

## Column One

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## SPORTS TALK



**Imran Khan**  
(Pakistan cricket legend)  
"There should be job security for cricketers."

### BAF hockey

JESSORE, Oct 26: Mattiur Rahman Base outplayed Air Force Headquarter 6-0 in the inter-base hockey competition at the BAF Base Mattiur Rahman here today, reports UNB.

In the day's other match, Base Jahurul Haq beat Base Paharkanchanpur by a solitary goal at the same venue.

Earlier on Monday, Base Bashar beat Base Jahurul Haq 1-0.

### Pakistan's injury worry

PERTH, Oct 26 (Internet report): Burly batsman Inzamam-ul Haq has a heel injury and is expected to miss the opening two matches of the Pakistan tour.

In an inadequate preparation, Inzamam will go into the first Test at the Gabba in Brisbane on November 5 with only a four-day game against Queensland under his belt.

He limped through Pakistan's first training session of their five-week tour at the WACA Ground yesterday, not batting or bowling or taking part in fielding drills.

"He had a cortisone injection about two days ago and he will be OK in about 48 hours," said captain Wasim Akram.

The tourists begin with a one-dayer against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI, including Dennis Lillee in his final match, at Lilac Hill today.

They follow up with a day-night clash against Western Australia at the WACA Ground tomorrow.

Pakistan aim to make amends for losing the World Cup decider to Australia in June.

"We had a bad day against Australia, we played really badly," said fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar.

"We remember that time and we remember that day and we have kept it in the mind."



Action from the second day's proceedings of the three-day match between Bangladesh and England A at Chittagong yesterday. — Star photo

### England A bat throughout second day

## Match petering to a draw

From Hasan Masood in Chittagong



Oct 26: Bangladesh, aided by some controlled spin bowling from Enamul Hoque and Sabbir Khan, put the breaks on England A from taking any advantage on the second day today of the three-day match at the MA Aziz Stadium here.

Despite a fine century from middle-order batsman Vikram Solanki, Enamul the veteran left armer, and Sabbir Khan, the young off-spinner, shared six wickets equally to contain the visitors to 269 for seven in 100 overs at stumps.

The elegant right-hander remained not out on 106 against all odds, frustrating the full house local crowd, who headed home cheerless anticipating a possible draw.

Solanki completed his century with a huge six. His ton came off 165 balls in 194 minutes during which he hammered three sixes and 13 boundaries. That helped England A to finish the day needing another 46 runs to equal Bangladesh's first innings total.

Resuming the day on 15 for no loss in reply to Bangladesh's first innings total of 315 for 8, the second string English side batted throughout the second day, effectively evaporating Bangladesh skipper Aminul Islam's hopes of getting some early wickets for a result in the match.

The opening pair of Michael Gough and Ian Ward made the most of a dropped catch by Sabbir Khan to produce 82 runs in 34 overs at an average of 2.4 per over.

The partnership was broken before lunch with Sabbir Khan

making amends of his early blunder, dismissing left-handed Ian Ward, who top-edged an intended square-cut to Akram Khan at slips after scoring 53. In his more than two-hour stay at the crease, Ward clubbed nine boundaries.

England went to lunch on 86 for one and when they returned Sabbir struck again in his second over after the break, trapping the other opener Michael Gough leg-before on 29 with a low ball.

After Gough's departure, with the tourists on 93 for 2, in-form right-hander Solanki came to join one-down Marcus Trescothick. They added 67 runs before left-handed Trescothick was stumped by wicketkeeper Khaled Masood off an Enamul delivery. The left-arm spinner, who was unsuccessful in his lengthy first spell of 22 overs, got Trescothick out in the very first over of the second spell that he began from the opposite end.

Solanki, who was on 46 when Trescothick was out, played all sorts of shots in the cricket book to complete his fifty off just 58 balls with nine fours. He added 58 runs with middle-order Aftab Habib in the fourth-wicket stand before the latter was unfortunately run out on 33, thanks to Habibul Bashar's accurate throw from the point region to the bowler's end.

