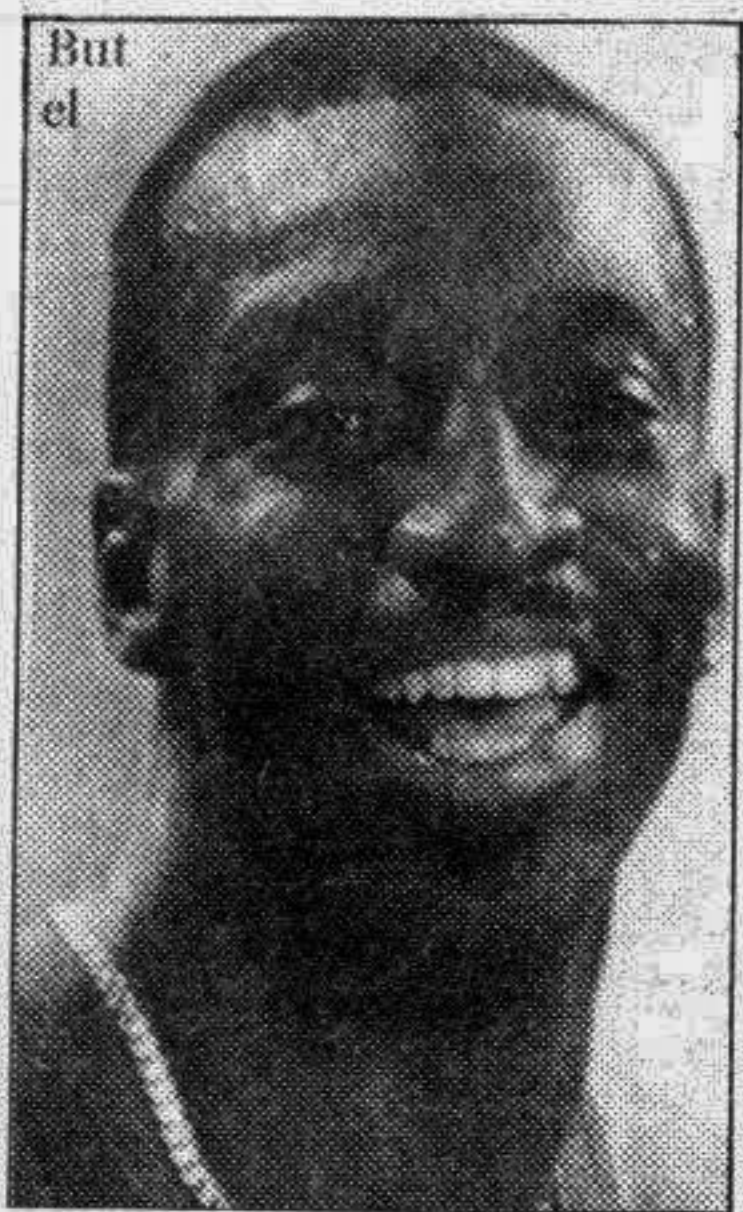


## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Michael Johnson**  
(American star athlete)  
"There are a lot of athletes who say they are going to break world records and fail to do so. I always deliver on my promises."

After breaking Butch Reynolds' 11-year-old 400m world record at the World Championships.

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## Shafiqul shocks Rakib

Shafiqul Islam Mithu upset International Master Abdullah Al Rakib of Biman in the third round match of the Shaheed Major Nazmul Haque chess competition yesterday, reports UNB.

Nine players jointly lead the points table after the third round securing full three points each. They are Shawkat Hossain Pallab (Ansar), Khandaker Aminul Islam (Sonali Bank), Aminul Islam Palash (Fire Service), Shakil (Leoline), Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu (Brothers), Monir Hossain (Narayanganj), Shafiqul Islam Mithu, Firoz Ahmed (Narayanganj) and Mehedi Hasan Parag (Kamalapur).

## Hockeyroos beat India

CANBERRA, Sept 19: Australia registered their first win of the four-nation Australia Cup men's field hockey tournament here today, beating India 3-1 to finish third, reports AFP.

Australia had earlier suffered a crushing loss to Canada and a draw against Korea.

India, missing several key players from their Champions Trophy line-up, were outclassed by an Australian outfit which gained in confidence through the match.

