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SPORTS TALK



Petr Korda

Czech tennis star
"I never came into my career with big words but I get a lot of support from the people and I did realise that people liked my game, that's why I came back. I am giving them something and they are giving me something back. The support on the court means more than anything for me."

Nat'l cricket BUET, Tangail canter

BUET and Tangail yesterday won their inaugural matches in 25th National Cricket Championship, reports UNB.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, BUET earned a massive seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh Police.

Put into bat, Police were bundled out for 73 in 36.1 overs.

Skinner Monibur Rahman made 22 off 68 balls and Manun added 11 runs off 14 balls with two boundaries.

Shovo took four for 15 while Dola and Sagar claimed two wickets each for 7 and 19 runs respectively.

In reply, BUET easily reached the target losing only three wickets in 14 overs.

Sabbir hammered an unbeaten 39 off 47 balls with six hits across the rope.

Tofail and Rakib took one wicket each.

Away at the Mymensingh, Tangail overpowered Jamalpur by the same margin.

Jamalpur were all out for 101 in 28.5 overs.

Opener Arju made 27 featuring two boundaries.

Russel Khan claimed four wickets for 38 runs while Taposh took three for 14.

In reply, Tangail reached 102 for three in 28 overs.

Raju took two for 17.

Nat'l under-21 snooker Mar 6

The fourth national under-21 snooker championship will be held from March 6 to 11 at the Dhaka Club, says a press release.

Thirty-six players from seven different clubs are expected to take part.

Participants have been requested to attend a briefing on March 5 at 5 pm at the club.

Jhalakati sports

JHALAKATI, Feb 28: A two-day sports competition for the youths of 12-16 age group, organised by the Sports Directorate, began at the local stadium today, reports APB.

On the first day, Jhalakati Sadar thana became champions in the handball competition both in boys' and girls' groups.



Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam fills up a form while teammates Mahbubur Rahman (L), Aminul Islam junior and Neeyamur Rashid (R) look on at the Bangladesh Cricket Board office yesterday.

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

World Cup camp at BKSP from today

Captains will miss Minhaz

Sports Reporter



was to beat Scotland in the first round.

Aminul was talking to the Daily Star at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office before he and his 18 teammates, named for the World Cup team two days ago, left last evening for the residential camp at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP). The camp, which will continue until the three-nation one-day tournament, involving besides Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Kenya, begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from March 19. The final 15-man squad will be named after the triangular meet but before March 31.

"Our primary aim is to win

against Scotland and to display good cricket against the Test playing nations," said Aminul. "We have a pretty balanced side and I think it is possible on our part to beat Scotland," said Aminul adding that leading Bangladesh in the World Cup would be the biggest moment of his life.

"I always dreamt about it and I'm lucky to be named as the first World Cup captain of Bangladesh. I will give my hundred percent," Aminul said.

When asked about the omission of in-form all-rounder Minhazul Abedin from the 19-man team, Aminul expressed his sadness for Minhazul and said that he was going to miss him in England.

Former national skipper Akram Khan also echoed the same feeling about Minhazul.

"I can not think that Minhazul is not with us in the team.

We had been playing together in the national team for the last one decade. It's very sad," said Akram.

All the nineteen cricketers reported last evening and moved to the BKSP. The camp will start this morning under the supervision of national coach Gordon Greenidge. He will be assisted by coach Abdul Hadi Ratan.

The team: Aminul Islam (captain), Akram Khan, Faruque Ahmed, Javed Omar, Belini, Shahriar Hossain, Mehrob Hossain, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Mahmud, Khaled Mashud, Hasibul Hossain, Shafuiddin Ahmed, Manzurul Islam, Naimur Rahman, Jahangir Alam, Neeyamur

Rashid, Enamul Haque, Mahbubur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique and Aminul Islam (junior).

