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Former British Prime Minister John Major, an avid cricket follower, often visited Lord's when he got the chance. As a schoolboy he dreamed of playing for England. His love for the game prompted him to take a surprise present to a former American president on one of his official visits - a bat signed by England's Test team at the time.



What to Watch

DD Sports
Australia vs India
First Test, Day 3
Live at 9:30 am

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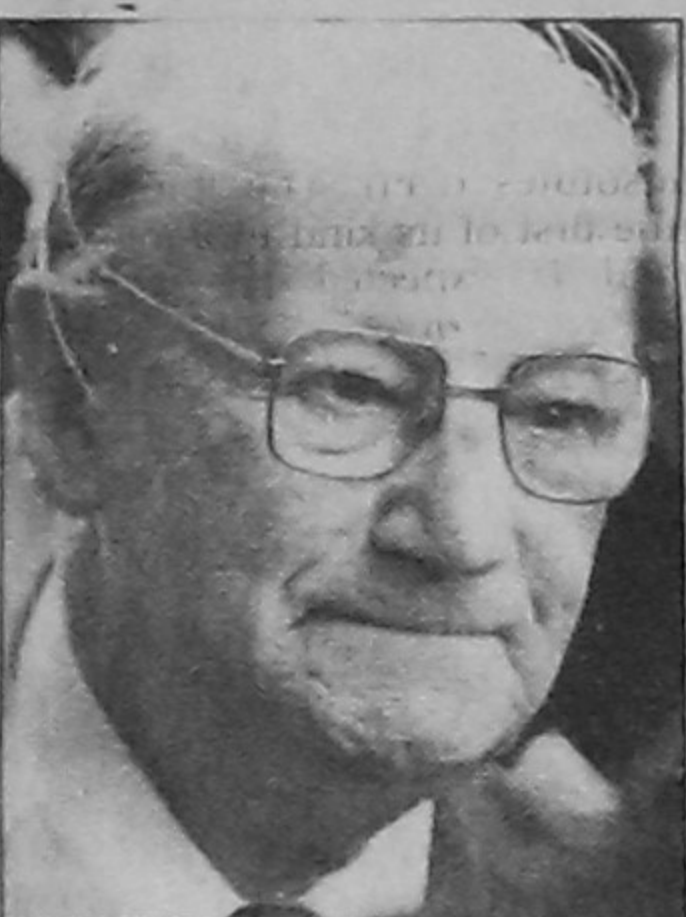
New Zealand vs Pakistan
Fifth one-day international
7:30 pm (1hr highlights)
Western Union World Football
7:00 pm
English Premiership
1hr highlights
12:00 am (Friday)

Sports Star

New Zealand vs Pakistan
Fifth one-day international
6:00 pm (1hr highlights)
NSW vs Tasmania
Sheffield Shield Cricket
11:00 pm



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Sir Don Bradman

"A good captain must be a fighter, confident but not arrogant, firm but not obstinate, able to take criticism without letting it unduly disturb him... for he is sure to get it - and this only too."

Sports Whizz Kid

Competition 145

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1. Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier

2-0 3-2 3-0

2. Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?

Huber Hingis Mauresmo

3. Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand

3-2 5-0 4-1

4. How many tests will Bangladesh play in five years?

31 35 36

5. Who lifted the national under-19 cricket trophy?

Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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Eves' athletics

BSS, Dhaka
The National women's athletics competition was held at the Sultana Kamal Sports Complex at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday. Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury inaugurated the meet, organised by Bangladesh Women Sports Federation (BWSF). BWSF president Rafia Akhtar Doly, vice-president Luthfunnessa Huq Bakul also spoke on the occasion. At least 240 athletes from 24 districts and organisations took part in different events of the day-long meet.



BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury talking to reporters while announcing Australian Trevor Chappell's appointment as the Bangladesh coach yesterday.

