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Martina Navratilova is the winner of the most singles titles in history with 167. She retired from tennis in 1994.



What to WATCH

ESPN
New Zealand vs Pakistan
Second Test, Day Three
Live at 3:30 am
Repeat at 4:00 pm
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
12:30 pm
English Premiership
Live at 9:00 pm
English Premiership
11:00 pm

Star Sports
South Africa vs West Indies
Second Test, Day One
Live at 8:00 pm
Primer Liga highlights
5:30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Sir Donald Bradman
"Every ball is for me the first ball, whether my score is 0 or 200, and I never visualise the possibility of anybody getting me out."

NOTICE
Due to some unavoidable reasons, draw of the WHIZZ KID Competition 145 could not be held last night. It will now be held on March 23.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 145
Tick the Correct Answers
Post to Star Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
March 23, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier
2-0 3-2 3-0
- Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?
Huber Hingis Mauresmo
- Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand
3-2 5-0 4-1
- How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years?
34 35 36
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?
Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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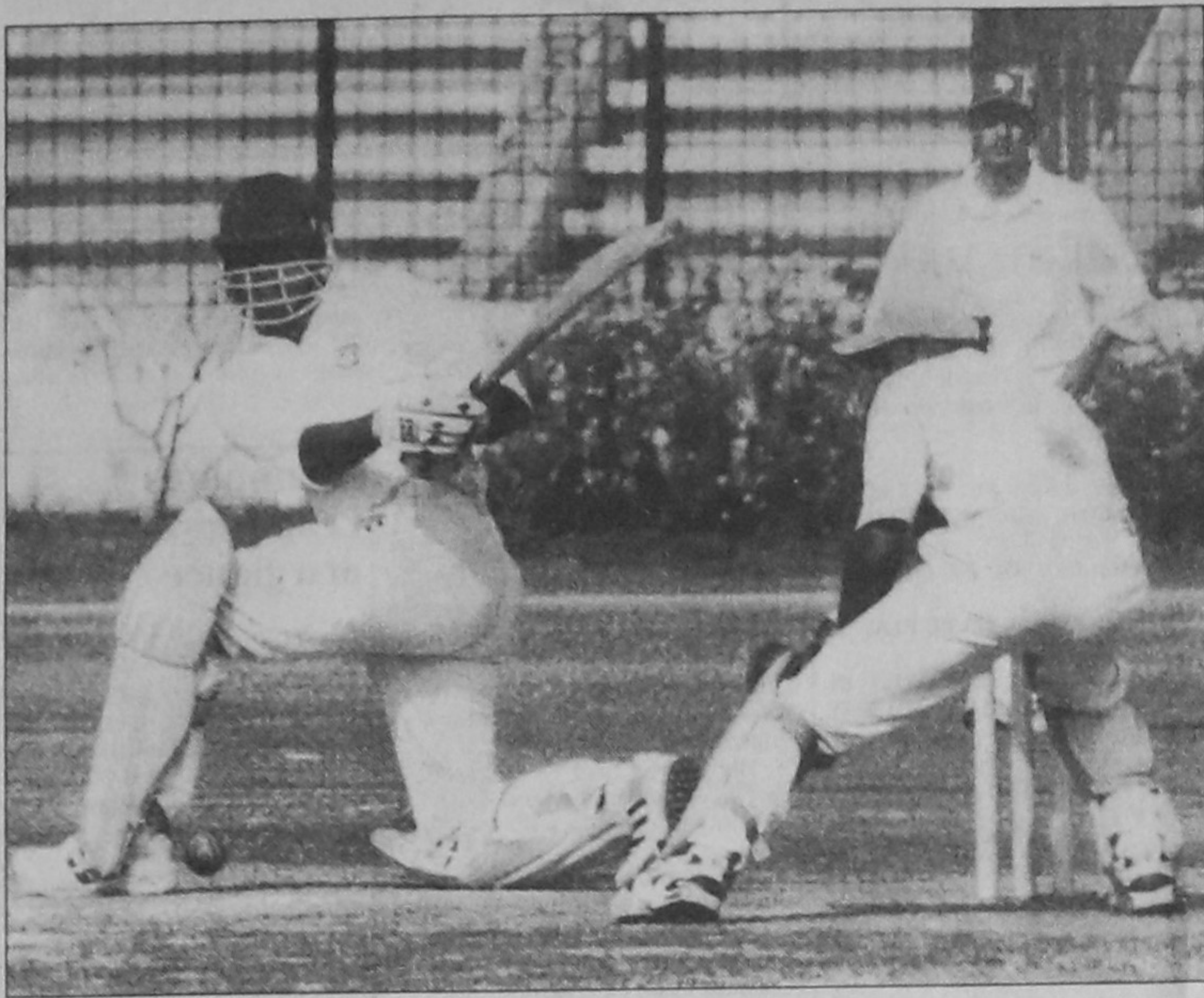
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One-Korea TT team

