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Ans: Clijsters
- Which club lifted NBL Div 1 soccer title?
Ans: Ayrton Bank
- Who was declared man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh-India inaugural Test?
Ans: Joshi

Walker cleared

LONDON, Dec 1: Scottish sprinter Dougie Walker will complete his two-year ban from athletics Friday, but his coach has warned it could be 2002 before he is back to his best, reports AFP.

A positive doping test led to his career being put on hold back in November 1998 and although he was successful with an appeal to UK Athletics, that was overturned by the International Amateur Athletics Association.

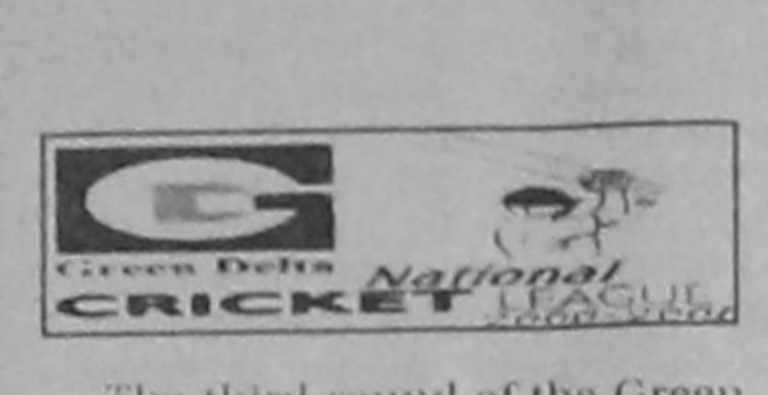
The European champion at 200 metres is free to compete again from Friday and, although Walker has continued his training, his coach David Gibson explained it will take time for Walker to reach the high standards he has set in the past.

WHIZZ KID-138 winner



Simaya Binte Aziz
(Junior Laboratory School & College)

Third round begins today



The third round of the Green Delta Second National Cricket League first phase begins at four zonal venues across the country this morning.

Group A leaders Bangladesh Biman take on Rajshahi at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prothisthan (BKSP) ground while the other match of the group between holders Chittagong and Dhaka, will be held at the Mymensingh Stadium.

Dhaka Metropolis face Barisal in their Group B match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. In the other match of the same group, last year's runners-up Sylhet meet Khulna at the Jessore Stadium.

As usual all matches will be contested over three days to be followed by limited-over matches.

Premier Division club Biman, who have been included in the first-class competition

this season along with Dhaka Metropolis, have earned 12 points so far in the group.

Biman began by collecting six points for an outright first round victory against last year's champions. Besides, they gained an additional four points by virtue of their lead in the first innings. The national airlines outfit also won the short-version against the Chittagongians to claim another two points.

In the second round, they beat Dhaka in their three-day fixture but lost the limited-overs game against the same outfit.

Chittagong, failing to garner any points from the first round, found their form in the next round against Rajshahi at the Cricket Garden in Rangpur on Thursday.

They thrashed the home side by nine wickets in the three-day match and then handed them a 45-run defeat in the limited-over encounter.

Rajshahi trail Chittagong by two points while star-studded Dhaka find themselves stuck at

the bottom with merely four points.

Group B leaders Dhaka Metropolis have gained 12 points from both their three-day matches. They secured eight points after taking first innings leads against Sylhet and Khulna respectively. The remaining four points came from consecutive 50-over victories against the same opponents.

Sylhet and Barisal on five points each share second spot with Khulna following a point behind.

After the home and away first phase, top two teams from each group will qualify for the second phase.

THIRD ROUND FIXTURES

- Chittagong v Dhaka**
(Venue: Mymensingh)
- Biman v Rajshahi**
(Venue: BKSP)
- Dhaka Metropolis v Barisal**
(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
- Khulna v Sylhet**
(Venue: Jessore)

McGrath the magnificent



PERTH, Dec 1: Courageous left-handers Ridley Jacobs and Wavell Hinds lifted the West Indies after another catastrophic start in the second cricket Test here Friday — but the day still belonged to Australia's champion fast bowler Glenn McGrath, reports AFP.

Jacobs, unbeaten with 96 — his best in Test ranks — and Hinds (50) performed heroic repair jobs after McGrath enjoyed two huge celebrations in as many minutes when he captured his 300th Test wicket and completed a hat-trick with successive balls.

The spirited fightback by the tourists' pair hoisted the first innings score from 22 for five to

only the second — after speedster Merv Hughes, also in Perth, 12 years ago — to achieve the feat in matches against the West Indies.

