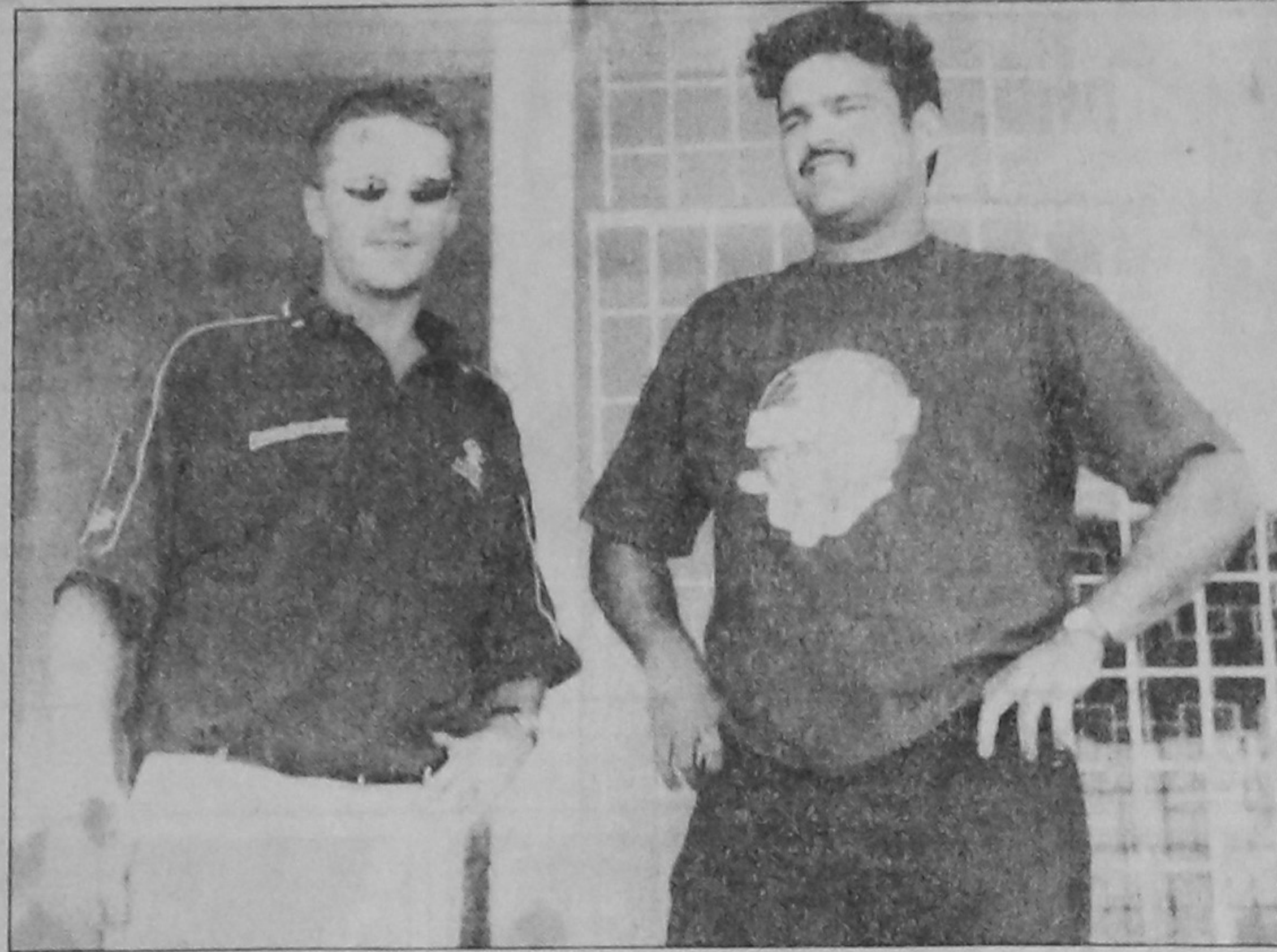


Ranatungas

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remanded a man who had come to witness the hearing.
The man was identified as a gunman who fired in the air and assaulted teenaged boys of the Asoka College, which is located next to the Ranatunga home here in Colombo.



