

Sport

Dramatically historic

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think there could be any similar comparison. History beckoned and how this great fast bowler responded! He wrote this script and then performed with panache and aplomb. Give him an Oscar, quick.

Spare a thought also for Mahela Jayawardena, an innocent victim of the vicissitudes of this game of cricket. A double hundred in a Test match barely two weeks ago, but now runs avoiding him like the plague. He has managed two ducks in a row, the second one of historic importance. Like Dhaka, he too can bask in some reflected glory, or should that read refracted?

It is said that history repeats itself, first as tragedy, then as a farce. Dhaka, which last saw a Test match thirty years ago, by some strange twist and quirk of fate has got itself into the limelight once again. Because one of the greatest bowlers of all time decided to rewrite history here.

What of the Test then? Well, what of it? Can it last the distance? These are the metaphysical questions.

Championship nuggets

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\* Obviously I should have been proud of my performance. But what has happened at the end of the day? said a frustrated Chandana before leaving the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

**Saqin changing his line**

Pakistan off spinner Saqin Mushtaq seems to be more serious with his batting these days after having already proved himself to be one of the best off spinners in the cricketing arena.

The Lahore-based right hander was knocking the ball when the other members of his team went for lunch yesterday. Saqin continued his solemn practice throughout the 30 minutes lunch break as if his team urgently expected century from the 23-year old man. However, Saqin would eventually score only four runs before being run out.

It may be mentioned that, Saqin shares the Test record of 313 runs for the eighth wicket along with his skipper Wasim Akram. Their partnership in Shekhupura in October 1996, Saqin contributed a personal best of 79 runs to the joint effort while Wasim Akram was undefeated on 257.

Spring Grand sumo starts

OSAKA, Mar 14: Yokozunas (grand champions) Takano-hana and Wakonohana won, but ozeki (champions) Chiyotaka and Musashimaru suffered upsets Sunday, the opening day of the 15-day Spring Grand sumo tournament, reports AP.

Wrestling at the Osaka prefectural Gynmasium, Takano-hana sent out No. 1 maegashira (senior wrestler) Kotonishiki after the two were locked at mid-ring for one minute, 20 seconds. A sumo bout usually ends within 5 to 10 seconds.

Wakonohana sidestepped komusubi (junior champion second class) Kalo's driving attempt and slapped him down.

Yokozuna Akeshono, or Chad Rowan from Hawaii, is sitting out the tournament with a back injury for the third consecutive tournament.

In other major bouts, komusubi Dena dodged Chiyotaka's initial charge and slapped down the newly promoted ozeki.

The 22-year-old Chiyotaka gained sumo's second highest rank after winning the New Zealand Grand tournament, beating yokozuna Wakonohana in a playoff.

Komusubi Akinoshima sent out Musashimaru, or Flammal Penitanti from Hawaii, after holding off the ozeki's driving attempts at ring's edge.

Ozeki Takano-nami charged No 2 maegashira Tosanomi with hand thrusts and quickly slapped him down.

Takano-nami finished at 6-9 in the previous tournament and will be demoted if he loses a majority of bouts this time. Ozeki forfeit their "champion" ranking if they record two consecutive losing records.

Komusubi Tochiazuma bulldozed out No 3 maegashira Kyokushuzan, or Mongolian Batbayar Davaa. Kyokushuzan was promoted from No 8 maegashira after winding up the last tourney at 9-6.

No 14-ranked Asanoshō slapped down No 1-ranked Kyokutenho, or Mongolian Tsevegnyam Nyamjav, who belongs to the juryo division just below the senior makuuchi division.

In the juryo division, No 11-ranked Hoshitango, or Argentine Imach Marcelo Salomon, pulled down equally-ranked Tochionohana.