McGrath, starting the day with a 298-wicket tally, enthralled a crowd which swelled to 16,894 by doing exactly what he had predicted — ousting Campbell and Lara to reach the milestone.

Campbell fell to a first slip catch by Ricky Ponting, while Lara edged to fourth slip, where a nervous Stuart MacGill snatched a sharp chance at the second grab.

The applause had hardly subsided when McGrath ousted Adams with his first ball, a brutal delivery spearing into his ribs, as the skipper popped the

ball to Justin Langer at short leg.

Of the Lara dismissal — his 300th at the game's highest level — McGrath said: "I saw the edge go to MacGill, then I saw it bobble — and my heart went a bit. But as soon as it was safe in the bank, I was pretty happy."

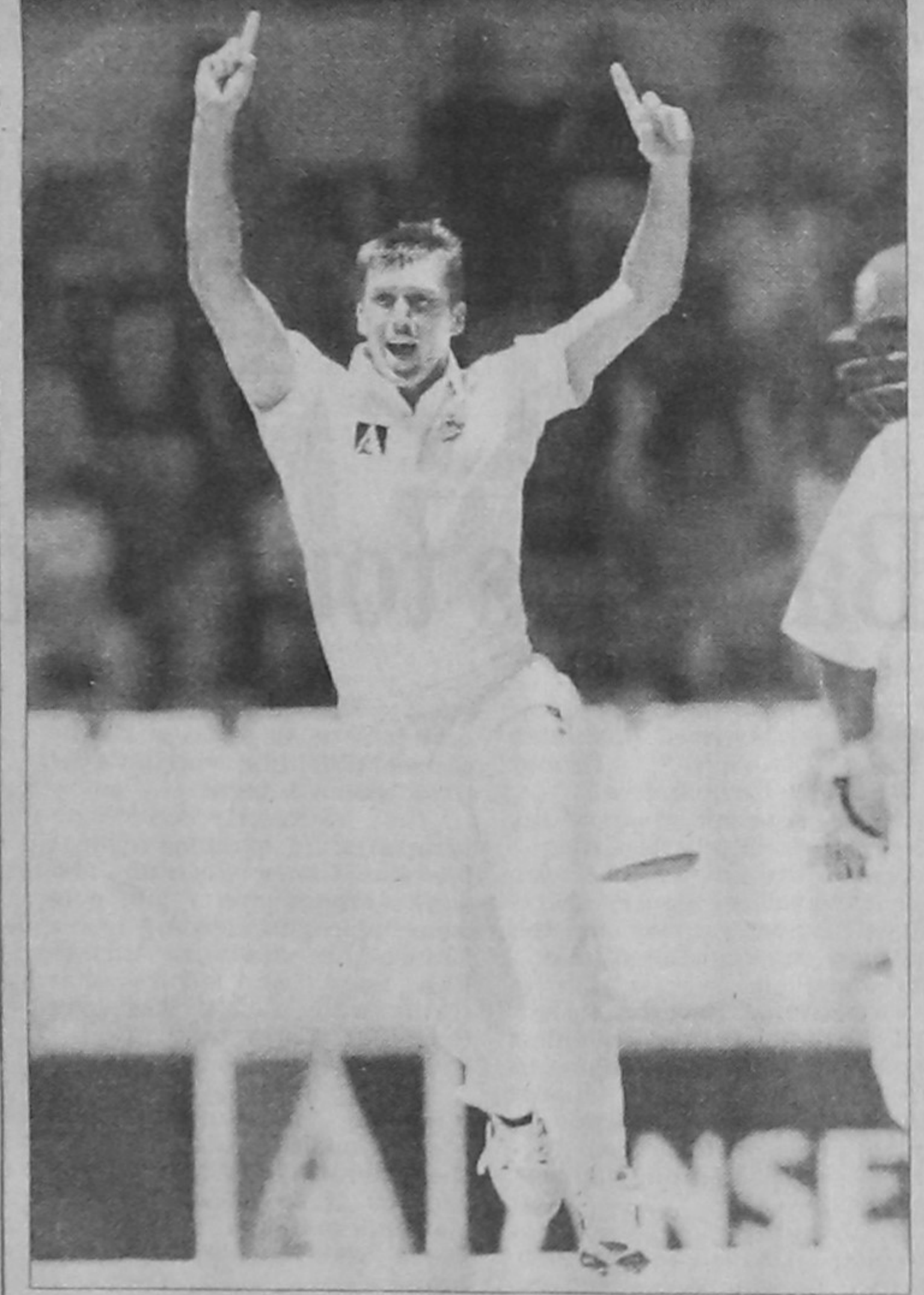
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DOUBLE DELIGHT Mercurial Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath is euphoric after taking his 300th Test wicket by seeing the back of West Indies maestro Brian Lara on the opening day of the Perth Test yesterday. He also claimed his first hat-trick by getting rid of captain Jimmy Adams next ball.

