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0 45 Donald and Waqar, while placing

him 15th in the list of all-time Test

And Wasim was certainly a

In his fifth World Cup, he is less

'Sachin Tendulkar, bowled

quicksilver than before, but he can

still bend the ball around a sharp

Wasim Akram, 0' is still very much a

possibility. The teams meet in the

World Cup on March 1 in Centurion

in a match which could decide which

team progresses to the second

stage. What Wasim would give for a

When he retires and he has

As he says himself, he is not the

As a player, Wasim should be

already suggested that that day

could come soon after South Africa

coaching sort. He has been graced

with a talent you cannot teach. To try

enjoyed for the little time he has left.

As a man, he remains charming and

approachable, and the rest is not for

2003 he will be lost for good.

would only frustrate him.

corner and back again.

third World Cup final.

Indira, City cruise

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Indira Road Krira Chakra continued with their impressive performance in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League as they recorded a three-wicket win over Uttara Sporting Club at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium vesterday

Chasing a modest Uttara total of 201 in 50 overs, the winners made 203 for the loss of seven wickets in the third ball of the final over.

One-down Mowla scored highest 48 for the winners and he was followed by middle-order Kalim who

Earlier, put into bat, the Uttara total was built around an 80-ball 60 by Sumon Barua.

With this win, Indira Road joined City Club in the joint-third position of the 13-team League table with each having 26 points from seven

Meanwhile City Club, in one of the other two matches of the day, handed BCB Development Squad a 39-run defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

In a low-scoring affair, City were all out for 171 in 46.4 overs after being invited to bat.

In reply, the under-19 side were shot out for 132 in 45.3 overs.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Brothers Union posted an exciting six-run win over Orient Sporting Club.

Riding on fifties from openers Salauddin (61), Shahriar (62) and one-down Halim Shah (56), the Gopibagh-based club scored 254 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs after being put into bat.

In reply, Orient were restricted to 248 for nine in 50 overs with Karim hammering highest 79.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches played at different venues yesterday: Indira Road KC v Uttara SC

UTTARASC Moniruzzaman c Papon b Biswas

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|---------------------------------|------|-----|
| Shahriar Ibw b Sanjay | : | 21 |
| Nayeem b Arafat | | C |
| Faisal c Imran b Sanjay | 1 | 4 |
| Sumon run out | (| 60 |
| Rana c Kalim b Imran | 2 | 26 |
| Arman run out | | 18 |
| Shafiul st Papon b Sanjay | 1 | 16 |
| Aslam not out | | 14 |
| Debabrata run out | | 2 |
| Rabbani not out | | 2 |
| Extras: (b-5, lb-3, nb-1, w-3) | | 2 |
| Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) | | |
| Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-15, 3 | | • |
| 57, 5-120, 6-155, 7-183, 8- | 185 | , (|
| 188. | _ | |
| Rowler O M | J | ٠, |

26 **Biswas** 28 Arafat

these issues was unsatisfactory and

the committee does not accept he was entirely truthful in his responses

to questions about his knowledge of

is his vague, unsatisfactory and

inconsistent evidence about the

that the evidence does not establish

a reasonable belief such as would

found a defence of exceptional

was a reckless act totally disregard-

cal substance which would have

some effect on his body but he

made no Enquirer when such

Enquirer were reasonably available

as to whether it was a banned

Pakistan skipper Waqar Younis on

"I don't think they have got what it takes. All three of them lack a bit of

Dutch skipper Roland Lefebvre

writing off the title chances of Eng-

land, India and Pakistan. His side had

it's a lot more relaxed atmosphere now.

They'll be tough to beat from here.

triumph for the 2003 side.

"The guys in this Australian team feel

Geoff Marsh, who coached Austra-

lia to the 1999 title, predicts a repeat

ing the possible consequences.

"The use of the diuretic by Warne

"He knew he was taking a chemi-

The ACB said: "Coupled with that

"The committee is of the view

Warne won't

the ACB anti-doping policy."

extent of using a Moduretic."

