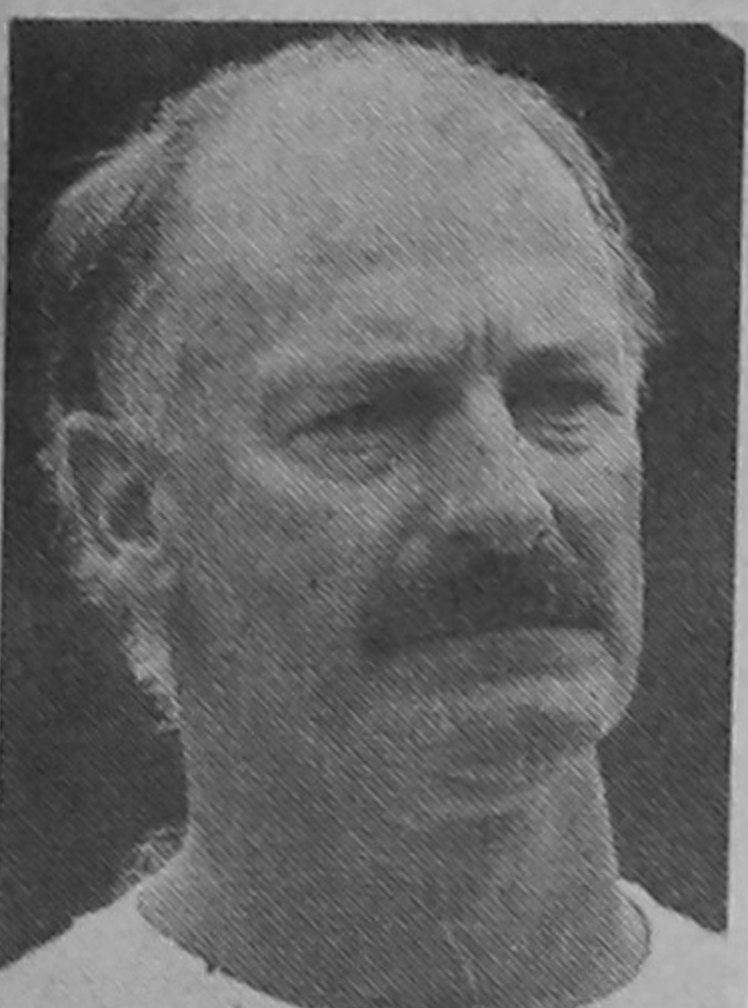


Column One SPORTS TALK



Dennis Lillee
(Australian fast bowling legend)
"Congrats, Warney, well done, keep it going, and I look forward to buying you a congratulatory ale soon."
After the leg-spinner became Australia's highest wicket-taker in Test Cricket.

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Sinclair strikes form

NAPIER, New Zealand, Mar 19: New Zealand Test batsman Matthew Sinclair hit a promising 75 as Central Districts defeated the Australian attack in a three-day cricket tour match Sunday, reports AP.
At stumps on the second day, Central Districts were 207-4 in their second innings, a lead of 160 over Australia, who were dismissed for 207 on Sunday morning.
Sinclair and opener David Kelly (67) combined for 138-run partnership as the lively wicket at McLean Park flattened out to a more comfortable batting track.
The pair moved to 164-2 before Australian Michael Kasprovic (3-46) took the first of his three wickets.
Earlier Sunday, Mark Waugh (93 not out) continued his impressive tour as Australia added 89 runs to their overnight score, losing Damien Martyn (19) and Adam Gilchrist (10).

Waugh praises Warne

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Mar 19: Australian captain Steve Waugh says champion spinner Shane Warne could become the most prolific wicket-taker in Test cricket history, reports Reuters.
On Wednesday, Warne broke Dennis Lillee's Australian Test record of 355 wickets, claiming the last wicket in the first Test against New Zealand to help his team to an eighth straight victory.
Waugh said he now believes Warne could go on to claim as many as 500 wickets if he maintains his enthusiasm for the game.
"That's up to him now, where he wants to go," Waugh said after the win in Auckland.
"He can take 500 Test wickets if he has the motivation and the fitness levels keep up, so it's up to him."

NFL final round from March 29

Sports Reporter



The final round of the inaugural National Football League will kick off at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur from March 29.

It was decided by the league committee in its meeting held at the Bangladesh Football Federation office on Thursday night.

On the opening day of the four-team final round Premier Division champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra.

Both teams finished with equal six points in Group A of the first round ahead of Khulna and Rajshahi Abahani Krira Chakra.

Dhaka heavyweights Abahani Krira Chakra and Mukti-joddha Sangsad, who also collected seven points in the first

round, face each other the day after.

