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1	Which country topped the medals table in the 13th Asian?	China	India	Japan
2	How many medals did Bangladesh clinch at the Asian Games?	None	One	Two
3	Who scored the first century in this year's Premier cricket league?	Azam	Shahadat	Selim
4	Where will the 14th Asian Games be held?	Paris	Pusan	Pyeongyang
5	Which team won the AB Bank Senior Div TT title?	Jatrabari	Ansars	Biman

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Michael Slater

(Australian Test opener)
"Every time we have played against England, we have won comprehensively," said recently.

Klusener called up

DURBAN, South Africa, Dec 29 (Reuters/Internet): Fit-again Lance Klusener has been recalled to the South Africa squad for the fourth Test against West Indies in Cape Town starting on January 2.

The aggressive all-rounder, who has been out since returning from South Africa's tour of England with an ankle injury, comes into the squad of 12 at the expense of off-spinner Pat Symcox.

"Klusener was impressive for South Africa A against the West Indies in

Pietermaritzburg last week because he chose to bowl a good line on a pitch which did not suit fast bowling," said selection convenor Peter Pollock.

"That's the major job of the third seamer, to keep the pressure on."

Klusener for Symcox and the addition of Ashwell Prince as designated 12th man were the only changes to the squad.

"We're disappointed in Symcox's bowling," Pollock said. "He has not been up to standard, although he has contributed and has done a good job with the bat."

"Left-arm wrist spinner Paul Adams is not in form, but he takes wickets and that's the role we want him to perform at Newlands."

South African squad: Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Jonty Rhodes, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Allan Donald, David Terbrugge, Paul Adams, 12th man: Ashwell Prince.

Mohr honoured

BONN, Dec 29: Heidi Mohr of Germany has been elected Europe's female footballer of the century, the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS) announced Monday in Wiesbaden, reports Xinhua.

The 31-year-old former German international striker, who plays for the First-Division team Tus Niederrhein, received 159 points in the poll of sports reporters, coaches, and experts from across Europe.

Close behind in second place was Carolina Morace of Italy (156 points), followed by Sweden's Pia Sundhage (154).

Mohr, who spoke of the "highlight of my career," will be presented with the award on January 10 and will be invited to the IFFHS' world football gala 1999 the following day.



Abahani's Pakistani recruit Azam Khan square cuts during the Janakantha Premier league match against Agrani Bank yesterday. — Star photo

Shahed Mansoor's century goes in vain for Ajax Bank upset Abahani cart

Sports Reporter

Agrani Bank continued with their terrific run in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League when they handed defending champions Abahani a 24-run defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In another match, reigning runners-up Brothers Union, who were the first Bank victims, losing by 41 runs, returned to winning ways with a sound 146-run thrashing of Ajax Sporting, despite a century by Shahed Mansoor.

It was a brilliant team effort by the bankers down at the big bowl that led them to their second successive win against two giants of the 12-team elite league.

Defending a not-so-impressive 272 in 80 overs, the Bankers bowled well, fielded even better to shoot out their mighty Dhanmondi outfit for 248 in the 77th over, thanks to the left-arm spin duo of Russell Khan and Suja Erfan, who once again rose to the occasion to share five Abahani wickets between them.

Chasing a manageable score, Abahani got off to a shaky start losing three of their top orders before lunch with only 94 on the board.

Opener Azam Iqbal returned in the last ball of the tenth over, edging medium-pace Mofizur Rahman to wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir, followed by one-down Naimur Rahman, who was then bowled out while trying to square-cut a straight ball from Pakistani off-spinner Shahin Malik in the 16th over.

Suja, the southpaw who took four wickets against Brothers Union, then caused the main damage by removing the other opener Mehrez Hossain on 44. The right-handed former national cricketer went on his back foot to cut Suja through point but missed the line of the ball which touched the bottom edge of his bat before nestling in the safe hands of wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir.

