

## Column One

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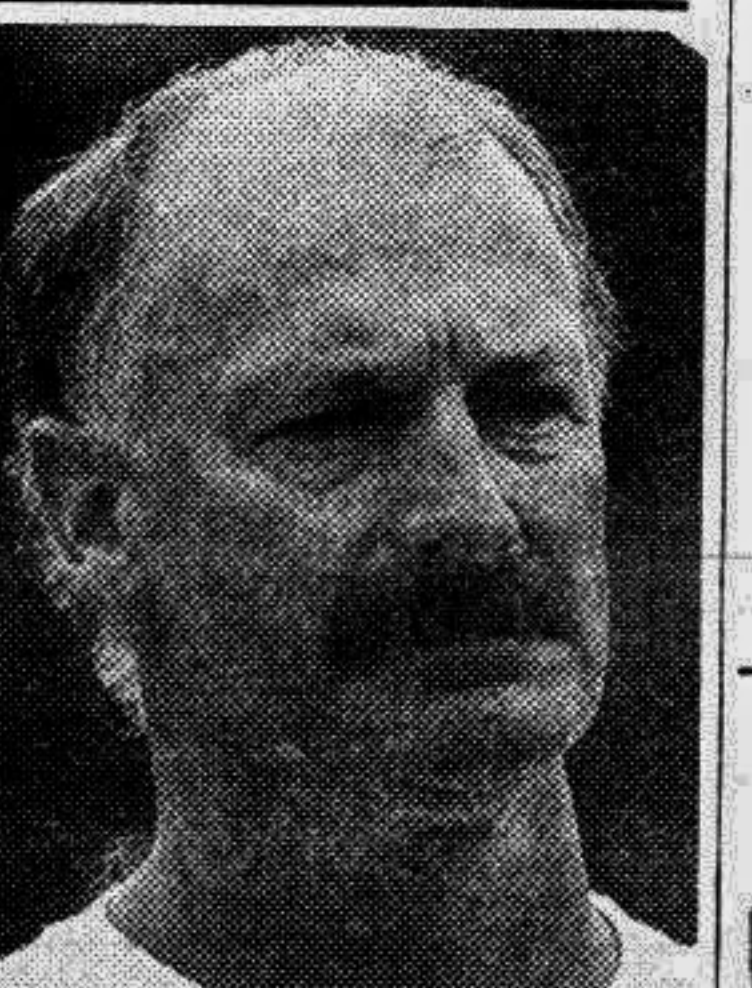
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SPORTS TALK



**Dennis Lillee**  
(Legendary Aussie bowler)  
"I never did it, so I don't know. I've never got any clear answers from anyone whenever I've asked about this. You are asking the wrong man."

### Such targets such acclaim

LONDON, Aug 7 (Internet report): Peter Such underlined his great desire to earn another standing ovation in the third Test - but this time he wants to be recognised for his bowling by the enthusiastic Old Trafford crowd.

Such became possibly the first player in Test history to receive a standing ovation having suffered a duck after defying New Zealand's efforts to break up his stubborn partnership with Mark Ramprakash for 72 minutes.

Their determination enabled England to progress from 108 for five at the close of the first day to 199, but New Zealand's positive approach steered them to 71 runs of that total and they will resume on 128 for two.

Such's great resolve also enabled him to claim the unenviable record as the second longest Test duck in history behind Geoff Allott's 101-minute effort against South Africa in Auckland earlier this winter.

But it is his bowling Such would like to earn an ovation for, particularly after enjoying previous appearances at Old Trafford - he claimed eight wickets on his Test debut against Australia here six years ago and 13 wickets in the County Championship game against Lancashire earlier this season.

"It was good to get out there and spend some time out at the crease and frustrate the opposition," said Such.

"That was the aim really, to bat as long as we could and pick up a few runs as well.

