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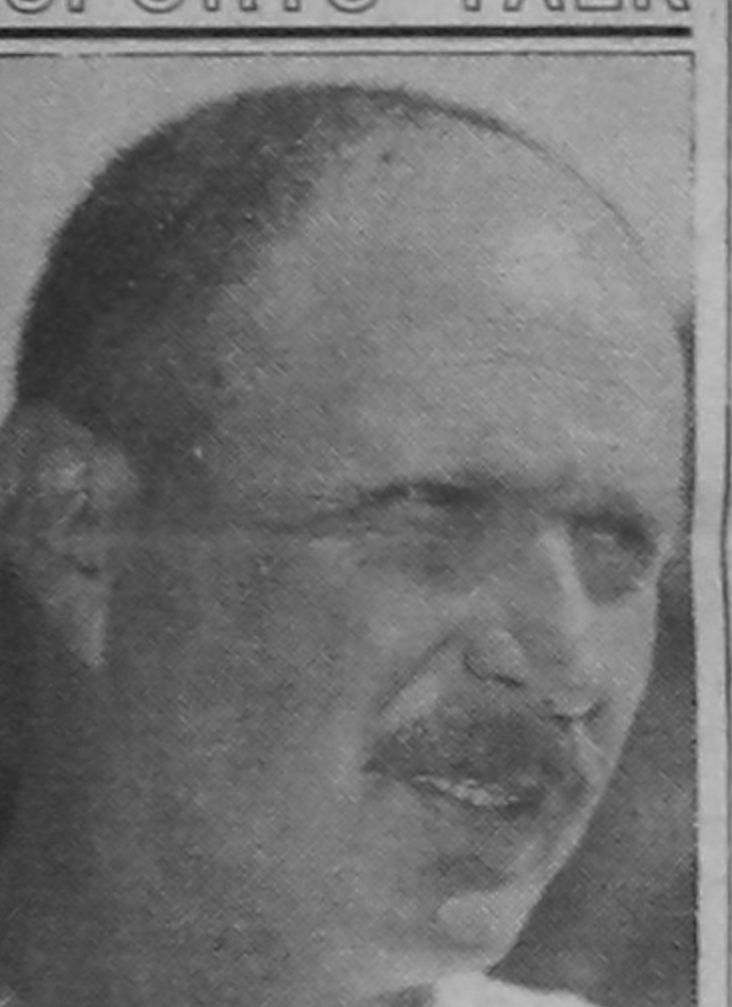
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SPORTS TALK



David Houghton
 (Zimbabwe cricket coach)
 They do not give us respect on the field. They still call us club cricketers.

Chairman Cup v'ball from Mar 8

The Chairman Cup Top-Five volleyball tournament will begin on March 8 in the country's northern district town of Dinajpur, reports UNB.

Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Mizanur Rahman Manu will inaugurate the five-day meet to be organised by Dinajpur Pourashava under the supervision of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF).

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil will be the chief guest at the closing function on March 12.

Bangladesh Air Force will take on Bangladesh Navy in the inaugural match at 4:30 pm while Titas Club will meet last year's runners-up Bangladesh Army in day's other match at 6:30 pm.

Five teams — Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Rifles and Titas Club — will compete in the tournament, initially on league basis. Later, two top teams will play the final.

The details of the meet was disclosed by the tournament officials at a press conference at the volleyball federation office yesterday.

Dinajpur Pourashava will spend the entire expenses of the tournament, amounting to Tk 1.5 lakh.

Rosset streak over

COPENHAGEN, Mar 2: Marc Rosset's dream run came to an end in the first round of the Copenhagen Open on Wednesday when the Swiss was beaten 6-1, 7-6 by German Tomas Behrend, reports Reuters.

Behrend exploited Rosset's weakness on his backhand to recover from a first set truncating that took just 19 minutes. In the crucial tie-break an angry Rosset lost two big points as he attempted aggressive cross-court forehands.

