

## Inter-varsity cricket

## RU become third

From JU Correspondent  
SAVAR, Nov 17: Rajshahi University (RU) clinched the third spot in the inter-varsity cricket tournament beating Islamic University (IU) by 11 runs at the JU central playground today.

Winning the toss, RU batted first and collected 163 runs losing nine wickets in 40 overs. Palash scored highest 43 while Nazmul and Rana made 29 and 23 runs respectively.

Suman claimed five wickets for 37 while Walid bagged two. In reply, IU were bundled out scoring 142 runs in 38.3 overs.

Suman scored highest 34 while Akhter made 29. Yamin bagged three while Sayeed and Titu grabbed two wickets each.

Suman of IU was declared man-of-the-match. Meanwhile, the hosts Jahangirnagar University will take on Chittagong University in the final on November 19.

## Sachin, Glenn best players

SYDNEY, Nov 17: India's Sachin Tendulkar and Australia's Glenn McGrath have been rated the best in the business in a survey of Australia's 145 first class players, reports AFP.

Sixty eight per cent of those questioned said Tendulkar was the world's best batsman ahead of Australian captain Steve Waugh (27 per cent) and West Indian Brian Lara (three per cent).

Australian paceman McGrath was the runaway winner as the players' choice of world's best bowler with 61 per cent of the vote.

Shane Warne was second and Curtley Ambrose of the West Indies third.

Waugh was rated Australia's best cricketer ahead of McGrath and Warne. Surprisingly, Adam Gilchrist got the nod as the top one-day Australian player ahead of Michael Beven and Ricky Ponting.

Almost half of those questioned said they had no confidence in the International Cricket Council's ability to run the game on a global scale while 88 per cent said cricket should be concerned with the demise of the West Indies, England and India.

## UAE remain on course

SHARJAH, Nov 17: Pre-tournament favourites the United Arab Emirates virtually sealed a spot in the semifinals at the Asian Cricket Council Trophy with a seven-wicket win over the Maldives on Friday, reports AFP.

The Maldives were shot out for 116 in their Group B game in the eight-nation tournament and UAE knocked off the required runs for the loss of three wickets by the 31st over.

The UAE have one more preliminary round game, against minnows, Japan, who were beaten comprehensively by Nepal in the other Group B game.

Japan, most of whose batsmen favour a baseball-like grip of the bat, were dismissed for 133 with Hirokazu Takahashi top-scoring with 28.

In reply Nepal sped to 137 for three in the 20th over thanks to an unbroken fourth wicket stand between Kiran Agarwal, 53 not out, and Raju Khadkar 44 not out.

The Japanese fared marginally better Friday battling out the full complement of their overs. In their opening encounter against the Maldives, they were shot out for 59 in 20 overs.

The UAE are certain to clinch top spot in Group B with Nepal favoured to take the runners-up position.

Hong Kong are clear favourites to top Group A with Malaysia and Kuwait battling it out for the runners-up spot.

## Azhar grilled

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Madras last Saturday citing health reasons.

Azharuddin had declined to meet Madhavan in Madras, saying he had not received a copy of the CBI report.

Madhavan sent a copy of the report to Azharuddin, who requested a meeting in his home town of Hyderabad, fearing security problems if he travelled out of town.

Madhavan said he travelled to this southern Indian city because of Azharuddin's security fears.

