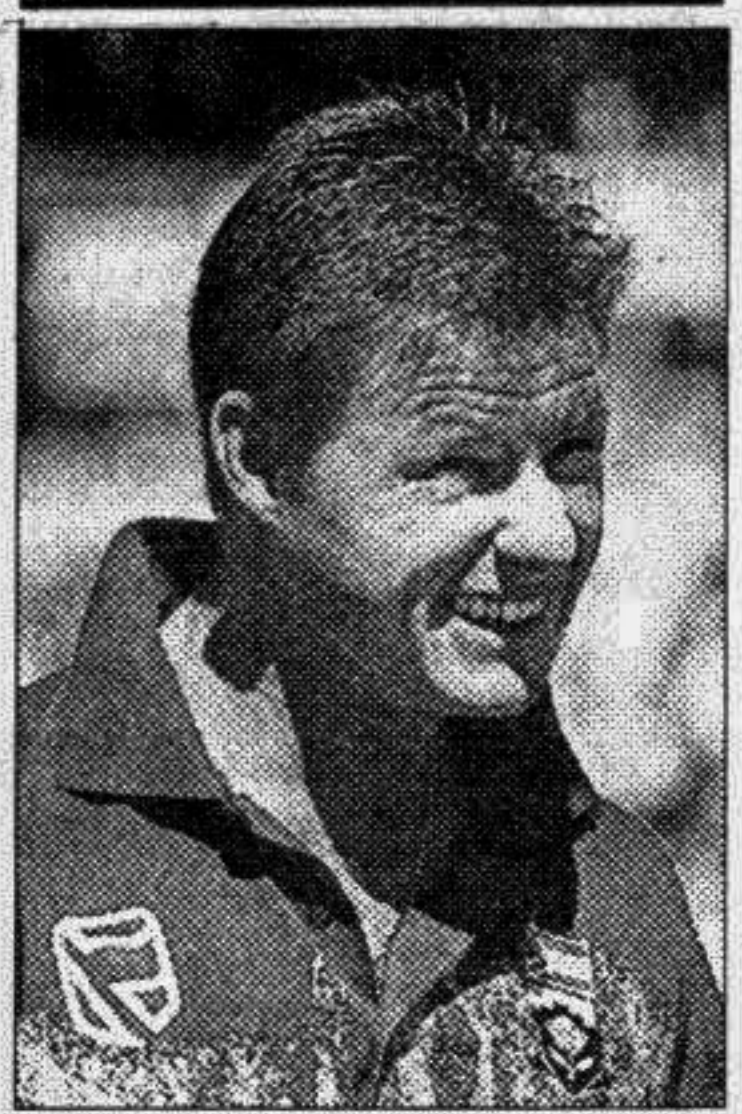


## Column One SPORTS TALK



**Lance Klusener**  
(South African all-rounder)  
"It was tough but I thought we had things under control. It was then a matter of getting on to the other end."  
What he was thinking during the last over of the historic semi-final against Australia at the World Cup.

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- Who is the Bangladesh cricket captain?  
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- Which stadium will host the final of 2002 World Cup?  
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## Rajshahi regional school-madarassah sports end

From Our Correspondent  
**RAJSHAHI, Sept 4:** Rajshahi became champions in football and handball men's while Rangpur clinched kabaddi and handball women's titles in the Rajshahi regional school-madarassah sports tournament.  
Durgapur Pilot High of Rajshahi defeated Bangla Hill Pilot High of Rangpur sub-region 3-0 in the final of football held at Rajshahi Govt Physical Education College playground on Thursday.  
Rajshahi Education Board Chairman Prof Khalilur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners.  
In handball final Loknath High of Rajshahi defeated Rangpur Uttam High 30-7.  
On the other hand, Panchagarh Qazi Shahabuddin Girls' High School & College defeated Rajshahi Multilateral Girls' High 12-2 in the final of women's handball.  
Bagmara Shripur High of Rajshahi defeated Keranihat High School & College of Rangpur 72-56 in kabaddi final.  
Deputy Director-in-charge of the Department of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Rajshahi Region, Hafiza Khatun distributed prizes among the winners.  
Earlier on Wednesday, the two-day long Rajshahi Regional school-madarassah sports competition was inaugurated by the Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi Khan Shahabuddin.

