touched on National Cricket League format which has suffered

most from the BCB's illogical ideas. "The Board shouldn't have shortened our only First Class competition format because that was designed to decentralise the game and take it out of Dhaka. We also wanted that for the development of the game and its infrastructure in all the six divisions.

"The League should have expanded more by now but instead they (the present BCB administration) have cut it short, "said Saber,

Thirdly he asked the government to dissolve the present advisory council of the Board and reinstate the democratically elected Board of Directors who had been working on a set plan for development of the game.

Saber next sought competent people in the various standing comnittees of the BCB.

"I don't have any problem with the Prime Minister's son Arafat Rahman (head of the BCB's development committee) joining the BCB. It's a blessing for the game as he is in a position to influence certain issues in favour of cricket and that's how the Board should utilise his presence. But he should not be given charge of development as there are more capable people for that job," Saber

In his fifth recommendation, Saber wanted the coaches training programme to resume because that is one of the basic plans for any Test playing country.

"We had six national coaches and four Sri Lankan coaches to develop our overall coaching standard. But eight out of those ten coaches have lost their jobs and there is hardly any coaching programme nowadays.

"The current president has said that he has stopped it for fund shortage but his argument holds no ground because according to the plan we had formulated, Bangladesh's cricket is assured of drawing more than Taka 150 crores between 2001 to 2007 from different sources which include corporate sponsorship and grants from the ICC and ACC," added Saber.

Saber's sixth point was about developing cricket infrastructure across the country.

"We had started to developing venues in six divisional headquarters. But that work is now at a standstill for reasons unknown," he said.

In his next suggestion, Saber wanted the reintroduction of the A team programme that would ultimately help in developing a strong national team. He pointed out that there was no tour of the A team last year which had been a regular feature duringhistime

In his eighth point, Saber asked the government to appoint enough foreign coaches for the age-group development programmes. He also sought the return of the out of contract six national coaches to conduct different training programmes of the

Saber's penultimate demanded was of a change in the selection committee. He said that there was a standard procedure in his time of not including anybody in the selection committee who had not played for the national team. But that is not the case anymore.

Finally, Saber thought that there should be better communication between the ICC and other Test playing nations. Saber also denounced ICC Chairman Malcolm Gray's recent remark that the ICC did not follow proper procedures while granting Bangladesh the Test status in

"We had good communication with everybody. But it seems we have lost that rapport otherwise there is no reason for Malcolm Grey to make such an objectionable remark," he said adding that the board should have protested that statement offi-

"Malcolm should know that the ICC followed a detailed and deliberate four-year long procedure from 1997 to 2000 before granting Bangladesh the Test status.

the stands as his team suffered another cruel twist of fate to be

three of his side's six games, took one wicket in 24.5 overs for 133 runs.

His selection became a national debate and when he was omitted from the side for South Africa's must-win Pool B match against Sri Lanka he must have feared that the

Still Donald would have hoped for the chance to redeem himself in the tournament's latter stages, but when the rain came down and the Duckworth-Lewis score sheets condemned South Africa to an early exit the man known in his prime as "white lighting" was heading for the most ignominious of farewells.

Other leading players were also heading home early.

World record-breaking batsman Brian Lara, Inzamam, the fourth highest one-day international run scorer in history, Pakistan captain Waqar Younis and Shoaib Akhtar, the world's fastest bowler, will play no part in the business end of the sport's showpiece event.

Injury scare

form at the World Cup, averaging 19 in six innings, although his strike rate has been an impressive 96.61,

almost a run a ball. In a highly charged group game against arch-rivals Pakistan he scored 21 off 14 balls, putting on 53 for the opening wicket with

Saber's ten-point FROM PAGE 13 Abahani back on track

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Young right-arm seamer Alamgir Gazi claimed five wickets as title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra returned to winning ways with a 15-run victory over Bangladesh Biman at the BKSP ground in Saver yesterday.

Alamgir bowled only 6.4 overs conceding a meagre 13 runs to ground Biman for 200 in 49.4. The national flag carrier team was chasing 216 for

It was Alamgir's best bowling

Middle-order Hasanuzzaman put some fight for Biman with a 91-ball while former national captain Aminul Islam (41) was the other notable run-getter.

Earlier, Abahani's 215 for seven in 50 overs was built around two halfcenturies from opener Mehrab Hossain and Sajjad Ahmed.