Rates of tickets Asian Test final and tri-nation tournament

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board announced the rates of tickets for the forthcoming Coca-Cola Asian Test Championship final and the three-nation tournament. The final of the inaugural Asian Test Championship will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from March 12 to 16 while the three-nation meet featuring Zimbabwe, Kenya and hosts Bangladesh will commence from March 19.

All the rates are same for both the Test and the ODI tourney. Spectators will have to spend Tk 50 for a gallery ticket for each day of the five-day Test match and the same amount for each match of the triangular tournament. The rates are same for both western and eastern galleries.

The rate of hospitality boxes have been fixed at Tk 1,00,00.00 for non-airconditioned boxes and Tk 1,25,000.00 for airconditioned boxes.

The rates of daily tickets:
Club House East Tk 350
Club House West Tk 400
VIP Gallery Tk 375
Galleries (East and West) Tk 50
International Gallery Tk 300
Players' Enclosure Tk 50

Easy win for Eskaton SS

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha posted their second win in the Metropolitan First Division Cricket League outplaying Uttara SC by five wickets at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Uttara SC scored 141 for nine in 50 overs.

Opener Humayun made 31 off 53 balls, featuring five boundaries, while Rana added 18 runs off 53 deliveries with a four.

Sajid, Lovell and Shafiqul claimed two wickets each.

In reply, Eskaton S S reached the target with four overs to spare.

Pakistani batsman Shaukat hit 45 off 99 balls with two boundaries while Tota contributed 39 runs off 74 deliveries with four boundaries.

Tendulkar's 19th Test ton



COLOMBO, Feb 28 (Reuters/ Internet): Sachin Tendulkar stroked his 19th Test century for India as the Asian championship match against Sri Lanka ended in a draw on Sunday.

India, 33 ahead on first innings, extended their overnight second innings of 59 for one to 306 for five when play ended on the fifth and final day.

Tendulkar scored an unbeaten 124 in 308 minutes, hitting 10 fours and a six, and shared a third wicket partnership of 139 with Saurav Ganguly.

Ganguly scored a sedate 78 before being stumped by Romesh Kaluwitharana when he stepped out to attack the occasional off-spin of Aravinda de Silva just before tea.

India lost captain Mohammad Azharuddin (15) and leg-spinner Anil Kumble (10) after the interval before paceman Venkatesh Prasad, who was promoted in the order, played out time with Tendulkar.

Opener Vangipurappu Laxman was earlier out for 25 in the eighth over of the morning session when he was lbw to Eric Upushantha.

Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga did not take the field on Sunday after injuring a hamstring, and later ruled himself unfit to face Pakistan in the third and final round-robin match of the Asian Test championship, starting in Lahore on Thursday.

India picked up five bonus points from the match while Sri Lanka secured four points.

Pakistan, who beat India in Calcutta, lead the table with 17 points from one match.

India have 10 points from their two games and Sri Lanka have four points from one match.

Sri Lankan Mahela Jayawardena was adjudged man-of-the-match for his score of 242. Jayawardena was also named vice-captain for the Test against Pakistan after both De Silva and Ranatunga were omitted due to injuries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the Asian Test Championship match between India and Sri Lanka on Sunday.

INDIA: First innings 518-7 declared (Ramesh 143, Dravid 107, Azharuddin 87, Ganguly 56, Tendulkar 53)

SRI LANKA: First innings 485 (Jayawardena 242, Ranatunga 66)

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 59-1) Ramesh c Tilkekeratne b Upushantha 30