After Mehrez's departure with Abahani practically reeling, Pakistani middle-order Azam Khan and skipper Akram Khan played the remaining ten overs before lunch with care and added 33 runs, taking Abahani to 127 for three in 37 overs.

However, the bankers took full control of the match in the second session when they claimed five Abahani wickets conceding 98 runs in 29 overs.

Skipper Akram Khan was out in the second over after lunch when he was caught behind off a Russell Khan delivery. Russell then removed in-form Pakistani batsman Azam Khan on 60, leaving Abahani on 176 for five in the 53rd over. The situation turned worse in the next over when Naimur Rashid was run out for a duck.

Left-handed Pakistani all-rounder Mohammad Hussain (42) returned in the 60th over leaving Abahani on 201. Wicketkeeper Nuruzzaman (9) was the last man to be out before tea when he was brilliantly taken by Mofizur Rahman at point.

After tea, with Abahani tottering on 225 in 66 overs, it was only a matter of time for the bankers to book Abahani. They took the next eleven overs to see Abahani bundled out for 248.

It was the first defeat for Abahani in five matches, which leaves Biman as the only unbeaten team with four wins. The national airliners will take on Mohammedan Sporting in their fifth match, which begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this morning.

Away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Brother Union posted their fourth win in five matches with a 146-run victory over lowly-rated Ajax Sporting.

Chasing a huge Brothers Union overnight total of 371 in 80 overs, the Elephant Road outfit were all out for 225 in 66.5 overs with Pakistani middle-order Shahed Mansoor

hammering an undefeated 122. In his nearly four-hour long



176-ball stay at the crease.

Mansoor smote three sixes and seven boundaries. It was the tenth century of the league so far.

But the ton came to naught for Ajax as none of their other batsmen reached even a thirty.

For Brothers, right-arm medium-pace Shahnewaz returned with three for 49 from his 9.5 overs while his new-ball partner Shafiuddin Ahmed, Milan and former Indian Test all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma evenly shared six wickets.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two Janakantha Premier League matches held at different city venues yesterday:

Abahani vs Agrani Bank

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)
AGRAHI BANK: 272 for 9 wks in 80 overs (Shahin Malik 98 not out, Mofizur 39; Rahul 4/27)

ABAHANI	O	M	R	W
Azam c Sajjad b Mofizur	10			
Mehrez c Sajjad b Suja	44			
Naimur b S Malik	3			
Azam Khan c Sajjad b Russell	60			
Akram c Sajjad b Russell	10			
Hussain c S Malik b Arefin	42			
Rahul run out	0			
Nuruzzaman c Mofizur b Arefin	9			
Hasibul c Mofizur b Russell	10			
Iqbal c S Malik b Suja	21			
Saidul not out	4			
Extras: (lb-6, nb-9, w-20)	35			
Total: (All out in 76.5 overs)	248			
Fall of wks: 1/30; 2/52; 3/94; 4/129; 5/176; 6/176; 7/201; 8/215; 9/225				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Jamal Faisal	6	2	16	0
Mofizur Rahman	9	0	35	1
Shamsul Arefin	15	0	62	2
Russel Khan	16	0	41	3
Shahin Malik	16	1	41	1
Suja Erfan	14.5	3	47	2

Result: Agrani Bank won by 24 runs.

Brothers vs Ajax

(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
BROTHERS: 371 for 9 wks in 80 overs (Aamir Hanif 95 not out, Sanwar 55, Shahriar 50; Aminul 4/74)