## Ctg inter-school & madarassah sports

From CU Correspondent  
**CHITTAGONG, Sept 4:** Rangamati Shah High School and Khagrachhari Pankhaya High School became champions and runners up respectively in the swimming event of the sub-regional inter school and madarassah sports competition yesterday.  
At the concluding day Shah High earned 41 points while Pankhaya High earned 39 points.  
Chairman of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Chittagong distributed prize among the winners.

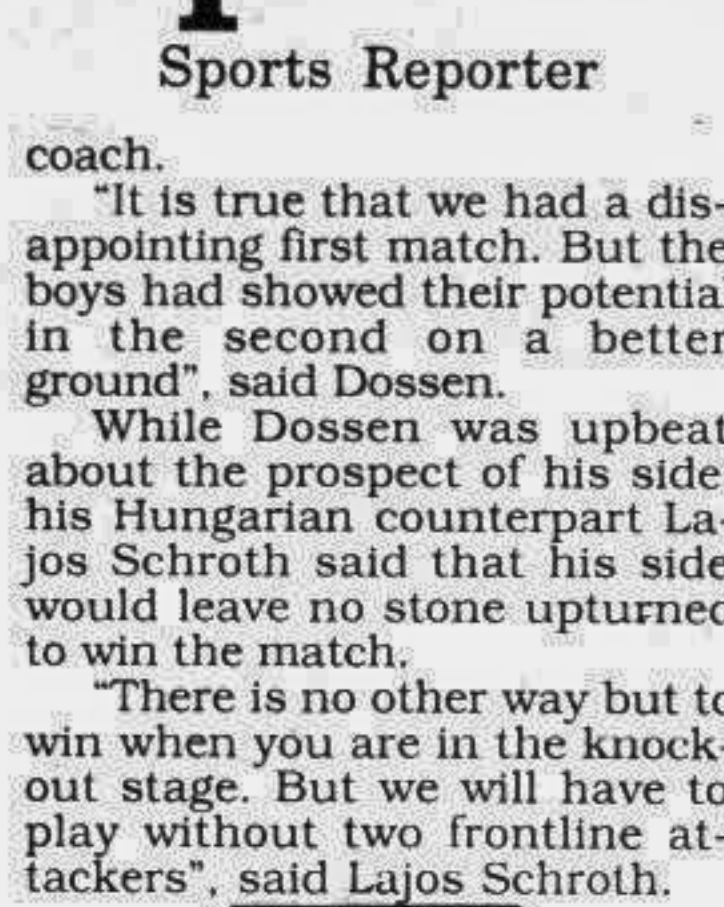
## Ghana-Hungary, Japan-Korea semi-finals today Guarded optimism galore

The Ghana Olympic team may fancy their chances against Kerulet FC of Hungary, but it will be a battle within a battle between archrivals Japan and South Korea in the 2 Bangabandhu Cup International Football Tournament take place at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Tipped as one of the pre-tournament favourites, the youthful Ghanaian side will take on Kerulet FC in the first semi-final, scheduled to kick off at 4pm.  
Japan will meet their bitter Asian rivals South Korea in the second semi-final at 6pm.  
The exit of hosts Bangladesh from the 12-team meet is likely to cause a low turnout today.

A much-improved Ghana, who stormed into the last four with a 4-0 thrashing of Uzbekistan, will be looking forward to lift their tarnished image in their second appearance at the big bowl. The Ghanaians had a disappointing first match at the Bangabandhu where they barely managed to edge past a spirited Nepal by the odd goal in three. They blamed the under-prepared ground for their dismal performance in the opening match. But with the rain slaying off and the ground now showing a lot of improvement, the Ghanaians believe that the clash with the second oldest Hungarian league side will be a cracker of a match.  
"This is a very young side. But we have a lot of talented players who are capable of going all the way to win the title," said the Ghana coach Dossan.

The Hungarians are a very good side. They are certainly an experienced professional team. But my boys are ready to take them on," said the confident coach.  
"It is true that we had a disappointing first match. But the boys had showed their potential in the second on a better ground," said Dossan.  
While Dossan was upbeat about the prospect of his side, his Hungarian counterpart Lajos Schroth said that his side would leave no stone unturned to win the match.  
"There is no other way but to win when you are in the knockout stage. But we will have to play without two frontline attackers," said Lajos Schroth.