—AFP photo

196 all out, still the West Indies' lowest total in six matches at the WACA Ground.

The West Indies had further success in the final session, removing Australian opening batsman Michael Slater (19) and number three Justin Langer (5) as Australia limped to stumps with 72-2, trailing by 144 runs.

Padding up again Saturday for a crucial first session will be left-hander Matthew Hayden (46 not out) and night-watchman Jason Gillespie (1 not out).

In Friday's opening session drama, McGrath, 30, from New South Wales, blasted out vice-captain Sherwin Campbell (30), star left-hander Brian Lara (3) and captain Jimmy Adams (0) with the third, fourth and fifth balls of his fifth over.

A hat-trick is something I have always dreamed about," said an elated McGrath. "I have been on a Test hat-trick quite a few times, but never been quite over the line before."

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second Test between Australia and the West Indies at WACA Ground Friday:

WEST INDIES: First innings

Campbell c Ponting b McGrath	3
Ganga lbw b Lee	0
Hinds c M Waugh b MacGill	50
Lara c MacGill b McGrath	0
Adams c Langer b McGrath	0
Sarwan c Slater b Lee	2
Jacobs not out	96
McLean b MacGill	7
Dillon c Hayden b Gillespie	27
Black c Hayden b Gillespie	0
Walsh c Gillespie b Gillespie	1
Extras (lb-7, lb-3)	10
Total (All out in 61 overs)	196

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-19, 3-19, 4-19, 5-22, 6-97, 7-117, 8-172, 9-178

Bowler

McGrath	19	2	48	3
Lee	15	5	52	2
Gillespie	12	2	46	3
MacGill	15	2	47	2

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Hayden not out	46
Slater c Campbell b Dillon	19
Langer c Sarwan b McLean	5
Gillespie not out	1
Extras (lb-1)	1
Total (For 2 wickets in 27 overs)	72

To bat: Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist, Stuart MacGill, Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath.

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-62

Bowler

Walsh	10	3	24	0
Black	4	0	26	0
Dillon	9	2	19	1
McLean	4	1	3	1

Biman maintain stranglehold

Sports Reporter

Leaders Bangladesh Biman registered yet another victory in the First Division Chess League yesterday. They dropped only half a point in defeating Mahakhali Prodeep Sangha (3.5-0.5) in the eleventh round at the NSC Chess Room.

The national airline club took their impressive collection to 39.5 points. They are followed by Titas Club who are two and a half points behind.

Titas Club recorded an identical (3.5-0.5) win over Uttara Central Chess Club.

In the day's other matches, third-placed Leonine Chess Club with a number of foreign players in their ranks, defeated Dhaka University 3-1. Ansars lying in fourth position, completed a 4-0 rout over Rajshahi Daba Unnayan Sangha.

Leonine and Ansars have earned 34 and 31 points in the Swiss League competition respectively.

The twelfth round commences today at 2:30 pm.

SL head for SA today with a gift of sight

COLOMBO, Dec 1: Sri Lanka's national cricket team will carry with them a gift of two corneas to restore the sight of two blind fans in South Africa, officials here said Friday, reports AFP.

Skipper Sanath Jayasuriya will leave with his team for South Africa Saturday carrying the corneas, the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) said in a statement.

Sri Lanka announced the scheme to help blind fans in cricket playing nations where the game has been tainted by allegations of match-fixing.

BCCSL president Thilanga Sumathipala started the scheme by sending corneas to Bangladesh to mark that country's first Test match against India last month.

The BCCSL had earlier underlined that Sri Lankan players were spared the embarrassment of being implicated in throwing matches in return for kick backs from book makers.

Last month, the BCCSL appointed a one-man commission to probe the allegations against former Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy, Aravinda de Silva who were named as recipients of bribes.

The allegations were contained in a report by India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which inquired into charges against players in that country.

The BCCSL named Desmond Fernando, a member of the International Cricket Council's code of conduct committee, to head the probe.

