

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That in a Melbourne club final, Test all-rounder Bob McLeod was run out in each innings without facing a ball. None of our boys have done that badly as yet. And we are not even Test players. So, why complain!

Roost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-112

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

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SPORTS TALK



Javed Miandad (Pakistan's great cricketer) 'Australia and West Indies, two of the best sides in the world then. They had all-round strength, top-class batting order and a superb bowling lineup. West Indies batting had Clive Lloyd at No. 6, that means something.'

Inter-varsity handball

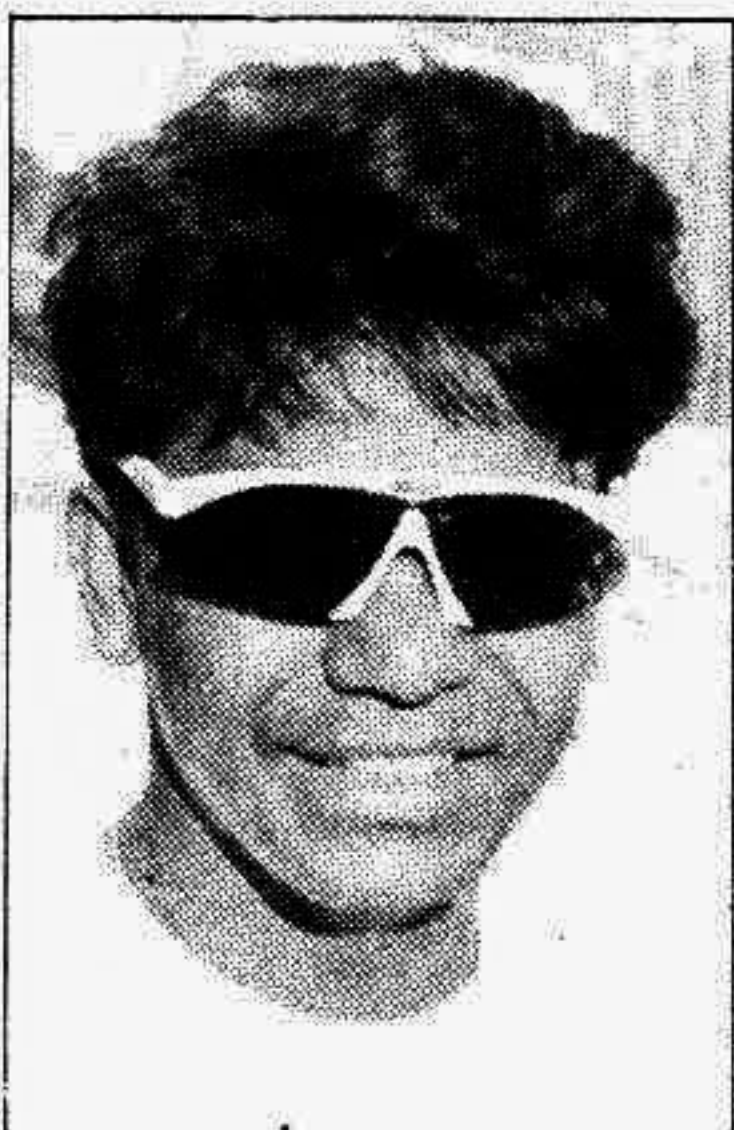
By JU Correspondent Men's teams of Dhaka and Rajshahi reached the final of the inter-university handball tournament...

Shocking!

BUCHAREST, Mar 23 (Reuters/Internet): Romanian first division soccer player Mario Bugeanu and his girlfriend died of carbon monoxide poisoning in his car after making love, police said on Tuesday.

Faruque still a doubtful starter Last gasp chance for hosts

Sports Reporter



AMINUL ISLAM



ASIF KARIM

With their back against the wall, Bangladesh will be hoping for a reversal of fortunes when they take on Kenya in a crucial encounter of the Meril International one-day tournament...

The repeat clash with Kenya, which will be the last string of hope for Bangladesh for a berth in the final, will also be important for the ICC Trophy champions to prove a point against the African lions.

Bangladesh, fresh after a

Usha earn full points

Title aspirants Usha Krira Chakra returned to winning ways with an emphatic 7-2 victory over Dhaka Mariner Young's Club in the Green Delta Metropolitan Premier Division hockey league...

With the day's victory, Usha joined holders Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani atop the league table with 15 points.

