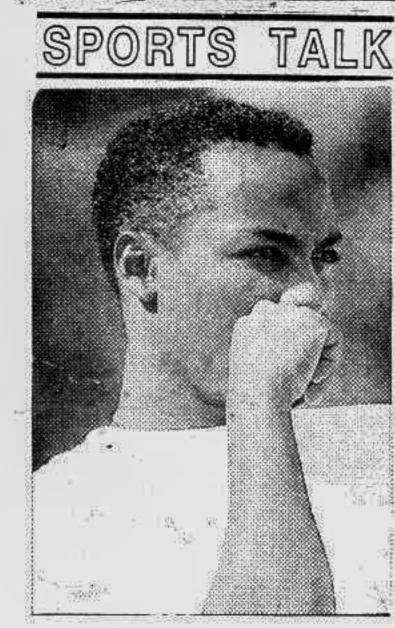
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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-114 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Bails Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm April 23, '99 and draw shortly afterwards What is the result of the Australia-West Indies Test series? Who was the man-of-the-series in the Australia-West Indies Test McGrath Lara S Waugh Who won the Pepsi Cup in India? India * Pakistan Who was the man-of-the-final in the Pepsi Cup? Mahmood Ganguly Inzamam Who lifted the Meril Int'l Cup? Bangladesh Zimbabwe Kenya Name Class Roll No. School Address Phone: (If any)



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Brian Lara

(West Indies captain) "Everybody has their weaknesses but the main thing is that I always learn. I don't just get demoralised. I use them as a positive experience and just move on.

Law to stop King promote

ALBANY, New York, Apr 13: A lawmaker wants to stop anyone with a felony conviction and that includes Don King from promoting boxing matches in New York state, reports

State Sen. Dean Skelos filed the bill March 24 in response to the disputed heavyweight title fight between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis on March 13 at Madison Square Garden.

Added Skelos' director of legislation, Tracy Lloyd: "If it involves Don King, fine. If it involves others, fine, too."

The bill's felony provision would not apply to boxers themselves. King spokesman Greg Fritz

said fight fans would suffer if King cannot promote bouts in New York. "If they did that, all they would be doing is denying box-

ing fans and sports fans the chance to watch great fights," he

If the measure passes, Fritz said, "There are other places that would be happy to have Don King-promoted fights.".