Laxman lbw Upushantha 25
Ganguly st Kaluwitharana b De Silva 78

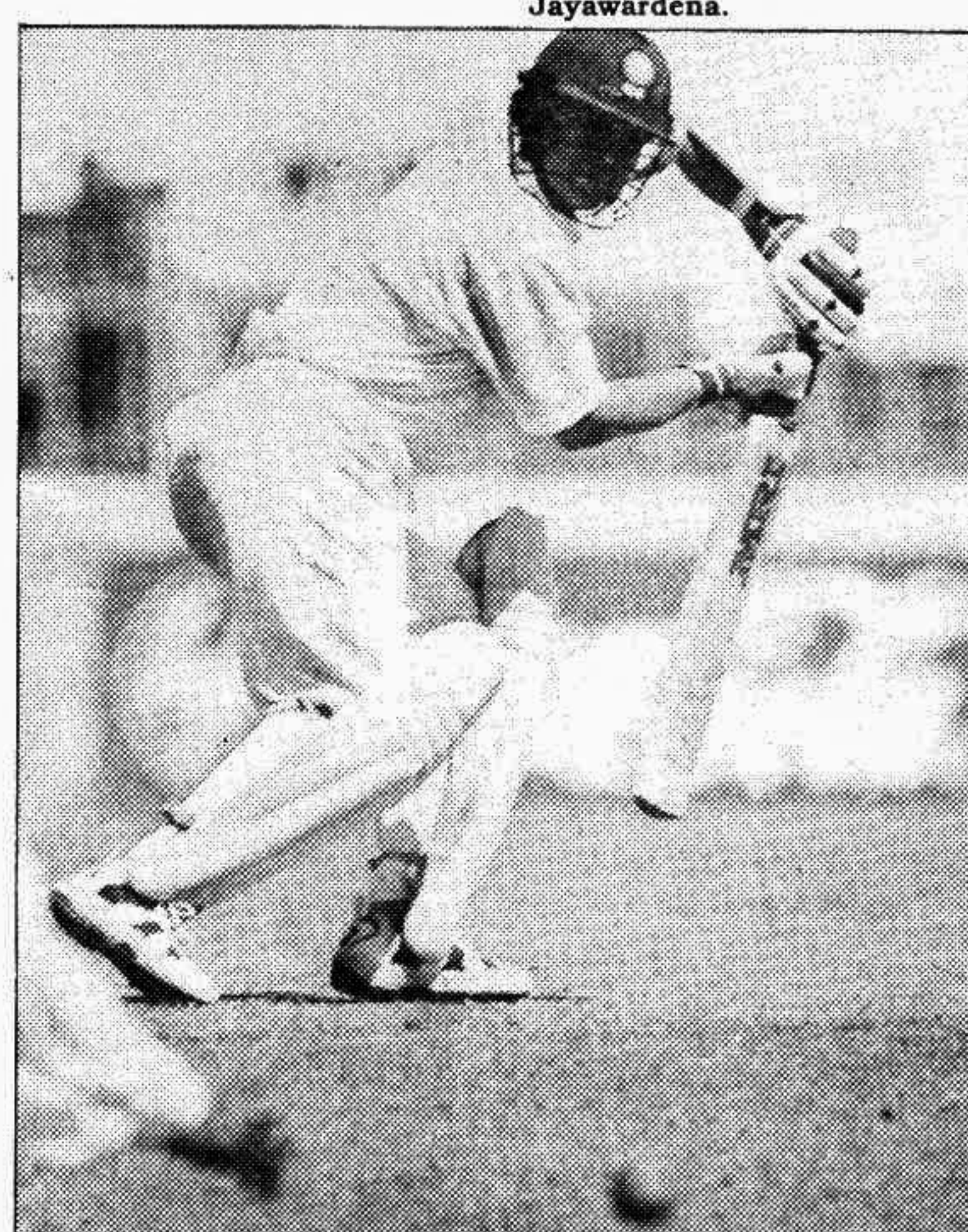
Tendulkar not out 124

Azharuddin c Arnold b De Silva 15
Kumble c Vaas b Arnold 10
Prasad not out 9

Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-2, nb-9) 15
Total: (For five wks) 306
Fall of wickets: 1-50: 2-74: 3-213: 4-253: 5-283

Bowler O M R W
Vaas 18 3 58 0
Perera 14 2 60 0
Upushantha 15 2 41 2
De Silva 18 2 59 2
Arnold 23 4 54 1
Jayawardena 14 1 30 0
Tilkekeratne 1 1 0 0

Result: Match drawn.
Man-of-the-match: Mahela Jayawardena.