Habib had almost crossed half the crease without any call from striker Solanki.

England lost another three wickets before the end of the day's play adding only 50 runs.

Enamul, the most successful bowler of the day, bowled a total of 39 overs in three spells

inclusive of 15 maidens and conceded 75 runs for his three-wicket haul. On the other hand, young offie Sabbir, who got the day's last wicket of Paul Franks, also gave away 75 runs from his 27 overs that included eight maidens.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of Day Two of the three-day match between England A and Bangladesh at the MA Aziz Stadium on Tuesday:

**BANGLADESH:** First innings: 315 for eight in 81 overs declared (Habibul Bashar 143 n.o., Javed Omar 53, Aminul Islam 47, Sabbir Khan 20; Chris Schofield 6/120).

**ENGLAND A:** First innings (overnight 15 for no loss): Gough lbw b Sabbir 29; Ward c Akram b Sabbir 53; Trescothick st Mashud b Enamul 29; Solanki not out 106; Habib run out 33; Alleyne b Enamul 30; Schofield c sub (Al-Shariar) b Enamul 1; Franks c Mashud b Sabbir 5; Kirtley not out 7; Extras: (b-3; lb-2; nb-1) 6; Total: (for seven wickets in 100 overs) 269.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	13	3	47	0
Safiuddin	13	3	28	0
Enamul	39	15	75	3
Sabir	27	8	75	3
Aminul	3	0	17	0
K Mahmud	1	0	16	0
Bashar	3	1	4	1
Javed Omar	1	0	2	0

### Media committee under fire

## Fans make Chittagong proud

From Abdullah Al Mahmud



Chittagong, Oct 26: The first two days of the three-day match between Bangladesh and the touring England A team has attracted a very encouraging yet unexpected number of cricket enthusiasts at the MA Aziz Stadium here.

Spectators started pouring into the stadium from early hours of the morning and attendance on both the days were estimated at over 15 thousand.

The turn up of such a healthy number of fans, which can be expected only in one-day matches, has even surprised cricket watchers from home.

and abroad who all believe that this stadium should be developed as a regular venue for national and international matches as soon as possible.

Chattagram Jela Krira Sangstha (CJRS) played a commendable role in arranging this match within a very short notice.

This is the first time an international team is playing a match in Chittagong since Bangladesh featured in two one day international against Pakistan and India in the Asia Cup in 1998.

The last time this ground held a three-day game was in 1972 when the touring MCC took on the home side.

Regarding Bangladesh's aspiration for a Test status, Charles Randall, a reporter of The Telegraph was highly hopeful and said that in the next ICC meeting (to be held in the middle of the year 2000) the matter of granting Bangladesh a Test status should be seriously considered.

The Times of London reporter Thrasy Penopoulos opined, "Even after getting Test status, India and Sri Lanka took a long time before winning any match and compared to that Bangladesh is much ahead and deserves the status."

But the role of the media committee has come under sharp criticism. It was alleged that people responsible for distributing the gate passes to the press men and VIPs have provided a number of passes to their friends and family members.

There were reports also of allowing persons without any link with the media in the VIP lounge and press gallery.

The media committee was also accused of discriminatory treatment to the pressmen with some being given 'A' standard

passes while less important persons were seen having 'AA' standard passes.

The foreign journalists also were seen to resent over the management of the Press Gallery. The Press enclosure was supposed to have E-mail, Fax and other telecommunication facilities but in reality it didn't even have a telephone.

Charles Randall of the Telegraph criticised the matter saying that a venue of international cricket should have at least a telephone set since as many as 50 journalists were there to cover match.

When asked, a CJKS official told this correspondent that the Media committee was entirely responsible for this mismanagement.

