

## Column One

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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	Toronto
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- Who lifted the National Cricket League title?
 

Chittagong	Sylhet	Khulna
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## SPORTS TALK



**Mark Taylor**  
(Former Australian cricket captain)  
"I don't think (Shoaib Akhtar) had a problem at all until people started scrutinising his action. It's got to do with the slow motion cameras."

## Rohana leads the board

**Sports Reporter**  
Anura Rohana of Sri Lanka was still leading the board on the second of the 15th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club course yesterday.

Rohana shot a one under par 71 to take his total score after two rounds to 140. Airal Razman of Malaysia moved into second place. He collected a four under par 68 which combined with a 73 on the first day, made his total 141.

Pakistan's Ahmed Ali Shah produced a better performance. The defending champion occupied third place with a total of 144 (73+71). Promising local player Mohammad Milan, a product of KGC, came back into contention with an even par. He was leading group of four on 149.

## Biman sports

The 18th annual sports competition of Biman Bangladesh Airlines was held at the Army Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

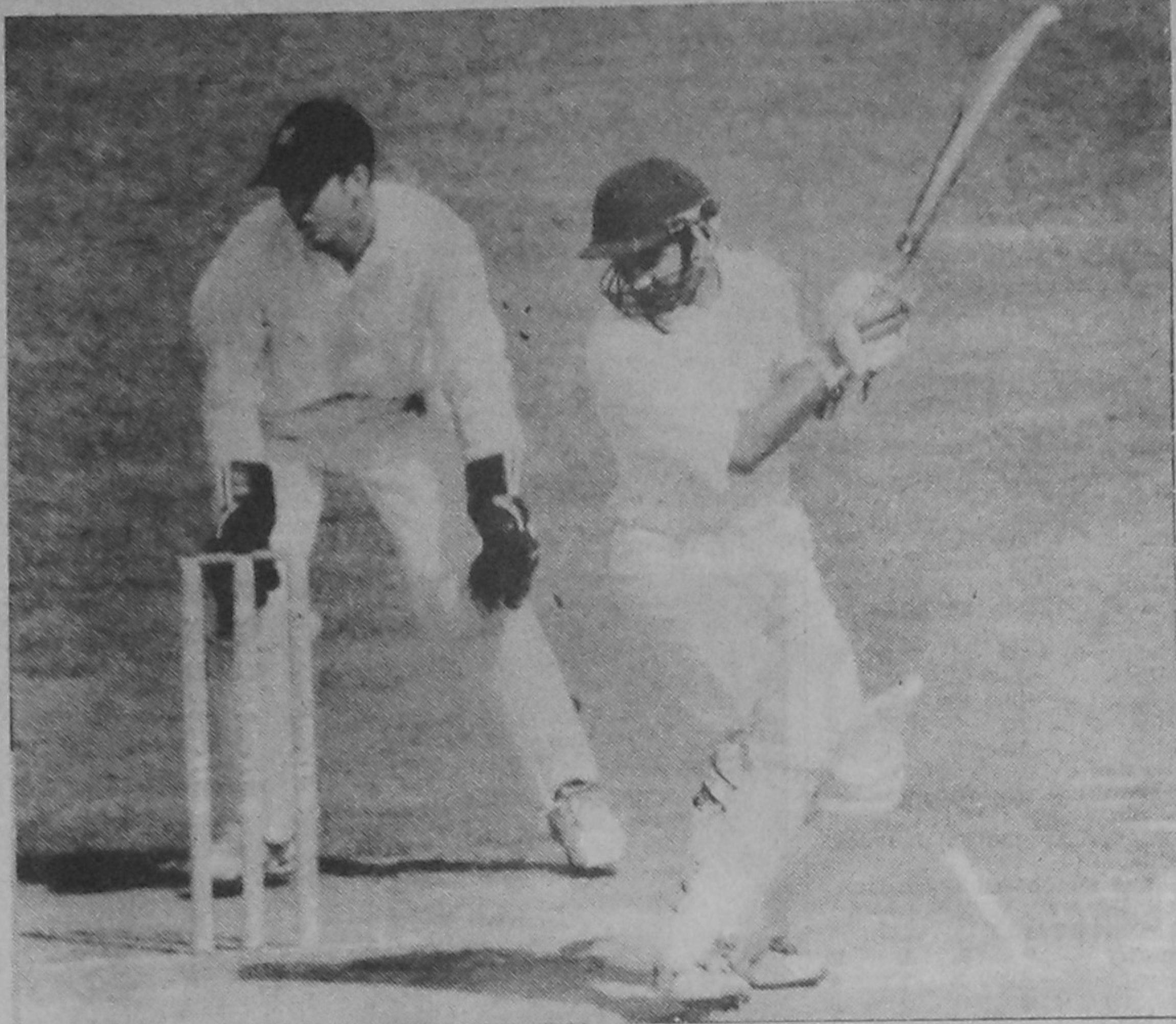
Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Engineer Mosharraf Hossain inaugurated the meet as the chief guest.