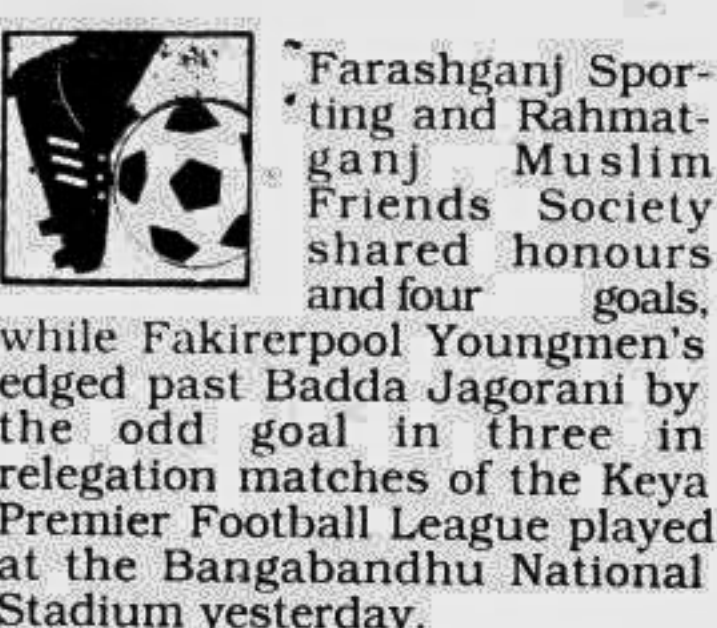
"I always seem to enjoy playing well here - perhaps the surface suits me. Sometimes you play better at some grounds than others, and this seems to be one where normally I do well at.

"It was the longest and probably the best duck of my career - I've had a few longer standing ovations than that, but it's the first time I've had one for a no-ball."

After his great efforts with the bat, Such is optimistic he can add further wickets to his dismissal of New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming shortly before the close after he had scored a majestic 38.

## Fakirerpool dump Badda

Sports Reporter



Farashganj Sporting and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society shared honours and four goals, while Fakirerpool Youngmen's edged past Badda Jagorani by the odd goal in three in relegation matches of the Keya Premier Football League played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In the first match of the day between the two old-town outfits, Rahmatganj took a 2-0 lead in the first half.

Milon volleyed home in the 20th minute to score his fifth goal in the League. National forward Tipu doubled the margin ten minutes later, shooting home from a rebound.

But Farashganj bounced back gallantly after the lemon break with Bidyut and Alamgir notching goals in the space of nine minutes.

The first-leg match of the two neighbours ended in a 1-1 draw.

Meanwhile, in the day's second match played under floodlight, Fakirerpool Youngmen's came from behind to beat Badda Jagorani 2-1.

Khokon, the leading scorer

in the League, gave Badda an early lead when the young striker scored his eighth goal in the 12th minute.

But Youngmen's, desperately in search of a victory, got the equaliser five minutes later when their captain Jalal (Jr.) fired home a low grounder from inside the opponents' box.

Sohag then came up with a neat placing in the 31st minute to ensure Fakirerpool's second win in the League.



Farashganj's Palash (L) and Rahmatganj's Shafique fight for the ball during their yesterday's Keya Premier Division football clash. — Star photo

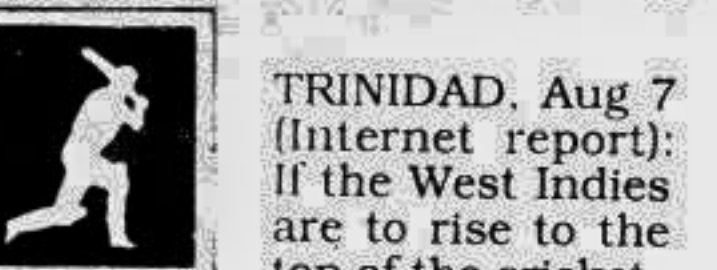
### Quader visits Fatullah

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader paid a surprise visit to the under construction 'Khan Saheb Osman Ali Stadium' at Fatullah yesterday, reports BSS.

He enquired about the progress of the construction and instructed officials to complete the first phase work by December. Seventy per cent of the first phase has been completed.

The first phase would cost Taka 22.86 crore that included land acquisition, land development, pavilion and a partial gallery to accommodate at least 15,000 spectators, an official handout said.

## Walcott Warns WI



TRINIDAD, Aug 7 (Internet report): If the West Indies are to rise to the top of the cricketing world once more, Sir Clyde Walcott said Thursday, raw talent cannot be relied on to get them there.

Walcott made the statement at the Queen's Park Oval where his new autobiography, entitled '60 Years on the Backfoot', was formally launched in Trinidad and Tobago.

The former Test wicket-keeper-batsman, whose top level cricket was played as a member of the three Ws, also advised against depending on the great cricketing history of the Caribbean to rescue the region from the morass into which it has apparently sunk, says a report of The Express, Trinidad.

