

Column One

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Competition-127

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March 20, 2000 and draw
shortly afterwards

- Who won the tri-series down under?
India Pakistan Australia
- How many Test matches has Shepherd officiated in till the Bombay Test?
49 50 51
- What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews' father?
Jack Stephen Bill
- Who is FIFA's world player-of-the-year?
Rivaldo Raul Vieri
- Who is the captain of Bimma cricket team?
Amirul Faruque Alhar

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SPORTS TALK



Roger Harper
(Just appointed West Indies cricket coach)
"I think a problem is that a member of young players are coming into the team without much preparation. That is the key to the young players doing well."

On the problems West Indies is now passing through.

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Boost winner

Anik
BAF Shaheen School, Dhaka
(Please bring your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on March 2 at 7:30 pm).

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correct answers

- How many centuries did Tendulkar score in Tests series against Australia recently?
Ans. One
- Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?
Ans. Lazio
- Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?
Ans. Klusener
- Where did Maurice Greene break the 100m world record?
Ans. Athens
- Who lifted the National Cricket League title?
Ans. Chittagong

Lee lifts

Square Golf

Sports Reporter
Choung Eun Lee became men's champion in the Square Golf Tournament that was held at the Kurmitola Club course yesterday.

In all, 272 golfers took part in the second edition which was tied-off in the morning by president of the KGC and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman.

Later 17 prizes were given away at the club house.

OTHER RESULTS

Ladies' Winner: S.N. Lee; **Senior Winner:** Brig Zahed Latif; **Junior Winner:** Imran Chowdhury; **Best Cross:** Sadiq Gurdus; **Ladies' Best Cross:** Jung Sook Jung; **Second Best Cross:** Shawkat uz Zaman; **Men's Runner-up:** Towhid Samad; **Ladies' Runner-up:** Jung Sook Park; **Junior Runner-up:** Salman Khan; **Second Runner-up:** Tanveer Malek; **Front Nine Winner:** Sajjad S. Ahmed; **Back Nine Winner:** Ho Won Chung; **Nearest to Pin:** Brig M. A. Malek; **Longest Drive:** Afak Azeem; **Junior Longest Drive:** Zeeshan Ali; **Most Pairs:** Sae Man Jang.