In today's earlier match, Canada secured victory in the Australia Cup with a 1-1 draw against second placegetters Korea.

## W Indies 97 for six

Sports Reporter  
West Indies were 97 for six after 27 overs in the third and final DMC Trophy one-day series against Pakistan in Toronto yesterday.

Earlier West Indies skipper Brian Lara won the toss.

## BCB goes back to earlier fixture

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday revised the schedule of matches against West Indies, who are expected to arrive in Dhaka on October 1.

The Caribbeans, led by Brian Charles Lara, will play two one-dayers and one three-day match during their 10-day tour.

According to the latest adjustment, the three-day match begins from October 4 while the two limited-overs games will be held on October 8 and October 9.

Following the request of the sponsors TWI (Trans World International), the Board had decided to change its earlier schedule and hold the one-dayers on October 3 and October 4 and the three-day match from October 7.

"We have reverted to our old programme for the convenience of everyone concerned," said Syed Ashraf Huiq, the general secretary of the BCB, last evening.

While talking to the journalist Ashraf said that they had tried to convince the West Indies to arrive early. But the Caribbeans expressed their non-availability before October 1 due to their other commitments in international cricket.

"It would be too taxing for them (West Indies) to play within 48 hours after a having gone through a journey to Bangladesh."

"In the meantime, the sponsors have also change their mind and agreed to comply with the original schedule. So, we have finally decided to go back to the original fixture as it suits everyone," said the BCB general secretary.

"Now we are happy. The West Indies are happy and the sponsors are also happy", Ashraf claimed.

TWI has earned the sponsorship rights of the series earlier this month.

"The latest schedule will also provide an opportunity for the satellite channels to provide live coverage of both the one-day matches without any interruption," said Ashraf.

Adding that there would be no other international cricket matches at that time.

Ashraf also hoped that renowned commentators like Tony Greig and Ravi Shastri would also be available during that time.

Regarding the title sponsorship, Ashraf said that the TWI would announce it within the next couple of days. He however refrained from disclosing the amount that BCB would get by selling the TV and production rights to the America-based company.

The general secretary said that the Bangladesh television would also cover the three matches live from the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Although Ashraf did not disclose the rate of tickets, he

### Sports Reporter

said they would charge a minimum amount so that people can come and see the West Indies in action.

Meanwhile, the BCB announced a 16-member national squad on Monday with Aminul Islam retaining his job as captain.

Aminul, who led Bangladesh to two glorious victories against Pakistan and Scotland in the World Cup, will skipper a relatively new-look side against the Caribbeans. Three of his World Cup campaigners -- Minhazul Abedin, Faruque Ahmed and Mohammad Rafique, called it a day while experienced opener Athar Ali Khan turned down a BCB recall to the national team.

One of country's finest cricketers, Athar was overlooked by the selector for the England carnival. The dejected opener hastily opted to call it quits on getting the nod.

Aminul's team was depleted further as experienced middle-order batsman Akram Khan ruled himself out due to injury. Selectors have named three rookies in Ahmed Kamal, Nasirul Alam and Mosaddeq Hossain to fill the voids.

For Lara, it would be his second visit to Dhaka after the mini World Cup last year.

Although the West Indies Cricket Board is yet to announce the squad, it was gathered that the WIBC might choose Curtly Ambrose for Courtney Walsh for the Bangladesh tour.

## Lively wickets likely

### Sports Reporter

The two pitches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which were kept intact during the football season and had been earmarked for the upcoming two ODIs and a three-day match against the West Indies early next month, will behave as sportingly as it did during the Wills International Cup last year.

Bangladesh Cricket Board member and secretary of the grounds sub-committee, Alam Chowdhury predicted this yesterday.

The Caribbeans, led by ace batter Brian Lara, will reach the city on October 1.

Contrary to previous announcement, the itinerary has been recast and the West Indies will now play the two one-day internationals against Bangladesh on October 8 and 9. They will meet the hosts in a three-day match at the same venue on October 4, 5 and 6.

"I have no problem with the two wickets laid on the eastern side because they were preserved during the football season and are in good condition," said the portly built Alam.

He, however, expressed his reservation about the field saying that the "two sides will behave in two different ways."

Alam earned a fair amount of credibility last year for preparing the wickets for the Wills Cup under the guidance of South African curator Philip Edgar Russell. He believes the western side that was used for the football league will give trouble to the fielders.

