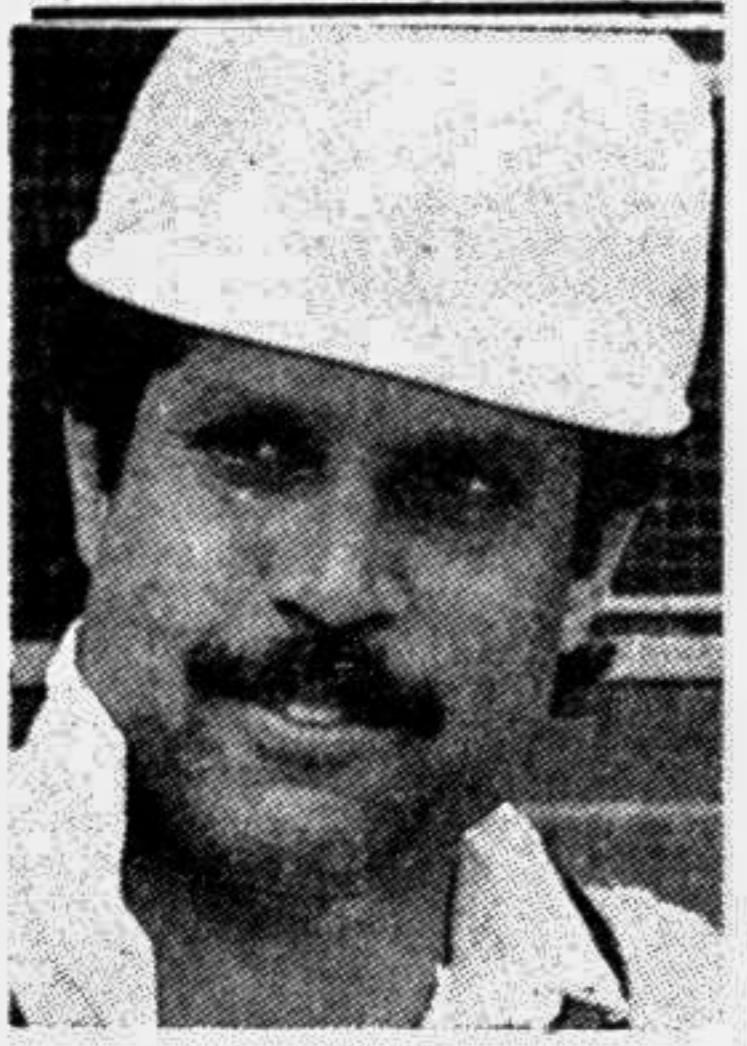


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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Kapil Dev

(World record holder for Test wickets)

"I think he will be a fool if he doesn't take it."

On West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh's prospect of breaking his mark.

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2 Which country will host the 12th Asian Cup football finals?

Lebanon Kuwait Thailand

3 How many Test double hundreds has Sri Lankan batsman Marvan Atapattu scored so far?

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4 Where will the ninth SAF Games be held?

Delhi Karachi Peshawar

5 How many teams are playing in the National Cricket League?

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RU inter-varsity tennis champs

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 2: Rajshahi University (RU) became champions in the inter-varsity tennis competition registering a sweeping victory in the final today.

In the first single final, Sakib of RU defeated Ehsan of BUET 6-0, 6-2. Poplu of RU won the other single, beating Aman of BUET 6-0, 6-3.

In the doubles final, Aurdin-Zakir pair of RU eliminated Ehsan-Pushkar pair of BUET 6-1, 6-1.

Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Sayeedur Rahman Khan gave away prizes among the winners.

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Star article eats coaches

Sports Reporter

The article "Coaches course not going smoothly" published in the Star Sport on Thursday, December 2, 1999 extremely hurt the feelings of all the participating coaches said a press release issued yesterday.

Undersigned by 36 out of the 44 coaches, who took part in the six-day coaching under the tutelage of Eddie Barlow, the Director of Coaching of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), the press release condemned the article, terming it as an aberration of facts.

The press release also said that the goal of the course was to look into the future of country's cricket infrastructure as part of Bangladesh's preparation for Test status. The trainees have also expressed their gratitude to Barlow, the South African coach of the national team, for sharing his vast knowledge of the game.

The press release pointed out that the short course was designed to be a theoretical one.

STAR SPORT'S REPLY

The Star Sport stands by its report. We however want to make a few points to clarify our position in case of any misunderstanding that might have occurred:

Qureshi in last four

Sports Reporter

Top seed Aisan Qureshi of Pakistan survived a scare before reaching the semifinals of the ITF men's tournament yesterday.

