

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-111

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

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Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm
Feb 19 '99 and draw shortly
afterwards

1 Who was the man-of-the
match in the first Indo-Pak
Test?

Afzal Tendulkar Saqib

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

Name _____

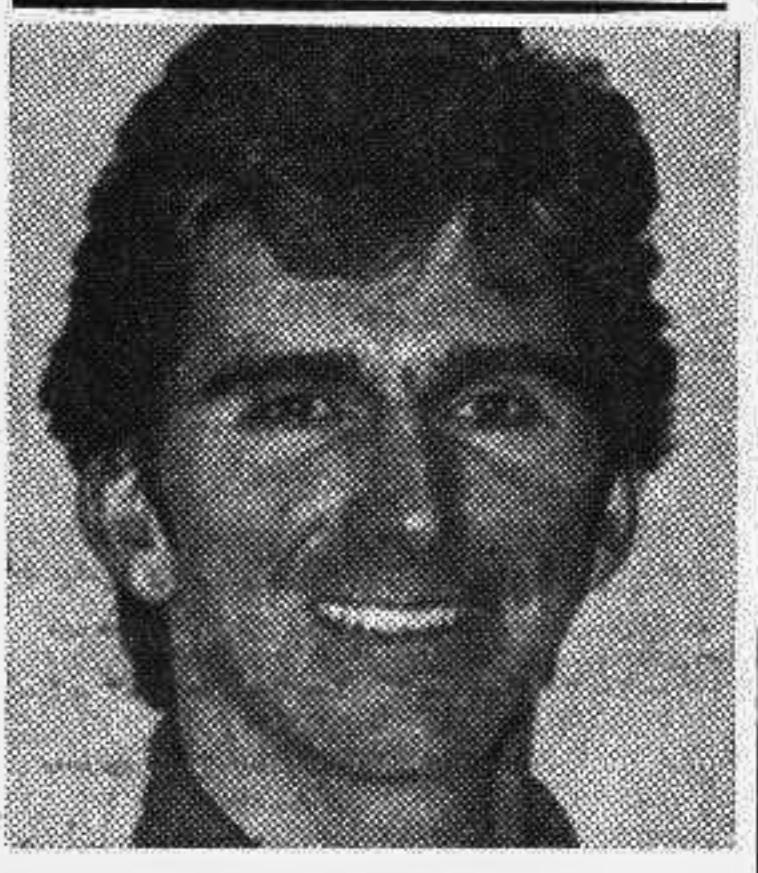
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SPORTS TALK



Damon Hill

(Former Formula One world champion)

"I want to win more than one
race this season. I want to be
challenging and harassing for
places ..."

Intl Jr tennis starts today

RAJSHAHI, Feb 15: The
third International Junior
Tennis tournament begins to-
morrow at the local tennis
complex, reports UNB.

Some 90 players, including
25 girls, from 15 countries rep-
resenting Asia, Africa and Eu-
rope are expected to participate
in the weeklong meet.

Defending champions
Vishal (boys) and Sheetal
(girls), both from India, will be
in the fray.

The countries are: India,
Pakistan, China, Chinese
Taipei, Sweden, Kazakhstan,
United Arab Emirates,
Malaysia, Thailand, Slovak,
Oman, United Kingdom, Sri
Lanka Egypt and Bangladesh.

Eight boys and three girls
will represent the hosts in the
ITF-approved event.

3-nation cricket tourney in March

Bangladesh Cricket Board
president Saber Hossain
Chowdhury has sought coopera-
tion from all quarters for a suc-
cessful holding of the tri-nation
one-day tournament to be held
in the capital in March, reports
UNB.

Saber was speaking at a
press conference yesterday after-
noon at the BCB office, where
he disclosed the schedule of the
triangular tourney involving
Zimbabwe, Kenya and the
hosts. The double-leg tourna-
ment will be held from March
19-20 at the Bangabandhu Na-
tional Stadium.

The BCB boss was quite op-
timistic about the tournament in
which all the matches will be
day-night like the Wills Inter-
national Cup held successfully
last October at the same venue.

He said: "It'll help our boys
who are now training at the
BKSP under coach Gordon
Greenidge to prepare for the
World Cup ... the state of their
preparation."