The eastern side is absolutely level and smooth but the western part is uneven, and that will produce lot of awkward bounces for the fielders," added Alam.

He said he was optimistic about grass growing on the western side, which was fully barren when BCB got back the ground from football on the 8th of the current month.

"We are working day and night on the ground and the wickets as well. Don't worry about the pitches. They will be quite sporting and I hope the crowd will enjoy the matches," Alam said.

## 8th SAF Games

### Saiful Alam to carry colours

Sports Reporter  
Renowned shooter Saiful Alam Chowdhury will carry the national flag when the Bangladesh contingent takes part in the opening ceremony of the 8th SAF Games in Kathmandu on September 25.

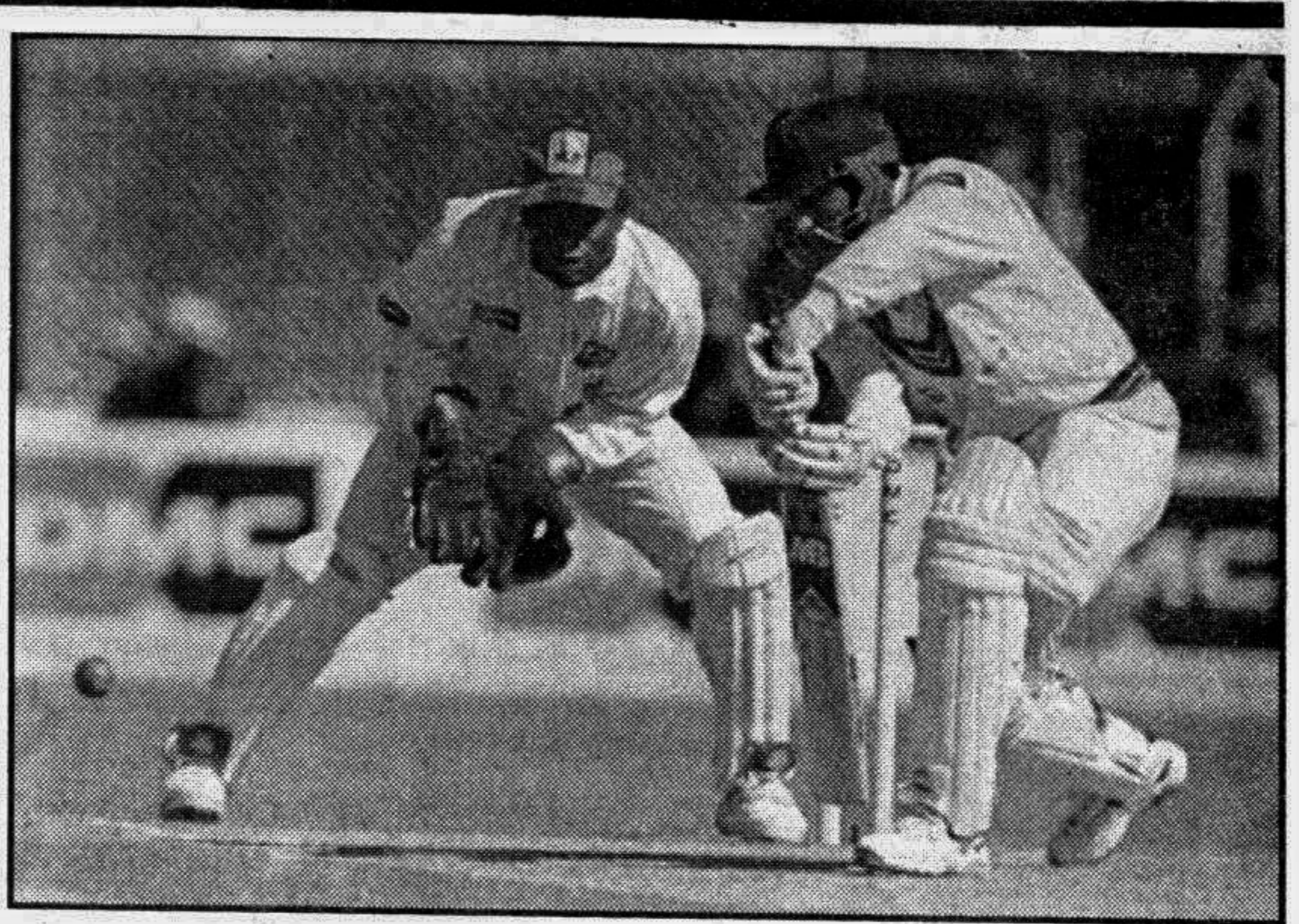
This was announced by Bangladesh Olympic Association last night.

