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

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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SPORTS TALK

Greg Rusedski
(British tennis player)

"I want to test myself against the top players. That's the only way I'm going to prove myself and give myself the confidence to win Grand Slams."

Reaction

No cricket at Eden, please

A Ahmed

I am rather amused at the outburst of Vikram Goel published in your sports page on 25.2.99 under reference 'No Cricket in Eden. Please,' and rightly captioned under the heading Reaction. The Calcutta crowd is not only misbehaved as one but put an international competition to shame. Goel prides himself of the high quality of Indian journalism but fails to realise the significance of the demand of the entire Calcutta news media that Sachin should have been recalled to bat again despite the verdict of the umpires. That the entire stadium had to be emptied to complete the match is no less significant. Mr Goel should also have recalled to mind the incident with the Sri Lanka team or may be he did not find time to blame the other media for the incident. This situation is not going to help India organise international tournaments in Calcutta and Mr Goel and his colleagues should learn to take a game as a game and not as a matter of national sentiment. While Mr. Goel complains of grammatical mistakes in the writing of Mr. Mashed I would like to ask him where he picked up the terminology 'Calcutta'. I was born and brought up in Calcutta and always found the people of Calcutta addressed to as Calcuttians and not as Calcuttans.

Summit golf held

Summit Pro-Am golf tournament was held recently at the Kurmitola Golf Course. The day-long tournament was the first of its kind in offering the opportunity to the caddies and ball boys to participate and compete under the category of professionals alongside the amateur golfers, says a press release issued by the sponsor, Summit Group.

The winners:
Longest Drive: M Col Z Abedin
Nearest to Pin: Mrs M Sook Kong
Back Nine Winner: Hwan Bok Kang
Front Nine Winner: Kang Chang Lee
Senior Runner-up: He U Tnt Lwin
Ladies Runner-up: Eun Hwn Lee
Men's Runner-up: May Gen.
Sayed Ahmed
Sadiq Qudus
Rasat
Farang Georgi
Mis Hyun Sook Lee
Brig. Masud Ali Khan



English Grand Master Nigel Short (R) makes a move against Indian International Master Avijit Kunte during the 7th round of the fourth United Insurance Grand Masters' chess tournament yesterday. — Star photo

Wojtkiewicz joins Short and Shulman

Sports Reporter
Poland's Grand master Aleksander Wojtkiewicz joined England's Grand Master Nigel Short and Belarus Grand Master Yuri Shulman at the top of the 4th United Insurance Grand Masters' Chess Tournament. He won comfortably against Bangladesh Grand Master Niaz Mursheed in the seventh round at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces, Wojtkiewicz adopted King's Indian defence against Niaz, who lost his time after 39 moves and accepted the defeat. Wojtkiewicz, with the win, raised his tally to five and a half points, equal to that of Short and Shulman, who drew their respective boards in the seventh round.

Short, the top seed from England, shared a point with Indian International Master Avijit Kunte while Shulman drew his board against Uzbekistan Grand Master Sergei Zagrebny.

Short, who played blacks against the Rettu opening of Kunte, shook hands with the Indian after a marathon spell of 67 moves while Shulman took only 17 moves for the draw against Zagrebny.

International Master Ziaur Rahman, the highest rated local player, defeated International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib in a thrilling encounter which lasted for more than five and a half hours.

Playing with black pieces, Zia elected to follow the semi-Slav defence method and checkmated Rakib after 60 moves.

The other two matches -- FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib against Hungarian Grand Master Peter Szkeley and Estonian Grand Master Jaan Ehivest against Indian International Master Neelotpal Das-ended in dull draws.

The eighth round of the 12-round robin league will begin at the same venue today at 2 pm.

Standings (after seventh round): 5.5 points--Short, Shulman and Wojtkiewicz, 5 points--Ehivest, 3.5 points--Zia and Rakib, 2.5 points--Niaz, Zagrebny, Kunte, 2 points--Szkeley, 1.5 points--Rajib, Reefat and Neelotpal.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Ehivest v Niaz
Short v Neelotpal
Szkeley v Kunte
Zia v Rajib
Zagrebny v Rakib
Reefat v Shulman

Minhaz's vain ton for Reds

Despite a splendid 114 by former skipper Minhazul Abedin Bangladesh Red lost to Bangladesh Green in a trial three-day cricket match at BKSP, Savar yesterday, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Green were declared winners for leading the first innings. Bangladesh Green scored 358 for eight declared in the 25th over and 129 for six in 25 overs in the second.

