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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?

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

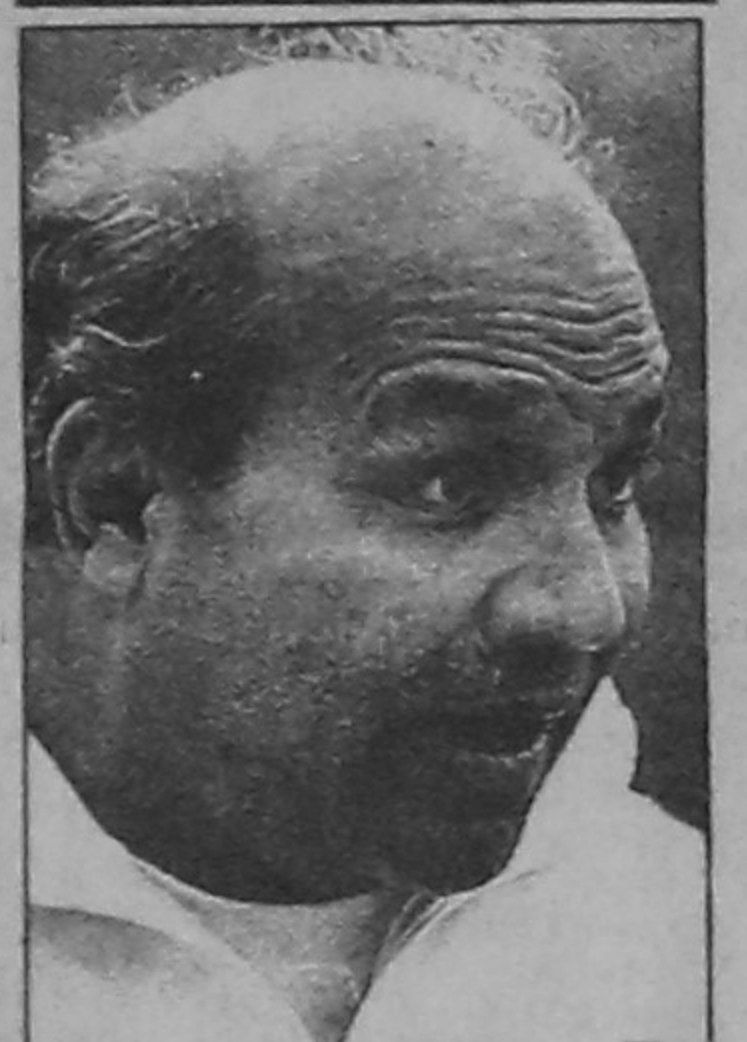
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- Who lifted the National Cricket League title?

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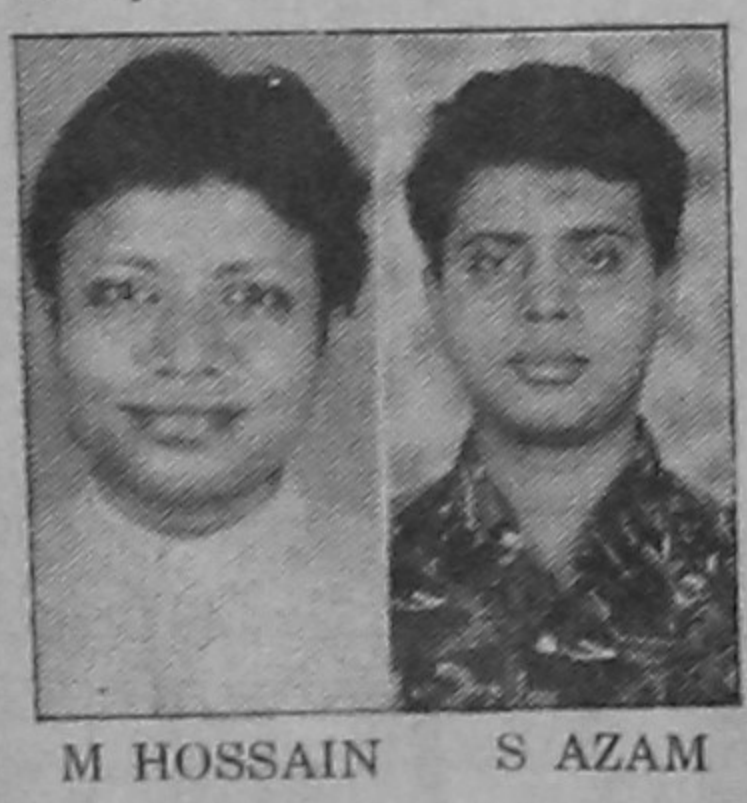
SPORTS TALK