South Africa 2003

REUTERS, Johannesburg

// ICC Cricket World Cup

Notable statistics after the first

phase of the 2003 cricket World

Cup was recorded by Zimbabwe's

Craig Wishart, with a 149-ball 172

not out the 10th highest in history, 16 runs behind the World Cup

record and 22 behind the one-day

all-time record against Namibia in

Harare (Feb 10). Canada opening

batsman Ishwar Maraj, meanwhile

faced 155 balls to score 53 not out

against South Africa (Feb 27) in the

second slowest innings in tourna-

* Australia's Ian Harvey, a late

addition to the Australia squad

after Shane Watson's injury, took a

wicket with his first ball of the

tournament by removing

Pakistan's Saleem Elahi at The

Wanderers. Harvey ended with

four for 58, Australia won by 82 runs

and Harvey was dropped next

* Sachin Tendulkar became the top run-scorer in World Cup his-tory during his 52 against the

Netherlands, overhauling former

Pakistan batsman Javed Miandad's

total of 1,083 runs when he had

reached 25 (Feb 12). He scored 152

in the 181-run win over Namibia

(Feb 23) to match Australian Mark

Waugh's career total of four World

Cup hundreds and raised his

career tally of ODI runs to beyond

12,000 with a brilliant 98 against

the fifth bowler to take 300 one-day

wickets when dismissing

Dutchman Feiko Kloppenburg in

* Left-armer Chaminda Vaas

created cricket history with a

hattrick off the first three balls of

the match against Bangladesh on

the way to final figures of 6-25 in

Pietermaritzburg (Feb 14). After five matches, Vaas boasted 16

* England, having refused to play in Zimbabwe, bowled their

first ball of the World Cup against

the Netherlands in East London

(Feb 16) 163 hours and 30 minutes

the lowest total in one-day interna-

tional history, as Sri Lanka crushed

* Canada were skittled for 36

after the tournament began.

* India's Javagal Srinath became

ment history

match (Feb 11).

Pakistan (March 1).

wickets at 7.81 apiece.

Paarl (Feb 12).

* The highest score of the World

SCOREBOARD

table along with Surjo Tarun Club. There will be no matches today. Abahani will meet arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in the next match tomorrow.

On the other hand, Biman tasted

their seventh defeat in nine matches that kept them at the bottom of the

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League match between Abahani and Biman at the BKSP yesterday:

ABAHANI $Mehrab\,c\,Jahangir\,b\,Ahsanullah\,\,52$ Sajjad c and b Mosaddek TMahmudcKhanbMosaddek 34 $A kram\,b\,Khan$ Asadullah run out $Naimur\,st\,Mortruza\,b\,Khan$ Arman c Anis b Aimul jr Mukhternotout Extras: (b-2, lb-8, w-14) 24 Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-123, 3-175, 4-176, 5-184, 6-191, 7-215 O M

(February 19). Sri Lanka eased

home in only 4.4 overs, completing

the second fastest run-chase ever

Kenya at The Wanderers (March 1)

meant they had not won for a world

record 32 one-dayers in a row, stretching back to the 1999 World

Of those, 30 were defeats (including a world-record 23 in a row)

with the other two rained off. They

have also lost 16 of 17 Tests, with

bad weather saving them in the

the fastest century in World Cup

history against West Indies (Feb

23), reaching three figures off 67 deliveries to break Indian Kapil

Dev's 1983 mark by five balls.

Davison's next innings, against

South Africa in East London, ended

of the tournament, his half-century

coming off just 23 balls. The West

Indies innings of 206 for three in

20.3 overs produced the fastest

runs per over ever recorded in a

dismissed Nick Statham of the

Netherlands (Feb 25) to become

the only man to take 500 wickets in

one-day internationals. Wasim

was playing in his fifth and last

* India's left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra took six for 23, at the time

the third-best bowling figures in

World Cup history, to rout England

by 82 runs in Durban (Feb 26). He

had spent the previous two days on

the treatment table for a sprained

24 hours later, courtesy of Glenn

* Australia's world-record 256-

McGrath, then to fifth, courtesy of

run win over Namibia at

Potchefstroom (Feb 27) meant

they were the first team to qualify

for the Super Sixes. It also gave

them an 11th consecutive one-day

international win, equalling the

record set by West Indies between

with other records, Glenn

McGrath's 7-15 the second-best

bowling figures in one-day history and the best in a World Cup, Darren Lehmann hitting a World

Cup record 28 off one over the last

of the innings and Adam Gilchrist

taking six catches, equalling the

The Namibia game was packed

June 1984 and February 1985.

Andy Bichel, a few days after that.

fourth in the table

Ashish moved down to

Pakistan's Wasim Akram

Brian Lara hit the quickest fifty

after one single and two balls.

one-day innings, at 10.04.

