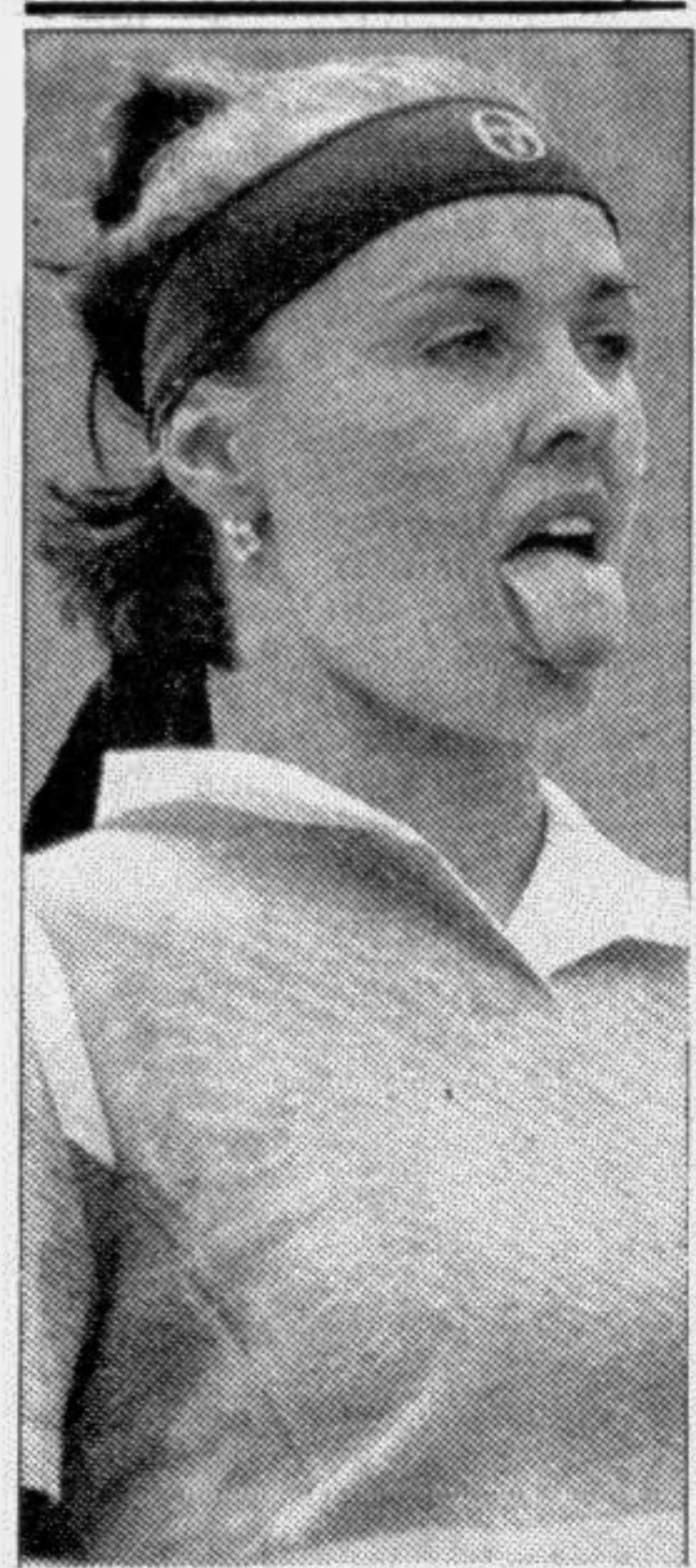


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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis
(Swiss tennis star)
You just try to win the first set otherwise it is hard. I think of men playing, they say the second set is very important, but in women's I think it is very important to win the first set.
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3. Who topped batting average in the Bangladesh-West Indies A One-day series?
Reifer Akram Javed

4. Which team emerged champion in the national age-group swimming?
Khulna Nagan Kushitia

5. Who will lead Bangladesh at Asian Games hockey tournament?
Mamun Sadek Kamal

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Ishwardi lift DC Gold Cup
Sports Reporter
PABNA, Nov 24: Ishwardi Thana Sports Association lifted the DC Gold Cup football tournament defeating Chhatmohar Thana Sports Association at the local stadium today.
Khan Shahabuddin, Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner, attended the colourful concluding ceremony as chief guest and gave away prizes among the winners. The tournament, introduced from last year, kicked off on November 13. It featured nine Thana-level teams.