Watch Out

Nizamuddin Ahmed writes on foreign umpires in local cricket in the Partisan Viewpoint tomorrow. In these columns. — Star Sport

Zahoor upends Mohammedan



ZAHOOR ... magnificent 144

Zahoor Elahi scored a blazing century as power prevailed over calm in a high-voltage Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match where Kalabagan Krira Chakra defeated Mohammedan Sporting by nine runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani scored a magnificent 144, his second successive ton in the Dhaka league, as

Sports Reporter Premier League Kalabagan vs MSC

eleven fours and a quartet of sixes. The elegant stroke-maker, who completed his fifty with a massive sixer against Ruwan Kalpage, was eventually out in the 47th over, top-edging an attempted sweep against Kumara Dharmasena to Rafique at short-leg with his team wonderfully placed on 266.

Tariq went on to score a hurricane 64 off 58 balls that included six savage hits across the rope and a huge sixer.



TILLEKERATNE ... 68 **HARAUN ... captain's knock**

Mohammedan in their turn started off in a very positive manner. Young opener Rushedil Haq gave the popular Motiheel outfit a rollicking start with a superb 49 off 40 balls. The right-hander hammered eight fours and a massive sixer over mid-wicket before falling to a spectacular catch by Mushliqur Rahman at long on.

The Sri Lankan duo of Ruwan Kalpage and Has an Tillekeratne produced 93 runs for the fourth wicket. But as they were set to launch an at-

City Club's maiden win



Newly-promoted City Club upset Agrani Bank by 42 runs in their Premier Division cricket league match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

In a rain-curtailed 36-over-a-side affair, City Club, aided by two half-centuries by opener Sohel Hossain (61) and Pakistani middle-order batsman Wasim Naem (65), piled up a huge 208 for five in their allotted overs. The bankers replied with 166 all out in 34.1 overs.

Put in to bat after the match began two hours later, City Club were off to a sound start with a 72-run opening stand between Sohel and Rehan Rafique.

The stand was broken when Rehan, one of the three Pakistani recruits playing for the newcomers, returned to the pavilion for 33.

After Rehan's departure, Sohel shared a 34-run partnership with one-down Sajid before the latter was sadly run out on 15.

Sohel then put on another 62 runs for the third wicket along with Pakistani Wasim Naem before he was out for 61. Sohel, in his 95-ball stay, hammered two sixes and four boundaries.

Naem took over from Sohel and helped City Club plunder 40 runs in the last four overs.

The middle-order batsman smashed a breezy 42-ball 65 with two sixes and seven fours before leg-spinner Mosaddeq Hossain bowled him.

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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Javed	3	0	18	0
Mizan	6	1	18	0
Mofizur	6	1	27	0
S Malik	8	0	52	1
Mosaddeq	7	0	40	2
Ali Haidar	3	0	20	0
Mofizul	3	0	21	0

AGRANI BANK
 Jamal c & b Masud 54
 Javed c Naem b Reza 3
 Mofizur c & b Al-Amin 2
 Ali Haidar c Sohel b Saifullah 47
 S Malik b Jewel 25
 Sajid b Masud 20
 Mridul b Jewel 12
 Ziauddin lbw b Masud 1
 Mofizul not out 6
 Mizan c Sajid b Jewel 10
 Mosaddeq b Rehan 1
 Extras: (lb-2, w-3) 5
 Total: (All out in 34.1 overs) 166

Fall of wickets: 1/15; 2/18; 3/89; 4/114; 5/123; 6/143; 7/148; 8/148; 9/165

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Reza	4	0	18	1
Al-Amin	4	0	22	1
Rehan	6	1	25	1
Jewel	6	1	27	3
Saifullah	4	0	23	1
Masud Rana	7	0	26	3
Naem	3	0	26	0

TODAY'S MATCHES
 Biman v Wari Club (BKSP)
 Abahani KC v Sadharan Bima
 (Bangabandhu National Stadium)

Result: City Club won by 42 runs.

Clash of cricket's superstars

Govt pledges its support

The government will extend all necessary cooperation to Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to host the eagerly-awaited one-day cricket match between the Asian Eleven and the Rest of the World at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 8, reports BSS.

This was pressed at an inter-ministerial meeting yesterday at the Secretariat with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to witness the game and distribute prizes.

The match will enhance the country's image across the world as it will be held during the maiden Cricket Week of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on April 2-9, the state minister said.

"Adequate security measures will be taken in and around the ground and at the hotel where the players will stay, he said.

"If necessary army personnel will be deployed at the stadium and the hotel as cricket's superstars will be assembled in Dhaka," Quader said.