Bangladesh Red scored 298 all out in the first innings and 133 for four in the second at stumps. Minhaz's superb innings contained 12 fours. He was followed by Selim with 42, Al-Shahriar 29, Khaled Mashud 28 not out, Khaled Mahmud 26.

Aminul Islam and skipper Aminul Islam snatched three wickets for 65 and 70 runs respectively while Monju got two for 47.

Neyyampur Rashid topscored with 32 for the Green in the second innings followed by Omar Belim with 28, Shafiuddin Ahmed took two for 17.

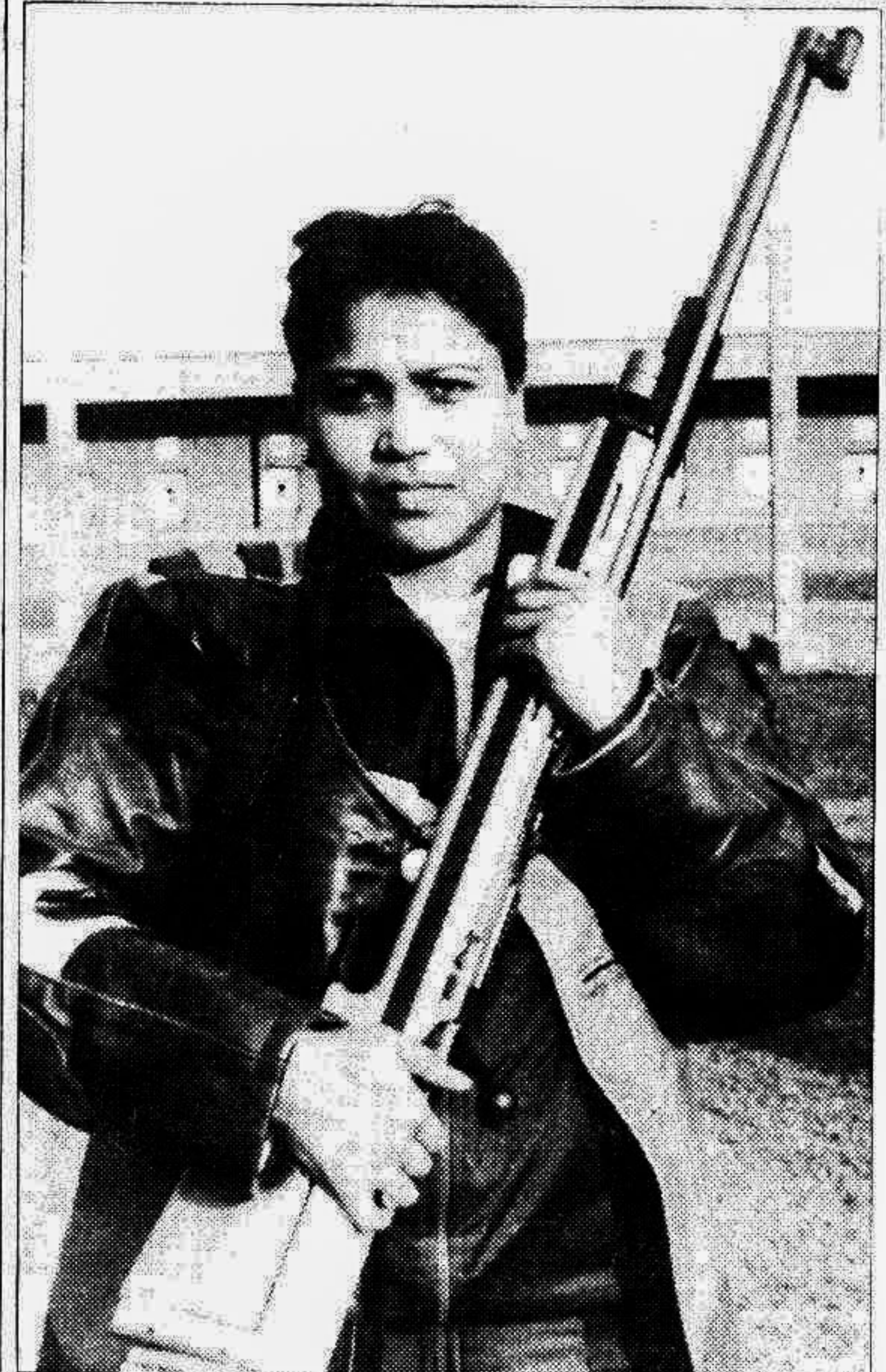
Red's Mehrab scored a fine 43 while Shariar Hossain added 28 and Mahbubur Rahman 25 in the second innings.