Buddhists in Sri Lanka often donate their organs which they believe will bring them good karma in their next birth.

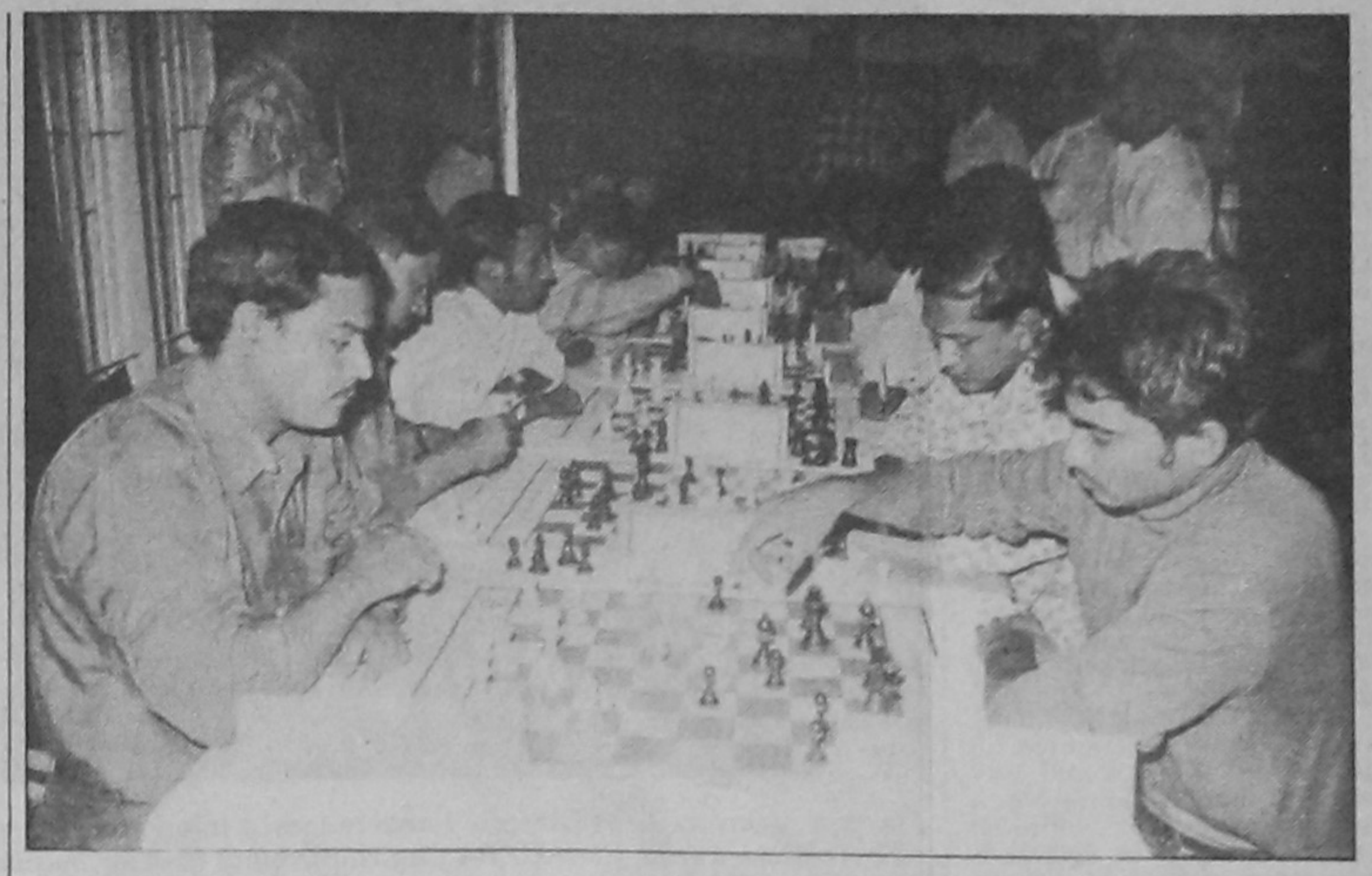
Women's WC cricket results

WELLINGTON, Dec 1 (Reuters): World champions Australia easily defeated Sri Lanka and New Zealand comfortably beat Ireland in the women's World Cup cricket tournament in Christchurch today.

Results:
Australia v Sri Lanka: Australia 283-3 (Karen Rolton 134 n.o., Lisa Keightley 56, Livita Magno 38).

