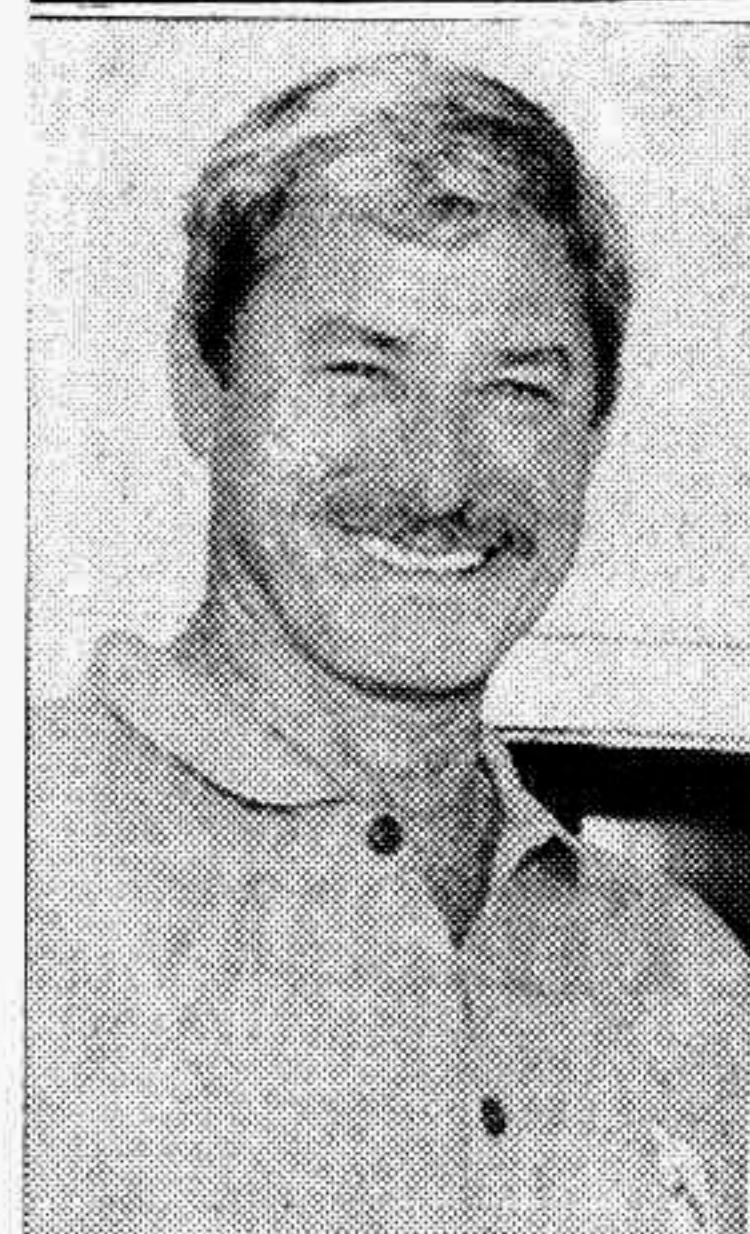


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Sir Richard Hadlee
(New Zealand cricket legend) I think it is good for the game. The West Indies dominated for 20 years and it is important that the balance of power changes. In time I am sure they will be back. Until then let South Africa and Australia enjoy their dominance.

On the decline of the West Indies

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2	How many Tests has Mark Taylor played?	102	103	104
3	South Africa won the Test series against West Indies.	4-1	3-1	5-0
4	How many centuries have so far been scored in the Janakantha League?	29	30	31
5	Who clinched the sub-junior chess title?	Rakib	Rajib	Tuhin

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Div III cricket qualifiers

Red Sun, Bhai Bhai and Hazaribagh won their respective matches in the Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifying cricket matches at the different city grounds yesterday, reports APB.

Red Sun beat Shahjahanpur Cricketers by four wickets at the Uttara Friends ground. Bating first Shahjahanpur made 209 for eight in their allotted 35 overs. In reply, Red Sun reached their target making 210 for six in 30.3 overs.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Bhai Bhai defeated West End Boys Club by 30 runs. Bhai Bhai made 173 for nine in 35 overs and later bowled out their opponents for 143 in 33.4 overs.