Fixture

Mar 19: Zimbabwe Vs Kenya

Mar 20: Kenya Vs Bangladesh

Mar 21: Zimbabwe Vs
Bangladesh

Mar 22: Rest Day

Mar 23: Zimbabwe Vs Kenya

Mar 24: Kenya Vs Bangladesh

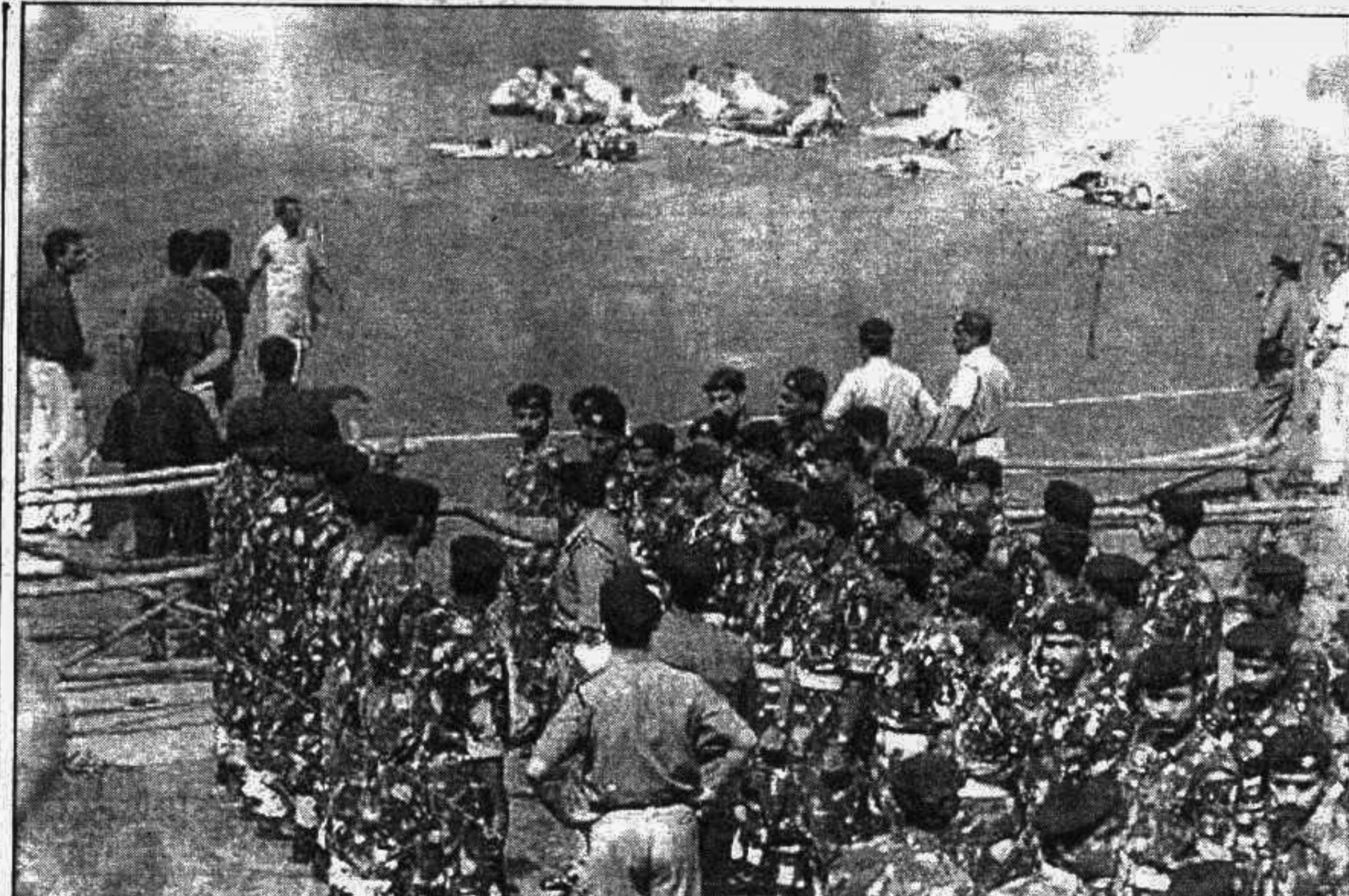
Mar 25: Zimbabwe Vs
Bangladesh

Mar 26: Rest Day

Mar 27: Final

Hours of Play (BST): 1400

Hrs to 1730 Hrs 1815 Hrs to
2145 Hrs



Police officials brief members of India's Rapid Action Force (RAF) - a specialised force to control riots - during a practice session on the eve of the first Asian Test Championships