SOCOG board member quits
SYDNEY, Nov 24: Rod McGeoch, one of the prime movers in bringing the Olympic to Sydney in 2000, resigned Tuesday from the Olympic organising board, saying he believed there would be a continuing period of destabilisation against him, reports AP.
In a letter to New South Wales Premier Bob Carr, McGeoch said it was critical for Sydney and Australia that the Games were an outstanding success and they should not be sullied by personal agendas.
He said despite calls from Carr, Prime Minister John Howard and Olympic Minister Michael Knight to stop the campaign of destabilisation against him, he did not believe the calls had been heeded and it seemed that they would continue.
McGeoch was criticised last week for allegedly requesting an 8,000 Australian dollar (\$5,120 dollars) payment to make a speech to an American delegation about the Games.
He denied making any such request.

Saber takes back his word

National players back in the league

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Sabir Hossain Chowdhury yesterday reverted his decision of barring the World Cup pool cricketers from taking part in the Premier Division league, but on a condition.
The change in the earlier decision, which created resentment among most clubs, means that the cricketers' transfer will take place from today as per the original schedule.
The U-turn was made after Tanveer Haider, president, Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), and Mahmud Ul Haque Manu, secretary, Senior Division league, met with Saber at his Secretariat office yesterday afternoon. BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Haque was also present during the meeting.
Saber's condition — the Premier league will start from the first week of December and end before January 31 to allow the World Cup pool cricketers to take part in the camp from February 1.

Cricketers' transfer from today
contracts with some of the national team cricketers.
Earlier last Monday night, an emergency meeting of the CCDM, held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, rejected Saber's decision and decided to hold the league with all the national pool cricketers.
The three-day inter-club cricketers' transfer for the 1998-99 season will start at the BCB players' lounge at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from 4 pm today.
For the first two days, the transfer will continue up to 7 pm while on the final day, it will close at 7:30 pm.
Clubs will be able to register a maximum of five cricketers from the 34-member national pool declared by the BCB earlier.
The national pool for the 1998-99 season:
Aminul Islam, Faruque Ahmed, Minhazul Abedin, Akram Khan, Mohammad Rafique, Hasibul Hossain, Manjural Islam, Morshed Ali Khan, Mehrib Hossain, Azam Iqbal, Al-Shahriar, Naimur Rahman, Zakir Hasan, Sheikh Salauddin, Saiful Islam, Harun-ur Rashid, Zakir Hossain, Jewel Hossain, Sajjad Ahmed, Enamul Haque, Athar Ali Khan, Mofizur Rahman, Hasanuzzaman, Habibul Bashar, Khaled Mahmud, Shafiqul Islam, Shahriar Hossain, Sanwar Hossain, Mushfiqur Rahman, Sumit Rahman, Anisur Rahman, Javed Omar, Belim, Sabir Khan, Tanveer Khan.
Wicketkeepers have been exempted from the pool.

