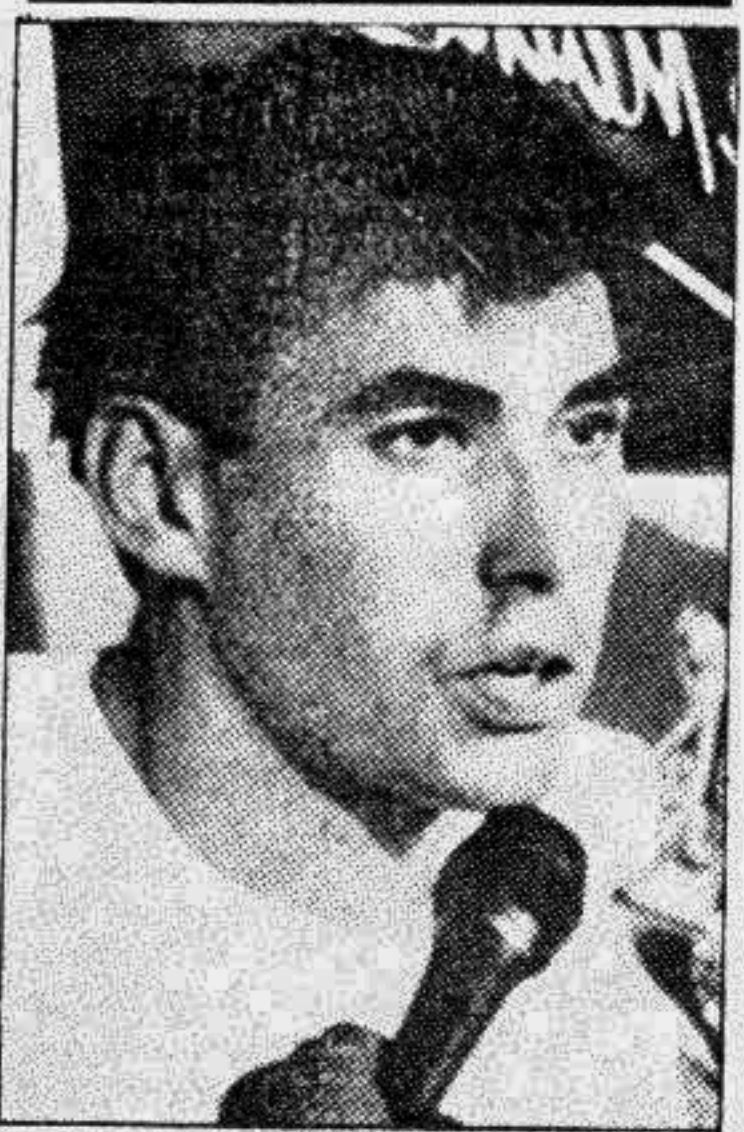


## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Stephen Fleming**  
(New Zealand cricket captain)  
"We are happy and go home now to a well earned rest."  
While heading for home from England after winning the Test series.

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## Gloucs served a blow

LONDON, Sept 5 (Internet report): Dominic Ooster struck a priceless 76 on Saturday to lift Warwickshire into the top nine of the PPP County Championship table and condemn double cup winners Gloucestershire to the Second Division of next year's four-day competition.

The Benson and Hedges Super Cup and NatWest Trophy winners' agonising one-wicket defeat at Edgbaston means they become the first county who can no longer mathematically qualify for the top tier of the new format.

But Warwickshire's win lifts them a point above the cut-off level with two matches to go, while Somerset also climbed into the top nine - eight points above 10th-placed Sussex - with a 219-run victory over Glamorgan.

