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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT although there are many categories of automobile racing and many types and levels of competition within each category, the major forms of the sport differ in different parts of the world. The premier race series are those for Formula One (F1) vehicles and for sports cars. These competitions receive less attention in the United States, where the most important race series are those for Indy cars and for National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) stock cars. Some drivers and teams move between American and overseas forms of racing, but this is uncommon.

What are Formula One races, Indy cars and stock cars? Beats me. I was 'in the car' checking my 'stocks' with a 'formula' given by a friend.

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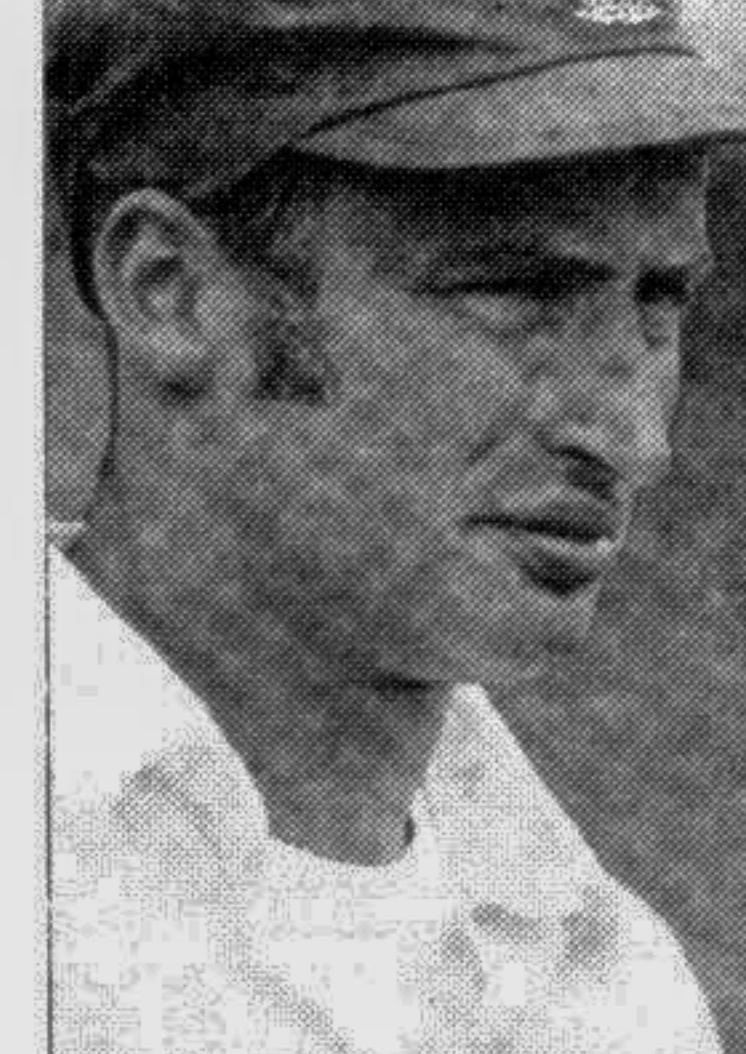
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SPORTS TALK



Nasser Hussain
(England vice-captain)
"I think I am clever enough to know you behave one way as a player, another way as vice-captain and in a completely different way as captain."

Premier Div v'ball

Bangladesh Rifles and Titash Club won their respective matches in the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league at the outer stadium volleyball court yesterday, reports UNB.

In the first match, Bangladesh Rifles easily defeated Bangladesh Bank Club 15-2, 15-3, 15-1.