Intikhab Alam
(Pakistan cricket coach)
"I am satisfied there is nothing wrong with him and that he will be cleared for Tests in due course."
About Shoaib Akhtar

Office-bearers of the BSWA

Sports Reporter
Mahmud Hossain Khan Dulal and Shahidul Azam have been elected president and general secretary of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) for 2000-2001 respectively.



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They were elected during the biennial general meeting of the BSWA at the National Sports Council auditorium yesterday.

Other elected office-bearers are: vice-presidents-- Sanaul Haque Khan and Kamrunnahar Dana, joint-secretaries-- Khandkar Ariful Islam and Talha-bin-Nazrul, Treasurer-- Zakaria Hossain, Library secretary-- Abdur Rab Fuad, Office secretary-- Kazi Imrul Kabir Sumon, Organising secretary-- Anupam Hossain and members-- Shahabuddin Shahab, Salma Rafique, Parag Arman, Khairul Islam Shahin, Ranjit Biswas, Shaifur Rahman, Aminul Haque Mullaik, ASM Rouquibul Hasan, Mahfuzur Rahman and SK Golam Akbar.

The meeting also named Abdul Towhid, Badiuzzaman and Aminul Haider Chowdhury Malu as BSWA's new life members.

Friendly soccer

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan 28 (AFP): Result of Thursday's friendly international football match between Honduras and Ecuador played in San Pedro Sula: Honduras 1 (Martinez 88), Ecuador 1 (Graciani 13).



Bangladesh cricketers exercise at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

MCC face hosts in one-dayer Only win can content Aminul

Sports Reporter

Buoyed by their latest performance, Bangladesh will be desperately looking forward to winning their today's limited-overs exhibition match against Marlbome Cricket Club (MCC) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The day-night affair commences at 2pm with both the state-run media— Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar— providing live coverage of the match from the big ball.

Bangladesh came close to victory in their three-day First Class match against the English club on Thursday. MCC skipper Min Patel stymied a desperate Bangladesh after being reduced to 234 for eight in the final session.

But the tourists won their over-limit encounter against BCB Eleven by six wickets in Jessore last week. That BCB Eleven included as many as seven players from the current national team including captain Aminul Islam.

Only a victory tonight would now erase Aminul's bitter memories in Jessore. The Bangladesh captain feels it would not be impossible if his players could up to their potential.

"We have a point to prove and this is our last chance," said a determined Aminul yesterday. "We have to play positively if we are to beat MCC."

Aminul however would certainly miss the service of in-form opener Shahriar Hossain, who scored a century in both innings of the three-day match. He suffered a hairline fracture on the lower part of his right thumb while fielding in the slips. Mehrib Hossain will stand in for Shahriar today.

Excepting the inclusion of Mehrib, the team is expected to remain unchanged.

Both teams have had nets at the match venue last evening under lights. Min Patel however revealed that his side had little experience in playing under floodlights.

"We don't play day-night in England," said the Kent all-rounder.

"One-day match is different than the three or four-day matches. Our approach will be different tomorrow."

He however declined to disclose the playing eleven for today. "It would be decided before the match", he said.

With this match, MCC will wind up their three-week tour to Bangladesh. The tourist will return home tomorrow.

