their second innings at tea on Sunday. However, their victory target of 438 remained a daunting prospect despite fine work by the bowlers who earlier in the day reduced West Indies from 112-2 to 188 all out.

Openers Kosie Venter and Gerhardus Liebenberg gave Free State a solid start in their quest for the runs with an opening partnership of 51.

But it ended when Liebenberg was caught behind by Ridley Jacobs off Curtly Ambrose for 26. Forty minutes before tea the left-handed Venter was bowled by Carl Hooper for 53.

At tea Boeta Dippenaar was 49 not out with Louis Wilkinson on eight.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the third day of the four-day match between the touring West Indies and Free State at Springbok Park on Sunday:

WEST INDIES: First Innings	67
FREE STATE: First Innings	316

WEST INDIES: Second Innings	28
Wallace lbw b Wath	28
Lambert c Venter b Mpitsang	54
Lara b Wath	0
Williams b Bakkes	52
Chanderpaul c Liebenberg b Wath	12
Jacobs lbw b Cronje	19
McLean b Wath	0
Ambrose b Cronje	1
Dillon c Van Wyk b Cronje	0
Ramnarine not out	8
Extras (lb-7, w-3, nb-1, b-1)	12
Total (for 10 wickets in 72.1 overs)	188

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bakkes	6	2	10	1
Mpitsang	5	1	25	1
Cronje	14	4	23	3
Wath	10.1	2	26	5
Venter	13	2	28	0
Boje	9	0	19	0

Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-41; 3-130; 4-146; 5-176; 6-177; 7-177; 8-178; 9-178; 10-188.

Calcutta ready to host Indo-Pak cricket tie

NEW DELHI, Nov 22: Indian communists have offered to host an India-Pakistan cricket tie if Hindu militants try to disrupt it elsewhere in the country, newspapers said today, reports AFP.

The communist government in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal said late Saturday the match could be played in the leftwing bastion of Calcutta, the Hindustan Times reported.

"We are ready to play hosts for the match and will offer all possible security to the members of the visiting (Pakistan) team," West Bengal Home Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharya was reported as saying in Calcutta.

Calcutta, also the home of Indian soccer, is the capital of West Bengal.

Firebrand Hindu militant leader Bal Thackeray has threatened to sabotage cricket matches between India and Pakistan if they are played in Bombay, which is ruled by his Shiv Sena Party.

On Saturday, however, Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee publicly pledged to protect Pakistani cricketers and said he would not allow their matches to be disrupted by anyone.

"No organisation or individuals would be allowed to obstruct the Pakistani cricket team," Vajpayee told reporters after an election rally in the northern city of Jaipur.

The Shiv Sena is an ally of Vajpayee's Hindu nationalists.

Pakistan are scheduled to play early next year their first Test series on Indian soil in 11 years.

They will play three Tests and as many one-day internationals during a seven-week tour that starts January 21, the Indian cricket board announced this month.

Pakistan last played Test cricket in India in 1986-87.

Twice cancelled scheduled tours in 1993 and 1994, citing security fears, but played in India during the limited-over World Cup in 1996 and last year's Independence Cup tournament.

Butcher's bold hundred Tourists avert follow-on



BRISBANE, Nov 22 (AP/Reuters): Inspired by a rare Mark Butcher century, England put up a brave batting performance in the face of a daunting Australian total

Africa at Leeds in August, lifted England as he shared a rollicking second-wicket stand with Nasser Hussain, who scored 59.

When the day's play was cut short by 15 overs, Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash, the last recognised batting pair,

Mark Taylor short of options before Michael Kasprovic finally struck in the 20th over of the day.

Australia quickly wrested the initiative with the prized wicket of Alec Stewart when the England captain swept a MacGill full toss to Kasprovic at square leg.

But Butcher, who suffered a nasty cut in the tour opener against Western Australia at the WACA in Perth, continued the onslaught with Thorpe as partner.

England raced to 179 for three at lunch and was very much in control in the post-lunch session before part-time off-spinner Mark Waugh struck.