— Internet photo

match in Calcutta

Asian Test Championship begins today

Pakistan plagued by injuries

From Hasan Masood in Calcutta



The first match of the Asian Test Championship, a world first, between arch rivals India and Pak-

istan will get underway here at the Eden Gardens this morning. Both the India and Pakistan teams had more than three-hour long practice sessions simultaneously yesterday morning under tight security arrangements.

The Pakistan team, which arrived here late Sunday night, are going through injury problems. Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed has already returned home with a back injury. His replacement off-spinner Arshad Khan, who played in the recently-concluded Dhaka Premier League for Surja

Tarun, has already arrived here but his chance of playing in the first eleven looks very slim. Middle-order Salim Malik is also doubtful because of his fitness problem and to add more salt to the wound, middle-order batsman

Inzamamul Haq suffered a severe neck injury last night when the bus carrying the team from airport to their hotel, fell into a small ditch.

Inzamam, the tallest member of the team, was taken to a local clinic last night and did not appear in practice.

However, Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram said he expected Inzamam to be fit before the match.

"If Inzi does not play, middle-order Wajahatullah Wasti would make his debut," said

Wasim after the nets. About Malik, Wasim said he was fully fit for the game. But Malik said his chances of playing was fifty-fifty.

About the pitch, Wasim looked quite happy. "This is for the first time I have seen grass on a wicket in India and I hope things remain the same tomorrow (Tuesday) morning," he said yesterday.

"This wicket looks pretty good. We might include a third seamer. We have two choices in Azhar Mahmood and Shoeb Akhter. Any one of them might be included in the team," Wasim said, adding that the team would be finalised before the match.

"We are here to win the match. So we are not thinking for the bonus points. I have played county cricket so I am aware of what is going to happen," said Wasim while replying to a query about the format. He added that the morale of the team was quite high.

"I am very happy to come here. Eden is one of the greatest venues for Test cricket and I believe it will be a good match," said Wasim.

When the skipper was

praising India, Pakistan manager Shaharyar Khan was

blasting the Indian press yesterday for publishing cooked stories.

"Some of the newspapers are writing negative reports about the unity of Pakistani team and these are all rubbish. What I can tell you is we have excellent team spirit in the squad and none can break that," he said.

In his introductory speech at the press conference, Shaharyar claimed that these reports were made only to demoralise his team.

Meanwhile, hosts India declared their squad for the Test.

Rishikesh Kanitkar and Sunil Joshi have been excluded from the Indian squad.

If two teams are level on points, the one with the highest run rate for the first 100 overs of the first innings will qualify.

If the run rate is equal, the number of wickets taken in the first 100 overs of the first innings will decide who goes through.

After that, the net run-rate of the teams will be compared, and if that is also equal, then the winner will be decided by a toss.

The final will be decided on the basis of bonus points for that match if there is no outright win.

The umpires will be nominated by the ICC and the third umpire will be from the country not playing that particular match.

If more than an hour's playing time is lost, it will be compensated by reducing the lunch and tea intervals on the following days.

NEW POINTS SYSTEM

CALCUTTA, India, Feb 15 (Reuters/ Internet): The inaugural Asian Test cricket championship starting on Tuesday will experiment with a system of awarding points for performance in the first 100 overs of the first innings.

"To determine the finalists in the event of drawn matches, a points system has been devised," said International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya.

An outright win will give the team 12 points. In addition, bonus points will be awarded to teams for their performance in the first 100 overs of the first innings.

The bonus points for batting in the first 100 overs of the first innings will be awarded as follows:

POINTS	150-224	225-299	300-349	350 or more
1	2	2	3	4
2				
3				
4				

Bonus points for bowling in the first 100 overs of the first innings will be awarded as follows:

POINTS	WICKETS TAKEN
1	3-4
2	5-6
3	7-8
4	9-10

Teams will receive only their bonus points if the match is drawn.

The two teams with the highest points will qualify for the final.

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