Hungary will miss the services of Tamas Palfi and Norbert Kovacs, who got their second yellow card in their last group match against Bangladesh.  
"Besides we hardly got any rest before the match," said Lajos.  
The day however promises the bitterest contest when the two Asian giants lock their horns in the second match, which is expected to draw a huge band of supporters of both Japan and South Korea.  
The Japan FL selection may have had a somewhat mixed fortune in the tournament so far. They won the first match against Indonesia 5-0 before

scraping past the energetic Kuwait Olympic team 1-0 for a squeaky passage into the semi-final. But it has always been an altogether different game for Japan when it comes down to a clash with South Korea.  
"It will be a tough game but we are not thinking of anything but a win against them," said Japanese coach Mitsumanaza yesterday.  
"They are a good side, but we have some experienced players to win the match," said the Japanese coach.

The Korean under-18 side is perhaps the most enterprising team in the tournament. Although they are young, they have got a lethal striker in Lee Chun Soo, who scored six goals in the tournament.  
Lee scored four goals in his side's 7-2 drubbing of the Thai Olympic team. A mature head on a young shoulder, Lee also scored both the goals in Korea's 2-0 victory over Brazil's Rio de Janeiro.  
The Brazilian side was the biggest disappointment of the tournament.  
"Japan is a very strong side but my kids have played superb football in the tournament so far," said South Korean coach Ceung.  
"I think all the four semi-finalists are equal in terms of strength. But my attacking lineup looked to be in a devastating form in the tournament," said Ceung.  
The BFF yesterday announced that the man-of-the-match in the semi-finals would receive 500 US dollars.  
Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will provide live coverage of both the semi-finals from the big bowl.  
The grand final will be held on September 7.

## Australia 175 for 9

COLOMBO, Sept 4: Left-arm spinner Rangana Herath took four for 54 to reduce Australia to 175 for nine in reply to the Sri Lanka Board XI's 228 on the second day of their four-day match today, reports Reuters.  
He had Matthew Hayden caught for 24 and later broke a threatening partnership between captain Steve Waugh and Ricky Ponting after which Australia slumped from 140 for four.  
Australia, who play Sri Lanka in the first of three Tests next week, lost their last three wickets without scoring yesterday.  
Waugh made 42 and Ponting 35, but the rest failed to impress on a slow turning pitch.  
Opener Michael Slater was unable to bat because of a bad stomach.

