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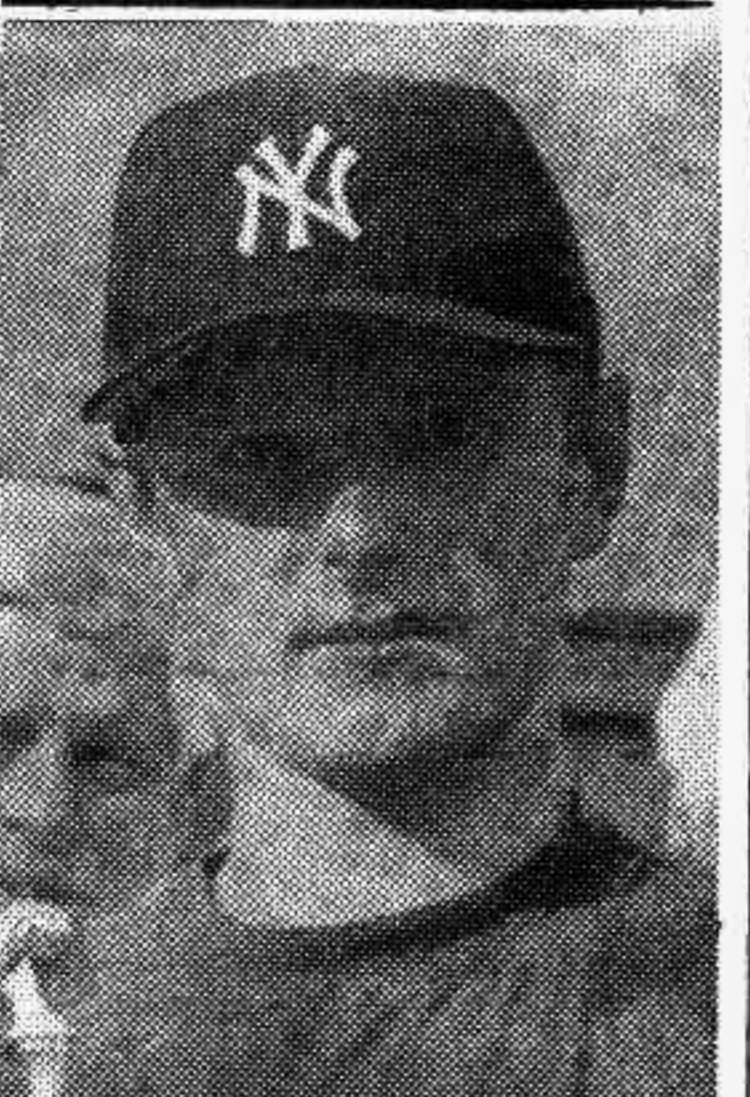
1	Who is the new Real Madrid soccer coach?			
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2	Pakistan won the hockey series against India by			
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3	Who is the first woman referee to officiate a First Division soccer match?			
		Danielle	Carolina	Janet
4	Who won the boys' singles title in the ITF tourney in Rajshahi?			
		Chang	Weaver	Wala
5	How many players are taking part in the United Insurance GM chess tourney?			
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SPORTS TALK



Yevgeny Kafelnikov
(Russian tennis superstar)

"I'm not disappointed at all because I know it's going to happen sooner or later. I know I'm going to get there." After his recent loss at the London Indoors cost him the chance to become world No. 1.

Australia 51/2

Sports Reporter
Australia were struggling at 51 for two at lunch on the first day of the first Test against hosts West Indies at Port of Spain in Trinidad yesterday. Electing to bat first, Australia lost their first wicket when debutant left-arm seamer Pedro Collins had Michael Slater (23) caught at deep square leg with a short pitched delivery. Courtney Walsh then dismissed Justin Langer (5) immediately before lunch to claim his 398th Test wicket. Elliott was batting on 15 off 88 balls while Mark Waugh was yet to open his account.

SQUADS

WEST INDIES: Brian Lara (captain), Sherwin Campbell, Suruj Ragoonath, Roland Holder, Dave Joseph, Jimmy Adams, Ridley Jacobs, Curtly Ambrose, Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins, Courtney Walsh.