Commonwealth and SAF gold medalist Saiful, a member of the 21-strong shooting team, was granted the honour in recognition of his past performance.

The second and the largest batch of the Bangladesh contingent for the 8th SAF Games will fly to Kathmandu next Wednesday.

Seven team--athletics, boxing, karate, kabaddi, shooting, table tennis and weightlifting--will make the trip along with two contingent officials.

D'mondi, Victoria promoted  
R'ganj avoid relegation



Pakistani batsman Yousuf Youhana plays a forward defensive shot off the bowling of spinner Chris Gayle. — AFP photo

## Pakistan lift DMC Trophy

TORONTO, Sept 19 (AFP/AP): Pakistan defeated the West Indies by 42 runs in a one-day game here Saturday, giving them an insurmountable 2-0 lead in the three-match to secure the DMC Trophy.

Earlier this week, the West Indies lost the DMC Cup series against India by two matches to one.

Saturday's match, like the opening Pakistan-West Indies game on Thursday, provided a thrilling finish with the West Indies threatening until the final few overs to overtake Pakistan.

Pakistan won the toss and elected to bat.

After a sluggish start, Pakistan scored exactly 100 off the final 10 overs thanks to a final flurry by Yousuf Youhana and Abdul Razaq.

The 25-year-old Youhana, who hit an unbeaten 104, shared a record-breaking fifth-wicket stand of 149 Razaq. His 19-year-old partner scored 55 off 71 balls.

The pair came together with Pakistan in dire straits at 68 for four.

Youhana's second one-day international century was crafted from 114 balls and included 13 boundaries to all parts of the field. He reached 50 with his sixth four off 88 balls. His second half-century only took another 25 balls and he added another seven boundaries.

He was later declared man-of-the-match.

All rounder Razaq's second career half century was spiced with two fours and a six.

The partnership surpassed the 123 between Salim Malik and Imran Khan at Lahore in 1990 as Pakistan's highest fifth wicket stand against the West Indies.

Razaq was eventually run out in the last over, scampering for a second run which would have brought up three figures for his partner. But Youhana pulled the next ball for a boundary to reach his

landmark, only the third century in 21 matches at this venue.

Razaq completed a fine day by uprooting Courtney Walsh's middle stump to end the match.

The powerful Ricardo Powell followed one run later and Pakistan had a firm grip with the West Indies at 60 for four.

Two Jamaican left-handers, Wavell Hinds and Jimmy Adams, steadied the innings in a controlled partnership of 68 for the fifth wicket.

Nevertheless, the 223 target set by the Pakistanis looked attainable right till the end of the match.

On an over-by-over comparison, the West Indies were equal to or leading Pakistan from the fourth over till the 45th when Hendy Bryan was bowled for 11 by Saqlain Mushtaq, with the West Indies at 179 for nine.

At the end of their 45th over Pakistan were 177 for 4.

But once Adams was out for 28 off 46 balls, no one could give Hinds the necessary support.

The 23-year-old Hinds, in only his third match, was eventually out losing his leg stump to Akram as the run rate required sky-rocketed. Hinds

65 spanned 115 balls and included six boundaries.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Toronto Cricket, Curling and Skating Club on Saturday:

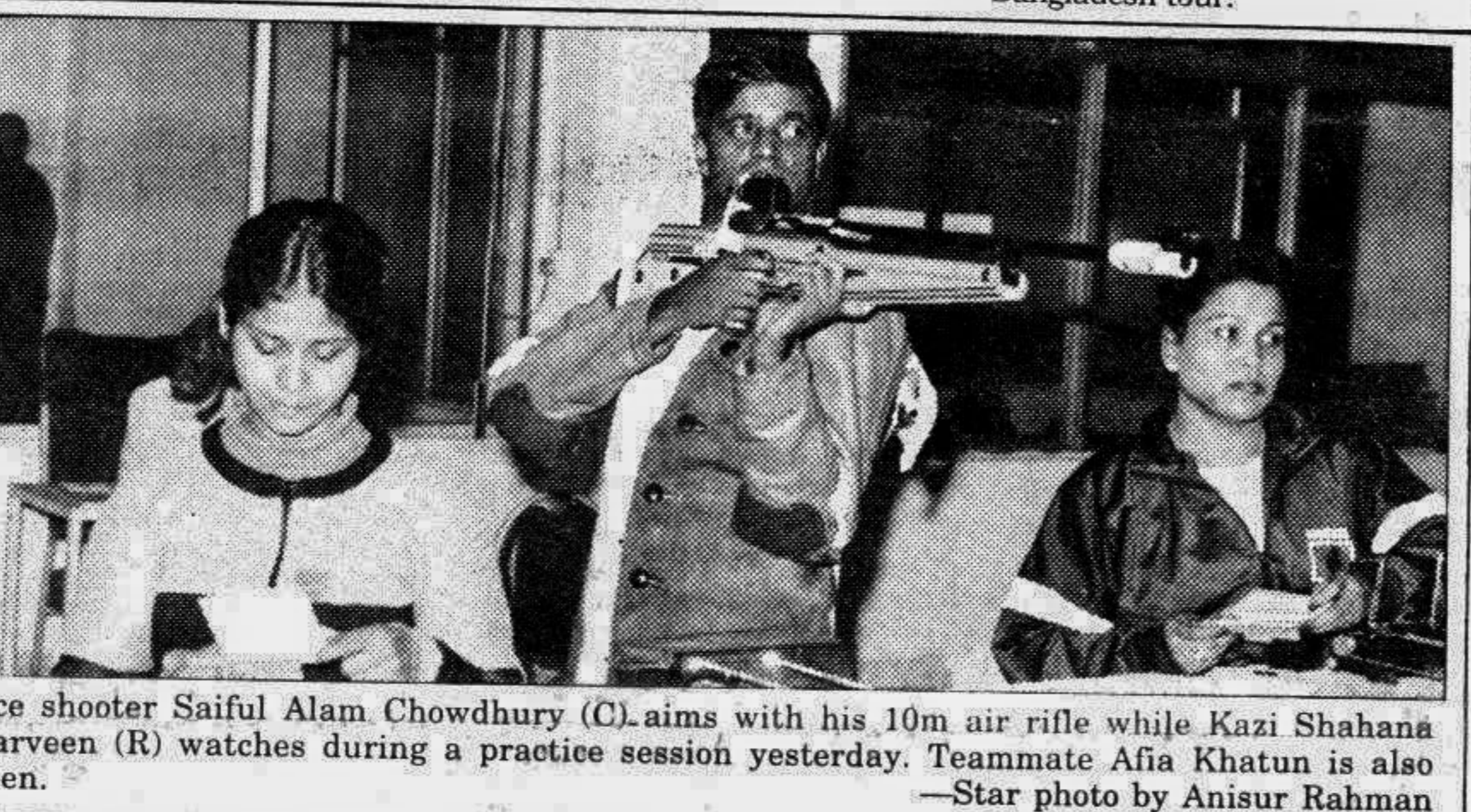
**PAKISTAN**  
Anwar b Gayle 6  
Wasti b Bryan 14  
Inzamam c Jacobs b Dillon 14  
Sohail c Adams b Dillon 21  
Youhana not out 104  
Razaq run out (Adams) 55  
Moin not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1, w-6, nb-1) 8  
Total: (For five wickets in 50 overs) 222  
Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-36; 3-46; 4-68; 5-217

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gayle	10	1	41	1
Walsh	10	4	40	0
Dillon	10	0	42	2
Bryan	10	0	58	1
Adams	10	0	40	0

**WEST INDIES**  
Campbell c Youhana b Akram 8  
Chanderpaul c Moin b Younis 9  
Hinds b Akram 65  
Lara lbw b Mushtaq 26  
Powell lbw b Razaq 1  
Adams c Akram b Arshad 28  
Gayle c Razaq b Arshad 6  
Jacobs b Mushtaq 11  
Bryan b Mushtaq 1  
Dillon not out 2  
Walsh b Razaq 1  
Extras: (b-6, lb-6, w-9, nb-1) 22  
Total: (All out in 46.2 overs) 180  
Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-23; 3-59; 4-60; 5-128; 6-143; 7-149; 8-174; 9-179