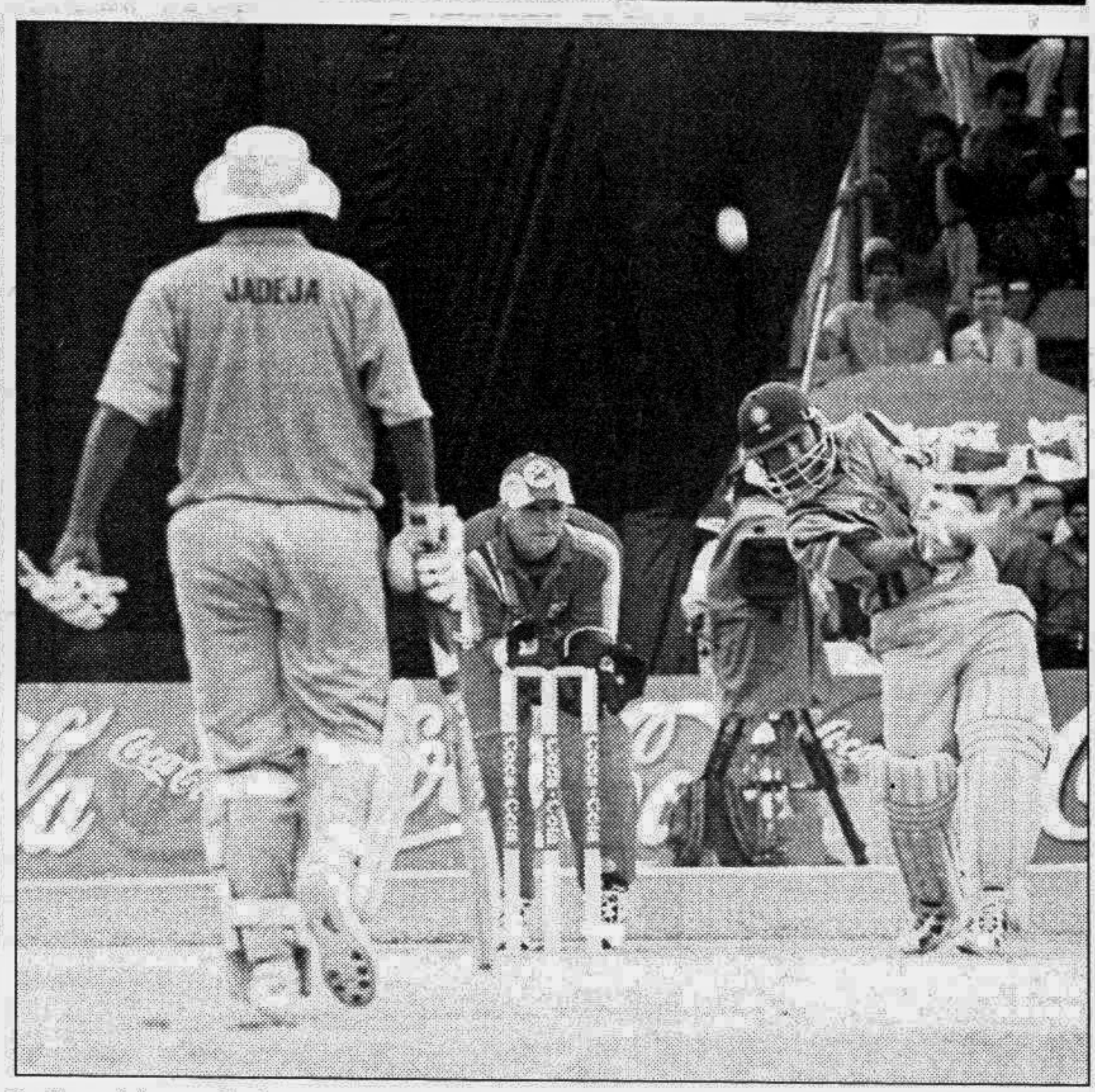
Australia's batting undid the bowling of Glen McGrath, who sliced through the Board XI middle-order to finish with four for 52.  
Spinners Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill took two wickets apiece.  
Opener Russel Arnold made 63 with 10 boundaries and Indika de Sarama 67.

## Go slow Fletcher

LONDON, Sept 4 (Internet report): England's Test team should be run by a committee of one, Duncan Fletcher insists, says former coach Micky Stewart.  
Surrey president Stewart believes the single-person policy should apply to the running of county sides too.  
New national coach Fletcher, although not taking over officially until October 1, selected the squads to tour South Africa with chairman of selectors David Graveney and captain Nasser Hussain.  
Stewart said: "In 1988 I wrote a book about cricket and the world that if we were going to be at the top end of world cricket, with the game changing so much, that the only way it should be run was by a small number of people who were accountable, and that started with the England side.  
"That should be down to one person. I've never believed in selection committees, everyone who's worked with me would know that - and I do hope like crazy that Duncan Fletcher is given that responsibility totally."  
"There should be 18 county people who would run and be responsible for each club. The time of committees has finished."  
Stewart has been celebrating Surrey's first Championship crown for 28 years. But there has been criticism of the competition, which has been fuelled by the ease with which the south London-based side has won.  
But Stewart said: "I don't think that anybody involved in cricket, that's the controlling body, the counties and every section of the media, must allow county cricket to finish.  
"It can certainly be in a completely different form because by and large there are 10 million people who follow England's fortunes. It mustn't be allowed to finish the way the game is run should have changed donkey's years ago.  
"As far as the players are concerned, the Championship is the competition they want to win and proves who is the best side day in and day out."

## India send Zimbabwe home

SINGAPORE, Sept 4: India beat Zimbabwe by 115 runs Saturday to clinch their place in the final against the West Indies in the Singapore International Challenge cricket tournament, reports AFP.  
Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell put India in to bat after early morning showers delayed the start of the game by more than four hours.  
The spin of the coin was all that went Zimbabwe's way on this overcast day.  
The Indians recovered from the early losses of Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid to score 245 for six in the stipulated 30 overs.  
Sachin Tendulkar led from the front and looked set to become the first batsman to get a century at the new Kallang ground when he holed out to Stuart Carlisle off Andy Whittall.  
But by then, the Indian captain had done the damage, having scored 85 off just 72 balls with the help of seven fours and three huge sixes.  
And Ajay Jadeja, who had a 143-run stand with his skipper for the third wicket, was not to be left behind.  
His 88 took a mere 61 balls and contained two fours and six towering sixes.  
Unfortunately for Jadeja and the team, he pulled a calf muscle while attempting a quick single and after trying to bat on with Ganguly as runner, finally decided to retire.  
The remaining batsmen perished in search of quick runs, before Sunil Joshi provided the ideal finish. He



Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar in marauding mood against Zimbabwe yesterday. Tendulkar made 85 off 75 balls to earn the man-of-the-match award. —AFP photo

## India send Zimbabwe home

clouted the last two balls of the innings from Craig Evans for sixes.  
Faced with a daunting target, the Zimbabwe chase never took off and they finished on 130 for eight in 29 overs. The Africans were deducted one over because of slow over rate.  
Debashish Mohanty and Venkatesh Prasad reduced them to 15 for three by the fourth over as Grant Flower, Neil Johnson and pinch-hitter Craig Wishart were back in the pavilion.  
Skipper Campbell and his deputy Andy Flower once again tried to restore some order. They put on 47 runs for the fifth wicket but by then the task was well beyond their reach.  
After that it was just a matter of the Indian bowlers getting among the wickets. Anil Kumble and Sunil Joshi picked up two wickets each, while Mohanty finished with three for 28, bowling his quota of six overs on the trot.  
Tendulkar and Jadeja shared the spoils for the day. The skipper was declared the man-of-the-match, and Jadeja received the award for the fastest half-century of the match.  
India play the West Indies on Sunday, a preview for Tuesday's final.

ZIMBABWE			
Bowler	O	M	R
Johnson	6	0	40
Mbanga	6	0	53
Blignaut	6	0	34
A Whittall	6	0	42
Evans	5	0	50
G Flower	1	0	20
Extras: (lb-6, nb-2, w-13) 21			
Total: (For six wickets in 30 overs) 245			
Fall of wickets: 1-38; 2-60; 3-204; 4-216; 5-222; 6-233.			
INDIA			
Bowler	O	M	R
Mohanty	6	0	28
Chopra	6	0	27
Kumble	6	0	30
Joshi	5	1	16
Singh	1	0	8
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-2, nb-1) 7			
Total: (For eight wickets in 29 overs) 130			
Did not bat: M Mbanga.			
Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-15; 3-15; 4-19; 5-66; 6-87; 7-92; 8-93.			
SCOREBOARD			
Scoreboard of the one-day match between India and Zimbabwe reduced by rain to 30 overs per side in the Singapore International Challenge cricket tournament on Saturday.			
INDIA	245	6	
Zimbabwe	130	8	
Man-of-the-match: Sachin Tendulkar.			
TODAY'S MATCH			
India vs West Indies.			

## Cricket the victim

Hasan Masood  
Is the present Government humble in considering providing cricket a permanent venue? No one thinks so.

Although the national cricket team has brought more success from the international arena than any other national team, football and hockey in particular, the most loved sports at present in Bangladesh does not have even a practice ground in the capital where they can train round the year.  
Now who should be blamed for this?  
Hockey has a permanent stadium with some sophisticated modern facilities. But, with due respect, they seldom take part in any international meet.  
On the other hand, football has one-and-a-half stadiums for them; one at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur and the other half, rather better half, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.  
With no malice to football intended, the game has a poor past a la hockey. The national football team is yet to prove as the best among the six South Asian nations.  
On the contrary, the national cricket team has beaten former World Champions Pakistan and Scotland at home in the recently concluded World Cup in England. That success was a trifier feather than their 1997 ICC triumph in Malaysia. The cricketers have also won the ACC trophy in 1996 and 1998.  
The youth cricket team has also earned their plate in the 1998 World Youth Cup in South