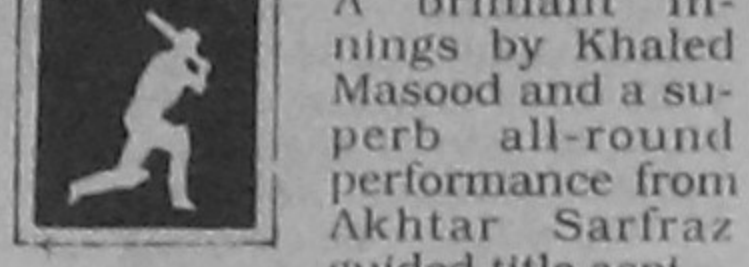
Tarun sail on Masood, Sarfraz

Sports Reporter

Premier League

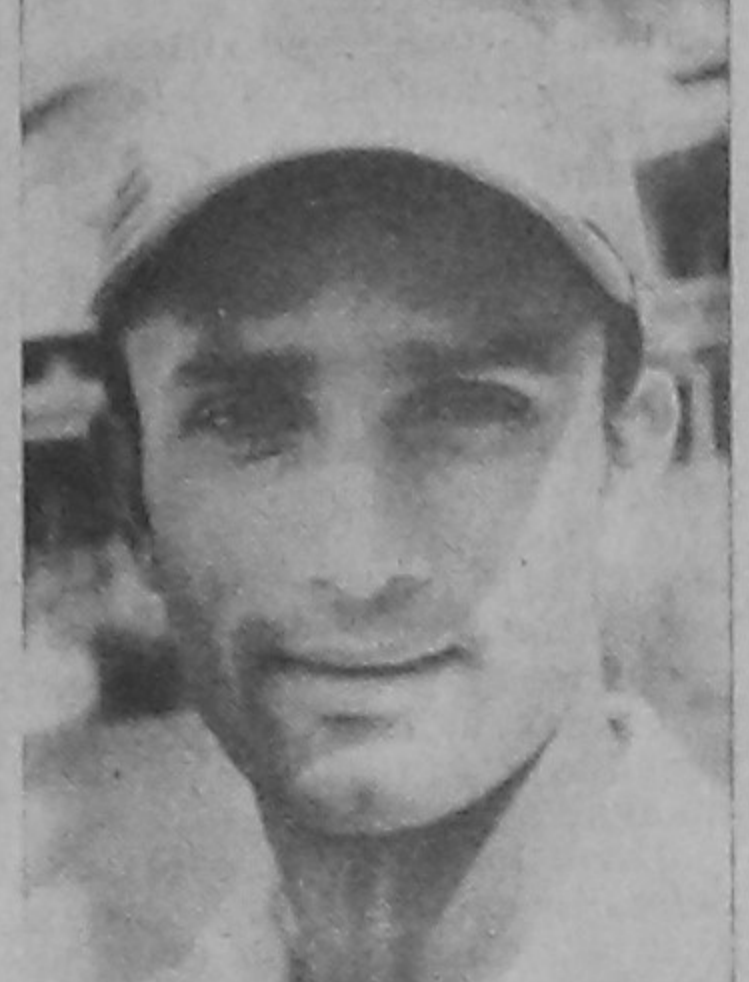
Surjo Tarun vs Wari Club

In his next over.
Ataur's new-ball partner Zakir Hasan then got on the act by removing Ramzan.



A brilliant innings by Khaled Masood and a superb all-round performance from Akhtar Sarfraz guided title aspirants Surjo Tarun Club to a comfortable 51-run win over Wari Club in their opening Premier Division cricket league clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Masood, the wicketkeeper-



K MASOOD ... 74

batman, smashed a breezy 74 while Akhtar, the left handed former Pakistan international, scored a vital 63 to help Surjo Tarun survive an early collapse and reach a fighting 247 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

Invited to bat, Surjo Tarun suffered a big blow when they lost both their openers-Parvez (1) and Imran (4)-with only 11 runs on the board. Things turned worse for the Dhanmondi based club as they lost one-down Mohammad Ramzan(1) in the eighth over to slump to 20 for three.

Former Pakistan Test pace-man Ataur Rahman, who opened the Wari bowling, drew first blood when he bowled Parvez in his second over. The Lahore based tall right-arm-er then trapped Imran leg before



S AKHTAR ... 63

However, Akhtar Sarfraz, who came to bat at number four, then took the responsibility of rebuilding the innings and shared a valuable 81-run fourth wicket partnership with middle order Al-Shahriar to help his side cross the one hundred mark in the 27th over.

The partnership came to an end on 101 when Al-Shahriar was caught at long off by Hasnain while trying to loft left arm spinner Sharfuddin. In his patient 83-minute stay at the crease, Al-Shahriar scored 28 runs off 59 balls.

Masood then joined Akhtar to accelerate the score and featured in a 51-run partnership before the latter pulled Sri Lankan off spinner Carman Mapatuna to the safe hands of Ataur Rahman at mid wicket.

In his more than two-hour vigil, Akhtar, faced 93 balls and hit five fours.

After Akhtar's departure, Masood played the leading role in a quickfire 82-run sixth wicket stand with his skipper Minhazul Abedin.

Off spinner Masudur Rahman broke the stand when he removed Masood in the first ball of the 49th over. The national wicketkeeper pulled straight to Carman at deep mid



A REHMAN ... 4/44

Wicket. Masood had faced 71 and smote five boundaries.

Minhazul remained unbeaten on 36 off 42 balls with two fours.

Ataur Rahman was the most impressive among the Wari bowlers taking four wickets for 44 runs from his allotted 10 overs.

In reply, Wari Club were restricted to 196 for seven with opener Masudur Rahman scoring the highest 64. Sajib Das was the other notable scorer for Wari with an unbeaten 41 off 33

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TODAY'S MATCH

Brothers Union vs S Bima
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Lara renounces responsibility



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 25 (AFP/AP): Brian Lara, long regarded the prince of West Indies cricket, has abdicated his throne.

The 30-year-old from Trinidad and Tobago has been requested that he not be considered for the post of West Indies captain for the forthcoming 2000 Cable and Wireless home series against Zimbabwe and Pakistan.