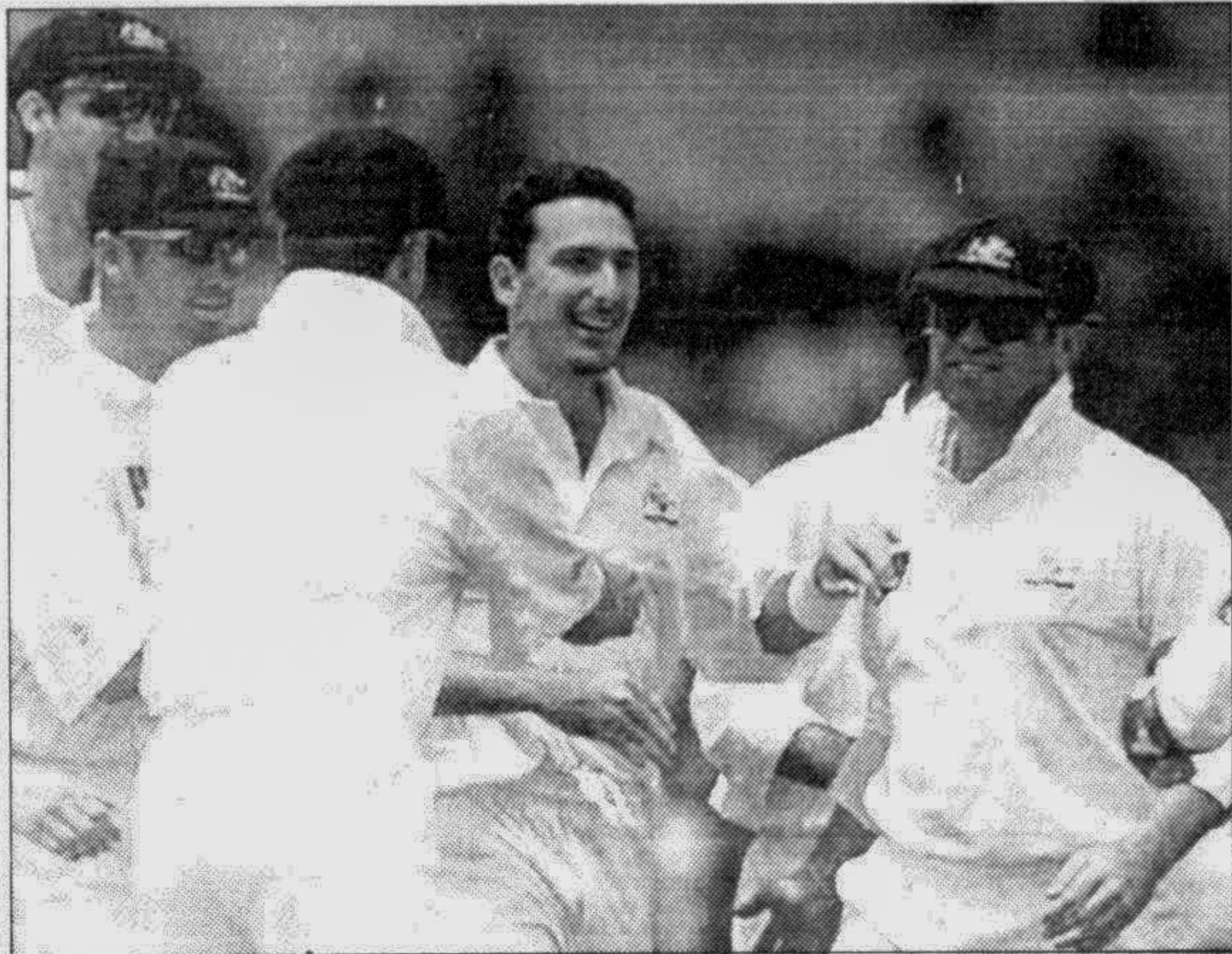
This was the Rifles men's second victory in two matches while for Bank it was the second defeat.

In other match, Titash Club earned an easy victory over Wari Club by 15-4, 15-7 and 15-3 sets. Titash won both the matches so far they played while Wari lost the same number of matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Bidyut Unnayan Board vs Dhaka Sabuj (3 pm) and Bangladesh Police vs Azad SC (3pm).

Second Division matches: Sisily Club vs Partners Club (4pm) and Madertek MS vs Chand Textile (4pm).



WRECKER-IN-CHIEF ... Australian players rush towards Damien Fleming after he captured one of his five scalps yesterday. — Internet photo

Demon Damien at work

PERTH, Nov 28 (Reuters/AP): England's campaign to win back the Ashes was in danger of falling apart almost as soon as it began after a disastrous start to the second Test today.

Needing a strong performance to keep alive their hopes of winning the series after rain saved them in the first Test last week, England self-destructed on the first day at the WACA.

The tourists showed little resistance and collapsed for a pitiful 112 all out in their first innings. They then dropped three catches as Australia raced to 150 for three at stumps.