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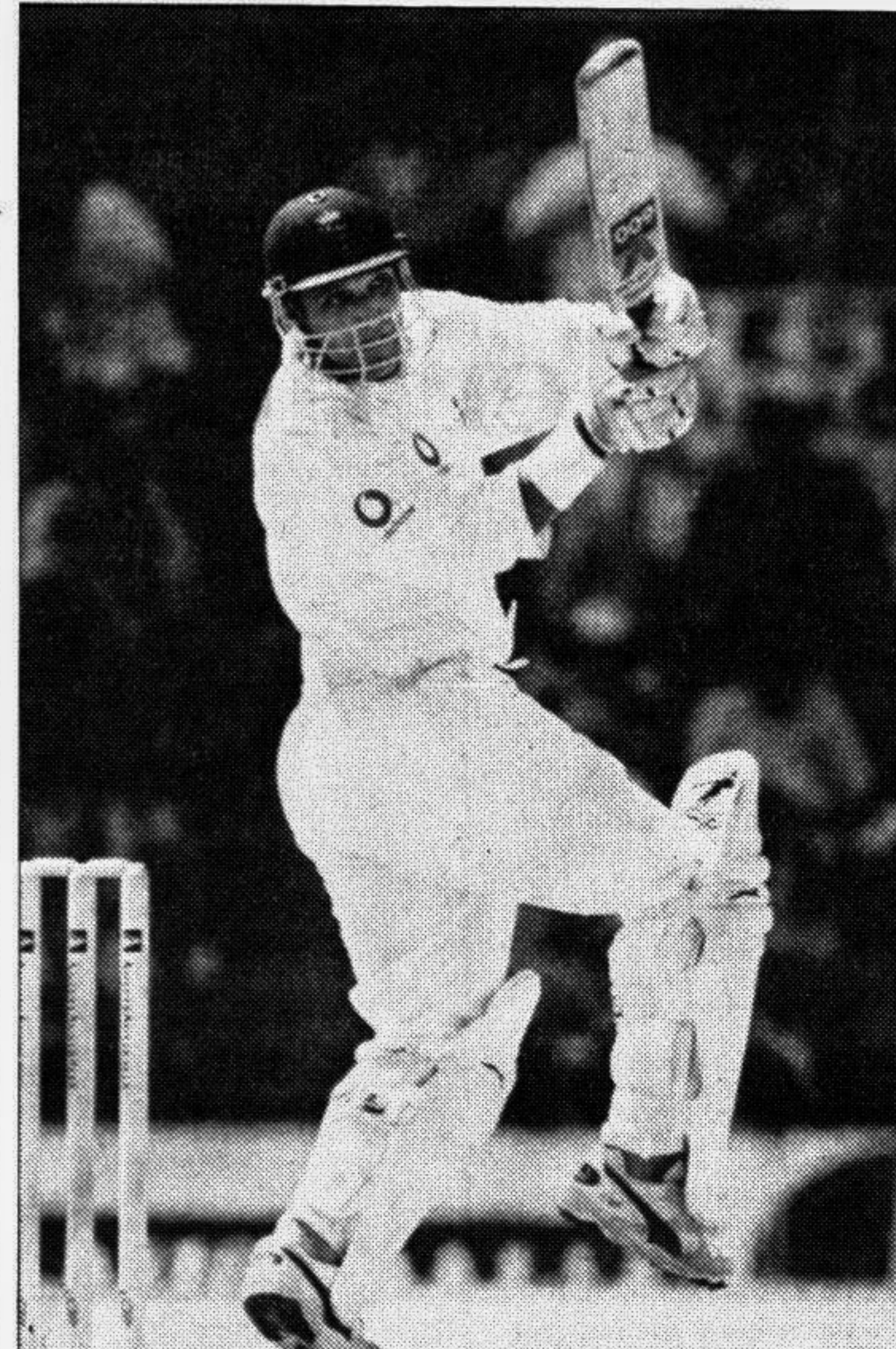
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England centurion Mark Butcher hooks on day three of the first Test against Australia at Brisbane yesterday.

England resumed 432 runs behind on 53 for one. When bad light and rain stopped play on the third day, the visitors had progressed to 299 for four, comfortable avert the follow-on.

On a day marked by high-quality batsmanship to match the Australian centuries by Steve Waugh and Ian Healy on the second day, Butcher led the way with his second Test century.

It was a timely return to form by the left-handed opener who went into the Test with woeful batting form — managing just nine runs from five first-class innings.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Ashes cricket Test between England and Australia at the Gabba on Sunday:

— AFP photo

England: First innings 485
 Australia: First Innings 553 (for one overnight)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Butcher c and b M Waugh	116			
Atherton c M Waugh b McGrath	0			
Hussain c Stewart b Kasprovic	59			
Stewart c Kasprovic b MacGill	8			
Thorpe not out	70			
Ramprakash not out	29			
Extras (lb-7, b-1, nb-9)	17			
Total (for four wickets in 94.2 overs)	299			
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-145; 3-168; 4-240				
To bat: D Cork, R Croft, D Gough, A Mullyally, A Fraser				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	24	7	66	1
Fleming	22	5	62	0
Kasprovic	18.2	2	61	1
McGill	16	2	57	1
S Waugh	3	0	17	0
Ponting	3	0	10	0
M Waugh	8	1	18	1

The unexpected attack left

Pollock earns a promotion



DURBAN, Nov 22 (Reuters/Internet): Shaun Pollock succeeded Gary Kirsten to the vice-captaincy in the South African squad of 12 named in Durban on Sunday.

The squad faces the West Indies in the first Test which starts at the Wanderers in Johannesburg on Thursday.