* Canada's John Davison scored

* Bangladesh's 32-run defeat to

in limited-overs internationals.

other.

Ziaur	7	2	33	0	
Khan	5	0	20	2	
Ahsanullah	10	2	30	1	
Mosaddek	10	0	44	2	
BIMAN					
Khan b Alamgir				1	
Rashedulc Mukhterb Alamgir 1					
Jahangir bAlamgir 7					
Hasan c Mehrab b Arman 53					
Aminul srlbw b T Mahmud 41					
Ziaur run out 19					
Ahsanullah c Mukhter b Suja 13					
Mosaddek cArman bT Mahmud10					
Aminul jr c sub b	Alamg	ir	2	9	
Mortuza not out				2	
Anis b Alamgir				0	
Extras: (b-6, lb-9	, nb-2, v	v-7)	2	4	
Total: (All out in 4	49.4 ove	ers)	20	0	
Fall of wickets: 1 5-133,6-148,7-1	1-3, 2-1	2, 3-		100	

Earlier, Abahani's 215 for seven in 50 overs was built around two half-	Mukhternotou	ıt			9	Bowler	0	M	R	W
centuries from opener Mehrab	Extras: (b-2, lb-8	B, w-14)		:	24	Russell	9	1	21	0
Hossain and Sajjad Aĥmed.	Total: (For 7 wk	tsin 50 o	vers)	21	5	Alamgir	6.4	1	13	5
Mehrab scored 52 off 90 balls with	Fall of wickets:	1-12, 2	-123	3-17	5, 4-	Neeyamur	1	0	5	0
a six and five boundaries while Sajjad added 53 off 93 balls.	176, 5-184, 6-19				- /	Arman	10	0	44	1
	Bowler	0	M	R	W	Mehrab	5	0	25	0
It was Abahani's fifth win against two defeats that raised their tally to 30	Aminul jr	8	0	40	1	T Mahmud	9	1	41	2
points from seven matches.	Anis	10	1	38	0	Result: Abaha	ni won b	y 15	runs	
First rou	ınd	iı	1	S	t	ats				

one-day record by a wicketkeeper.

playing because of an injury to

Jason Gillespie, completed the third best bowling figures in one-

day history, taking seven for 20

against England at Port Elizabeth

(March 2). He then scored 34 not

out to earn the man-of-the-match

award as Australia won by two

wickets to seal a world record 12th

second tied match when South

Africa clashed with Sri Lanka in

their final Pool B games (March 4).

The previous instance, against Australia in the 1999 World Cup,

also involved South Africa. In each

instance the team were eliminated

ODI RATINGS

* The World Cup saw only its

straight one-day victory.

as a result.

REUTERS, London

* Australia's Andy Bichel, only

as new captain Internet, Port Elizabeth

Vaughan tipped

Batsman Michael Vaughan has emerged as the early favourite to take over the captaincy of the England one-day cricket team following the resignation of Nasser Hussain.

Marcus Trescothick was initially seen as Hussain's natural successor in both the limited-overs and Test arenas, but the Somerset opener has struggled to hit top form with the bat in recent months

And that has seemingly left the way clear for Yorkshire's Vaughan, although Surrey skipper Adam Hollioake and Durham all-rounder Paul Collingwood are also being tipped as possible candidates.

Hussain wants to remain in charge of the England Test team despite stepping down as one-day skipper following his country's World Cupevit World Cup exit.

"I want to play in 100 Test matches and captain England in the Test match arena for a little while vet." he said on Tuesday.

But not everyone is convinced that having two different people in charge is the way forward.

One of Hussain's predecessors, Mike Gatting, says having two captains could lead to confusion.

"It has happened in Australia where Steve Waugh is Test captain and Ricky Ponting is in charge of the one-dayside," said Gatting.

"But the coach will have to deal with two captains instead of one, the players will have to deal with two captains instead of one.'

England will take their time before naming a successor to Hussain, with chairman of selectors David Graveney saying: "There's no

ECB expects Zim to tour England

AFP, London

English cricket supremo Tim Lamb on Wednesday vowed to fight any move to impose financial penalties over England's refusal to play their World Cup match in Zimbabwe.

Lamb also said he had heard nothing from Zimbabwean cricket officials to suggest they would not go ahead with their planned tour of England this summer.

England refused to travel to Harare for the game on February 13 and as well as forfeiting four points, could face claims for damages by the International Cricket Council and the Zimbabwe Cricket Union.

Lamb told BBC Radio that the English and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) would resist any such moves.

"We don't feel the need to make any apologies for not going to Zimbabwe. We did not receive unequivocal assurances regarding safety from the relevant security services," he said.

