

Column One SPORTS TALK



Sachin Tendulkar

(India cricket captain)
"I don't want to compare this with other centuries. Saeed Anwar's record was not on my mind. If I am destined to make it, it will happen."
On his unbeaten 186 against New Zealand in the second ODI at Hyderabad.

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2. Which country will host the 12th Asian Cup football finals?
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3. How many Test double hundreds has Sri Lankan batsman Marvan Atapattu scored so far?
One Two Three

4. Where will the ninth SAF Games be held?
Delhi Karachi Peshawar

5. How many teams are playing in the National Cricket League?
Ten Eight Six

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Jadeja keeps silent

MUMBAI, Nov 30: Ajay Jadeja has kept the cricket board in the dark for almost a week now on the outcome of his consultation with South African doctor Mark Fergusson in Johannesburg who is treating him for a rotator cuff tear on his right shoulder, reports PTL.

"Jadeja has not contacted me yet," board Secretary Jaywant Lele said when queried in Baroda on the matter.

Jadeja left here on November 23 morning for Johannesburg.

The prolonged silence from the middle-order batsman is surprising considering that he has gone to South Africa at the expense of the cricket board which is eagerly awaiting the South African specialist's opinion on how soon he can regain full fitness.

Dr Fergusson had treated Indian pace spearhead Jagmal Srinath in 1997 when the Karnataka star had suffered a similar problem which put him out of action for more than six months.

ATP money winners

MONACO, Nov 30: Leading men's money winners issued by the ATP Tour on Monday reports Reuters.

Player	Dollars
1. Andre Agassi	4,269,265
2. Pete Sampras	2,816,406
3. Yevgeny Kafelnikov	2,360,498
4. Greg Rusedski	2,122,535
5. Marcelo Rios	1,794,224
6. Gustavo Kuerten	1,762,269
7. Thomas Enqvist	1,729,056
8. Tim Henman	1,537,594
9. Tommy Haas	1,447,308
10. Richard Krajicek	1,348,977
11. Carlos Moya	1,282,337
12. Patrick Rafter	1,254,574
13. Nicolas Pietrangeli	1,234,278
14. Nicolas Kiefer	1,232,268
15. Todd Martin	1,185,394
16. Alex Corretja	1,072,288
17. Mark Philippoussis	1,019,856
18. Andrei Medvedev	930,731
19. Karol Kucera	870,957
20. Jonas Bjorkman	852,415

