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- How many centuries did Tendulkar score in the Tests series against Australia recently?

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- Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?

Lazio	Barcelona	Man United
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- Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?

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- Where did Maurice Greene break the 100m world record?

Athens	Seville	Rosario
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- Who lifted the National Cricket League title?

Chittagong	Sylhet	Rhulna
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SPORTS TALK



Serena Williams

(American tennis player) "I couldn't stop hitting errors. I don't know why I made so many errors. I just didn't do anything right."

After she lost to Russian Elena Likhovtseva in the fourth round of the Australian Open.

Fiorentina fans upset

FLORENCE, Italy, Jan 25: Angry Fiorentina fans protested against their team's slide into relegation danger as the players arrived for training on Monday, reports Reuters.

Sunday's defeat leaves the Florence club, who were pre-season title contenders, in 12th place in the table, just six points above the relegation zone.

Fiorentina coach Giovanni Trapattoni made clear his side have to take the prospect of a relegation fight seriously.

Trapattoni said that while his side had dominated the game for an hour, they had been punished for lack of attention to details.

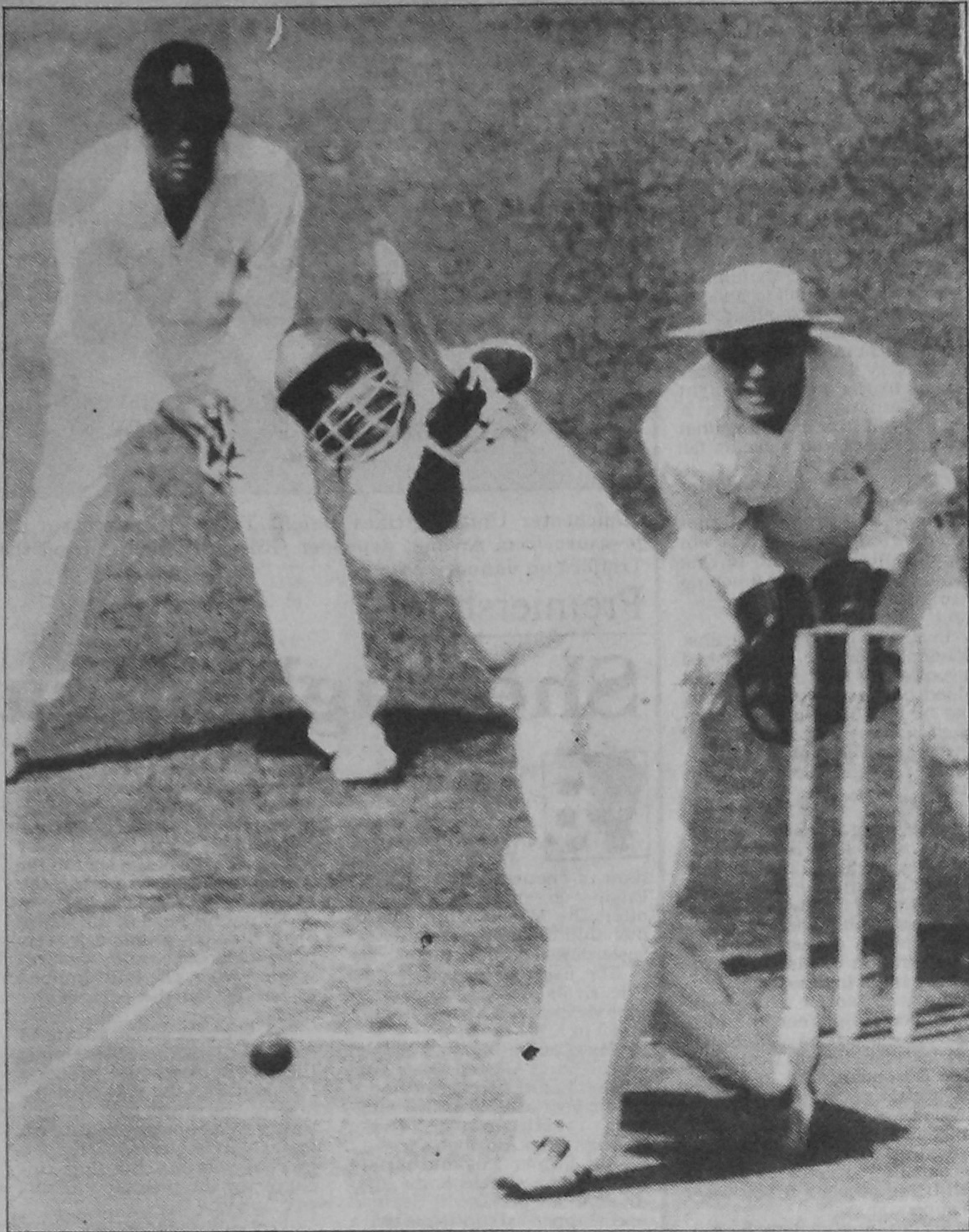
"For 25 years I have been winning championships and also losing them on such details. But details can also take you to Serie B," he said.