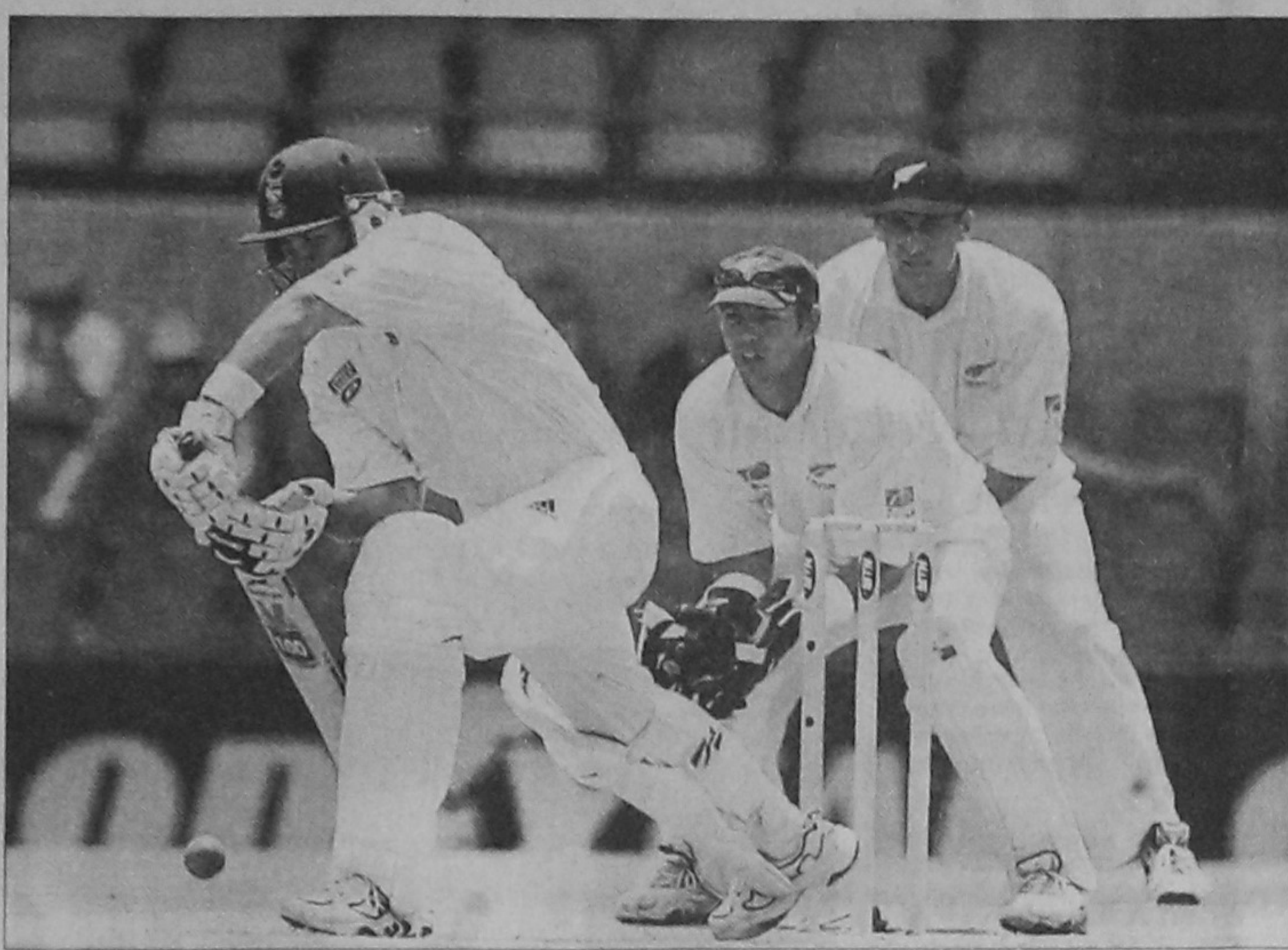
Although the investigating officer decides the venue and time of hearing, here in this case I thought of the exposure Azharuddin had to face during his travel to Madras and for the first time in my 40-year service, agreed to come to the subject's place for the questioning," he said.

Three other Indian players named in the report — Ajay Jadeja, Navan Mongia and Manoj Prabhakar — and physiotherapist Ali Irani met Madhavan in Madras city.

All five cricketers have been suspended from first-class cricket pending Madhavan's recommendations.

Madhavan did not rule out questioning Indian cricketer Ikon Kapil Dev, who has been absolved by the CBI or star batsman Sachin Tendulkar.

The question of whether or not to speak to Sachin will be considered only after completing the hearing of all those named in the CBI report," he added.