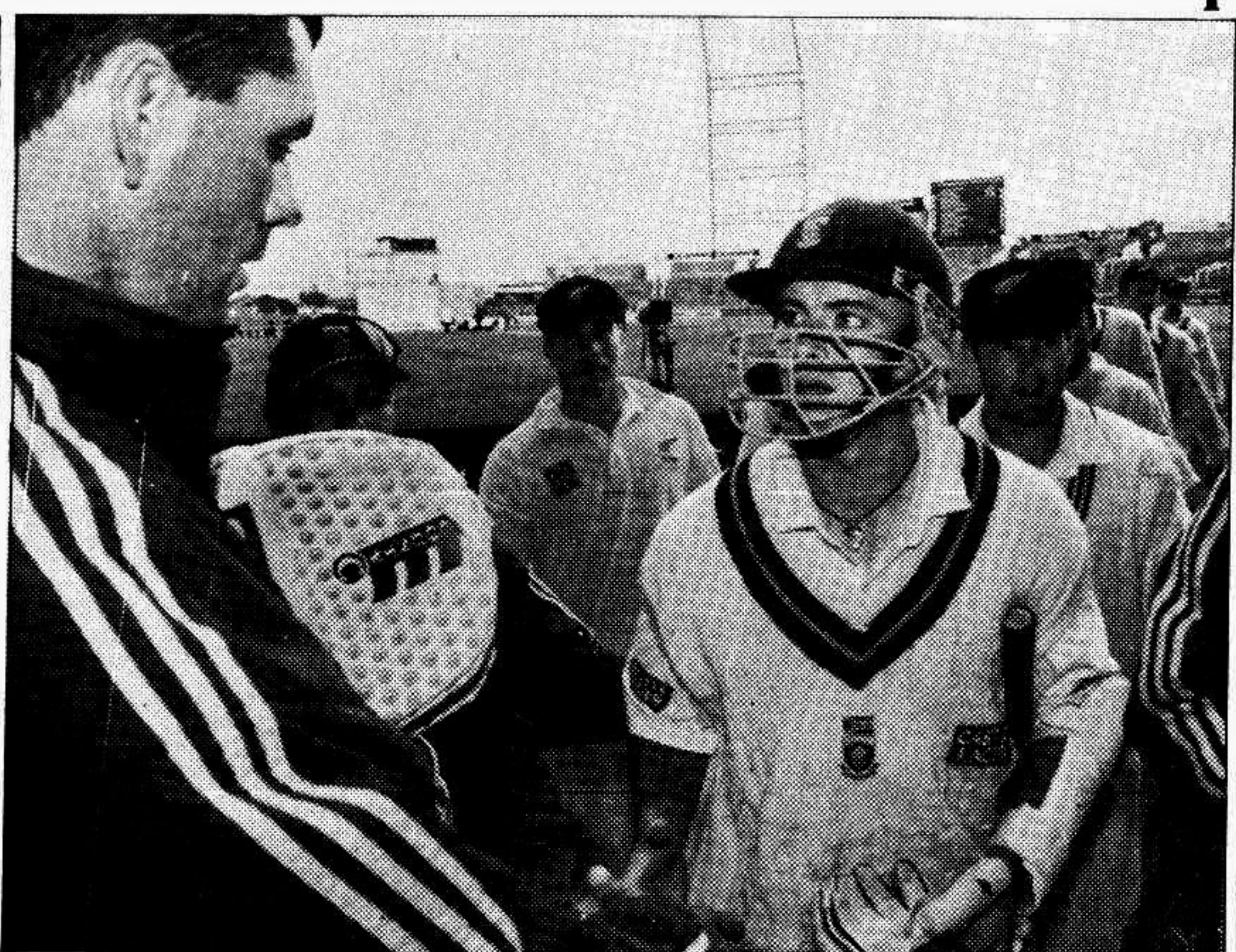
In makushita, the top junior division, No 11-ranked Kaishinzan, or American Henry Armstrong Miller, was pushed out by No 12-ranked Tomikaze.

No 46-ranked Kyokutenzan, or Mongolian Enkhbat Batmunkha, was driven out by No 45-ranked Hisatsuryu.

In sandanme, the second highest junior division, No 84-ranked Ryuo, or Wang Yu from Shanghai, China, threw down No 83-ranked Denryu.

In jonidan, the third highest junior division, No 20-ranked Kuniazuma, or Brazilian Vander Ramos, thrust out No 19-ranked Okoyama.

Wrestlers in junior divisions have only seven bouts during the 15-day tournament.