Bangladesh Television is expected to telecast all six matches. A total of eight teams, split into two groups, took part in the first round which was held in three phases in Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.

Top two teams from each group booked their places in the final round.

The team that ends up with highest points from both

FINAL ROUND FIXTURES

Date	Match
Mar 29:	Ctg AKC v Dhaka MSC
Mar 30:	Dhaka AKC v Mukti-joddha
April 2:	Dhaka MSC v Mukti-joddha
April 3:	Dhaka AKC v Ctg Abahani
April 5:	Mukti-joddha v Ctg Abahani
April 6:	Dhaka AKC v Dhaka MSC

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS

Group A	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedan SC	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Chittagong Abahani	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Khulna Abahani	3	2	0	1	2	3	6
Rajshahi Abahani	3	0	0	3	0	5	0
Group B	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Abahani KC	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Mukti-joddha Sangsad	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Sylhet Chaturanga	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
Netrokona Mohammedan	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Andy takes tourists ahead



PORT-OF-SPAIN, Mar. 19: Andy Flower grounded his way to a seventh Test century to give Zimbabwe a useful first innings lead of 49 over West Indies on the rain-hit third day of their historic first cricket Test at Queen's Park Oval on Saturday here, reports AFP.

The 31-year-old Zimbabwe captain batted through a day when three hours of playing time was lost to rain to gather an unbeaten 113 that was the cornerstone of his side's 236 all out, in reply to West Indies' first innings total of 187.

"To be quite honest, it was the luckiest innings I have ever played," Flower said afterwards. "I feel lucky that I have got a hundred and it was good enough to get us some sort of a lead."

That was in part a reference to his good fortune the previous day when umpire Steve Bucknor ruled him not out on a gloved catch to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs off Courtney Walsh, but Flower also had the West Indies slip fielders to thank for his good fortune.

Third-slip fielder Shivnarine Chanderpaul put him down on 52 off the fourth ball of the day bowled by Walsh and, later, Chris Gayle muffed a "sitter" at first slip when Flower was 60 off the fifth ball following a near 90 minute break for rain.

Through it all, Flower remained steadfast to bat for just over seven hours to hit a dozen boundaries from 289 balls and resist all attempts by the West Indies to prise him out.

Zimbabwe's progress was checked twice during the day by rain. First, in the morning period when they resumed from their overnight position of 109 for three and, later, in the afternoon period when just over 90 minutes were lost.

Flower and Trevor Gripper shared a purposeful 117-run, fourth-wicket stand that endured the morning rains and the lunch interval when Zimbabwe were 137 for three.

In a rain-shortened afternoon period, Curtly Ambrose bounded in to take three wickets to revive West Indies hopes of limiting Zimbabwe to a modest first innings lead.

Rain during lunch delayed the start of cricket after the luncheon interval by an hour and 40 minutes, but the 50 minutes available to West Indies prior to a rescheduled tea break was all Ambrose needed to carry his tally of wickets at the ground to 63 and end with figures of four for 42 off 25 overs.

Finding some bounce and movement from the hard, true pitch, he removed the leaden-

footed pair of Gripper for 41 and Alistair Campbell for nought in the space of three balls to leave Zimbabwe 144 for five.

Gripper, who batted for five hours and 20 minutes and hit six boundaries from the 220 balls he faced, edged a half-hearted drive low to give Gayle his second catch at first slip.

Two balls later, Gripper saw in-form left-hander Alistair Campbell nibble at a ball angled across him to give wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs a simple catch.

Stuart Carlisle appeared to be getting the measure of Ambrose when he played a lofted drive over cover for the last of his three fours in 17, but was bowled by a delivery from the Antiguan that moved back and kept low. He left Zimbabwe on 164 for six at tea.

For more than two hours in the evening period, Flower and Heath Streak with little fanfare added 68 for the seventh wicket

now, I have a lot of time capitalising this side in the next few months so there will be plenty of work to be done."

With dark clouds hovering over the ground bringing fading light, West Indies captain called upon off-spin bowler Franklyn Rose. They responded with the last four wicket for four runs in the space of 14 balls.

Gayle had Streak caught at slip and proceeded to bowl down Henry Olonga and Pommie Mbangwa to end with figures of three for 25 off 15 overs. In between, Rose had Brian Murphy lbw.