South Africa's Jacques Kallis, who scored a century on the opening day of the first Test against New Zealand in Bloemfontein yesterday, here plays one defensively. —AFP photo

## Kallis turns up heat

BLOEMFONTEIN, Nov 17: South African batsman Jacques Kallis, belittled from a technology failure and in his seventh Test century on the first day of the first Test against New Zealand at Springbok Park here Friday, reports AFP.

Kallis made 117 not out in a South African total of 205 for three at tea but he should have been run out when he had 76. The New Zealand players celebrated as a drive from Daryll Cullinan was deflected into the stumps at the non-striker's end by bowler Shayne O'Connor.

But no picture of the incident could be produced for television umpire Rudi Koertzen and after a delay of several minutes Kallis was given not out.

The incident sparked a controversy, with Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, summoning the head of the production team to a meeting.

during the tea break to explain the breakdown. An independent television station, e-tv, is covering cricket for the first time and put together a new crew with what a spokesman for the station admitted was a limited budget.

Instead of four fixed cameras covering the creases, only two were in place in Bloemfontein, one at each end. The tape from the camera at the non-striker's end apparently "froze" as the producer tried to replay it. No other pictures showed the incident conclusively.

It would have been an unlucky dismissal for Kallis, who was in magnificent form as he reached his century off 174 balls with 16 fours, playing shots to all parts of the ground.

O'Connor took a wicket with the second ball of the match when Boeta Dippenaar was caught at second slip. But Kallis shared stands of 97 with Gary Kirsten (31) and Daryll Cullinan (29) on a good batting pitch.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the

first day of the first Test between New Zealand and South Africa at Springbok Park on Friday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings  
Dippenaar c Astle b O'Connor 0  
Kirsten c Astle b Martin 31  
Kallis not out 117  
Cullinan b Walker 29  
McKenzie not out 13  
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-6) 15  
Total: (For 3 wks in 63 overs) 205  
To bat: Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Allan Donald, Makhaya Ntini.  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-97, 3-164.

**Bowler** O M R W  
O'Connor 14 4 34 1  
Tuffey 10 2 40 0  
Martin 10 2 47 1  
Walker 11 1 38 1  
Astle 16 5 31 0  
McMillan 2 0 6 0

**NEW ZEALAND:** S Fleming, M Richardson, C Spearman, M Sinclair, N Astle, C McMillan, A Parore, B Walker, C Martin, D Tuffey, S O'Connor.

**Umpires:** A. Jayaprakash (India), D. Orchard (South Africa).

## Brittle Windies batting

MELBOURNE, Nov 17: The West Indies tourists buckled once again on their Australian tour here Friday just six days before their opening cricket Test with Australia, reports AFP.

Just like their batting collapse against Western Australia in Perth last week, the Windies were at it again Friday as they crumbled for 167 in their first innings of the four-day game with Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Victorian left-arm paceman Mathew Inness weighed in with career-best figures of 6-26 and the home state survived a four-over stint late in the day to reach two without loss at stumps on the first day.

The tourists wasted a perfect dress rehearsal for next Thursday's first Test in Brisbane as Melbourne turned on a humid morning not dissimilar to typical Brisbane conditions.

The wicket had bounce, albeit sometimes inconsistent, but it was still playing better than the Windies' total suggested.

It took Windies No-8 Mahendra Nagamootoo (48) to add some fight to the innings after the Windies fell to 92 for six before tea.

Six batsmen fell to catches behind the wicket, bringing the total for the first-class tour to 19 from 28 dismissals.

It's a statistic which should make Australian pacemen Glenn McGrath and Brett Lee giddy with excitement if they can exploit the corridor outside off-stump throughout the five-match Test series.

Vice-captain Sherwin Campbell admitted the West Indies had to improve their shot selection to avoid the wasted dismissals.

"We've been getting a lot of wickets caught behind on maybe balls that we shouldn't play at and if we can be a bit more patient it would help us," Campbell said.

The Australian bowlers are going to make us work hard for our runs and bowl on one side but we've been discussing it and we have to go out and do it in the middle."