The Customer Service Directorate became champions while Managing Director's Secretariat were runners-up.

Imran Uddin of Chittagong lifted the individual championships and Nowsheer Ali Molah was individual runner-up.

In the women's group, Wahida of Customer Services Department was adjudged champion and Rehana of Finance Directorate finished runner-up.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Syed Ashraf Islam attended the closing function and distributed prizes.



Habibul Bashar miscues an attempted pull-shot on the third day of the first class match against MCC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium Yesterday.

## Bangladesh-MCC match drawn

# Shahriar seizes the spotlight

Sports Reporter

Opener Shahriar Hossain hit his brilliant back-to-back hundred to help Bangladesh tighten grips on the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) yesterday, the third and final day of the First Class match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Hasibul Hossain, with a four-wicket burst, then helped the hosts to have a sniff of a victory sending the visitors on the ropes. Needing 312 to win in 64 overs, MCC captain Min Patel stymied a desperate Bangladesh when he carefully played out a torrid last few overs to ensure a draw. The scoreboard was reading 234 for eight when umpires took off the balls, much to the relief of MCC.

On this eventful day, Bangladesh had a refreshing experience for the first time by being on the top in a longer-version match against any touring side. Bangladesh reigned supreme as Shahriar revealed his rich vein of talents against the tourists.

The on-song right-hander became the first Bangladesh batsman to score centuries in both innings of a First Class match when he followed up his 131 with an undefeated 121 in the second innings.

Resuming the day at 52, Shahriar dominated a 205 run stand, a record in any wicket for Bangladesh, as the home

side, 106 for one overnight, reached 226 for two before skipper Aminul Islam declared 27 minutes before the lunch, having taken an over-all lead of 311.

Shahriar sent MCC on a leather-hunt in company of one-down Habibul Bashar, who contributed 85 to the record stand. The pair, playing in one-day style, added 120 runs in 23.2 overs at a rate of 5.17 runs per before Bashar became the only casualty on the day.

The declaration came at the fall of Bashar, who was caught by Min Patel at point while trying to cut a rising delivery from Anthony McGrath. In his more than three-hour stay at the crease he faced 120 balls and clubbed nine boundaries.

Shahriar, who reached 50 off 91 balls, completed his delightful double with exquisite bowler's back drive for four. His second hundred came off 158 balls. The gritty opener occupied the crease for 201 minutes, faced 173 balls and hammered a six and 15 boundaries.

Shahriar's delight turned into agony when he left the field with bruised thumb while fielding in the slips. Later X-ray revealed a hairline fracture on the lower part of his right thumb, meaning he would be out of action at least for a week.

While in chase, MCC got off to a positive start with all of their batsman going for shots. But their adventurous approach

# South Africa go level

CAPE TOWN, Jan 27: South Africa held off a late charge by England to gain an exciting one-run win in the Standard Bank triangular series limited-overs international at Newlands here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

South Africa struggled to 204 for seven, with Darren Gough undermining their top order for the second successive match.

England seemed well set when Nick Knight and Graeme Hick put on 69 for the second wicket but the two batsmen fell within three balls of each other and England were unable to mount another substantial partnership as South Africa's all-pace attack thrived on a bouncy pitch.

England's cause seemed hopeless after Chris Adams went for a fine 42 and they needed 29 off the last 13 balls with three wickets left but Mark Ealham and Chris Read went on the attack.

Ealham slammed a four off Jacques Kallis' last ball of the 48th over. Read then smashed a six over long-on off Shaun Pollock.

A single and a four by Ealham followed before Ealham on 25 skied a catch to Jonty Rhodes at backward point. Read hit another four and a single to keep the strike and England started the last over needing nine to win.

