

## Column One

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#### Competition-111

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Competition closes at 8 pm

Feb 25 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

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

Ardi Tendulkar Saglan

2 How many Tests has Mark Taylor played?

102 103 104

3 South Africa won the Test series against West Indies

41 31 50

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 .....

Class ..... Roll No. ....

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### SPORTS TALK



#### Martina Hingis

(World No 1 tennis player)

"In tennis, the mind is still

sometimes more important

than anything else."

#### Selectors rapped for all-white teams

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 24 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa's touring team selectors in New Zealand have been criticised by their cricket critics at home for fielding two all-white sides.

The South African teams for limited overs internationals in Christchurch and Auckland last Wednesday and Saturday did not include players of colour, as stipulated in the United Cricket Board of South Africa's (UCB's) new selection guidelines.

Owing to a misunderstanding, the Board's policy in relation to the selection of the South African team for the second and third one-day internationals in New Zealand was not complied with, to the consternation of the UCB," said a statement signed by UCB president Ray White.

This misunderstanding has now been resolved and I do not expect that there will be any further problems in this regard," White's statement added.

White said the misunderstanding was that "the tour selectors thought the one-day internationals in New Zealand were not subject to the selection guidelines."

Asked if disciplinary action would be taken against the selectors, White replied, "There won't be any repercussions because it was a genuine mistake."

"It's been cleared up, we're sure it won't happen again and that is the end of the matter."

**M United meet Rivaldo's agent**

BARCELONA, Feb 24:

Barcelona's Brazilian international Rivaldo confirmed on Tuesday that Manchester United made an approach for him, but he would remain with the Spanish championship leaders, reports Reuters.

"It's true, they have been talking with my agent Jose Maria Minguela, although I don't know whether they have talked to the club," the striker was quoted as saying by Spanish media.

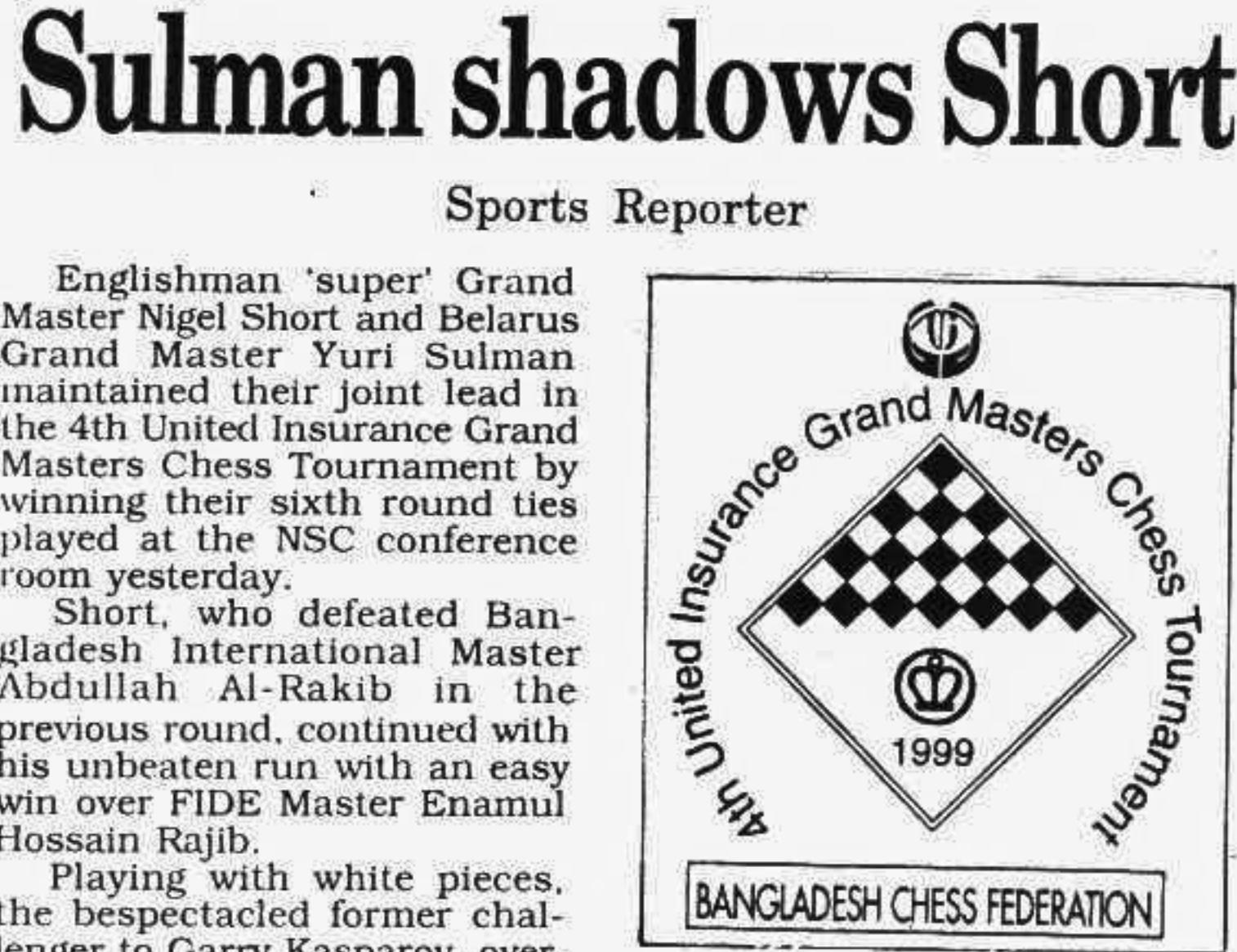
"However, I am staying here. I am happy here and I am not going to change clubs."