AUSTRALIA: Steve Waugh (captain), Michael Slater, Matthew Elliott, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Greg Blewett, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Stuart MacGill, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

Japan Cup golf held

Sports Reporter
Iftikhar Ali Khan lifted men's title while Young Hee Lee the ladies crown of the prestigious Japan Cup tournament that was held yesterday at the Kurmitola Golf Club. The event which saw record participation, was inaugurated by Chief of Army Staff and president of the club Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman. He also gave away prizes later in the evening.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Winner Iftikhar Ali Khan
Ladies' Winner Young Hee Lee
Senior Winner A Roul Chowdhury
Junior Winner Euzan Zulkifly
Best Gross M Sabar Afzal
Runner-up Gul Nam Park
Ladies' Runner-up SW Lee
Junior Runner-up Nafiz
Front Nine Winner/Abul Mahmood
Back Nine Winner/Jeong Young Ryu
Nearest to Pin Supa Geom
Longest Drive Sang Hun Kim



The Bangabandhu National Stadium is preparing for the upcoming final of the Asian Test Championship and the tri-nation cricket tournament. The ATC final is scheduled for 12-16 March while the limited-overs tri-series will be held from 19 to 27 of this month.

Mymensingh, Dhaka in zonal finals

Biman gain upper hand

Bangladesh Biman consolidated their position against Dhaka University in the three-day zonal final of the 25th National Cricket Championship with an overall lead of 226 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, report agencies. Premier League champions Biman made 152 for three in their second innings at stumps on the second day after restricting Dhaka University 115 all out in their first innings. All-rounder Ziaur Rashid Rupom, who demolished University innings with a haul of five for 31, scored 57 while opener Rafiqul made 30. Habibur Basher and Hasanuzzaman were batting on 31 and 11 runs respectively. Resuming at overnight 21 for two, DU were put in a tailspin by twerkers Rupom and Saifulah Jem adding just 95 runs. Jem picked two wickets for 24 runs. Young opener Ehsanul Haque top-scored with 29, tailender Nintoo made 27, Talha 18 and Sohel with 12 were the other notable run-getters.

Meanwhile, Mymensingh and Dhaka reached their respective zonal finals. At the Mymensingh Stadium, a sparkling knock of 102 by Moni guided the hosts to the zonal final with a massive 120-run victory over Kishoreganj DSA. The winners will take on Tangail in the final on Sunday. Mymensingh decided to bat first and scored 237 for seven in 50 overs. Besides Moni, Imran played another notable innings of 46 and Liton contributed 29 runs. Armin picked up three wickets for 33 runs while Debu took two for 45. In reply, Kishoreganj were

all out for 117 in 46.3 overs. Manik scored 31 runs and Debu made 16. Former national pacer Saiful Islam picked up three for 11 while Al-Amin and Zakir took two wickets each for 16 and 25 runs respectively. Away at the Faridpur Stadium, an all-round performance by Asif Iqbal helped Dhaka to advance to the zonal final beating Rajbari by five wickets. Asif claimed three for 41 and later hammered an unbeaten 69 off 77 balls. Dhaka will meet Manikganj in the final on Sunday at the same venue. Sent in to bat, Rajbari were all out for 200 in 49.3 overs. Chanchal made 46 off 60 balls while Pares scored 43 off 63 balls and Sabuj 27 off 53 deliveries. Besides Asif's three wickets, Anwar took four for 30 while Chayan took two for 29. Opener Salahuddin scored 33 off 47 balls and his partner Kiron added 20 runs. Rana scored 28 off 46 balls. Protik captured two wickets for 41 runs while Pares and Tareq took one wicket each for 28 and 47 runs respectively.

Dhaka tri-nation ICC names umpires no sponsors yet

Sports Reporter
The International Cricket Council (ICC) has designated three umpires from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to officiate matches of the tri-nation tournament scheduled to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from March 19 to 27. Test babes Zimbabwe, Kenya and hosts Bangladesh will take part in the tournament organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) as part of Bangladesh's preparation for the England World Cup. The three umpires are VK Ramaswami of India, Javed Akhter of Pakistan and Peter Manuel of Sri Lanka. Matches will initially be followed by a double league basis followed by the March 27 final between the top two teams. Meanwhile, the board is yet to get a sponsor for the three-nation tourney. According to BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafu Huq, the board is expecting to get a sponsor very soon.