South African captain Hansie Cronje (L) greets the double centurion Herschelle Gibbs on the fourth day of the second Test against New Zealand in Christchurch yesterday. — AFP photo

Gibbs, Kallis rewrite records

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Mar 14 (AP/Reuters): Herschelle Gibbs hit a career-best unbeaten 211 and Jacques Kallis 148 not as they decimated New Zealand with a record stand in the second cricket Test at Lancaster Park on Sunday.

With little chance of forcing a result in the rain-marred test, South Africa hit up a mammoth 442 for one at stumps on the fourth and penultimate day.

After New Zealand was routed for 168 on the first day, the visitors have a 274-run lead going into the final day Monday.

The youthful combination of Gibbs and Kallis hammered a hapless New Zealand attack for 313 runs, an all-time second-wicket stand against any country — which is also the third-highest partnership for any wicket in South African Test history — in the 4 1-2 hours to gether.

The stand was just four runs behind the 319 added by Dudley Nourse and Alan Melville for the third wicket against England at Trent Bridge in 1947 and 26 runs behind the 341 posted by Eddie Barlow and Graeme Pollock against Australia in Adelaide in 1963-64.

With rain robbing a total of 11 hours and 167 overs, South Africa appears to have batted the test match out for a draw. The first test ended in a high-scoring draw on a sticky Eden Park.

"We didn't see any point in declaring," said coach Bob Woolmer. "Even if we had, the batsmen would have come off for bad light."

Woolmer said if there was a possibility of a full day's play, South Africa would declare first thing in the morning, leaving itself 105 overs to force a win.

"If the weather remains like this, we will continue to bat," Woolmer said.

It was a dream come true for Gibbs and Kallis. The pair fig-

ured in a 200-plus stand for Western Province against Natal in a domestic first-class match.

"At that time we wanted to achieve the same in a Test. And when we neared the 200 stand, it made us more determined. It was a great feeling," Gibbs said.

Gibbs, who became the first non-white South African to score a Test century, now ranks sixth behind Daryll Cullinan's 275 not out in the first Test, Graeme Pollock (274), Jackie McGlen (255 not out), Eric Rowan (236) and Dudley Nourse (231).

With a pitch offering no assistance whatsoever to the bowlers, Gibbs and Kallis went

score his fourth test century in his 26th test.

Gibbs' six hours and 59-minute innings which equalled Cullinan's for the longest by a South African, bettered his previous unbeaten 200 for South Africa against India A in Nagpur in November 1996.

The right-handed opener playing in his 13th Test hit three sixes and 23 boundaries off 468 balls.

He offered just one chance when Matthew Horne dropped a difficult catch at extra cover off skipper Dion Nash when the 25-year-old was on 165.

The second-wicket stand also beat the 246 shared by Jackie McGlen and Anton Murray in Wellington 46 years ago for any wicket against New Zealand.

Kallis, nursing a torn tendon on his left foot, hit 17 boundaries and a six in his 340-ball innings.

He also improved on his previous highest of 132 against England at Old Trafford in July 1998.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the fourth day of the second Test between New Zealand and South Africa at Lancaster Park on Sunday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 247-1)				
Kirsten c Aslie b Vettori	55			
Gibbs not out	211			
Kallis not out	148			
Extras: (lb-12, nb-6)	18			
Total: (for one wkt in 162 overs)	442			
Fall of wkt: 1-127				
To bat: Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje, Jonty Rhodes, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Allan Donald, Paul Adams.				
SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 247-1)				
Doull	25.5	9	48	0
Allott	43	11	109	0
Nash	22	5	46	0
Aslie	18.1	2	76	0
Vettori	24	6	73	1
Stead	1	0	1	0
Harris	28	9	77	0



KALLIS ... 148 not out

from record to record unhindered as New Zealand opted to defend then attack.