'Underarm' Chappell to coach Bangladesh Aussie power for Test babes

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

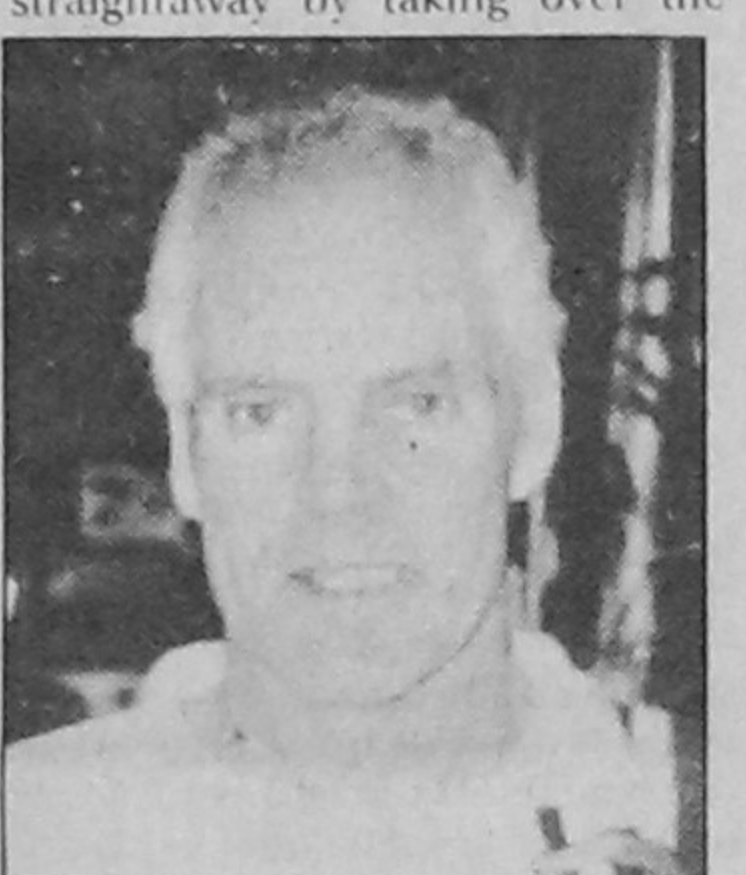
Former Australian Test cricketer Trevor Martin Chappell has been named Wednesday as the new Bangladesh cricket coach. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), announced at a crowded press briefing that the younger of the Chappell brothers would be the first Australian coach of Bangladesh.

"We are delighted that Trevor will be an important part of what I believe is a very exciting, and yet critical, time for Bangladesh cricket," said Saber, adding that the Australian will be arriving in Dhaka in the second week of March.

All three Chappells played cricket for Australia, but Trevor was the only brother who did not captain his country. Ian was the first brother to captain Australia - Greg was the second. Perhaps, their most famous connection to cricketing history is the fact that all three brothers are the grandsons of Victor Richardson, who played for Australia during the bodyline saga.

However, Saber also revealed that another Australian John Glo-

ster, the physiotherapist of Surrey, would also be associated with the national team on short term basis. Trevor will get down to his job straightaway by taking over the



TREVOR CHAPPELL

national team, which is preparing for its Zimbabwe tour from April 1. The Board was desperately in search of a foreign coach after its South African Director of Development Eddie Barlow bade a tearful bye in December last year. But unlike Barlow, a 49-year-old Trevor would only look after the national team.

"We are expecting that Trevor's tenure would run up to the next World Cup. We are however starting with a one-year contract. Agreement with Trevor would be

finalised upon his arrival here," said Saber, adding that Trevor is scheduled to reach Dhaka either on March 13 or 14. Saber however declined to disclose the financial aspect of the deal at the moment.

Although Saber termed Trevor as the most suitable among the group of four prospective candidates he had met during his visit to Australia in early February, the history about Trevor was not that glorious. Trevor is better known in this part of the world for his infamous exploits in the 'under arm bowling' against New Zealand in 1981.

Trevor kicked up a huge uproar in the cricket world when he defied the instruction of his brother and captain Greg by bowling underarm to prevent the Kiwis from smashing a winning six off the last ball during a one-day match.

But Saber said that it has got nothing to do with his calibre of being a competent coach. "He is not as famous as his two brothers. But he proved his credentials as a qualified coach in different capacities in Australia and in Sri Lanka," Saber pointed out.

Trevor worked as the fielding coach of Sri Lanka on two terms, first with the national team in 1999 and then with age-group selec-

The Don to be cremated today

REUTERS, Adelaide

The funeral of Australian cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman, who died on Sunday aged 92, will be held in Adelaide today.

Bradman's son John told a news conference yesterday that his father would be cremated at a private service at Centennial Park after a procession from the Bradman family home in Kensington Park.

He said his father had requested a private service but a memorial, open to the public, would be held on Sunday March 25 at St Peter's Cathedral and broadcast live across Australia.