Rivaldo is joint top First Division scorer with 13 goals.



Uzbek GM Sergei Zagreveleni (L) makes a note while International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar makes a move during their United Insurance Grand Masters' tournament encounter yesterday.

— Star photo



Reefat-bin-Sattar conceded a defeat to Uzbek GM Sergei Zagreveleni.

Bangladesh GM Niaz Moshed had a break in this round.

Standings (after six rounds):

5 points - N Short (England) and Y Sulman (Belarus), 4.5 points - Ehlivest (Estonia) and Wojtkiewicz (Poland), 3.5 - Rakib, 2.5 - Niaz, Zia, Zagreveleni (Uzbekistan), 2 points - Kunte (India), 1.5 points - Szkeley (Hungary), 1.0 point - Reefat and Rajib, .5 point - Nilupal (India)

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

Sulman v Zagreveleni

Rakib v Zia

Kunte v Short

Nilupal v Ehlivest

Niaz v Wojtkiewicz

## Board XI bow to Dale



ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Feb 24: Seamer Adam Dale plundered a career-best seven for 24 as Australia ripped out a West Indies Cricket Board XI for just 55 in their opening tour match on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

The Australians, 101 ahead on first innings, had stretched that lead to 277 at the close of the second day of the three day match. They were 176 for three.

The Board XI's batsmen, six of whom failed to score, were left floundering by Dale's movement after resuming at one for three.

They were bundled out before lunch, remarkably, their total of 55 represented something of a recovery after they had stumbled to 20 for seven and then 34 for nine.

Dale, having taken two wickets on Monday, continued the Board XI's woes by taking five of the eight wickets to fall during the shortened morning session.

At one stage he had figures of six for three of 9.3 overs.

Opening bowler Pedro Collins top-scored with 21 not out, sharing a last-wicket stand of 21 with Corey Collymore.

Dale attributed his third seven-wicket haul this season to sustained accuracy.

"I don't think there were any secrets," he said. "I was fortunate building pressure. There were a few nicks and a few leg befores."

## Pak cricketers can question accusers

KARACHI, Feb 24: Top Pakistani players facing match-fixing charges are to appear before a cricket inquiry commission to cross-examine their accusers next week, court officials said today, reports AFP.

Skippers Wasim Akram, star batsmen Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed, and bowlers Mushtaq Ahmed and Saglani Mushtaq, will appear before high court judge Malik Mohammad Quayum of the Lahore High Court told Star News in an interview telecast yesterday.

Court sources said former cricket captain Asif Iqbal had also been summoned on Saturday after allegations that he was also involved in match-fixing.

Around 50 witnesses, including present and former players, cricket officials and alleged bookies have already appeared before the commission which started its investigation in September last year.

Pakistani cricketers have also submitted details of their assets to the commission.

Meanwhile, PTI says from

### Sulman shadows Short

Sports Reporter

### West Bengal govt to probe into Eden incident

CALCUTTA, India, Feb 24 (Reuters/Internet): The government of West Bengal has ordered an official investigation into the crowd trouble at Eden Gardens that disrupted a test match between India and Pakistan last week.