The West Indies play two Tests against Zimbabwe starting March 16, followed by a triangular series of one-day matches involving both teams in April and three Tests against Pakistan beginning May 5.

After accepting the captaincy at the beginning of the 1998 season I immediately set



BRIAN LARA

high, but attainable goals for the West Indies team and myself. Lara wrote in a letter to the West Indies Cricket Board. He added: "After two years, the moderate success and devastating failure that has engulfed West Indies cricket has brought me to the realisation that there is a need for me to withdraw from my present leadership position."

Lara is choosing to step aside following his team's crippling performance under him on their recent tour of New Zealand.

The West Indies lost all two Tests and all five limited-overs internationals against New Zealand on their tour between December last year and January this year.

The gifted left-hander leaves the selection committee, comprising chairman Mike Findlay, Joel Garner and Joey Carey, to look elsewhere for a captain when they assemble in St. Vincent on March 7 to nominate a skipper for the series against the Zimbabweans and the Pakistanis.

"I feel honoured to have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading the West Indies cricket team and sincerely thank the WICB for the opportunity to serve," Lara wrote to the WICB.

to a series-clinching victory in the fourth Test of the 1997 home series against India. He also inspired the West Indians with scores of 213, 153 not out and 100 in successive matches to draw the Test and

one-day series against Australia last year.

But these results have been counterbalanced by the 1998 5-0 drubbing in the Tests and 6-1 thrashing in the one-dayers in

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FACTFILE

LONDON, Feb 25 (Reuters): Factfile on Brian Lara, who has resigned as West Indies cricket captain:

Born: Santa Cruz, Trinidad, May 2, 1969.

Left-hand batsman, occasional right-arm leg-break bowler.

1984: First represented West Indies, at under-19 level.

1988: Trinidad debut.

1989: Captain West Indies B team to Zimbabwe.

1990: Test debut, 3rd Test v Pakistan, Lahore, making 44 and 6.

1993: First Test century, 277 v Australia, Sydney.

1994: World Test record 375 in 5th Test v England, St John's Antigua.

1994: World first-class record 501 not out in debut season for Warwickshire v Durham at Edgbaston.

1994: Scores six hundreds in his first seven first-class innings for Warwickshire: 147, 106, 120 not out, 136, 26, 140, 501 not out.

1995: Walks out of West Indies' tour of England after dressing room row at end of the fourth Test but is persuaded to rejoin party four days later.

1995: Pulls out of tour of Australia two days before squad leave the Caribbean following fine by West Indies board disciplinary committee for breach of contract on England tour.

1996: Reprimanded by West Indies Board for derogatory remarks attributed to him following a World Cup defeat by Kenya and for an altercation with team physio Denis Waigh on flight from Bombay to London following World Cup.

1998: Named as West Indies captain against England in the Caribbean, leading his side to 3-1 Test series victory.

1998: Sacked as West Indies captain when players' revolt over pay delays start to tour of South Africa but is reinstated as skipper after four days of talks end in impasse.

1999: Returns from disastrous tour of South Africa where West Indies suffer 5-0 drubbing in Test series and lose one-day series 6-1.

1999: Re-appointed West Indies captain for first two of four Test series against Australia in the Caribbean. West Indies lose first Test by 312 runs, collapsing to 51 all out in second innings - their lowest-ever Test match total. Scores first century for a year - 213 in Kingston - to lead West Indies to victory in second Test, Series ends 2-2.

1999: Fail to qualify for second stage of World Cup after finishing fourth in Group B.

2000: Disastrous tour of New Zealand ends in 5-0 defeat in one-dayers after 2-0 Test loss.

CAREER RECORD TO DATE

Tests (tabulate under matches, innings, not outs, runs, highest score, average, 100s, 50s)

M 112 4 5,573 375 51.60 13 29

One-day Internationals 167 164 15 6,317 169 42.39 13 39



Winners in the 14th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championships pose with their trophies after the prize distribution ceremony at the National Tennis Complex at Ramna yesterday.

BKSP in the dark

Samir's return uncertain

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) is yet to know the fate of their Iraqi football coach Samir Shakir.