## BRIEFScores

English County Championship score summaries after the completion of the latest round of matches on Saturday:  
**At Taunton:** Somerset (17pts) beat Glamorgan (4pts) by 219 runs  
Somerset 203 (G Rose 50, S Thomas 4-40, O Parkin 4-38) and 280 (M Trescott 167) v Glamorgan 113 (G Rose 4-14) and 151 (A R Caddick 6-47, G Rose 4-56)  
**At Edgbaston:** Warwickshire (16pts) beat Gloucestershire (4pts) by 1 wkt  
Gloucestershire 132 (J Snape 57, A Richardson 8-51) and 206 v Warwickshire 167 (A Smith 5-41) and 174-9 (D Ostler 76)  
**At Northampton:** Northamptonshire (18pts) beat Hampshire (7pts) by 4 wks  
Hampshire 357 (W Kendall 98, R Smith 94, G White 55) and 167 (D Kenway 52, M Davies 6-49, G Swann 4-46) v Northamptonshire 342 (R Warren 110, R Bailey 4-59) and 183-6 (A Swann 57, S Udal 4-80)  
**At Scarborough:** Yorkshire (20pts) beat Kent (6pts) by 5 wks  
Kent 302 (M Ealham 59, M McCague 53, C Silverwood 5-67) and 226 (E Smith 55, C Silverwood 4-57) v Yorkshire 389 (M Vaughan 153, R Harden 64, C Silverwood 53 no. D Headley 4-105) and 141-5 (M Vaughan 50)



Ghanaian captain Shilla Al-Hassan (C) is challenged by Kerulet FC defender Cjaba during yesterday's Bangabandhu Cup semifinal at the National Stadium. — Star photo

## Hungary's goal not enough as the Africans dominate

## Kwame reaps in Ghana's toil

Title-aspirants Ghana Olympic team paved their way into the Bangabandhu Cup final with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Kerulet Football Club of Hungary in the first semi-final played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon.

In an almost one-sided affair, the Ghanaians dominated the entire match with their attacking game and kept the Hungarians cornered in their own half. They created more than a dozen scoring chances during the whole game and should have won by a bigger margin.

The Ghana finishing was diabolical. They missed open nets, they shot wide from close range, they fumbled in front of the lone Hungarian custodian and what not. Skipper and forward Shilla Al-Hassan was particularly guilty for spoiling not less than six good opportunities.

"They will not win the Cup if they play in this way," said Ghana's head coach Guisepp Dessena after the match.

"Even a children's team could beat them the way they played today and I'm totally disappointed with their show," said the angry Italian.

Credit is also due to the Hungarian custodian, who gave his everything to save at least half a dozen attempts with his wonderful reflex action.

The match was locked 1-1 in the first half.

Buoyed by their 4-0 win over Uzbekistan in their last group match on Thursday, the impressive Ghanaians attacked their European opponents through both wings.

They could have easily gone ahead in the 27th minute when an unguarded Shilla headed home a right-side corner. But his attempt was brilliantly denied by Kerulet FC defender Robert from the goal line.

Two minutes later, Shilla headed over the crosspiece with none nearby to check him.



In the next minute, Shilla once again proved his lack of footballing sense when he failed to place the ball in the net.

After surviving those close calls, Kerulet FC took a sudden lead against the wind through a counter attack. Forward Iles lofled the ball over the head of advancing Ghana custodian Yaw Berko to the net after receiving a long through from defender Zoltan in the 32nd minute.

Undaunted by the mishap, Ghana maintained their offensive and finally came out with the equaliser in the 40th minute when striker Kwame Osie found the net with a brilliant headwork from a right-side Joe Sam cross.

The situation remained unchanged after the breather with Ghana maintaining their domination over the Hungarians and missing one after another good chance.

However, it was the Joe-Kwame combination, which once again came to their side's rescue with the much-expected match-winner in the 76th minute through a right-side move.

Joe, after a brilliant run through the right flank, sent a neat pass to an unguarded Kwame, who took no time to coolly side-foot the ball for his second goal of the match.

For his match-winning performance, Kwame was later adjudged the man-of-the-match and was awarded with 500 USD.

Ghana will now meet Japan in tomorrow's final.