Hazaribagh overcame Sanchay SC by 37 runs at the Mahabahal T&T ground. Hazaribagh scored 203 for five in 35 overs. In reply Sanchay were all out for 166 with one over remaining.

S Korea lift Dunhill Cup

HO CHI MINH CITY, Feb 7: South Korea reasserted their soccer supremacy in east Asia today, beating defending champions China with a goal in the first minute of sudden death in the Dunhill Cup final here, reports AFP.

China have never beaten Korea at international level and today's loss at the Thong Nhat stadium was more frustrating evidence that the Chinese have some way to go.

The Koreans were the more imaginative team. But neither Lee Dong Gook, the striker, nor skipper Kim Do Kyun, the attacking midfielder, had the speed on the turn nor the close defence to penetrate the Chinese defence, which was content to absorb pressure and wait for Korean frustration to build.

The Chinese forwards had the better of the play towards the end but the match went into sudden death. In the very first minute second half substitute Choi Chul Woo collected a long through pass and slammed home.

Nasir burst restricts Wari

Nasir Shawkat returned with a five-wicket burst to put Biman in a comfortable position against Wari Club in their final Janakantha Premier League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani right-arm seamer took five wickets for 70 runs in his 14 overs as Wari, opting to bat first after calling the coin correctly, were bundled out for 210 in 67 overs.

But at close of first day's play, pressure seemed to have mounted on Biman as the national airline outfit, needing a victory against the traditional giant-slayers to lift the coveted title, were reduced to two for 68 in 13 overs.

Wari sent a little chill down the Biman spine when they reduced the title-aspirants to 49 for 2 in 11 overs. Opener Javed Omar, who scored a century in the previous match, and skipper Faruque Ahmed made a long walk to the pavilion scoring 3 and 10 respectively.

But Habibul Bashar, the other opener and Ziaur Rashid saw off the next two overs without further damage much to the relief of a huffing and puffing Biman officials, who in an apparent bid to keep their wickets intact sent the nightwatchman instead of their regular number four batsman Aminul Islam.

Although there was no devil on the wicket, Biman would certainly live on their nerves to score those priceless 143 runs today.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Victoria set Mohammedan Sporting Club a daunting target of scoring 255 runs to avoid the third consecutive defeat.

Victoria put up the fighting total before being all out in 79.1 overs with Manzoor Elahi notching highest 59 off 76 balls. The former Pakistan Test cap, arguably dubbed as the hardest hitter of the ball during his salad days, hammered six fours and a sixer while opening the Victoria innings with Imran.

He put on 98 runs for the second wicket with Rezaul (35) before being clean bowled by off-spinner Salim Shahed in the 29th over.

After the departure of Manzoor, wickets fell at regular interval in the face of some quality bowling from Mohammedan skipper Mohammed Rafique.

The slow left-arm ripped through the Victoria middle-order to finish with four for 37 in his 16 economical overs.

Shahed extended a very good support to his skipper to put a break on Victoria score. He maintained a tight line and length to return with two for 23