England's total was their lowest ever in a Test at the WACA, eclipsing their 123 all out in the 1994-95 Ashes series. Australia won that match by 329 runs.

Only four players made more than six runs for England on Saturday. Mark Butcher, Graeme Hick and Alan Mullally all scored ducks.

England's innings lasted just 39 overs.

Australia's pacemen revelled in the conditions after Mark Taylor won the toss and sent England in to bat on a lively WACA wicket.

Damien Fleming finished with career-best figures of five for 46. Glenn McGrath took three for 37 and Jason Gillespie, playing his first Test since breaking down during the 1997 Ashes series, claimed two for 23 in his comeback match.

Nine of the 10 batsmen to fall were caught behind the wicket, most were victims of good bowling but some contributed to their own downfall through poor shot selection and sloppy footwork.

England's first three batsmen — Butcher, Michael Atherton and Nasser Hussain — all departed within the first hour with under 20 runs on the scoreboard, all three were caught by wicketkeeper Ian Healy who finished with five catches in the innings.

England captain Alec Stewart tried to salvage the innings but lasted less than an hour before he chopped a rising ball from McGrath back on to his stumps, even so, his contribution of 38 was easily England's best.

Mark Ramprakash also batted with some purpose, making

26 after being smashed in the chin by a McGrath bouncer.

The blow opened up a deep gash on Ramprakash's chin, which later required six stitches, but he bravely batted on until he succumbed to Fleming shortly after lunch.

John Crawley, who was called in at the expense of off-spinner Robert Croft, made only four while Hick, who replaced the injured Graham Thorpe, got a second ball duck.

Hick also dropped a waist-high slip catch from Taylor when the Australian captain was on 38. Taylor went onto make 61 before he was caught by Stewart after a beautiful in-swinging from Dominic Cork.

Michael Slater and Justin Langer also lost their wickets. Slater, who made a century in

went for four. It was that sort of day for England.

Coach Graham Gooch conceded England will have to battle to stay competitive in the Test.

"It was not a 112 pitch," was the England coach's first reaction to the side's pathetic batting display. "We lacked the resolution to bat on a not too difficult pitch. We struggled to cope with the bowling."

"It was good accurate bowling, there was no extravagant swing. Unfortunately, we were not equal to it. They got the ball in the business area."

"It will be hard slog from here, but we will try and fight to stay in the game by restricting Australia to something reasonable."

Gooch felt everything possible was done by the support staff to get the side prepared for the Test.

"I can't be happy," said Gooch. "It is not a competitive score. We were not equal to it."

English slumps

PERTH, Nov 28 (Reuters): England's 10 lowest scores in Tests against Australia since the second World War:

52 — The Oval, 1948.
77 — Lord's, 1997.
87 — Melbourne, 1958-59.
92 — Melbourne, 1994-95.
95 — Melbourne, 1976-77.
101 — Birmingham, 1975.
104 — Sydney, 1962-63.
112 — Perth, 1998-99.
114 — Brisbane, 1990-91.
116 — Lord's 1972.

the first Test at Brisbane, was caught by Butcher at third slip for 34 off the bowling of Darren Gough.

Langer went for 15 when he was caught by Crawley bat and pad off the bowling of part-time spinner Ramprakash.

Mark Waugh remained unbeaten on 16 with Gillespie, who went in as nightwatchman when Taylor was out late in the day, on five.

The only bright news for England in an otherwise gloom start to the match was the performance of debutant Alex Tudor.

Picked ahead of Dean Headley because of his extra pace, Tudor made a sparkling start to his Test career, scoring an enterprising 18 not out and then bowling well without taking a wicket.

He did find the edge of Slater's bat, only to hear the delivery called a no-ball. It mattered little any how, as the ball was dropped in the slips and

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the opening day of the second cricket Test between Australia and England at the WACA ground on Saturday.

ENGLAND: First innings
Butcher c Healy b Fleming 0
Atherton c Healy b McGrath 1
Hussain c Healy b McGrath 1
Stewart b McGrath 38
Ramprakash c Taylor b Fleming 26
Crawley c M Waugh b Gillespie 4
Hick c Healy b Gillespie 0
Cork c Taylor b Fleming 2
Tudor not out 18
Gough c M Waugh b Fleming 11
Mullally c Healy b Fleming 0
Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-2) 6
Total: (All out in 39 overs) 112
Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-4; 3-19; 4-62; 5-74; 6-74; 7-81; 8-90; 9-108.