TEAMS

Bangladesh: Aminul Islam (captain), Khaled Masood, Javed Omar, Mehrib Hossain, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Mahmud.

Habibul Bashir, Hasbul "ossain, Shafuluddin Ahmed, Naimur Rahman, Enamul Hoque, Monjurul Islam and Fahim Muntasir.

MCC: Min Patel (captain), Bill Athey, Mark Boocock, Will House, Barry Hyam, Richard Johnson, Neil Killeen, Anthony McGrath, Paul Nixon, Ryan Sidebottom, Ben Smith, Tony Dodemaide, Matthew Wood and Gary Yates.

Umpires: Samiur Rahman and John Hampshire.

Mike 'the animal' Tyson

MANCHESTER, England, Jan 28: Mike Tyson faced Julius Francis on Thursday to announce he was an animal in the ring reports Reuters.

"I am an animal in the ring. I don't know how he feels about that. I'm a ferocious fighter. You can't change who you are and I never doubt who I am," he said.

"I'm here for war."

With the usual pleasantries accounted for, the former heavyweight world champion also led a news conference on a quick ramble through his religious beliefs, the role of community leaders and his own tortured psyche.

There was no snarling, no abuse as Tyson answered questions and Francis listened to music through a headset, swaying absentmindedly to the beat.

Tyson, mobbed on his arrival on Wednesday night after riotous scenes in London, said he was feeling good and looking forward to a party with the British people after the 10 round non-title fight.

He found time to praise European champions Manchester United as "a great soccer team" and said he had no plans to visit the deprived Moss side area before the fight.

And, with British promoter Frank Warren who lost an accrimonious court case with Don King last year agreeing to his

every word, Tyson declared that it was nice not to have that individual involved in the fight.

Francis, the British champion selected for the dubious honour of assisting Tyson's rehabilitation in the ring after a conviction for rape and suspension for biting Evander Holyfield's ear, inevitably declared that he was no fall guy.

"I'm going to win," he said, referring to his opponent as "Mr Tyson" and offering him his respect.

"This is my fight. It's all about Julius Francis."

WBO super-middleweight champion Joe Calzaghe of Britain nominally tops the bill for his title fight with David Starie but the fact is that Tyson is the show in a fight that could last for under a minute. He could be lined up to pummel a punch-bag for 10 rounds on Saturday night and the British public would still be queuing up for tickets.

"Mike Tyson is coming. Give him his respect," bellowed Tyson henchman Steve "the Crocodile" Fitch, trying to warm-up the media with a pale imitation of Muhammad Ali's celebrated sidekick Drew Bundini Brown.

"Two days and a wake-up. We're coming for you," he bellowed, bedecked in combat gear and shades. "That's right, guerrilla warfare. To be or not to be, that is the question."

In the only fission of the staged meeting under the television lights, he was heckled by Francis's trainer Mark Rowe

who suggested the croc was "a thin-lipped lizard".

"You're very ugly. I see you slide back in the swamp last night, I'll see you run away," he offered.

Tyson, in a rare turnaround, managed to raise the tone.

"I've been plenty of religions," he said, when asked about his conversion to Islam. "I been a Catholic, I been a Christian. It's just who I am but that doesn't necessarily mean I'm a good person because I'm a Moslem."

"We're all judged by our deeds and our conduct."

A question from a female reporter about Tyson's attitude to women was given short shrift by Warren, who said the boxer would take questions about the fight only.