Sachin Tendulkar runs the ball down towards gully during his unbeaten 124 yesterday.

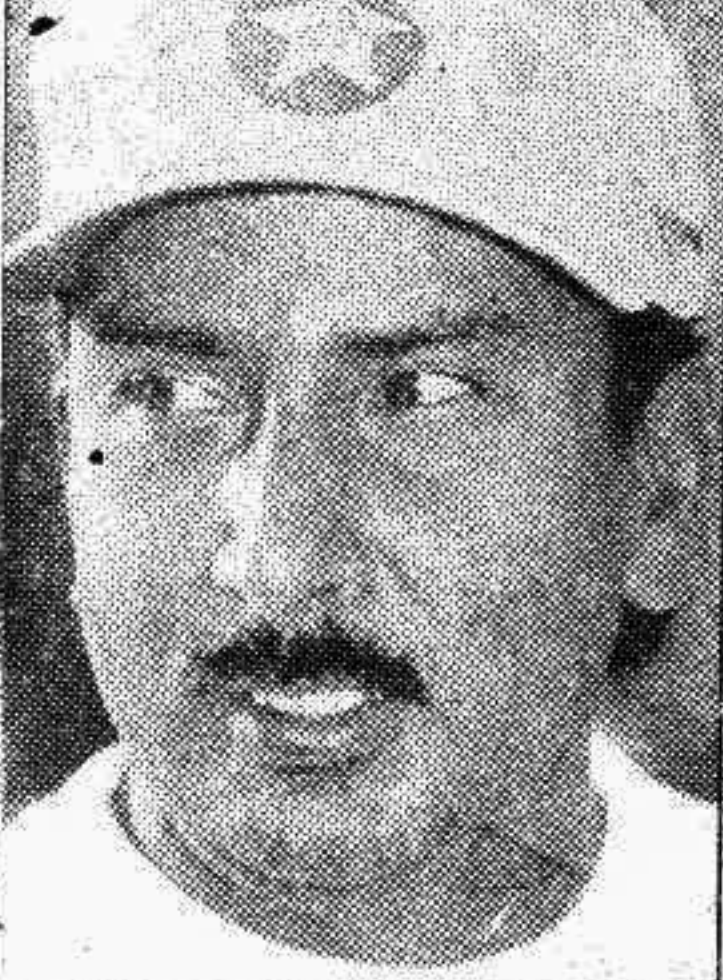
— AFP photo

Rookie gets called up

Malik, Ijaz ignored



KARACHI, Feb 28: Pakistan dropped experienced batsman Salim Malik for the third match of the Asian Test Championships against



SALIM MALIK

Sri Lanka and introduced sensational teenager Imran Nazir, selectors announced today.

Malik's brother-in-law Ijaz Ahmed also missed out on a place in the final 15 due to his ankle injury.

The selectors earlier omitted pacer Waqar Younis for the match in Lahore from Thursday.

"I am surprised at my exclusion. I don't think I played badly in India but they are torturing me in and out," Malik told AFP.

Middle order batsman Mohammad Wasim will replace Malik in the team.

The selectors delayed naming probable for the 1999 World Cup until later this week. The deadline for naming World Cup squads is March 15.

The 36-year-old Malik scored 32 in Pakistan's low total of 185 but failed in the second innings with only 9 in the first Asian Test against India in Calcutta last week.

Malik, a veteran of 103 Tests, was also dropped from the team in the last home season in the Peshawar Test against Zimbabwe, but forced his way back in the second Test of the series.

"I have enough cricket left in me and have the vigour to play. I will come back and will silence my detractors as I have done in the past," Malik said.

