

CRICKET 'Congrats' from Urs

BANGALORE, Jan. 16

Mr. Devaraj Urs, Chief Minister of Karnataka congratulated Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar and other members of the Indian team on their magnificent victory against the West Indies at Madras.

In a message here, Mr. Urs said "the credit goes to every member of the Indian team for the brilliant performance. We in Karnataka are over-joyed at the outstanding performance of G. R. Vishwanath and S. M. H. Kirmani (the two Karnataka players)."

Information Minister K. H. Srinivasa also congratulated the Indian skipper and his team for their victory. He also congratulated the West Indies team for their magnificent fight back.

Karnataka Governor Govind Narain in a telegram to the Indian cricket team congratulated it for its magnificent victory.

He offered his cordial felicitation to all the players, in particular to the "illustrious Karnataka cricketer" G. R. Vishwanath and for their memorable performance.

Karnataka in dire straits

PATNA, Jan. 16 (UNI)

Karnataka were in a poor way against Bombay in the Inter Varsity Cricket Championship here on the second day of their three-day match. Following on 244 runs behind they were 22 for no loss. Bombay had made 440 in their first knock to which Karnataka replied with 196. Mohan Iyengar made a good 51.

Delhi who had established a massive 262-run first innings lead against Poona made the semi-final as their opponents conceded the tie. Delhi 537 for eight decl. (Kirti Azad 188) defeated Poona 275.

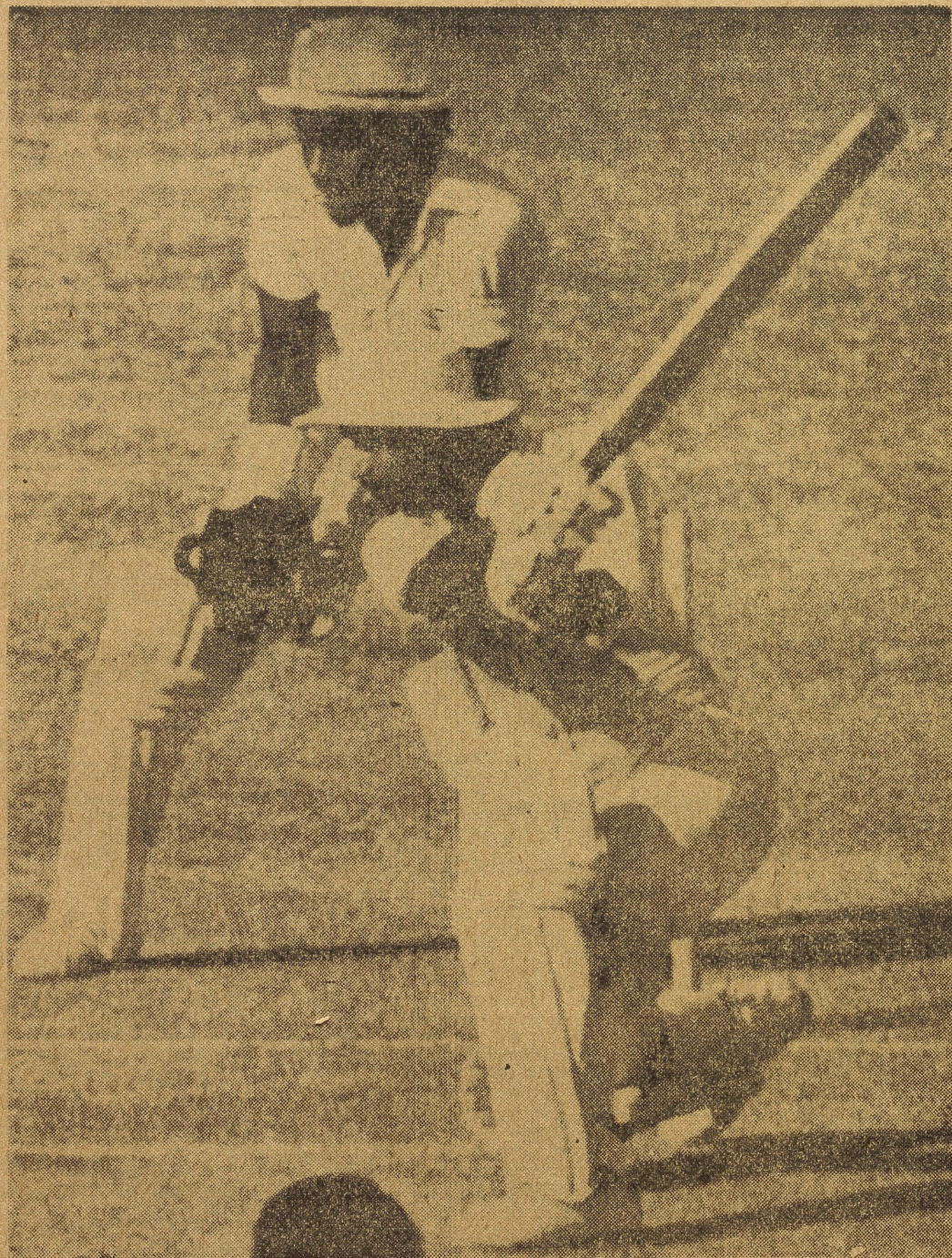
Sukumar (112) helped Madras make 309 for six when the stumps were drawn early due to poor visibility in their match against Calcutta. There was no play on first day, Monday.