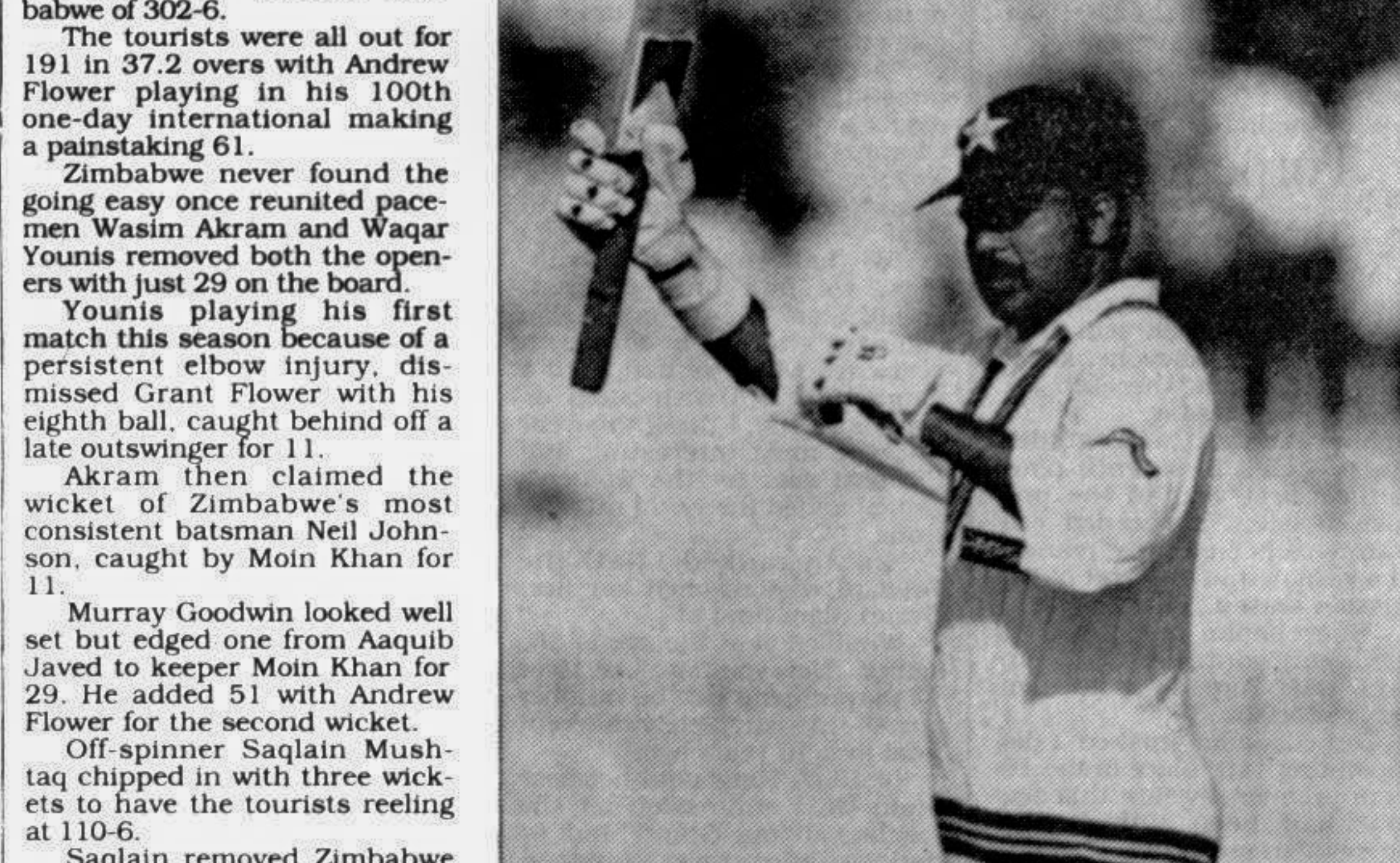
Pakistan clinch ODIs

RAWALPINDI, Nov 24: Ijaz Ahmed hit a superb century as Pakistan trounced Zimbabwe by 111 runs in the third and final one-day international here today, reports AFP.
The win enabled Pakistan to take the three-match one-day series 2-1 and salvaged some pride after being thrashed 3-0 by Australia earlier in the month.
Ijaz hit a scintillating 132, the highest score by a Pakistani in meetings with Zimbabwe, while opener Saeed Anwar chipped in with a well-crafted 73 in Pakistan's highest ever one-day total against Zimbabwe of 302-6.
The tourists were all out for 191 in 37.2 overs with Andrew Flower playing in his 100th one-day international making a painstaking 61.
Zimbabwe never found the going easy once reunited pacesmen Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis removed both the openers with just 29 on the board.
Younis playing his first match this season because of a persistent elbow injury, dismissed Grant Flower with his eighth ball, caught behind off a late outswinger for 11.
Akram then claimed the wicket of Zimbabwe's most consistent batsman Neil Johnson, caught by Moin Khan for 11.
Murray Goodwin looked well set but edged one from Aaqib Javed to keeper Moin Khan for 29. He added 51 with Andrew Flower for the second wicket.
Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq chipped in with three wickets to have the tourists reeling at 110-6.
Saqlain removed Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell (3) and Craig Whithart (6) — both bowled. Gavin Rennie made 6 before he was caught by Inzamam-ul-Haq off Saqlain.
It was a great team effort and Waqar's return helped us get the initial breakthrough," Pakistan captain Amir Sohail said.
Earlier Pakistan put into bat, were indebted to Ijaz who punished all of the Zimbabwe bowlers.
Ijaz, whose ninth one-day century came off just 86 balls with six fours and four sixes, hit nine boundaries and four sixes in his 132 which ended on the final ball of the allotted 50 overs when he was caught at deep cover.
He put on 97 runs for the third wicket with Inzamam and 54 with Wasim.
Pakistan had been given a flying start by Anwar and captain Amir Sohail, who put on 77 for the first wicket.
Anwar punished some poor bowling by the Zimbabweans and raced to his 50 off just 39 balls hitting six fours and a six.
Sohail was the first to go, bowled by off-spinner Andrew Whithart for 20.
Anwar fell with the score on 110 when attempting a single to point he was sent back but failed to regain his crease after making 73. His innings lasted for 63 balls and included nine fours and a six.
Inzamam struggled to 34 off 61 balls before being caught by Goodwin off fast bowler Heath Streak.
Pakistan won the first match at Gujranwala by four wickets. Zimbabwe settled the score with a six-wicket win in the second match at Sheikhupura.
The first Test is at Peshawar on November 27. The second