### No room for Azhar

KANPUR, Oct 26: The Indian selectors, on Monday, retained the team that beat New Zealand by eight wickets for the third and final cricket Test, dashing Mohammed Azharuddin's hopes of a return to the national squad, according to news reports.

The selectors, who met here at the end of India's splendid triumph in the second Test with a day to spare, decided against any changes for the final Test starting in Ahmedabad on October 28.

Ruling out his retirement from the game in the near future, Azharuddin had told reporters in Bhopal on Saturday that he was confident he would be selected for the third Test.

The former India captain said he was not only hopeful but confident he would be selected for the final Test at Ahmedabad.

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### Cute h'ball Ninth title for Rifles

Bangladesh Rifles clinched the Cute Premier Division handball league title crushing Menis Kira Chakra 36-9 at the outer stadium ground yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners dominated the first half 16-1.

It was the ninth Premier Division title for Rifles.

Jahangir struck highest 8 goals for the winners while Sanat Kumar 7 and Kamol netted 5 goals for the losers.

Bangladesh Police and Narinda Frogoti Boys' Club meet in the runners-up decider today at 2:45 pm at the same venue.

### Millennium open chess

Zia held, Lovlu beaten

CALCUTTA, Oct 26: Fancied top seeded international master (IM) Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh was held to a draw by J Ramakrishna in a long battle of attrition in the second round of the Millennium Open Rating Chess Championships here yesterday, reports PTI.

Talented Goodricke National Chess Academy trainee Syntan Dutta, who split points with formidable Vishal Sareen on Sunday, held Sriram of LIC to a draw, while the other favourites earned full points during the day.

The local hero of Sandipan Chanda, national B' champion Surya Sekhar Ganguly and Shankar Roy remained afloat with emphatic victories over their opponents.

Chanda, who marched his kingside Pawns to the backrank of his Bangladesh opponent Saifuddin Lovlu, made full use of a rampaging bishop to clinch the 25-move Sicilian Schevvingen game.

The girls had a mixed day, with national women's champion S Vijayalakshmi distinctly lucky to gather a full point against Pradeep Ghosh and Mrinalini Kunte held in Neeraj Mishra to a draw.

**Rajshahi kabadi**

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Oct 26: Shirof Sporting Club defeated Katakhal Club by 48-25 points in the inaugural match of Rajshahi Metropolitan kabadi league held at Rajshahi Govt College playground yesterday.

The league was formally inaugurated by eminent educationist Entajur Rahman, Headmaster of Rajshahi Collegiate High School in absence of the scheduled guest.

**Zafar named PCB boss**

KARACHI, Oct 26 (AFP/ The News): Pakistan President Mohammad Rafiq Tarar has sacked cricket supremo Mujeeb Rehman, who has been in hiding since a military coup earlier this month, officials said Tuesday.

Dr. Zafar Alfat, who managed Pakistan during the World Cup in June has replaced Rehman and been asked to appoint a new ad-hoc committee to run the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Rehman was appointed by ousted Premier Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government and an uproar from cricket fans over the sacking of Pakistan's World Cup final against Australia was fixed.

The whereabouts of Rehman were not known.

"I have had a long association with the boys. They know me and I know them," Alfat told AFP. "They always give their best and they will fight against the Australians."

Alfat denied allegations of match fixing and bribery in the World Cup.

"They fought really hard during the World Cup as they always do."

He said he had not seen the findings of the match fixing report prepared by a judicial commission headed by Lahore High Court Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum.

The judge reportedly recommended a ban on Salim Malik and Mushaq Ahmed, and fines on captain Wasim Akram, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul Haq and Saeed Anwar.

Apart from Malik, all the players reportedly implicated are currently in Australia for a three Test and one-day series.

"In my set up there will be no place for people who have interest in a particular area. We have to think of the whole nation as the Board belongs to Pakistan," Zafar said to The News daily.

Zafar warned the Australian media to stay out of match-fixing issue as it was none of their business. "It is totally an internal affair and they are no one to poke their nose into this matter."