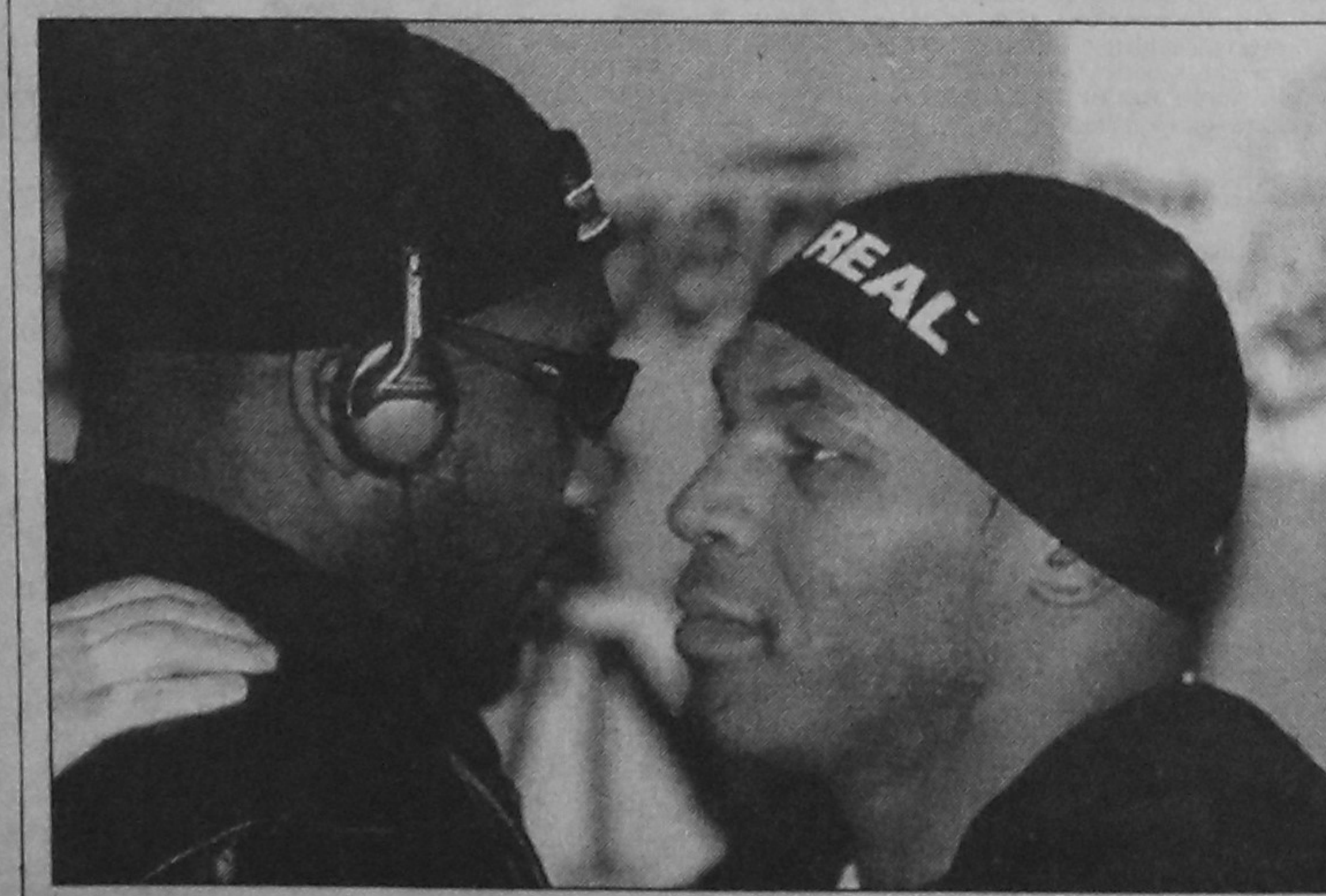
Tyson was allowed into the country only after attempts to have him barred for his rape conviction failed.

He insisted he had been wrongly convicted of "this bizarre rape thing" and some thing had to be done about "the law saying that just because you've been in prison and had a record that it's over for you."

"It don't mean that you are a piece of trash and should be thrown away like a used towel," he said.

But he also didn't care what people thought.

"If everybody loved me and was my friend, I'd be an enemy to myself," Tyson asserted. "Respect is a powerful word. Respect is more powerful than love."