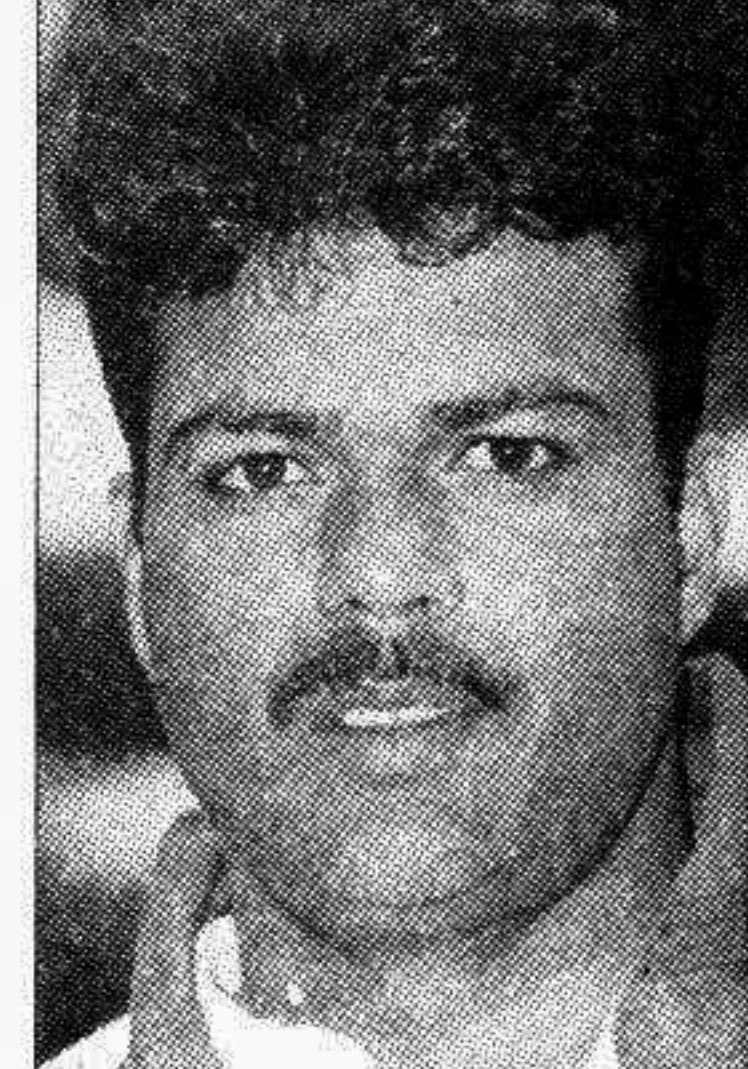
Nazir hit a belligerent century in the one-day match against the touring South African under-19 and scored prolifically in junior Tests.

The 18-year-old teenager from Gujranwala hit headlines

off the field when a pistol was found in his kit back at Lahore airport last month. He was detained for a day and later released on bail.

TEAM

Wasim Akram (captain),



IJAZ AHMED

Moin Khan, Saeed Anwar, Waqar Younis, Imran Nazir, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Shahid Afridi, Azhar Mahmood, Shoaib Akhtar, Arshad Khan, Fazle Akbar, Mohammad Wasim, Shahid Nazir, Saqlain Mushtaq, Yousuf Yohanna.

Tillekeratne named captain

Lankan injury list lengthens



COLOMBO, Feb 28 (Reuters/ Internet): Sri Lanka were compelled to name a replacement captain twice within a few hours on Sunday after the injured Arjuna Ranatunga was ruled out of this week's Asian Test championship match against Pakistan.

Aravinda de Silva was originally named to lead the side in the Test in Lahore starting on Thursday but was omitted from the squad after being injured in the current Test championship game against India in Colombo.

Middle-order batsman Hashan Tillekeratne has now been named captain, the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) announced.