Locals sent packing

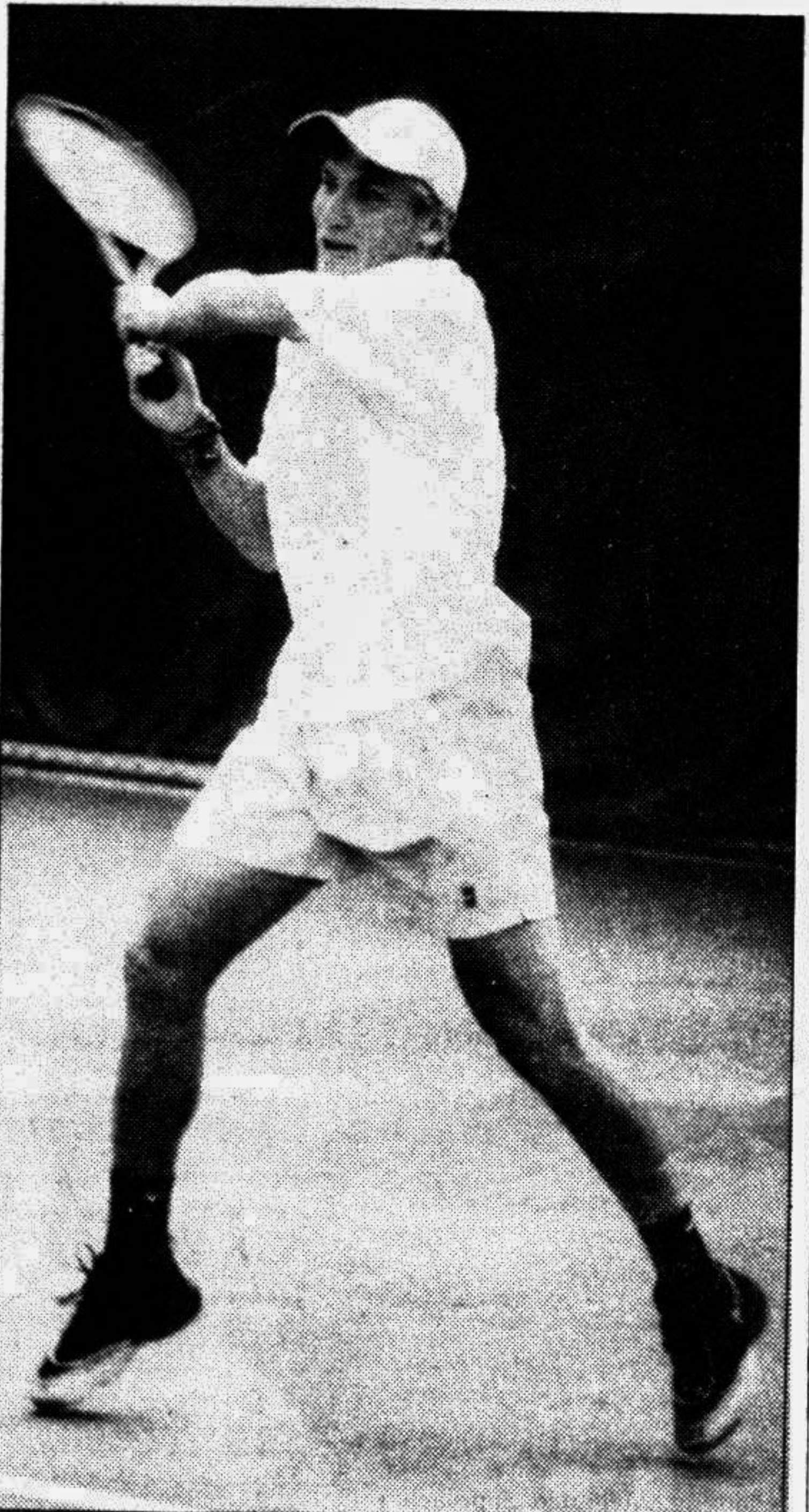
Sports Reporter



Bangladesh's slim hope in the ITF men's tournament suffered a body blow as none of their four representatives could cross the first round yesterday.

Girault beat Ric de Voest of Russia 6-2, 7-6 (3) and Layne defeated compatriot Barry Fulcher 6-4, 6-2.

The second round starts at the same venue.



Uzbek Dimitri Mazur playing against Bangladesh's Nadeem Kamran in the ITF men's F2 tournament at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday. —Star photo

BKSP dump Dinajpur

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) thrashed Dinajpur 14-0 in an Acme 18th national youth hockey championship match played at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The winners led the first half 5-0.

Maksud Alam and Ashrafur Islam shared goals. Yameen, Kutubuddin, Shawkat, Rahul, Shahjahan, Hedayet, Rajib and Sarwar added one goal apiece.

In another match, Dhaka Education Board posted a 3-0 win over Rajshahi.

Bahauddin, Rabul and Rajib netted once each for the winners.

Comilla edged past Faridpur 4-3 in the tie-breaker after their regulation 70-minute encounter ended in a dull goalless draw.

Shoaib reported to ICC?



SYDNEY, Nov 30 (AFP/Reuters): Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been reported to the International Cricket Council (ICC) for having a possible suspect action. The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported today.

"If there is anything it must come through official channels and action must be taken accordingly. But it doesn't concern me at all," Akhtar flatly rejected the new claims about his action. "It's all crap," he told reporters.

Saeed said Akhtar would return for the series unless the ICC notified Pakistani team management of any concerns it had over his action.

"There has to be a decision on this before we start thinking of bringing or not bringing anyone for the one-dayers," he said.

"Only if it goes to the ICC would we not bring him, otherwise why should we not bring him back?" Saeed said.

Concern centres over whether Akhtar straightens his bowling arm at the point of delivery in contravention of cricket rules. The ICC could instruct him to remodel his delivery.

ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed cleared Shoaib of a chucking allegation just before the Test series with Australia.