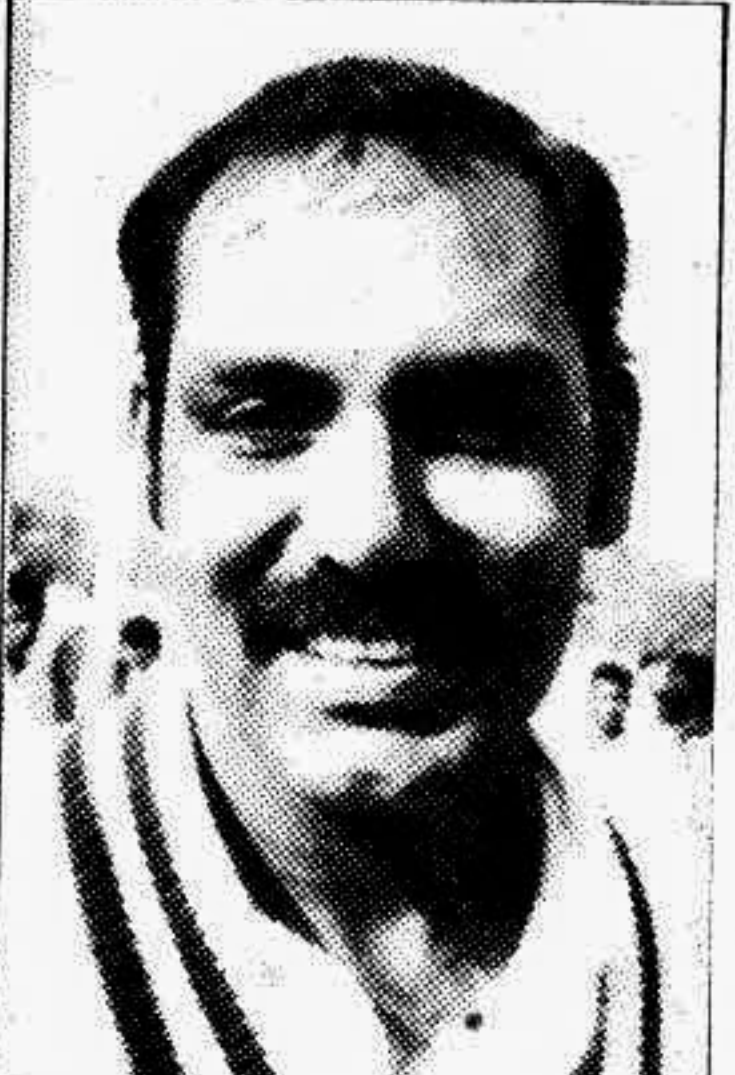
wicket haul from their Pakistani off-spinner Arshad Khan, shot the batters out for a meagre 86 in 31.1 overs.

Arshad finished with fantastic figures of 9.3-3-18-6. Former national left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman, who took three wickets for 29 runs, ably supported the tall twerker.

After the good work by the bowlers, Surjo Tarun went on to score 88 for no loss in

Sports Reporter

Although the bowlers did well to restrict Victoria to an attainable score, Mohammedan might find it difficult to overhaul the target with their de-



NASIR SHAWKAT ... 5/70



pleted batting line-up. They took the field without their two Kenyan recruits --- Steve Tikolo and Maurice Odumbe --- and opener Imran Hamid. The Kenyan batsmen went home last week after the expiry of their contracts and Imran was nursing his injured left ankle.

Mohammedan conceded a stunning three-wicket defeat against lowly Sadharan Bima in the previous match.

Away at the BKSP in Savar, Surjo Tarun brightened their chances of finishing third in the League when they stormed to a ten-wicket win over Agrani Bank.

The two-day match turned into a one-day affair when Surjo Tarun, aided by a six-

only eight overs, thanks to a breezy unbeaten 41 from Al-Shahriar and an equally impressive 37 not out from Parvez. Al-Shahriar, who set the field afire with flurry of shots, hammered eight disdainful fours in his 24-ball knock.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two Janakantha Premier League matches at the end of first day's play at different city venues yesterday.

BIMAN VS WARI

(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

WARI: Anup lbw b N Shawkat 16

Sadek run out 25

Mukter b N Shawkat 9

Sajib lbw b N Shawkat 0

A Wasim c Hasan b Ziaur 15

Tareq lbw b N Shawkat 42

Biplob c & b N Shawkat 20

Nasim c Manzoor b Ziaur 0

Murad c Atiar b Manzoor 35

Zahid c & b Saifullah 13

Arifur not out 4

Extras: (b-9, lb-4, nb-9, w-9) 31

Total: (All out in 67 overs) 210

Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-49; 3-49; 4-55; 5-102; 6-135; 7-136; 8-153; 9-191

Bowler O M R W

Nasir Shawkat 14 2 70 5

Jahangir Talukder 7 0 18 0

Saifullah Khan 16 6 29 1

Ziaur Rashid 12 0 37 2

Manzoor Akhter 12 1 29 1

Aminul Islam 6 0 14 0

BIMAN

Javed c Mukter b Zahid 3

Habibul batting 28

Faruque b A Wasim 10

Ziaur batting 0

Extras: (lb-1, nb-6, w-10) 17

Total: (For 2 wks in 13 overs) 68

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-49

Bowler O M R W

Zahid Solaiman 5 0 25 1

Arifur Rahman 5 0 17 0

Aamir Wasim 3 0 15 1

MOHAMMEDAN VS VICTORIA

(Bangabandhu National Stadium)