Campbell has been the most patient player all tour but even he let his guard down Friday, slashing at a wide ball after he batted for 126 balls for 29 runs.

Brian Lara also showed patience but he was left disappointed when he sparred at a delivery from Colin Miller (2-68), providing wicketkeeper Darren Berry with one of his four catches.

Test batsmen Shivanine Chandrapaul (12), Ramnaresh Sarwan (0) and Jimmy Adams (nine) didn't make an impression as the 22-year-old Inness reaped the rewards.

**Kuerten shows Rafter out**

PARIS, Nov 17: Top seeds Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil and Russia's Marat Safin both reached the last eight of the Paris Masters Series on Thursday with straight sets triumphs, reports AFP.

Safin waltzed through his opening set against French 10th seed Sebastien Grosjean without undue difficulty, looking as if he wanted to be tucked up in bed by midnight rather than still grinding away on court as had been the case on Wednesday.

But he struggled to find his way in the second before completing a 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) victory in 1hr 17min.

He sparked a collapse of four for three, removing Campbell and Sarwan with successive balls before Adams saw off the hat-trick.

Campbell said the Windies' confidence was not a problem, pointing to his long stint along with Adams and Chandrapaul in Perth last week.

But the confidence of Miller — a member of Australia's Test squad — was boosted after he claimed two wickets with his medium pace.

Test swing bowler Damien Fleming (0-38) made a solid return from injury, sending out plenty of unsuccessful appeals.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of a four-day match between Victoria and the West Indies on Friday:

**WEST INDIES:** First innings  
Campbell c Berry b Inness 29  
Ganga c Berry b Miller 19  
Lara c Berry b Miller 19  
C'paul c Berry b Oliver 12  
Sarwan lbw b Inness 0  
Adams c Mott b Inness 8  
Jacobs run out 28  
Nagamootoo c Miller b Inness 48  
McLean b Inness 6  
Dillon c Mott b Inness 0  
Walsh not out 0  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1) 4  
Total: (All out in 86.2 overs) 167  
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-58, 3-71, 4-71, 5-75, 6-92, 7-130, 8-144, 9-144.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Fleming 20 8 38 0  
Inness 20 2 36 6  
Oliver 19 8 32 1  
Miller 26 6 68 2  
Hodge 1 1 0 0

**VICTORIA:** First innings  
Arnbjerg not out 1  
Craig not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1) 1  
Total: (For no wkt in 4 overs) 2

**Bowler** O M R W  
Walsh 2 2 0 0  
McLean 2 1 1 0



Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman (sixth from R) with the participants of Aga Khan Gold Cup Golf tournament and members of the Aga Khan Council at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

## 'Honesty needs more money'

LAHORE, Nov 17: Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) chairman Lord Alexander Weedon on Friday said cricketers were not paid enough to resist offers of quick money, reports AFP.

"Cricketers need to be paid more so that they can resist the temptation of the bookmakers and besides that the International Cricket Council (ICC) needs to take positive steps to stop match-fixing," Weedon said.

Weedon took over the reins of cricket's oldest club from former England captain Tony Lewis earlier this year. MCC is responsible for framing the laws of the game and the ICC approves them.

"The ICC clearly needs to do something about match-fixing because we all share the passion for cricket and the game can only progress if it is clean," he said.

Once called a gentleman's game, cricket has been rocked this year by allegations of match rigging, forcing the ICC to form an anti-corruption body.

"All cricket boards need to increase the pay scale of their players within the available income," he said.

"It is also up to the respective boards to accept the ICC's recommendations about match-fixing. It's not in the ICC's jurisdiction to take action against any particular player involved in this malpractice," he said.

Pakistan's former captain Salim Malik and pace bowler Ataur Rehman are serving a life ban after a report on match-fixing found them guilty.

Former South African captain Hansie Cronje was also banned for life after he admitted taking money from bookmakers.

An Indian probe has alleged five national players, including former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, have fixed games.

Weedon said the MCC could not formulate laws on match-fixing.

