

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That although the 1999 World Cup cricket is being hosted by England and the logo boasts 'England 99', matches of the first round will also be played in the Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and, believe it or not, Holland.

One hunch is the England board has appeased ICC members in the region. But, while Amsterdam will host one group match, there is no piece of the cake for Denmark, Italy, Gibraltar, Malta...

With the Euro hitting the financial market last week, perhaps it would have been a good idea for 'Europe' to host the tournament. But, then the British pound is as yet out of the Euro.

The whole thing of being hosts and then apportioning matches to other countries is all a bit too puzzling.

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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 Shawkat Selim

4. Where will the 14th Asian Games be held?

Paris Pusan Pyongyang

5. Which team won the AB Bank Senior Div TT title?

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**SPORTS TALK**

**Imran Khan**  
(Legendary Pakistani cricketer)

"It is time now to do sensible thinking and repair the damage done to Pakistan cricket."

Said recently.

**Gias heads MSC hockey committee**

Sports Reporter  
Mohammed Sporting announced a 22-member hockey committee with Giasuddin Kader Chowdhury, MP as chairman.

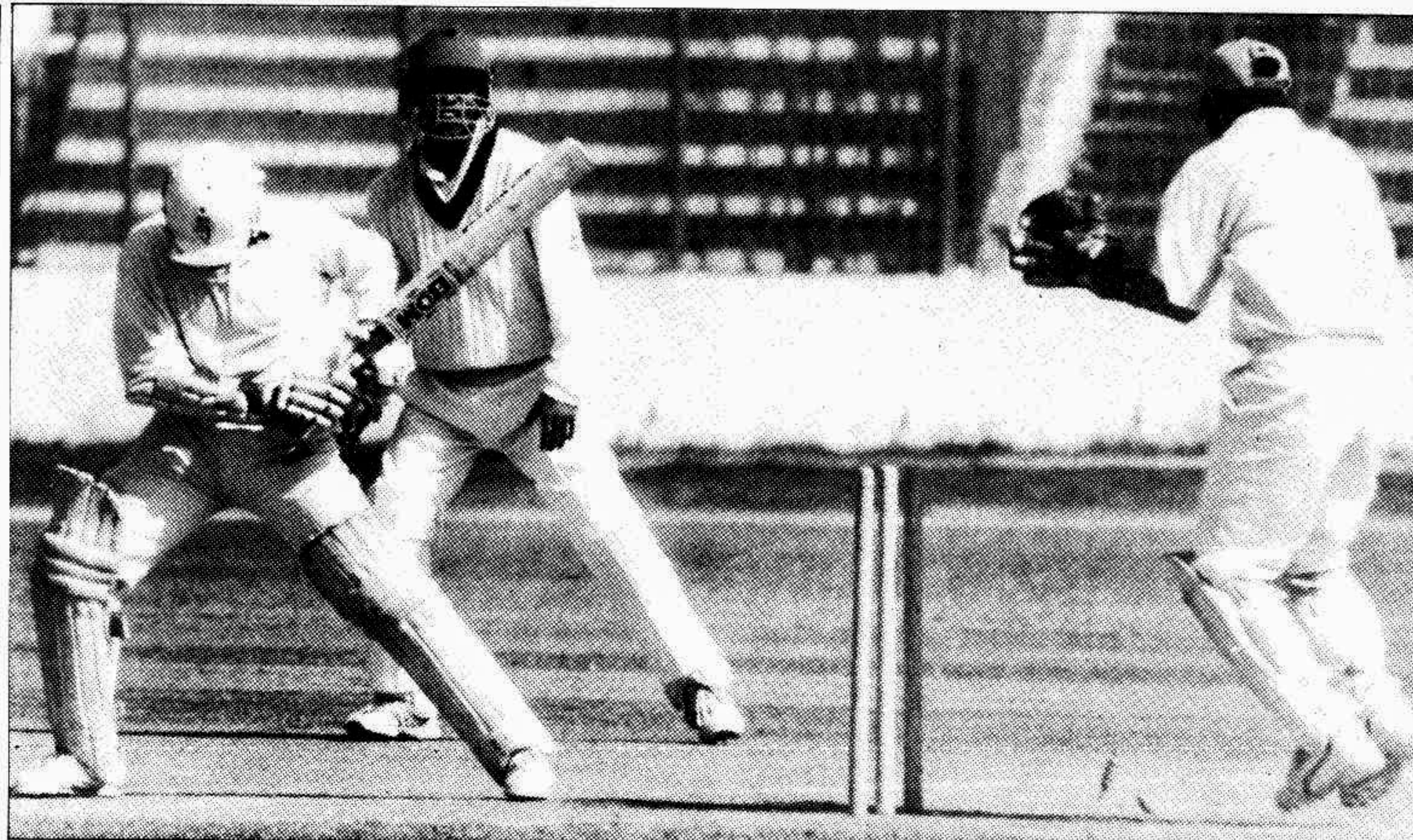
Former Mohammedan captain Sajed Adel has retained the post of secretary for the second consecutive year. The committee also includes four vice-chairmen and sixteen members.