Bowler O M R W
McGrath 16 4 37 3
Fleming 14 3 46 5
Gillespie 7 0 23 2
Miller 2 0 4 0

AUSTRALIA: First innings
Taylor c Stewart b Cork 61
Slater c Butcher b Gough 34
Langer c Crawley b Ramprakash 15
M Waugh not out 19
Gillespie not out 5
Extras: (lb-1, lb-7, nb-8) 16
Total: (For 3 wks in 49 overs) 150

Bowler O M R W
Gough 10 1 31 1
Cork 17 3 43 1
Tudor 10 2 39 0
Mullally 10 5 17 0
Ramprakash 2 0 12 0

Battle with blindness

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Reuters/Internet): Eleven young men stand on a nearly silent cricket field as the Indian batsman prepares to receive a delivery, he gently touches the wicket behind him, adjusts his position then bends to attention.

As the ball bounces towards the wicket he turns his ear to the ball, and swings. Fieldsmen spring into action, but most can hardly see the ball.

The first World Cricket Cup for the Blind brought to New Delhi seven teams from Britain, Sri Lanka, Australia, Pakistan, New Zealand and South Africa. South Africa face Pakistan in the final of the noble sport today.

For some of the Indians, playing in a world championship, or in any match, had until recently been a dream.

"Our plan is to keep batting as much as we can in our 40 overs," said Anand Sharma, a 22-year-old partly blind college student captaining India against Sri Lanka few days back.

"Let the Sri Lankans try and come back, this match belongs to us," he added as sweat poured across his face. "We plan to win."

Each 11-member team is divided into three groups — one of four totally blind players, one of three partly blind players

and one of four players with severe visual impairment.

Every player bats, but totally blind hitters are allowed to use substitute runners. The ball is plastic and filled with metal bearings so that it makes a distinct sound as it hits the ground. The field is only 45 metres across.

Ramu enter the final

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
COX'S BAZAR, Nov 28: Ramu moved into the final of the Cox's Bazar inter-thana football competition beating Kutubdia 2-1 in the first semifinal at the local stadium today.

In the second semifinal, Sadar thana will take on Ukhiya at the same venue tomorrow. Earlier on Friday, Ukhiya defeated Chakoria 5-4 in the breaker to reach the last four.

India A 19/1

BANGALORE, Nov 28: India A were 19 for one at close of the first day in their first innings in reply to West Indies A's 228 in their first four-day match at Chinnaswamy Stadium here today, reports PTI.

BRIEF SCORES: West Indies A 228 all out in 89 overs. India 19 A 19 for one in five overs.

Dec 7 start for Premier Cricket

Sports Reporter
The Premier Division cricket league is likely to start from December 7. Twelve top teams of the capital will feature in the most prestigious league of the country. Unlike previous years, this time around it will be a single league. Matches will be played over two-days with each side allowed to play a maximum 80 overs.

BCB joint-secretary and CDDM secretary for the Senior Division League, Mahmud Ul Haque Manu revealed this yesterday.

"We are almost set to start the Premier League from December 7 and the process of preparing the fixture has already begun," said Manu. He also disclosed that the 66 matches of the league will be played at three venues—Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium and Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP), Savar.

According to the league format, holders Abahani Limited will take on promoters Orient Sporting Club in their first match, while last season's runners-up Brothers Union will meet the other new-comers, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, in their first match. Kaladagan Krira Chakra, who finished third last season, will meet Victoria in their league opener while Biman will meet Agrani Bank.

Mohammedan Sporting Club and Surjo Tarun Club will play against Wari Club and Ajax Sporting Club respectively in their first outings.

Rakib draws

Abdullah Al Rakib shared point in the ninth round of the 37th World junior chess championship at Calicut in the Indian state of Kerala yesterday, reports UNB.

With the draw, Rakib collected 5.5 points from nine matches, according to Chess Federation sources here.

Earlier, Rakib beat Joan Fernando Salazar of Colombia in the eight round match but lost in the previous round against RR Laxman of India.