Jamaican batsman Chris Gayle and Wavell Hinds made their Test debuts for the West Indies.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the third day of the first Test between West Indies and Zimbabwe at Queen's Park Oval on Saturday:

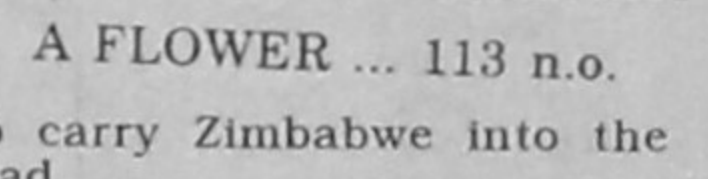
WEST INDIES: First innings				
Griffith lbw b Streak	0			
Campbell lbw b Streak	24			
Gayle run out (Murphy)	33			
C Paul c A Flower b Olonga	12			
Ambrose c A Flower b Streak	7			
Adams lbw b Murphy	17			
Hinds not out	46			
Jacobs c b Murphy	10			
Rose b Johnson	1			
King lbw b Streak	2			
Walsh lbw b Murphy	11			
Extras: (b-7; lb-6; nb-11)	24			
Total: (All out in 80.4 overs)	187			
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-48, 3-72, 4-81, 5-87, 6-121, 7-136, 8-149, 9-161				
Bowler				
Streak	24	9	45	4
Olonga	18	7	44	1
Mbangwa	10	3	21	0
Johnson	13	4	26	1
Murphy	13	4	32	3
G Flower	2	0	6	0

ZIMBABWE: First innings				
Johnson lbw b Ambrose	0			
G Flower c Campbell b Walsh	0			
Gripper c Gayle b Ambrose	41			
Goodwin c Gayle b Walsh	20			
A Flower not out	113			
Campbell c Jacobs b Ambrose	0			
Carlisle b Ambrose	17			
Streak c Campbell b Gayle	20			
Murphy lbw b Rose	1			
Olonga b Gayle	2			
Mbangwa b Gayle	0			
Extras: (b-2; lb-6; w-1; nb-13)	22			
Total: (All out in 107 overs)	236			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-27, 4-144, 5-144, 6-164, 7-232, 8-233, 9-236				
Bowler				
Ambrose	25	13	42	4
Walsh	28	9	49	2
Rose	19	6	41	1
King	20	2	71	0
Gayle	15	2	25	3

Umpires: S. Bucknor, G. Sharpe

TV replays: C.E. Cumberland

Match referee: R.S. Madugalle



A FLOWER ... 113 n.o.

to carry Zimbabwe into the lead.

It was during this time that Flower reached his century with a "chip" shot to mid-off for a single off Walsh, armed with the second new-ball.

Most of Flower's runs in his innings were gathered in the arc between third man and extra cover, where he hit the majority of his boundaries. Only one of his fours were on the leg-side.

But the man-of-the-moment admitted after his knock that it was rewarding especially as he was having to combine the roles of captain, main run scorer and wicketkeeper.

"We have got four to five months of tough cricket coming until about the middle of July," Flower said.

"I am not going to be saying taking on all the responsibilities that I have as the leading batsman, captain and wicketkeeper is unusually tough right

a lot of hard work to do."

The meeting was laced with international talent.

Stuart Rendell of Australia showed good form at this early stage with a Commonwealth and Australian record 77.68m in the hammer-throw, beating world champion silver medalist Zoltan Nemeth of Hungary who threw 76.70m.

South African Llewellyn Herbert set the world's fastest 400m hurdles this year, with a superb finishing surge for a 48.50sec win against Australia's Blair Young (49.08) and America's Torrance Zellner (49.30).

Marius Corbett, competing for the second time this year since claiming the SA javelin title a fortnight ago, managed an Olympic qualifying first throw that hit the mark at 83.43m.

Mixed fortunes for Ban A

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh A enjoyed mixed fortunes in a three-nation cricket tournament in Malaysia that began on Friday.

The second-string Bangladesh side opened their campaign with a comprehensive 97-run victory over their hosts at the Kilat Aman ground. But the rain gods prevented Naimur Rahman's men from chasing a challenging revised

Brief Scores

Bangladesh A v Malaysia

Venue: Kilat Aman

Date: March 17

Bangladesh: 222/9 in 50 overs (Mizanur Rahman 47, Naimur Rahman 43)

Malaysia: 125 all out in 48.5 overs (Bikash 3/15, Naimur 3/20, Rafique 2/28)

Result: Bangladesh won by 97 runs.

Bangladesh 'A' v Namibia

Venue: Royal Salenger Club

Date: March 18

Namibia: 205 for 7 in 50 overs (Naimur 3/38, Rafique 2/30, Monjurul 1/41)

Bangladesh: 49 for 3 in 11 overs

Result: Match washed out due to rain. Bangladesh, set to score a revised target of 173 in 35 overs were on 49 for 3 in 11 overs when rain stopped play for the second time.

target in the second match against Namibia 24 hours later.