The last quarterfinal between Allahabad and Patna was poised interestingly. Conceding a first innings lead of 40 runs, Patna aided by Sanjay Tewari's fine 89 and slow bowling of Allahabad (penalty 28 runs) made 261 in their second knock.

Unbeaten 117 by Boycott

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 16 (AP)
English opening batsman Geoff Boycott

'MAN OF THE MATCH'



G. R. Vishwanath, the luminous star of the Indian cricket horizon, put forth one of his most dedicated efforts as he helped the nation to post its first victory in the current Test series against the West Indies at Chepauk, Madras, on Tuesday. If his century in the first knock helped India recover from a poor position to a sizable lead, his 31 in the second enabled them to clinch a splendid victory after what could be termed a 'bumper war' by the Caribbean quickies Sylvester Clarke and Norbert Phillip. Vishwanath tamed them both and presented his brother-in-law Sunil Gavaskar his first Test victory as a captain. Naturally Vishwanath was voted 'man of the match.'

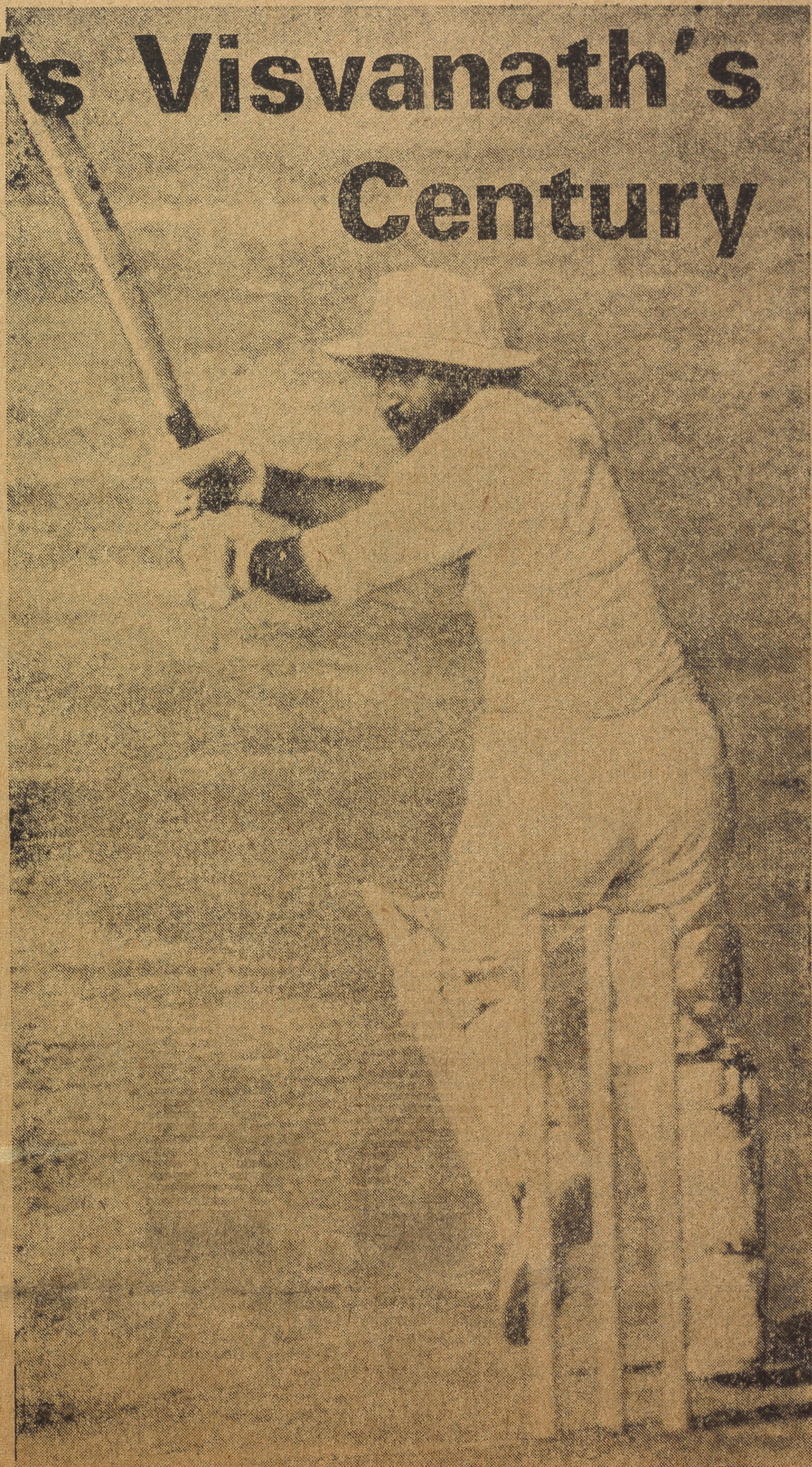
That's Visvanath's Century

Visvanath flicked Sylvester Clarke off his hips, backward of square, and reached the century that had eluded him in Chepauk Tests so far. Visvanath batted most responsibly and his fighting unbeaten 120 chiefly helped India nose ahead of the West Indies first innings total of 228. At close, on the second day on Saturday, the fourth India—West Indies Test is fascinatingly balanced with India on 250 for eight wickets.

With pace bowlers operating almost the whole day on a slightly helpful wicket and also liberally using the bouncer, run-getting was a tough task but Visvanath measured up to it most ably. This was Visvanath's seventh century in Tests, his third against the West Indies, and his most valuable batting contribution in the present series so far.

Chetan Chatran and Visvanath added 69 runs for the third wicket after the early loss of Vengsarkar. There were two more gritty partners for Visvanath. With Anshuman Gawkwad he added 70 while he had an able ally in Kirmani, who helped him put on 70 runs for the eighth wicket.