"We cannot rely on what we did in the past," he warned, "nor can we rely on natural talent."

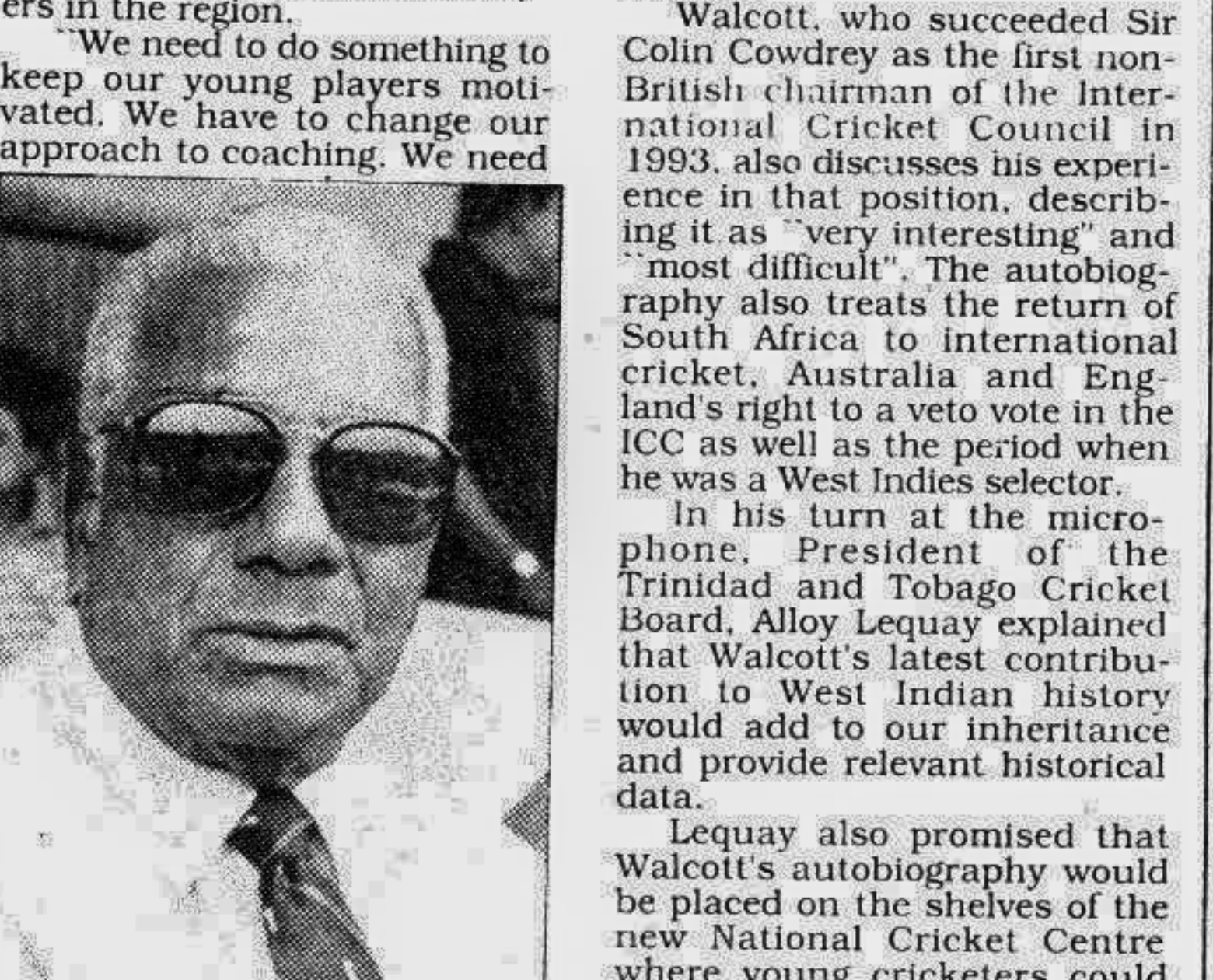
Declaring that the West Indies need to be "at least competitive" at the Test cricket again, the 73-year-old former ICC chairman added that "we needed to win more often than not because we know what cricket means to people in the Caribbean."

He pointed out that the West Indian public had become spoilt after the Caribbean side's 16-year domination of the international cricket scene and expected the team to continue winning indefinitely.