Last year's runners-up Usha dominated the first half 5-1. Rafiqul Islam scored three goals, Mohammad Sadek netted two, Tutul Kumar Nag and Musa Mia one each for the winners.

Tutul opened the floodgate for Usha early in the third minute with a beautiful streaker while famed national striker Rafiqul doubled the margin two minutes later, also in similar fashion.

Javed reduced the margin for the Mariners in the 15th minute making a fool of the opponent's experienced custodian Osman.

Kamal again widened the Usha margin in the 26th minute by pushing the ball from an Asif-Sadek combination.

Two minutes later, veteran national striker Sadek found the Mariners' net by a well-judged placing shot off a free hit from his Pakistani teammate Shafiq.

Rafiqul scored his third and the team's fifth goal in the 33rd minute, from a Sadek pass.

Mariners' forward Biyaka Lusak again pulled back the score in the 45th minute by a light push from a readymade pass of Shaheen.

Sadek scored his second and the team's sixth goal in the 55th minute utilising a clever pass of Shafiq while Musa Mia completed the winners tally in the 65th minute by a spectacular goal off a long distance pass by Shafiq.

TEAMS

USHA KC: Osman, Guddu, Nixon, Issa Mia, Tutul, Khurshid, Zia, Musa Mia, Sadek, Kamal, Sekandar, Asif, Shafiq and Tushar.

MARINER YOUNGS CLUB: Rinku, Shahid, Sohel, Amir, Shahed, Apu, Gaus, Biyaka, Yusuf, Javed, Shaheen, Riaz, Firoz and Emdad.

AZAD BEAT BIMA

In the day's other match, Azad Sporting Club defeated Sadharan Bima KS 3-1 after leading the first half 2-0 at the same venue in the afternoon.

Moksed of Azad earned a hattrick in the match scoring all the three goals for his side in the 4th, 34th and 57th minutes while Mamun netted the lone goal for Bima.

two-day rest, will certainly enjoy an edge over Kenya, who will take the field within 24 hours after their 64-run defeat to Zimbabwe yesterday.

With regular wicketkeeper Khaled Masud back in the side after a one-match lay-off due to injury, Bangladesh is likely to field almost the same eleven that played against Zimbabwe.

But the team management is yet to decide who would bat at number three in place of dropped make-shift wicket-keeper-batsman Jahangir Alam. It was also learnt that World Cup bound Faruque Ahmed would not be fit before Bangladesh's last match against Zimbabwe.

The national team had a light practice session yesterday morning at the Bangabandhu where skipper Aminul Islam expressed his optimism to beat the Kenyans.

'I believe we are the better side. But, at this moment, nothing is going right with the team. We are not getting our rhythm. On the other hand, the Kenyans are in fine form. Specially, their two experienced batsmen, Tikolo and Odumbe, are playing excellently,' said Aminul while talking to the press corps after the workout.

'But we will make a turnaround tomorrow. We have no other option but to win the match', said the stereotyped Bangladesh captain.