EYE TO EYE: Mike Tyson (R) stares at British challenger Julius Francis during a press conference on January 27. — AFP photo

World Youth C'ship

SL-INDIA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Youth World Championship final match between Sri Lanka and India at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Friday:

SRI LANKA
R Peris c Dave b Tripathi 17
G Daniels lbw b Sriwastava 0
J Mubarak c and b Kaif 58
S Kandambay run out 10
K Gajjanayake c Ratra b Dave 6
M Pushpakumara run out 17
K Lokurachchi b Sriwastava 14
K Weeratne run out 23
G Dharmika c Sodhi b Sriwastava 6
A Ganegama run out 2
R Nissanka not out 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-10, w-9, nb-2) 23
Total: (All out in 48.1 overs) 178
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-43; 3-84; 4-100; 5-118; 6-125; 7-158; 8-171; 9-174; 10-178.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sriwastava	9	2	33	3
Tripathi	9.1	1	38	1
Sodhi	10	0	26	0
Kaif	10	1	31	1
Dave	9	1	33	1
Yuvraj	1	0	5	0

INDIA
M Sharma lbw Dharmika 27
R Ricky b Lokurachchi 18
M Kaif b Ganegama 18
Yuvraj lbw Pushpakumara 27
R Sodhi not out 39
N Patel not out 34
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-5, nb-4) 17
Total: (For 4 wickets in 40.4 overs) 180
Did not bat: A Ratra, Y Rao, A Dave, M Tripathi, S Sriwastava.
Fall of wickets: 1-53; 2-63; 3-94; 4-115

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nissanka	5	0	25	0
Ganegama	6	1	28	1
Dharmika	9	2	28	1
Lokurachchi	6	0	20	1
Pushpakumara	10	2	34	1
Kandambay	3	0	24	0
Weeratne	1.4	0	13	0

Result: India won by six wickets

Women's Chess

Sports Reporter
International Woman Master Rani Hamid recorded her second win in the 21st national women's chess championship when she eased past Nazrana Khan Eva in the second round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces, the defending champion, who won the title a record 12 times, adopted Nimzo-Indian defence and then she went on to checkmate her unheralded counterpart after 37 moves.

With this win, Rani remained at the top of the table along with last year's runner-up Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa, both having collected two points.

Nipa, also playing with black pieces, edged past Afroza Haque Chowdhury Foly after 28 moves.

Former champion Tanima Parveen is trailing Rani and Nipa by half a point. Tanima, who was forced to a draw by Foly in the opening round on Thursday, won her first match defeating Zakia Sultana.

In the day's other matches, Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira beat Firoza Haque Chowdhury Poppy while Jahanara Haque Runu beat Masuda Begum.

The third round begins at the same venue today at 2:30 pm. Today's matches: Tanima v Poppy, Nira v Zakia, Rani v Poppy, Masuda v Eva and Nipa v Runu.

15th BAGC

Exciting finale in prospect

Sports Reporter
The stage is set for an exciting climax to the 15th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club course.

Three players go into the final round of the prestigious four-day competition today capable of clinching the title.

Tournament leader Anura Rohana on Friday faced a stern challenge from current holder Ahmed Ali Shah.

The Pakistani player's aggressive style forced the Lankan to share top spot on one under par 215.

The pair were followed by Airal Razman. The talented Malaysian who led the field upto the 15th hole, finished second at level par.

In third place was Lankan Tissa Chandradasa and India's Sanjeev Mehra respectively.

The overnight local hope Mohammad Milan faded.

A prize distribution ceremony will be held at the club house in the evening. The function will be presided over by KGC vice president Maj Gen Hasan Mashhur Chowdhury.