It proved just out of reach, with Andrew Caddick being yorked by Kallis. Four were needed off the last ball but Gough, England's last batsman, could manage only two.

Gough, who was man of the match in England's nine-wicket win over the same opponents in Bloemfontein on Sunday, took three top order wickets for 36 runs as South Africa batting again failed to catch fire. He took four for 29 in Bloemfontein.

Gough dismissed both open-

ing batsmen, Gary Kirsten and Herschelle Gibbs, in his opening spell. Then he came back to end a promising innings of 39 by African captain Hansie Cronje, who was caught behind.

Kallis was the main contributor to the South African innings, making 43 off 70 balls, including a majestic straight six off medium-pace Ealham before being run by a direct hit from Ealham when he attempted a risky single to mid-on.

South Africa's big hitter Lance 'Zulu' Klusener added

some impetus late in the innings when he made an unbeaten 42 off 48 balls.

Andrew Caddick provided excellent back-up to Gough, conceding only 23 runs in an eight-over opening spell and finishing with one for 29 off ten overs.

Craig White also bowled steadily, taking one for 36.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scorecard of the Standard Bank triangular series limited-overs match between South Africa and England.

South African Jacques Kallis (L) and skipper Hansie Cronje taking a run during their triangular series one-day international against England at Newlands on January 26.

## World Youth C'ship

### S AFRICA -BD SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Youth Cup Championship Plate final between Bangladesh and South Africa played at the Asgria Stadium in Kandy, Sri Lanka on Thursday:

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Smith b Mahfuz 51  
Puttick c Mossadek b Rajin 19  
Rudolph run out 11  
Trott st Selim b Mossadek 41  
Myburgh run out 2  
Makalima b Mossadek 11  
Abrahams lbw b Bikash 19  
Tsolekile c Hannan b Bikash 17  
Botha c Rajin b Hannan 13  
Senekal b Bikash 5  
Morkel not out 1  
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-14, nb-2) 23  
Total: (All out in 49.4 overs) 213  
Fall of wickets: 1/62; 2/91; 3/100; 4/110; 5/131; 6/168; 7/190; 8/198; 9/208

**Bowling** O M R W  
Bikash 10 1 43 3  
Tariqul 3 0 18 0  
Anwar 8 0 41 0  
Mossadek 10 0 39 2  
Rajin 10 0 31 1  
Mahfuz 8 0 29 1  
Hannan 0 4 0 5 1

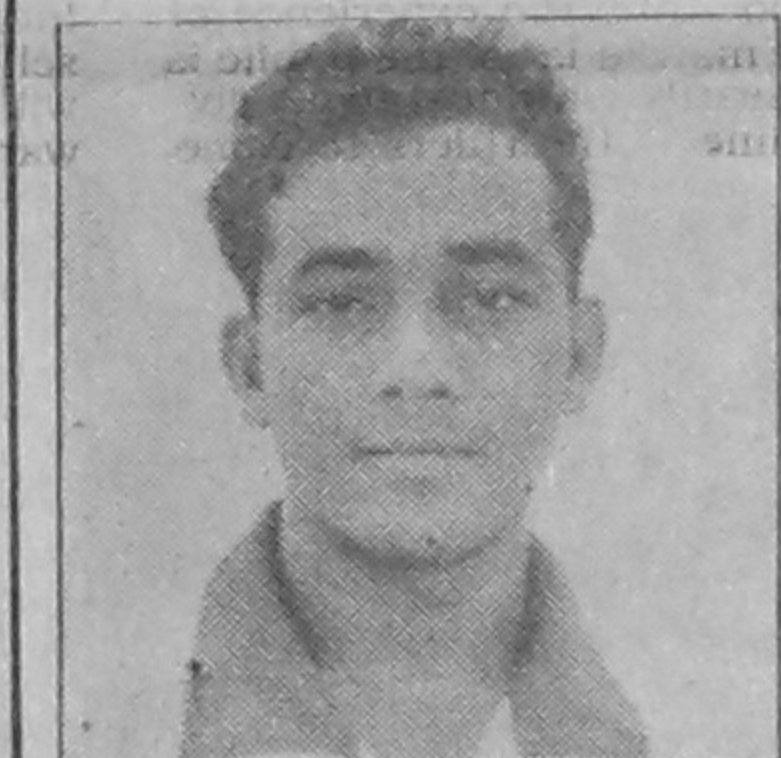
**BANGLADESH**  
Nahidul c Botha b Senekal 2  
Salim c Tsolekile b Morkel 1  
Hannan b Senekal 51  
Rajin Saleh c U Abrahams b Morkel 4  
Kuntal Botha 8  
Kalim run out 8  
Mahfuz c Rudolph b Senekal 14  
Tariqul run out 5  
Mossadek c Tsolekile b Abrahams 8  
Bikash not out 8  
Anwar b Trott 0  
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-18, nb-1) 24  
Total: (All out in 47.5 overs) 183