Home Ministry officials said all necessary arrangements including "On arrival visa and landing permit at the airport to the foreign cricketers.

"It is an honour for

Army, Blue Berry victors

Bangladesh Army recorded a solitary goal win over Sadharan Bima in one of the two Shah Sports Office Hockey League matches played at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Forward Siraj scored the all-important goal 10 minutes into the match.

In the other match of the day, Blue Berry Travels & Tours posted a 3-1 victory over Bangladesh Air Force.

Rony, Mamun and Rubel struck one goal apiece for the winners while Azim reduced the margin.

'A' cricketers go to Malaysia

Bangladesh A cricket team will take part in a four-nation tournament in Malaysia from March 16 to 24.

USA, Namibia and hosts Malaysia are the other participants in the tournament.

The team, which has already been selected but not disclosed, will leave on March 16 and is due to return on March 25.

The participation of Bangladesh A players in the meet will not affect the ongoing Premier Division league as the tour will be held during the 10-day recess, said BCB joint-secretary and CDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haq Manu last night.

Pak umpires in town

Three Pakistani umpires arrived in the city from Karachi yesterday to oversee the ongoing Premier Division cricket league.

They are Firozuddin Batt, Khaled Mehmud and Islam Khan.

The men in white are likely to start their assignment from today, said CDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haq Manu last night.

Khelaghar start in style

Leaders Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha got off to a flying start in the super league phase of the First Division Cricket League with a thumping 91-run win over Orient Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Put in to bat, the Damal Smriti champions who finished jointly atop the first phase with Dhanmondi Club having eight wins each, scored 222 all out in 49.2 overs.

Khelaghar's middle-order batsman Raju hit 69 off only 56 balls. It included a six and eight boundaries. Rana Senior chipped in with 56 off 92 balls.

In reply, Orient were bundled out for 135 in 40.3 overs.

Raju and Rana Junior shared six wickets apiece. Only Masum registered any resistance for Orient with a stubborn 51-ball 32.

At the City Club ground, Bangladesh Boys Club recorded a huge six-wicket victory over Ajax Sporting Club.

Ajax scored 127 before being all out in 43.4 overs after they were sent in to bat. Munna made highest 31 while Sohag picked up four wickets for 19.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys reached 130 for the loss of four wickets in 30.3 overs. Tory scored 37.

Ranatunga to return home

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Mar 2: Former Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga is returning home after suffering a serious thumb injury in the Rawalpindi Test, team officials said Thursday, reports AFP.

Ranatunga was hit by a rising delivery from Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis on the final day of the first Test Wednesday but scored a valiant 29 not out to guide his team to a narrow two-wicket win.

"His injury is serious so he will return home in a couple of days," Sri Lankan liaison officer Pervez Baber said.

Ranatunga, stripped of Sri Lankan captaincy after his team's failure in the 1999 World Cup in England, put on a match-winning 43 run stand for the ninth wicket with Romesh Kaluwitharana after Sri Lanka were reduced to 177-8 in the first Test against Pakistan.

He did a remarkable job by playing in the difficult position with his left thumb in serious pain, Baber said.

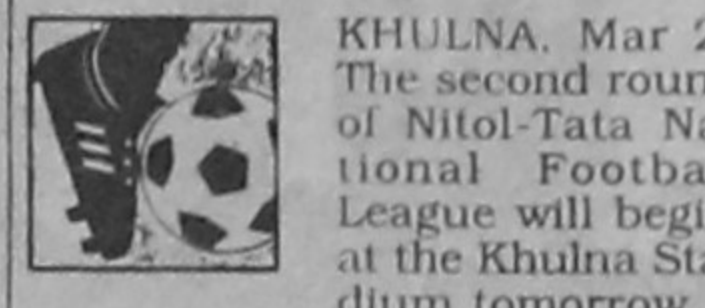
The former captain retired at 146-5 with his personal score on 8 but returned to the crease with his team at 177-8 and batted resolutely to steer his team to victory.

ICC will announce the teams on March 7 in New Delhi.

BCB president Sabir Hossain Chowdhury chairman of the National Board of Revenue Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Manik Lal Samadhar, BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafuq, senior officials from the ministries of Youth and Sports, Foreign, Home, Health, Information, Civil Aviation, Finance, Defence, Post and Telecommunications, Local Government, Energy and Mineral Resources attended the meeting.