On Thursday, Bangla newspapers reported that architect of Bangladesh's maiden SAF Games gold medal last October in Nepal, was scheduled to return to Dhaka from Baghdad on March 1, to join the country's lone sports institute as its football coach.

But according to Farukul Islam, director training of BKSP, he said they were in the dark about Samir's arrival.

"We sent a letter to Samir nearly a month ago to inquire when he was coming. Still we haven't received any reply. Then we tried contacting him by phone but without luck," said Faruk.

A former Iraqi World Cupper in 1986, Samir walked out on the national team last October.

He returned a month later at the initiative of State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and took Bangladesh to Dubai last November for the Asian Cup qualifiers. Quader assured him of a long term coaching contract at the BKSP upon his arrival.

But the temperamental Iraqi again decided to do a U-turn while at Dubai.

Premier League

clubs reject Barlow's plan

Sports Reporter

All twelve Premier Division clubs turned down a proposal by Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) director of development Eddie Barlow to have his practice sessions with the national cricketers in between league matches.

According to a close source in the BCB, Barlow planned a fitness programme for the cricketers under the supervision of physio Gavin Benzafel, before the start of the season.

But the plan was vetoed by the Premier Division clubs at a meeting of Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) on February 20.

The clubs agreed not to allow their players to take part in the Barlow programme since it would hamper their own camps.

CCDM chairman and BCB vice-president Tanvir Haider acknowledged the fact yesterday.

"Barlow wanted the cricketers during the break between matches but the clubs have decided not to spare their players before the conclusion of the league," said Tanvir while talking to The Daily Star.

It was learnt that Barlow was yet to know of the decision.

Div I cricket

Big win for Dhanmondi

Dhanmondi Club recorded a massive 9-wicket victory over Lalmita Club in the Metropolitan First Division league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Lalmita were bundled out for 113 in 44.3 overs after deciding to bat first.

Sumon Barua picked up four wickets conceding only 24 runs in 10 overs while Taj bagged two wickets giving 15 runs in 7 overs.

Number five batsman Mohammed Kallim was the top scorer for Lalmita making 36 runs off 52 balls that featured five boundaries.

In reply, Dhanmondi easily reached the target of 120 losing only one wicket in 30.5 overs.

Captain Anis made an unbeaten 58 runs off 83 balls with five fours while Imran Tushar added 31 runs off 70 balls that included four boundaries.

Setu returned to the pavilion when he was run out after making 18 runs from 32 deliveries with three hits to the fence.

Timu, Scheepers clinch titles

Sports Reporter

Stephen Timu of Canada and South African Cant Scheepers clinched the boy's and girl's singles titles of the 14th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championships at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