In their first game held in the Malaysian capital, the visitors batting first and scored a competitive 222 for nine in 50 overs. Wicketkeeper Mizanur Rahman Patwari made 47 and his captain contributed 43.

The Malaysians who never found the going easy once left-arm seamer Bikash Ranjan Das and Naimur Rahman shared a six-wicket haul to rip out the heart of the batting. Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique captured two for 28.

On Saturday, after restricting the Africans to 205 for seven in their allotted overs, Captain Naimur's off-spin accounted for 3-38 and Rafique bagged two wickets.

Rain forced Bangladesh to chase a stiff target of 173 in 35 overs. And with the total reading 49-3 in 11 overs the rains came down again to prevent anyone play for the day.

As a result both teams were awarded one point each.

Bangladesh face Malaysia later today.

Akram picked for Sharjah

KARACHI, Mar 19: Pakistan recalled ex-captain and all-rounder Wasim Akram on Wednesday for the Sharjah Cup triangular series involving India, South Africa and starting from March 22, reports Reuters.

The recall came just 48 hours after he was dropped on fitness grounds.

"He has been picked after he confirmed that he would be match-fit in the next two days," selection committee chairman Wasim Bari told reporters.

Akram will undergo a fitness test on Friday and team coach Javed Miandad has been directed to inform us about his condition," he said.

Akram bowled just 13 deliveries in the first Test against Sri Lanka at Rawalpindi last month before limping off with a groin injury.

He did not play in the second and third Tests at Peshawar and Karachi. Sri Lanka won the series which ended earlier on Wednesday 2-1.

The selectors left out batsman Ijaz Ahmad after he was overlooked for the three-match one-day international series against Sri Lanka, which the tourists won 3-0.

SQUAD

Moin Khan (captain), Inzamam-ul-Haq (vice-captain), Shahid Afridi, Waqar Hussain, Wasti, Mohammad Naveed, Yousuf Youhana, Yousif Khan, Imran Nazir, Abdur Razaq, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Akram, Arshad Khan, Shoaib Malik.

WI 53/3 at lunch

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Mar 19: Three wickets, two off successive balls in the first over from Heath Streak, set back the West Indies on the fourth day of their historic first cricket Test against Zimbabwe at Queen's Park Oval here Sunday, reports AFP.

The West Indies, behind by 49 on the first innings, were 53 for three at lunch with Shivnarine Chanderpaul unbeaten on 19 and captain Jimmy Adams not out on seven after the pyrotechnics of the opening over from Streak.