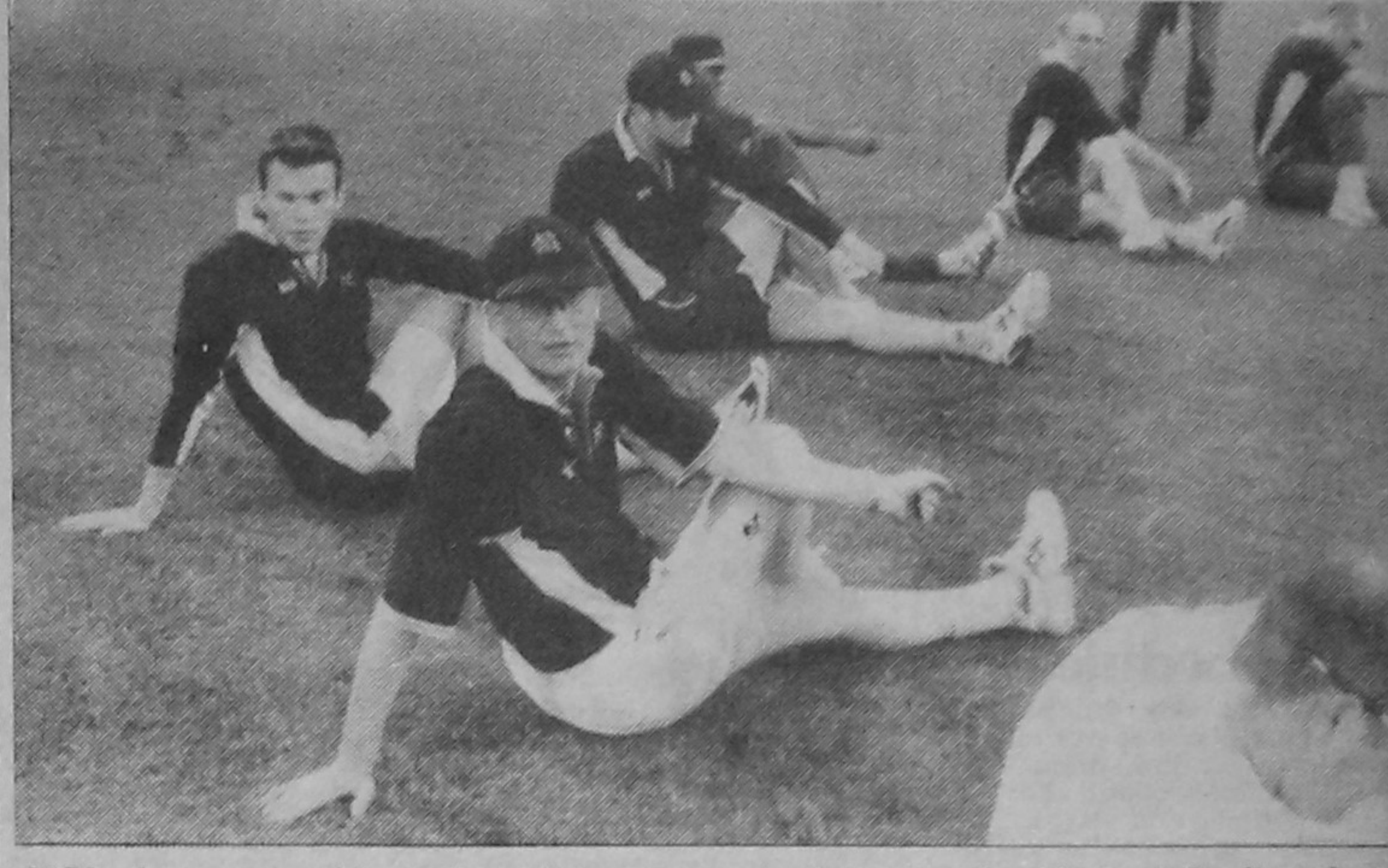
The ten best gross scores on the third day are:

Player	Country	Gross score
Anura Rohana	Sri Lanka	215
Ahmed Ali Shah	Pakistan	215
Airal Razman	Malaysia	216
Tissa Chandradasa	Sri Lanka	220
Sanjeev Mehra	India	220
Lalit Kumara	Sri Lanka	224
Shahidi Javid Khan	Pakistan	225
Zeeshan Ali	Pakistan	226
Ali Reza Haji	Pakistan	228
Rahuzam Rumi	Malaysia	228

M'singh soccer

MYMENSINGH, Jan 28: Surjomukhi Jubo Mela beat Provati Sena 2-0 in the Beg Tyre First Division football league at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

Rabi and Babul scored for the winners.