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the final one-day international cricket match between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Tuesday:

Aaqib	9	0	47	1
Mahmood	2	0	10	0
Saqlain	7	0	27	3
Sohail	52	0	25	2

Result: Pakistan own by 111 runs and take the three-match series 2-1.
Man-of-the-match: Ijaz Ahmed.



EXPLOSIVE IJAZ: Pakistan's aggressive middle order Ijaz Ahmed acknowledges the fans' applause on reaching his hundred against Zimbabwe in the third and final one-day international at Rawalpindi yesterday. — AFP photo

PAKISTAN:

Anwar run out	73
Sohail b Whithart	20
Ijaz c G Flower b Streak	132
Inzamam c Goodwin b Steak	34
Moin lbw b Brandes	9
Akram run out	20
Azhar Mahmood not out	3
Extras: (lb-3, w-6, nb-2)	11
Total: (for 6 wks in 50 overs)	302

Fall of wickets: 1-77; 2-110; 3-207; 4-225; 5-279; 6-302.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Brandes	10	1	57	1
Johnson	7	0	63	0
Streak	10	1	62	2
Whithart	10	1	38	1
G Flower	1	0	8	0
P Strang	8	0	51	0
Campbell	2	0	9	0
Goodwin	2	0	11	0

Did not bat: Yousof Yohanna, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis and Aaqib Javed.

ZIMBABWE

Johnson c Moin Khan b Akram	11
G Flower c Moin Khan b Waqar	11
Goodwin c Moin Khan b Aaqib	29
A Flower b Sohail	61
Campbell b Saqlain	3
Whithart b Saqlain	6
Rennie c Inzamam b Saqlain	5
Streak run out	10
P Strang not out	26
Brandes b Waqar	4
Whithart lbw b Sohail	4
Extras: (lb-7, nb-7, w-7)	21
Total: (all out in 37.2 overs)	191

Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-29; 3-80; 4-85; 5-102; 6-110; 7-124; 8-181; 9-186; 10-191.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Akram	6	0	25	1
Waqar	8	0	49	2

Parreira won't go to S Africa
JOHANNESBURG, Nov 24: Former Brazilian coach Carlos Parreira has virtually excluded himself from being appointed as new coach of South Africa's national soccer team, South African television reported Monday, says Xinhua.
Parreira was dashed when the Brazilian said he was not prepared to accept a four-year contract.
Parreira said he would like to be closer to his family after many years working abroad and therefore a four-year contract was out of the question.
It is reported that the 56-year-old world-class coach is also being invited by a Rio de Janeiro club.
South African Football Association (SAFA) is expected to announce a new coach for the national side Sunday.
Parreira, who arrived in Johannesburg last Friday, met SAFA's technical committee Monday.
He led the Brazilian national team to win the 1994 World Cup in the United States. But he was fired by the Saudi Arabian team in the middle of this year's World Cup in France.