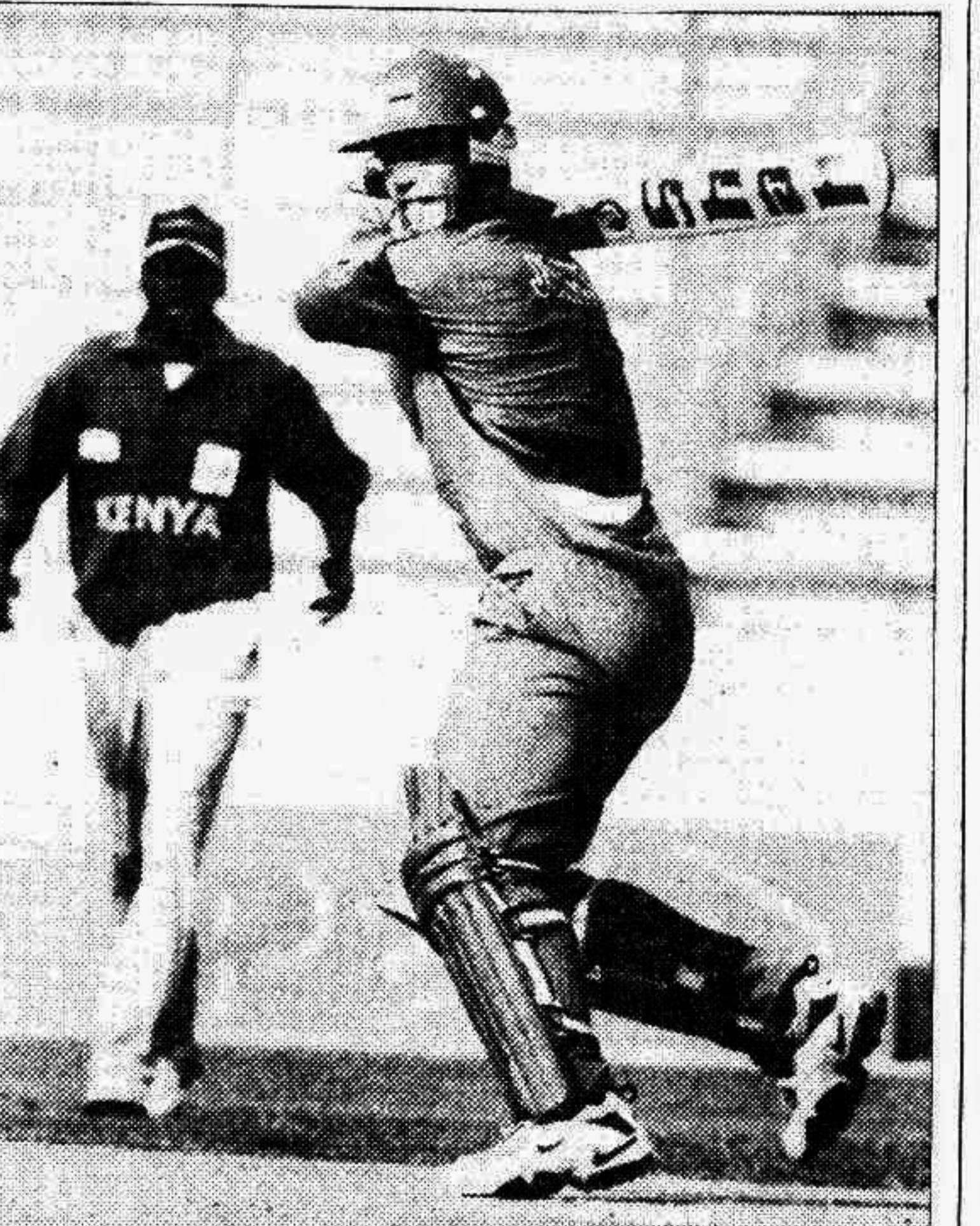
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ZIMBABWE-KENYA SCOREBOARD