Another Bangladeshi, Enamul Hossain Rajib lost his 9th round match to remain on 3 points from nine matches. Earlier, Rajib drew with Nirosh De Silva of Sri Lanka in the 8th round and lost against Nilopol Das of India in the 7th round.

ACTIVE CHESS

Meanwhile, in Dhaka International Master Reefat Bin Sattar clinched the title of Bengal Airlift Holiday Active Chess securing 5.5 points at the Chess Federation on Friday.

Ziaur Rahman finished second with five points and Kajal Mahmud third with 4.5 points.

Elias sets new nat'l mark

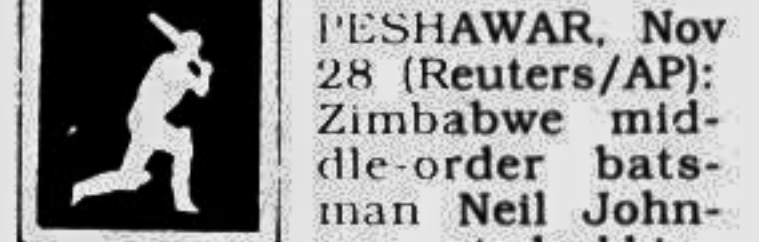
Elias Hossain of Bangladesh Navy emerged champion in the Shapla Rang 4th national long distance swimming competition with a new national record yesterday, reports UNB.

The 12-km swimming started from the Pagla Mary Anderson Ghat and ended at Munshiganj Ferry Ghat.

Deen Islam and Selim Ahmed, also of Bangladesh Navy, finished second and third respectively.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the meet in the morning. Later, Harunur Rashid, MP, the general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, distributed the prizes.

Now it's Johnson's turn



PESHAWAR, Nov 28 (Reuters/AP): Zimbabwe middle-order batsman Neil Johnson stroked his maiden Test century to lead a fightback against Pakistan in the first Test today.

Johnson's unbeaten 107 from 115 deliveries hauled Zimbabwe from 115 for six to 218 for seven at the close on the second day in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 296.

Earlier, Pakistan lost their last four wickets for 24 after reeling on the overnight 272 for six, with paceman Heath Streak capturing three wickets in 11

into deep trouble before Johnson checked the slump, hitting 16 fours as he became the ninth Zimbabwean to score a century against Pakistan in the 11 Tests between the two countries.

Johnson had an escape on 99 when Azhar Mahmood dropped a straightforward catch at second slip off Akram.

Together with Streak (24), Johnson added 103 for the seventh wicket in 104 minutes.

Johnson, who previously played his first-class cricket in South Africa for Natal, said: "I am enjoying every second of it (century). For me, it's just a great opportunity which I thought would never come my way."