But he was protective of his players. "I will take responsibility for this situation, because I want the players to be calm and we do not need a huge debate," he said.

Fiorentina's slide in Serie A contrasts with their form in the Champions League, having qualified for the second phase of Europe's premier club competition.

While the notoriously volatile Fiorentina supporters appear to have lost patience with their side, club president Vittorio Cecchi Gori said he was giving full backing to Trapattoni and sounded a note of unity.

"I take the responsibility and I regret that we have not been able to sign a striker. But now let's regroup and try to overcome this difficult period," said Cecchi Gori.



SMASHING SHAHRIAR: Bangladesh opener Shahriar Hossain drives during his strokeful hundred against the MCC yesterday.

Hosts thrive on twin tons

Sports Reporter

Opener Shahriar Hossain and skipper Aminul Islam hammered two brilliant hundreds to put Bangladesh in the driving seat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, the first day of their three-day First Class match against the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

Shahriar scored 133 while Aminul returned with his form with an unbeaten 113 as the hosts were comfortably placed at 303 for three at stumps. It was however first First Class century for both batsmen.

Being sent into bat by MCC captain Min Patel, Bangladesh got off to a good start with openers Shahriar and Javed Omar scoring 50 runs in 14.5 overs.

The stand came to an end in the 25th over when off-spinner Gary Yates trapped Javed leg before for 26. The scoreboard then was reading 63.

The right-handed opener faced 69 balls, occupied the crease for 103 minutes and hit five boundaries.

After two overs and with the addition of 6 runs, Bangladesh pulled the wicket of Habibul Bashar (5) when the one-downer Javed hit Yates into the safe hands of Ben Smith at mid-wicket.

Success for MCC stopped at that point when Aminul came in to join Shahriar. Together the two then went on to share a magnificent 197-run partnership for the third wicket.

Min Patel broke the frustrating partnership, spanning over three hours, when he dismissed Shahriar in the 76th over. Shahriar tried to loft Patel over long-on, but he mis-timed it and the ball went straight to Will House, fielding at mid-on.

Shahriar, who scored 44 against the tourists in a limited-over match in Jessore on Sunday, reached his fifty in 165 minutes, playing 128 balls and hitting four fours. His next fifty came in 80 minutes as helobbered eight more boundaries off 93 balls. Shahriar sent leg-spinner Boockock twice over the top after reaching hundred.

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Aminul was found as a very relieved person after the match. "I needed this century badly for my own confidence as I started thinking myself as a 30 or 40-plus batsman," said a cheerful Aminul, who scored his last century against Scotland in 1998.

"I must thank Shahriar, who gave me a big support today. To me, Shahriar's century is more valuable than my one," said Aminul while praising the opener.

"I have not decided yet about declaring the innings. This was decided tonight in the team meeting. You might see MCC batting tomorrow in the morning."

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"To win this match in next two days, the bowlers have a lot to do." Shahriar, on the other hand, praised the pitch for his good batting.

"This pitch is a paradise for batsman. Today, the ball was coming on to the bat and I had little problems in negotiating those," said Shahriar.

Earlier, in the morning, the match started 80 minutes after the scheduled time as the outfield near the pitch was wet due to Saturday night's rain.