Kirsten, who turns 31 on Monday, relinquished the position voluntarily, saying from

Cape Town: "I'm certainly not going to succeed Hansie Cronje, and it's in the best interests of the team that a younger man takes over from me."

Pollock, 25, led South Africa to the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia in September and has been earmarked as a future Test captain.

The squad includes two spin bowlers in veteran off-spinner Pat Symcox and left-arm wrist spinner Paul Adams, who had been thought out of the running

as he is in poor bowling form.

Also in the side is David Terbrugge, the 21-year-old Gauteng fast bowler who made his first-class debut four seasons ago and toured England with the South African under-19 team in 1995.

Missing from the side which last represented South Africa in a Test match, against England at Headingley in August, are opening batsman Gerhardus Liebenberg - who has been replaced by Adam Bacher - fast bowler Makhaya Ntini and all-

Parreira to take over 'bafana bafana'?



JOHANNESBURG, Nov 22 (Reuters/Internet): South African soccer officials will meet former World Cup winning coach Carlos Alberto Parreira on Monday to formally offer him the South African coaching job.

The Brazilian, who led his country to the World Cup title in the U.S. four years ago, arrived in South Africa late on Friday for a five-day visit.

He will sit down with the South African Football Association on Monday to thrash

out details but told journalists on Sunday he was also considering other offers.

"Perhaps the next few days will provide me with the answer," he said.

Carlos Alberto watched two local matches on Saturday — a league clash between two of South Africa's top teams and a world under-17 championship qualifying game in Soweto.

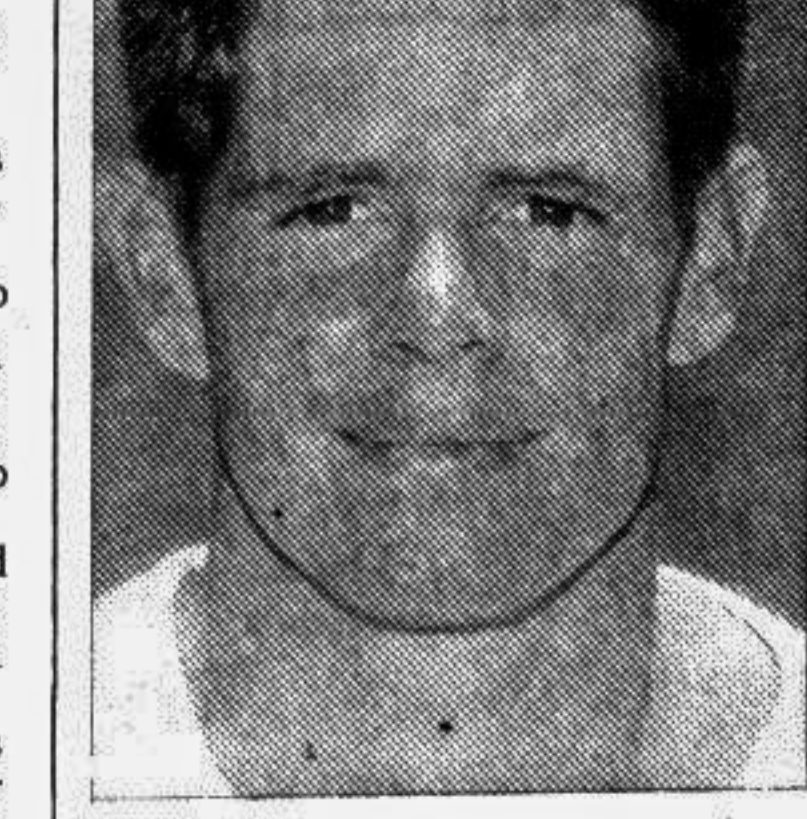
He will also visit stadia and inspect training facilities as South African officials attempt to woo him into the job.

"I have had many offers world-wide but I am not after the highest bidder," he said when questioned on whether the South African federation could afford to match the reputed \$1 million contract he had with Saudi Arabia for the 1998 World Cup finals.

"After years of travelling and living around the world, I'm keen to return to Brazil and at this moment the choice seems between staying in Rio or taking the job in South Africa," Carlos Alberto said.

South African officials have made no secret of their wish to get the 56-year-old into the post despite also interviewing coaches from England, Germany and the Netherlands.

The desire to entice the man whose international coaching career began in Ghana more than 20 years ago has led to a postponement on the naming of a replacement for Frenchman Philippe Troussier, whose contract was not renewed after the World Cup finals in June.



ALBERTO PARREIRA



rounder Brian McMillan, who has retired from international cricket.

South African squad: Gary Kirsten, Adam Bacher, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Jonty Rhodes, Shaun Pollock (vice-captain), Mark Boucher, Pat Symcox, Alan Donald, Paul Adams, David Terbrugge.