World Chess zonals Bangladesh men's, women's teams

Sports Reporter
A five-member Bangladesh squad will fly to Bombay tonight to participate in the South Asian zonal qualifying round of the World Chess Championship. The 11-round Swiss league competition involving Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and hosts India, will get underway in the Maharashtra capital from tomorrow. International Master Ziaur Rahman will lead the three-man Bangladesh men's team. The other two in the male team are International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib and FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib. International Woman Master and 12-time national women's champion Rani Hamid will lead the two-member women's team, which also includes Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa. Grand Master Niaz Mursheed and 12-time national women's champion Rani Hamid will lead the two-member women's team, which also includes Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa. Grand Master Niaz Mursheed was specially invited by the hosts to make the tournament of Grand Masters status. But the first Grand Master of the sub-continent, who performed miserably in the recently concluded United Insurance GM tournament, turned down the invitation due to other commitments. Hosts India, who are featuring two of their three Grand Masters-Praveen Thipsay and Dibendyu Barua, needed another Grand Master to rate it as a GM tournament. Former national player and FIDE Master Tahmidur Rahman will accompany the team as coach.

'I couldn't play Warne'

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Mar 5 (AP): Daryll Cullinan had hit rock bottom when he staggered through the gates of the MCC in late 1997, dismissed again by Australian spinner Shane Warne. He had just been bowled for a duck by Warne, giving the leg-spinner his seventh for the fourth time in seven Tests, and was dropped for the last two games of the series. Fourteen months and as many Tests later, Cullinan is the most prized batsman in the South African side with his monumental unbeaten 275 against New Zealand topping the national record 274 by Graeme Pollock 29 years earlier. Cullinan picked himself up after his axing, but admits Warne, who once said he'd like to bowl to Cullinan for a living, remains a massive hurdle. "I couldn't play Shane Warne," Cullinan told The Associated Press on Friday. "He was a genius of a bowler. The simple factor was that I wasn't good enough. It is simple as that. I don't want to give one thousand and one excuses." Cullinan said he has no general problem with spinners and his faults against Warne were "blown out of proportion by the press." His claims are backed up by the facts. Cullinan, scored his maiden hundred on a turning pitch in Colombo against Sri Lanka in 1993-94 and followed it with an unbeaten 153 against an Indian attack comprising three spinners - Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi and Narendra Hirwani - at Eden Gardens in Calcutta in 1996-97. But Warne is something special, says Cullinan. "He is a great, great, great bowler. The best ever," Cullinan said. Cullinan's road back to the top was cushioned by the birth of a son. "It's matured me a lot. It's made me realise cricket is not be-all-end-all anymore," Cullinan said. "My son is my hero now. He is the one I care for. Whatever happens on the cricket field doesn't matter." Cullinan received a fax from Pollock congratulating him for breaking the record in the drawn first Test last week. "It was fantastic. I will treasure that. That was a very nice gesture from him," Cullinan said.

Surprisingly, after enduring the lows, Cullinan says he feels hollow about passing Pollock at the summit because his career was hurt by his country's apartheid policy. "Breaking his record, there's a hollowness to it," Cullinan said. "I can't really describe. Had he played more Tests, then of course you can rest peacefully with what you've achieved. He played just 23 Tests." "I had a very interesting year. Previously I had been a kind of consistent but without making big scores. But last year I got the big scores, but not the consistency I was hoping for." He admits his family life makes it hard to knuckle down on a cricket career and believes an unfair amount of time is spent away from home because of the international calendar. "International cricket is a life for a single man with no strings attached," Cullinan said. "It's not a life for a married man with a young family. The demands are too great." "Unfortunately some things are going to take a knock. When it comes to it, it will be cricket that is going to take the knock. "I've made a comeback. I've played. I've been dropped. What more can I be doing? I can easily walk away from the game and be happy. There won't be any regrets when the time comes."



DARYLL CULLINAN

Cullinan has played with and against Pollock at the tail of the left-hander's great career and felt his "demeanor" as a batsman on the field was "unbelievable". "When I played he was 42. He was good as anybody," Cullinan said. "He was a very single minded guy as well. When he played club cricket, knock around games, festival games, he would not get out. He was just that sort of player." Cullinan thinks the best cricket of his career is yet to come. "As I am getting older I am playing my game better," he said. "I was always going to be a later maturer and a late developer. Some careers are like that. I think I am getting to the stage where in the next 2-3 years I will be playing my best cricket." Cullinan is 45 runs short of becoming the fourth South African to top 3,000 Test runs. During the course of his record-breaking innings in his 46th Test, his average leapt from 37.75 to 41.61, the sixth best for his country. Cullinan, who has scored four hundreds since making his Test comeback in March 1998 against Sri Lanka, doesn't