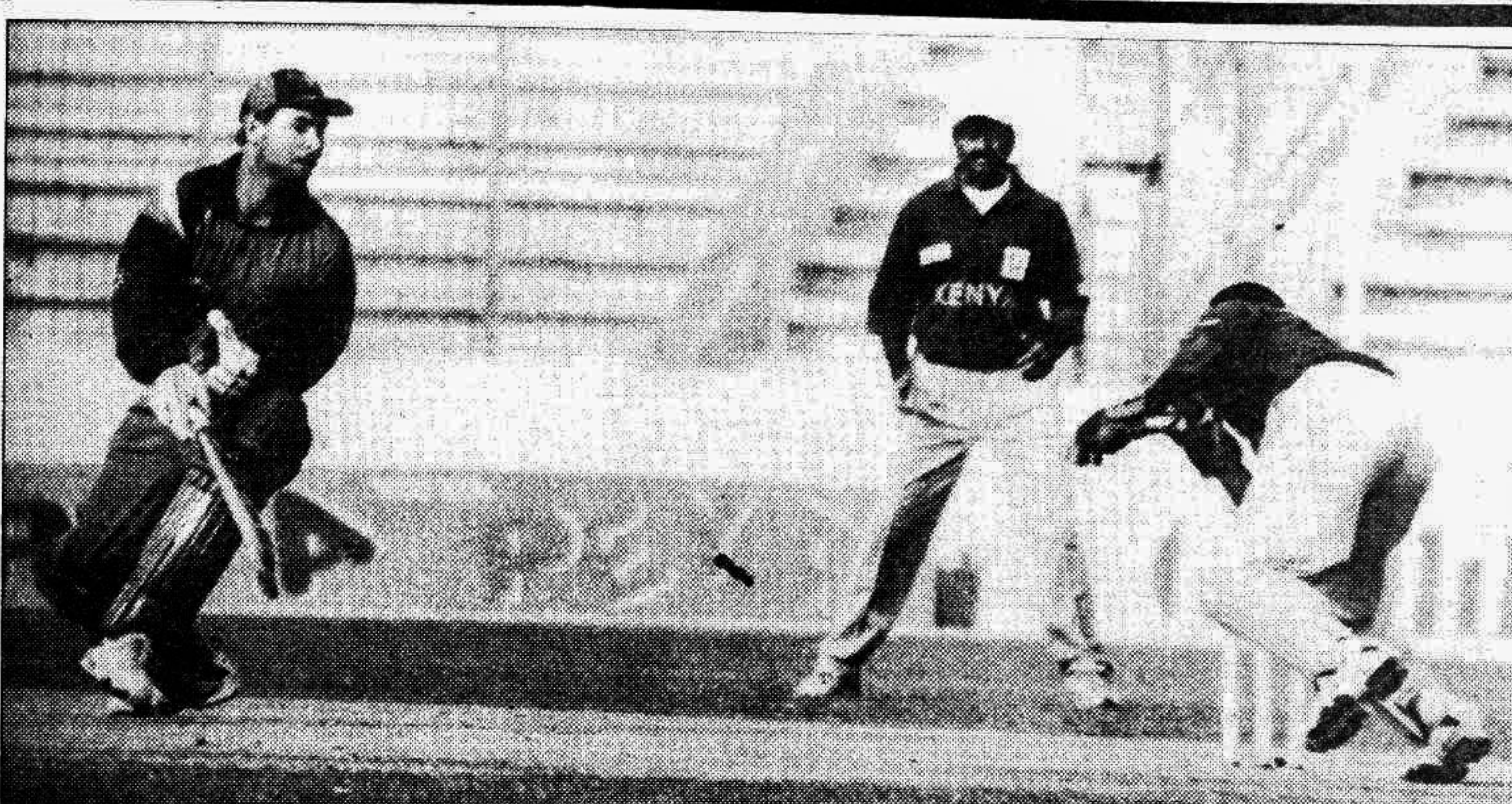
Scoreboard of the Meril International Cricket Tournament clash between Zimbabwe and Kenya played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday: ZIMBABWE Johnson run out 101...

Match statistics table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W

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TOP CLASS: Ever-improving Zimbabwe all-rounder Neil Johnson follows through on a square cut during the course of his super 6 hundred against Kenya yesterday.



NO WAY BACK: Zimbabwe skipper Alistair Campbell (L) is stranded out of his crease as the Kenyan wicketkeeper takes the bails off to stump him.

Green Delta hockey

MSC-AKC tie today

Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra will lock horns in a crucial Green Delta hockey league match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium today, reports APB.

Both the title contenders are in the same position as per points with five wins from as many outings but Abahani is psychologically in a strong position after beating mighty Usha Krira Chakra by a lone goal in their previous match.

Defending champions Mohammedan have their strong points in the fact that they are the only unbeaten team in the league for nearly last eight years playing more than 83 matches.

On the other hand, Abahani defeated their arch-foes twice in last two meetings in the recently concluded Shahid Smriti hockey meet.

Mohammedan skipper Mithal must have secret plans to restrict Abahani match-winner Pillay from scoring.

Abahani captain Alamgir Alam admitted that the presence of player like Pillay is always a great advantage 'but we should not always rely upon him'.

Both the sides have four foreign recruits that include former Pakistani skipper Mohammedan's Faheem Zaman, a quality playmaker who can pull off a sensational win from nowhere.

Jamaican GM!

NEW YORK, Mar 23 (AP): A 33-year-old chess player from Jamaica who learned the game in a New York City park has become the first black to achieve the title of Grand Master.

'The stereotype in this country is that African-Americans don't do well at things like chess,' Maurice Ashley said. 'We're understood as physically gifted and great entertainers, but when it comes to something intellectual, that lag behind.'

There are some 470 Grand Masters worldwide, 45 of them in the United States. It is the game's highest rank.

A Jamaican immigrant, Ashley spent much of his adolescence working on his game Brooklyn's Prospect Park. He joined the Black Bear School of Chess, a group of people who played hard-fought games in the park for hours on end.