That was unrealistic, he said, but it is possible to return to the top position. To do so, the

former ICC chairman recommended that the cricketing authorities focus on the coaching and development of young players in the region.

"We need to do something to keep our young players motivated. We have to change our approach to coaching. We need



to use the technology to show how and why to do certain things and also show the faults in technique."

About the book, the former West Indies selector claimed that the book dealt principally with his cricketing career.

It also contained chapters on administration of cricket in the Caribbean and in the world and, inevitably, discusses the careers of the 3 Ws, Frank Worrell, Everton Weekes and himself, who were all knighted by the Queen for their services to cricket.

Walcott, who succeeded Sir Colin Cowdrey as the first non-British chairman of the International Cricket Council in 1993, also discusses his experience in that position, describing it as "very interesting" and "most difficult". The autobiography also treats the return of South Africa to international cricket, Australia and England's right to a veto vote in the ICC as well as the period when he was a West Indies selector.

In his turn at the microphone, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board, Alloy Lequay explained that Walcott's latest contribution to West Indian history would add to our inheritance and provide relevant historical data.

Lequay also promised that Walcott's autobiography would be placed on the shelves of the new National Cricket Centre where young cricketers could use it to learn more about the game.

But chairman of Neal and Massy and CCN group Ken Gordon described himself as "extremely happy" that Walcott, whose 3,798 runs included 15 centuries with a top score of 220, had undertaken to write the book.

However, he expressed disappointment at the low level of publicity given to the launch, noting that his first inkling of the occasion had come with his invitation a mere 48 hours earlier.



Syed Yousuf Hossain, the president of Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, addressing at the first AGM of the federation at the NSC auditorium yesterday.

### National TT C'ship Narail boys excel as Tirtho wins title

Sports Reporter

Narail's Tirtho clinched the boys' singles title in the Coca Cola 23rd National Table Tennis Championship yesterday.

In the four-boy league, held among the four group winners of the first round at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium, Tirtho defeated teammates Parag and Mehdi, and Rajshahi's Babu to complete a unique run of three wins.

After defeating Parag in the first match 18-21, 21-19, 21-15, Tirtho defeated Babu in the next set 21-11, 21-10 before handing Parag a 19-21, 21-18, 21-19 defeat in the last match.

Rumi, on the other hand, had to beat only her teammate Ratna in the girls' final. After losing the first set 16-21, Rumi made a brilliant comeback in the next three sets 21-16, 21-19, 21-19 to wrap up the match.

In the women's singles Biman's ace paddler Zobera Rahman Linu needs only one victory to win the title today.

In the four-lady league, Zobera won two matches yesterday against Ansar's Saleha and teammate Rinu. In the last match, Linu will take on another Biman paddler Tumpa.

The men's singles will also be decided today among eight group champions, who are now taking on each other on a league format.

In yesterday's matches, Biman's Mahub beat his teammate Saadi 21-7, 21-12; Hamlet, also from Biman, beat his teammate Edison 14-21, 21-12, 23-21; Manash of Ansars beat Biman's Kochi 21-16, 21-19; Rochi of Biman sneaked past Saadi 21-14, 21-19; Mahub beat Edison 21-11, 14-21, 21-11; Mustafa of Ansars beat Hamlet 21-15, 22-20 and Mustafa beat Manash 21-14, 21-13.

### Sub-junior chess Mahmuda makes final snatch

Sports Reporter

Mahmuda Haque Chowdhury from Chittagong's Al-Haj School, emerged unbeaten champion in the Bangladesh Women Sports Federation Sub-junior Chess Tournament, which concluded at the Sultana Kamal Mohila Krira Complex in Dhanmudi yesterday.

Mahmuda and Shahida Sharmin of Dhaka's Agrani Girls' School, completed the six-match campaign with equal 5.5 points having won five matches and drawing one.

Mahmuda, however, had the last laugh, when she beguiled Shahida 1.5-5 in a rapid two-match play-off with a win and a draw.

Ayesha Begum of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt. Girls' High finished third with five points, while Viqarunnissa of Viqarunnissa Noon School secured the fourth place with four-and-a-half points.

International Women Master Rani Hamid distributed the prizes.

### Two more bound for Australia

Sports Reporter

Cricket's newly-appointed selection committee named two cricketers for short-term training in Australia.