Bangabandhu Stadium

BFF wants six months

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) in an emergency meeting last Monday expressed its discontent about NSC's decision to allot the Bangabandhu Stadium to the federation for a limited period.
Chaired by Mohammad Hanif, mayor of Dhaka City Corporation and president of BFF, the largely attended meeting resolved that four months and 13 days will not be enough to complete the BFF calendar, for which they need six months.
"We have decided to send a letter to the State Minister for Youth and Sports with a request to extend the allotment for six months, which was what was done in the past," said BFF joint-secretary, Sirajul Islam Bachchu, yesterday.
"Without that, we can not organise the league, the Federation Cup and the Mahanagari Cup," said Bachchu, adding that Dhaka Stadium was always shared by cricket and football equally.
Monday's meeting also decided to ask the State Minister that the BFF will say to the nation for losing one complete year. Because cricket will be played at the stadium till April 1999, there will be no football programme at the stadium this year. NSC has awarded the stadium to BFF from April 25 to September 7.
It was also decided at the meeting that the BFF president should immediately meet the local press and brief them about the current situation.
Another meeting of the BFF will be held soon to finalise the new calendar in view of the new allotment.

Nat'l youth hockey from Dec 10
The 17th national youth hockey tournament, organised by Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) will begin December 10 at Moulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium, reports APB.
Teams from all district sports associations, education boards and BKSP will be eligible to participate in the meet.
Interested teams have been requested to enlist their names by November 30 with BHF.

Premier Div v'ball begins today

National Bank Premier Division volleyball league, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, begins today at the Outer Stadium volleyball ground, reports UNB.
Holders Bangladesh Rifles will take on Azad SC while runners-up Titus Club will encounter Dhaka Sabuj in the opening day matches.
The teams are: Bangladesh Rifles, Titus Club, Power Development Board, Bangladesh Police SC, Water Development Board SC, Wari Club, Bangladesh Bank Club, Sonali Bank Club, Dhaka Sabuj and Azad SC.
Besides, the nine-team First Division volleyball league will begin on December 1 at the same venue.
East End Club will play Brothers Union while Dilkusha SC meet Shantibagh Welfare Club in the opening matches.
Other participating teams are: Fire Service, East End Bms, Nabajatak Majlish, Jibon Bima Corporation and Nabajagarami Sangha.
The five-team Second Division volleyball league will begin on November 27 at the same venue with Sicily Club taking on Chand Textile Mills and Victoria SC meeting Madetrek Mitrali Sangha in the opening day matches.

MacGill makes way for Miller

BRISBANE, Nov 24: Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill, who almost bowled Australia to victory in the rain-hit drawn first Ashes Test against England here today, has been dropped for the next Test in Perth, reports AFP.
MacGill, who took 51-3 as England were saved from defeat by a savage electrical storm, made way for Tasmanian pacesman Colin Miller in the 12-man team named after the Brisbane Test.
An Australian Cricket Board spokesman said MacGill was left out because of the likely fast Perth pitch and the prospect of going into the Test with four pace bowlers.
Australian captain Mark Taylor said Miller would play in the Perth match, starting on Saturday, because of his greater bowling variety, Miller can bowl medium pace and off-spin.
Taylor said it was thought that MacGill, who deputised for the recovering Shane Warne, would be better off bowling in this week's Sheffield Shield match for his New South Wales state against Western Australia in Sydney, rather than sitting around as 12th man in Perth.
Taylor said by playing the Shield match MacGill would keep in form for the third Ashes Test on the more spin-friendly Adelaide Oval pitch from December 11 to 15.
Spin-wizard Warne is still bowling his way back to full fitness after major shoulder surgery.

JU students honour Greenidge

By JU Correspondent
The outgoing students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) accorded a reception to the Director of Coaching of Bangladesh Cricket Board Gordon Greenidge on Monday.
The reception, arranged by the 22nd batch, was held at the university auditorium. Vice-Chancellor Prof Alauddin Ahmed chaired the function. Among others Mrs Patricia Greenidge was present.
The reception was followed by a cultural function performed by the outgoing students.

England opener Mark Butcher drives on the last day of the first Test against Australia at Brisbane yesterday.