**Yellow cards:** Cjaba and Lajzlo (Kerulet FC)

## TEAMS

**Ghana Olympic team:** Boateng Osie, Kofi Amoako, Shilla Al-Hassan (Ali Kwame), Baqa Amandor(Nana), Joe Sam, Alex, Johnson, Felix, Abdul Razak (Godwin) and Kwame Osie.

**Kerulet FC:** Josef Liptak, Gyula, Cjaba, Andras, Zoltan, Lajzlo (Lajluj), Tibor, Robert (Slajules), Attila, Sagi and Iles. Referee: Fadel Ahmed (Kuwait).

## Aussies get tough target

COLOMBO, Sept 5 (AFP): Australia were 39 for no loss at the end of play Sunday on the third day of their four-day game chasing a difficult 321-run target to win against Sri Lanka on Board President XI.

Australia needed a further 282 runs off 105 overs on the final day Monday to win ahead of their three-Test series against Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka's left-handed opener Russel Arnold pressed his claim for a Test recall with twin fifties for the Board XI in their 4-day game against the touring Australians at the Saranawattu Stadium Sunday.

Arnold followed his first innings knock of 79 with an equally elegant innings of 63 to effectively cement his place for Thursday's first Test at Kandy, ahead of another left-hander, Hasan Tillekeratne.

The Board XI, having dismissed Australia for 179 and taken a 49-run first innings lead, were all out for 271 in their second innings, leaving Australia with a winning target of 321 off 123 overs.

Arnold played the last of his three Tests for Sri Lanka two years ago in the Caribbean when Marvan Atapattu was injured and had since been in cold storage until recently.

He was recalled for the Sri Lanka 'A' tour to England as vice-captain and subsequently, to play in the Awa Cup tri-nations tournament where he distinguished himself with two good knocks of 41 and 47 against Australia.

Arnold stroked 12 fours in his 167-minute innings before edging a catch to Warner and Colin Miller at 130. With Pradeep Hewage, who scored 29 before becoming the first of off-spinner Miller's six victims, Arnold put on an opening partnership of 97 in 30 overs.

Tillekeratne was deceived by Miller, edging a straight forward catch to Warner at slip.

Miller went on to add the wickets of Nimesh Perera, and later Indika Gallage and Mario Villavayayan off successive deliveries to bring a swift end to

Bowler	O	M	R	W
MacGill b Herath	0	1	0	1
McGrath lbw b Perera	1	0	0	1
Slater not out	3	0	0	0
Extras: (lb-2, nb-12)	14			
Total: (all out in 57.5 overs) 179				
Fall of wickets: 1-46; 2-55; 3-55; 4-131; 5-140; 6-140; 7-175; 8-175; 9-175; 10-179.				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gallage	8	0	19	0
Villavayayan	8	0	39	1
Herath	23	5	57	4
Perera	13.5	3	50	3
Arnold	5	1	12	0

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	16	4	41	1
Miller	25	8	57	6
Blewett	7	2	22	0
MacGill	13	3	54	0
Ponting	3	0	9	0
Warne	16.1	5	74	3

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after the third day's play in the four-day match between Australia and Sri Lanka on Board President's Eleven on Sunday:  
**BOARD XI:** First innings 228 (overnight 175 for 9)  
Blewett run out 23  
Hayden c Dilshan b Herath 24  
Langer c Tillekeratne b Villavayayan 4  
S Waugh lbw b Perera 42  
Ponting b Herath 35  
Healy c Dilshan b Herath 0  
Warne run out 18  
Miller c Hewage b Perera 15

## Aminul retained as captain

Sports Reporter  
Aminul Islam has been retained as the captain of the national team which will take on the visiting West Indies and the England A team in October and November.

This was decided by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) in its meeting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night. It also retain all-rounder Khaled Mahmud as Aminul's deputy.

Iftokhar Hossain Shamim, a BCB member, has been appointed as manager of the team.