He said the inquiry report would be made public after the Australian tour.

"Players who are on the tour to Australia have nothing to worry about and have all the support of the Board, government and people of the country," he said they should concentrate on winning the series there and that is what the nation is hoping for.

## Mohammedan-Arambagh match not fixed — BFF Football dies another death

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Mohanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) yesterday suspended the Keya Premier Division Football League sine die and appealed to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to end the stalemate following the boycott threat of Abahani on October 24.

"We have decided to suspend the league for an indefinite period. Besides, we have also decided to request the BFF to take over the responsibility of communicating with both Mohammedan and Abahani to end the deadlock," said chairman of the DMFLC, Abdur Rahim, yesterday after the 'emergency' meeting that was adjourned on October 25.

The meeting, which started at around 6pm sons any representative of Mohammedan, came under attack from a section of hoodlums, allegedly some loyal black-and-white supporters.

The rowdy mob, which let loose a reign of terror, first smashed the window panes and then invaded the DMFLC office at the Bangabandhu Stadium, where they hurled verbal abuse and kicked at furniture, much to the horror of officials and representative of different clubs.

"This is a sad incident. We will take lawful action against the hoodlums," said a dejected Rahim, adding that such violent attitude would only invite more trouble in the near future.

The DMFLC chairman said they had no ill motive when they suspended the Mohammedan-Abahani match of October 25.

"It is true we made the mistake of taking a long time to resolve the pending claims of fixed matches made by different clubs. But, we called off the league for two days in a bid to solve the problem. We did not mean to harm any particular team, but Mohammedan misunderstood us," said Rahim while explaining to a crowded press the reason for the suspension.

"We can not blame Abahani lawfully for demanding a report from the neutral committee of the BFF regarding their allegation of a fixed match between Mohammedan and Arambagh," said Rahim.

In the league bylaws, BFF were entrusted with forming a 'neutral committee' to look into any arranged affair.

Abahani, in a letter to the DMFLC on October 24, said they would not take part in the league if the organisers failed to provide the neutral committee report regarding the Mohammedan-Arambagh match on August 11.

