

Pollock revives Proteas

South Africa captain Shaun Pollock spared his team's blushes with 81 to lead a recovery from 132 for six to 271 all out on the first day of a three-day match against a West Indies Cricket Board XI on Saturday.

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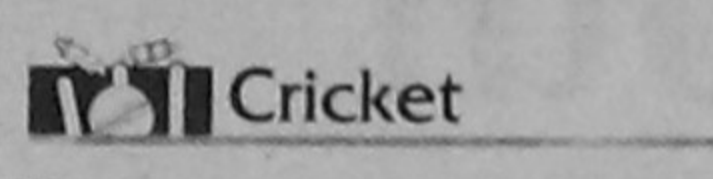
Result: India won by 60 runs. Man-of-the-match: Virender Kohli (India). Next match: Pune on Wednesday.

Rajshahi cricket

In the other match of the day, Primary Krira Training also beat Sipoypara Sporting Club by six wickets.

Sipoypara batted first and scored 82 runs all out in the stipulated 25 overs.

Lanka clinch the series Mahela in thick of things



REUTERS, Colombo

Mahela Jayawardene struck a brave, unbeaten 101 and helped to dismiss three England batsmen as Sri Lanka won the day-night second one-day international by 66 runs on Sunday.

Sri Lanka's success gave them a 2-0 unbeatable winning lead in the three-match series after their five-wicket victory in the first game at Dambulla on Friday.

Jayawardene, batting with a runner towards the end of his brilliant century because of cramp, spurred Sri Lanka to 226 for seven in their 50 overs after a subdued start.

He reached 93 with four balls left in the final over, bowled by Craig White, and reached three figures off the last delivery, having faced 115 balls and hit seven fours.

Jayawardene found an effective ally in Kumar Dharmasena at the end of the innings as they shared an unbroken seventh wicket stand of 52, plundering 46 from the last five overs.

England, effectively contained by Sri Lanka's four spinners, crumbled to 160 all out after 44.5 overs, with only Alec Stewart offering prolonged resistance by making 55.

Stewart's 102-ball innings was ended by a superb catch by Jayawardene, diving to his right at mid-wicket. He also took a catch to remove the in-form Graham Thorpe for 12, and ran out Craig White in a triumphant individual performance.

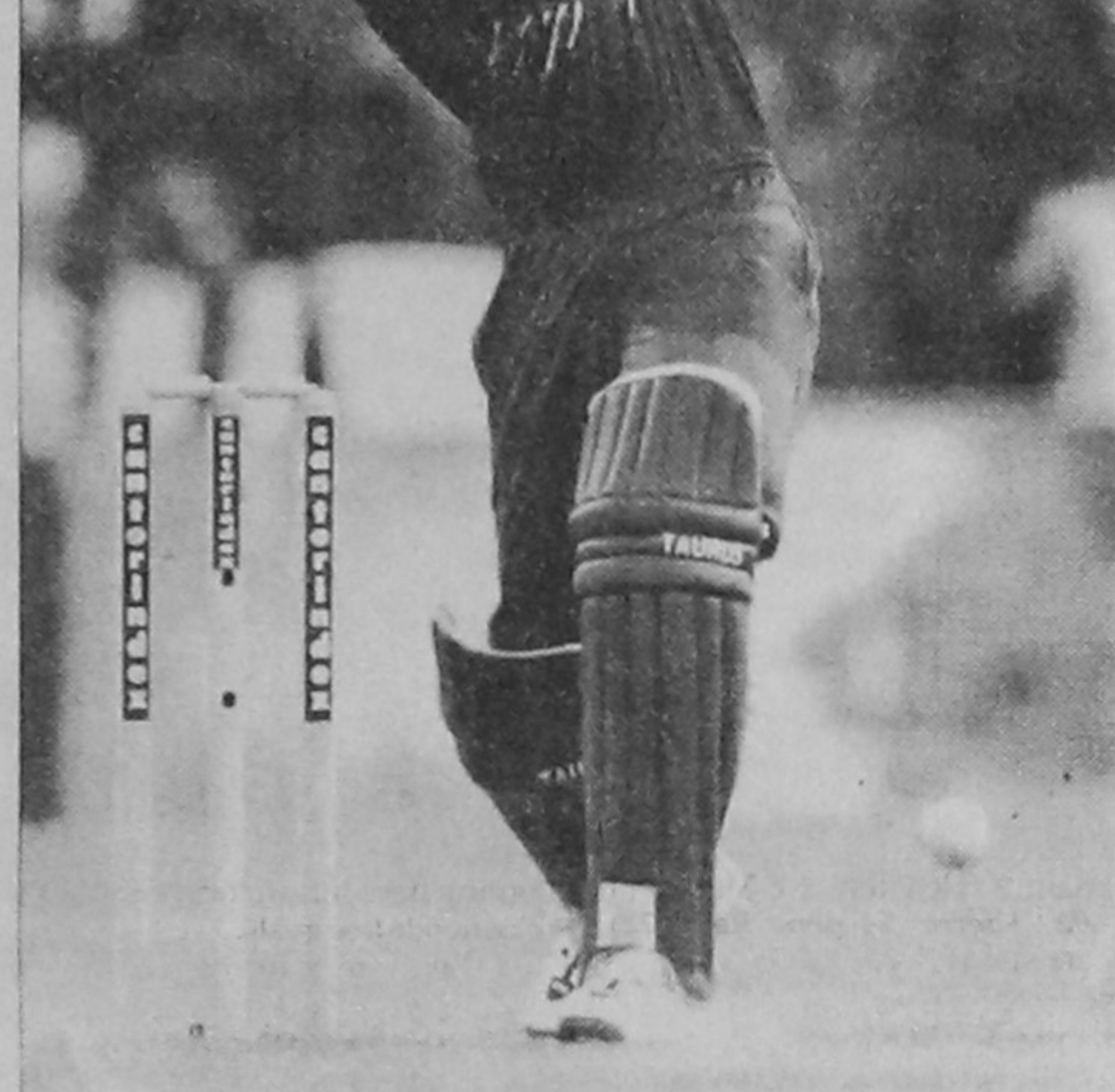
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Mahela Jayawardene of Sri Lanka plays a straight drive against England in the second one-day international at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