The West Indies team will arrive in the capital on a ten-day tour on October 1. The Caribbeans will play a three-day match and two one-day internationals against Bangladesh.

The second string England side meanwhile will arrive on October 20. They are scheduled to feature in four 4-day matches, 3 three-dayers and one day-night limited-overs match.

Besides, the meeting also approved the appointment of South African Gavin Beffel as the new physio for the national team. Gavin is due to arrive in the city on Wednesday.

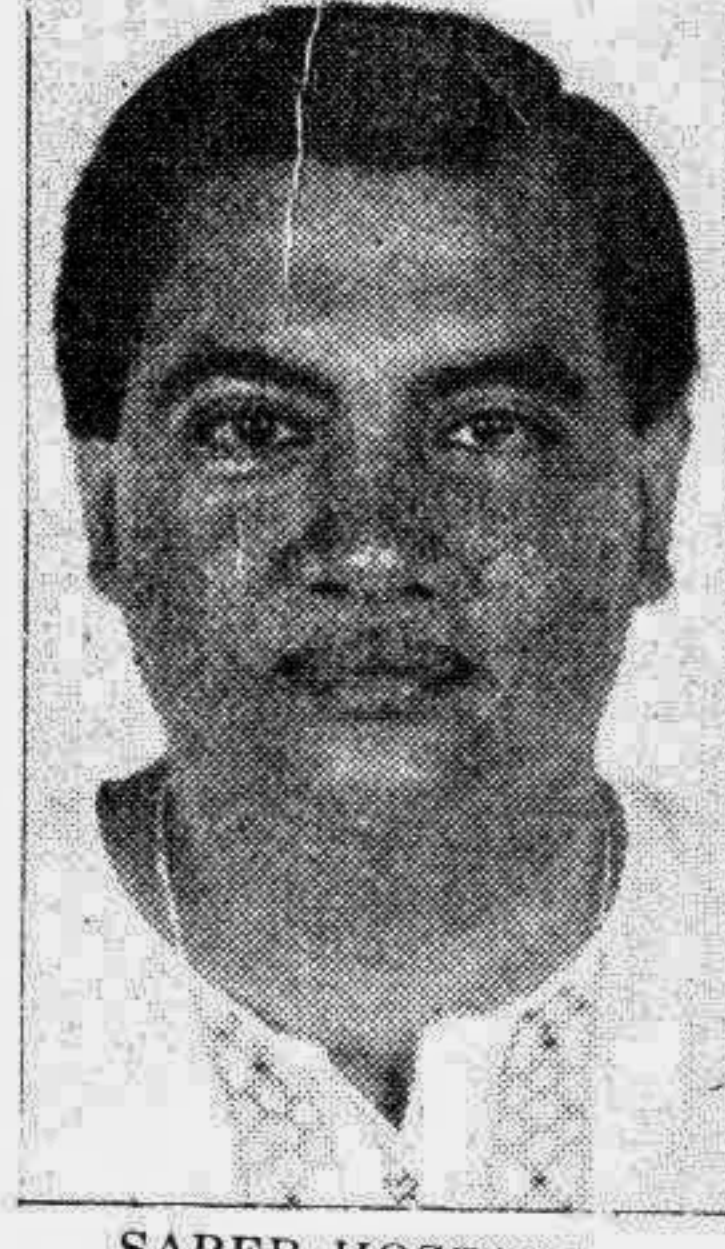
## Saber yields to BU plea

Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury has ultimately altered his position to allow three players - Hasibul Hossain, Habibul Bashar and Naimur Rahman -- from the ongoing conditioning camp at the BKSP to accompany the Brothers Union team to the All-India Karamandal King Moin-ud-Dowlah Gold Cup. The 16-team tournament will be held at the South Indian city of Hyderabad from the 10th of this month.

The Gopabagh club is scheduled to leave the capital by air this morning for Calcutta from where they would proceed to Hyderabad by train.

