

Hooper keeps SA at bay

STAR SPORT MONITOR
Carl Hooper scored his first half-century as the new West Indies captain...

Australia name ODI team

AP, Melbourne
Michael Bevan, Ian Harvey, Andrew Symonds, Darren Lehmann and Nathan Bracken were named Saturday to Australia's limited-overs cricket squad...

Lance, Allan act late

Cricket
AFP, Georgetown

All-rounder Lance Klusener slowed down the West Indian scoring rate and Allan Donald took two wickets in two balls as South Africa fought back on the first day of the first Test at the Bourda ground on Friday.

career was blotted when he was disciplined for "attitude problems" on his first major tour to England last year...

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of the first Test between the West Indies and South Africa at the Bourda ground on Friday.



West Indies captain Carl Hooper plays defensively on the first day of the first Test against South Africa on Friday.

Table with columns: Name, O, M, R, W. Lists players like Donald, Klusener, Samuels, etc.

Slater hasn't been banned

AFP, Calcutta

Australia's opening batsman Michael Slater has not been banned from playing in the second Test against India from Sunday, officials said.

International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee Cammie Smith clarified on Saturday his decision to serve a suspended sentence on Slater had been wrongly interpreted.

Lloyd at work in Sharjah

AFP, Sharjah

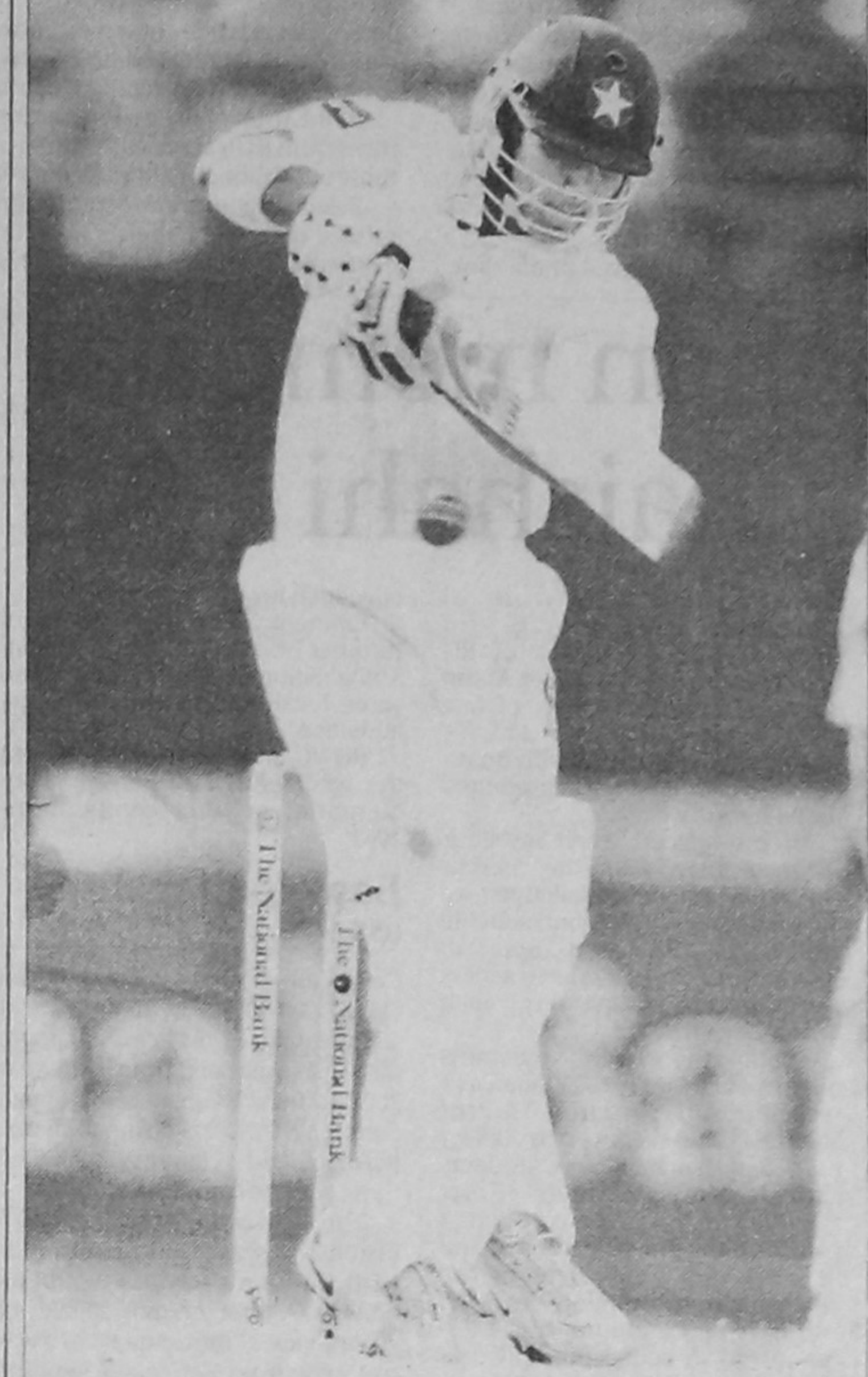
An independent commission of inquiry including former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd has started a probe into match-fixing allegations at cricket matches in Sharjah.