Former Australian captain Richie Benaud and Australian governor-general Sir William Dene would be among the speakers.

The neighbouring Adelaide Oval, scene of some of Bradman's memorable batting feats, would also be opened to the public to watch the service from.

"From the Oval in the evening, the cathedral looks absolutely beautiful," John Bradman said. "And there will be a large screen which will enable people to see the proceedings."

Tanvir quits as CCDM chief

SPORTS REPORTER

With a heavy heart, Tanvir Haider resigned yesterday as the chairman of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM).

The former national cricketer, who served as the CCDM chief for the last few years, attributed the reason for his resignation as the gloomy atmosphere in Bangladesh cricket, especially after the highly controversial election of the Board recently.

In his three-page statement to BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the 53-year-old organiser said that he was resigning as a mark of protest against 'the conspiracy of a few district organisers'.

Tanvir, who was associated with cricket for the last three decades, became a victim of a nasty game play by the forum of district and divisional organisers in the BCB polls.

Tanvir, who claimed earlier that he fell out of the favour of forum having declined to donate Taka one lakh to its fund, got only 18 out of 112 votes in the February 25 election for the post of 16 directors from Dhaka-based clubs.

"I feel that I have lost the right to lead the CCDM. It is a shame that money and muscles played a pivotal role in the election... I'm shattered to see that a dynamic man like you are failing to encounter this evil forces," lamented Tanvir, who worked under Saber at different capacities for nearly five years.

Tanvir also appealed to the cricket lovers to raise their voice against those vested quarters.

Schools cricket Dhaka zonal final today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Dhaka zonal final of the 19th National School Cricket Championship will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Scholastica will meet Bangladesh Krita Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) in the match.

Aussies take charge

Cricket

AFP, Bombay

Matthew Hayden and Adam Gilchrist smashed 197 runs in 145 minutes as Australia staged a stirring fightback to take control of the first cricket Test against India here on Wednesday.

Both scored their second Test centuries in a dazzling sixth-wicket stand that enabled the tourists to recover from 99-5 to pile up 349, a first innings lead of 173.

India, shot out for 176 on Tuesday, were 58-2 in their second knock at stumps on the second day, still 116 runs away from saving an innings defeat in the first of three Tests.

Opener Sadagopan Ramesh and Shiv Dada were the batsmen out, while night-watchman Nayan Mongia retired hurt after being hit

on the fingers in Jason Gillespie's last over.

At stumps, Rahul Dravid was unbeaten on six and Sachin Tendulkar had yet to score.

"We are down but not out of it yet," Indian captain Saurav Ganguly said.

"The wicket's doing a bit but it's not unplayable. Batting is our strength and we must show it in this match."

Steve Waugh's tourists have three days to force victory in the match and increase their record winning streak to 16 Tests.

Hayden hit 119 and Gilchrist scored 122 off 112 balls in a breathtaking stand, Australia's best against India for the sixth wicket, surpassing the 151 by Barry Jarman and Tom Veivers at Bombay in 1964.

The pair came together after off-spinner Harbhajan Singh threatened to cut short the Australian innings with three of the

four wickets that fell in the first hour of play.

The tourists slipped from 71-1 to 99-5 before Hayden and Gilchrist joined hands to pulverise the Indian attack.

They hit 71 in 55 minutes before lunch and 90 in the first hour after the break in a breathtaking assault that silenced some 25,000 boisterous home fans at the Wankhede stadium.

Opener Hayden hit 15 boundaries and a six before Indian pace spearhead Javagal Srinath ended the destructive stand by having him caught at the wicket.

The big Queenslanders fell six short of their previous best of 125 against the West Indies in Adelaide during the 1996-97 season.

It was also the second ton for Gilchrist, following his unbeaten 149 against Pakistan two years ago, and included 15 fours and four sixes.

The Australian wicketkeeper was declared stumped off Harbhajan as the ball bounced off Mongia's gloves to hit the stumps.

Shane Warne compounded India's misery towards the end by striking three sixes and two boundaries in his innings of 39 off 37 balls.

Harbhajan finished with four wickets, but at a cost of 121 runs. Srinath, Ajit Agarkar and debutant left-arm spinner Rahul Sangvi picked up two wickets apiece.

The Indians, however, would not have expected to chase leather in such fashion after the dramatic start in the morning.

Harbhajan broke a second-wicket stand of 50 when he had left-handed Justin Langer snapped up at slip by Rahul Dravid for 19.