Botham knows nothing

LONDON, Mar 5: Ian Botham has denied being hired by Sri Lanka to coach their fast bowlers for the forthcoming World Cup in England, reports Reuters. Botham's solicitor Naynesh Desai told Thursday's London Evening Standard that the former England captain did not have a formal agreement with the Sri Lankans. The newspaper quoted Desai as saying: "Last year they approached Ian to ask whether he would be interested. He said then he would be interested and the idea then was that they would come back." Today he said he knew nothing about it. He told he has not spoken to them since The Oval (Test against Sri Lanka last August). Sri Lanka cricket board president Thittanga Sumathipala told Reuters in Colombo earlier on Thursday that Botham had been hired to coach the fast bowlers after their World Cup squad arrived in England three weeks ahead of the tournament starting on May 14. He said Botham had signed for a two-year contract with the board and would also periodically visit Sri Lanka for coaching.

Rafi Memorial cricket starts

CHITTAGONG, Mar 5: Pratyasha Club made a good start to the Rafi Memorial cricket tournament beating Suprabhat Club by ten wickets in the inaugural match at the Chittagong College ground here today, reports BSS. Suprabhat batted first and were all out for only 71 runs. Shawkat was the only batsman to reach double figures, 22. Azad of Pratyasha claimed three wickets while his teammate Firoj and Tayab bagged two wickets each. In reply, last year's semi-finalists Pratyasha scored 72 runs without any loss. Bhanu and Firoj Khan scored 38 and 17 runs respectively. Firoj Khan of Pratyasha was adjudged man-of-the-match. Earlier, former national cricket captain Shafigul Huq Hira inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest. A total of 31 teams are participating in the tournament.

Wasti makes maiden hundred Visitors nicely poised

LAHORE, Mar 5: Sri Lanka were on course for a place in the final of the Asian Test Championship after the second day of their crucial match against Pakistan here today, reports AFP. Sri Lanka were 189-4 in 48.2 overs, needing to reach 300 in 100 overs to edge into the final ahead of India at close of play here. Opener Russel Arnold was unbeaten after clubbing an impressive 81 and Romesh Kaluwitharana was on 20 after a day shortened by 8.4 overs due to bad light. Pakistan made 398 in their first innings with opener Wajahatullah Wasti making his maiden century. Sri Lanka, who need seven points from this match to qualify for the final, earned four bowling points by grabbing nine Pakistani wickets inside 100 overs and then gained one batting point with their charge late in the day. Arnold and debutant Avishka Gunawardane gave Sri Lanka a flying start of 84 in just 14 overs. Gunawardane made 43 before hooking straight into the hands of Shahid Nazir off Fazle Akbar. Mahela Jayawardane, who made 242 in the second Asian Test in Colombo against India, was deceived by a Saqlain Mushtaq delivery and was bowled for four. Saqlain then dismissed Marvan Atapattu (23) and captain Hashan Tillekeratne (9) to take his career wicket tally to 92 in 21 Tests. Earlier Pakistan, resuming at 198-3, lost their remaining wickets in just 16 overs to be all out for 398. Opener Wasti hit his maiden century (133), Yousof Youhana made an attractive 83 and Moin Khan a rapid 57. "I was lucky to complete this century and I am really happy," Wasti said. Both Wasti and Youhana scored at a brisk rate, hitting Sri Lankan bowlers at will. Wasti, who made his debut in Calcutta last month, reached his maiden century in 307 minutes off 218 balls hitting 15 fours. Youhana completed his seventh fifty in 11 Tests with a six off Bandarathilake. Youhana was eventually caught and bowled by off-spinner Runwan Kalpage, at 302. Wasti attempted a quick single to extra cover but was beaten by an accurate throw by Atapattu. Pakistan also lost Wasim Akram (4) and Saqlain (15) in the extended first session before

Moin took charge. Moin hit seven fours and three towering sixes in his 53-ball 57. He reached fifty off 51 balls. Pacer Pramodya Wickremasinghe returned with career best figures of 6-103, beating his previous best of 5-73.