The government has decided to form a one-man inquiry committee headed by the principal secretary in the Home (police) Department to inquire into the incidents at Eden Gardens, an official of the eastern state government told Reuters on Tuesday.

The committee will investigate the role of cricket officials, police and Pakistani cricketers during the inaugural match of the Asian Test Championship, he said.

India and Pakistan completed a test match in front of empty stands on Saturday after angry spectators interrupted play by throwing oranges and water bottles at Pakistani fielders for the second successive day.

Police first asked spectators to vacate the front rows of the galleries, but the crowd again hurled bottles on to the ground and prevented play from resuming as India faced defeat.

Police arrested 250 people and charged 49 of them with rioting, the official said.

#### ATC final

### Inter-ministerial meeting today

The Youth and Sports Ministry will hold an inter-ministerial meeting today at the Secretariat to discuss preparations for the final of the first-ever Asian Test Championship (ATC) and tri-national cricket tournament, reports BSS.

The final of the championship, featuring India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, will take place at the Bangabandhu National Stadium here from March 12 to 16. Pakistan won the first Test against India by 46 runs at Calcutta.

The tri-national tournament, involving Bangladesh, Kenya and Zimbabwe, will be held at the same venue from March 19 to 27.

Besides officials of different

departments under the ministry, representatives from the ministries for Home, Information, Energy, Power and Mineral Resources, Finance, Civil Aviation and Tourism and Foreign Affairs will attend the meeting.

The meeting is expected to discuss the security measures, uninterrupted power supply at the stadium and other related issues.

#### Fernandez won't return to PSG

PARIS, Feb 24 (Reuters/Internet): Athletic Bilbao coach Luis Fernandez quashed rumours he might soon leave the Basque club to return to Paris St Germain.

"I feel great in Bilbao, in a club where conditions are ideal to work," he said Wednesday's edition of sports daily L'Equipe. "Athletic will be difficult to leave," he said, adding he felt hurt by the French club's problems.

Fernandez spent most of his playing career with Paris St Germain and, as a coach, led them to win the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1996.

"One day I'll return to Paris. But it would have to be an iron clad deal, allowing me to work like I do in Bilbao," he said.

Fernandez, who last season guided Athletic to second place in the Spanish first division and a place in the Champions League, has been under pressure recently after a disappointing campaign.

The team slipped out of Europe before Christmas and inconsistent domestic form left them stuck in seventh place in the table, seven points behind leader Barcelona.

Paris St Germain, currently 11th in the first division standings, have been unable to win the league title since Fernandez left and fans regularly ask for his return.

Jorge's father returns home

MEXICO CITY, Feb 24: Kidnappers freed the father of Mexico's national soccer goalkeeper Jorge Campos on Tuesday after seven days of captivity near resort town Acapulco, the attorney general's office (PGR) said, reports Reuters.

A PGR statement said Alvaro Campos, the soccer star's father, turned up at a police checkpoint on a highway 11 miles (18 km) from Acapulco saying he had been released.

Police then transported Campos, aged 66, to Acapulco, 250 miles (400 km) south of Mexico City, where he was re-united with his family.

Reporters from El Sur newspaper in Acapulco told Reuters the family had called a media conference for later in the day when they would offer more details of Campos' liberation.

### Reaction No cricket in Eden, please

From: Vikram Goel

I am writing this e-mail after having read the above mentioned article by Syed Mahbub Mursheed. I agree with him that the crowd misbehaved, but the tone of the article itself is very biased and prejudiced.

Mursheed sounds like a man full of anger against not only the Calcutta crowd but also against the people of India.

Having been exposed to the high quality of Indian Journalism, I found his piece to be sub-standard and laced with grammatical errors. He definitely seems to have a grudge against India and Indians.

Honestly, I don't understand how a newspaper of your reputation can hire a person like Mursheed and expect good quality articles. He very well knows that only a minority of Indians supported the Shiv Sena's call. But in spite of that he was sarcastic in his comments.

From: Shielesh Damle

The author Syed Mahbub Mursheed has forgotten what happened in the last match of India's tour in 1989. If he remembers correctly then please tell him to stop his dirty writing.

**Sports editor's note:** Syed Mahbub Mursheed's article was published in our Opinion column and the newspaper does not necessarily agree with the viewpoint of such freelance writers. However, as a policy, we welcome opinion of all shades.

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