"We had a very strong legal case and were very disappointed (the ICC refused to move the game to South Africa), and if it comes to arbitration we will defend our position.

English cricket is facing a compensation claim from the Zimbabwe Cricket Union of around one million pounds (1.6 million dollars). The cancellation of the Zimbabwe tour would cost an estimated ten million pounds (16 million dollars).

on February 10, but surely he should be ready to play on February

Shabana Parveen Nipa (R) and Ivana during their tenth round engagement of the 24th national chess championship

South Africa 2003

AFP, Melbourne

ICC Cricket World Cup

Shane Warne will know by next month what he is allowed to do in cricket during his year-long doping

at the NSC conference room yesterday.

But Victoria coach David Hookes would like him to at least visit the state team's dressing room some time this week.

Hookes again called for the state captain to be able to train with his teammates so Warne can be ready to play once his ban ends on February 10 next year.

The Australian Cricket Board's legal department is working on the parameters of Warne's ban, while ts cricket operations manager Michael Brown will soon speak to Hookes about the issue.

"I think it would be very unfair if he's not allowed to practise cricket," Hookes said.

"I concede his playing ban ends

McEnroe misses **British** job

AFP, London

Tennis great John McEnroe says he is disappointed local tennis chiefs have snubbed his offer to help revive the game in Britain.

The Lawn Tennis Association are set to unveil David Felgate, Tim Henman's former coach, as their new director of performance on Wednesday

But McEnroe says he was prepared to play a part-time role after discussions with LTA chief executive John Crowther.

"I was interested in working on a limited basis, inspiring the kids in some way, but I have heard nothing," the 44-year-old American told The Times newspaper.

dropped Fleming on 53 at The

Wanderers from a regulation edge

(Feb 16). Fleming went on to win

the match for New Zealand with his

unbeaten century, leaving the

hosts in turmoil. For the next few

days, arguments raged over Shaun

Pollock's captaincy and whether

error against South Africa although

it proved less costly. He sauntered

nonchalantly backwards to catch

Lance Klusener at square leg at

Klusener, however, with 57 from 48

Town only to step on the rope.

Pedro Collins made as bad an

Allan Donald should be axed.

Jobless for the moment

"I'm not sure if he can or not, but that's certainly one thing we would fight on his behalf.

"I don't think anybody any-where, even Dick Pound, would say he shouldn't be allowed to at least play on the 11th.

Pound, the World Anti-Doping Agency chairman, has been scathng of Warne during the doping controversy that led to the leg spin-

An ACB anti-doping committee suspended Warne late last month after he tested positive to banned ACB public affairs manager Peter

Young said apart from working out the details of the suspension, the board was also keen to help make sure Warne was ready to play once his ban ended.

"What we're trying to do is we're seeking to understand what he can and can't do obviously he can't play," Young said.

"We also want to help work out a plan that will have him in peak condition and form once he returns to cricket.

"Michael Brown is consulting with stakeholders in this and he's due to speak to David Hookes.

Once the ACB lawyers finish their document, it will be signed off as policy. Young said this would probably not happen until next month.

Hookes said he was hopeful Warne would attend this week's Sheffield Shield match against Western Australia and also talk to his state teammates. "My understanding is Warney will come down during the game at

some stage, just to stay away from the media people and sneak in the back door," Hookes said. "I'd love to see him during the game his great strength, Warney, is

also his dressing room presence, because he understands the game. "He's a big calming influence in

the changeroom at the right time. Hookes said Warne needed to bowl to national-quality batsmen

during his ban. "There's no point saying to Warne, go to some club ground and bowl against yourself, he needs to bowl against batsmen of quality, he said.

BOWLING & BATTING

REUTERS, Johannesburg

 $Best \ bowling \ and \ batting \ performances \ at \ the \ Cricket \ World \ Cup \ after \ the$ completion of the group stages:

BEST INNINGS ANALYSIS Australia v Namibia 7-15 Glenn McGrath Potchefstroom 7-20 Andy Bichel Australia v England Port Elizabeth 6-23 Ashish Nehra India v England Chaminda Vaas Sri Lanka v Bangladesh Pietermaritzburg Collins Obuya Kenya v Sri Lanka 5-27 Austin Codrington Canada v Bangladesh Durban Pakistan v Namibia Kimberley 5-28 Wasim Akram Kimberley West Indies v Kenya Vasbert Drakes 5-33 Rudi van Vuuren Namibia v England Port Elizabeth 5-44 Vasbert Drakes West Indies v Canada Centurion