Sri Lanka 82.
New Zealand v Ireland: New Zealand 102-2 (Patula Flannery 49 n.o.).
Ireland 99 (Catriona Beggs 31).

With England safely placed



Scene from the 11th round engagements of the First Division Chess League at the National Sports Council yesterday. —Star photo

Chopra's call-up cancelled

India, Zimbabwe begin ODIs today



NIKHIL CHOPRA

out an off-spinner to counter the string of left-handers in the Zimbabwean ranks.

Channel i will provide coverage of the match with the telecast commencing at 9:30am (BST).

"It's something only the selectors and the board can answer," a non-committal Ganguly said. "We have to play with the team we have."

Chopra's home in New Delhi was raided by income-tax authorities in August, but the Central Bureau of Investigation found no evidence of wrongdoing by the player in its match-fixing report.

With Chopra unavailable, the Indians short-listed 12 for



NIKHIL CHOPRA

the opening match, with either rookie all-rounder Reetinder Sodhi or young Test opener Shiv Das expected to sit out.

India will also be without pace spearhead Javagal Srinath, who opted out of the one-dayers after helping the hosts win the two-Test series 1-0 earlier this week.

The batting strength of the rivals, which produced three double centuries and six hundreds in the two Tests, promises exciting fare in the one-day internationals.

"It will be a close series because of the depth of batting on both sides," Ganguly predicted after a close inspection of the newly-laid wicket at the Barabati Stadium here.

"There will be plenty of runs which should please the crowds," he said.

Zimbabwe, looking for their first one-day win over India in the sub-continent, will name their team after seamer Travis Friend undergoes a fitness test for his shoulder injury before the toss on Saturday.

"Our batting form has put us in the right frame of mind for the series," touring captain Heath Streak said. "This is our best chance to beat the Indians."

Late Pakistan burst



FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Dec 1: Pakistan used the new ball to slash through England's stubborn middle-order in a dramatic lightbulb on the third day of the second Test at Iqbal Stadium here on Friday, reports AFP.

At stumps England were 282-8, still needing 34 runs to level Pakistan's first innings total of 316.

Just when England were eyeing a first innings lead, Pakistan's pacers Wasim Akram and Abdur Razzak took the new ball with lethal effect, capturing three wickets in five balls for just one run.

Graham Thorpe was the prize scalp, having batted defiantly for his 79 including a dogged 97-run partnership with nightwatchman Ian Salisbury.

With England safely placed

at 266-5, Akram playing in his 100th Test produced a sharp incoming delivery to trap Thorpe leg before.

Thorpe batted for 325 minutes and hit eight boundaries — seven more than in his century at Lahore.

Razzak then struck twice with his first and third deliveries with the new ball, dismissing Grahame Hick for 13 and Ashley Giles for nought to revive Pakistan's dwindling fortunes.

In tandem with Salisbury, who made 33, Thorpe had put England in the driving seat after they finished the second day at a precarious 110-3.

"It's satisfying to see the team out of trouble but it's disappointing to be out when the work was still on," Thorpe said.

Salisbury gave me full support and we put our heads down all through our stand."

Their partnership flourished

much to the disappointment of a 15,000-strong holiday crowd who were anticipating another spellbinding display of spin from Pakistan's wrist men.

Pakistani captain Moin Khan tried everything to dislodge the pair but luck deserted the home team as the tourists moved themselves into striking position for a first-innings lead.

Thorpe survived a confident "caught" behind appeal off Saqlain Mushtaq when he was on just 12, and four overs before lunch Moin failed to hold a snick off Salisbury's bat when he was on 26.

Arshad Khan finally provided the breakthrough when Salisbury was caught at silly point by Yousuf Youhana for 33.

Alec Stewart helped Thorpe add another 32 runs for the fifth wicket before he miscued a drive off teenage debutant Danish Kaneria and was caught at deep mid-on by Razzak for 13.

Pakistani captain Moin paid tribute to Thorpe and Salisbury.

"When we came out today we thought we were in with a chance but Thorpe and Salisbury batted well," he said.

"The pitch has not taken as much turn as we were expecting but there are two days left in the match and it's cricket — you can't rule out the chances of a result."

"Pakistan coach Javed Miandad was not amused at some of the umpiring decisions and his bowlers' lack of penetration for most of the day."

"We should use the third umpire more because one or two decisions can change the whole thing," Miandad said.

Outside the stadium police used batons and tear gas to control crowds trying to enter the stadium.