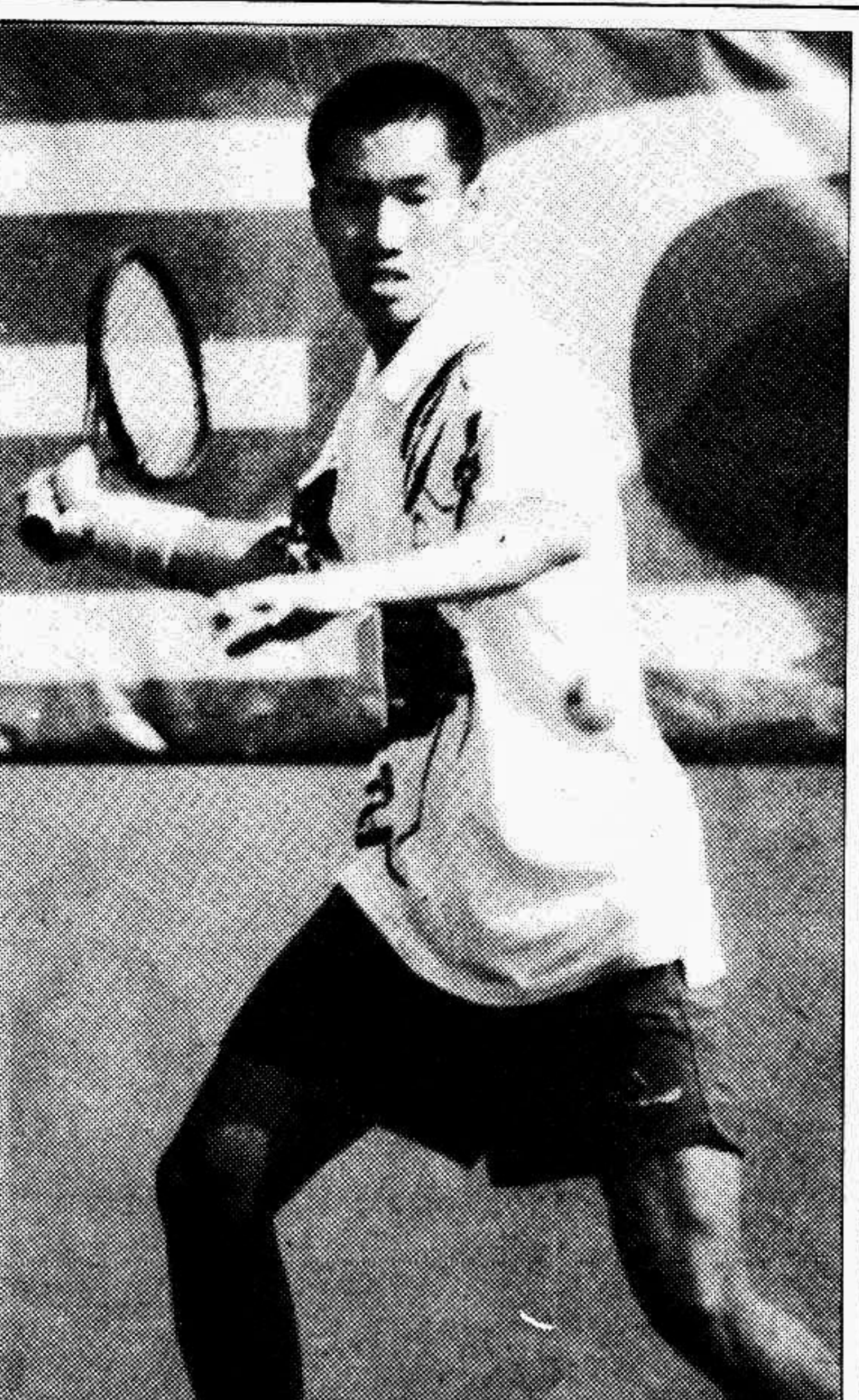
In the 43 minutes play possible before lunch, South Africa resumed the day on 247 for one progressed to 272 before rain forced an early lunch.

Gibbs, unbeaten on 131 at the break, reached his 150 in 10 minutes under six hours and then proceeded to score his second double century for South Africa.

Kallis came out of the shadows of his junior partner to

gone five straight matches without a defeat since taking over the team in October.

"I think the guys played pretty well. This is another step in our development. We got some good experience, playing in front of a big crowd with lots of atmosphere, and we did create a goal after falling behind early."



Malaysian Selvan Veerasingam in action on the concluding day of the Davis Cup tennis tournament at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo

Nat'l cricket Madaripur beat Gopalganj

Madaripur defeated Gopalganj DSA by a convincing 82 run in the National Youth (Under-19) cricket championship at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Madaripur DSA batted first after winning the toss and scored 265 for all in 39.4 overs with opener David scoring 71 off 55 deliveries.