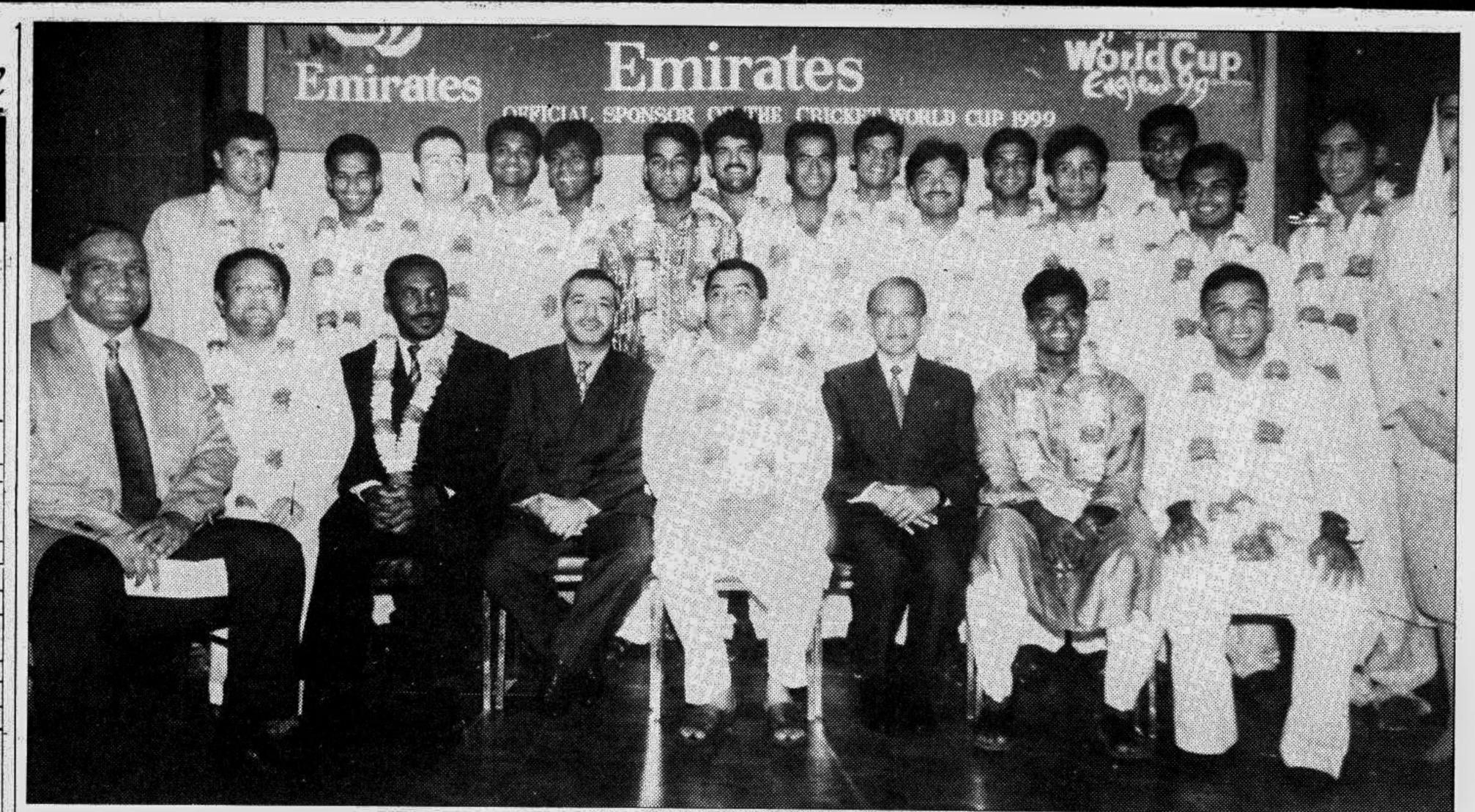
King was convicted of sec-ond-degree murder Feb 23. 1967. The charge was reduced to manslaughter and he served nearly four years in an Ohio prison. King had shot and killed a man in 1954 and the crime was later ruled justifiable homicide after King served the prison sentence.

The bill would prohibit any-one convicted of a felony in New York, or the equivalent of a felony under state law in other jurisdictions, from promoting, judging or holding any other "supervisory or controlling position" at a boxing match in New York.

In addition, it would bar anyone from judging or refereeing a match if he is affiliated with promoters or boxing's sanctioning bodies.

Skelos is the deputy major-ity leader in the Republicancontrolled Senate. His bill has yet to find a Democratic sponsor in the Democrat-controlled state assembly, a usual prerequisite to passage in that cham-

Four investigations by state or local authorities are being conducted into the judging of the Holyfield-Lewis fight.



Garlanded Bangladesh World Cup-bound cricketers and officials pose with BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, BOA president Lt Gen Mustafizur Rahman BB and Emirates manager Edris Taher yesterday at a local hotel. - Star photo

Bon voyage to cricketers

Sports Reporter

Emirates, the official sponsor of the cricket World Cup '99 and carrier of the Bangladesh team, hosted a 'bon voyage' re-ception at a local hotel last evening to wish our cricketers well in their maiden appear-

Cooper says sorry

LAGOS. Apr 13: FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper today said he regretted the fiveminute delay for Saturday's opening match of the FIFA World Youth Championship here, reports AFP.

Cooper explained even a small delay could have widespread consequences, especially in economic terms.