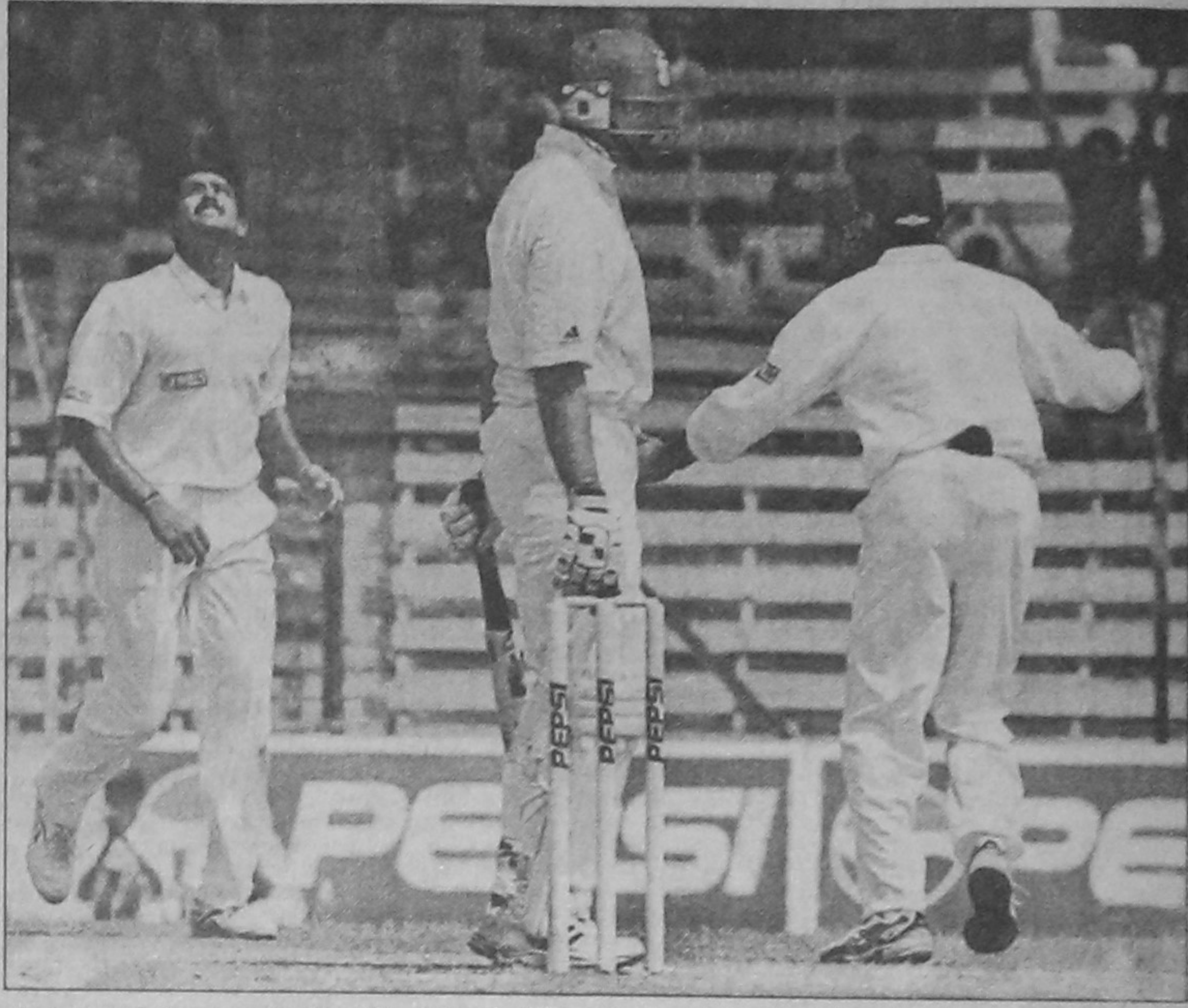
Timu began the quest for a delightful double with a hard-fought 7-6, 7-5 victory against India's Shiyang Mishra. But later the Canadian and American Chris Kwon went down in the boys' doubles final 7-6, 6-3 to the Danish pair of Noerby and Spanners.

Scheepers prevented Su-Wei of Chinese Taipei from completing her own double with a 6-4, 6-1 win.

Su-Wei did not go empty-handed as she teamed up with Thailand's Ratanakrong to lift the doubles crown. They defeated Scheepers and Coetzee 7-5, 7-5.

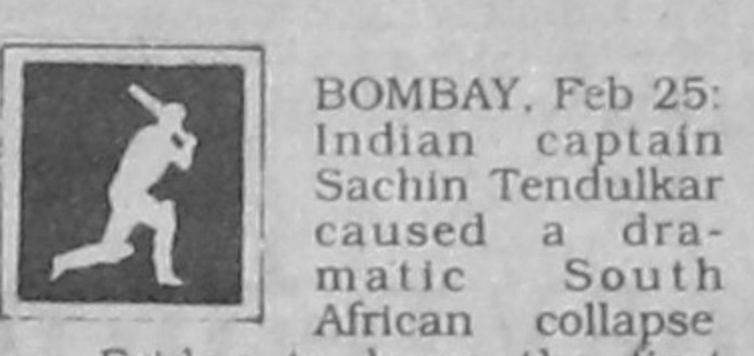
Bangladesh Tennis Federation president Syed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury witnessed the final and distributed prizes among the winners.

Pakistan suffered a 3-0 rout



A dejected Jacques Kallis (C) of South Africa is about to start the walk back to the pavilion after being dismissed by Anil Kumble (L) on the second day of the Bombay Test yesterday.

Weird day at Wankhede



BOMBAY, Feb 25: Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar caused a dramatic South African collapse

on Friday to leave the first cricket Test poised on a knife's edge here, reports AFP.