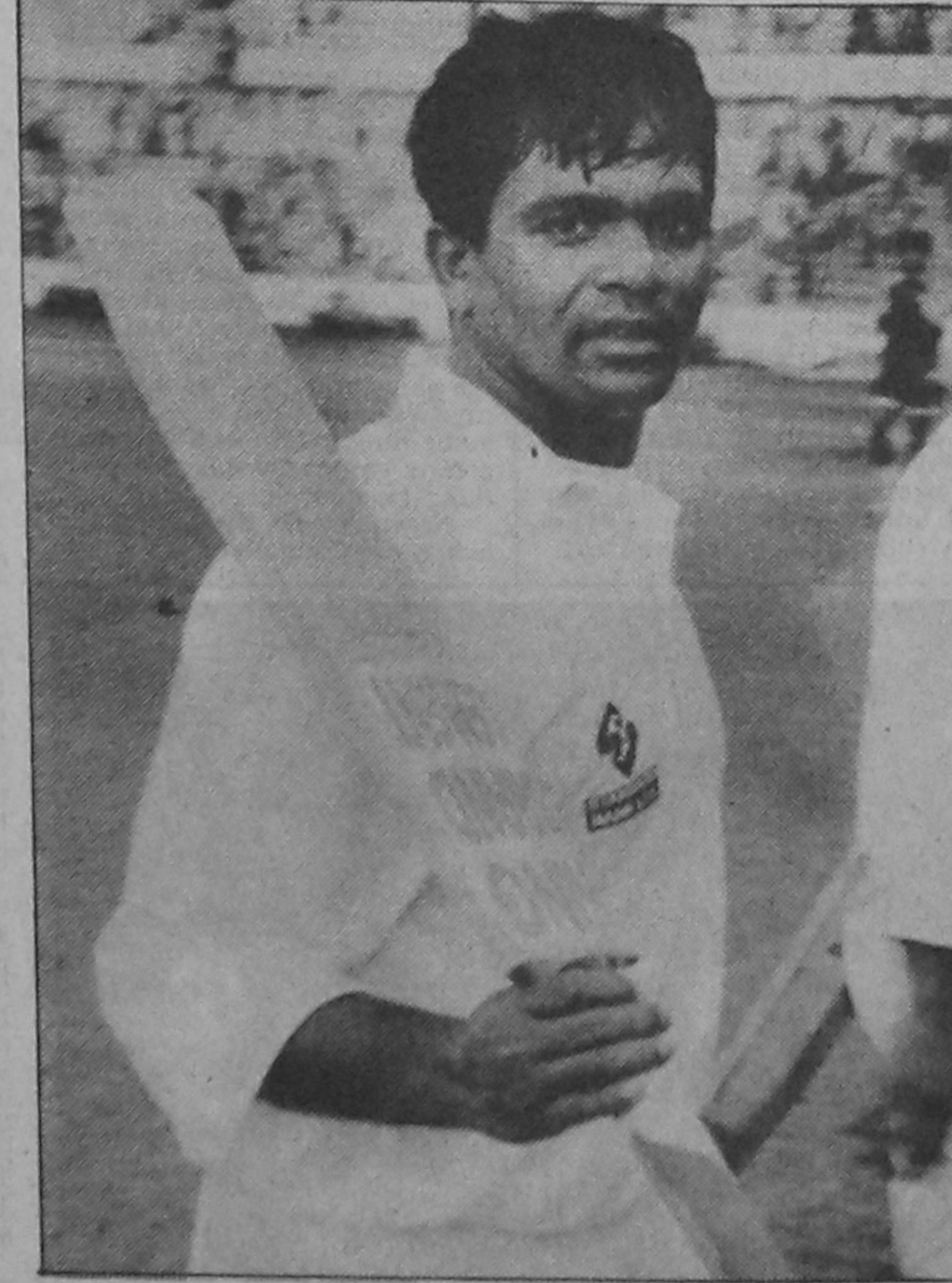
However, forty minutes were adjusted later in the day by reducing 15 minutes from lunch, 10 minutes from tea and playing additional 15 minutes after the scheduled time.

Weather permitting, the play will start at 9.30 am. Both the state-run media - Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar - will provide live coverage of the proceedings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between Bangladesh and MCC at the

FIRST CLASS CENTURIONS					
Name	Runs	Against	Venue	Date	
Al-Shahriar	155	Southern Conference (New Zealand)	Dunedin	Dec 1, 1997	
Habibul Bashar	143*	England A	Chittagong	Oct 25, 1999	
Khaled Masood	106*	MCC	Dhaka	Nov 4, 1999	
Shahriar Hossain	133	MCC	Dhaka	Jan 25, 2000	
Aminul Islam	113*	MCC	Dhaka	Jan 25, 2000	



THE CAPTAIN COMES GOOD : Bangladesh skipper Aminul Islam obliges the photographers while returning to the pavilion - unbeaten on 113 - at close of play yesterday.