"Time is very important in championships organised by FIFA, five minutes mean a lot," said Cooper, referring to the problems a late start could cause broadcasters juggling satellite links and schedules.

But Cooper said overall he believed the Nigerians' organisation was up to scratch as they host the biggest ever football tournament held in Africa.



ance in the cup finals.

The LGRD Deputy Minister and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury summed up the evening's mood by saying, "The Emirates is not only carrying the Bangladesh team, it is also carrying the dreams, aspirations and hopes of 130 million

BOA president and Army Chief Lt General Mustafizur Rahman BB and Emirates manager Edris Taher were present among others.

The 16 cricketers, including latest inclusion Minhazul Abedin. were garlanded by the Emirates crew.

Minhazul Abedin gets ICC clearance, Jahangir stand-by

Prospects high up to Scotland, Skipper looks for upsets

Sports Reporter

Veteran all-rounder Minhazul Abedin has been formally included in the 15-man World Cup squad, which will fly to England tonight. Minhazul will replace wicketkeeper-batsman Jahangir Alam, who will also travel with the team to England as first stand-by player.
This was revealed by man-

ager Tanveer Muzhar Islam at a press conference arranged by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium lounge yesterday afternoon in connection with the team's departure.

Skipper Aminul Islam, his deputy Khaled Mahmud, two BCB joint-secretaries Mahmud Ul Haque and Dewan Shafiul Arefin, and BCB treasurer Afzalur Rahman Sinha were also present at the briefing. Coach Gordon Greenidge was the sur-

prise absentee. "We received the ICC clearance on Monday, following which we have decided to drop Jahangir from the team with the permission of the BCB president," said Islam at the crowded conference. He also informed that BCB will delete one cricketer from the reserve list to accommodate Jahangir.

Replying to a question whether Minhaz would be fully fit because of his absence from the camp for more than a month, Islam said, "The decision to include Minhaz was taken by the board".

In this regard, skipper Aminul said that going to England a month before the tournament would be good enough for Minhazul to get fit for playing in the World Cup.

When Aminul was asked why did he earlier say that the previous selection of 15 men sans Minhazul was the best job done by the selection committee. Aminul said, "Yes, I thought we had the best possible side. But after the Meril Cup in Dhaka. I was proved wrong and I deeply felt that we lack in the middle order. That's why we are now all happy to get back Minhazul in the squad".

About the World Cup prospects, Tanna said that defeating Scotland in Scotland will not be a very easy task as they have included four cricketers, who were among the 30-

man England probables. "Anyway, we will still fight it out. Scotland is the team we are looking forward to play and we will not leave any room to give our best in Edinburgh," said Tanna.

Talking on the same point, the Bangladesh captain Aminul said that playing Scotland in Asia and at their home was not the same.

"The pitch condition in Scotland is almost similar to that in England, which is very difficult to assimilate. That's why we are going to England a month ahead of the tournament so that we can adjust ourselves.

"However, since we will be playing practice matches against three counties, who are better sides than Scotland, I think that will give us extra confidence before we meet them.

"We are not only thinking about Scotland, we are also



considering to play well against the other Test-playing nations right from our first match against the Kiwis. You see, oneday game is like a lottery. The team playing better on a particular day will be the winners. So you can not write off an upset," said Aminul.

A milad mahfil was held after the press conference at the Bangabandhu National Stadium where, among others, all the members of the team and the BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury were present.

Bangladesh team will fly to Cardiff tonight from where they will move to Jarvis Hotel in Watford, which will be their base for the month-long conditioning camp.

Former England fast bowler

Alan Ward and former Pakistan captain and coach Mushtaq Mohammad will act as bowling assistants to coach Gordon Greenidge during the training.

Before their World Cup fixture. Bangladesh will play three warm-up matches. Bangladesh will meet Essex, their host county, in the first match at Chelmsford on May 8. The other two matches -- that against Middlesex at Southgate and against Northamptonshire at Northampton -- are scheduled for May 10 and 12.