They are Orient's portly middle-order batsman Mazharul Haq and Rajin Saleh of Agrani Bank. The two youngsters, who played for the cup-winning national youths at the ACC Trophy in Singapore last month, are likely to leave the capital within the next couple of days.

This was the first assignment of the Tanvir Haider led selection committee, appointed last Friday.

The two players will join Imran and Bikash, who left the capital for the Australian Academy on Friday.

### Div I soccer

Sports Reporter

Victoria SC and BRTC SC shared point with 1-1 draw in Super Four match of the Metropolis First Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

With this draw, Victoria collected 20 points while BRTC 15 points from 11 matches.

Hanif scored for the Victoria and Kamal netted for the BRTC.

The day's other match between Prantik KC and Dhanmudi Club was ended in a goalless draw at the same venue.

Prantik bagged 17 points and Dhanmudi collected 16 points from 11 outings.

### Kiwis 302/4

Sports Reporter

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 7: New Zealand's Nathan Astle, with 101, and Matthew Bell, with 83, piled on the misery for England in the third Test here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Their third-wicket partnership of 153 left the tourists on 302 for tea on the third day, giving them a 103-run first-innings lead.

## NZ make solid reply



MANCHESTER, England, Aug 7: New Zealand gained the upper hand over England on Friday as they pushed for their first Test victory at Old Trafford, reports Reuters.

Solid batting by Matthew Horne, Matthew Bell and Stephen Fleming on the second day of the third Test propelled them to 128 for two in reply to England's hard-earned first innings total of 199.

New Zealand made the unpredictable pitch look much less difficult to master - in sharp contrast to the funeral pace of England's batting.

England wasted their best chance of an early breakthrough when opener Horne was dropped by Graham Thorpe at slip before he was off the mark. He went on to make a bright 39, with seven fours.

Fleming, who maintained the tempo with 38, looked distinctly unhappy to be given out leg before to off-spinner Peter Such near the close.

Bell reached 31 not out, his highest score in nine Test innings.

England's laborious innings included a 72-minute duck by Such, the second longest in Test history.

Only New Zealander Geoff Allott has spent longer at the crease before being dismissed for nought - 101 minutes

against South Africa in Auckland in March.

Remarkably, Such shared the second highest partnership of the innings, 31 for the ninth wicket with Mark Ramprakash.

After receiving an ovation from the crowd for his defiance, Such said: "I felt a bit embarrassed to raise my bat walking off but everyone was standing up and clapping so I felt I had to. I just concentrated on hanging in there as long as possible."

Ramprakash's unbeaten 69 was his best in a home Test and comfortably the top score of an innings in which the total took more than 100 overs to compile.

Only 29 came from the first 20 overs of the day. During this period Chris Harris, playing for the first time in the series, dismissed nightwatchman Dean Headley for a stubborn 18 and wicketkeeper Chris Read for a duck in the space of four balls.

Harris then ran out Andy Carrick for 12, before Such and Phil Tufnell, who took 30 minutes for one run, stayed put while Ramprakash added valuable runs.

New Zealand captain Fleming said: "We're happy with our work so far, though there's an awful lot of cricket to be played. It's particularly pleasing after having lost the toss. We were more positive, that was the key."

day of the third Test between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford on Friday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings (overnight 108-5)

M Butcher	c Fleming b Cairns	5
M Atherton	c Parore b Cairns	11
A Stewart	c Parore b Nash	23
G Thorpe	c Bell b Vettori	27
C Hick	lbw b Nash	12
M Ramprakash	not out	69
D Headley	c Fleming b Harris	18
C Read	b Harris	0
A Caddick	run out	0
P Such	c Bell b Vettori	0
P Tufnell	c Astle b Nash	1
Extras	(b-6, lb-10, w-5)	21
Total		199

Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-54; 3-60; 4-83; 5-104; 6-133; 7-133; 8-152; 9-183.