Maurice almost did it by himself, said Jerald Times, a fellow chess devotee who met Ashley in the park a decade ago. 'He didn't have a whole Russian chess school.'

After later began coaching the Mott Hall Dark Knights, a Harlem middle school chess team that won three national championships. He took a leave in 1997 and devoted himself to chess full time.

Will Ashraful have to eat his own words?

Sports Reporter



Man, who are you kidding with? The jet-set Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) official thought of walking away with a smile after apparently hoodwinking the cricket-crazy crores recently.

Surprised yesterday with the naming of the 15-man Australian World Cup squad by their Board.

Australian Tom Moody got a surprise call into the England-bound team. But it was more surprising for cricket's keen followers here in Bangladesh after they were wised up by the BCB general secretary only a few weeks back.

Syed Ashraful Huq, the international-reputed organiser of the Board, went on record by saying that it would not be possible to make any changes in the provisional 19-man Bangladesh squad named for the World Cup.

The reason was simple. The law does not permit such changes, he had said to a Bhorer Kayof correspondent, while explaining why it was not possible to include Minhazul Abedin, who was not considered for the provisional selection of 19, declared on February 26, despite his noteworthy performance.



SYED ASHRAFUL HUQ

The omission of Minhazul from the provisional squad kicked up a furor among the cricket buffs as the former national captain performed the best among the local batsmen in domestic cricket and also at the residential camp of the short-listed 29.

'It's not possible. As far as I'm concerned there is no way for any reconsideration. We've already sent the list of 19 to the ICC (International Cricket Council),' reacted Ashraful to the Bengali daily on March 5 on the popular appeal.

But an AFP report from Sydney last evening may force Ashraful to eat his own words.

'Moody last played for Australia at the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games in September and was omitted when a provisional squad of 19 was named earlier this year for the World Cup,' the report read.

Ashraful may have tried to take the mickey out of us but the nation shall await his reaction.

ACB unveils World Cuppers

Moody, Reiffel recalled



SYDNEY, Mar 23 (Reuters/Internet) Australia's cricket selectors ignored the moment Stuart MacGill when they announced the 15-man squad for the World Cup in England later this year but gave old stagers Paul Reiffel and Tom Moody a recall.

MacGill has taken over from Shane Warne as Australia's top leg-spinner with a bag of Test match wickets during the last six months, but as not yet been able to break into Australia's one-day squad.

When the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) unveiled the World Cup squad on Tuesday, they opted for only one specialist spinner, vice-captain Warne, with batsmen Mark Waugh, Darren Lehmann and Michael Bevan providing spin bowling support.

Victoria's Reiffel missed much of the Australian summer after suffering an injury in Australia's match against England in Hobart in December. The experienced seamer re-

turned for his state late in the season and turned in some impressive performances. His proven ability in English conditions has won him the recall.

Moody, fresh from captaining Western Australia to a Sheffield Shield victory over Queensland on Monday, is in the squad despite missing out on a preliminary 19-man squad announced on March 1.

The tall all-rounder had thought his international career was over and said the selection came as a big surprise.

'I wasn't considering it at all. I thought my chances (of selection) were very slim,' Moody said.

'But I was hopeful my fitness and form in the last few weeks might help.' Moody, who was due to leave for England in a fortnight for his eighth season of county cricket with Worcestershire, first represented Australia at the 1987 World Cup in India and also played in the 1992 tournament held in Australia.

He has played 58 one-day internationals, scoring 1013 runs with an average of 21.55 and has taken 37 wickets at 39.70.

Reiffel also feared his days of playing for Australia were gone.

'I've been trying really hard all summer to get back into the Australian team... this was my last chance,' Reiffel, who last played for Australia in a Test match in India a year ago, said.

Along with MacGill, dynamic opener Michael Slater, middle order batsman Greg Blewett and pace bowler Jason Gillespie missed selection.

The squad will take part in a seven-match series against the West Indies following the current Test series and will then go on to the World Cup.

SQUAD

Steve Waugh (captain), Shane Warne (vice captain), Michael Bevan, Adam Dale, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Brendon Julian, Shane Lee, Darren Lehmann, Glenn McGrath, Damien Martyn, Tom Moody, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Mark Waugh.



Kenyan wicketkeeper Kennedy Otieno (on the ground) fails to gather the ball while Zimbabwe batsman Murray Goodwin sets off for a run.