Earlier last week Saber permitted only seven players from the camp-Khaled Mahmud, Shahriar Hossain, Sanwar Hossain, Jahangir Alam, Ehsanul Haque and Imran Rahman, all players of Brothers Union, and wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud of Surjo Tarun to be in the team.

The BCB boss had turned down a Brothers Union plea to spare Naimur and Hasibul of



SABER HOSSAIN

Abahani and Habibul of Biman from the camp.  
Last Friday the BCB boss, also the local MP, went on a visit of the Gopabagh area along with the Home Minister. He was compelled to change his mind in the face of popular demand from the local people.

Besides, Brothers have also included in their 13-man squad all-rounder Mohammad Rafique, who retired from the national team last week.

Placed in group B for the first round, Brothers Union will take on IOB in their opening match on September 10. BU will meet powerful side MRF in their next match on the following day before meeting IAC in their last group match on September 13.

The Brothers Union team: Khaled Mahmud (captain), Shahriar Hossain, Ehsanul Haque, Jahangir Alam, Sanwar Hossain, Shahuddin Ahmed, Khaled Mashud, Hasibul Hossain, Naimur Rahman, Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Rafique, Imran Rahim and Pappu.

Officials: Syed Mansur Ali (Team Leader), Faizur Rahman (Manager) and Osman Khan (Coach).

## BFF face monetary hiatus from Cup

Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) did not expect a financial bonanza from the ongoing 2nd Bangabandhu Cup. They also did not predict such low turnout for the much hyped meet.

Although the bulk of the money for the multi-million Taka event has come from undisclosed sources, BFF's desire to earn a fair amount from gate receipt never reached the expectations.

It was learnt yesterday that the BFF has so far netted nearly Taka 18 lakh from gate receipt, out of which Taka 14,85,000 has come from daily sale.

The BFF earned Taka Six lakh the highest in the meet, from the home team's match against Kerulet FC of Hungary on September 3.

The opening day, however, set the pattern of a low turnout when tickets worth only Taka 65,000 were sold.

The idea of selling season tickets through a private bank also failed to draw enthusiasm among the otherwise football crazy fans.

Only two air-conditioned hospitality boxes, each costing Taka 50,000, and one non-AC box, worth Taka 30,000 were sold.

## Ganguly given captaincy

SINGAPORE, Sept 5 (AFP): Saurav Ganguly was named Sunday as captain of the Indian cricket team for the three-match series against the West Indies in Toronto from September 11.

The secretary of the Indian cricket board, J Y Lele, said Rahul Dravid will be the vice-captain.

Current skipper Sachin Tendulkar asked to be rested for the Toronto tournament as he wanted to have further medical tests on a back injury which has been troubling him for more than a year. Tendulkar had said couple of days back that he was undecided about whether to travel to Canada or get an immediate medical attention to his back.

"He said he would like to skip Toronto and get expert advice. He is yet to tell us where he would be going for this purpose," Lele told reporters.

Ajay Jadeja, the present vice-captain, tore his calf muscle while batting against Zimbabwe on Saturday. Jadeja returned hurt after scoring a smashing 88. His injury was diagnosed by a Singapore doctor and the batsman will be out of action for at least 10 days for recovery.

Cricket board officials however hoped that both Tendulkar and Jadeja might recover in time to be part of the side for the four-nation one-day tournament, starting in Nairobi from September 25.

Lele was speaking at the Kallang ground during India's match against the West Indies in the Singapore International Challenge cricket tournament.

Following this, three changes have been made to the 15-man Canada-bound squad.

Mumbai left-hander Vinod Kambli, axed for Toronto tour with leg-spinner Anil Kumble due to poor performances, has been called back into the side in place of Tendulkar while uncapped Jacob Martin of Baroda replaces Jadeja. Delhi seamer Amit Bhandari is the other inclusion in the squad.

Martin and Bhandari were part of the India A team due to play a five-match series against Australia A in Los Angeles from September 16. Their places in the India A team will go to Jai Prakash Yadav and Mithun Manhas.