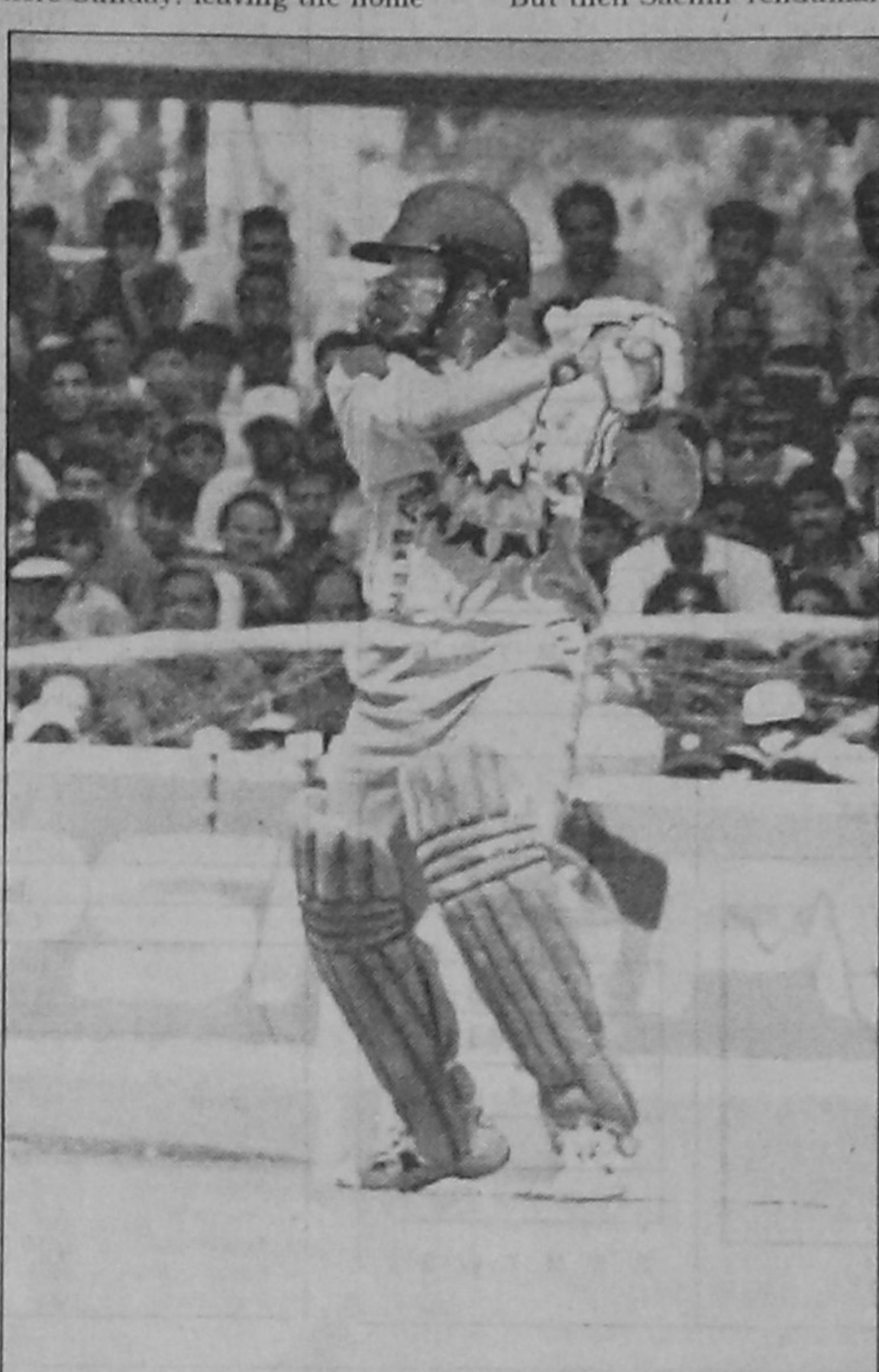
The Zimbabwe vice-captain had opening batsman Adrian Griffith lbw and left-hander Chris Gayle bowled for ducks with the third and fourth balls of the innings to throw the West Indies innings into chaos at no runs for two wickets.

SA end on winning note



here Sunday, leaving the home

highest one-day score. India's run chase began badly, with skipper Sourav Ganguly caught at leg slip by Steve Elworthy off Henry Williams. But then Sachin Tendulkar,



Sachin Tendulkar follows through on a square cut during his superb 122 against South Africa in the fourth one-day at Baroda on March 17.

—AFP photo

side 3-2 series winners, reports AFP.

Chasing a daunting total of 320, India looked well placed in the closing stages, needing a run-a-ball from the last 11 deliveries for victory, with two wickets in hand.

But a couple of run outs saw them bowled out for 310 runs with seven balls to spare.

South Africa's 320 for seven was built by opener Herschelle Gibbs' 74 runs and a racy 114-run seventh wicket stand between all-rounder Lance Klusener, who made 75 not out, and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher (68).

The South Africans made a shaky start and were 72 for three after the first 10 overs.

They were forced to rein in their attacking instincts after the loss of Gibbs, who was the fifth man out after pouncing 74 runs off only 53 balls with 13 fours and one six.

Gibbs, who was let-off twice by some spilled catches, was finally run out by a fine pick up and direct hit at the striker's end by debutant Siddharth Sriram.

Klusener clouted his unbeaten 75 off only 58 balls with eight fours and three sixes.

It was South Africa's fourth

who was later declared man-of-the-series, and Rahul Dravid withstood the South African attack to put up a 180-run stand for the second wicket.

The two smashed the South

India

Ganguly c Elworthy b Williams 6

Tendulkar c Elworthy b Crookes 93

Dravid run out 79

Jadeja b Elworthy 10

Sriram c Boucher b Elworthy 12

Srinath c Strydom b Klusener 20

Robin c Cronje b Klusener 29

Karim c b Klusener 22

Chopra run out 3

Kumble run out (Gibbs) 5

Prasad not out 0

Extras: (b-4; lb-8; w-14; nb-5) 31

Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) 310

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-193, 3-193, 4-214, 5-221, 6-259, 7-290, 8-304, 9-310

Bowler

Williams 1.5 0 11 1

Crookes 10 1 69 1

Mckenzie 0.1 0 0 0

Elworthy 8 0 50 2

Cronje 9.5 0 62 0

Klusener 9 0 59 3

Strydom 10 0 47 0

Result: South Africa win by 10 runs. India win series 3-2.

Man-of-the-match: Lance Klusener

Man-of-the-series: Sachin Tendulkar

Another Tendulkar ton