"The MCC's job is to frame cricket laws and any disciplinary laws are made only by the ICC," he said.

## Div One Chess from Nov 20

Sports Reporter

The draw for the First Division Chess League will be held at the Bangladesh Chess Federation tomorrow. The league starts at the NSC chess room from November 20.

Following 16 teams will take part in the league: Biman, Titas Club, Ansars, Leonine Chess Club, Anshulian, Prodeep Sangha, Uttara Daba Sangha, Uttara Central Chess Club, Anu Memorial Club of Bogra, Rajshahi Daba Unionay Sangha, Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha, Nakhlaapur Juba Kalyan Sangha, Dhaka University, Farashganj Sporting Club, Narayanganj Daba Kalyan Samity and Sonali Bank.

## Aussies vote for pay rise

SYDNEY, Nov 17: Australia's top Test and one-day cricketers should be on salaries of up to 1 million dollars (\$30,000 US) a year, according to a survey of the nation's elite players, reports AFP.

The poll of 145 players taken at the end of last season shows 81 per cent think Australian Cricket Board-contracted players, like Steve Waugh and Glenn McGrath, should earn between 500,000 and 1 million dollars.

More than a third feel the minimum salary for such players should be more than the current 80,000 dollars.

The 18-page questionnaire, published in The Australian newspaper Friday, also showed that half the nation's first class cricketers believe the top-rated state players should earn double their current 50,000 dollar base salary.

## Martina, Anna advance

NEW YORK, Nov 17: Top seed Martina Hingis survived a second-seed surge to defeat Nathalie Tauziat at the 2 million-dollar WTA Championships Thursday and set up a quarter-final clash with doubles partner Anna Kournikova, reports AFP.

Former champion and world number one Hingis outlasted the French sixth seed 6-1, 6-7, 6-2 before Kournikova, seeded seventh, trounced fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain 6-4, 6-0.

Hingis, who dubbed herself and Kournikova the "Spice Girls" of tennis, did not win a Grand Slam title this season for the first time since 1996. In fact, she reached just one Grand Slam final — the Australian Open in January.

## Doping illegal in Italy

ROME, Nov 17: Sports doping is now a crime in Italy, with athletes risking up to three years in prison for taking performance-enhancing drugs, reports AFP.

The Senate gave final approval Thursday night to a bill that for the first time makes it a specific crime to administer or use such prohibited substances.

It also calls for fines of up to 100 million lire (50,000 dollars) and a warning that doctors can temporarily lose their licenses to practice if found guilty.

## India to spin Zim out



NEW DELHI, Nov 17: Zimbabwe will get no respite from spin even in the absence of India's star bowler

Anil Kumble when the first of two back-to-back Tests starts here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The leg-spinner, a demon on the traditionally dry Indian pitches, who grabbed all 10 second innings wickets on the same Feroz Shah Kotla ground against Pakistan last year, is out with a shoulder injury.

Still, the Indians plan to throw in three slow bowlers at the tourists with rookie off-spinner Sharandeep Singh joining left-armers Sunil Joshi and Murali Kartik to exploit another spin-friendly wicket.

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly's worries on the eve of the Test centered around the choice between seamers Zaheer Khan and Ajit Agarkar to partner pace spearhead Javagal Srinath.

"All I know is that we will go in with five bowlers," said Ganguly, leading his country in a home Test for the first time.

Ganguly refused to under-rate Zimbabwe, whose only previous Test match on Indian soil ended in a massive innings defeat at the same ground in 1993.

"There are no easy pickings in Test cricket, and I don't believe in the concept of being superior on paper," the elegant left-hander said.

"You have to go out there and take 20 wickets to win the match."

India's unbeaten 13-year re-

cord in home series was ruined in February this year when Hansie Cronje's South Africa won both Test matches convincingly.

But Ganguly stressed India's star-studded batting comprising himself, Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, will be hard to dismiss twice in a match.

Zimbabwean captain Heath Streak said the four-wicket win over the Board President's team on Wednesday had buoyed his team for what he concedes will be a tough outing.