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/5, 3/17, 4/55, 5/75, 6/105, 7/113, 8/116, 9/129

**Bowling** O M R W  
Senekal 10 4 20 3  
Morkel 10 0 36 2  
Myburgh 10 0 28 0  
Makalima 2 0 7 0  
Botha 10 2 31 1  
Abrahams 4 0 7 1  
Trott 1.5 0 2 1

**Result: South Africa won by 80 runs.**

## Congrats Shahriar



Hearty felicitations to Shahriar Hossain on his unique feat of scoring a century in each innings of a First Class cricket match. This is the first such achievement by any Bangladesh player and this unprecedented performance takes him into the history books of the country's cricket.

Memory takes me back to 1952-53 when Hanif Mohammad, only at the age of 18, scored a century in each innings at Amritsar in Pakistan's opening match against North Zone team on their historic tour of India.

The legendary opening batsman of Pakistan repeated the feat in 1962 on this very ground when he became the first Pakistan batsman to score back-to-back centuries in a Test match against Ted Dexter's England team.

I wish Shahriar Hossain a very bright future and happy hunting. And at the same time I urge other members of the team and the budding cricketers of the country to try and emulate Shahriar.

**Tawfiq Aziz Khan**

## BCB serves notice on Nadir

**Sports Reporter**  
The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday served a show cause notice on truant umpire Nadir Shah on Wednesday.

Nadir, one of the two umpires to conduct the first-class match between Bangladesh and the visiting MCC, failed to turn up at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on time on the second day of the three-day match.

His eleven hour absence forced the panic-stricken organisers to send for reserve umpire Ashique Rahman along with Englishman John Hampshire to start the match on schedule.

"We have served him a show cause notice today," said the BCB joint-secretary Mahmudul Haq to the Daily Star last evening. The BCB official also said that they are likely to take stern action if Nadir fails to come up with an acceptable reason.

Meanwhile, match referee Rafiqul Alam said that he has finally received a letter from Nadir yesterday.

"He submitted a letter today. He said that he came down with diarrhoea on Wednesday. I have sent it to the BCB," said Rafiqul.

## Efforts on to clear Shoaib

PERTH, Australia, Jan 27: Footage of controversial Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar shot in Perth in recent weeks will be used in a bid to pave the way for his return to Test cricket, reports AFP.

Pakistan manager Brigadier Mohammad Nasir said here Thursday the film was being sent to the Pakistan Cricket Board and would be passed on to the International Cricket Council (ICC) in the hope they would reverse their finding that he occasionally bowls with an illegal action.

Shoaib, 24, rated by some observers as the world's fastest bowler, was ruled to be a "chucker" by the ICC's illegal actions committee in December.

But in an extraordinary move earlier this month on the eve of the Australian one-day series involving Pakistan and India, as well as the home nation, ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya overruled that decision and declared Shoaib eligible to play in one-day internationals.

He remains barred from Test matches until the ICC committee gives further consideration to the issue.

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## Elton's letter to Tawfiq

Sports Reporter



SIR ELTON JOHN

Sir Elton John CBE (Commander of the British Empire) has sent a letter to Tawfiq Aziz Khan, a noted journalist and commentator of Bangladesh. However, the letter of the legendary British singer was not on music but on football.

Sir Elton, who has joined England's campaign for the 2006 World Cup football, wrote this letter recently while forwarding the latest brochure published by the bid committee. The campaign is titled 'The Stage is Set'.

The publication, which is brought out by the Football Association on behalf of the England 2006 FIFA World Cup Bid Committee, reveals that it has Her Majesty the Queen as its Patron and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent as the President.

In the brochure Sir Elton writes, "Like music, football can quicken the pulse. Great concerts, great games — you never forget them. I was only a teenager when the last World Cup was played in England. Today, England has everything it takes to stage a major international tournament — above all, the best football stadiums in the world."