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Cairns	34	12	72	2
Nash	31	15	46	3
Astle	11	5	34	0
Vettori	25	7	35	2
Harris	8	4	16	2

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings

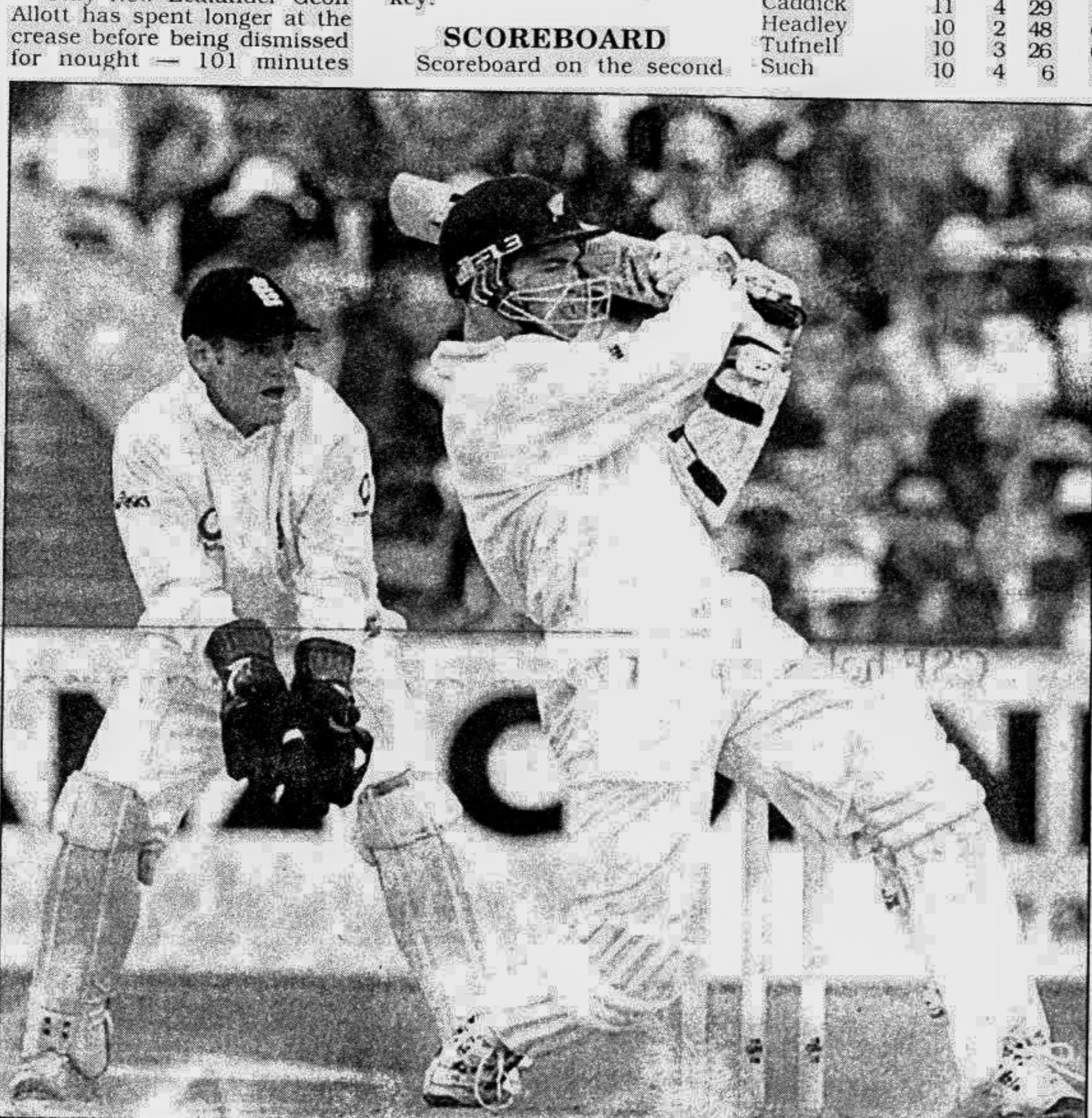
M Horne	b Caddick	39
M Bell	not out	31
S Fleming	lbw b Such	38
N Astle	not out	10
Extras	(lb-9, nb-1)	0
Total	(for two wickets)	128

Fall of wickets: 1-46; 2-110

To bat: R Twose, C McMillan, A Parore, C Cairns, D Nash, C Harris, D Vettori

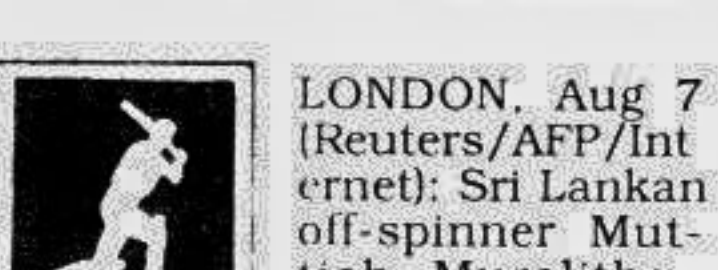
**Bowler** (to date)