PERHAPS HE KNOWS WHERE TO START FROM: New Australian physiotherapist John Gloster poses with former national skipper Akram Khan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Ziaur ignites

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over Agrani Bank in a Premier League match.
Ziaur took four wickets to dismiss the bankers for 198 runs in 49 overs. He then hit a polished 62 to guide the national flag-carrier to 201 for three in 45.3 overs.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Kalabagan Kira Chakra and Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Thursday.

Kiwis' good progress

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New Zealand's embattled top order Thursday showed some steel on the opening day of the second Test against Pakistan but late wickets blunted their edge.
An unbeaten century by Mathew Sinclair helped the hosts to 284 for five after they were sent into bat at Christchurch's Jade Stadium.

rapid boundaries off Sami.
His third Test century came after he lofted Waqar through mid wicket, but he then had to look on as Asle and Bradburn departed cheaply to edges behind off Waqar and Fazle Akbar respectively.
Mushtaq toiled away throughout, bowling unchanged during the middle session and ending with figures of two for 64 off 28 overs.

'Azhar'-alike Laxman

AFP, Calcutta
Mohammad Azharuddin may be lost to cricket for the wrong reasons, but India could not have asked for a more worthy replacement than Vangipurappu Venkat-

"This innings was as good as Lara's 277 at the Sydney Cricket Ground a few years ago."
Muddled selection policies have allowed the gifted batsman to play just 21 Tests since his debut against South Africa in Ahmedabad in 1996.

New umpiring in Tests by April next year?

REUTERS, London
A new system for umpiring and refereeing in Test matches could be in operation by April 2002, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Thursday.
Chief executive David Richards said the ICC was committed to overhauling the current system following a recent escalation in the number of controversies involving match officials.

Giles, Croft's late show

AFP, Colombo
England hit back strongly through spinners Ashley Giles and Robert Croft to reduce Sri Lanka to 221 for seven on the first day of the third and final Test on Thursday.
Sri Lanka were cruising at 205 for three when the dismissal of Aravinda de Silva for 38 sparked off a collapse that saw four wickets tumble for just 14 runs off England's spinning duo.



England wicketkeeper Alec Stewart appeals unsuccessfully for an lbw against Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara on the opening day of the third and final Test in Colombo on Thursday.

Indian history snaps

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found the Indian spin too hot to handle amidst the din around the stadium.
Harbhajan, who had dismissed Michael Slater and Justin Langer before tea, began the slide by removing Steve Waugh and Ricky Ponting in the space of five balls soon after the break.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include '41 Crib', '1 Pen point', '4 Bell', etc.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with a key: T V P P D R W L P C N V E D, B Q V U V U U W K, F R, B T K Z B D - F R P P C N U Q R K U.

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Comparisons between Laxman and Azharuddin, who is serving a life ban for his alleged involvement in match-fixing, are not limited to both players hailing from the southern city of Hyderabad.
The 26-year-old concedes that at the start of his career, he consciously tried to copy Azharuddin's elegant style at the wicket.
"Like me, he was also a batsman who wanted to play like him," Laxman said.

Abahani's rusty

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Neyamur 10 0 45
Mukul 10 0 37
Ahsanullah 10 1 38
ABAHANI
Azam c Tinku b Shamsul 38
Nafis c Tinku b Shamsul 25
Tareq c sub b Towhid 57
Anisur c Magsi b Suleman 13
Piblop c sub b 15
Neyamur not out 24
Mukul not out 21
Extras: (lb-5, nb-3, w-13) 3
Total: (For 5 wickets in 48.5 overs) 196
Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-81, 3-127, 4-149, 5-191

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iganj, Bogra, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Naogaon and Natore.
Rangpur zone - Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Thakurgaon, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur.
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Narail Zone - Jessore, Meherpur, Sathkhalia, Chuadanga, Jhinda, Kushtia Majura and Narail.
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Pirojpur Zone - Khulna, Jhalakathi, Gopalganj, Patuakhali, Barisal, Bagerhat, Barguna, Pirojpur.
Laxmipur Zone - Chittagong, Rangamati, Bandarban, Noakhali, Feni, Khagrachhari, Laxmipur and Bhola.
Moulvibazar Zone - Sylhet, Chandpur, Sunamganj, B'Baria, Comilla, Habiganj and Kishoreganj.

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