NFL second phase starts today

Dhaka AKC-Muktis opener



KHULNA, Mar 2: The second round of Nitol-Tata National Football League will begin at the Khulna Stadium tomorrow.

Eight teams will take part in this round of the league organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation.

The teams are: Dhaka Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Chittagong Abahani KC, Khulna Abahani Krira Chakra, Chaturanga Jubo Sangha of Sylhet, Rajshahi Abahani Krira Chakra and Netrakona Mohammedan Sporting Club.

In the opening match, Dhaka Abahani play Muktiyoddha, Bangladesh Television

will telecast all the matches and Bangladesh Betar will provide running commentary.

The secretary of the Khulna District Sports Association told this correspondent that four lakh taka has been spent to make the second phase a success.

Adequate security measures have been taken in and around the venue. A control room has been set up near the swimming pool.

Four TV cameras have placed at different vantage points at the stadium. These will be operated by 36 crews.

Khulna Divisional Stadium, Khulna University and Pallimangal School grounds have been designated as practice venues.

OTHER FIXTURES

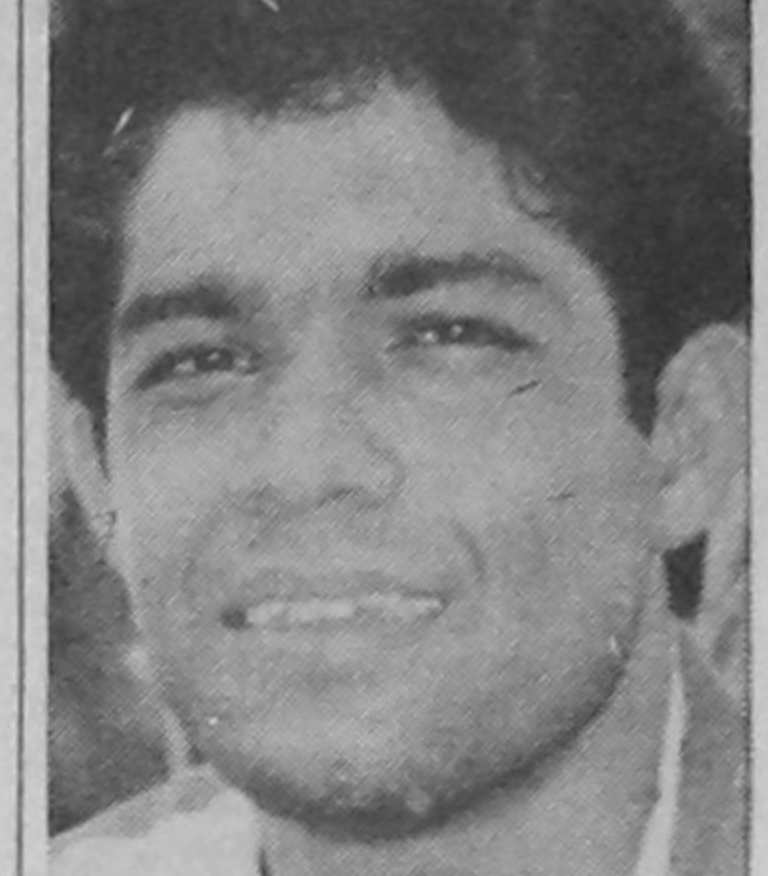
March 4: Chritagong Abahani v Khulna Abahani
March 5: Chaturanga Sangha v Netrakona Mohammedan
March 6: Mohammedan SC v Rajshahi Abahani.

Brothers' Latif coming today

Sports Reporter
 Former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif is expected to arrive in the capital today to play for Brothers Union Club in the Premier Division cricket League, said a source closed to the club yesterday.

The out-of-favour wicket-keeper-cum-batsman will join compatriots Amir Hanif and Shahed Mehmud as the Gopibagh-based outfit's third foreign recruit.

Brothers, who finished third



in the 12-team league last season, suffered a shock two-wicket defeat at the hands of Victoria Sporting Club on Wednesday.