Two-down Sajib with 58 in 75 balls and number seven Babu with 50 runs off 33 balls, were the other two notable batsmen for Madaripur.

Faruque Ahmed of Gopalganj captured three wickets for 47 in seven overs while Nafiqur Rahman and Saiful Hasan took two wickets each giving away 27 and 37 runs respectively.

In reply, Gopalganj were all out for 183 in 39 overs with opener Faruque Ahmed making match highest 79 off 106 balls.

Milton not out 20, Sabuj 20, Younus 16 and Bilal 11 were the other Gopalganj batsmen, who reached the double figure.

Tawhid of Madaripur claimed three wickets conceding 29 runs while Sohel took two for 38.

Earlier, the match was reduced to 40 over-a-side match for a delay start.

Hosts become 5th Malaysia Davis Cup champs

Bangladesh finished fifth in the seven-nation Davis Cup Asia Oceania Zone Group-3 match beating Syria by 2-1 in a play-off on the last day of the five-day meet at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday, reports agencies.

Bangladesh will stay in Group-3 along with Tajikistan, Pacific Oceania and Syria.

Malaysia, who emerged champions beating Hong Kong 2-1, were elevated to Group-2 along with Hong Kong.

Wong Si (MAS) beat Ping lam Michael Wu (HK) 6-4, 6-4 and Selvan Veerasingam (MAS) beat Wing Luent Wayne Wong (HK) 6-3, 6-1 in the singles while Ramajam Ramchandran and Selvan Veerasingam (MAS) lost to Ping lam Michael Wu and Ivan Hanson Yeh (HK) 4-6, 1-6.

Saudi Arabia, who finished last in the seven-team fray, relegated to the Group-4 along with Bahrain which withdrew their team at the last moment following the death of their Amir.

In the classification match, Dilp Passia made a good start for the hosts beating Samir Saeeduddin 6-4, 6-1 sets in the first singles, but Sheikh Moinuddin Waliullah Jhelun lost to Syrian Rabi Bou Hassoun 3-6, 2-6 in the second singles.

In the doubles, Moinuddin Waliullah and Shouab Jamaly won the first set defeating Rabi Bou Hassoun and Lays Salim 6-4 and were leading 4-2 in the second when Rabi Bou Hassoun of Syria retired due to a shoulder injury.

On Wednesday, Bangladesh defeated Syria also 2-1 in their group match.

Tajikistan outplayed Pacific Oceania 3-0 in a clinch third spot. Sergei Makarin (TAJ) beat Cyril Jacob (PAC) 6-1, 6-4 and Mansur Yakhyayev (TAJ) defeated Jarome Rovo (PAC) 6-2, 6-4 in the singles while Sergei Makashin and Mansur Yakhyayev (TAJ) beat Cyril Jacob and Jarome Rovo (PAC) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in the doubles.

Malaysia will receive 7,000 dollars, Hong Kong 6,000 dollars, Tajikistan 5,000 dollars, Pacific Oceania 4,000 dollars, Bangladesh 3,500 dollars, Syria 3,000 dollars and Saudi Arabia 2,500 dollars as prize money.

A J-League history

TOKYO, Mar 14: A small piece of Japanese soccer history was made on Saturday night when the match between JEF United Ichihara and Urawa Red Diamonds, the first drawn game in the seven-year history of the J-League, reports Reuters.

From the inaugural year in 1993 to last season, the league used penalty shootouts to determine a winner if the teams were level after 30 minutes of extra-time, during which the "golden goal" rule came into operation.

But officials decided to scrap the shoot-outs this season and award both teams one point for a draw at the end of 120 minutes.

Fans had to wait until only the second round of fixtures for the first draw to be recorded.

As soccer executives planned the new professional league in the early 1990s, they felt that Japanese culture was more suited to a win or a loss, and banned a draw for the first six seasons.

"We carried out a survey among supporters and between 70 per cent and 80 per cent were in favour of the golden goal rule," said Takenhiko Sano, of the J-League's planning department.