Though the Indian batsmen occupied the crease the whole day, the West Indies bowling and ground-fielding also held the attention. The line and length maintained by veteran Holder, with a shorter run up, lesser pace but with greater accuracy than in his last visit here; the lift that Sylvester Clarke got out of the pitch with the pace that he worked up—the second new ball, which cut short Kirmani in the last ball of the day could pose problems for the remaining batsmen on Sunday—and the sharp turn that off-spinner Deryck Parry extracted and which gave Visvanath a few anxious moments; brilliant close-in fielding of Bacchus...made it an interesting day's cricket for the 50,000-odd crowd which thronged the Stadium.



India One Up in Series

By Rajan Bola

MADRAS, Jan. 17. India went one up in the rubber, beating the West Indies, yesterday in Chepauk, by three wickets in the fourth Test. The victory, not unexpected, came after a tremendous struggle and the West Indies emerged with much credit after its display on the penultimate day.

The West Indies pace trio of Clarke, Phillip and Holder, bowled magnificently and the Indian batsmen, with the exception of young Kapil Dev, who was running temperature, were tied down. Whether the seriousness of the situa-

tion or the fine quality of the bowling inhibited such a fine batsman as Visvanath cannot be easily determined, but as things were going at one stage, the West Indies might well have won the match. Visvanath avoided the short-pitched deliveries with good judgment but it was surprising to see him refuse to move into his stumps and play on the outside. The same held good with Gaekwad. And with runs not coming easily the batsmen got into a rut from which they found it very difficult to extricate themselves.

The tension was such that the crowd watched in silence. In front of it was on a great battle of at-

rition with neither team willing to relinquish the initiative. Visvanath and Gaekwad were content with defence and the West Indies bowlers gave very little away. Clarke and Phillip got the ball to rise from just short of length while Holder moved the ball off the seam with admirable control. The fieldsmen responded to every demand made by the bowlers and one cannot forget Parry's great stop at cover-point of Gaekwad's drive off Clarke. It was wonderful cricket to watch.