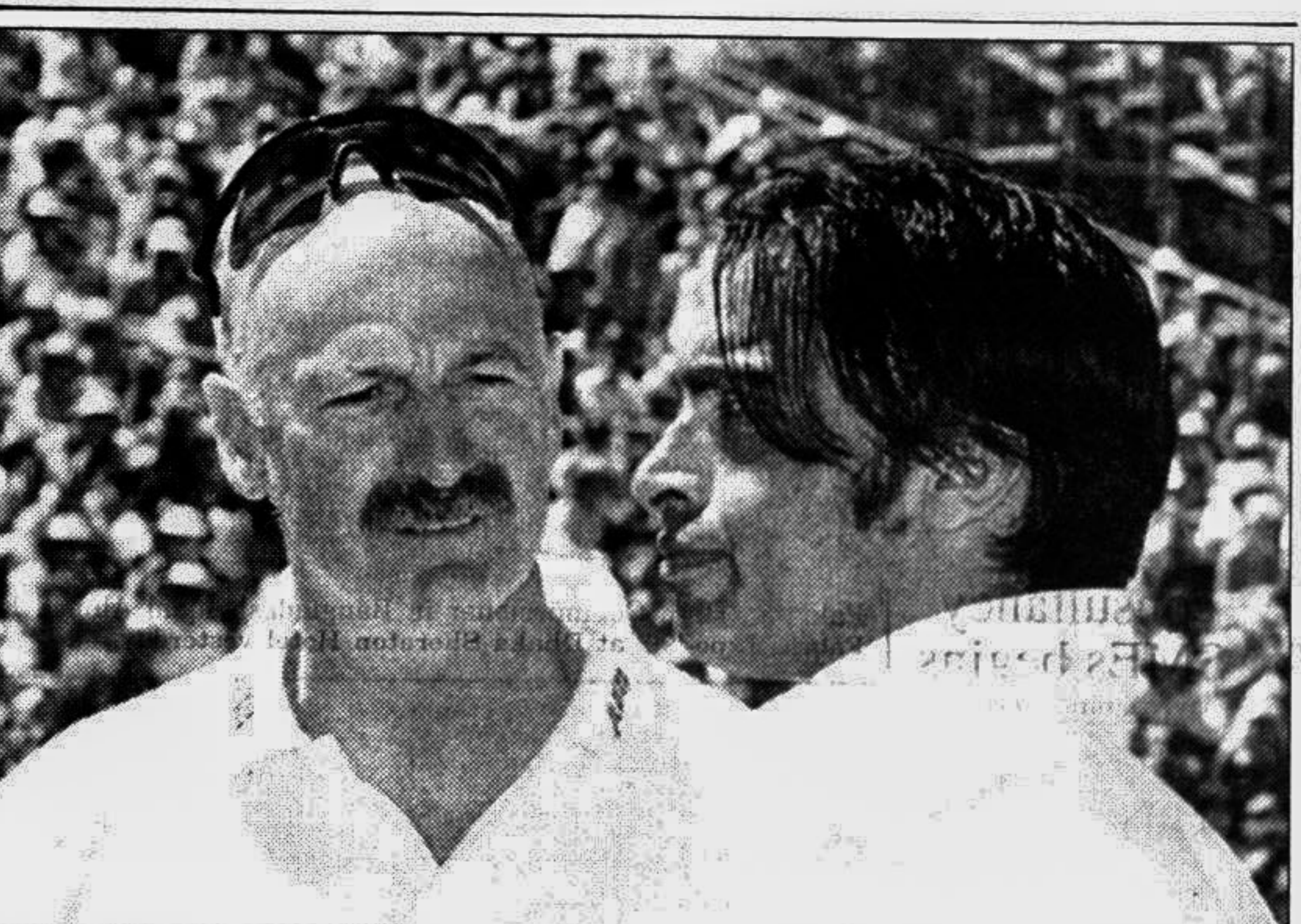
"We have asked for their verdict regarding all the allegations of arranged matches, including also the one made by Mohammedan more than two months ago. But sadly, we got the report only today," said Rahim, who is also a member of the committee led by Col. Obaidullah.

The neutral committee sent us a letter today wherein they stated they did not find any fixed match played by any team in the league," said Rahim.

Replying to a query about why it took such a long time, Rahim admitted that it was a failure on their part. He refrained from making any comment when asked whether he would resign as demanded by Mohammedan at a press briefing on Monday.

Rahim also said, since the fate of the league remains uncertain, they have decided to send back the three Thai referees in the next available flight. The Thai trio arrived in Dhaka on October 20 to conduct the last six matches of the 'Super 4'.

Meanwhile, Mohammedan football secretary, Intiaz Sultan, reiterated his club's position.



LESSONS FROM THE GREAT MAN: Australian pace legend Dennis Lillee (L) talking to Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar before the start of the festival match at Lilac Hill yesterday. — AFP photo

## Lillee lesson for Pakistan

PERTH, Oct 26 (AFP/Internet): Fifty-year-old Dennis Lillee, playing in his final competitive match, and his son Adam took three wickets each Tuesday to help the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI beat Pakistan by seven wickets.

The ACB side scored 171-3 thanks to 103 by opener Ryan Campbell, who belted 11 fours and six sixes after Pakistan, in its tour opener, scored 168.

Campbell struck on the body by Shoaib Akhtar's first ball, scored 28 off a Mushaq Ahmed over, including three sixes hooked over midwicket, to post his century off just 57 balls.

Adam Lillee, despite being a second-grade player for Claremont-Nedlands in Perth, he took two wickets in his first 12 deliveries and finished with 3-29.