Latif is likely to make his Dhaka debut against star-studded Kalabagan Krira Chakra in their next match tomorrow at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Asian XI, World XI, Dream ODI teams

ICC chief gives details



CALCUTTA, March 2: A panel of five selectors—Ian Chappell, Sunil Gavaskar, Tony Greig, Asif Iqbal and Mike Procter will select the Asian XI and the Rest of the World XI in New Delhi on March 7. The arbiter of this committee will be Ravi Shastri. The two teams are scheduled to play a one day match at Dhaka on April 7 as a part of the celebrations of the Cricket Week.

This was disclosed by the President of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Jagmohan Dalmiya at a Press Conference here on March 1. Dalmiya also informed that a panel of nine former cricketers will also select a one day 'Dream Team' on the basis of the performance of since the inception of the abridged version of the game in 1971.

The nine selectors for the 'Dream Team' are Sir Gary Sobers (West Indies), Dickie Bird (England), Barry Richards

(South Africa), Bishen Singh Bedi (India), Mushtaq Mohammed (Pakistan), Duleep Mendis (Sri Lanka), Neil Harvey (Australia), John Reid (New Zealand) and Andy Pycroft (Zimbabwe).

Ravi Shastri will also be the moderator of this panel.

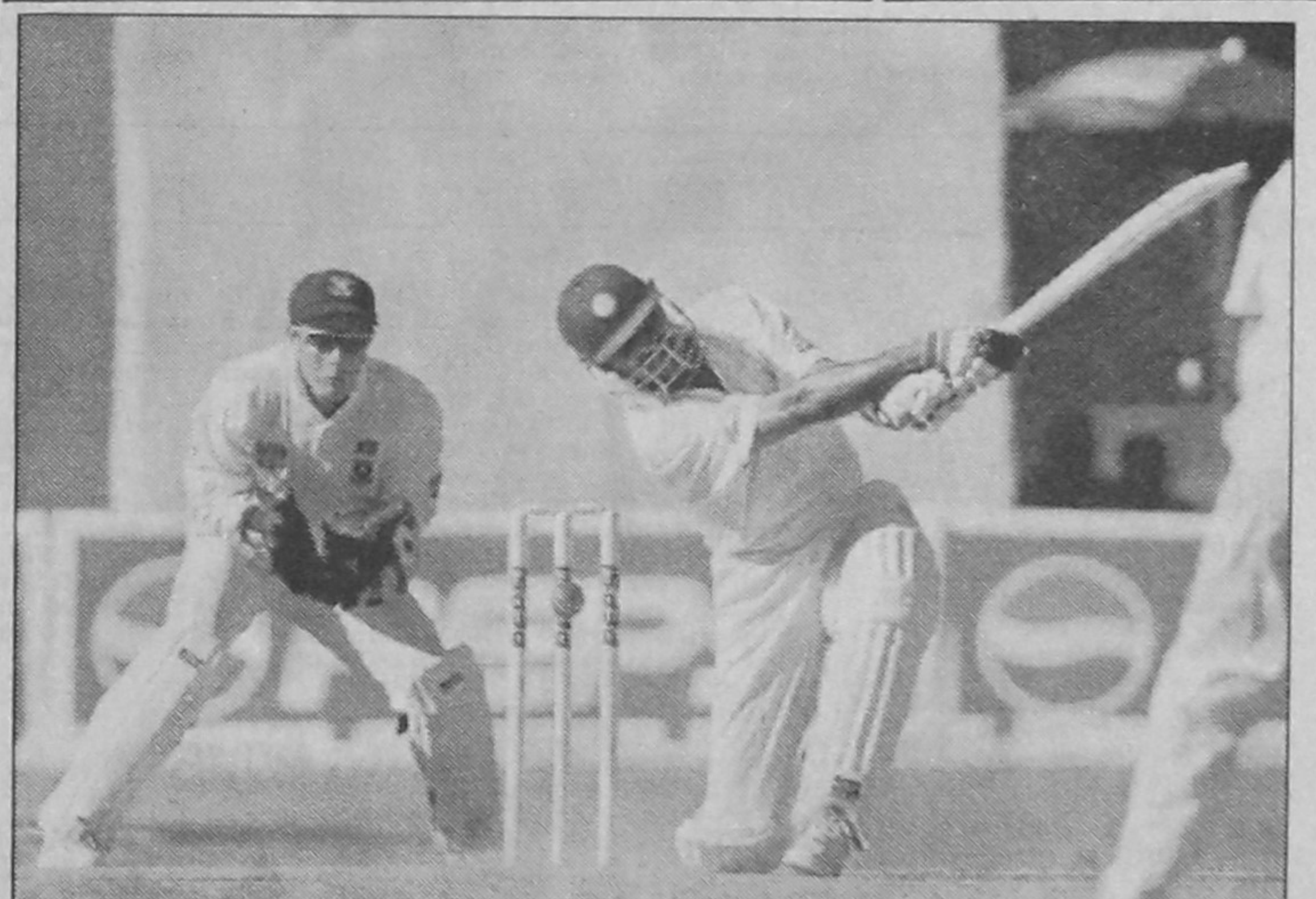
The ICC President added that the winner of the match between the Rest of the World XI and the Asian XI will get 30,000 dollars.