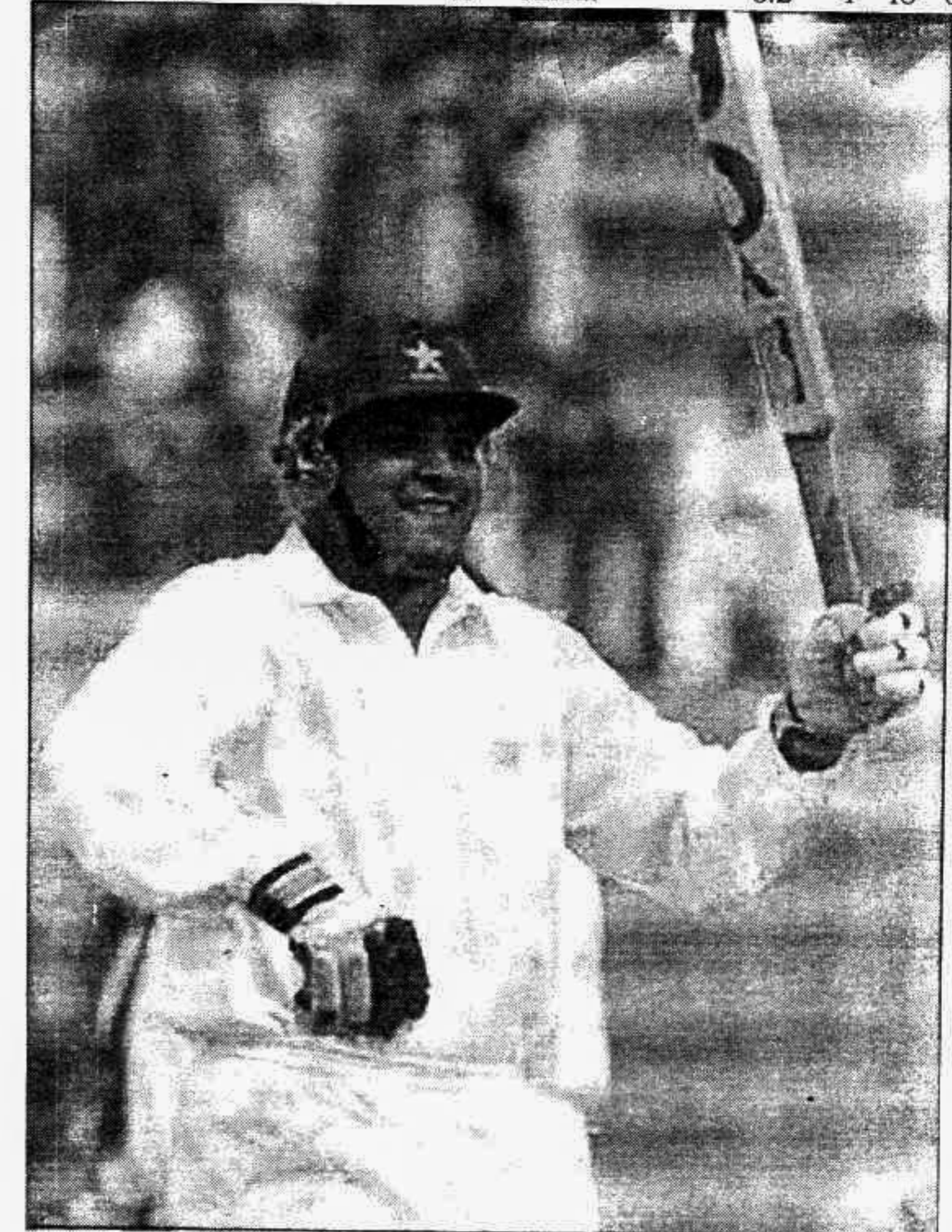
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the Asian Test Championship match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Friday: **PAKISTAN:** First Innings (overnight 192-3)

Anwar b Wickremasinghe	100
Wasti run out	133
I Nazir c S De Silva b Wickremasinghe	64
Inzamam b Wickremasinghe	0
Youhana c and b Kalpage	83
Afridi c Gunawardane b Kalpage	0
Moin lbw b Wickremasinghe	57
Saqlain c S De Silva b Bandarathilake	15
Akram c Arnold b Wickremasinghe	4
S Nazir	13
Saqlain	10
Akbar not out	15