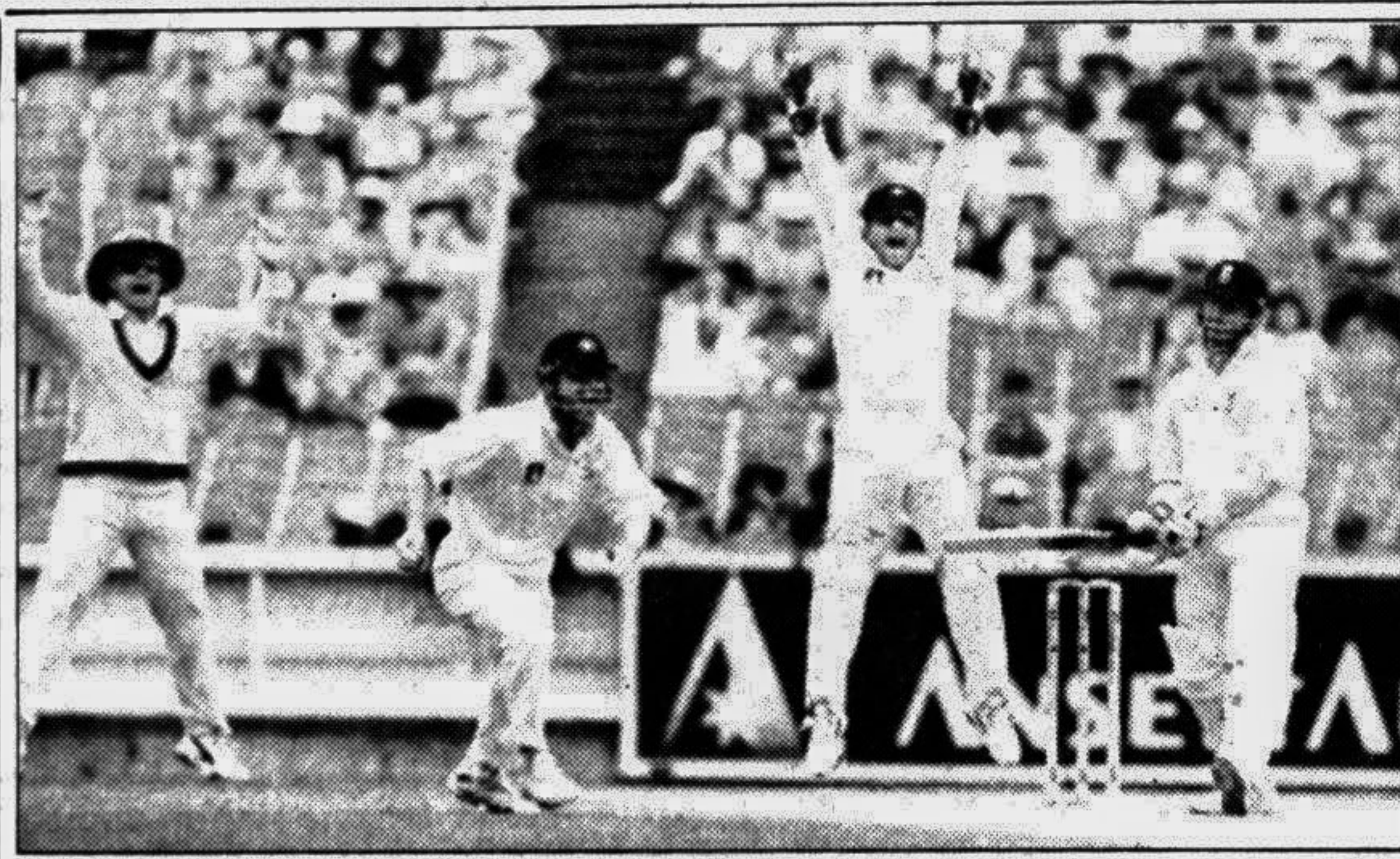
AJAX	O	M	R	W
Farid b Safiuddin	8			
Rezwan c & b Shahnewaz	1			
Shumon lbw b Shahnewaz	0			
Selim c Sanjeev b Safiuddin	0			
Nuruzzaman b Milon	13			
S Mansoor not out	122			
Sanjay lbw b Sanjeev	10			
Shoaib b Sanjeev	7			
Iftikhar c K Mahmud b Milon	24			
Haider c Sanjeev b Shahnewaz	4			
Extras: (lb-1, lb-2, nb-5, w-13)	21			
Total: (All out in 66.5 overs)	225			
Fall of wks: 1/11; 2/12; 3/15; 4/20; 5/82; 6/101; 7/138; 8/186; 9/219				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahnewaz Kabir	9.5	1	49	3
Safiuddin	10	2	22	0
Khaled Mahmud	9	0	21	0
Milon	16	1	40	2
Sanjeev Sharma	10	1	25	2
Towhid Hossain	5	0	31	0
Sanwar Hossain	3	0	17	0
Aamir Hanif	4	0	17	1