Speed ruled a 20-minute video tape of Shoaib's action sent by umpires Ross Emerson and Terry Prue had no official status as the match in question. Western Australia versus Pakistan at Perth, was not sanctioned by the ICC so there was no official referee.

Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan was called for throwing by Emerson last season in a one-day game here against England, prompting Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga to lead his players off the field in protest.

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Sheetal h'ball 'Super four' from today

Sports Reporter

Arambagh Krira Sangha, Dilkusha Sporting Club, Bangladesh-Kuwait Mottree Hall of Dhaka University and Narayanganj District Women's Sports Association moved into the 'super four' of the Sheetal women's handball league after winning their respective matches at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex ground yesterday.

In the day's first match, favourites Arambagh Krira Chakra tamed Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory 12-2.

In a one-sided match, Arambagh enjoyed a 7-1 lead in the first session. Rosina struck three goals while Nahid, Irina and Lima added two each.

It was Arambagh's third successive victory in four-team Group B which they topped with highest nine points, three more than Bangladesh-Kuwait Mottree Hall, who finished ahead of Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory and K and K Sporting Club.

Mottree Hall thrashed K and K Sporting by twenty goals to nil to record their second win in the first round.

In the other group, Dilkusha Sporting Club secured the top position with an easy 20-6 win over Sisters' Concern.

It was Dilkusha's third win.

Group A runners-up Narayanganj, won the day's other match with a 12-0 whitewash of Siddeswari Girls' College.

The 'super four' starts this morning at the same venue.

Mehmood to debut for Ctg on Dec 3

Sports Reporter

Pakistani leg spinner Shahid Mehmood will play for Chittagong Division in the National Cricket League.

Mehmood, who has been playing for Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Dhaka Premier League for the last couple of seasons, completed registration formalities at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday evening. Chittagong skipper Minhazul Abedin was present during the registration.

The Lahore-based leggie will make his debut against Barisal in the League's fourth round beginning at the Comilla Stadium from December 3. Chittagong trailing Sylhet by two points in the six-team league table, have earned six points from three matches.

The other fourth round games see leaders Sylhet hosting Khulna at the Sylhet Stadium while Dhaka will face Rajshahi at the Faridpur Stadium.

Open chess

Sports Reporter

An open chess tournament organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation in cooperation with USA-Bangladesh Chess Association, will start at the NSC chess room at 3 pm.

More than hundred players are expected to take part in the nine-round Swiss league tournament which promises Taka 20,000 in prize money.

The players have been asked to be present at the venue by 2:45 pm.

Down & out Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Nov 30: Australia's 3-0 Test whitewash marks the low point of Pakistan cricket, Pakistani newspapers said on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

"This has been Pakistan's worst tour of Australia to date," said the Dawn newspaper in an editorial. "At the moment Pakistan are Down Under and out."

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Lankans take the lead



HARARE, Nov 30: Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya snapped up four wickets in 15 balls as his team won the second Test against Zimbabwe by six wickets on the fifth and final day today, reports Reuters.

Jayasuriya's left-arm spin polished off Zimbabwe's second innings for 292 immediately before lunch, the last four wickets tumbling for eight runs.

That left Sri Lanka to make just 35 for victory but they were shaken when four wickets crashed for 20 before Romesh Kaluwitharana hit the winning runs to put his side 1-0 ahead in the third Test series.

Seamer Gary Brent jolted the touring team by dispatching Jayasuriya. Russel Arnold and Tillekaratne Dilshan in a spell of three for 21.

Zimbabwe had started the day on 235 for six, needing 258 to avoid an innings defeat, and reached 284 without further loss before Jayasuriya struck 20 minutes before lunch.

Home captain Andy Flower was first to go when he sliced a catch to Marvan Atapattu, ending his defiant innings of 129. He batted 424 minutes, faced 304 balls and hit eight fours.

The dismissal broke a seventh-wicket partnership of 125 between Flower and Guy Whittall, who went on to make an unbeaten 53.

Three balls later Brent was

trapped lbw by Jayasuriya's arm ball, followed three overs later by Bryan Strang being caught by Jayawardena at slip.

Henry Olonga was last out, trapped leg before without scoring, as Jayasuriya finished with his Test-best figures of four for 40.