The advent of Holder into the attack introduced a measure of uncertainty into the batting. Both Visvanath and Gaekwad were tested outside the off-stump. Vis-

nath once nearly chased a delivery which seemed out on pitching. Soon after, Holder had Visvanath playing and missing outside the off-stump. Clarke who was kept on — he bowled throughout the morning except for one change of ends — should have had Visvanath when he was 25. The little man steered an over-pitched ball

Tamil Nadu Govt's Cash Awards

MADRAS, Jan. 16. The Tamil Nadu Government today awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2,000 to each player of the Indian team that won the Test here against the West Indies.

Visvanath, Venkatraghavan and Kapil Dev were also awarded Rs. 1,000 each for their brilliant individual performance.

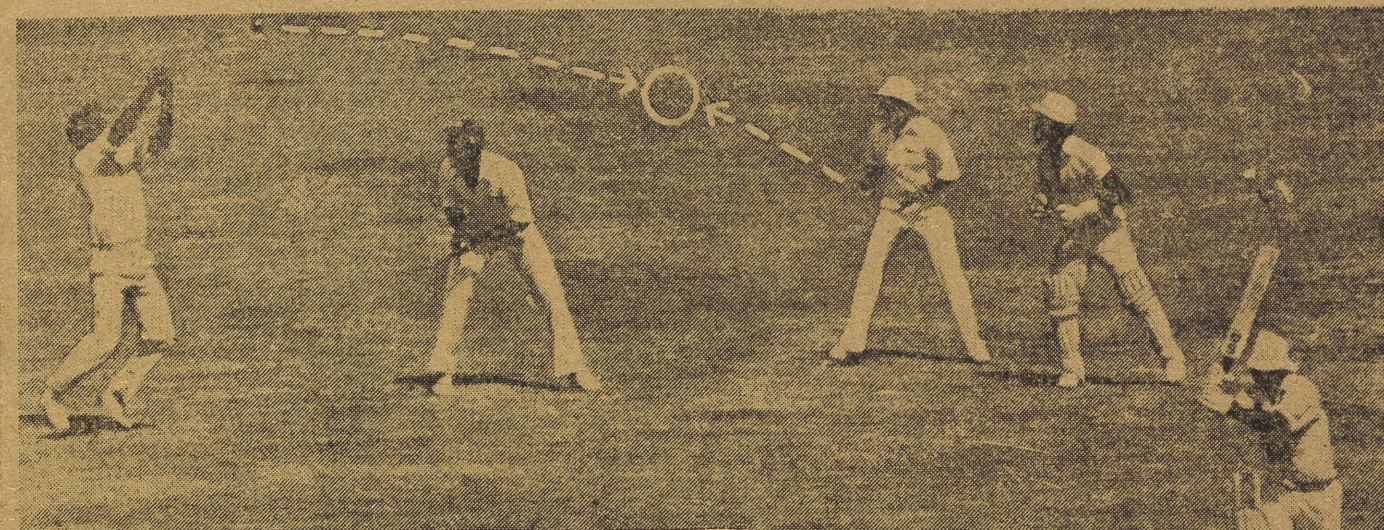
The West Indies cricketers, Kallicharran and Gomes were also awarded Rs. 1,000 each. —PTI.

and Shivnarine at gully grabbed but failed to hold on to the ball.

The fourth wicket stand was worth 57 in just over two hours when Visvanath fell for 31. He tried to cut down to third man. But Holder's delivery took more height than the batsman expected and the ball flew off the outer edge of the bat, hard and straight to Parry in third slip. Parry was taken by surprise but reacted quickly enough. The ball ricocheted off his hands behind Kallicharran at first slip who made no mistake. Gaekwad fell soon after. He attempted to cut a similar sort of delivery and edged to Murray behind the stumps. This made India 82 for five wickets. And this was the position at lunch. Another 43 runs were needed for victory.

Narasimha Rao was a victim to Phillip's rising delivery just on off-stump. It took his gloves en route to Murray and the atmosphere was electric. It dawned on the audience that the stage had been reached in the game when victory could go to either side.

Kapil Dev is a natural and free striker of the ball. The West Indies team has healthy respect for his ability as a batsman. And he did the right thing in the situation. First he turned his attention on Holder, glancing a no-ball ever so fine to the boundary and then slashed the next delivery to the point fence where Phillip fumbled and pushed the ball over the line. Ghavri, Kapil's partner, was content to play the role of watcher. Phillip the recipient of many a short-pitched delivery from Kapil, gave him a taste of the Indian's own medicine. But



OUT GOES VISVANATH: The little master slashes at Holder and sees the ball popping out of Parry's hands. But Kallicharran at first slip completed the catch.