Seasoned left-handers Alistair Campbell and Andy Flower, the only ones to have played in each of Zimbabwe's

**Channel I will show the match live from 10:00am (BST). Besides, it will also show the second Test and five one-day internationals live.**

45 Tests so far, struck timely centuries during the two three-day tour matches.

There were also good knocks from openers Grant Flower and Gavin Rennie and number three Stuart Carlisle, but coach Carl Rackemann was worried about the bowling.

Streak, who skipped the first warm-up match to have his wisdom tooth removed and the second to rest a strained shoulder, will share the new ball with Henry Olonga and Travis Spence.

Leg-spinners Paul Strang and Brian Murphy have a huge workload ahead on a wicket that Rackemann predicts will

turn by the second day, if not the first itself.

The second Test will be played in Nagpur from November 25.

## TEAMS

**INDIA** (from): Sourav Ganguly (captain), Sadagopan Ramesh, Shiv Sunder Das, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vijay Dahiya, Sunil Joshi, Murali Kartik, Javagal Srinath, Ajit Agarkar, Sharandeep Singh, Zaheer Khan.

**ZIMBABWE** (from): Heath Streak (captain), Grant Flower, Gavin Rennie, Alistair Campbell, Andy Flower, Trevor Madondo, Douglas Marillier, Guy Whittall, Paul Strang, Brian Murphy, Henry Olonga, Travis Spence, Bryan Strang.