BLESS YOU RAIN! An England fan waves a Union Jack flag as torrential rain stops play on the final day of the first Ashes Test at the Gabba in Brisbane yesterday. — Internet photo

Rains rob Australia

left-hander lbw to a sharp turning legbreak that rapped the back pad as he stretched forward.
Stewart's misery continued when he lasted just eight balls before he was snapped up by Ricky Ponting close in after playing forward to Mark Waugh and the ball striking his pad then his bat to offer the catch.
Stewart, who was out for eight in the first innings, this time went for three.
The wickets continued to tumble after lunch with Mark Waugh snaring Graham Thorpe for nine.
Thorpe, who averages 49 against Australia, was angry with himself after playing back to Waugh and hitting a sharpish catch to Justin Langer at silly leg.
Vice-captain Nasser Hussain, who hit two straight sixes off Mark Waugh, was out for 47 when he chopped a MacGill delivery on to his stumps just before third hour drinks.
Mark Ramprakash was badly deceived by MacGill's flight as he came down the pitch and was stumped deftly by wicketkeeper Ian Healy for 14.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fifth day of the first Ashes cricket Test between Australia and England at the Gabba on Tuesday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 485 (Healy 134, S Waugh 112; Mullanly 5-105)

ENGLAND: First innings 375 (Butcher 116, Thorpe 77; McGrath 6-85)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 237 for three declared (Slater 113, Langer 74)

ENGLAND: Second innings (26 for no wicket overnight)

Atherton c Fleming b McGrath	28
Butcher lbw b McGrath	40
Hussain b McGrath	47
Stewart c Ponting b M Waugh	3
Thorpe c Langer b M Waugh	9
Ramprakash st Healy b McGrath	14
Cork not out	21
Croft not out	4
Extras: (lb-3, w-1, nb-9)	13
Total: (for six wks in 68 overs)	179

Bowler

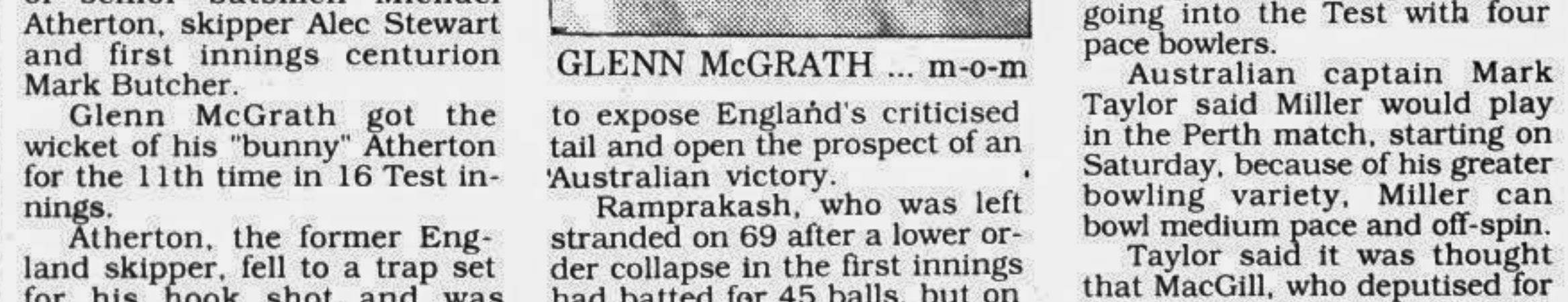
	O	M	R	W
McGrath	16	6	30	1
Kasprovic	8	3	28	0
Fleming	7	2	12	0
MacGill	22	4	51	3
M Waugh	14	0	55	2
Ponting	1	1	0	0

Result: Match abandoned as a draw.
Man-of-the-match: Glenn McGrath.



GLENN McGRATH ... m-o-m

England faced an historically impossible task heading into the final day of an intriguing game, chasing 348 runs for victory after captain Mark Taylor had backed his bowlers by declaring late on Monday's fourth day.
England had never achieved a victory target beyond their 332 for seven to win at the Melbourne Cricket Ground 70 years ago, while the record winning score at the Gabba for a team batting last was 236 for seven by Australia against the West Indies in 1951-52.
The tourists were under pressure by lunch at 108 for three following the dismissals of senior batsmen Michael Atherton, skipper Alec Stewart and first innings centurion Mark Butcher.
Glenn McGrath got the wicket of his "bunny" Atherton for the 11th time in 16 Test innings.
Atherton, the former England skipper, fell to a trap set for his hook shot and was caught at long leg by Damien Fleming for 28 leaving England at 46 for one. He was out for a duck to McGrath in his first time at bat in this Test.
MacGill claimed Butcher's wicket when he got the Surrey



England opener Mark Butcher drives on the last day of the first Test against Australia at Brisbane yesterday.



— AP/UNB photo