World Youth C'ship

BD-IRELAND SCOREBOARD

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Scoreboard of the Plate semifinal match of the World Youth Cricket Championship between Bangladesh and Ireland:

BANGLADESH	
Nahidul c Joyce b Armstrong	32
Salim c Spelman b McGerrigle	7
Rajin c Shields b White	17
Hannan b White	12
Kuntal c Shield b Armstrong	0
Kalim c Shield b Armstrong	58
M Kabir c Joyce b McGerrigle	23
Tariqul c Mooney b McGerrigle	5
Bikash run out	11
Mosaddek not out	21
Anwar c White b McGerrigle	0
Extras (lb-1, nb-4, w-10)	15
Total : (All out in 48.5 overs)	196

Fall of wickets : 1/14; 2/44; 3/73; 4/75; 5/76; 6/117; 7/117; 8/150; 9/193

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGerrigle	9.5	1	54	4
Gardiner	4	0	17	0
Armstrong	9	0	44	3
White	10	1	28	2
Spelman	6	0	29	0
Hogg	10	2	23	0

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O Biren b Rajin	36
Mooney b Bikash	0
Armstrong c Salim b Rajin	21
White c Salim b Bikash	22
Naire b M Kabir	0
Shields c Kuntal b Mosaddek	10
Spelman run out	0
McGerrigle b Bikash	10
Gardiner b Hannan	1
Hogg not out	1
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-4, w-8)	18
Total: (All out in 43.3 overs)	129

Fall of wickets: 1/6; 2/6; 3/58; 4/65; 5/86; 6/109; 7/109; 8/112; 9/125

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash	9	5	19	4
Tariqul	5	3	16	0
Anwar	8	2	19	0
Hannan	2.3	0	9	1
Rajin	10	1	28	2
M Kabir	5	0	16	1
Mosaddek	4	0	17	1

Result : Bangladesh won by 67 runs.

Mustafa Kamal congratulates Wasim

Sports Reporter

Chairman of Abahani cricket committee Mustafa Kamal MP congratulated Pakistan captain Wasim Akram for becoming the first bowler to capture 400 wickets in one-day cricket.

Kamal, an avid follower of cricket and the man instrumental in bringing the finest left arm seamer of all time to play in the Dhaka league for Abahani on a number of occasions, has termed the achievement as a mile stone in the instant version of cricket and felicitated Akram on behalf of his fans in Bangladesh.

U-19 WC cricket

India, Lanka showdown

COLOMBO, Jan 25: India defeated Australia by 170 runs in the semifinals in the Under-19 cricket World Cup on Tuesday, setting up a clash in the final with Sri Lanka, reports AP.

Chasing India's total of 284 for six, Australia were all out for 114 in 34.5 overs.

Opener Ravneet Ricky and Manish Sharma got their side off to a superb start with an opening partnership of 124. Sharma was bowled for a classy 65 but Ricky reached his century off 140 balls.

The highlight of the innings was a lightning 58 from just 25 balls by left-hander Yuvaraj Singh, who whipped the Australian bowling to five sixes and five fours.

Chasing a run rate of 5.7 per over to win, Australia never looked comfortable. Only three batsmen, E Crowm, S Watson and N Hauritz reached the double figure of 16, 38 and 16 respectively. At one stage Australia had lost three wickets for 32.

For India, Anup Dave took three wickets for 25 off eight overs. Shalabh Srivastava took two for 25 runs off 7.5 overs. Ritender Sodhi took one for 19 off seven. M Tripathy took one for 18 off six and Mohammed Kaif claimed one for three off two overs.

The Australian team was playing without their captain Michael Clarke, who flew home to play a first-class match for New South Wales.

Bangkok can bid for 2008 Games

BANGKOK, Jan 25: The Thai capital was given cabinet approval today to apply to host the 2008 Summer Olympics, reports Reuters.

A government spokesman told reporters Bangkok hoped to be one of four finalists short-listed by next September to host the Games.

"We're prepared in terms of infrastructure to host the Games. By 2008, Bangkok's expanding network of elevated roads would be ready for the event," he said.

The last major sporting tournament held in Bangkok was the 1998 Asian Games.



TIME FOR A SNAP : International Cricket Council (ICC) inspector Nasimul Ghani (L) decides to take a photograph of fellow ICC official Graham Dowling (C) and MCC manager Col John Stephenson during the three-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

CCDM makes it official

Sports Reporter

Cricket and cricketers were finally let off the hook yesterday when the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) decided to officially put its war against seven leading players to rest.

The two and half a month row between the ruling body of Dhaka cricket and Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) that led to cricketers' boycotting of Marelbone Cricket Club came to an end when BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury weighed in on Saturday. CCDM is now doing the last formalities of the peace process.

CCDM chairman Tanvir Haider said that they had decided to withdraw their recommendation for punitive measures against the seven cricketers, who led CWAB from the front.

But the decision came only after the CWAB officially apologised for some abusive remarks, targeting a top CCDM official during its agitation programme in mid-November.