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circumstances.

Quips &

Quotes

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Akram's feat.

confidence."

lost badly to all three.

29 37 INDIRÁ ROAD KC Humayun c Moniruzzaman b Shafiul Papon Ibw b Shafiul Mowla lbw b faisal

Faruque v Nayeem b Ziaur Moniruzzaman c & b Araft Mazharul b Enamul Rajin c Sagir b Rbaiyat Hasan c Bashar b Enamul 20 Jamaluddin b Arafat Kadir c Nayeem b Rubaiyat

Rumaiyat b Tareq

Enamul not out

Alamgir

Saifullah

Jamaluddin

Extras: (lb-2, w-5)

Ziaur c Sriram b Saifullah

Total: (All out in 45.3 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-50, 3-74, 4-

78, 5-90, 6-111, 7-111, 8-115, 9-125.

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Result: City Club won by 39 runs.

Brothers Union v Orient SC

BROTHERS UNION

Salauddin run out

Halim b Saju

Shahriar b R Hanif

Bidyut Ibw b R Hanif

Masroor Ibw b Lucky

Shahnewaz not out

5-223, 6-232, 7-245,

Bowler

Lucky

Kamal

R Hanif

Saiu

Topu

Jewel

ORIENT SC

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Nadim run out

Topu run out

Saju not out

Lucky not out

Shahnewaz

labal

Sohel

Mustadir

Sajid Ibw b Sohel

Karim c Halim b sohel

Jewel c Halim b Sohel

Sumon b Mustakim

Kamal b Mustakim

Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-7)

Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 248

Result: Brothers Union won by

against Canada in the hope that he

will find his form ahead of the make-

or-break final group match against Sri Lanka in Durban Monday.

against Kenva was the last chance

for South Africa to juggle combina-

tions before every game became a

must-win encounter. But he said the

intention was to win well against

defeat against Kenya was a wake-up

call for favoured teams

He added that Sri Lanka's shock

Simons admitted the match

Pollock talks

R Hanif c Shahriar b Mustakim

Mahbub st Nadim b Saju

Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-4, w-5)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 254

Fall of wickets: 1-110, 2-160, 3-194

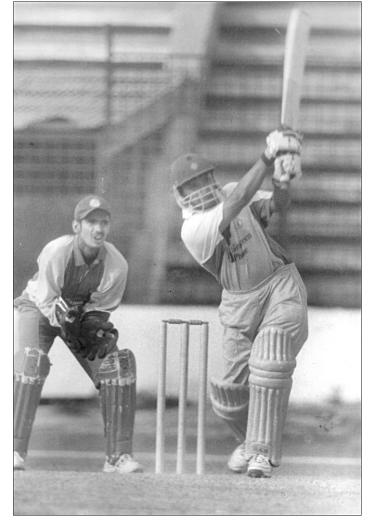
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Mustadir b Jewel

Mustakim not out



Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-72, 3-113, 4-198, 5-198, 6-234, 7-238, 8-242, 9-

Orient Sporting Club's Karim follows through an on-drive during his knock of 79 against Brothers Union in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Alamair not out