AFP, Seoul
North and South Korea will form a joint team at the World Table Tennis Championships next month but the North will almost certainly not stage any 2002 World Cup football matches, a top minister said.
South Korea's Culture Minister Kim Han-Gill announced the joint table tennis team on his return late Wednesday from a five-day trip to North Korea for talks on boosting exchanges.



Mohammedan opener Rashedul Haque sweeps during the Premier League match against Victoria at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

MSC maul Victoria

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
An unbeaten century partnership between opener Rashedul Haque and Kenyan star batsman Stephen Tikolo propelled title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club to a comfortable nine-wicket win over Victoria Sporting Club in their Premier Division Cricket League opener at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
The defiant pair put on 122 runs for the second wicket stand as Mohammedan, chasing a modest Victoria total of 150 in 40 overs, reached home in 26.2 overs with nine wickets to spare.
Tikolo, who is playing his second season with Mohammedan, hit 66 off 64 balls. It included a huge six over long on and ten boundaries. Rashedul, dropped thrice -- once on 14 and twice on 16, was not out on 50 off 81 balls. He hammered two sixes and five boundaries.

Sarkar shines for Tarun

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
Opener Hannan Sarkar scored a brilliant 90 as Surjo Tarun Club recorded a convincing six-wicket victory over Sadharan Bima in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday.
The right hander's superb knock came off only 88 balls as Surjo Tarun, chasing a commanding Bima total of 236 in 50 overs, reached the target in 46.4 overs.
Hannan laid the foundation of Tarun's victory by adding 154 runs for the first wicket with Shahadat who scored a brilliant 68. The stand was broken when Hannan gave a return catch to Indian Kamal Chopra. Hannan hammered eleven boundaries.
On the other hand, Shahadat face 198 balls for his 68, which included eight fours.
After both openers fell in quick succession it sparked a mini-collapse as Tarun lost two more wickets without a run being added

Alam pilots Brothers

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
An unbeaten half-century by Jahangir Alam guided Brothers Union to a five-wicket win over City Club in their opening Premier Division Cricket League match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.
The former national right-hander, slammed 73 not out as the Gopibagh outfit, chasing a moderate City Club total of 185 in 50 overs, reached 187 in the 47th over.
Jahangir smote a six and nine boundaries in his 92-ball vigil at the crease.
Opener Sadik Hasan (27), middle-order Sohag (21) and Kanishka Mojumder (20) were the other notable contributors for Brothers.
Earlier, put into bat, City Club were all out for 185 in 49 overs

Bashar, Aminul hit hundreds

UNB, Dhaka
Habibul Bashar and Aminul Islam hit tons for Naimur Rahman-led Red team against Enamul Haque's Green on the opening day of a three-day practice game at BKSP in Savar on Friday.
Bashar scored 110 and Aminul made exactly 100 as national skipper Naimur declared his side's first innings at 345 for three in 84 overs.
In reply, Enamul's men were 27 without loss at stumps. Promising opener Mohammad Ashraf was batting on 13 while Ehsanul Haq on 12.

Rakib, Rajib roll on

SPORTS REPORTER
International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib and Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib won their respective third successive matches in the qualifying round of the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship held at the NSC chess room on Friday.
Rakib beat International Women Master Rani Hamid while Rajib defeated Arman Monir to maintain their winning run. Both remained atop along with nine other players all having three points.
The other leaders are: Showkat Hossain Pallab, K Aminul Islam, Abu Sufian Shakil, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman, Tyebur Rahman Sumon, Monir Hossain, Moniruzzaman Khan, Kawsar Ali and Anwarul Karim.
The fourth round starts today at 3 pm.