**Bowler** O M R W  
Akram 10 2 44 2  
Younis 8 2 32 1  
Razaq 7.2 1 31 2  
Mushtaq 8 2 18 3  
Arshad 10 0 27 2  
Sohail 3 1 16 0

Result: Pakistan won by 42 runs.  
Man-of-the-match: Yousuf Youhana  
Umpires: Daryl Harper, Australia; Steve Dunne, New Zealand.  
TV umpire: Dave Orchard, South Africa.  
Match referee: Peter van der Merwe, South Africa.



Ace shooter Saiful Alam Chowdhury (C) aims with his 10m air rifle while Kazi Shahana Parveen (R) watches during a practice session yesterday. Teammate Afia Khatun is also seen. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## Thrashing win for Aussies

COLOMBO, Sept 19 (AFP): Fast bowlers Damien Fleming and Scott Muller ripped through Sri Lanka Board XI to give Australia a comfortable 247-run win in their three-day game here Sunday ahead of Wednesday's second cricket Test.

In the match played at the Colombo Cricket Club grounds on Sunday, Fleming took 3 for 25 and Muller 2 for 24 as the Board XI were shot out for a dismal 90 runs. The game ended 13 minutes ahead of the scheduled tea break.

Both bowlers ended with a match bag of seven wickets, after Australia had set the home side a winning target of 337 runs off 67 overs.

Australia prepared themselves for Wednesday's second cricket Test against Sri Lanka to recover from their defeat in the first Test in Kandy.

The Board XI put up a poor batting display against some fiery pace bowling from the Australians with only Prasanna Jayawardene entering double figures.

He made 40 in 87 minutes, and was lucky to be dropped at 16 when Muller missed a hard

caught and bowl chance and had to retire hurt with an injured hand.

Australia, who resumed at 223 for 3, batted for 18 minutes before lunch, declaring at 296 for 5 with Mark Waugh making 43 and Simon Katich an unbeaten 36.

Ricky Ponting also had success bowling at medium pace taking 2 for 11 off four overs as the Board batsmen surrendered after a pathetic show.

Acting captain Shane Warne ended the match by bowling Jayawardene round his legs without offering a shot.

199; 4-231; 5-258

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gallage	14	2	43	1
Fushpakumara	13	1	68	1
S Perera	10	4	39	1
Kalpage	17	3	43	1
N Perera	15	1	88	0
Jayantha	3	1	9	1

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at end of the 3-day tour match between Australia and Sri Lanka Board XI at Colombo Cricket Club ground on Sunday:  
AUSTRALIA: First Innings 286  
SRI LANKA BOARD XI: First Innings 90  
AUSTRALIA: Second Innings (overnight 223 for 3)  
Slewett c Gunawardana b Pushpakumara 16  
Blair st Jayawardene b Jayantha 19  
Langer b S Perera 4  
M Waugh lbw b Gallage 23  
Ponting lbw b Kalpage 26  
Katich not out 34  
Hayden not out 5  
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, w-2, nb-14) 2  
Total: (For 5 wks decl in 72 overs) 356  
Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-89; 3-

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Fleming	8.3	1	25	3
Muller	4.3	0	24	2
Blewett	3	0	9	0
Ponting	4	0	11	2
Miller	3	0	10	1
Warne	2.3	0	3	1

Result: Australia won by 247 runs.

## Sachin's back bothers fans

NEW DELHI, Sept 19 (Reuters): Indian cricket fans fear a recurring back problem might threaten the career of batsman Sachin Tendulkar.

Tendulkar, who holds the world record of 23 centuries in one-day internationals, is undergoing treatment in Australia where doctors have diagnosed spondylolysis, a degenerative back condition, Indian media said.

The problem first surfaced earlier this year in a Test match against Pakistan in Madras and recurred last month in Sri Lanka.

It forced Tendulkar to miss India's tour of Canada against the West Indies and means he will also miss the forthcoming four nation tournament in Kenya.

"I can't imagine an Indian team without Sachin Tendulkar. It would be like a body without a soul," said Parikshit Sabbarwal, an avid cricket follower.