But there was some controversy over the penalty shoot-out, so we decided that finally the time had come to discard it."

The point moved JEF United off the foot of the 16-team table while putting Urawa Reds, who included Yugoslav World Cup player Zeljko Petrovic in mid-field, two points off the pace.

Defending champions Kashima Anters were top with a maximum of six points from two games.

On Saturday they won 2-1 away to Vissel Kobe thanks to late goals from former Flamengo striker Mazinho and Japanese international Atsushi Yanagisawa, who, earlier in the week, earned a recall into national coach Philippe Troussier's squad for Japan's March 31 friendly against Brazil in Tokyo.

Windies put on back foot

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 14: Australian pace pair Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie left West Indies beleaguered cricketers reeling again after a four-wicket new ball burst in the second Test at Sabina Park on Saturday, reports Reuters.

McGrath seized three wickets and Gillespie took the other as West Indies slumped to 37 for four at the close on the first day in reply to Australia's 256, of which captain Steve Waugh made exactly 100.

West Indies, thrashed by 312 runs in the first Test of the four-match series at Port of Spain earlier this week, produced a collective out-cricked at times, only to be undone by another brittle batting display.

McGrath bowled opener Sherwin Campbell (12) as he aimed an ambitious drive, had debutant Lincoln Roberts (0) caught off the top of his glove, and removed David Joseph (14) when the batsman sliced a slower ball to point.

That gave McGrath three for 28 from his opening spell while Gillespie had opener Suruj Ragoonath (0) lbw pushing forward, leaving captain Brian Lara (7 not out) once more as his team's main hope of a competitive total.

West Indies had started the day encouragingly as Courtney Walsh produced a magnificent opening spell of 10-4-19-3 on his home ground that reduced Australia to 46 for three after they won the toss.

The indefatigable Walsh posed problems from the outset with his relentlessly probing length and line on a pitch offering bounce and a degree of movement.

Curly Ambrose giving the batsmen no respite at the other end, Walsh struck his first blow when he went round the wicket to left-hander Matthew Elliott and got a delivery to straighten which the batsman edged to first slip before he had scored.

Australia, eight for one at

that point, increased the total to 28 before Walsh slanted one across Justin Langer from over the wicket and had the left-hander caught behind by Ridley Jacobs for eight.

Walsh captured the wicket of Michael Slater at 46 when the



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opener, a century-maker in the first Test, was beaten pushing forward and given out caught behind for 22.

The damage was repaired by brothers Mark and Steve Waugh in a fourth wicket partnership of 112 during which they batted with mounting authority, Mark showing characteristic fluency and Steve hitting productively through the off-side.

The twins added 67 in the first hour after lunch, with Mark Waugh reaching his half-century by lofting debutant off-spinner Nehemiah Perry over long-on for six.

However, the newcomer had the final word by bowling Waugh as he tried to cut a delivery that kept low. He made 67 from 117 balls.

When Walsh had Greg Blewett lbw before for five playing across the line and Ian Healy was run out for six, Australia had lost three wickets for

21.

Steve Waugh then added 48 in a positive seventh wicket stand with Shane Warne (24), after which the tail-enders hung on long enough to help Australia's captain to three figures.

Waugh, who made exactly 200 in his only previous Test innings at Sabina Park in 1995, completed his century from 164 balls, hitting 11 fours and one six.

He was last out, edging Pedro Collins to slip to give the left-arm paceman final figures of three for 79. Walsh finished with four for 55.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the second Test between West Indies and Australia at Sabina Park on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings				
Slater c Jacobs b Walsh	22			
Elliott c Lara b Walsh	0			
Langer c Jacobs b Walsh	67			
M Waugh b Perry	67			
S Waugh c Joseph b Collins	100			
Blewett lbw b Walsh	5			
Healy run out	6			
Warne c Joseph b Collins	24			
Gillespie b Ambrose	1			
MacGill c Joseph b Collins	0			
McGrath not out	2			
Extras (lb-1, lb-3, nb-17)	21			
Total: (All out in 71.3 overs)	256			
Fall of wkts: 1-8; 2-28; 3-46; 4-158; 5-171; 6-179; 7-227; 8-242; 9-248				
Bowler:				
Ambrose	17	9	33	1
Walsh	20	6	55	4
Collins	16.3	2	79	3
Perry	17	1	79	1
Adams	1	0	6	0
WEST INDIES: First innings				
Campbell b McGrath	12			
Ragoonath lbw b Gillespie	0			
Roberts c Warne b McGrath	0			
Lara not out	7			
Joseph c Blewett b McGrath	14			
Collins not out	1			
Extras: (nb-3)	3			
Total: (For 4 wkts in 14.3 overs)	37			
Fall of wkts: 1-4; 2-5; 3-17; 4-34				
To bat: J Adams, R Jacobs, N Perry, C Ambrose, C Walsh.				
Bowler to date				
McGrath	7	1	28	3
Gillespie	7	3	9	1
Warne	0.3	0	0	0

