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

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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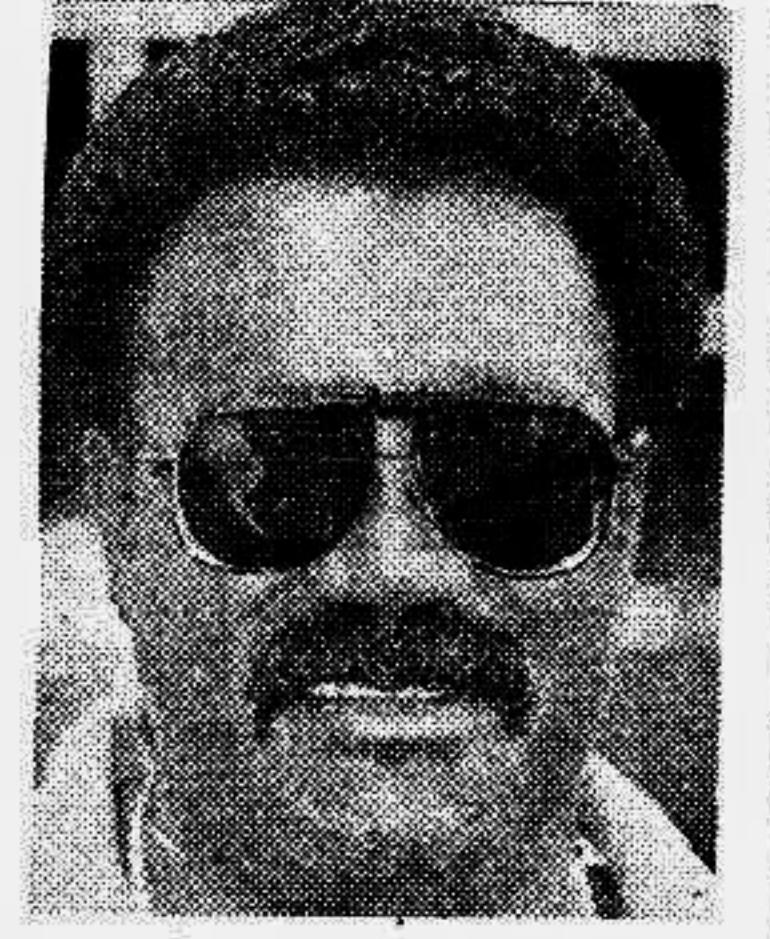
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Clive Lloyd

(West Indies cricket team manager)

"I am not enjoying this at all. It is disheartening to witness all that we have worked for over the years fall away so swiftly without a fight."

About his team's performance in the tour of South Africa.

Div I cricket

City Club atop

City Club earned a convincing six-wicket victory over Azad Sporting Club in the Metropolis First Division Cricket League at the Dharmodi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

City Club have now secured top position having 12 points from seven matches while Azad SC bagged four points from same number of outings.

A five-wicket haul by Salahuddin Ujjal restricted Azad to 141 in 42.2 overs after being sent into bat.

Ujjal picked up five wickets giving away 26 runs while Rezaul Nayem took two wickets for 14 runs.

Mahfuz Kabir made 47 off 73 balls with seven boundaries while opener Nasirul Islam scored 31 off 79 deliveries that included two fours.

In reply, City Club reached their target making 145 for four in 42 overs.

Sajid Hossain Munshi hit an unbeaten 52 off 87 deliveries that included seven boundaries and Saifullah Makshi added 36 runs off 48 balls with seven fours.

Opener Tinku scored 22 off 57 deliveries with two hits across the rope.

Anwar Hossain claimed two wickets conceding 34 runs while Atiqur Rahman took a single wicket for 20 runs.