Mark Waugh, playing his first innings on the tour, went next ball, caught at leg slip by Indian captain Saurav Ganguly.

Australian captain Steve Waugh denied Harbhajan a hat-trick, but he managed on 15 when he was unlucky to be given out by English umpire David Shepherd.

Television replays showed the ball from Sangvi went off the pads, rather than the bat, to Dravid in the slips.

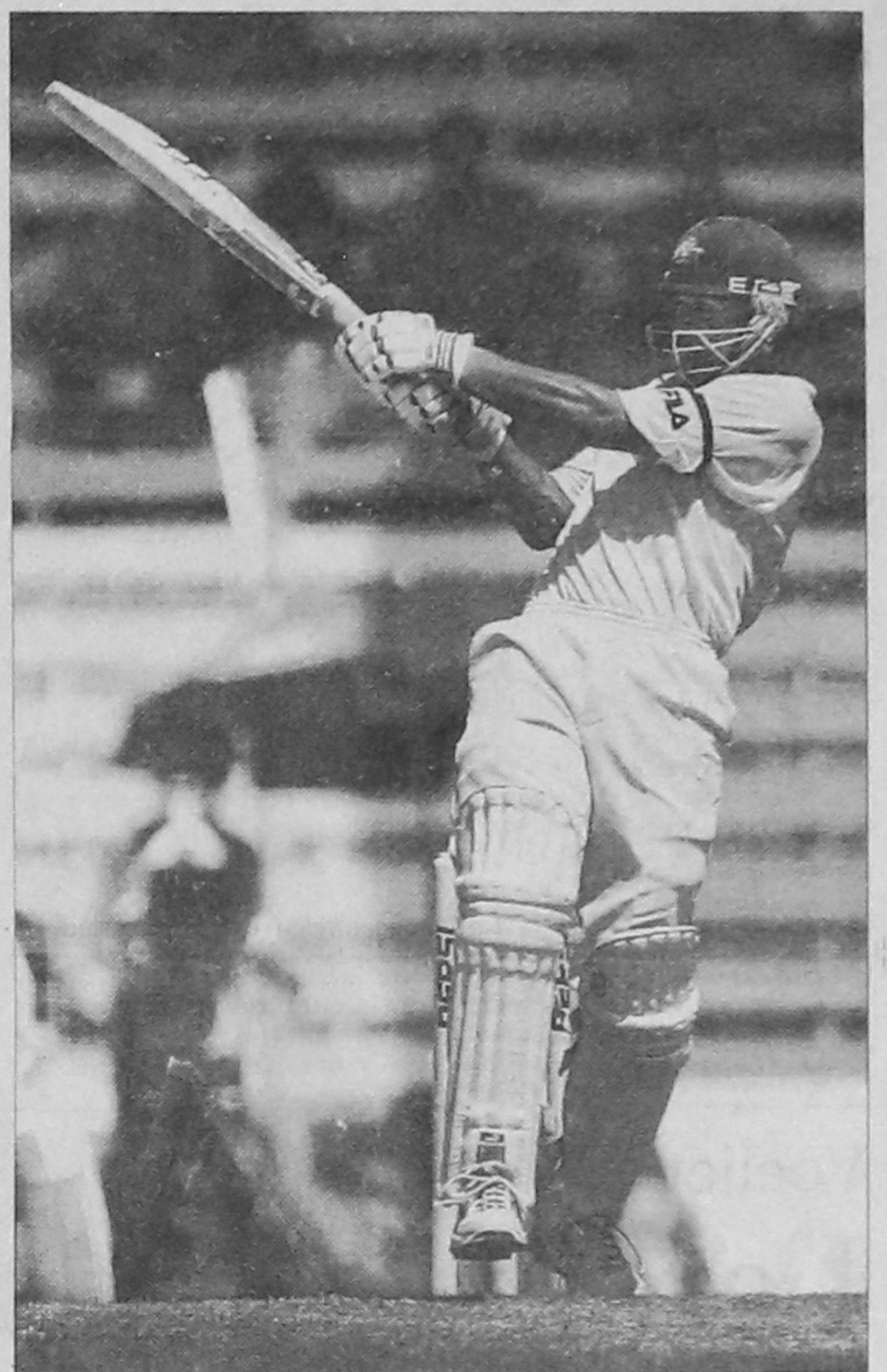
In the next over, Harbhajan had Ricky Ponting caught at short-leg for no score, but Hayden and Gilchrist attacked with a flurry of fours and sixes to leave India gasping for survival.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first cricket Test between Australia and India at the Wankhede Stadium here on Wednesday.