"We have decided to withdraw our recommendation for punishment against seven players that we had submitted to the Board two months back", said Tanvir after an emergency meeting of the CCDM last evening.

"I will send an official letter to the Board president, and that will remove the legal bindings that denied the seven cricketers from taking part in the (inter-club players) transfer", said Tanvir.

The seven cricketers—national captain Aminul Islam, his deputy Khaled Mahmud, Minhazul Abedin, Faruque

Ahmed, Enamul Hoque, Mohammed Rafique and Mahmudur Rahman—were earlier barred by the CCDM from entering transfer market. The players' bourse will start from February 5.

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"I think the issue which has gone too far could have been settled in ten minutes had the players been wise to come over and sit with me two months back", Tanvir said.

Also a vice-president of the BCB, Tanvir also admits that cricket in general has suffered in the last two months, and as the consequence of the crisis the governing body of local cricket has incurred financial loss.

Tanvir however refrained from criticising the BCB, which, many felt, quite unnecessarily sit back and eventually ended up complicating the issue.

"Justice delayed, justice denied," quipped the former national player turned seasoned cricket organiser.

The CCDM meeting meanwhile agreed to register five foreign players, out of which three will be eligible to play in a match.

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India collect first points

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ADELAIDE, Jan 25: Opener Sourav Ganguly belted 141 as India beat Pakistan by 48 runs in a thrilling limited-overs match today, their first win of the Carlton and United triangular competition, reports Reuters.

Batting first, India scored 267 for six from their 50 overs and then dismissed Pakistan for 219 in 44.4 overs.

Ganguly led the way for India, blazing 12 fours and a six off 144 balls before leg-spinner Anil Kumble chimed in with four for 40 off 9.4 overs as the Indian bowling saw the cause through.

India went into the game having lost their four previous matches in the series and today's win kept them in with a slim chance of making next month's best-of-three finals against Australia.

But they must still win their next three games and also depend on Pakistan losing their remaining match.

India face Australia in Adelaide tomorrow (Wednesday) and then play Pakistan in Perth on Friday.

Kumble was well supported by Venkatesh Prasad, Debashish Mohanty and Javagal Srinath, who each finished

we were pushed into the corner," said Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar, who scored 41 off 46 balls and combined with Ganguly in an opening stand of 88.

"We really gave a good start... the rest of the guys chipped in and played very well around him (Ganguly)."

Ganguly was thrilled with his performance, which earned him man-of-the-match honours.

"It was a good wicket to bat on," he said. "For us it was a do-or-die situation. We had lost all four previous games and thought we were better than that."

Ganguly and Tendulkar hit 42 runs off as many balls on the way to their 88-run partnership. Tendulkar was caught behind after he nudged at Abur Razaq delivery outside off stump.

Ganguly then took over, dominating a second-wicket partnership of 87 with Rahul Dravid (32). He eventually fell lbw to Pakistan captain Washim Akram in the second-last of the 50 overs.

Perth on Friday

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with two wickets. Azhar Mahmood was top scorer for Pakistan with 67 off 50 balls. Ijaz Ahmed added a valuable 54 off 77 balls but the side were always in trouble after losing early wickets.

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BAGC commences today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh's hopes ride on experienced performer Shawkat-uz-Zaman. He finished sixth in last year's event. Also there are four promising golfers—Siddiqur Rahman, M. Milon Miah, Mohammad Hossain and Sadiq Qudus. They are under the training of two professionals.

Among the Indians Sanjeev Mehra is considered an also-ran for the title having finished runner-up twice.

The event has 17 lady amateurs fighting it out for their own trophy. They are mainly foreigners working in Bangladesh.

In this amateur scratch individual tournament played over 72 holes, the player with the lowest aggregate score over four rounds will be the champion. To encourage other aspiring golfers prizes are on offer on the basis of net scores.

At a press briefing held at the KGC yesterday evening it

was revealed that a good number of organisations are sponsoring the event. They are Navana Limited, Summit Group, Philips, Rangs Group, BEX-IMCO, FuWang, Square Dhaka Sheraton, GETCO, Bangladesh Edible Oils, Nestle, Mihaz Group, ProStar, Reliance Tea Co, Duncans, GramreenPhone, Partex, Greenland, Doel Group and Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

The briefing addressed by tournament committee chairman Brig (ret'd) Muhammad Masud Ali Khan. He said the tournament costing eight lakh would be teed-off by KGC president and Chief of Army Staff M Mustafizur Rahman. On the final day (Saturday) clubs vice-president Maj Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury will give away the prizes.

Club captain Brig Jiban Kanai Das attended the briefing.