Africa defeating the mighty West Indies. They also clinched the Asian Youth Cup twice.  
To the general disgust, cricket has only half of Bangabandhu Stadium - from September 8 (the day after the Bangabandhu Cup football final) to April 25.  
The West Indies are visiting Bangladesh from October 1 and will play their first match, a three-day affair, from October 4. It will almost be a mission impossible for the groundsman to prepare the Bangabandhu pitch within barely four weeks. It is for the experts to tell the government that an international pitch requires a minimum of six months' attention.  
Bangladesh has the characteristic tradition of holding back successful men. And the present Sports Ministry is no exception.  
The magnificent pitches and outfield at the Bangabandhu Stadium, which cost ten million Taka to prepare, has been destroyed. Some say, 'slaughtered'. But there is no one to ask why. No one to answer why.  
Word is going around at the Bangabandhu Stadium that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Sports is also reportedly not very cordial towards cricket, perhaps for the political ambition of vested quarters.  
A few months back, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) general secretary Syed Ashraful Haq said that they were ready to take over the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. He said that it would take some

minor adjustments to make it ready for cricket. But they were ready to do that to avoid the long-standing tug-of-war for the Bangabandhu Stadium.  
Recently, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader said that the government was ready to give cricket the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium but cricket won't accept that. When this correspondent informed him that the BCB really meant to get the Mirpur Stadium, the State Minister was quick to change his mind, saying 'the athletic track at Mirpur was the main problem'.  
When reminded that the track could very well be lifted and reinstalled around the football ground at the Bangabandhu Stadium, the State Minister opined that the Athletics Federation would be in a problem in coordinating their programme.  
It looks like the State Minister is very concerned about the athletics federation which has brought nothing other than some scandals in the past, including one involving a woman athlete.  
There is another story behind the whole issue, the government wants to stage all the international cricket tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium alongside football. That is also an important point why Mirpur cannot be a permanent venue for cricket because if the athletics track is placed at the Bangabandhu, cricket will not be possible there.  
How peculiar a country this is, Selukais!

## New body of Moulvibazar & Baralekha TSAs

From Our Correspondent  
**MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 4:** Election of Moulvibazar and Baralekha Thana Sports Associations were held recently.  
The newly elected Moulvibazar TSA President: Manabendra Bhaumik; vice presidents: Rakib Ul Alam, and Md Nurul Islam; general secretary: Kamal Hussain; joint secretary: Aminul Islam; treasurer: Kamal Ahmed; members: Golam Mostafa, Musharraf Hussain, Badshah, Abidur Rahman, Nurun Nahar Begum, Molaya Hom Chowdhury, Fazlul Hoque, Abdur Rouf and H M Mostaque.  
Baralekha TSA: President: Farhad Hussain; general secretary: Badaruddin Ahmed.

## 4-nation hockey India beat Kenya

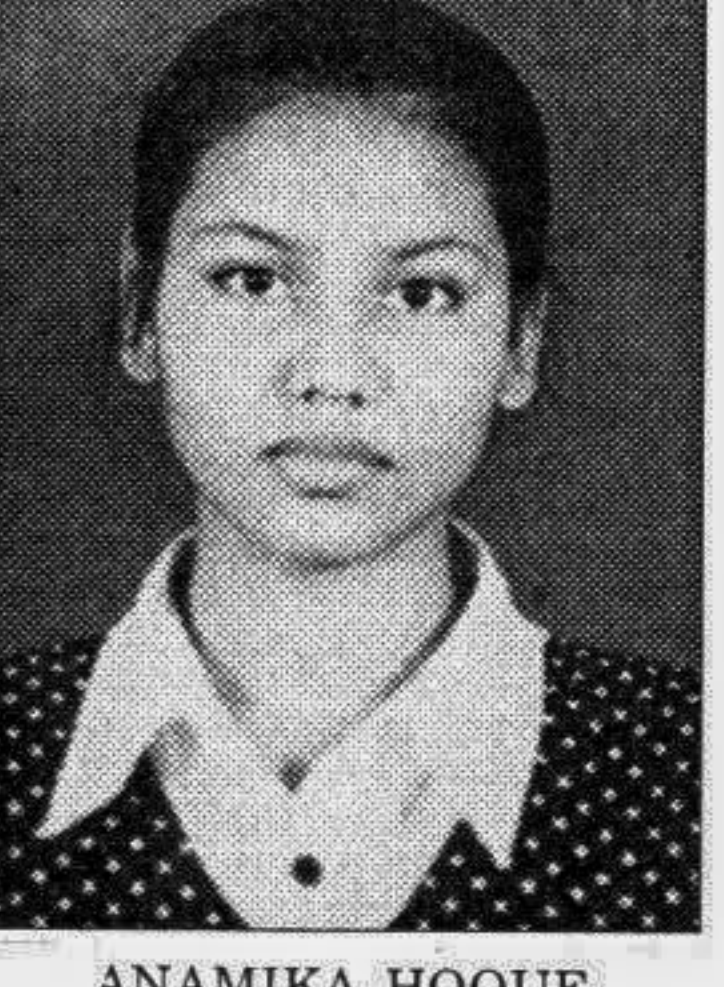
NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Y S Rawat struck a fine second half goal to help India beat Kenya 2-1 to register their first win in the four nation hockey tournament at Nairobi, Kenya, reports PTI.  
The Indians, who rallied superbly to hold the Egyptian national team 3-3 in their first match at the same city park stadium in the Kenyan capital, shot into lead as early as the second minute through Senthil, who made a superb solo run on the right flank and banged the ball home.  
The hosts restored parity 18 minutes later via penalty corner conversion by William Okech, according to information received from the Indian hockey federation here yesterday.