Kalim c Faisal h Aslam

| Naiiiii Ci aisai DASiaiii | | | • | +1 | Alamyli Holout | | | | _ | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|------|--|--|
| Hadi run out | | | | 19 | Tareq Ibw b Rubaiyat | | | 0 | | | |
| Arafat not out | | | | 8 Saifullah run out | | | | 0 | | | |
| Shafayet c Maruf b Faisal | | | | 0 Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-1, w- | | | w-1 | D) ' | 18 | | |
| Imran run out | | | | 0 Total: (All out in 46.4 overs | | | | 17 | 71 | | |
| Sanjay not out | | | | 0 Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-96, | | | | 3-101 | 1, 4 | | |
| Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-6, w-8) 20 | | | | 118, 5-146, 6-156, 7-156, 8-170, 9 | | | | | | | |
| Total: (For 7 wkt | s in 49. | 3 ove | ers) 2 | 203 | 171. | | | | | | |
| Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-73, 3 | | | 3-172 | 2, 4- | Bowler | 0 | М | R | W | | |
| 195, 5-199, 6-199, 7-199. | | | | | Ziaur | 7 | 1 | 38 | 1 | | |
| Bowler | 0 | M | R | W | Runaiyat | 10 | 0 | 24 | 3 | | |
| Debabrata | 9 | 0 | 31 | 0 | Bashar | 2 | 0 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Rabbani | 7 | 1 | 27 | 0 | Nayeem | 10 | 0 | 45 | 0 | | |
| Shafiul | 10 | 0 | 43 | 2 | Arafat | 8 | 1 | 22 | 3 | | |
| Sumon | 10 | 1 | 35 | 0 | Enamul | 9.4 | 3 | 23 | 2 | | |
| Faisal | 7 | 1 | 33 | 2 | BCB DEV SQ | UAD | | | | | |
| Aslam | 6.3 | 0 | 28 | 1 | Nayeem c Hasan b Tareq | | | | | | |
| Result: Inrida | Road | KC | won | by | Kafi c Sriram b | Saifullal | h | | 29 | | |
| three wickets. | | | | Nazimuddin c & b Sriram | | | 33 | | | | |
| City Club v BCB | | | | Sagir run out | | | 10 | | | | |
| Development Squad | | | | Arafat run out | | | 16 | | | | |
| Venue: DCS | | | | Ashiq b Jamaluddin | | | 9 | | | | |
| CITY CLUB | | | | Mahmud Ibw b Tar | | Tareq | | | 7 | | |
| Sriram c sub b Arafat | | | | 46 | Bashar c Sriram b Tareq | | | 8 | | | |
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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Pool B match between Bangladesh and New Zealand at the De Beers Oval BANGLADESH

Hannan c McCullum b Bond Ashraful c and b Bond Sanwar b Oram Bashar c McCullum b Oram Kapali c Bond b Adams Akram c Fleming b Bond Mashud not out Mahmud c McCullum b Oram Rafique not out Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-10, nb-3) Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 198 Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-37, 3-37, 4-71, 5-105, 6-107, 7-128 Did not bat: Tapash Baisya, М

Maniurul Islam Bowler Bond 10 33 32 0 Mills 6 Adams 10 0 50 Oram 10 32 17 Cairns 0 10 Vettori 0 19 Styris 0 10 NÉW ZEALAND McMillan b Mahmud

Fleming c and b Mahmud Adams c Ashraful b Mahmud Styris not out Cairns not out 33 Extras: (w-3, nb-1) Total: (For 3 wkts in 33.3 overs)199 Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-99, 3-138 Did not bat: Brendon McCullum, Daniel Vettori, Jacob Oram, Shane Bond, Kyle Mills, Mathew Sinclair **Bowler** 37 Manjurul

56 Baisya 10 0 46 Mahmud 0 38 Kapali 0 19 Sanwar 0.3 0 3 Ashraful Result: New Zealand won by seven wickets Man-of-the-match: Craig

McMillan Toss: Bangladesh Umpires: David Shepherd (Eng) and Darrell Hair (Aus) TV umpire: Brian Jerling (Rsa) Match referee: Mike Procter (Rsa)

African treats

FROM PAGE 13 knee. He was struck by a ball on the knee while batting with his captain Khaled Mashud.

The southpaw limped off the ground after an unconquered 41 and did not turn up to bowl. The leftarm spinner went straight to the hospital for an X-ray, which confirmed no fracture

"It was not a very good pad he was using. That is why he felt a lot of pain and could not return to bowl We also did not want to take any risk. So we sent him to hospital for the preliminary X-ray. I hope he would be able to play in the next match," said Bangladesh manager ASM Faruque.