Chelsea stumble again

LONDON, Mar 14: Chelsea's championship hopes took a serious knock on Saturday as Paul Kitson gave West Ham United a 1-0 victory — Chelsea's second home defeat in a week, reports Reuters.

Gianni Vialli's side, unbeaten at Stamford Bridge until Wednesday's FA Cup defeat by Manchester United, now trail United by seven points after Andy Cole scored twice as the league leaders came from behind to win 2-1 at Newcastle United.

Arsenal remained four points behind in second place with a 2-0 win at Everton, each team having a player sent off.

Leeds United are now only two points behind Chelsea in fourth after beating Sheffield Wednesday away 2-0 while Aston Villa's dire run continued with a 1-0 defeat at Tottenham Hotspur.

There was a rare win for bottom club Nottingham Forest, 3-1 at Wimbledon, while Derby County beat Liverpool 3-2. The games between Coventry City and Blackburn Rovers and Le-

icester City and Charlton Athletic both ended 1-1.

It's been a bad week for Chelsea, who dominated Saturday's game but, as on Wednesday, failed to take their chances.

West Ham gave them a warning when Marc-Vivien Foe held the ball in the net only for it to be disallowed for a push.

There was no debate about Kitson's 75th minute winner, although Ed de Goey almost stopped it on the line, and after that West Ham held out comfortably.

"We are having a bad time, and probably an unlucky time," said Vialli, "but now we have to show how strong we are."

"The lads are really down but on the other hand I expect a great response from them."

At St James Park, Newcastle stunned the leaders after 16 minutes when Peruvian Nolberto Solano curled in a great free kick.

But United took control and Andy Cole, back at the ground where he made his reputation, hooked in an equaliser 10 minutes later and grabbed the winner soon after the break.

"We kept our composure after the goal and played some terrific football," said Alex Ferguson.

"We were under the cosh for last 20 minutes and it was a matter of character, it's always a hard game here and that was an important win today."

The only disappointment for United was that Peter Shmichel had to leave the game at halftime suffering from flu.

Ferguson said he expected the Dane to recover for Wednesday's European Cup quarterfinal second leg at Inter Milan.

"We'll travel in good heart," he added.

Everton have not beaten Arsenal at Goodison Park since the start of the Premier League in 1992 and never looked likely to change that once Don Hutchison was sent off for elbowing Martin Keown in the 17th minute.

By then Arsenal were already ahead, Marc Overmars finding Ray Parlour with a 50 metre cross-field pass and the midfielder lashing it into the roof of the net a minute earlier.

3 Iran booters coming to USA

TEHRAN, Mar 14: Three renowned Iranian footballers are en route to the United States for a ceremony marking the historic Iran-US match in last year's World Cup, the official news agency Irna said today, reports AP.

Hamid Estili, Ahmad-Reza Abedzadeh and Mohammad Khakpour were invited by a US-based Iranian cultural group, Irna said without giving further details.

The press here said last month that the US Soccer is seeking to organise a friendly match with the Iranian national side.

Iran won last summer's World Cup match 2-1 in the most important sporting competition between the two nations since Washington broke off diplomatic relations with Iran following the 1979 hostage-taking at the US embassy in Tehran.

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: I'D GENERALLY DESCRIBE MAGNET SALESMEN AS BEING VERY ATTRACTIVE.

Today's Cryptogram clue: J equals G

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.