**Hit by hot dog!**

LONDON, Jan 3 (Reuters/Internet): Top English referee Paul Durkin was forced to ask for police protection on Saturday after being hit by a hot dog during an FA Cup match between Oldham Athletic and Chelsea.

Durkin, standing near the goal-line, was hit by the fast food after he allowed a Chelsea goal. He was in the process of consulting the linesman when he was hit and he then disallowed the goal.

A match steward said the missile was a pastry-covered sausage roll but Durkin said it was a frankfurter enclosed in a bread bun.



Orient opener Biplob is dumbfounded after being bowled by Mohammedan's left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique during their Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. — Star photo

## MacGill makes England's day miserable

SYDNEY, Dec 3 (AP/ AFP): Australia's slow bowlers, including returning star Shane Warne and his in-form understudy Stuart MacGill, spun a web around England's batsmen Sunday to take control of the fifth cricket Test.

Warne got a wicket with his fourth ball in his first Test for nine months but bowled below his best, his wrist spinners failing to fizz quite as much as they did before he left the game for a shoulder reconstruction.

MacGill, Warne's replacement since his previous Test, against India in March, grabbed a career-best 5-57, his second bag of five.

England was bowled out for 220 late on day two, trailing by 102 on a turning track.

Captain Mark Taylor, who opted for a three-way spin attack also including Colin Miller, took one catch to equal his predecessor Allan Border's world record 156 Test catches.

Taylor scored an unbeaten two and Michael Slater had 11 as Australia reached 13 without loss at stumps, holding a commanding lead of 115 after his spinners claimed eight wickets between them.

Paceman Glenn McGrath, punctuating the spin assault with explosive bursts, got two wickets, with the first making him the 10th Australian to reach 200 in Tests.

Warne was brought into the attack after 90 minutes of the opening session for his first appearance at the bowling crease since Australia's Test win over India in Bangalore on March 28 last year.

His second ball was smashed to the midwicket fence by Mark Butcher (36) but two later he removed the left-hander with a conventional leg-spinner.

"The shoulder feels good," said Warne, I thought they came out pretty well today.

Warne, 1-67 off 20 overs, lacked his previous control Sunday but Miller, who got two wickets, was able to tie England down, forcing frustration and mistakes.

Mark Ramprakash (14) was third down with the score on 88 when he gave McGrath a second wicket, lofting a drive straight to MacGill at mid-off.

Nasser Hussain (42) put on 49 with an aggressive Graeme Hick (23) before they both fell in quick succession, dragging the visitors to 139 for five.

Hussain rocked forward at the crease against Miller and sent the ball from bat and pad to silly point where Mark Waugh got his 100th career catch.

Hick, who had knocked Warne out of the attack earlier in his innings with a four and six off consecutive balls, tried a

similar assault on MacGill only to smash a loose ball in the air to the covers where Warne took a neat diving catch.

Wicketkeeper Warren Hegg gave little indication that he knew how to play any of the spinners but stuck around for almost an hour before edging Miller onto his stumps when 15.

John Crawley, given a chance because he is considered a strong player of spin, lived up to his promise and looked more

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The BCB under-13 cricketers lifted the All-Bengal Chand Ballav Ghosh Memorial tournament defeating hosts Agra-gamee Sangha by eight-wickets in Shiliguri yesterday.

According to a faxed message received yesterday, the juvenile selection, chasing Agra-gamee's 187 for eight, reached 190 for two with Ashraful hitting a dazzling unbeaten 99. In his 79-ball knock, Ashraful clubbed 11 fours and a quartet of sixes.

The victorious team is scheduled to return home on January 6.