BANGLADESH-NZ Akram the trail blazer

Nobody will ever know whether

Wasim took or did not take bookmakers' money to manipulate matches

Nobody will ever prove whether Pakistan's defeat at the hands of Bangladesh in a dead-rubber game during the 1999 World Cup Wasim was captain at the time was influenced by mere complacency or hard cash

Everyone has their own verdict. Whatever Wasim does, some mud will always stick. He conceded

as much himself on Tuesday. "It's been a roller-coaster journey with lots of ups and downs but it was worth it," he said. "Whatever controversies I have gone through on and off the field it was worth it.

And perhaps it was. Which cricket fan, after all, will forget Wasim Akram in his pomp in the early 1990s, long-haired, filmstarred, keen-eved and quickstepping up to the wicket before unleashing the quickest left arm

cricket has ever seen? Invariably, the ball would start towards the slips before, later than ever seemed possible, arcing back through the air and into the batsman's pads. Invariably an appeal would follow and, time after time after time, the umpire's finger would

Wasim and fellow quick bowler Waqar Younis were way ahead of

AFP, Paarl

age):

Australia

Kenya

Namibia

Scotland

Sri Lanka

UAE

South Africa

West Indies

AFP, Paarl

Netherlands.

Wasim Akram (Pak)

Wagar Younis (Pak)

Anil Kumble (Ind)

Javagal Srinath (Ind)

Shane Warne (Aus)

Allan Donald (Rsa)

AFP. Johannesburg

GROUP A

Australia

England

Pakistan

Kenya

Sri Lanka

Zimbabwe

GROUP B

New Zealand

West Indies

South Africa

Bangladesh

play in Nairobi.

play in Harare.

Canada

round.

Chaminda Vaas (Śri)

Saglain Mushtag (Pak)

Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri)

Netherlands

New Zealand

Bangladesh

their time, reverse-swinging the old ball with such disconcerting, devastating effect that their English opponents in 1992 put it all down to bottle

tops and Asian sorcery. It took them more than a few years to accept that a small element of skill might just have been involved.

That year, 1992, will be remembered as the year of Imran Khan's 'cornered tigers'. his Pakistan team coming back from near-certain elimination to lift the World Cup.

Imran, another beautifully fluid quick bowler, was Wasim's mentor and was repaid that Melbourne day in full, Wasim's man-of-the-match performance including the bigname wickets of Ian Botham, Allan Lamb and Chris Lewis first ball.

There were also 33 sweetlystruck tail-end runs from 21 balls.

Wasim could, and perhaps should, have developed into a genuine all-rounder his top Test score was 257 not out against Zimbabwe in 1996-97 but somehow, perhaps through lack of opportunity or commitment, he ended his 104-match Test career with an average of just 22.64. For many, however, he will still be

venerated as the greatest left-hand talent of them all bar Gary Sobers.

4/19

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3/30

3/24

5/19

3/23

5/16

4/24

3/19

5/38

4/35

5/28

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35.43

24.35

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18.00

18.54

7.66

23.94

20.96

8.80

25.57

314

305

12

12

12 12

10

+1.19

-0.09

-2.02

-0.39

+1.73

+0.40

+1.03

+2.14

-1.46

-2.51

Wisden, cricket's bible, hailed him as the best one-day bowler to strut the planet, ahead of Allan

COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY

Pakistan's Wasim Akram on Tuesday became the first player in the

history of the game to take 500 one-day wickets when he bowled

matches, runs, wickets, four wicket innings, best bowling, aver-

This is how the historic achievement breaks down (opponents,

35

TOP ONE-DAY WKT TAKERS

Pakistan's veteran pacer Wasim Akram cracked the 500-wicket

barrier here on Tuesday in a World Cup clash against the

Top ten international one-day wicket-takers: (matches, wickets)

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

World Cup standings after Wednesday's Group B match between

New Zealand and Bangladesh (played, won, lost, tied/no result,

260

207

240

222

193

168

163

Nick Statham of the Netherlands in a World Cup match here.