Flower blamed himself for Zimbabwe's collapse. "I lost concentration and played a bad shot that turned the last day around," he said.

However, Flower felt his team's performance would stand them in good stead when they went into the final Test starting here on Saturday.

"We fought hard in this game, and I think we're going to take that forward into the third Test," Flower said.

Dilshan was named man-of-the-match for his undefeated 163 in Sri Lanka's first innings, when Jayasuriya said he "batted magnificently well."

Of his four-wicket spell, Jayasuriya said, "I thought I might bring myself on just before lunch, and luckily it worked for us."

Final scoreboard on the final day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka today:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 174 (A Flower 74; M Zoya 3-22)

SRI LANKA: First innings 432 (T Dilshan 163 not out, M Jayawardena 91)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 235-6)

G Flower c Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 13

Gripper c Arnold b Vaas 4

Goodwin run out (Dilshan) 48

Matambanadzo run out (De Saram) 0

Johnson c Atapattu b Zoya 14

A Flower c Atapattu b Jayasuriya 129

Campbell lbw b Muralitharan 5

Whittall not out 53

Brent lbw b Jayasuriya 0

Olonga lbw b Jayasuriya 3

Extras (lb 3; lb 15; nb 5) 23

Total: (All out in 134.4 overs) 292

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-28; 3-28; 4-51; 5-152; 6-159; 7-284; 8-284; 9-292

Bowler: O M R W

Vaas 35 7 78 1

Zoya 11 2 24 1

W Singhe 28 10 51 0

M'haran 43 15 71 2

Jayasuriya 12.4 3 40 4

Arnold 1 0 3 0

Jayawardena 4 2 7 0

SRI LANKA: Second innings

Atapattu run out (Goodwin) 6

Jayasuriya c Gripper b Brent 7

Arnold c A Flower b Brent 1

Jayawardena not out 6

Dilshan lbw b Brent 0

Kaluwitharana not out 14

Extras (lb 1; nb 1; w 2) 4

Total: (For four wickets in 15.2 overs) 38

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-15; 3-19; 4-20

Bowler: O M R W

Olonga 5 1 14 0

Brent 7.2 3 21 3

Strang 3 1 2 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by six wickets to take 1-0 lead in the three match series.

First Test in Bulawayo — drawn

Final Test in Harare, Dec 4-8

Man-of-the-match: T Dilshan.



Scene from the national youth hockey competition match between BKSP and Dinajpur at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Waugh's Tendulkar plan



PERTH, Nov 30 (Internet report): Steve Waugh had only just wrapped up the series against Pakistan when he set his sights on India's Sachin Tendulkar.

The Australian captain made it clear that his now inspired side would line up his Indian counterpart for special attention before the first of three Tests begins in Adelaide on December 10.

The Indians travel to Sydney for a four-day match against Waugh's New South Wales starting on Thursday.

"He'll go alright out here. I'll be very surprised if he doesn't score runs. Then again we've got to come up with a plan to work on him."

Waugh said before leaving Perth after Australia's 3-0 clean sweep of Pakistan to return to his wife and family in Sydney.

That plan will involve pace because as Shane Warne readily admits, the Indians are the best players of spin in the world.

"Glenn McGrath fancies his chances against Tendulkar," Waugh said in a typically provocative Australian approach to a coming series.

Indeed McGrath does, but then McGrath fancies his chances against every batsman in the world. The better the player, the keener the contest.

Ask Brian Lara.

McGrath, among the world's best fast bowlers, has played only one Test against the most complete player in cricket today. That was a one-off match in Delhi three years ago when Australia lost on a crumbling, turning wicket.

McGrath bowled the little master for a duck in the second innings but it was a rare failure against Australia.

Tendulkar dominated Australia's most recent series against India in India early last year, scoring 446 runs at 111.5 with two centuries, but McGrath did not tour because of injury and he was badly missed.

The Indian captain is currently the best performed batsman in the world with an average of better than 56.

But the Australians fancy their chances against him on harder Australian wickets. They believe that if they can make the ball lift from just short of a length around about off stump then Tendulkar will

edge behind or to the slips trying to force off the back foot.

Indeed, this plan has worked occasionally early in one-day matches with a hard ball when Tendulkar opened the batting.

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