Tendulkar, who top-scored with 97 in India's first innings score of 225, claimed a career-best 3-10 from five overs as South Africa were shut out for 176 by tea on the second day.

The Indians, enjoying a 49-run lead, themselves slipped to 24-3 in their second knock before tottering to 75 for five by stumps of an eventful day's play.

Rahul Dravid held the Indian innings together with 27 not out after three tense hours at the crease. Anil Kumble had yet to score as the last 34 balls failed to produce a run.

The home team go into the third day with an overall lead of 124 with five wickets in hand on the dusty Wankhede stadium that has already claimed 25 victims in two days.

"It's wide open," said Indian coach Kapil Dev. "I have my fingers crossed."

The South Africans lost all 10 wickets in the space of 86 runs after openers Gary Kirsten and Herschelle Gibbs had put on 90 for the first wicket.

Kirsten made 50 and Gibbs 47 before Lance Klusener boosted the score with 33.

Tendulkar, who will relinquish the captaincy after the two-Test series, made up for the absence of a third spinner with a deadly mix of leg-spin and off-breaks.

He brought himself on as the fifth bowler after Kirsten and Gibbs had taken the overnight score of 27-0 to 90 in the morning session.

Tendulkar struck with his third delivery when Gibbs edged an easy catch to Sourav Gan-

guly at first slip.

India gained two more wickets before lunch as leg-spinner Kumble had Jacques Kallis and skipper Hansie Cronje snapped up at silly point by Venkat Laxman in one dramatic over.

Kumble's twin blows gave him 266 Test wickets, equalling Bishan Bedi as the most successful Indian spinner.

Kumble's first ball of the morning flew over wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia's head for four byes, forcing Mongia to call for a helmet and indicating the shape of things to come.

After debutant left-arm spinner Murl Kartik claimed his first Test wicket of Pieter Strydom, Tendulkar removed Kirsten and Shaun Pollock in one over to reduce South Africa to 131 for six.

Kirsten was bowled round his legs soon after reaching his half-century, while Pollock was caught at mid-on trying to hit his way out of trouble.

Kartik gained his second wicket and Mongia his 100th dismissal when Mark Boucher edged a defensive stroke to the wicketkeeper.

Seamer Javagal Srinath wiped off the tail with three wickets in as many overs. He had Klusener caught at second slip, before bowling Clive Eksteen and Nicky Boje to terminate the innings.

South Africa hit back through their pace duo of Allan Donald and Pollock, who dismissed openers Wasim Jaffer and Laxman by the eighth over with the score at 13.

Tendulkar made eight when he was trapped leg-before by his counterpart Hansie Cronje, offering no stroke to a delivery that came in sharply.

Ganguly added 49 for the fourth wicket with Rahul Dravid, before edging Pollock into the safe hands of Klusener at first slip.

Donald, who conceded just

three runs in eight overs, re-

turned for his second spell to have Ajay Jadeja caught down the leg-side.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first cricket Test between India and South Africa at the Wankhede stadium in Bombay

INDIA: First innings: 225 (S Tendulkar 97, A Agarkar 41 n.o., A Donald 2-23, J Kallis 3-30, H Cronje 2-26)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 27-0)

	B	O	M	R	W
Kirsten b Tendulkar	50				
Gibbs c Ganguly b Tendulkar	47				
Kallis c Laxman b Kumble	5				
Cronje c Laxman b Kumble	0				
Strydom c Agarkar b Kartik	2				
Klusener c Laxman b Srinath	33				
Pollock c Jadeja b Tendulkar	0				
Boucher c Mongia b Kartik	3				
Boje b Srinath	14				
Eksteen b Srinath	4				
Donald not out	1				
Extras (lb-8; lb-8; nb-1)	17				
Total: (All out in 64 overs)	176				
Fall of wickets: 1-90, 2-102, 3-102, 4-105, 5-131, 6-131, 7-144, 8-169, 9-173					

Bowler

	B	O	M	R	W
Srinath	12	2	45	3	
Agarkar	7	1	15	0	
Kumble	22	1	62	2	
Kartik	18	6	28	2	
Tendulkar	5	1	10	3	

INDIA: Second innings:

Jaffer c Klusener b Pollock

Laxman c Boucher b Donald

Dravid not out