In his letter to Khan, Sir El-

ton writes: "Football is England's number one sport and our venues are designed and built especially for the game. They are designed for playing football, for watching football and for enjoying football in a clean, safe, friendly and modern environment... of course it's not just bricks and concrete that make great football venues. English stadiums have no fences, no running tracks and are all-seater. Fans aren't just spectators, they are close to the action, creating an atmosphere in which football's stars can really shine. Great venues mean great football."

The brilliantly produced brochure is designed to promote knowledge and understanding of English football all over the world. In conclusion Sir Elton writes: "With over \$1 billion invested in stadium development in the last decade alone and with even more to come, England offers more than just a promise of great facilities in 2006. In England great Venues are already here for you to see and experience. In England the Stage is really set."

The slogan for the bid: 'Welcoming the world of football to the home of football,' could not have been more appropriate.

## India, Pakistan clash today

PERTH, Australia, Jan 27: Pakistan coach Intikhab Alam was confident Thursday that passions have cooled after the angry tri-nations one-day tournament game against India two days ago and there will be no more fireworks when the teams clash here Friday, reports AFP.

"I don't think there will be any problems tomorrow," he said as Pakistan prepared for their last qualifying round match — an engagement under lights at the WACA Ground.

Pakistan have the luxury of knowing that, for all practical purposes, they do not need to win the game, because they are virtually assured of a finals place already, but are determined to claim a victory as a morale boost before the best-of-three deciders against Australia starting in Melbourne Wednesday.

Tensions between Pakistan and India reached flashpoint in the Tuesday night game in Adelaide when Pakistan all-

rounder Abdur Razaq accused Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar of tampering with the ball in the 39th over.

Match referee Cammie Smith dismissed the charge as frivolous and without foundation after umpires Darrell Hair and Steve Davis confirmed they had no problem with the condition of the ball.

Indian coach Kapil Dev said he was shocked by the allegations.

At a hearing after the Adelaide match — won by India by 48 runs — Smith investigated three other alleged breaches of conduct by India.

An Australian Cricket Board statement said it had been alleged Indian strike bowler Venkatesh Prasad called Pakistan's Azhar Mahmood "nasty names".

Prasad was also accused of swearing at Pakistan's Yousuf Youhana. Both charges were dropped in the absence of proper evidence.

The final charge alleged India's Debashish Mohanty had stood outside the 30m fielding circle. He was warned to be

## ICC inspectors leave impressed

Sports Reporter  
The three inspectors of the International Cricket Council (ICC) left Dhaka in a positive frame of mind after completing a hectic 10-day schedule.

Graham Dowling of New Zealand, Andy Pycroft of Zimbabwe and Nasimul Ghani of Pakistan, arrived here on January 18 to assess the logistics, infrastructure and the standard of cricket in light of Bangladesh's plea for Test status.

During their stay they traveled to Rajshahi, Chittagong, Jessore and Sylhet and watched the three-day match between the visiting MCC and the national team at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Although Pycroft on Saturday, his colleagues stayed back to watch the three-day affair, where Bangladesh played splendidly much to their satisfaction.

"It was a wonderful trip. I'm very pleased with the cricketing infrastructure and the playing standard here. I'm definitely going to submit a positive report," said Dowling at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The New Zealander was the last of the three former Test players to leave the capital yesterday. Earlier, Nasimul Ghani left the capital in the morning. They will submit a report to the ICC management committee tomorrow. The committee will hold a three-day meeting in Singapore beginning February 7. It is expected to prepare a final report for the annual June meeting of game's governing body.

And if everything goes according to plan, Bangladesh might become the tenth Test playing nation.

To achieve that Bangladesh however will require the consent of seven out of the nine Test nations. During last year's meeting in London, they collected five votes.

## Lara uncertain for Busta Cup fixture

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Jan 27: West Indies captain Brian Lara is doubtful for Trinidad and Tobago's Busta Cup match against Jamaica this weekend because of injury, reports Reuters.

Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board officials said Lara was suffering from ankle and toe injuries in his right foot which could rule him out of the fifth round encounter.

Intikhab, choosing his words carefully and discussing the issue with reluctance, said: "We have a very good relationship between management and the players and we will carry on that."

"I don't find anything wrong with the relationship, especially when you are playing each other so often. I don't think there will be any problem tomorrow."