"There will be other individual incentives also. Apart from that, all the players will be paid their regular match fees," he said.

Mr Dalmiya also informed that at the moment it was not possible for the ICC to start the World Test Championship.

The problem is that we are not getting the 75 to 90 free days that will be needed to host such a tournament.

However, we are close to formulating a programme which will ensure that all the Test playing nations meet each other on a home and away basis over the next 10 years."



India's Anil Kumble misses an attempted sweep on the first day of the second Test at Bangalore yesterday. —AFP photo

SA pacers go rampant



BANGALORE, Mar 2: Indian wickets fell like ninepins as South Africa's pace bowlers skittled out the home side for a paltry 158 to take a commanding position on the first day of the second and final Test here Thursday, reports AFP.

In reply, South Africa were 11 for the loss of one wicket, with Gary Kirsten batting on five and night watchman Nicky Boje yet to score.

The pace battery of Allan Donald, Shaun Pollock and Morantua Hayward, with their tight length and fast, swinging deliveries, tore through the Indian top order in the first two sessions.

The three quickies got steady support from their medium-pacers, Jacques Kallis and captain Hansie Cronje, who claimed a wicket each, while left-arm spinner Boje grabbed two wickets in a miserly 15-over spell that cost just 10 runs.

In another unspired display of batting by India, who are now in extreme danger of losing their 13-year unbeaten record in a home series, spinner Anil Kumble, batting at number eight, top scored with a gutsy 36 not out.

crowded the Indians throughout the day, with only two or three fielders protecting the boundary.

India's batting collapse began with opener Wasim Jaffer, who went for 13 edging a late outswinger off Hayward to keeper Mark Boucher.

Saurav Ganguly, who will take over the captaincy after the current series, came in at number three, but after scoring one run off three deliveries was trapped leg before by Pollock.

Opener Rahul Dravid, living up to his nickname of 'The Wall', ground out 17 runs from 75 balls before he was caught by Boucher shortly before lunch off Cronje.

Resuming after the break at 59 for three, India were soon in trouble again, with former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin — recalled to the Test side after a seven-month absence — caught at point while trying to defend a rising delivery from Donald for just nine runs.

Outgoing Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar had looked dangerous when he came to the crease, stroking a couple of stylish boundaries.

Kallis moved in before tea to claim the wicket of debutant Mohammad Kaif (12) leg before, breaking up a useful 27-run partnership with keeper Nayan Mongia, who was eventually trapped leg before by Boje for 20.

Boje also sent back Nikhil Chopra who was caught at mid-on by Pollock after a painful 57 minutes at the crease.

Pollock wrapped up the Indian innings when he had Jagajal Srinath caught by a diving Herschelle Gibbs at cover.

There was some good news for India, when South Africa -- needing to survive just five overs before stumps -- lost opener Gibbs leg before to Kumble for four.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of opening day's play of the second and final cricket Test between India and South Africa at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday:

INDIA: First innings
 Jaffer c Boucher b Hayward 13
 Dravid c Boucher b Cronje 17
 Ganguly lbw b Pollock 1
 Tendulkar c Cronje b Hayward 21
 Azharuddin c Klusener b Donald 9
 Kaif lbw b Kallis 12
 Mongia lbw b Boje 20
 Kumble not out 36
 Chopra c Pollock b Boje 4
 Karthik run out 0