	O	M	R	W
Caddick	11	4	29	1
Headley	10	2	48	0
Tufnell	10	3	26	0
Such	10	4	6	1



New Zealand opener Matthew Bell is in full flow on way to scoring his maiden half century on the third day of the third Test against England at Old Trafford yesterday. He made 83. — AFP photo

## Murali leaves his mark



LONDON, Aug 7 (Reuters/AFP/Internet): Sri Lankan off-spinner Murali Tharanga signed off for Lancashire with a seven for 39 haul against Derbyshire on Friday.

His effort took Lancashire to a 192-run win at Derby and lifted them into the top half of the English County Championship.

Muralitharan had taken seven wickets in an innings - his match haul was 11 for 61 - four times previously and it boosted his tally of victims to 66 in six games.

Lancashire must now do without him for the rest of the season because he goes back home next week to prepare for a one-day series but he returns to Old Trafford next summer after recently signing a new two-year contract.

Since he made his delayed bow in county cricket, he has taken 66 Championship wickets and team captain John Crawley said: "It's simply amazing. I don't think there's been anyone as prolific in recent years."

"He's done a terrific job for us, he's just outstanding really. Overseas players generally are a bit keen to look after their bodies for their countries when they go home but 'muri' has been unbelievable."

"He's happy to bowl all innings from one end and there have been times in the last few games when you couldn't get the ball off him."

"He's fitted in really well and although his availability may be a bit sporadic when he's here it's obvious he's going to win games for us."

Derbyshire medium pacer Paul Aldred had an even better return - six for 83 and seven for 101 - but his team fell for 135 in the chase for 328 to win.

Leicestershire's pursuit of leaders Surrey was frustrated by bad weather at Leicester.

Surrey had beaten Glamorgan inside two days to take a 54-point advantage before second-

placed Leicestershire even began their match against Warwickshire.

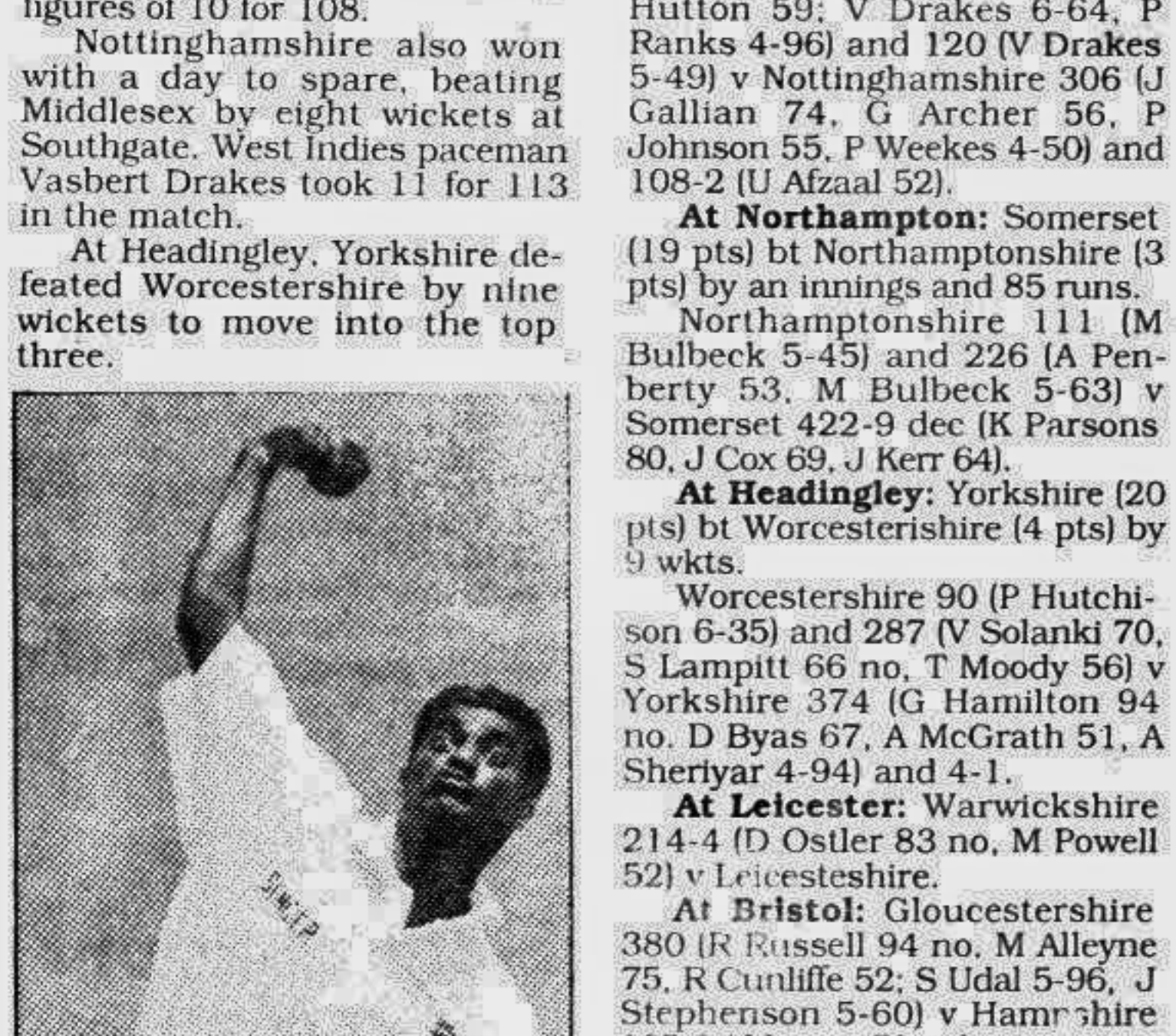
Leicestershire captured three for 69, only to be held up by Dominic Ostler with an unbeaten 83 and had light as Warwickshire reached 214 for four.