The following are the members of the Bangladesh team: Aminul Islam (captain), Khaled Mahmud (vice-captain), Khaled Mashud, Shahriar Hossain, Mehrab Hossain, Minhazul Abedin, Faruque Ahmed. Akram Khan, Hasibul Hossain, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Manjurul Islam, Mohammad Rafique, Naimur Rahman, Enamul Hoque, Neeyamur Rashid and

Jahangir Alam (stand by) Officials: Tanveer Mazhar Tanna (manager), Dewan Shafiul Arefin (co-ordinator), Gordon Greenidge(coach) and Alan Hunt (physiotherapist).

Bierhoff doubtful

MILAN, Apr 13(Reuters/ Internet): German striker Oliver Bierhoff is nursing a groin injury and could miss the trip to his former club Udinese at the weekend. Italian media reported on Tuesday.

Bierhoff was substituted at halftime in Milan's 2-1 defeat of Parma on Sunday in what at first appeared to be a tactical switch by coach Alberto Zaccheroni.

But Bierhoff, who followed Zaccheroni from Udine to Milan last summer after a superb season with Udinese in which he finished as Serie A's top scorer with 27 goals, is also injured, Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper said.

Zaccheroni assured the German marksman he was still part of Milan's plans despite his sluggish performance in the first 45 minutes at the San Siro.

Abahani two better than Azad

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Abahani maintained their three-point lead over arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting after defeating Azad Sporting by two goals to nil in their return-leg clash at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Pakistani recruit Imran Yousuf, who scored a hattrick against Ajax in their previous match, struck both the goals through short-corners, one in each half, to help the sky colour outfit raise their tally to 28 points from ten matches.

On the other hand, Azad remained glued to their previous collection of seven points with their seventh defeat against two wins and a draw.

Imran, the tall Abahani centre-half, put the popular Dhanmondi outfit ahead in the eighth minute and then sealed the match six minutes into the second-half.

In the day's other match, Mariner Young's Club and Farashganj Sporting shared points with a 1-1 draw.

Biaka Lusai put Mariner ahead through a short-corner in the 13th minute while Tayeb equalised for Farashganj two minutes later.

With the draw, Mariner raised their tally to 15 points and Farashgani to eight with both teams having played ten matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES (Moulana Bhasani Stadium)

Mohammedan SC v Ajax SC (2:15 pm) Usha KC v Sadharan Bima KS (4 pm)

Warne on comeback trail

ST GEORGE'S, Grenada, Apr 13 (AFP/Internet): Coach Geoff Marsh believes Shane Warne will respond to his sacking from the Australian Test side by playing a major role in the one-day international campaign.

The second one-day international between Australia and West Indies will be played today in Grenada. The match will be shown live on Star Sports at 8pm (BST).

A key figure in Australia's plans for the World Cup next month, Warne bowled superbly to take 2-30 in Australia's 44run loss to the Windies in the first of their seven one-dayers. Marsh and Australian cap-

tain Steve Waugh did not dump Warne, their fellow tour selector, from last week's fourth Test side with the intention of prompting a pride-driven comeback.

But Marsh can see it turning out that way.

"Warney bowled very well, he was like the Warney of old," said Marsh of the one-day series opener. "He bowled with good loop,

his quicker ball came out well, he just bowled very well on a wicket that didn't turn much." Warne was clearly delighted with his two wickets in St Vincent, pumping his fist repeat-

Australia and the Windies meet in the second match in Grenada on Wednesday and Marsh feels the best is yet to come as the spin wizard continues to find the form missing since shoulder surgery last

Rashid smells fixing ished because of his "courageous currently probing match fixing

stance" over match fixing and



KARACHI, Apr 13 (AEP/ Internet): Former Pakistani cricket captain Rashid Latif Tuesday accused unnamed players in the

national team of involvement in match fixing, citing the defeat at Sharjah against "I suspect match fixing as

they threw away the match at Sharjah on Monday," the 30year-old Latif said.