His father was not to be outdone, claiming 3-8 from eight vintage, albeit slower overs, with one wicket coming from a screaming one-handed catch by Adam on the fine-leg fence.

"It was nice to get a couple of wickets and bowl reasonably well. I was very proud of the young lad of course, he bowled beautifully, particularly coming from only playing seconds and thirds," said Dennis Lillee.

"It's a big jump up playing against a touring side."

Pakistan, struggling on a bouncy pitch, was rolled for their unconvincing 168 after staging a mini-revival from 24-5 after 11 overs.

The visitors play a limited-overs match Wednesday against Western Australia state as they continue preparations for the first of three Tests beginning in Brisbane on Nov 5.

**Bowler:**

	O	M	R	W
D Lillee	8	4	8	3
A Lillee	6	0	29	3
Atkinson	5	1	16	1
Angel	6	0	23	0
Marsh	10	0	60	1
Karpippen	6	1	20	1
Hayden	3	0	10	1

**ACB CHAIRMAN'S XI**

	O	M	R	W
Hayden lbw b Razaq	32			
Campbell b Mushaq	103			
Langer not out	18			
M Katich c Saqlain b Mushaq	10			
M Hussey not out	6			
Extras: (lb-1; w-1)	171			
Total: (for 3 wickets in 23.3 overs)	171			

**SCOREBOARD**

Scorecards of the limited-overs match between ACB Chairman's XI and Pakistan at the Lilac Hill Park, Perth on Tuesday:

**PAKISTAN**

	O	M	R	W
Wasti c Campbell b A Lillee	6			
G Ali c A Lillee b D Lillee	2			
Ijaz lbw b A Lillee	3			
Youhana c Dighton b A Lillee	3			
M Wasim c&b Atkinson	26			
Razaq c Langer b D Lillee	0			
Mahmood c Langer b Karpippen	43			
Moin not out	60			
Mushaq st Dighton b Marsh	3			
Saqlain lbw b Hayden	9			
Shoaib c Dighton b D Lillee	2			
Extras: (lb-2; w-10)	12			
Total: (All out in 44 overs)	168			

**PAKISTAN**

	O	M	R	W
Shoaib	8	0	44	0
M Akram	4	0	34	0
Saqlain	5	0	25	0
Razaq	3	0	23	1
Mushaq	3.3	0	44	2

Extras: (lb-2; w-10) 12  
Total: (All out in 44 overs) 168  
DNB: Mohammad Akram.  
Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-9; 3-

## Hussain's tips for mates

LONDON, Oct 26 (Internet report): Captain Nasser Hussain will encourage his side to stand toe to toe with South Africa and refuse to be intimidated by their uncompromising attempts to gain revenge this winter.

South Africa left England a year ago having slipped to a 2-1 series defeat, a combination of controversial umpiring and ill-luck conspiring against them to allow Alec Stewart's side to triumph in the last two Tests.

England's refusal to back down during that summer laid the foundations for their memorable success and Hussain will be encouraging every member of the 17-man squad to deliver the same strength of character when they embark from Heathrow Airport for Johannesburg on Tuesday.

"The last three or four series have been pretty hard fought and this will be no different," conceded Hussain.

"South Africans by their personality, team-spirit and nationality are very up for it."

But Hussain's message should not be interpreted as a licence to embark on excessive licit sledging and intimidation of umpires, both of which are frowned upon by the International Cricket Council, and he will instead use Michael Atherton's epic duel with Allan Donald at Trent Bridge in 1998 as an example of how to stand up to the South Africans without breaching the rules of conduct.

With England on 82 for one chasing 247 for victory, Atherton appeared to glove Donald behind to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher, but umpire Steve Dunne rejected the appeal, prompting one of the most compelling passages of play in recent Test history.

Donald frequently reached speeds of 88mph in a desperate attempt to remove Atherton, who stood his ground and refused to back down despite several attempts to intimidate England's leading batsman.

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