Earlier in the first innings, the Green side scored a huge 358 with former captain Faruque Ahmed hitting a magnificent 95 (14 fours), skipper Aminul Islam 59 (nine fours), Ehsanul Huq 52 (six fours), Neyyampur Rashid 32, Nasirul Alam 26 not out.

rebound off India's fifth penalty corner in the 53rd minute. Pakistani left full back Danish Kalim was given marching orders with a yellow card when he fouled on Dhillon with ten minutes' play left.

India were rewarded with a penalty stroke when Gagan Ajit Singh was fouled inside the circle by Mohammad Wasim in a goal scoring position. Dhillon successfully converted it into the winning goal.

"The boys have learnt their lessons from the series and we have found some new players. I am not fully satisfied with the results but finding new players is a little consolation," Indian coach Vasuddevan Bhaskaran said.



Kazi Shahana Parveen of Chittagong Rifles Club poses after winning the Sporting Rifle gold yesterday. — Star photo

BCB to name 19 for World Cup

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will finalise the 19-man Bangladesh team for the 1999 World Cup in a meeting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this evening.

The selectors have already prepared the list at BKSP, Savar. The last evening, Chairman of the three-man selection committee--Enayet Hossain Siraj, who is also a BCB member--will place the proposal in today's meeting.

The meeting will also appoint the manager and coach of the team. A primary camp of 29 cricketers began at the BKSP early this month. The names of the selected 19 will have to be sent to the International Cricket Council by February 28. Fifteen cricketers will be named before March 31 for the World Cup squad. The other four will remain as reserves.

Bangladesh, placed in pool B for the first round along with Australia, Pakistan, New Zealand, West Indies and Scotland, will take on New Zealand in their inaugural match at Chelmsford on May 17.

Nat I Shooting Ctg Rifles Club bag two golds

Sports Reporter
Chittagong Rifles Club dominated the 16th National Shooting Championships on Thursday winning two golds out of the four decided.

Nasiruddin Johnny of Chittagong Rifles Club won the day's first gold in Free Rifle Prone 60 shots claiming 582 points. Kamrul Islam Tito of Rajdhani Shooting Club clinched the silver with 579 points followed by Saiful Islam Chowdhury Rinki of Gulshan Shooting Club who secured 578 points for the bronze.

Kazi Shahana Parveen won the second gold for the Chittagong Rifles Club in the Sporting Rifle Prone event collecting 578 out of 600 points. Ace shooter Sabrina Sultana of Metropolitan Shooting Club won the silver with 575 while lovely Chowdhury Anki carried the bronze with 565 points.

Asif Hossain of Gulshan Shooting Club clinched the Rapid Fire Pistol goal with 548 points while Abdur Rahman of Dhaka Shooting Club and MA Gaffar of Ansars and VDP Shooting Club won the silver and the bronze in this event.

In the last event of the day, MA Gaffar of Ansars and VDP Club won the gold in Standard Pistol securing 515 points. Nazrul Islam of Kushiha Shooting Club and Asif Hossain earned the silver and bronzes respectively.

Cotton Group hockey semis

Sports Reporter
The first semifinal of the Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti Hockey Tournament between Abahani and Bangladesh Army will be held at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium this afternoon. The match will start at 3 pm.

The winners of today's match will take on the winners of tomorrow's semifinal between Usha Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club in the final billed for March 1.

Square Cup golf today

The first Square Cup golf tournament organized by Square group of companies will be held today at Kurmitola Golf Club, says a press release.