## Foul play in the Judo and Karate Federation

## Please help Anamika

Sports Reporter  
Shamima falls in the under-48kg female category but the BJKF has placed her in the under-52kg category at the expense of champion Anamika.

Anamika was suddenly given a three-day leave from the camp by her coach KM Rahim Bapli on August 27. When she was getting herself ready to re-join the camp on August 30, BJKF joint secretary Khaled Mansoor telephoned Anamika's mother Alya Hoque and requested her to meet him in private.  
When Mrs. Hoque reached the BJKF office at Moulana Bhasani Stadium on August 30 evening, she was told by Mansoor that her daughter's name had been scratched from the SAF squad by the selection committee.  
The news came as a shock for Anamika, who was looking forward to doing well at the regional Games after putting herself through a gruelling six-month training schedule.  
Since then, Anamika is moving door to door for the last four days but no one has paid any attention to her plea.  
"I want to go to the SAF Games. I have endured a lot of pain and sacrificed my own studies. I have won gold in all the national championships in the last six years. How can the BJKF eliminate me and include someone whom I have never seen winning a gold?" said Anamika while talking to The Daily Star at the Bangladesh Olympic Association office yesterday.  
"They (the BJKF officials) have not only deprived me from what I deserve but are also trying to ruin my career. Please help me, someone," she cried.  
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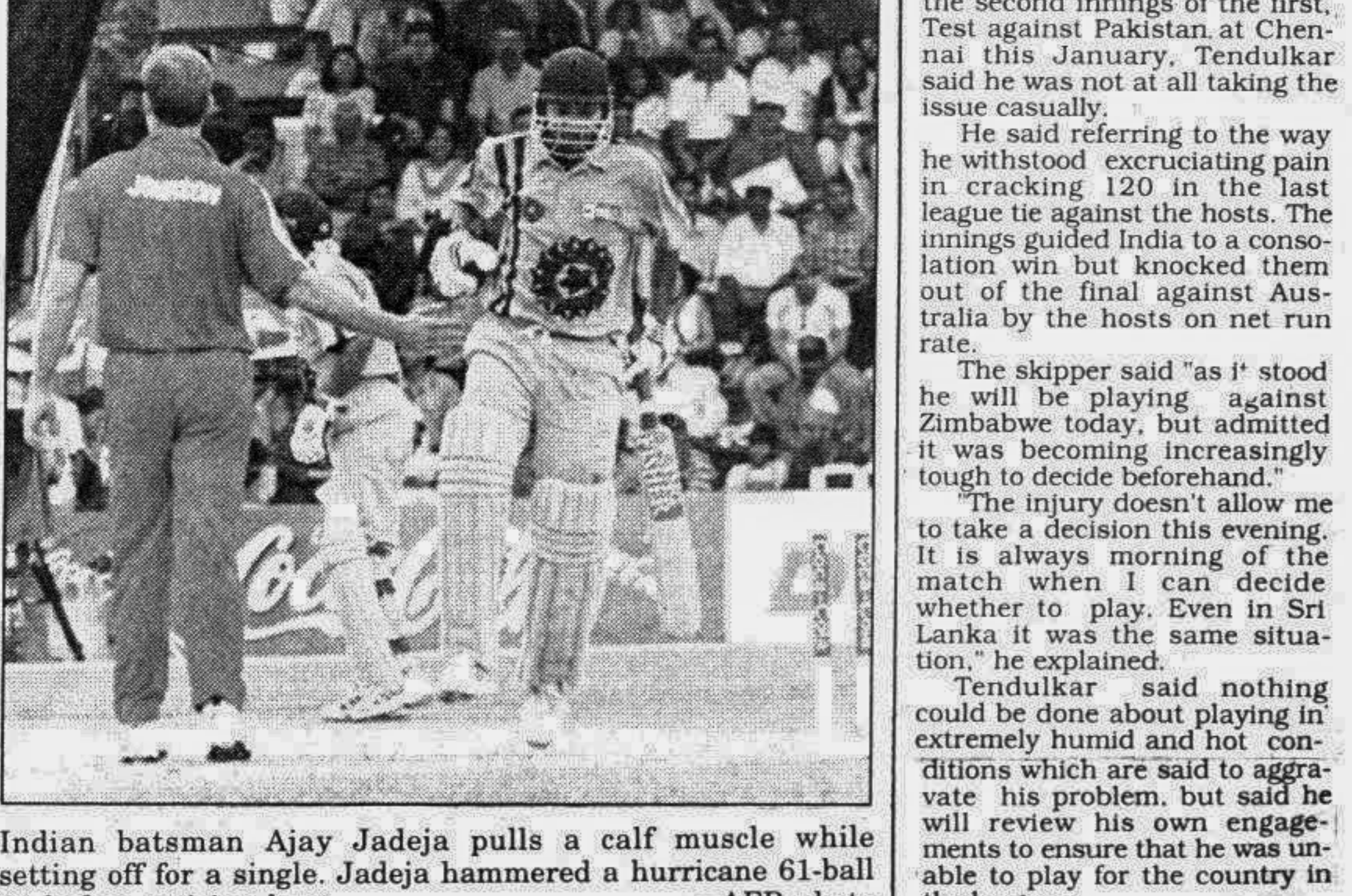
ANAMIKA HOQUE