Tendulkar has been at the heart of the Indian batting since appearing against Pakistan at the age of 16.

In 1998, his best year to date, he made nearly 30 per cent of the runs scored in India's victo-

ries. In all four limited overs tournaments won by India that year Tendulkar received the man-of-the-final award.

But recent comments by an Adelaide-based doctor that Tendulkar's back problem could shorten his career have sparked anxiety in this cricket-mad nation where Tendulkar is revered.

"I think it would be a nuisance to him and probably restrict him. I guess in that sense it would probably limit his career," Dr Peter Barnes, who was treating the batsman, was quoted as saying by Indian media. "The injury has the potential to limit his performance."

One cricket commentator blamed Tendulkar's injury on too much playing.

Harsha Bhogle wrote in a newspaper column: "There is a very thin dividing line between profit-taking and greed and looking at India's cricket schedule I think it has been crossed."

Middle-order batsman Ajay Jadeja, seamers Javagal Srinath and Ajit Agarkar, and former captain Mohammad Azharuddin have all been in and out of the team because of fatigue or injury this season.

Maharaj Krishan Magazine, a Delhi-based orthopaedic doc-

tor who treated Tendulkar earlier this year, said proper physical and mental management would help to prolong his career.



Players of the Victoria Sporting Club who were promoted to the Premier Division. — Star photo

## Hants make Warne happy

LONDON, Sept 19: Hampshire ensured that new signing Shane Warne, soon to become the most expensive player in English county cricket, will be playing in the First Division next year when they beat Derbyshire in a thrilling finish on Saturday, reports Reuters.

With the 18-team county championship splitting into two divisions of nine next season, Hampshire needed to win their final game to take their place among the elite and did so by just two runs.

Chasing 285 to win, Derbyshire looked to be on their

way to victory thanks to significant contributions from Phil DeFreitas (61) and Dominic Cork (51).

But veteran seamer Peter Hartley took Derbyshire's last two wickets, finally ending their resistance with a return catch off Simon Lacey.

Perhaps the most surprising qualifiers for the top flight are Durham after obtaining the draw they required against Leicestershire in a game that saw Australian David Boon sign off from first-class cricket in some style.

Boon completed a half-century for Durham but five wickets from Leicestershire's Australian paceman Mike Kasprovicz, who will be replaced by Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble as the overseas player at Grace Road next season, restricted the visitors to a first innings total of 278.

Leicestershire set about building on their 44-run first innings lead but could only reach 74 for four before bad weather forced a draw, giving Durham the 10 points they so desperately needed.

It was a remarkable achievement for Durham, awarded county championship status only in 1992 and who had never finished higher than 14th before.

Boon said: "I have enjoyed every minute of my 21-year career and to finish by helping Durham into Division One is the icing on the cake."

"It's a great thing to finish on a note where a club which was not going that well is now in the top flight."

"I have built a good relationship with the Durham players over the last three years and I will be keeping an eye on their performances from my desk back home."

Boon returns home on Tuesday to a job promoting the pro-

file of cricket in Tasmania, but might feel he owes it to the Durham fans who cheered him so loudly today to make a farewell appearance in tomorrow's National League at Trent Bridge.

Equally surprising was the failure of Warwickshire, one of the giants of the past decade, to earn First Division status.

They finished in 10th place. Warwickshire's comprehensive seven-wicket victory inside two days over Sussex at Edgbaston on Thursday left both counties with an anxious wait that eventually bore the worst possible outcome with both narrowly missing the cut.

Elsewhere on the final day of this season's championship, results were merely academic.

Champions Surrey became only the fifth team since the war to remain unbeaten throughout the seasons when bad light meant that their game with Yorkshire was abandoned as a draw.

Essex, already consigned to playing Second Division cricket next summer, won by 120 runs against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, with Ronnie Irani and Mark Illott halting Nottinghamshire's pursuit of 271 by taking three wickets each.

Matthew Windo's unbeaten knock of 113 from 144 balls was the highlight of Gloucestershire's draw with Kent but was not enough of lift them from the foot of the table.

At Worcester, Andrew Strauss (71, not out) and Mark Ramprakash (87, not out) shared a stand of 132 to guide Middlesex to a draw in their game at Worcester.

The games between Glamorgan and Northants, and Somerset and Lancashire, both ended as draws after the final's day play was washed out.