SAURAV GANGULY

**TORONTO TEAM**  
Saurav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid (vice-captain), Sadagoppan Ramesh, Vinod Kambli, Amanpreet Khurasi, M. S. K. Prasad, Venkatesh Prasad, Laxmi Ratan Shukla, Robin Singh, Nikhil Chopra, Debashis Mohanty, Sunil Joshi, Hrishikesh Kanitkar, Jacob Martin and Amit Bhandari.

## Soccer camp in city

## Aminul for S'pore Ponir included

Sports Reporter  
The national football camp for the 8th SAF Games will begin in the city today with 25 booters. The footballers will report to coach Samir Shakir in the afternoon at the Bangladesh Football Federation from where they will be taken to a nearby hotel.

According to a BFF official, the team will be training in Dhaka instead of BKSP because of the accommodation problem prevailing at the BKSP.

Former national team goalkeeper Mohammad Ponir, has been included in the camp in place of injured custodian Aminul Islam.

Aminul, who broke two of his fingers during Bangladesh's first match of the Bangabandhu Cup against Malaysia, is scheduled to fly to Singapore today for treatment.

## Windies boost morale

SINGAPORE, Sept 5: The West Indies fired the first salvo as they defeated India by 42 runs in the Singapore International Challenge cricket tournament at the Kallang ground here Sunday, reports AFP.

Batting first, the West Indies put up 196 for seven in their 30 overs after overnight rain delayed start of play by nearly four hours. India replied with 154 for eight.

Both teams will meet again Tuesday in the final.

With little at stake, Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar chose to rest his sore back. With his deputy Ajay Jadeja also out with a calf injury, the onus of leading the side fell on Saurav Ganguly.

The Indians also rested frontline bowlers Venkatesh Prasad and Anil Kumble.

The limited resources were marshalled well by Ganguly, and Debashis Mohanty gave the Indians the perfect start. Ridley Jacobs tried to drive the very first ball of the game only to sky-a catch to Nikhil Chopra at mid-on.

There was no secret that both teams were using the game as practice for Tuesday's final. Brian Lara held himself back in the batting order and only strode to the crease at number seven.

At 85 for five in the 17th over, it looked as if the West Indies may not put up a big total for the Indians to chase. But Lara showed his class, playing

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mohanty	6	0	52	3
Shukla	5	0	25	1
Chopra	6	0	23	2
Joshi	6	0	29	0
Ramesh	3	0	23	1
Singh	3	0	28	0
Ganguly	1	0	12	0

some fine cuts to third man and also pulling short balls from Mohanty into the stands.

His knock 60 off 43 balls contained five sixes and two fours as he put on 61 runs with Ricardo Powell, who hit 46 off 44 balls with four fours and a six.

Without Tendulkar and Jadeja in the side, the Indian batting was sorely dependent on Ganguly and Dravid.

The pair had a 73-run stand for the second wicket but when Ganguly was smartly stumped by Jacobs when he stepped out of his crease facing Nixon McLean in the 15th over, it was always going to be an uphill task for the Indians.