1134

1461

73

28

54

838

1929

44

2276

1187

38

24

64

Fleming for reserve days

REUTERS, Kimberley

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming wants the International Cricket Council (ICC) to consider introducing reserve days at the next World Cup for matches affected by

There are no reserve days at this World Cup, with teams sharing the points when games are abandoned as happened in last week's Pool B clash between West Indies and Bangladesh "I would like to have seen, in hind

sight, reserve days because that could have a huge bearing on the World Cup and I'm sure the organisers don't want that," Fleming said. "The logistics of that, I'm not sure

about because I'm speaking in general terms, but it can have an effect which I think is unfair." Fleming said West Indies' aban-

doned game against Bangladesh was a classic example of why reserve days are needed. West Indies were seemingly cruising to a comfortable victory against a side who have not won a match for four years, when the heavens opened Because West Indies' main rivals

have all gained maximum points by beating Bangladesh, Carl Hooper's team face the prospect of missing out on the Super Sixes if they fail to win their final two matches New Zealand also gave up four

points they were expected to get when they forfeited their match in Kenya because of security concerns, and could also miss out despite beating West Indies and hosts South Africa. Fleming said he supported the

ICC's decision to increase the number of developing nations at the World Cup to help spread the game, but was worried they were in advertently having too big an influence on the tournament. "Yesterday's performance by

Kenya (beating Sri Lanka) will silence a few critics in showing that on any given day there is a chance for any side to beat any side, "Fleming said.

"There is a place for them but I do think it has to be monitored.

"You have to be very stringent about how teams get through to the World Cup because it is the world

"No-one wants to see too many one-sided matches so I think the ICC have a responsibility in looking after

Dare write

FROM PAGE 13 bilateral cricket matches in protest at

Islamabad's alleged support to insurgency in the disputed Kashmir region. "It's a very important game, not only because we are playing India but also in the context of the tournament,"

Pakistani captain Waqar Younis told "We just have to win from here onwards. We have done it in the past and do so again.'

So far, neither the batsmen or the bowlers have encouraged Pakistan's

supporters. Trimmed-down premier batsman Inzamamul Haq appears to have lost his touch while losing weight, groping

to score just 10 runs in four innings so Hard-hitting opener Shahid Afridi

has made only seven runs so far and taken two wickets with his leg-breaks. The test of the batting has been so

neffective that number 11 Shoaib Akhtar tops the team's averages at 72 following his spectacular 43 against England.

Wasim's 12 wickets in the tournament makes him the joint leader with Sri Lanka's Chaminda Vaas, while Shoaib has 10 wickets.

But the rest of the bowlers have bagged just 13 wickets between them and the problem is magnified by the high number of wides and no balls

Pakistan conceded 41 extras against the Netherlands on Tuesday, the highest in the tournament so far.

surpassing their own tally of 31 squandered against Australia.

FORM GUIDE

CANADA (won 1 lost 3) lost to West Indies by 7 wickets Centurion lost to Sri Lanka by 9 wickets Paarl lost to Kenya 4 wickets Cape Town



Scene from the fourth round games of the 24th national chess championship at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Donald playing

Monde Zondeki, who represents the future of South Africa's fast bowling if not perhaps the immediate answer.

But whichever combination South Africa do field on Thursday, there is no hiding the fact that the tournament hosts are still a long way from settling on their first-choice bowling attack.

The South African squad were all given two days off to spend at home with their families following their 10wicket crushing of Bangladesh at the

Practice for Thursday's game against the Canadians begins only on Tuesday.

Despite Kenya's shock win over the Sri Lanka in Nairobi on Monday, the equation for the South Africans remains unchanged they must win their last two group matches, against Canada and Sri Lanka, if they are to qualify for the Super Six stage.

But Kenya's victory has thrown the group wide open, with any three of five teams South Africa. West Indies. Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Kenya still in the running for a place in the next

It is even possible for South Africa to finish on top of the group standings, despite their poor start to the tourna-

ment and obvious problems in deciding their strongest line-up.