BVF polls results

BSS, Dhaka

Former secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association Gollam Quddus Chowdhury was elected unopposed vice-president of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) yesterday, according to the election commission of the federation.

Four others - M Sohrab Hossain, Morshed Chowdhury, Monirul Huq and Rafiqul Islam Khan - were also elected vice-presidents.

Anisur Rahman and Mostafizur Rahman Minto were elected joint secretaries while A M M Rashiduddin was elected treasurer.

Besides, 19 out of 20 posts were elected as members of the executive committee. They are: M Ismail Kutubee, M Sirajuddin, Abdul Quddus, Abdul Majid, Shahid Ahmed, A K M Bayazudul Islam, A T M Hafizul Islam Munnu, Reza Ahmed Raja, Morshedul Islam, Joydeb Sharma, Abul Kalam Khan, Tabiur Rahman, Abdul Awal Moju, Fazul Huq, Advocate Fazle Rabbi, A K M Faruq, Sirajul Islam, Tariqul Anwar Khan Rilul, Sharif Hossain Khan.

Ibrahim elected BAAF GS

BSS, Dhaka

Ibrahim Chengis was elected unopposed general secretary of Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation (BAAF), according to unofficial results announced by the election commission of the federation yesterday.

Abul Kashem, M Shah Alam, Farukul Islam, Sheikh Nizamuddin and Nazrul Islam were elected vice-presidents while K M Delwar Hossain was elected treasurer.

The other elected officials are: Joint secretaries - M Tofazzel Hossain and M Iqbal Hossain. Members - Khan Zahurul Huq, Noor Imam, Mujibur Rahman, Mohiuddin Ahmed Mushtaq, M Zakul Huq, Ruhul Amin, Advocate Nuruddin Chowdhury Nayan, M A Bari Khan, Yousuf Khan Pathan, Riazul Islam Joarder, Moksedur Rahman Himu, Mrs Sahana Sultana Panna, Mukhlesur Rahman, Rezanur Rahman Chowdhury, Amit Roy, Salahuddin Bhuiyan, A S M Ali Kabir, Mrs Farhad Jesmin Liti, Kamaluddin Ahmed, Syed Mahmud Tareq Pulu and Mahmud Jamal.

Kuerten, Agassi advance

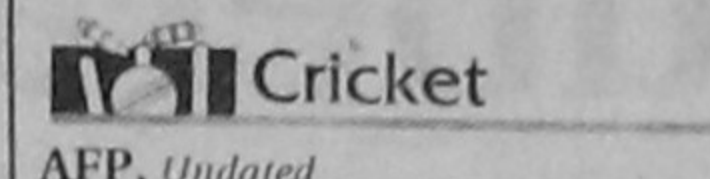
AFP, P

Top-seeded Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten needed three sets, Australian Open champion Andre Agassi just two, but both made it into the third round of the Tennis Masters Series here on Saturday.

Kuerten, runner-up to Pete Sampras here last year, pulled himself together after losing a second-set tiebreaker to post a 6-1, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4 victory over Moroccan Hicham Arazi.

Agassi, the third seed and fresh from victory in the year's first elite Masters Series event in Indian Wells, California, last week, dispatched young compatriot Taylor Dent 6-4, 6-2.

Pakistan stay focused India skip Sharjah tri-series



AFP, Unlabeled

Pakistan Cricket Board Sunday said its policy would remain positive despite the Indian government's decision not to allow its cricket team to play against Pakistan in Sharjah.

"India's anti-cricket stance no more bothers us, it's of little concern now," PCB director operations Brigadier Munawwar Rana said.

"Pakistan will continue to be positive as per its current policy and will continue to play with all teams," said Rana.

An Indian sports ministry official said that India will not take part in the limited-overs tri-series tournament against Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the Gulf state of Sharjah from April 8-20.

"Pakistan would have been happy had India been there but we are not much concerned about any team's pull-out," Rana said.