VICTORIA

Imran c & b Monjurul 1

M Elahi b S Mahmud 59

Rezaul b Rafique 35

Marwar c Halim b Shahed 31

Rashed c Mortuza b Rafique 33

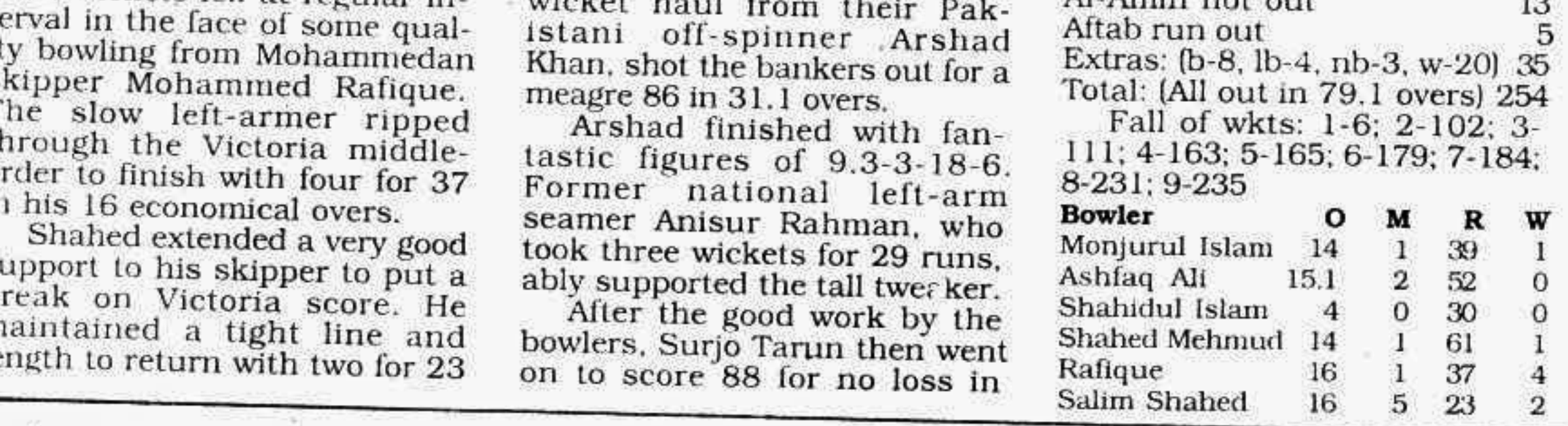
Sabbir c Nasir b Shahed 1

Mustad c Shahed b Rafique 23

Ziaul c Halim b Rafique 23

Rakib run out 17

Wari's Pakistani recruit Tareque Mahmood is about to sweep.



— Star photo

Final round starts today

The 10-team final round of the Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup under-19 national football championship begins today at Rangpur, reports UNB.

Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi Khan Shahabuddin will inaugurate the 13-day final round.

Defending champions Tangail will open against Jessore while the hosts take on Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) in another match.

Ten teams — eight zonal champions, Tangail and Rangpur — split into two groups will complete in the round-robin league basis matches.

Batting first Sentu-Rintu Smriti Sangha scored 140 in 36.2 overs losing all.

Masum scored highest 24. In reply, Jordan Road S K P managed 144 runs in 39 overs losing 7 wickets. Tanim scored highest 29.

Samu Das of Jordan Road S K P adjudged man-of-the-match.

Tomorrow Meghadute Krira Sangha will face Barisal Cricket Institute at the same venue.

Later, two top teams from each of the groups will play the semifinals.

Group A: Tangail, Barisal, Sirajganj, Rangamati and Jessore.

Group B: Rangpur, Chit-



tagong, Chapainawabganj, Dinajpur/Nilphamari and BKSP. Fifty-nine district teams out of 64, except Jhalakati, Moulvibazar, Bhola, Pirojpur, Meherpur and national sports training institute BKSP, took part in the first phase in eight zones of the country.