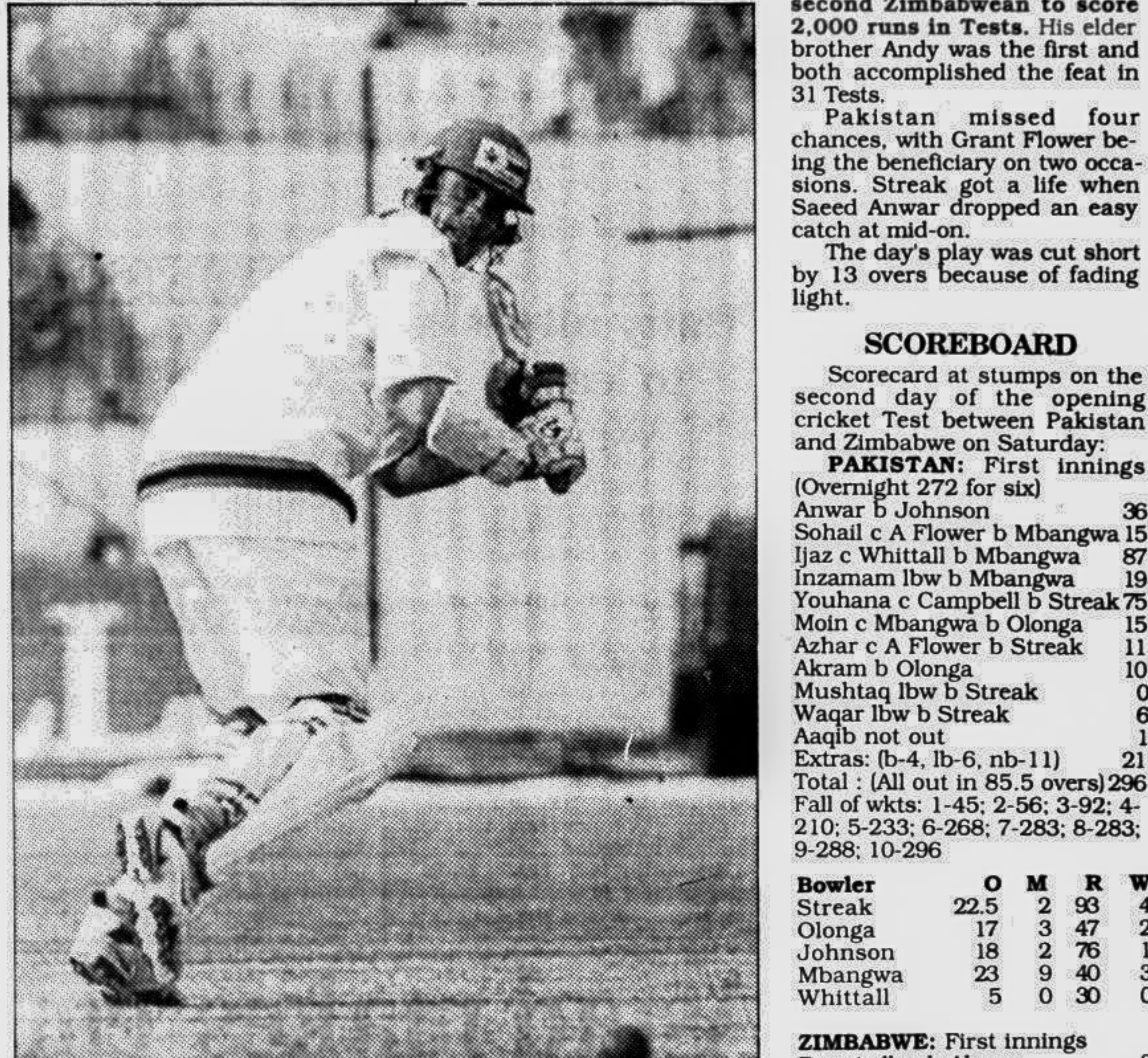
He finished the day with three for 62 from 17 overs.

Akram snapped up Gavin Rennie (2), Alistair Campbell (16) and Craig Wishart (3) to finish with three for 49. He has now taken 349 Test wickets and is just 14 short of breaking Imran Khan's Pakistan record tally of 362 in Tests.

Grant Flower, who was Waqar's first victim, played a landmark in his chancy 15 when on nine he became the second Zimbabwean to score 2,000 runs in Tests. His elder brother Andy was the first and both accomplished the feat in 31 Tests.

Pakistan missed four chances, with Grant Flower being the beneficiary on two occasions. Streak got a life when Saeed Anwar dropped an easy catch at mid-on.

The day's play was cut short by 13 overs because of fading light.



Zimbabwe's Neil Johnson glances on way to scoring his maiden Test ton during the second day's play in Peshawar yesterday. — Internet photo

"I wanted to play for South Africa but never got a chance until Zimbabwe approached me. I got my Zimbabwean nationality in September."

Johnson came in with Waqar on a hat-trick after trapping Murray Goodwin (29) leg before and bowling Andy Flower (0) with an inswinging yorker.

"It was frightening with Waqar running in to bowl and the crowd behind him. But it was just fantastic. I never thought I would be on the same ground with Waqar and Wasim," Johnson added.