## Tendulkar has second thoughts

SINGAPORE, Sept 4: In an apparent change of mind, Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar yesterday indicated he may not travel to Toronto for the three-match one-day cricket series against the West Indies saying he will consider his priorities keeping in mind his long-term playing career, reports PTI.  
"I am not certain about travelling to Toronto. I have to think of the future as well. I am not trying to degrade these tournaments, but it is important I play for a long period," Tendulkar told reporters about his persisting back trouble.

Tendulkar had said on Thursday he would not like to skip the Toronto trip and that he never spoke to cricket board chief Raj Singh Dungarpur about his medical treatment in Australia.  
The skipper, who was in considerable pain during the just ended tri-nation series in Sri Lanka, said his present physical condition make it impossible to say in advance whether he will be playing in the next match and that such a situation cannot be allowed to continue.  
"There is no hanky-panky. I have to be clear whether I will play or not, the world's best batsman who has been weighed

down by severe back stiffness since it flared up once again during the short-duration camp in Chennai prior to the Lankan trip," said.  
About his plans for treatment and whether he was going 'down under' to meet a specialist, Dr Greg Hoy, suggested by Aussie leg-spin wizard Shane Warne - the doctor treated him for the shoulder trouble last year - Tendulkar replied "I guess we'll come to know soon, adding it should be clear by the end of this tournament which concludes on September 7."  
Asked to comment whether it would be advisable to continue with the back problem which initially surfaced during his marathon knock of 136 in the second innings of the first Test against Pakistan at Chennai this January, Tendulkar said he was not at all taking the issue casually.  
He said referring to the way he withstood excruciating pain in cracking 120 in the last league tie against the hosts. The innings guided India to a consolation win but knocked them out of the final against Australia by the hosts on net run rate.  
The skipper said "as I stood he will be playing against Zimbabwe today, but admitted it was becoming increasingly tough to decide beforehand."  
"The injury doesn't allow me to take a decision this evening. It is always morning of the match when I can decide whether to play. Even in Sri Lanka it was the same situation," he explained.  
Tendulkar said nothing could be done about playing in extremely humid and hot conditions which are said to aggravate his problem, but said he will review his own engagements to ensure that he was unable to play for the country in the long run.



Indian batsman Ajay Jadeja pulls a calf muscle while setting off for a single. Jadeja hammered a hurricane 61-ball 88 before retiring hurt. —AFP photo