SCOREBOARD

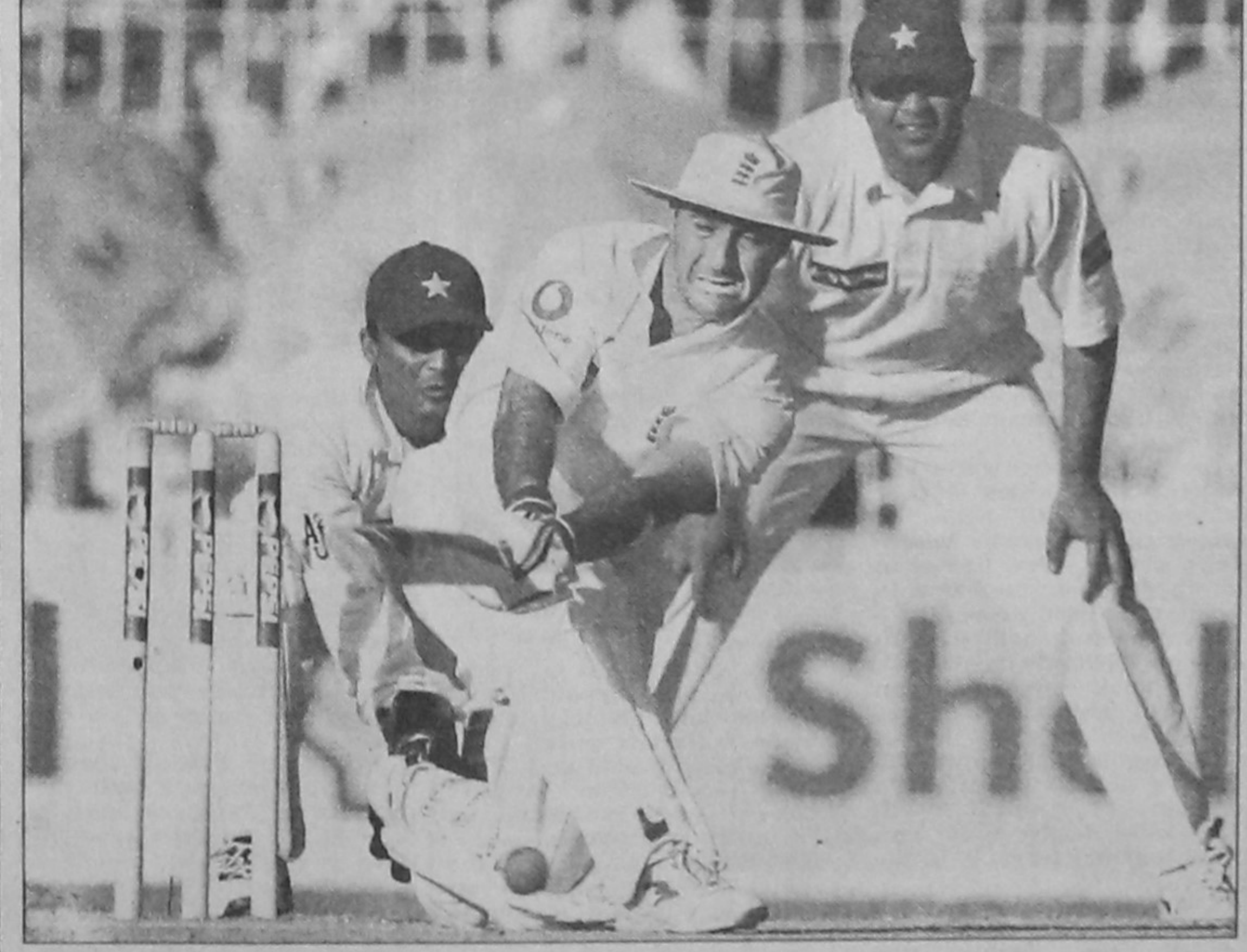
Scoreboard at stumps on Day Three of the second Test between Pakistan and England at Iqbal Stadium on Friday:

PAKISTAN: First innings

316 Yousuf Youhana 77, Moin Khan 65, Saad Anwar 53, Ashley Giles 5-79, Darren Gough 3-79
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ENGLAND: First innings

Atterton c Youhana b Saqlain 30
Trescothick st Moin b Kaneria 32
Hussain lbw b Saqlain 23
Salisbury c Youhana b Arshad 33



England middle-order bat Graham Thorpe, who scored a workmanlike 79, attempts to sweep on the third day of the second Test against Pakistan at Faisalabad yesterday. —AFP photo