"It is unbelievable the way Saqlain got out," he told AFP. "The guys are once again trying to make fools of the public. The way they lost the match, it is obvious something fishy has again started in the team," Latif said, without naming any

player.
He said Saeed Anwar did not play in two recent matches, in which the national team was defeated by Sri Lanka in India and by England in Sharjah, because he "may not have wanted to be part of match fixing.

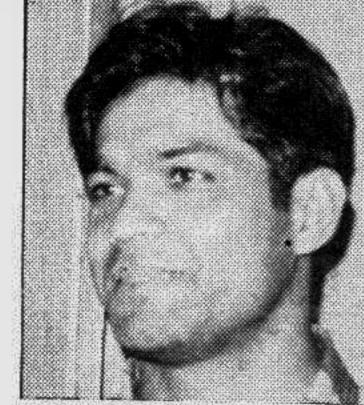
"I am not saying this because I am out of the team, I am only

repeating my earlier apprehensions," he said. The wicketkeeper-batsman

said he believed he was pun-

"I will never let the game I have loved so much be polluted. It is sacred for me and I want it

bribery.



Rashid Latif

to be pure, like an angel," he said, hoping he can make a comeback.

Latif was made captain in 1997, but after the team's poor performance he was discarded. He said the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the judicial inquiry commission, which is

allegations, should keep a close watch on the activities of the "Links between bookmakers

and players" should be broken as bookies "do not let the players live in peace," Latif said. Latif, along with several present and former team members,

testified recently before Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum. Wasim Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq and Salim Malik were implicated in PCB's interim report last year for their alleged

involvement in match fixing and bribery. The cricketers denied the al-

legations. During the 1994 South Africa tour, Latif along with team mate Basit Ali announced retirement after accusing some players of match fixing and not giving their best, but both later

reversed their decision. The match-fixing allegations have been haunting Pakistani cricket for nearly four years since Australian players Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh accused Salim Malik of offering them bribes to. perform poorly during the 1994-95 tour of Pakistan.

India need 206 to win



SHARJAH, United 27. Arab Emirates, Apr 13 (AFP/ Internet): India put in an aggressive display in the

field to restrict Pakistan to 205-9 from 50 overs in the Champions Cup here on Tues-Wasim Akram won the toss

for the fourth time in a row, but

Pakistan squandered the advantage of taking first strike in helpful batting conditions. They were reduced to 50-4 by the 14th over, before veteran Salim Malik came to his side's

rescue with 50. Malik put on 60 for the fifth wicket with Wajahatullah Wasti and then 73 for the sixth with Moin Khan.

Moin hit five boundaries in 200-run mark.

a typically defiant 54 off 61 balls to take Pakistan part the Medium-pacer Robin Singh was the pick of the Indian

bowlers, conceding just 26 runs

in his 10 overs. Leg-spinner

Anil Kumble finished with 1-

India will be wary of the moderate target since all five matches so far in the three-nation tournament were won by teams batting first. On Monday, England suc-

cessfully defended a total of 206 by bowling out Pakistan for Tuesday's last league match

is a warm-up for India and Pakistan before Friday's final. Shahid Afridi was run out in the fourth over after colliding

with wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia, who suffered a neck injury and was forced to retire for a brief while. Saeed Anwar hit 25 off 27

balls when he attempted another big hit off Ajit Agarkar and spooned an easy catch to Indian captain Ajay Jadeja at mid-on2E

Anil Kumble trapped Ijaz Ahmed leg before with his first delivery and Inzamam-ul Haq was run out after Wajahatullah Wasti declined his call for a