The tournament committee has offered lucrative prize money for the best-player-of-each match, best player-of-the-tournament, highest-scorer-of-the-tournament and Fair Play Trophy in addition to the champions and runners-up.

The best players for each match will receive Tk 1,000, for the semifinals Tk 2,000, for the final Tk 3,000. The Fair Play Trophy will carry Tk 5,000.

The prize-money for the champions and the runners-up could not yet be known.

In the zonal final at Kurigram today, Dinajpur beat Nilphamari 2-1 in the last first round match.

phamari lodged a protest with the tournament committee accusing Dinajpur of fielding two unregistered players against them.

Songo'o denies Valencia top spot

MADRID, Feb 6 (Reuters/Internet): Valencia missed a chance to take temporary charge of the Spanish first division on Saturday as they were held 0-0 by a battling Deportivo Coruna.

Goalkeeper Jacques Songo'o was the hero for Deportivo, the Cameroon international saving the game with a brilliant reaction save from Jocelyn Angoloma's fierce shot on 70 minutes.

Songo'o also saved well from Claudio Lopez after the Argentine had cut in dangerously from the right.

Lopez missed the best chance of the game early in the first half, latching on to a long ball from Francisco Farinos only to skew his shot wide.

A point for Claudio Ranieri's side moved them second in the table, behind Barcelona on goal difference.

Deportivo, who came into the game on the back of impressive victories over Real Madrid and Celta Vigo, stayed sixth, three points behind the leaders.

SAARC Bridge results

The open team event of the Second SAARC Bridge tournament entered the semifinal stage India C and Sri Lanka from Group A and Pakistan and India A qualifying, reports BSS.

India C top scored with 90 points followed by Sri Lanka 87. Pakistan A top scored 105 in their group while India A secured second position with 95. Bangladesh and Nepal were eliminated.

In the ladies' event India with 105 points and Pakistan with 102 have earned the final berth.

The final will also be held today.

A prize-giving ceremony will be held tomorrow

Davis Cup qualifiers

Group Three action from Mar 8

Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Three tournament, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) in cooperation with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) will be held at the National Tennis Complex from March 8 to 14, reports BSS.

A 73-member organising committee was formed at a meeting yesterday with BTF president Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury in the chair.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader has been made patron of the tournament while Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports A S M Shahjahan has been made patron.

BTF treasurer Zahurul Huq has been made chairman of the tournament committee.

Besides, nine sub-committees were formed. They are: BTF vice president M Nurul Alam has been made chairman of the opening ceremony and

security sub-committee, Ahsan Habib-chairman of facilities and decoration sub-committee, Mustaq Ahmed — Chairman of coordination and reception sub-committee, Bayazidur Rashid — Chairman of Press and Media Sub-Committee, Professor M Rashiduddin Ahmed — Chairman of Medical Sub-Committee, Mohammad Shahidullah — Chairman of Magazine Sub-Committee, Major (ret'd) Yiad Ali Fakir — Chairman of Finance Sub-Committee, A S M Mobaidul Islam — Chairman of the closing ceremony and cultural function sub-committee and Kafilur Rahman Roxy — chairman of officiating Sub-committee.

Cantona to play again!

LONDON, Feb 6 (The Mirror/Internet): Eric Cantona has promised to take one final bow at Old Trafford in a £2million "thank you" to Alex Ferguson.

The soccer genius turned actor will play a starring role in the Manchester United boss's testimonial later this year after grabbing the captain's armband to lead a World XI against United in spectacular honour of Ferguson's 13-year dynasty.

And testimonial organisers are now approaching the game's biggest stars — including Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo and Davor Suker — to play alongside the legend of Old Trafford who won four League titles in his United reign.

A 55,000-plus sell-out would reap around £1million for Ferguson — a clear indication that he will not be leaving to enter the England camp. That jackpot will at least be doubled by fund-raising race days and pro-celebrity golf events.

Cantona said: "I hold Alex in the utmost respect."

Nat'l women's chess

IM Rani Hamid, Shabana Parveen, Tanima Parveen and Zakia Sultana are sharing the lead of the 20th national women's chess tournament picking respective second win yesterday, reports APB.