The day-long tournament will be inaugurated by Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, BB, at 7.30 am.

More than 250 participants including a remarkable number of foreigners will take part in the tournament.

ATC final prep reviewed

Adequate security measures would be taken in and around Bangladesh Betar will broadcast all matches. Two top qualifiers from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will lock horns for the Asian Test crown. Dhaka has been chosen by the ACC as a neutral venue to hold the grand event.

The two-tier one-day event will be held day-night till March 27. Pakistan won the first Test against India in Calcutta by 46 runs. The second Test between India and Sri Lanka is now going on at Colombo. The third Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan will take place in Lahore from March 4 to 8.

Meanwhile, a one-day international between Bangladesh and Kenya or Zimbabwe, is likely to be held in Chittagong next month, Saber said.

"But it depends on pitch and outfield at the Chittagong M A Aziz Stadium as well as the consent of the boards of Kenya and Zimbabwe," BCB president He said. "I am personally interested to hold a match during the tri-nation tour-



Saurav Ganguly cuts during the Indian innings yesterday. — AFP photo

Tourists well placed

COLOMBO, Feb 25: India declared at 518 for seven and took two Sri Lankan wickets for 121 runs on the second day of their Asian Test Championship match here today, reports AFP.

Debutant paceman Ashish Nehra struck the first blow in the Sri Lankan innings when he trapped Marvan Atapattu leg-before for six in the sixth over.

Co-Opener Russell Arnold (59 not out) steadied the innings thereafter with a partnership of 75 for the second wicket.

Arnold got out when he played the ball to Rahul Dravid at silly mid-off. He stepped out only to find the fielder return the ball to the wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia, who broke the stumps.

Jayawardena hit nine fours and one six in his half century and had anxious moments when VVS Laxman at forward short-leg failed to grasp a catch off Anil Kumble. Jayawardena was on 25 at the time.

India earlier in the day resumed on 351 for three and declared at tea for 518 for eight. Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin fell short of a century by 13 runs. He witnessed the exit of overnight partner Sachin Tendulkar who got out

in the first delivery of the day. Tendulkar played forward to a ball from paceman Chaminda Vaas and was caught behind by Ramesh Kaluwitharana for 53.

India, however, stayed off any threat of the Sri Lankan attempts at a breakthrough as Saurav Ganguly teamed up with Azharuddin to take the tourists to 424 for four at lunch.

Azharuddin seemed set for a run spree thereafter but with his score on 87 and the total at 463, long-on Chandika Hathurusinghe took a spectacular diving catch to terminate his innings.

Azharuddin hit 12 fours and shared in a 112-run stand for the fifth wicket with Saurav Ganguly, who chipped in with 56.

Ganguly struck six fours and fell to a brilliant catch taken by substitute fielder Ruwan Kalpage who dived across to his left at extra cover.

On the placid pitch, no Sri Lankan bowler was able to trouble the Indian batsmen although Arnold with his off-spinners picked up his first two Test wickets.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the Asian Test Championship match between India and Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Thursday:

INDIA: First innings

(Overnight 351-3)
Ramesh c Ranatunga 143
b Jayawardena 11
Laxman c De Silva b Perera 111
Dravid c Ranatunga 107
b Hathurusinghe
Tendulkar c Kaluwitharana 53
b Vaas
Azharuddin c Hathurusinghe 53
b Arnold
Ganguly c sub (Kalpage) 87
b Upashantha 56
Mongia c De Silva b Arnold 25
Kumble not out 10
Extras: (b-5, lb-6, w-3, nb-12) 26
Total: (For seven wickets) 518
Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-25; 3-288; 4-351; 5-463; 6-491; 7-518

SRI LANKA
Atapattu lbw Nehra 6
Arnold run out 34
Jayawardena not out 59
Hathurusinghe not out 11
Extras: (lb-5, w-4, nb-2) 11
Total: (For two wickets) 121
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-93

Bowler O M R W
Prasad 7 2 31 0
Nehra 7 1 24 1
Kumble 12 2 28 0
H Singh 9 3 27 0
Tendulkar 2 0 6 0

M A Gaffar ... gold in standard pistol. — Star photo