Result: Brothers won by 146 runs.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mohammedan vs Biman
(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Wari vs Sadharan Bima
(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
Victoria vs Orient
(BKSP)



Alec Stewart, the England skipper, is caught at silly point by Australia's Michael Slater yesterday. — AP/UNB photo

U-13 cricketers off to Shiliguri

An 18-member national under-13 cricket team left for Shiliguri, India last night by road to take part in the All Bengal Chand Ballav Ghosh Memorial tournament, reports APB.

The team was earlier scheduled to leave on Monday. Bangladesh, the defending champions, have been placed in Group-A, alongside Agragami CC-A, Baskhatin CC-B and Agragami CC-C.

Bangladesh will play their first group match on December 31.

The team: Mazharuddin, Qumful Islam, Ashraf, Nayem Ahmed, Shafiqur Rahman, Nadif Chowdhury, Iftekhar Nayeem Ahmed, Rokonzaman, Mehrez Hossain, Arafat Sunny, Tayebur Rahman, Zubare Hossain, Arif Hossain, Rahim, Akib Rahman and Marroof Hossain.

Div I cricket Gopibagh Friends post victory

Gopibagh Friends Association posted a facile 58-run victory over Young Cricketers in their opening First Division cricket league match at City Club ground yesterday, reports APB.

Gopibagh Friends, being sent into bat first, scored 198 losing 8 wickets in an affair reduced to 45 overs due to morning fog. Shamsul scored the highest 45, while Azim contributed 40 followed by Russel, Nadim and Adil who made 27, 23 and 15 runs respectively.

Young Cricketers' Pakistani recruit Ahmed Monir claimed 3 wickets for 35, while Sajjad, Helal and Samad bagged one wicket each.

In reply, Young Cricketers' were restricted to 145 for 8 wickets in 45 overs.

Ekrum and Monir both scored the inning's highest 32 runs each while Haider and Mahmud added 25 and 19 respectively.

Shamsul and Pakistani recruit Rezwan took 3 wickets apiece conceding 14 runs each.

Dhaka Wanderers take on Uttara SC at City Club ground today.

Lloyd feels for tech

DURBAN, South Africa, Dec 29 (Reuters/Internet): West Indies manager Clive Lloyd stressed the need to make use of television replays after Carl Hooper was dismissed controversially in the third Test against South Africa on Monday.

Hooper immediately walked when he was caught behind, low down on the leg side, but slow motion TV replays showed the ball touched the ground as wicketkeeper Mark Boucher took it in his left glove.

Lloyd said: "Had Hooper stood there the umpires may have referred it to the third umpire, but he walked. Sometimes in those situations you don't know whether you've caught the ball or not."

"It's just one of those things, part and parcel of the game. But if you have the technology, you should use it to rectify these sorts of situations."

South Africa's captain Hansie Cronje was happy Boucher's actions were within the spirit of the game.