Biman Cup U-14 soccer starts

UNB, Dhaka
The Biman Cup Under-14 National Football Championship began at eight zonal venues across the country on Friday with eight teams reaching group semifinals winning their respective matches.
The winning teams are Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong, Jessore, Chandpur, Sirajganj, Gaibandha and Mymensingh.
At Narayanganj, Dhaka beat Madaripur 3-1. Mamun struck twice and Rony netted one goal for the winners. Tuhin scored the lone goal for the losers.
At Pirojpur, Khulna trounced Jhalakathi 7-0 with Alim scoring a hat-trick.
At Laxmipur, Chittagong outplayed Rangamati by 4-0 goals.
At Narail, Jessore beat Meherpur 2-0. Sheikh Russel and Shah Alam scored for the winners.
At Natore, Sirajganj edged Rajshahi 2-1. Nazem scored both the goals for the winners while Bulbul narrowed the margin.
At Rangpur, Gaibandha outdid Dinajpur by 4-1 goals in the tie-breaker after the regulation time ended 1-1. Firoz scored for Gaibandha while Rashed netted for Dinajpur during the scheduled time.
At Moulvibazar, Chandpur earned a hard-fought 1-0 win over Sylhet with Nissan scoring the all-important goal.
At BKSP in Savar, Mymensingh managed a lone-goal victory over Netrakona with Farhad scoring the decider.

Mathew elated

AFP, Christchurch
New Zealand batsman Mathew Sinclair took as much pleasure from winning the battle with Pakistan spin king Saqlain Mushtaq as his second Test cricket double century here Friday.
Sinclair's 204 not out was brought up by a six over mid wicket off Saqlain to move his name into the top 10 on the all-time New Zealand Test list. He became only the second New Zealand batsman, after Glen Turner, to score two double Test centuries.
Saqlain, who helped destroy New Zealand in the first Test in Auckland, bowled 48 overs in New Zealand's first innings of 476 to take three for 134, and Sinclair was proud not to be among the victims.

Day's Event

Premier Division Cricket League
Abahani v Dhanmondi (BKSP)
Kalabagan v Agrani Bank (Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Biman v Sadharan Bima (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
National Chess Qualifiers
(NSC chess room)

Egypt deny China

Hockey
SPORTS REPORTER
Ireland came back after the breather and leveled the score with a field goal from Justin Sherri in the 40th minute. But ace marksman Bel Ibrahim found the winner for Egypt in the 56th minute.
Egypt became the last team to move into the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey tournament semifinals after overcoming Ireland in their last Group B match at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium on Friday.
In the other fixture of the day, top guns Pakistan saw off Malaysia to complete their Group B campaign with an all-win record.

GROUP B Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Pakistan	4	4	0	0	16	4	12
Egypt	4	2	0	2	9	9	6
China	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Malaysia	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
Ireland	4	1	0	3	4	10	3



An Ireland player (R) takes control of the ball during their Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey match against Egypt at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Friday.

Sinclair all the way

Cricket
AFP, Christchurch
Opener Mathew Sinclair blasted a superb unbeaten double century to leave New Zealand in a commanding position on day two of the second Test against Pakistan Friday.
Sinclair's Test cricket career is only 21 innings old but he already holds a place among New Zealand's elite batsmen.
The 25-year-old topped 200 for the second time in his Test career in just his 12th match with a chanceless 204 at the Jade Stadium.
It helped New Zealand rack up 476 and by stumps Pakistan were 65 for two in reply on a dream batting surface.
Sinclair became just the second New Zealand player -- the other being Glenn Turner -- to twice pass 200 in the Test arena. Sinclair scored 214 on his debut against the West Indies.
It was the ninth-highest New Zealand Test innings, and it beat Martin Crowe's record score against Pakistan of 174 scored 12 years ago in Wellington.
Sinclair's innings lasted 20 minutes short of nine hours, he faced 348 balls and there was barely anything resembling a chance.
He hit 27 fours to all parts of the ground and two sixes, both off

Saurav sounds caution

Cricket
AFP, Calcutta
India's captain Saurav Ganguly on Friday celebrated one of Test cricket's most astonishing victories by warning rivals Australia he was not finished yet.
"There's more to come, the job's only half done," Ganguly said a day after his team ended Australia's record streak of 16 consecutive victories with a series-leveling 171-run win in the second Test here.
"All this good work will mean nothing if we do not win the series. We have Australia in a corner and must not let slip the advantage."
The emotionally and physically drained rivals have just two days to recover before the third and final Test opens at the Chepauk in Madras on Sunday.
The incredible result was only the third time in 1,535 Tests that a

They will now take on Group A champions India in the first semi-final tomorrow at 1:30 pm.
Ireland finished 5th in the group with three points.
PAKISTAN 3, MALAYSIA 1
Pakistan rested penalty corner ace Sohail Abbas. But Zeeshan Ashraf, who came in for Abbas, proved a capable replacement by **SEE PAGE 15**

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