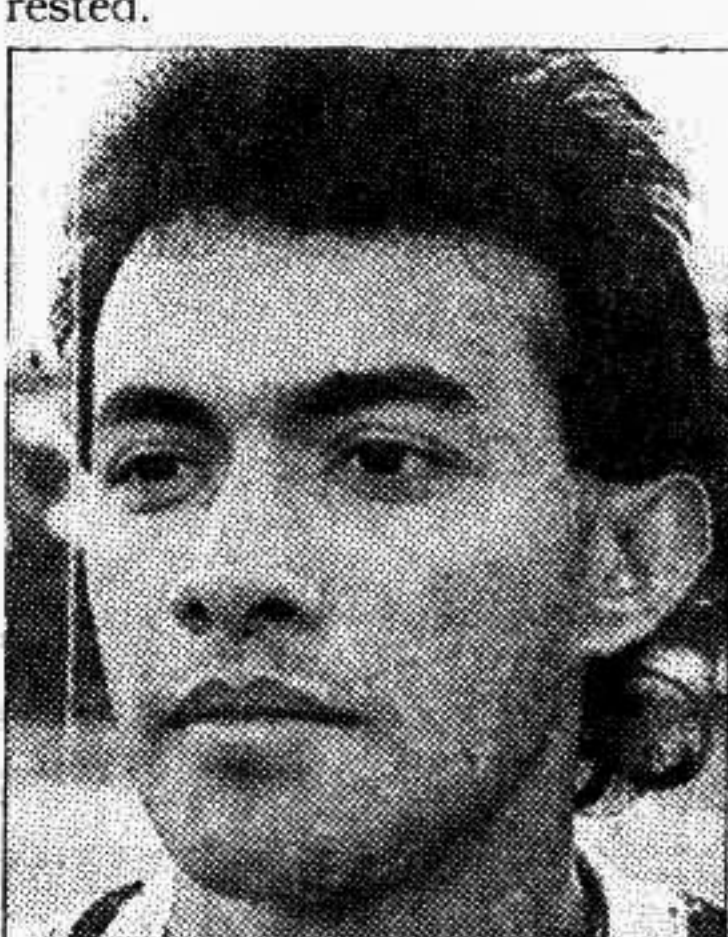
"We wish to inform you that subsequent to the said selection, Aravinda de Silva was injured during the Test match against India and was replaced by Sajeeva de Silva (for the Pakistan Test)," a BCCSL statement said without giving any other details.

BCCSL officials said earlier on Sunday that regular captain Ranatunga had opted not to play in Lahore after injuring a hamstring in the Test against India.

The injury prevented Ranatunga from taking the

field on the fifth and final day on Sunday.

Sri Lanka will now face Pakistan without most of their key players. Apart from Ranatunga and De Silva, main strike bowler Chaminda Vaas is being rested.



TILLEKERATNE

Opener Sanath Jayasuriya and off-spinner Muttiah Muralidaran were already ruled out by injuries sustained on the recent tour of Australia.

The Lahore Test is the third and final round-robin match in the inaugural Asian championship. The final is in Dhaka

starting on March 12.

SQUAD

Hashan Tillekeratne (captain), Romesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardena, Russel Arnold, Marvan Atapattu, Avishka Gunawardena, Promodya Wickremasinghe, Ruchira Perera, Suresh Perera, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Ruwan Kalpage, Niroshan Bandaratilleke, Upul Chandana, Sajeeva de Silva.