At the chess room of the NSC, Rani beat Afsana Parveen by 37 moves, Shabana outwitted Fayzunnisa Poly after the 30th move.

The other leaders, Tanima defeated Masuda Begum in 51 moves while Zakia got rid of Nazrana Khan in marathon 64 moves.

In the other match of the day, Afroza Khanam beat Farzana.

DC Cup cricket

CHANDPUR, Feb 7: The first Divisional Commissioner Cup cricket tournament began at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

In the opening match, Chandpur beat Bandarban by five wickets.

Batting first, Bandarban scored 110 in 44.3 overs losing all wickets. Nazrul, Kukwai and Hilla scored 39, 21 and 12 runs respectively.

In reply, Chandpur reached their winning target losing five wickets in 20.4 overs.

Shimul scored highest 45 followed by Rajon 16 and Jamil 13 runs. Shimul was adjudged man-of-the-match.



HONOURS SHARED: Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin (L) and his Pakistani counterpart Wasim Akram holding aloft the Pepsi Challenge Trophy after the two-Test series ended in a 1-1 draw yesterday. — AFP photo

Kumble takes 'em all



NEW DELHI, Feb 7: Leg-spinner Anil Kumble grabbed all 10 wickets in an innings as India crushed

Kumble, however, finished one up with Saqlain with 21 wickets from two games—seven wickets at Madras and 14 in this Test.

Kumble now has 234 Test wickets from 51 matches, having taken five wickets in an innings 12 times and 10 in a match on two occasions.

The arch-rivals clash again in the opening match of the Asian Test championship at Calcutta from February 16. For many it will be the decisive game of Pakistan's Indian tour.

The odds were heavily stacked against Pakistan when they began their second innings.

A 400-plus chase had been achieved only twice before in history — by Don Bradman's Australians against England in 1948 and Bishen Bedi's India against the West Indies in 1976.

But opener Saeed Anwar

and Shahid Afridi gave the tourists a glimmer of hope when they smashed 101 for the first wicket in 98 minutes.

Kumble, however, swung the match India's way as Pakistan lost six top order batsmen for the addition of 27 runs.

The rout began with a contentious decision by debutant Indian umpire AV Jayaprakash, who ruled Afridi caught behind by wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia when the ball appeared to have missed the bat.

An angry Afridi, who made 41, stood his ground for a while before walking off slowly cursing under his breath.

Kumble's next delivery rapped Jaz Ahmed on the full and Jayaprakash, a former first-class cricketer, once again raised his finger.

Fired up by the twin success, Kumble took two more wickets in another over when Inzamam-ul-Haq edged top spinner onto his stumps and Yousof Youhana was given out leg-before.

Moin Khan edged a Kumble shorter to the slips where Saurav Ganguly dove to his right to pick up a low catch.

Left-hander Anwar, who scored just 32 in his previous three innings, found timely form with a defiant 69 but failed to keep down a Kumble delivery and was snapped up in the leg trap.

Pakistan, 128-6 at that stage, were saved from a humiliating collapse by seventh wicket stand of 58 between Salim Malik and skipper Wasim Akram.

The unplayable Kumble, however, hastened the end by bowling Malik for 15, he then trapped Saqlain leg before first ball and gave India victory by having Akram caught in the legtrap for 37.

Earlier, India added just 15 runs to their overnight score of 324-7 before being all out for 339 within the first 20 minutes of play.

Saqlain took the last three wickets to claim his fourth five-wicket haul in as many innings in the current series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stomp on the fourth day of the second Test between India and Pakistan on Sunday:

INDIA: First innings 252
INDIA: Second innings 172 (overnight 324-7)

Ramesh c and b Mushtaq 96

Laxman b Akram 8

Dravid c Jaz b Saqlain 29

Tendulkar c Akram 29

b Mushtaq 23

Azharuddin b Akram 14

Ganguly not out 62

Mongia lbw b Akram 0

Kumble c Jaz b Saqlain 15

Prasad c Jaz b Saqlain 49

H Singh b Saqlain 6

Afridi (nb-9, lb-3, b-13) 0

Extras: (b-9, lb-3, b-13) 31