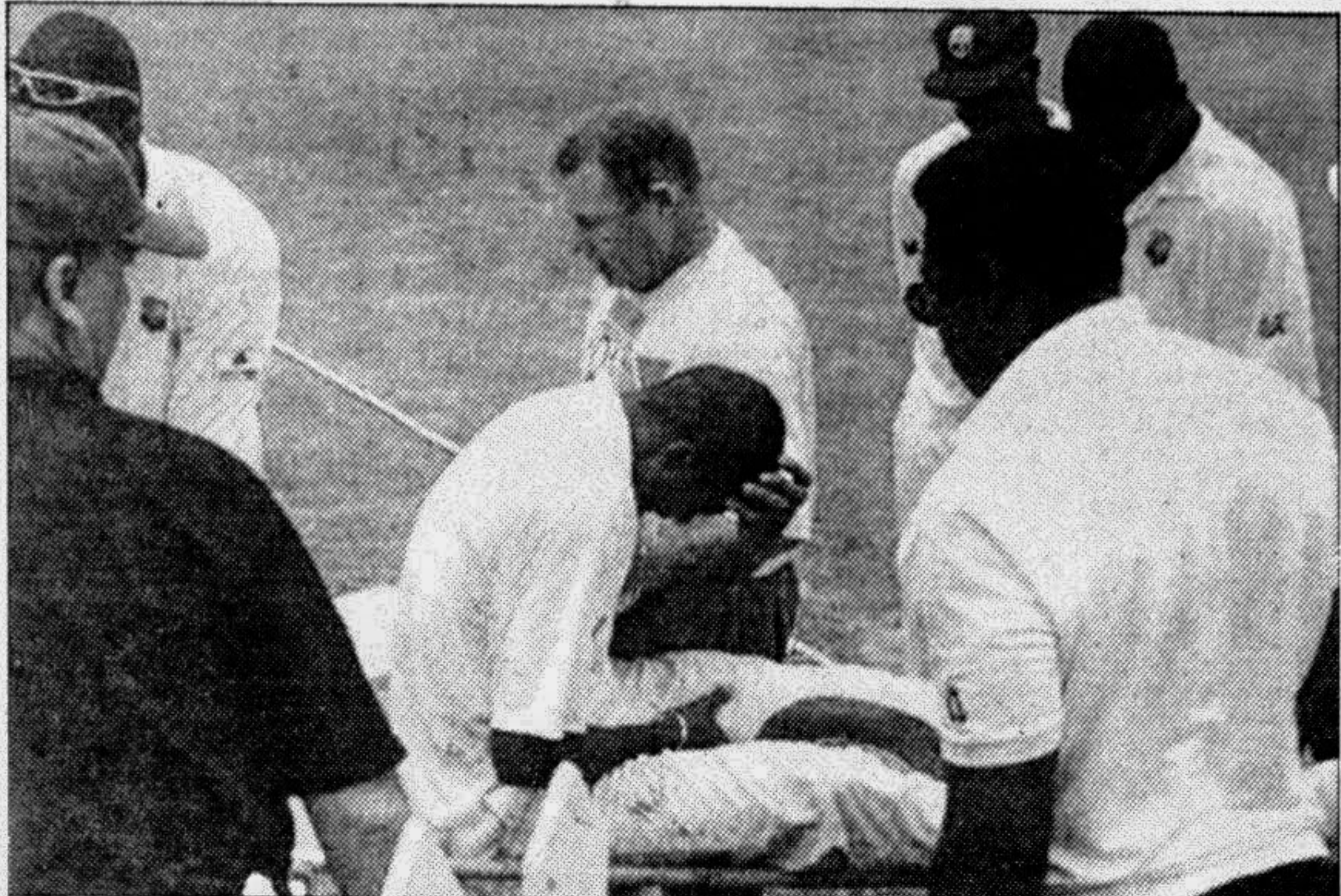
"From where I stood and after watching the replays I'm still convinced he took the catch," he said.

Sandrine given Hopman Cup call

PERTH, Dec 29: Leading French tennis player Sandrine Testud began today to prepare for her debut in the nine-nation Hopman Cup mixed teams tournament starting here Saturday, reports AP.

Testud, 26, who is ranked 14th in the world, will partner Guillaume Roux, ranked 55 in the annual event at Burswood Dome.