Pakistan on front foot

Cricket
AFP, Auckland

Pakistan built a 192 run lead over New Zealand with seven wickets in hand after Day Three of the first Test at Eden Park on Saturday.

Fleming reached his 50 in 246 minutes. McMillan followed soon after with his 12th half-century...



Pakistani opener Imran Farhat attempts to pull on the third day of the first Test against New Zealand at Auckland on Saturday.

The tourists, who went into their second innings with a lead of 94 runs having bowled New Zealand out for 252, were well placed on 98 for three at stumps in their second innings.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Eden Park on Saturday.

Moscow's magnificent six

Football
AFP, Moscow

Torpedo, who play their home fixtures at Moscow's five-star Luzhniki stadium, also used by Spartak, are eager to prove to their fans that the team itself, not just the 83,500-seater venue, deserves to be showcased in the European Champions League.

Meanwhile, Russia's provincial teams have also set themselves the task of providing the capital's clubs a run for their money in the title race after years in the doldrums because of cash shortages.

Strasbourg in last eight

AFP, Paris

Relegation-threatened Strasbourg, bottom of the French First Division, booked their spot in the quarterfinals of French Cup Friday night with a 2-0 away win to Third Division Valenciennes.

Russia's football experts predict record attendances on the terraces this season after the country's football bosses again failed to strike a deal for television rights with the state-controlled RTR and ORT channels.

Real reaction

Football
REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid said on Friday they would appeal against a UEFA decision to suspend and fine Raul for a handball goal against Leeds United, saying the sanction was a stain upon the player's reputation.

Valdano said Real had not been given details of the case against Raul but hit out strongly at suggestions in the Spanish media that Raul had admitted to the referee or a UEFA delegate that he had used his hand.



RAUL GONZALEZ

"We will appeal against this, while at the same time maintaining our due respect towards UEFA." "Raul has throughout his career been an example of sportsmanship."

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Garbin stuns Seles

Tennis
AFP, Indian Wells

Italy's Number 54 Tathiana Garbin spoiled the 2001 Masters Series debut of American Monica Seles, upsetting the sluggish American 7-6, 6-6, 6-4 Friday night to reach the third round.

"I didn't feel the ball at all out there, I couldn't tell if it was going in or out. I've got a lot to work on in my game."

Seles, seeded fourth, was playing her first match of the event after a first-round bye given to the top 32 women.

Oceania decision put on hold

AFP, Sydney

The Oceania Football Confederation has delayed a decision until Tuesday on whether Australia or Fiji will host the Oceania leg of the World Cup qualifiers next month.

"She got better and I got worse."

"We do not feel there has been enough movement to come to any conclusions," the spokesman said.

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