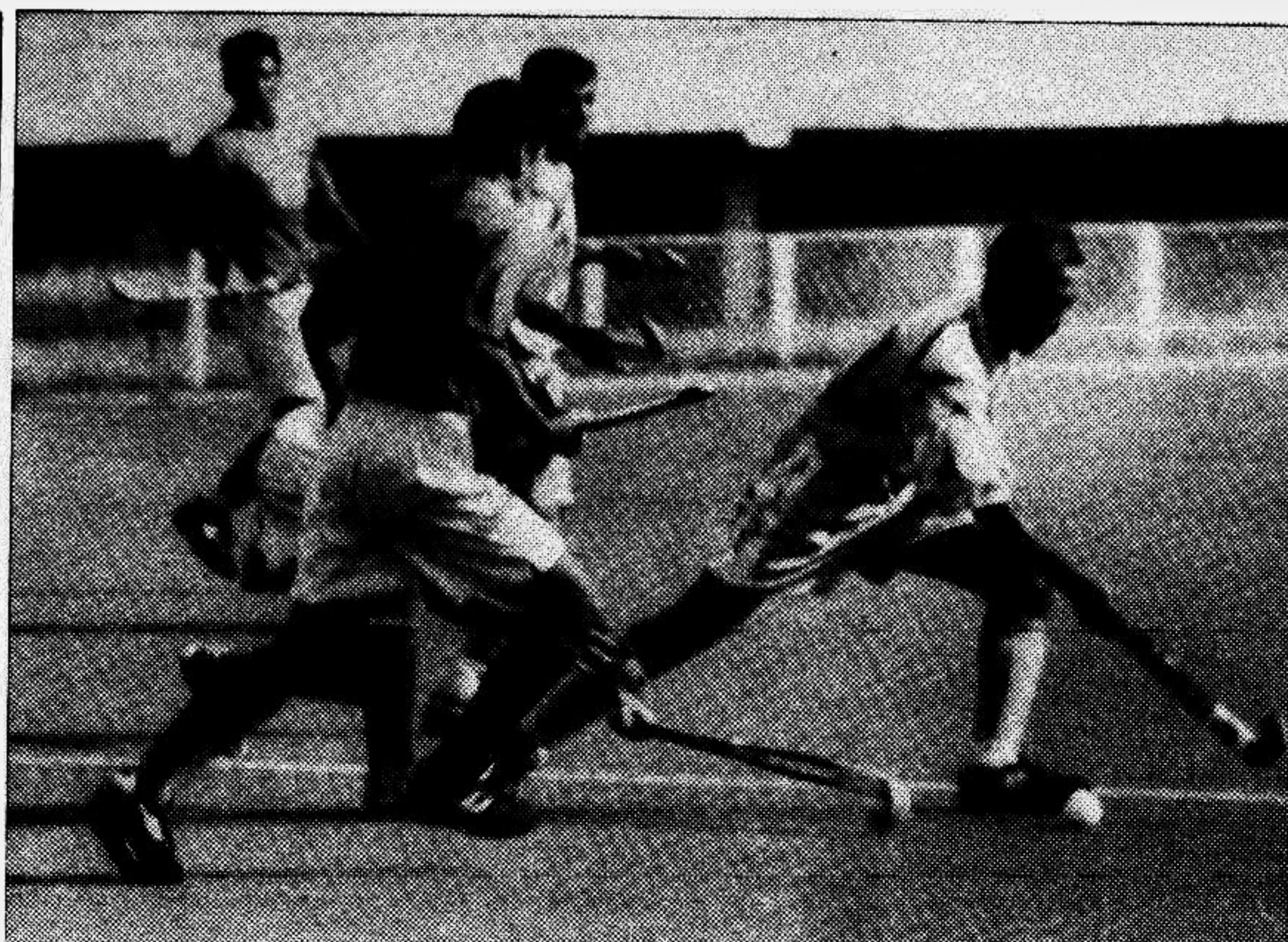
Narsingdi sports

NARSINGDI, Feb 22: The district winter volleyball, handball and athletics competition of boys and girls of 12 to 16 years of age, organised by the District Sports Association, was held in the Narsingdi Stadium on Feb 18, reports BSS.

In volleyball, Gamia-e-Kashmia Madrassah and Pirpur Girls' High School became champions in the boys and girls groups respectively.

In handball, Polash Thana and Monohardi Thana became champions in the boys and girls groups respectively.

In athletics, Habibur Rahman of Polash Thana emerged champion in the boy's group while Tahamina Begum of Sadar became champion in the girl's group.



Action from the Bangladesh Airforce-Ajax Sporting match of the Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti hockey tournament at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Testing times for Eden



CALCUTTA, Feb 22 (Reuters/Internet): Calcutta's Eden Gardens, one of the largest cricket grounds in the world, faces an uncertain future after an unruly crowd forced India and Pakistan to complete a test match in front of empty stands last week.

Police and media out-numbered spectators on Saturday as Pakistan beat India by 46 runs on the fifth and final day.

Trouble on the last two days has fuelled speculation that Eden Gardens could be banned from test cricket for some time. "Calcutta may lose test-centre status for two years," an unattributed report in the Statesman daily said on Sunday.

"Save cricket, ban Calcutta. The city is unfit for the game," the newspaper said in an editorial comment.

Angry spectators disrupted play for 46 minutes on Friday when they threw water bottles and oranges at Pakistani fielders after India's top batsman Sachin Tendulkar was unlucky to be run out as he collided with a fielder before reaching the crease.

Antje's triple delight



PARIS, Feb 22 (AP/Reuters): Germany's Antje Buschschulte completed a clean sweep in women's backstroke events at the Paris World Cup meeting on Sunday, winning the 100-metre race in 1:00.15.

Buschschulte, who won the 50-metre and 200-metre races Saturday, finished well ahead of Alena Nyilova of the Czech Republic, who posted a time of 1:01.16.

Four days after beating swimming's oldest world record Australian Susan O'Neill again provided the highlight of a World Cup meeting with another outstanding performance in the 200 metres butterfly on the day.

Olympic champion O'Neill fell 0.33 seconds short of the world short course mark she set in Malmö last Wednesday, clocking two minutes 5.70 seconds but it was still the third fastest time ever recorded in the event.

In Malmö O'Neill swam 2:05.37 to eclipse the mark of 2:05.65 set by American Mary Meagher in Gainesville, Florida 18 years ago.

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armed with stones and bricks, disrupted play for almost three hours when India were on the verge of defeat after Pakistan took three quick wickets.

Play resumed only after police evicted the vast majority of the 90,000-strong crowd.

Eden Gardens also fell into ignominy in 1996 when spectators threw missiles as Sri Lanka were on the verge of victory in a World Cup semifinal. The match was abandoned and then conceded by India.

A report in the Asian Age said Pakistan's captain Wasim Akram wanted a two-year ban on international cricket at Eden Gardens.

He (Akram) felt that perhaps a two-year ban on holding international matches at the venue would be in order to teach trouble-makers a lesson," the paper said.

Officials of the Cricket Association of Bengal said they were disappointed by the crowd's behaviour.

"We are very shocked. Before holding any match, we should think carefully now," said Debadas Banerjee, joint secretary of the Cricket Association of Bengal.

However, he said there was no formal move to impose a ban.

"It's all gossip. We have not yet received any opposition to holding test matches," he said.

Jagmohan Dalimya, who heads both the Cricket Association of Bengal and is the president of the International Cricket Council, was not immediately available for comment.

In reply, County Club easily reached their target making 104 for two in 18.5 overs.

Chandan hit 40 and Lipon contributed 32 runs. Mao and Zakir took one wicket each.

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