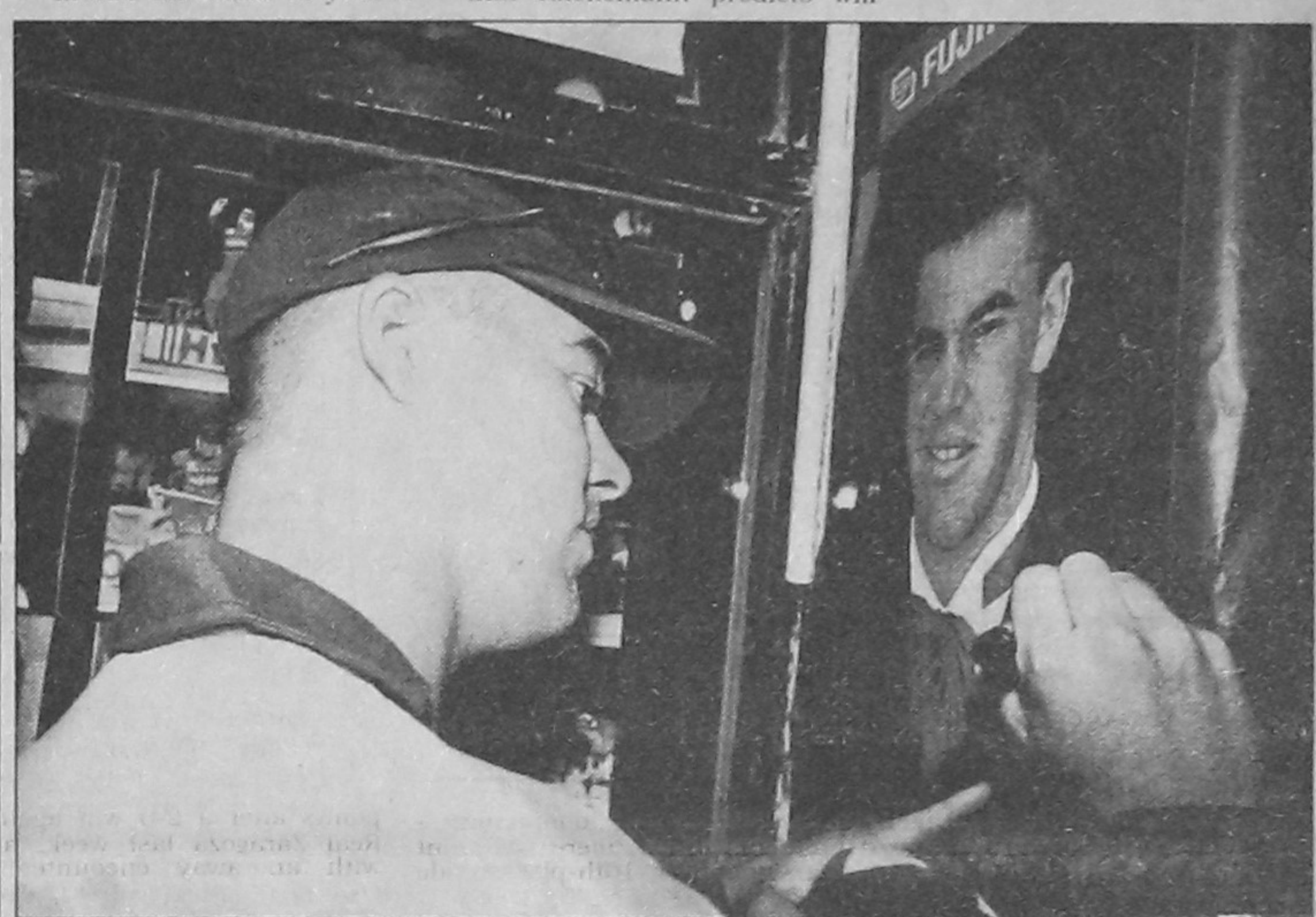
## Stichs separate

FRANKFURT, Nov 17: Two days after announcing the adoption of an Indian orphan, former tennis star Michael Stich and his actress wife Jessica Stockman have made public their separation, reports AP.

In a statement published by the mass-circulation Bild newspaper Friday, the couple announced they had been living apart since the spring.

Bild said the couple's statement arrived to its office by fax Thursday.

Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion, lives in Salzburg, Austria, while his wife lives in France with their 14-month-old adopted daughter Nisha, according to the statement.



Zimbabwe cricket captain Heath Streak signs a photograph of him during an exhibition at the Feroz Shah Kotla Pavilion in New Delhi yesterday. The first Test between India and Zimbabwe begin here today. —AFP photo

## Pak press scolds India



ISLAMABAD, Nov 17: India's decision to cancel its tour of Pakistan in December is a disgrace to cricket at a time when the game is already on its knees from match-fixing allegations, Pakistani press said Friday, reports AFP.

"It's not cricket" and "Churlish conduct" were the headlines above Friday's editorials in the Nation and the News English-language dailies, two days after India pulled out of the tour saying the "atmosphere was not conducive."

"India is intent upon injecting poison in every sphere of its bilateral relations with Pakistan, sparing not even sports," wrote the News.

"The excuse for the visit cancellation, already scheduled on the ICC (International Cricket Council) itinerary, is at best lame and at worst insubling to the intelligence of all

cricket fans.

"The Indian decision has disgraced cricket."

India were scheduled to play three Tests and five one-day internationals in December and January during its first Test tour of Pakistan in 11 years.

India's foreign office said Pakistan's "hostile propaganda and constant calls for jihad (holy war)" provoked the cancellation.

The two South Asian nuclear rivals have not been on speaking terms since May last year when Indian troops began a bitter 10-week battle against Pakistan-backed forces along their disputed border in Kashmir.

But editorial writers here said cricket was above politics and called on the ICC to take action against the "extremists" controlling the game in India.

"This decision shows the clever, self-serving mind of Indian extremists," said the Urdu-language Nawa-i-Waqat news-

paper.

"It is wrong to sacrifice the game at the altar of politics. It is a show of narrow mindedness on the part of the Indians," said the Jang daily.

"The present extremist Indian government is only interested in fanning hatred against Pakistan, even if it means damaging the game of cricket. This Indian attitude calls for retaliatory measures and India should be prepared."

The Nation said India's pull-out was a "major blow to the spirit of sportsmanship" which was being nursed back into the game following this year's match-fixing saga.

"Unfortunately the damage done to the game of cricket, already beset with match-fixing allegations, cannot be compensated," it said, referring to the financial losses facing the Pakistan Cricket Board.