Northamptonshire lost for the fourth time in five matches, crumpling against Somerset at Northampton by an innings and 85 runs.

Matthew Bulbeck had match figures of 10 for 108.

Nottinghamshire also won with a day to spare, beating Middlesex by eight wickets at Southgate. West Indies paceman Vashbert Drakes took 11 for 113 in the match.

At Headingley, Yorkshire defeated Worcestershire by nine wickets to move into the top three.



(M Muralitharan 7-39).

**At Riverside:** Sussex 231 (P Cotley 53; N Killean 4-46) and 192 (U Rashid 55; S Brown 6-64) v Durham 141 (J Lewry 4-36) and 153-4.

**At Canterbury:** Kent 541 (A Symonds 132; M Ealham 80; R Key 77; v Essex 350 (R Irani 127 no. M Ealham 4-51) and 38-3.

**At Southgate:** Nottinghamshire (19 pts) bt Middlesex (6 pts) by 8 wks.

Middlesex 291 (D Nash 92, B Hutton 59; V Drakes 6-64, P Ranks 4-96) and 120 (V Drakes 5-49) v Nottinghamshire 306 (J Gallian 74, G Archer 56, P Johnson 55; P Weekes 4-50) and 108-2 (U Afzal 52).

**At Northampton:** Somerset (19 pts) bt Northamptonshire (3 pts) by an innings and 85 runs.

Northamptonshire 111 (M Bulbeck 5-45) and 226 (A Penberthy 53, M Bulbeck 5-63) v Somerset 422-9 dec (K Parsons 80, J Cox 69, J Kerr 64).

**At Headingley:** Yorkshire (20 pts) bt Worcestershire (4 pts) by 9 wks.

Worcestershire 90 (P Hutchison 6-35) and 287 (V Solanki 70, S Lampitt 66 no, T Moody 56) v Yorkshire 374 (G Hamilton 94 no, D Byas 67, A McGrath 51, A Sheryar 4-94) and 4-1.

**At Leicester:** Warwickshire 214-4 (D Ostler 83 no, M Powell 52) v Leicestershire.

**At Bristol:** Gloucestershire 380 (R Russell 94 no, M Alleyne 75, R Cunliffe 52; S Udal 5-96, J Stephenson 5-60) v Hampshire 105-1 (J Lane 70 no).

### Larsen intends to retire

WELLINGTON, Aug 7: New Zealand one-day cricket specialist Gavin Larsen is to retire at the end of the season, the Dominion newspaper reported today, reports Reuters.

The 1999/2000 season will be his last season at all levels," the paper quoted Larsen as saying in his new book, "Grand Larseny."