MCC players stretching before their nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night. — Star photo

Pakistan shut India out

PERTH, Australia, Jan 28 (AFP): India's tour of misery continued here on Friday night when they were crushed by 104 runs by Pakistan in a tri-nations series match at the WACA Ground which extinguished their faint hopes of making it into the final with Australia next week.

India collapsed for 157 in only 46 overs to the pace of skipper Wasim Akram (3-10 off seven overs), Waqar Younis (2-33) and the spin of Shahid Afridi (3-42).

They were replying to Pakistan's 261-8 from 50 overs after they won the toss and chose to have first use of a wicket which played consistently well.

India's innings began chaotically and at one stage, with 3-5, they seemed unlikely to reach their all-time one-day low - the 63 they made against Australia in Sydney 19 seasons ago.

It was India's sixth defeat in seven matches in the current competition, totally ruling them out of any possibility of qualifying for the final series.

Sachin Tendulkar's men were also whipped 3-0 by Australia in the Test series immediately before the limited-overs festival began.

While India have sunk to the depths of despair, Pakistan are shaping as an increasingly competitive unit and must have high hopes of giving Australia a good run for their money in the finals starting in Melbourne next Wednesday.

Until this match, there was a tiny theoretical possibility India could still become Australia's opponents, as long as they won by a huge margin in this encounter and handed out a thrashing to Australia on Sunday in the last qualifying clash of the competition.

India's goose was probably cooked as soon as Pakistan romped to their handsome total - a score which promised to be even bigger as opening pair Saeed Anwar (44 from 52 balls) and Afridi (41 from 61 balls) smashed 77 in the opening 13.2 overs.

In a curious innings in which most contributed well, but none topped 50, Pakistan

also had good service from Inzamam-ul-Haq (35 from 43) and Wasim (31 not out from 38).

Seam bowler Saurav Ganguly (3-34) was the one Indian bowler who contained the batsmen.

To have any chance of challenging the Pakistan score, India had to start well and have plenty of wickets in hand. Instead, they were 33-5 after 12.1 overs - with skipper Sachin Tendulkar (17) among the parade of victims.

It was perhaps symptomatic of India's plight that injured batsman Jacob Martin was sent out to the middle at number four - and then humiliatingly ordered back to the changing rooms by umpires Darrell Hair and Simon Taufel because he

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Jordan: A living legend

Shahed Ibne Mahbub

When Michael Jordan retired in 1998, the NBA without a doubt, lost one of its brightest stars. It was like the crown of England without its large shiny diamond in the centre. Jordan walked away from the game, leaving behind a great legacy of achievements, human endurance and his competitiveness. Here are some quick facts on the legend.

* Jordan won six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls, winning the Most Valuable Player award on all six occasions, with also five MVPs on regular season.

* He was only the second player ever to score over 3,000 points in the single season.

* Won the Olympic gold medal twice in 1984 and 1992.

* Was the league's highest

scorer on seven straight occasions, with a career average of 31.5 points-per-game in regular season and 32.5 points-per-game in the playoffs.

* Retired for the second time in 1999 at the age of 35.

The facts themselves do not tell the whole story. Jordan was probably the greatest all-round player that has ever graced the game. His superb offensive skills and his tenacious defence helped Jordan throughout his career. Even such greats as Magic Johnson and Charles Barkley was over shadowed by his spectacular plays.

Nicknamed "His Airness" for high-flying slam dunks and lay ups, Jordan helped his college side North Carolina win the NCAA championship by sinking



MICHAEL JORDAN

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