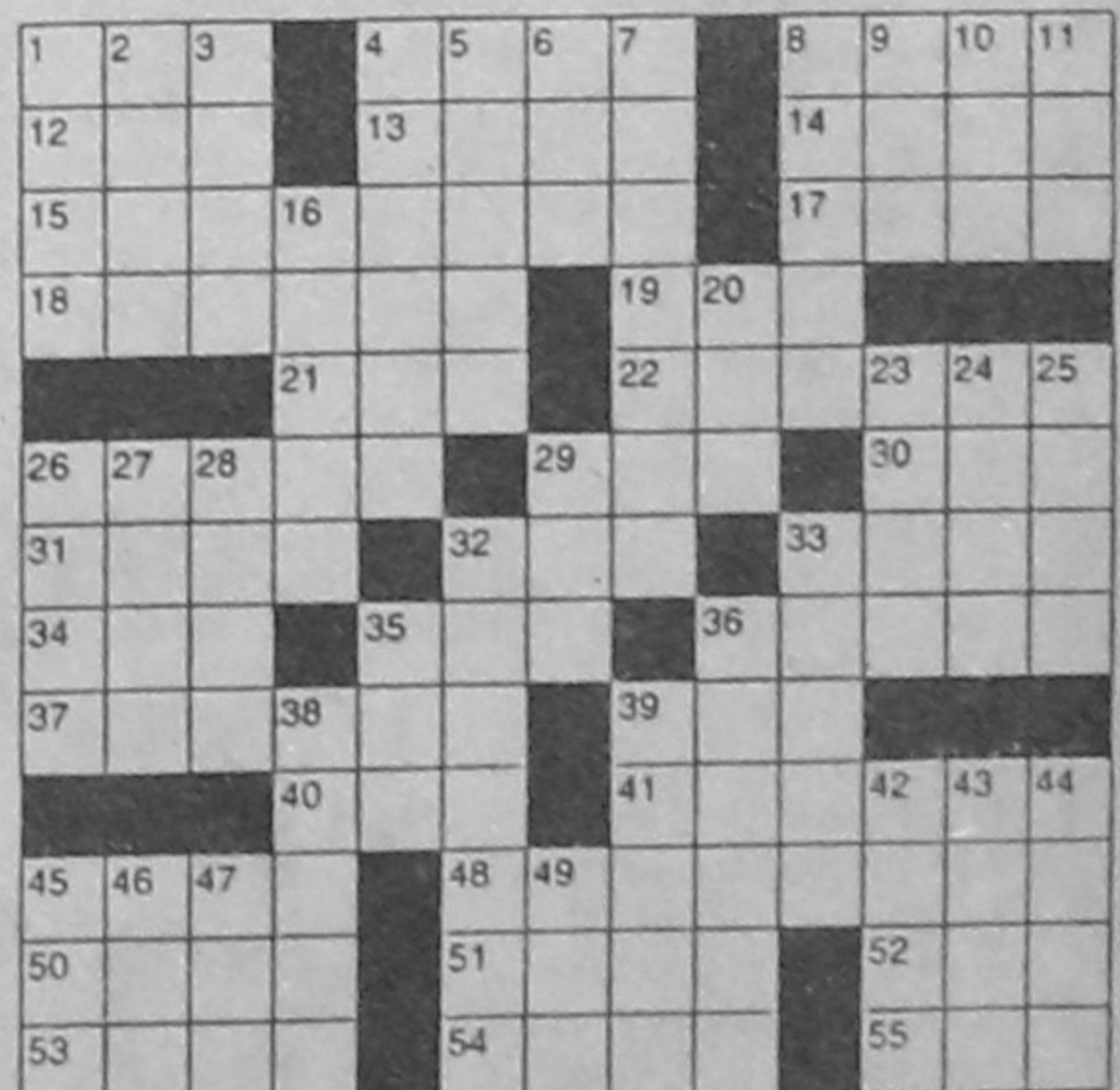
"Perhaps, judging by the relative strengths of the sides, India needs an excuse to avoid an embarrassing trouncing."

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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