The French pair were invited to take part in the competition, now in its eleventh year, after Testud asked tournament director Paul McNamee if she could be included.



A SORRY SCENE: Ace West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh being stretchered off the field while anxious coach Clive Lloyd and teammates look on yesterday at Durban. — Internet photo

Double blow for Windies

DURBAN, South Africa, Dec 29 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa cruised to a nine-wicket victory in the third Test on Tuesday to take an unbeatable 3-0 lead over West Indies on their first post-apartheid tour of the republic.

The home side were set a meagre 146 for victory on the fourth day after dismissing West Indies for 259 in their second innings in the sixth over of the day.

Opener Gary Kirsten, with 71 not out, guided the home side to victory as they reached 147 for one 45 minutes before tea.

West Indies captain Brian Lara admitted his side was demoralised by their performances on tour.

"At this stage, on the fourth day of the third Test and with the series gone, the guys are feeling low. Their spirit is down," Lara said.

"We need the guys to be at their best for Test match cricket. Everybody's prone to failure, but we need a bigger group of guys performing well at the same time."

To make matters worse Lara hinted that veteran pace bowlers Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, two of West Indies' best, might return home because of injury.

"They'd love to stay on and complete the series, but medical opinion will tell us whether that will happen," he said.

"Curtly's been struggling with different things since the beginning of the series, and I don't know how much longer he'll be able to hang in there."

"Courtney's a new injury and we'll have to wait and see what the specialist says."

Ambrose's workload in the match was limited to six overs in the first innings and four in the second by a knee strain. Walsh left the field on Tuesday with a hamstring problem after bowling four overs.

South Africa won the first of the five Tests in Johannesburg by four wickets - their first Test win over West Indies - and the second in Port Elizabeth by 178 runs, a win achieved within three days.

South Africa captain Hansie Cronje said his team would not take it easy for the rest of the

series and had learned painful lessons from their series defeat in England earlier this year.

"The fact that the series has been decided should enable the guys to play with more freedom in Cape Town, but you won't see a different approach from us because we've won the series," Cronje said.

"We took a step backwards in England which was disappointing," Cronje said. "We had a hard talk and we came back with wins at the Commonwealth Games, in the mini-World Cup in Bangladesh and in this series."

"I think that's what makes this team tick. It's a very proud team and every time it gets hurt it wants to fight back." The fourth Test starts in Cape Town on January 2.

West Indies resumed their second innings on 246 for eight and quickly succumbed on Tuesday.

In the third over Ambrose was caught by Hansie Cronje at mid-on for five, which provided Shaun Pollock with his fifth

fall of wicket.

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Pollock's twenty-eighth wicket was Courtney Walsh, who was caught by Shaun Pollock with his fifth

fall of wicket.

minutes, off 123 balls and with six fours.

Franklyn Rose, who took career best figures of 7-84 in the first innings, shared the new ball with Ambrose and is emerging as a fast bowler for the future, Lara said.

"Franklyn is the only bowler we have who is able to swing the ball, and you have to do that to keep the batsmen thinking," Lara said.

SCOREBOARD
Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the third Test between South Africa and West Indies at Kingsmead on Tuesday.

WEST INDIES: First innings 198 (Lara 51; Kallis 3-18, Cronje 3-19).

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 312 (Cullinan 40, Rhodes 87; Rose 7-84).

WEST INDIES: Second innings Wallace c Boucher b Donald 1

Murray c Gibbs b Kallis 29

Chanderpaul c and b Pollock 75

Lara c Gibbs b Terbrugge 79

Hooper c Boucher b Pollock 2

Ganga c Gibbs b Pollock 5

Jacobs not out 15

Lewis c Boucher b Donald 0

Rose c Gibbs b Pollock 2

Ambrose c Cronje b Pollock 5

Walsh b Donald 3

Extras: (lb-12; w-2; nb-9) 23

Total: 259