Scoreboard

West Indies—1st innings: 228.
India—1st innings: 255.
West Indies—2nd innings: 154

INDIA—2nd INNINGS:

S. M. Gavaskar c Murray b Clarke	1
C. P. S. Chauhan c Baechus b Phillip	10
D. B. Vengsarkar c Shivnarine b Clarke	0
G. R. Visvanath c Kallicharran b Holder	31
A. D. Gaekwad c Murray b Holder	21
Narasimha Rao c Murray b Phillip	4
Ghavri c Clarke b Phillip	8
Kapil Dev (not out)	26
S. M. H. Kirmani (not out)	4
Extras	20
Total (for seven wkts)	125

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-17, 3-17, 4-74, 5-82, 6-84, 7-115.

WEST INDIES BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Clarke	21.2	3	46	2
Phillip	15	5	37	3
Holder	10	3	22	2

Kapil was ready to pick up the gauntlet. He hooked Phillip fine to the boundary and the 100 of the innings was posted after more than 3½ hours. The tussle between Kapil and Phillip continued. Kapil settled the issue in the 44th over of the innings. He steered to third man and hooked resoundingly for boundaries. Ghavri chipped in with a top-edged hook before succumbing to the bowler. This time Ghavri hooked right but too high and down Clarke's throat at long-leg. The seventh wicket association was worth 31 in 24 minutes and was decisive. When Ghavri made his exit another 10 runs were needed.

The winning run was a cleverly taken bye. Clarke went round the wicket to bounce and induce Kapil to hook. But the batsman, once he had judged that the ball would not hit the stumps, left them ex-

posed, and with Kirmani responding well, the run was taken.

Thus ended a Test match full of incidents. India won, but it might well have lost were it not for Kapil's attacking batsmanship. The West Indies dropped Visvanath twice in the first innings and paid heavily for these lapses. Even then a reasonable perfor-

Chandrasekhar Recalled

MADRAS, Jan. 17. The national selection committee announced here yesterday, only one change in the squad, for the fifth Test against West Indies in New Delhi starting on January 24. Leg-break and googly bowler, B. S. Chandrasekhar comes in place of middle order batsman, Yashpal Sharma, who goes out after having been in the reserves for seven Tests.

The squad: S. M. Gavaskar (Captain), S. Venkatraghavan, G. R. Visvanath, S. M. H. Kirmani, C. P. S. Chauhan, A. D. Gaekwad, D. B. Vengsarkar, K. Ghavri, Kapil Dev, Nikhanj, Bharat Reddy, Yajurvindra Singh, M. V. Narasimha Rao, D. Parsana and B. S. Chandrasekhar.

UNReports.

The Indian Board has, at the suggestion of skipper Gavaskar, decided to sponsor Kapil Dev soon for a short coaching stint in Australia to polish his batting and bowling.

mance with the bat in the second innings would have put the visiting team in a strong position. Other than Gomes, the rest failed. But India had to struggle to win the contest. And the West Indies team has no reason after all to be disappointed. It fought to the bitter end.



Urs Congratulates Indian Team

BANGALORE, Jan. 16. The Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs, has congratulated the Indian team on its "magnificent victory" in the fourth cricket Test against West Indies in Madras. In a message issued here to-day he congratulated the Indian skipper, Sunil Gavaskar, and all the members of the Indian team. The credit goes to every member of the Indian team. We in Karnataka are overjoyed by the outstanding performance of G. R. Visvanath and S. M. H. Kirmani," he said.

The Minister of State for Information and Youth Services, Mr. K. H. Srinivasa in a message congratulated the Indian team on its glorious victory and the West Indies team on the magnificent fight it put up. "I am particularly pleased with the excellent performance of the Karnataka players Visvanath and Kirmani."

PTI reports.

The Karnataka Governor, Mr. Govind Narain in a telegram to the manager of Indian team at Madras said: "My heartiest congratulations on the magnificent victory of the Indian team in one of the most exciting and thrilling Test matches under the outstanding leadership of Gavaskar".



Visvanath, the man of the match, being chaired by exultant team-mates, Gaekwad and Yashpal, during the victory lap.