Waqar, playing his first Test in eight months after injury,

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on the second day of the opening cricket Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Saturday:

PAKISTAN: First innings (Overnight 272 for six)
Anwar b Johnson 36
Sohail c A Flower b Mbangwa 15
Ijaz c Whittall b Mbangwa 87
Inzamam lbw b Mbangwa 19
Youhana c Campbell b Streak 75
Moin c Mbangwa b Olunga 15
Azhar c A Flower b Streak 11
Akram b Olunga 10
Mushtaq lbw b Streak 0
Waqar lbw b Streak 6
Aaqib not out 1
Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-11) 21
Total: (All out in 85.5 overs) 296
Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-56; 3-92; 4-210; 5-233; 6-268; 7-283; 8-283; 9-288; 10-296

Bowler O M R W
Streak 22.5 2 93 4
Olunga 17 3 47 2
Johnson 18 2 76 1
Mbangwa 23 9 40 3
Whittall 5 0 30 0

ZIMBABWE: First innings
Rennie lbw b Akram 2
G Flower c Azhar b Waqar 19
Goodwin lbw b Waqar 25
Campbell lbw b Akram 16
A Flower b Waqar 0
Johnson not out 107
Wishart b Akram 1
Mushtaq b Mushtaq 24
Whittall not out 0
Extras: (lb-5, nb-17) 22
Total: (For 7 wks in 61 overs) 218
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-58; 3-63; 4-63; 5-106; 6-115; 7-218.

Bowler: O M R W
Akram 19 3 49 3
Waqar 17 2 62 3
Aaqib 14 2 52 0
Azhar 6 0 28 0
Mushtaq 5 0 22 1
To bat: H Olunga and M Mbangwa.
Umpires: George Sharp (England) and Athar Zaidi (Pakistan).
ICC match referee: Cammie Smith (West Indies).

SA gain slim lead



JOHANNESBURG, Nov 28 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa edged to a seven-run first innings lead over West Indies before a thunderstorm cut short the third day of the first Test with the match intriguingly poised on Saturday.

When play was called off just after tea, West Indies were 20 without loss in their second in-

nings, Clayton Lambert unbeaten on 7 and Phil Wallace 12 not out.

Only 20 minutes of play was possible between lunch and tea as a storm drenched the ground, leaving big pools of water on the outfield.

South Africa, 217 for six overnight, were dismissed for 268, Curtly Ambrose restricting their lead by capturing two for 18 in an eight-over spell.

South Africa lost their first wicket of the day after just four overs when wicketkeeper Mark Boucher (12) attempted to sweep leg-spinner Rawl Lewis and skied a top edge to Brian Lara, who ran from the slips to hold the catch.

Three overs later, South Africa's hopes of building a significant lead disappeared when Cronje chopped an Ambrose delivery onto his stumps for 41 after adding two to his overnight score.

Allan Donald survived some menacing bowling to score seven but followed eight overs later when wicketkeeper Riekey Jacobs took a low, one-handed catch off Ambrose.

Big-hitting Pat Symcox did his best to farm the strike with last man David Terbrugge in, but eventually ran himself out for 25.

AFF adds: On Friday Walsh swept past Malcolm Marshall's record for most Test wickets by a West Indian when he produced a superb display of fast bowling on the second day. He took four for 48 in the first over, bowing to the West Indian first innings total of 261, the tally making him the fourth most prolific wicket-taker in Test history.

The veteran almost single handedly enabled a depleted bowling line-up to stay in contention on an enthralling day which was stopped by bad light with 7.2 overs remaining.

Walsh, 36, took the first three wickets and then bowled Shaun Pollock late in the day as he took his total of Test wickets to 379, three more than Marshall, who is the team coach on the tour.

With off-spinning all-rounder Carl Hooper unable to take the field after suffering a groin strain which batting

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the first Test between South Africa and West Indies at the Wanderers on Saturday:

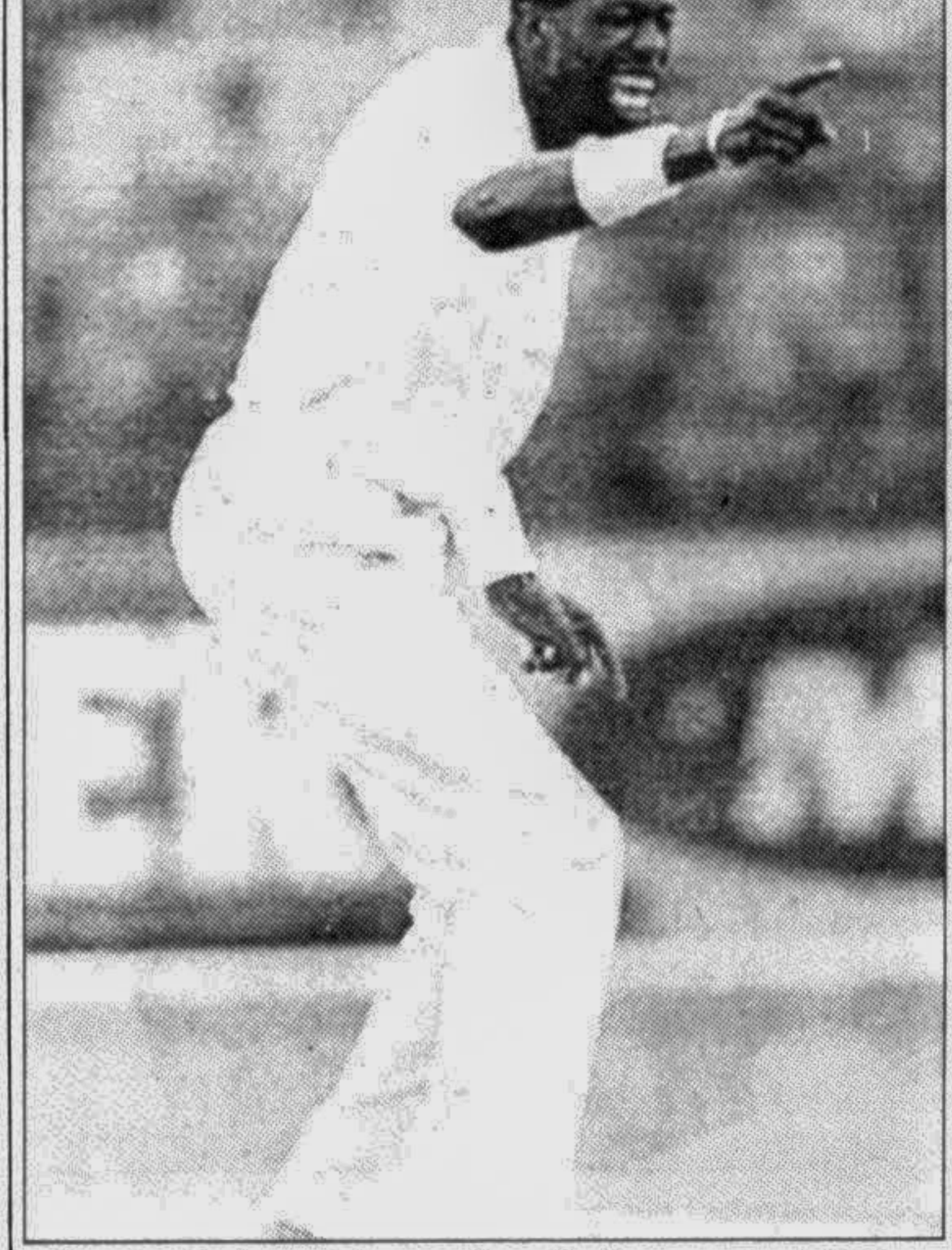
WEST INDIES: First innings 261 (Chanderpaul 74, Hooper 44; Donald 3-91, Pollock 5-54)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 217-6)
Kirsten b McLean 62
Bacher c Jacobs b Walsh 1
Kallis c Williams b Walsh 53
Cullinan c Jacobs b Walsh 8
41
Cronje b Ambrose 41
Rhodes lbw b McLean 17
Pollock b Lara b Lewis 12
Symcox run out (Walsh) 25
Donald c Jacobs b Ambrose 7
Terbrugge not out 3
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-1, nb-21) 28
Total: (All out in 93.5 overs) 268
Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-102; 3-111; 4-154; 5-185; 6-209; 7-229; 8-230; 9-243.

Bowler O M R W
Ambrose 28 5 63 2
Walsh 25 5 66 4
McLean 17 1 66 2
Lewis 23.5 4 67 1

WEST INDIES: Second innings
Lambert not out 7
Wallace not out 12
Extra: (nb-1) 1
Total: (For no loss in 6.2 overs) 20

Bowler O M R W
Donald 3.2 1 11 0
Pollock 3 0 9 0



Curtly Ambrose demanding justice against fellow speedster Allan Donald. — Internet photo