"We want to play cricket and that's all. Moreover, the Sharjah event was not India specific and we will play Sri Lanka."

Rana also said that Pakistan would cross the border to compete in the International Cricket Council (ICC) knockout event next year if India hosts it.

"As per the current policy, note current policy, Pakistan will surely go but what happens in a year's time is hard to forecast," he stressed.

The Indian government also barred its team's scheduled tour of Pakistan in December last year and had earlier pulled out of the Toronto one-day series, in protest at Islamabad's alleged involvement in Indian administered Kashmir.

Last month it refused to allow a team to play in a triangular tournament involving Pakistan and Bangladesh to raise funds for victims of the Gujarat earthquake.

ICC President Malcolm Grey this week met Indian Sports Minister Uma Bharti, Foreign Minister Yashwant Singh and Home Minister L.K. Advani urging them to allow India to play Pakistan.

ICC officials, however, ruled out any financial sanctions against India if it continues to refuse to play Pakistan.

The ICC also set an April 30 deadline for India to spell out its policy with Pakistan so that it can arrange a replacement team to play Pakistan in line with the ten-year Test match programme.

Pakistan will also host the Asia Cup next year and India's participation is highly unlikely.

It was not immediately clear whether the Sharjah-based Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS) would go ahead with the April tournament in India's absence.

Sharjah has hosted more one-day internationals (167) than any venue in the world.

This is the fourth time in the past two years that India has refused to play senior-level cricket against Pakistan, even though the two countries have met in other sporting events recently.

India played Pakistan in the final of the Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey Tournament in Bangladesh on March 19, with India winning in a penalty shoot-out.

Pakistani players also took part in the Asian Junior Squash Championships in the southern Indian city of Madras in February.

Sources in India said the government was wary of the national team taking part in off-shore limited-overs series in the wake of the match-fixing scandal that has rocked the sport.

The scandal has seen life bans imposed on three former captains; Hansie Cronje of South Africa, Mohammad Azharuddin of India and Salim Malik of Pakistan.

Three other Indian players who were charged by federal investigators for having links with bookmakers, Ajay Jadeja, Manoj Prabhakar and Ajay Sharma, were also penalised.

Toss on Miandad's mind

Fresh injury woe for Kiwis

Cricket

REUTERS, Hamilton

Javed Miandad is coy about Pakistan's line-up for Tuesday's third and final Test against New Zealand in Hamilton.

But with a 2-0 series victory within his sights, he says much could depend on the toss.

"We want to win the third Test and go home with a 2-0 win," the Pakistan coach told reporters in Wellington during his team's early lacklustre performance against New Zealand's domestic champions on Saturday.

"If we play positively, I think we have the ability to take this Test," he added.

Miandad had little to say about his side's early performance against Wellington. "Just wait for the Test," he said.

He uttered the same words after the 3-2 loss in the one-day series and after the innings and 54 loss to New Zealand A in Lincoln.

Pakistan then proceeded to Auckland and the first Test and whipped New Zealand by 299 runs, putting in a fine all-round performance when there were reports of discontent in the team.

The second Test in Christchurch was a non-Test, unless you count the individual batting milestones -- two double centuries and two centuries including a maiden hundred for Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq.

In Christchurch, the pitch nullified any effort from the bowlers of both sides.

The Hamilton pitch is likely to suit the pace bowlers with a bit of green early on.

"We're not worried about what the pitch will bring. All over the world a wicket does not stay the same for the whole five days," Miandad said.

"It may advantage one team for two days and advantage the other for the next two days," he noted, adding: "The toss may be more crucial than it was for the other two Tests."

Batting is not a problem for Pakistan, with all Test players having had some success in Christchurch or in the Wellington match, which ended in a draw.

But leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed is likely to miss out again in Hamilton and, while it hasn't been confirmed, Mohammad Akram, who played in the Wellington match, may replace Fazl-e-Akbar in the seam attack.

Miandad, who never drops his guard when discussing a Test, said the makeup of the Pakistan 11 would not be finalised until the morning of the match, when the pitch had been examined.

Athers terms ICC a 'disgrace'

AFP, London

Former England captain Mike Atherton branded the International Cricket Council (ICC) "a disgrace" Saturday following the recent Test series against Sri Lanka which was blighted by poor umpiring.

England's victory was overshadowed by a string of poor decisions that affected both sides and had Atherton involved in a finger-pointing bust-up with Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara and umpire Rudi Koertzen in the second Test.

And the England opener feels it is high time the game's governing body sorted the situation out and radically improved the performance of match officials.

Goodbye

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"the way he dealt with fame," he said. "Never in the slightest degree did he become his own hero."

Bradman's grandchildren Greta and Tom, his friend Jill Gauvin and former Australian cricket captain Richie Benaud also paid tribute to the cricketing legend and to his wife Jessie, The Don's "greatest partner," who died three years ago.

Patuakhali Pourashava

Project Implementation Unit Municipal Services Project District: Patuakhali

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solution time of 21 mins and a Cryptoquip section at the bottom.

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