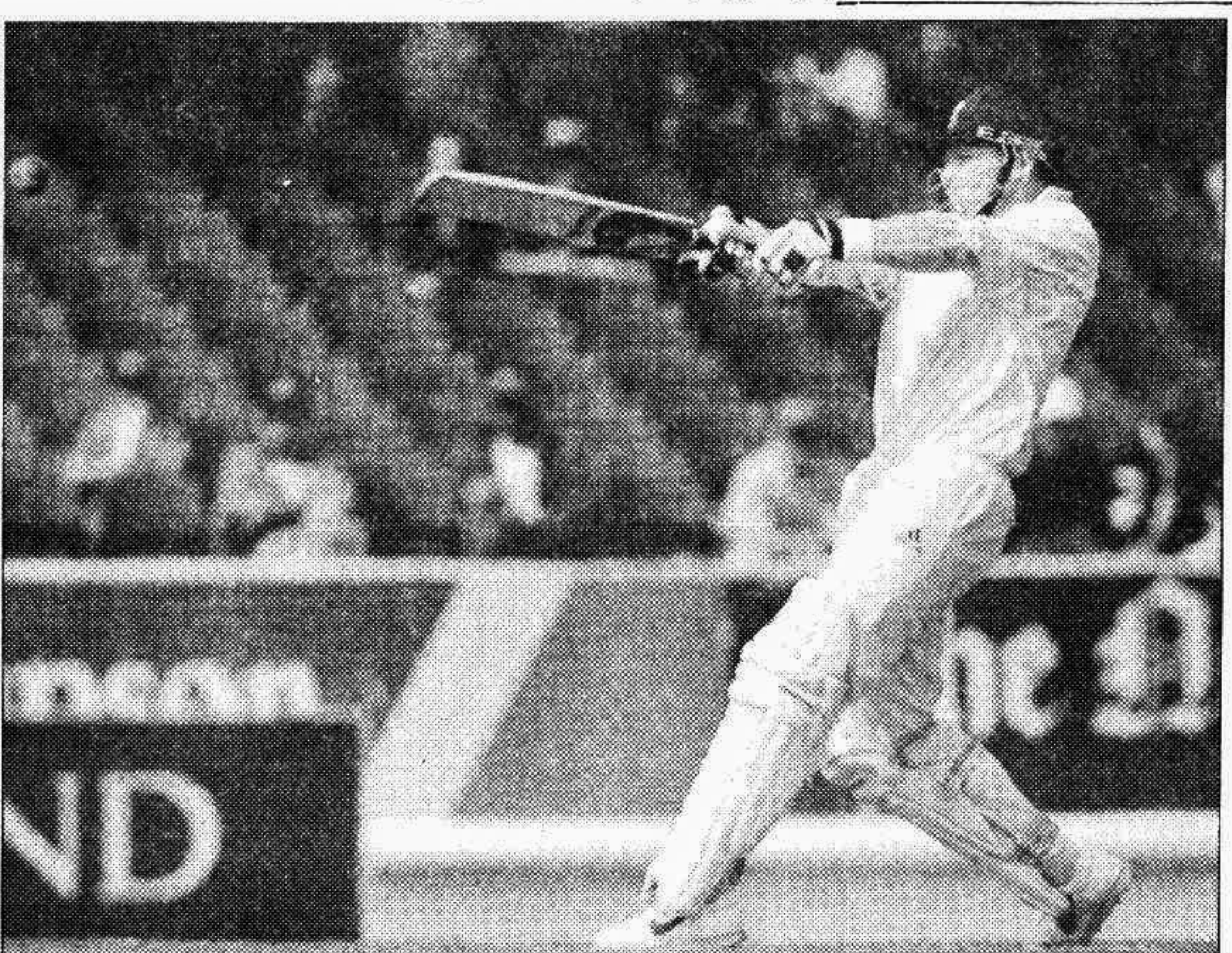
JPC badminton

B D Mukherjee and Bakhtiar Rana moved into the singles final of the Jatiya Press Club badminton tournament at the club here yesterday, reports BSS.

Mukherjee beat Subhas Chanda Badal while Rana clinimated Aminul Islam Shahi in the semi-finals.

In the doubles, Mukherjee and his partner Shaukat Mahmud and Rana and his partner Lutfur Rahman Binu qualified for the final.

Mukherjee-Shaukat pair beat Shamsuddin Ahmed Charu and Golam Mohiuddin Khan while Rana-Binu pair defeated Rawnak and Dulal in the semi-finals.



DAZZLING DARRYL: South Africa's double centurion Darryll Cullinan pulls. Cullinan was unbeaten on 246 close of play on the second day of the first Test against New Zealand at Auckland yesterday.

— AFP photo