SRI LANKA: First Innings
Arnold not out 81
Gunawardane c S Nazir b Akbar 43
Jayawardane b Saqlain 4
Atapattu c Youhana b Saqlain 23
Tillekeratne b Saqlain 9
Kaluwitharana not out 20
Extras: (lb-5, nb-4) 9
Total: (For four wkts in 48.2 overs) 398
Fall of wkts: 1-84; 2-91; 3-146; 4-156
To bat: Hathurusinghe, Kalpage, Bandarathilake, Wickremasinghe, S De Silva

Bowler (to date):

O	M	R	W
Wickremasinghe	29	7	103
S De Silva	14	0	88
Hathurusinghe	12	3	29
Bandarathilake	13	8	90
Kalpage	16	2	75
Akram	7	2	21
Akbar	14	2	72
S Nazir	6	1	30
Saqlain	13	2	45
Afridi	6.2	1	16



Pakistan opener Wajahatullah Wasti raises the bat after scoring his maiden century at Lahore yesterday.

Symcox surprises all

CHRISTCHURCH, Mar 5: South African coach Bob Woolmer reacted with surprise and disappointment today to the unexpected retirement from international cricket of veteran off-spinner Patrick Symcox, reports Reuters. Symcox came out of the blue and was a complete surprise to me

would have been selected in the final 15," he added. Symcox was chosen for the first three one-day internationals on the current tour but returned home, as planned, for the Test series which began last week in Auckland. "My last words to him when he left were 'keep going, keep fit, the World Cup is just around the corner.' He was definitely part of our plans," Woolmer said. "He's a great character and a fine cricketer and his contribution was always one hundred per cent. He'll be missed, both on and off the field." "I don't know what prompted his move but a man's decision must be respected." Symcox, 38, had a poor match in the third one-day international, conceding 64 runs from seven overs and one ball as the home romped to an easy seven wickets win. He was criticised for apparently trying to deny Nathan Astle a century in the final over when he bowled four wides down the leg side with the batsman on 96 and just seven runs needed for victory. "It wasn't his best match but you don't judge a man on one performance. He had a very good record, and plenty of experience, that's what mattered," Woolmer said. South Africa will not replace Symcox in the squad of 19 and his place in the final 15 seems certain to go to Derek Crookes, an off-spinning all-rounder who was also named in the 19 but was expected to miss out in the final squad to Symcox.

PAT PROFILE

Born: 14 April 1960, Kimberley.
Major Teams: South Africa, Natal, Griqualand West.
Known As: Pat Symcox
Batting Style: Right-Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right-Arm Off-Break
Test Debut: South Africa v Sri Lanka at Moratuwa, 1st Test, 1993/94.
Latest Test: South Africa v West Indies at Durban, 3rd Test, 1998/99.
ODI Debut: South Africa v Sri Lanka at Kandy, 1st ODI, 1993/94.
Latest ODI: South Africa v New Zealand at Auckland, 3rd ODI, 1998/99.
First-class Debut: Griqualand West v Natal at Pretoria, 1977/78.
Northern Transvaal debut: 1990/91.
Griqualand West: 1977/78-1982/83 and 1988/89
Northern Transvaal: 1983/84-1987/88
Son of: RL Symcox (GW 1957-62 and FC umpire)
Education: Kimberley BHS.
Junior Representative Cricket: GW Nuff 1976-77.

TESTS (Including 26/12/1998)

Batting	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
	20	27	1	741	108	28.50	1	4	5	
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	5	10	SR	Econ
	593.3	135	1603	37	43.32	4-69	-	-	96.2	2.70

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS (Including 20/02/1999)

Batting	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
	80	54	13	694	61	16.92	-	3	23	
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ
	665.1	25	2762	72	38.36	4-28	1	-	55.4	4.15

1998/99 SOUTH AFRICAN FIRST-CLASS

Batting	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
All first-class	8	12	0	261	50	21.75	-	1	1	
Super Sport Series	4	6	0	84	35	14.00	-	-	-	
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	5	10	SR	Econ
All first-class	345.1	80	869	25	34.76	4-45	-	-	82.8	2.51
Super Sport Series	250.1	58	618	19	32.52	4-45	-	-	79.0	2.47

1998/99 SOUTH AFRICAN ONE-DAY

Batting	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
Standard Bank	4	4	2	133	82	66.50	-	1	1	
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ
Standard Bank	30	2	143	2	71.50	1-35	-	-	90.0	3.76