"What happened in the other match is all forgotten — finished. As far as we are concerned, it's all finished."

Pakistan will be handicapped Friday by the absence of Razaq, nursing a pulled right thigh muscle expected to sideline him for several days.

Veteran paceman Waqar Younis is tipped to replace him.

All-rounder Azhar Mahmood, who has been troubled with cramp, is considered a likely starter.

Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram was absent from training Thursday, but Intikhab expected.

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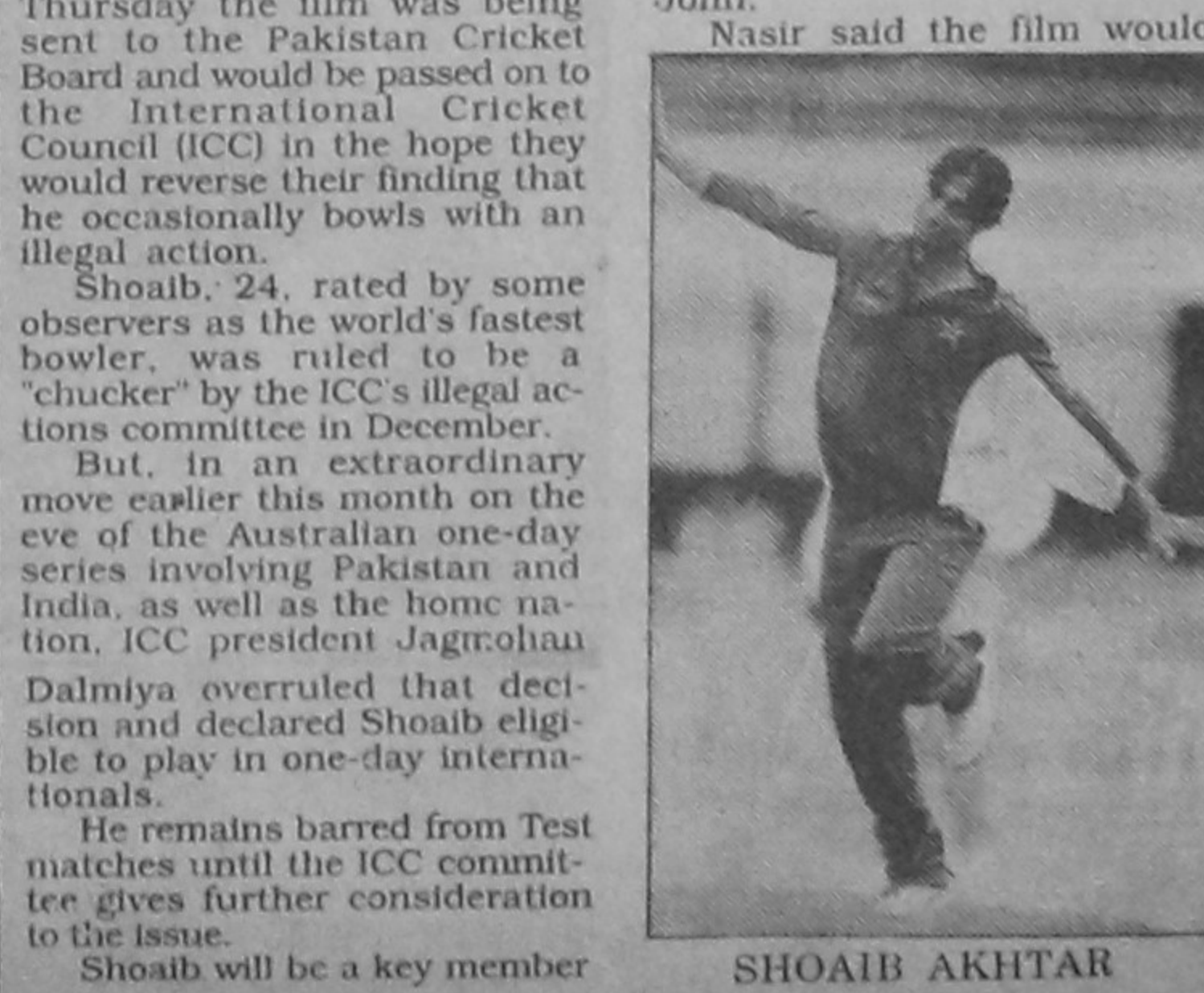
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