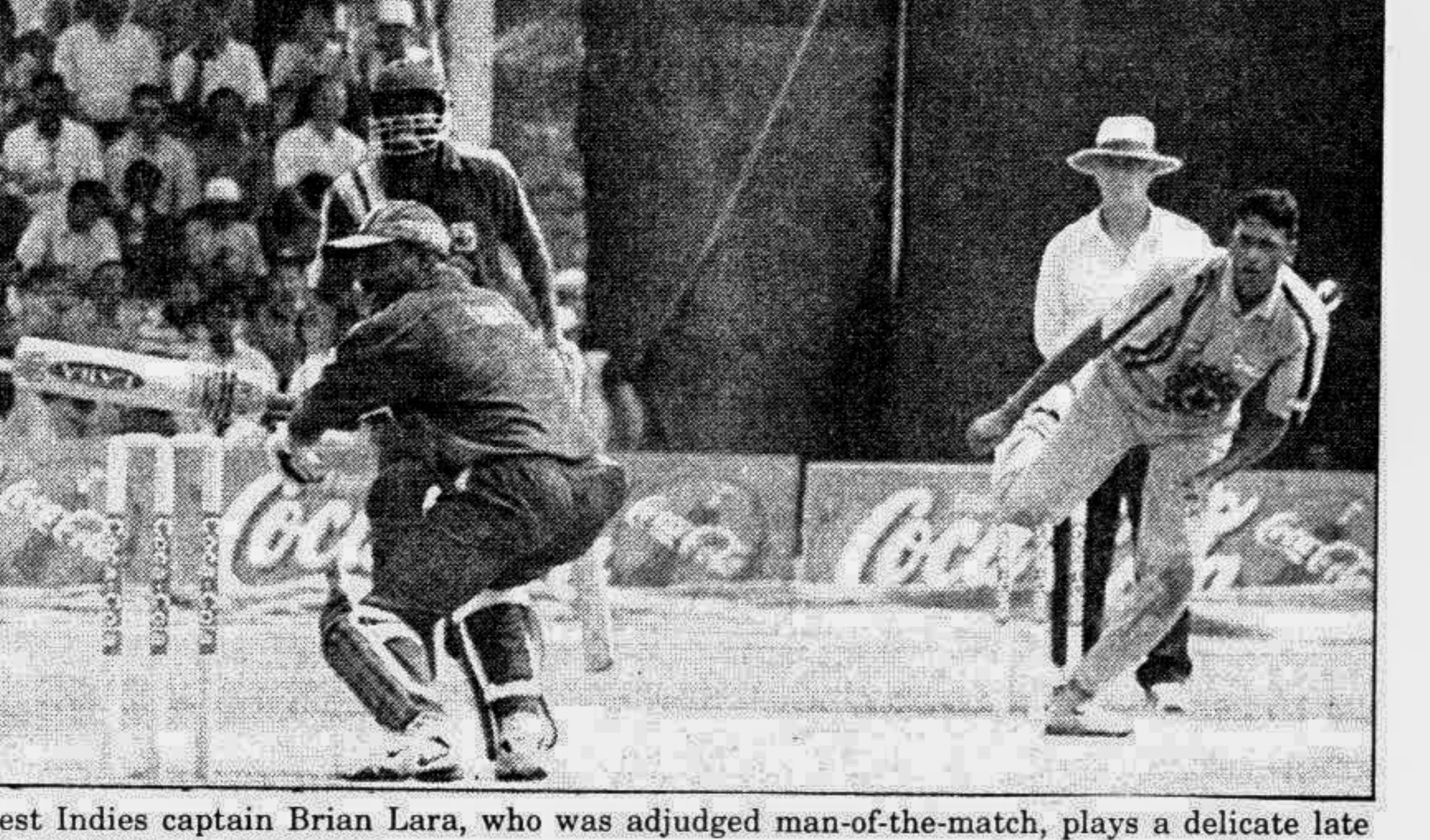
Dravid tried to clear the ropes but holed out to Hendy Bryan at long-off and the Indian chase was as good as off.

Vinod Kambli and Amanpreet Khurasi crumbled under pressure. Though Robin Singh fought till the end, the result was never in doubt.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day match between West Indies and India in the Singapore International Challenge cricket tournament on Sunday:

**WEST INDIES**  
Jacobs c Chopra b Mohanty 0  
Chanderpaul c Chopra b Mohanty 23  
Adams c Robin b Shukla 8  
McLean c Mohanty b Ramesh 23  
Hinds c Prasad b Chopra 1  
Powell st Prasad b Chopra 46  
Lara c Khurasi b Mohanty 60  
Perry not out 14



West Indies captain Brian Lara, who was adjudged man-of-the-match, plays a delicate late cut yesterday in Singapore. — AFP photo