INDIA: First innings 176 (S Tendulkar 76; S Warne 4-47; G McGrath 3-19)

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Australia wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist pulls one on the way to making a brilliant 122 against India on the second day of the first Test in Bombay yesterday.

Proteas off to the Caribbean Pollock's respect for WI

Cricket

AFP, Johannesburg

South African captain Shaun Pollock expects a tough challenge when his side tour the West Indies, despite the poor form of the Caribbean islanders in Australia recently.

Speaking before the South African team departed Wednesday at the start of a 30-hour journey to Georgetown, Guyana, Pollock said the West Indies had a formidable record at home.

West Indies suffered a 5-0 whitewash in Australia but Pollock pointed out they had suffered the same fate in South Africa two years ago, only to bounce back immediately by sharing a series with Australia in the Caribbean.

"I don't think it is going to be easy," said Pollock.

Practice facilities are likely to be a problem for South Africa, a side which thrives on hard work.

South Africa have not toured the West Indies since a short visit in 1992 but team manager Goolam Rajah led a reconnaissance mission recently.

He found that net pitches at several grounds were not suitable and negotiated for the South Africans to use some club facilities.

"We have a lot of players who like to spend hours in the nets," said Pollock.

South Africa will play five Tests and seven one-day internationals on their first full-scale tour of the region.

Only fast bowler Allan Donald remains of the side that was beaten by 52 runs in a one-off Test in Barbados in 1992.

Although the West Indies have only lost six home series in their history, the most recent against Mark Taylor's Australians in 1994/95, South Africa are likely to start favourites in the series.

But Pollock warned: "We will obviously be looking for a series win but we know it's not going to be like the series in Australia. We'll be happy if we can pull off a 1-0 win."



SHAUN POLLOCK

Pollock said the inauguration of a world Test championship would be an incentive for his team.

"This series is going to count towards the championship and if we can win in the West Indies it will help move us a little closer to Australia."

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Irregularities in BCB election Quader orders probe

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SPORTS REPORTER

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader has assured that if something unholy did take place in the recent polls of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), the individuals responsible for it won't go unpunished.

The minister was giving his reaction to the Daily Star Sport over the reports being published in the national dailies for the last few days on various unfair means that have questioned the fairness and legitimacy of the polls.

Quader also revealed that the Ministry of Sports has formed a three-member committee to probe into the allegations of bribery and other irregularities during the election which was held on February 25.

A number of Dhaka based organisers, some of whom are former national cricketers, have complained to the media that they had been approached by the forum of districts and divisions, led by Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) General Secretary Jafar Imam, to pay money before the election in order to ensure the 68 votes which the forum had monopoly over.

Quader also informed that Brig. Gen. Ahsan Habib, the Director General of Bangladesh Krita Shikha Protisthan (BKSP), has been made the head of the probe committee which will submit its report within the next fifteen days.

An official announcement on the forming of the committee is likely to be made today.

"If what is being reported is true, it is total unethical practice and as the minister of sports, I have a responsibility to take necessary measures to stop this once and for all," said Quader.

"I have to go according to the law. If it is proved that some coun-

tilors have received bribe, they will surely be taken into task," Quader added.

Regarding scrapping the polls, Quader said he did not have solid evidence yet to do that.

"I can not cancel this election because nothing illegitimate was traced by the open eyes. Even if I denounce it basing on the media reports, I will still have no legal ground," he added.

When contacted, National Sports Council (NSC) director Khandkar Anwarul Islam, one of the election commissioners for the BCB polls, said that the NSC had no authority to prevent such things because the election was held under the constitution of the BCB.

"What I can assure you though is that the BCB constitution is good enough to take punitive measures against any councillor or director if he is found guilty of malpractice," Anwarul said.

Meanwhile, BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury told a press conference yesterday that he wants all the dark clouds over the election results cleared before the newly elected board of directors begin their job.

"The Sports Ministry is going to investigate into the matter and if anybody is at fault, his appointment will be terminated," Saber said.

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International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar (L) and Grand Master Nigel Davies of England during their tenth round engagement of the 5th United Insurance Grand Masters' Chess Tournament yesterday.