Wasti, who received a verbal

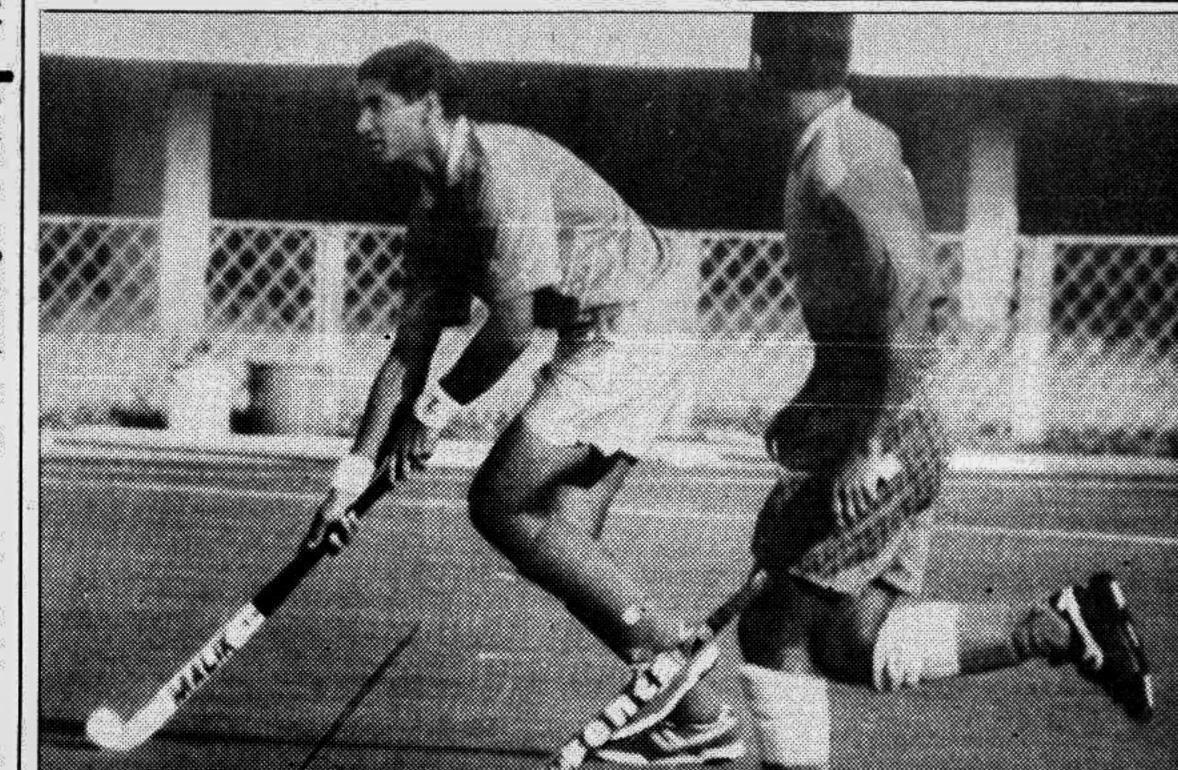
lashing by the departing Inzamam, faced 86 balls to score 37 when he drove Agarkar to midwicket where Jadeja took his

second catch. SCOREBOARD Scorecard of the Pakistan innings against India at the

Champion's Cup in Sharjah: Afridi run out Anwar c Jadeja b Agarkar Wasti c Jadeja b Agarkar Ijaz lbw b Kumble Inzamam run out Malik c Dravid b Prasad Moin c Joshi b Jadeja Akram run out Mahmood c Singh b Jadeja Saglain not out Shoaib not out

Extras: (lb-6, nb-5) Total (9 wickets, 50 overs FOW: 1-16; 2-34; 3-45; 4-50; 5-110; 6-183; 7-184; 8-200; 9-

Bowling Prasad Agarkar Kumble Singh Joshi Jadeja



Action from the Green Delta Premier Division game between Abahani and Ajad yesterday. — Star photo



Skipper Aminul Islam speaking at a press conference yesterday prior to the departure of Bangladesh team for the 1999 World Cup. — Star photo