But South Africa's qualification

minds of the tournament's new favourite sons, Canada. The Canadians have made friends wherever they have gone in South Africa with their relaxed and amiable

brilliant on the field. Austin Codrington's five-wicket haul in Canada's 60-run upset of Bangladesh in their cup opener and John Davison's brilliant 67-ball century

Those two individual feats are unlikely to unsettle the South Africans too much, but captain Joe Harris firmly believes his side can ruffle a few more

feathers before they head home. "As far as I'm concerned, this tournament is not over for us," Harris told Reuters.

"We want to be competitive and we want to put up a good fight against South Africa.... You never know the results in the game of cricket if we can do a good job and post a good target and then defend it well, anything can

"We're not here on holiday," Harris added.

South Africa will also be keeping one eye on the weather in East London, where rain fell intermittently on Monday.

However any South African fears that they could suffer a similar fate to the West Indies, who were denied two cast-iron points after a washout in their group match against Bangladesh, would appear to be misplaced.

The long-term forecast is for no further rain in East London until

Adamant Andy

batsmen, said his protest will now be represented by wearing white arm-

Both men are available for selection against the Netherlands at the

Top guns tumble

AFP, Copenhagen

German qualifier Tomas Behrend defeated seventh-seeded Mario Ancic of Croatia on Tuesday in the first of three upsets that saw top seeded players eliminated from the 400,000-dollar ATP Copenhagen Open in first round play.

ered by Behrend who had to fight hard but managed to defeat the Croatian up-and-coming star 6-4, 6-7 (7/9), 7-6 (7/2) in three exciting

Behrend had the chance to decide the match in two sets but missed out on the two match points he had in the second set. "I've learned that it's no use

ball." said Behrend. "I served well. That was impor-

Kallis aims at Canada

Note 1: Three teams from the group will advance to the super-six

Note 2: New Zealand forfeited four points to Kenya for refusing to

Note 3: England forfeited four points to Zimbabwe for refusing to

century off 67 balls against the West Indies as a result, the South African

attack is unlikely to pitch short against him South Africa's biggest problem is

what to do with Allan Donald, the long-time leader of their strike attack. His poor form was a major factor in South Africa's defeats by West

Indies and New Zealand but he is likely to play against Canada to see whether he has recovered his form. South Africa's middle order batsmen are short of match practice

with both their wins against Kenva and Bangladesh achieved by ten wickets, with only Herschelle Gibbs and Gary Kirsten needed at the SOUTH AFRICA (from): Shaun

Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Charl Langeveldt, Makhaya Ntini, Robin Peterson, Graeme Smith, Monde Zondeki.

CANADA (from): Joseph Harris (captain), Ashish Bagai, Ian Billcliff, Desmond Chumney, Austin Codrington, John Davison, Nicholas de Groot, Nicholas Ifil, Davis Joseph, Ishwar Maraj, Ashish Patel, Abdool Samad, Fazil Sattaur, Barry Seebaran, Sanjayan Thuraisingam. Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Kevan Barbour (Zim) TV umpire: Aleem Dar (Pak)

Match referee: Wasim Raja (Pak)

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Feb 15 2003 Feb 11 2003 beat Bangladesh by 60 runs Durban

Note: There are no head to head records as Canada is an associate

Australia vs Namibia

Venue: East London

Venue: Potchefstroom League Venue: FCS

Cricket World Cup 2003 South Africa vs Canada

GrameenPhone Premier Cricket

Victoria SC v Kalabagan KC Young Pegasus v BCB Dev

permutations are the last thing on the

demeanour away from the game and their penchant for producing the gloriously inept and the unexpectedly

against West Indies have lit up the

"We are standing up what is right,"

Queens Sports Club here on Friday but Olonga, who was sacked by his club last week, is still expected to be squeezed out by Andy Blignaut.

The biggest surprise was deliv-

thinking too much about that. You just have to concentrate on the next

tant, because as it turned out I only had one break. But I always felt that I was closer to winning than losing the match," explained the German.