He came from behind to eliminate German Lars Uebel in a terrific three-setter during the quarterfinals at the National Tennis Complex in Rama.

After losing the first set in a tie-break (6-7), the tall Pakistani made a brilliant recovery winning the next two 7-5, 6-2.

Qureshi, the tournament's highest ranked ITF player, will take on Australian Ashley Petrus Meyer and Ivanov-Somelski of Russia respectively during their singles matches in the ITF men's future F2 tournament at the Rama National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Fisher ensured his semifinal spot with a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 quarterfinal win over fifth-seed Willem-Petrus Meyer of South Africa.

The day's other semifinal will be played between sixth-seed Donavan September of South Africa and Slovakian Viktor Bruthans.

September overcame France's Gregory Girault 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 while Bruthans won his quarterfinal clash 6-4, 6-3 against Russian Ivanov Somelsky.

Meanwhile in the doubles competition, Fisher and Minh Le of the United States reached the final with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 win over September and Russian Punch Maleka.

The second semifinal and the final will also be held today.

England beat Gauteng

LENASIA, South Africa, Dec 2: England beat a Gauteng Invitation XI by 42 runs in a one-day tour match Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Score: England 274-5 (50 overs), Gauteng Invitation XI 232-9 (50).

E Bengal in final

NEW DELHI, Dec 2: Calcutta's East Bengal rode on a second half brace by striker Raman Vijayan to storm into the final of the Durand Cup football tournament, beating JCT, Phagwara 3-1 in the first semifinal here yesterday, reports PTI.

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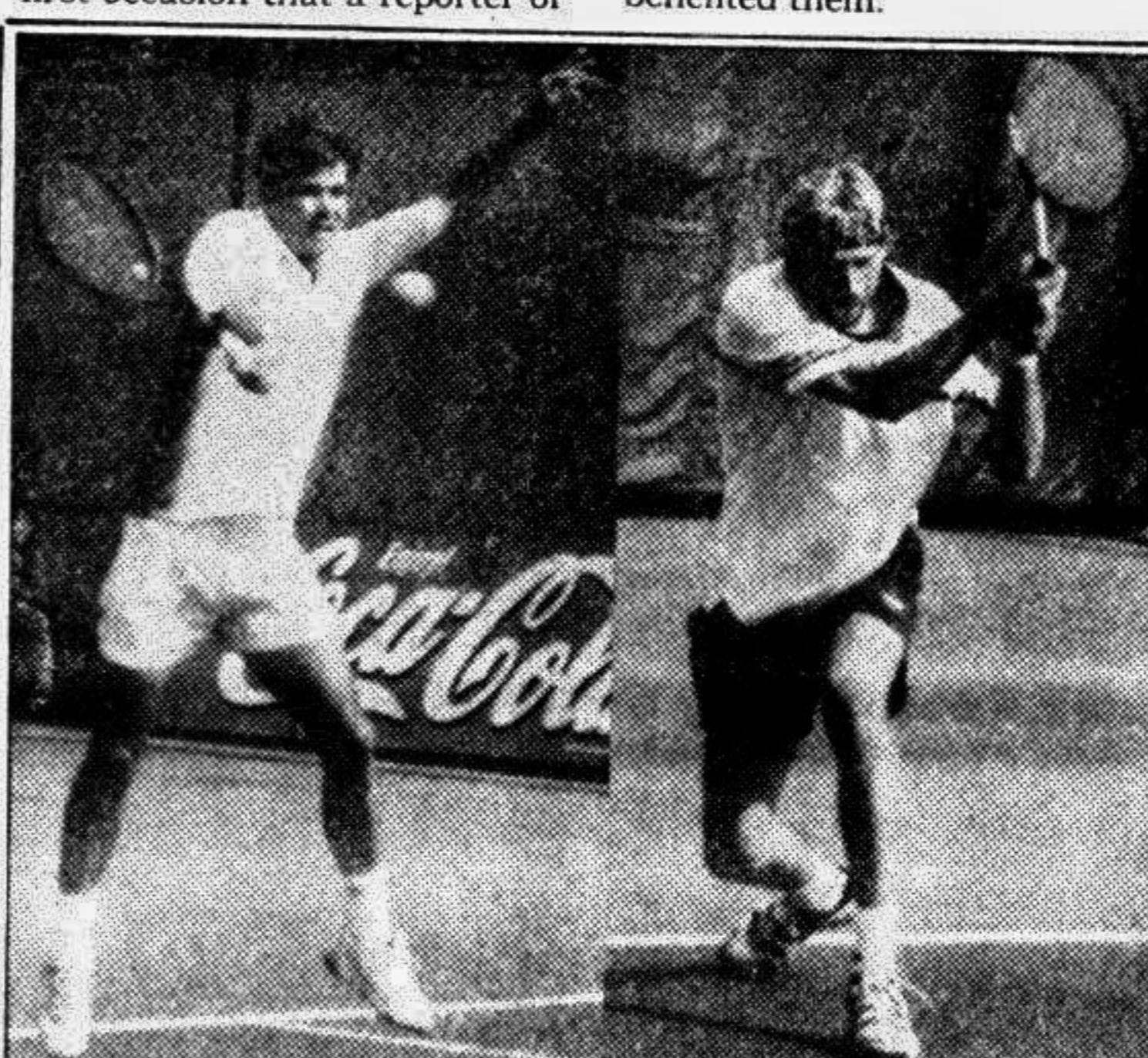
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Windies kick off with Super Max



CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Dec 2 (Internet Report): The West Indies step into the cricketing unknown for the first game during their New Zealand tour — a Super Max match at Jade Stadium on Friday night.

A West Indies selection, dubbed the Caribbean Calypso, will meet the New Zealand Max Blacks in the game which comprises two innings of 10 overs a-side each.

West Indies captain Brian Lara confirmed it would be a first for his players to take part in such an abbreviated game.

The visitors will polish up on the game rules, which include double value for shots hit into the Max zone between long-off and long-on, during their time in Christchurch.

The match will be closely watched by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and cricket authorities around the world, Doig said.

The ICC has officially endorsed Super Max cricket as its

preferred short version of the game and is seen as a development tool for introducing the game around the world.

The ICC recognises that cricket has to appeal to all sectors of the community to survive successfully into the next millennium.

With a Super Max game lasting only three hours it meets the needs of a society which is experiencing increasing demands on leisure time.

The Max Blacks, chosen by the New Zealand selectors and coached by David Trist, was named yesterday and includes internationals Roger Twose, the captain; Chris Cairns, Nathan Astle, Chris Harris, Craig Spearman, Daniel Vettori and Carl Balfin. The others are Chris Nevis, Richard Petrie, Jacob Oram, Alex Tait, Aron Barnes.

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There's some ability here and the main thing is to assess the conditions in New Zealand as early as possible," he said.

After Friday night's hit-and-giggle Super Max match at Jade Stadium, the West Indies have a three-day game against New Zealand A at Taupo and a four-day waver with Auckland to prepare themselves for the first Test.

Richards hinted he is prepared to give his tyros a second chance — it's only two Tests and, to be fair, any guy can go and have a bad Test match. That doesn't mean he's a bad player.

The team has not been performing the way other West Indian teams in the 80s performed.

"But, as I've mentioned to these kids, what happened yesterday and they are here for today and they are the ones who have to make it."

"When they leave this tour of New Zealand you will have an idea what these individuals can be in the future," Richards said.

Courtesy: CricInfo

Shipli scored six and Kakoli five for the winners while Yesmin made four and Bina two for the losers.

The title deciding match of the league between Arambagh KS and Dilkusha Sporting Club will be held today at 3:30 pm at the Mirpur Suhrwardi National Indoor Stadium.

State Minister for Shipping Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya will be the chief guest in the final.

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Nat'l cricket

Fourth round begins today

Sports Reporter

Leaders Sylhet take on Khulna in their home match at the Sylhet Stadium as the fourth round of the National Cricket League begins at different venues across the country today.

Sylhet have eight points so far from their three outings. They earned full four points against Rajshahi with an outright win in the second round and got two points each against Chittagong and Barisal by virtue of the first innings lead rules.

Chittagong, who are next with six points, will take on Barisal in another match at the Comilla Stadium.

Chittagong beat Dhaka in their previous match and earned the other two points against Khulna for their first innnings lead.

The other match between Dhaka and Rajshahi will take place at the Faridpur Stadium. Rajshahi have two points while Dhaka are pointless.

The winners led the first

half 1-0.

Forward Deen Islam struck

goals in the 17th

minute.

Shikha Protisthan will take

on Dhaka in the final this afternoon.

Open chess

Twenty three players jointly

lead the Expatriates' Open chess

tournament after the second

round matches at the NSC chess

room yesterday.

The leaders are Lavli, Pal

lab, Amin, Rani, Sohel, Javed,

Feroz, Rafiq, Arman, Parag,

Ahmedul, Krishna, Nayee,

Delu, Mahboob, Shahinoor,

Monir, Mithu, Afzal, Tamer,

Babli, Arun and Udas.

In the second round, Lavli

beat Zakir, Palab beat Moni,

Amin beat Sujan, Rani beat

Sumon, Feroz beat Shamsul,

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