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

Chaminda Vaas Sri Lanka 16 Vasbert Drakes West Indies 12 Andy Bichel Australia 12 Glenn McGrath Australia Pakistan 12 Wasim Akram Muttiah Muralitharan 12 Sri Lanka 11 Shoaib Akhtar Pakistan Tim de Leede 11 Netherlands Jacob Oram New Zealand 11 John Davison Canada 10 James Anderson **England** Makhaya Ntini South Africa

10 HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES 172* CraigWishart Zimbabwe v Namibia Harare Sachin Tendulkar India v Namibia Pietermaritzburg Iohannesburg 143* Andrew Symonds Australia v Pakistan Herschelle Gibbs South Africa v New Zealand Johannesburg Scott Styris New Zealand v Sri Lanka Bloemfontein 134* Stephen Fleming New Zealand v South Africa Johannesburg 134* Klaas Jan van Noortwijk Netherlands v Namibia Bloemfontein 124 Maryan Atapattu Sri Lanka v South Africa Durban Feiko Kloppenburg Netherlands v Namibia Bloemfontein 120 Bloemfontein Sanath Jayasuriya Sri Lanka v New Zealand

balls, was caught by Carl Hooper in LEADING RUN SCORERS the final over as West Indies 469 Sachin Tendulkar

(*notout)

sneaked home by three runs. 384 Herschelle Gibbs THE WORST Sanath Jayasuriya

CELEBRATION

Bangladesh, cricket's 10th Test nation, have not had the chance to celebrate anything after five World Cup defeats out of six, the first to lowly Canada and the last to Kenya. Their only two points came from a wash-out against West Indies. The team extended their world record run of one-dayers without victory to 32 matches by losing to the Kenyans (March 1).

New Zealand's Chris Cairns and Brendon McCullum did not impress either with their celebrations in a Durban nightclub. Both were fined \$500 by their national board after getting involved in fracas which ended with Cairns

being punched to the ground. THE SADDEST QUOTE

"Go away!" said Jackson Warne,

No stopping

abuse by the Australians, and Zimbabweans Andy Flower and Henry Olonga launched extraordinary protests against the Robert Mugabe government.

Zealand added to the headache of the organisers by refusing to play in Zimbabwe and Kenya respectively.

But off-field happenings took a backseat as Sachin Tendulkar dazzled with the bat like only he can emerge as this tournament's highest scorer with 469 runs.

mum points into the Super Sixes, Kenya take 10 after a stunning win over fellow qualifiers Sri Lanka and four easy points against the Kiwis who boycotted their game in Nairobi for security reasons and force a rain-hit tie against South Stephen Fleming's New

India

South Africa

Sri Lanka

Zealand may have been lucky to sneak through after South Africa's heart-breaking exit, but victories over Shaun Pollock's home team Zimbabwe, as lucky as the

Kiwis, now get a chance to prove they are worthy qualifiers after just two wins in the league against minnows Namibia and the

Quips & Quotes

South Africa skipper Shaun Pollock before his team's elimina-

"Knowing my capabilities as a batsman, I'd rather take on Jonah Lomu one-on-one than Brett Lee."

supermarket buying everything on the International Olympic Committee's blacklist, vou would need a trolley the size of a bus Former England all-rounder

Ian Botham, speaking out in defence of Shane Warne following his positive drugs test.

sympathy for Warne. Warne has betrayed Australian sport." The Australian newspaper after it was revealed Warne had taken

"Go away! Shane Warne's son Jackson, yelling at the media camped around the family home in Mel-

of Zimbabwe dollars and millions of US dollars.

Harare. "This is the equivalent of Tonga beating Canada in curling, or the Jamaican bobsled team winning gold... To translate, Canadians in pyjama-style uniforms whacked

ground, before throwing and catch ing better than the other guys.

The Ottawa Citizen after Canada's shock defeat of Bangladesh. "It's really sad and it wasn't easy.

South Africa selector and former teammate Pat Symcox after Jonty Rhodes was dropped from

the squad with a broken hand. "If you wanted someone to field you life, I would go for Jonty.

to be an umpire or the temperament to be a coach, and I'm not a commentator. I may talk a lot in the field, but it's mostly rubbish.

Jonty Rhodes on his future after cricket. a little bit nervous.

Cairns returned to bowling after a year off injured and was hit for 21 off a single over. "Olonga is not a Zimbabwean, he is a Zambian, but he has been

tion secretary for the governing ZANU-PF party in Zimbabwe, after Andrew Flower and Henry Olonga wore black armbands while playing to protest against President Robert Mugabe's gov-

ernment.

"We are travelling nicely at the moment.' Australia coach John

R Sarwan	720
YYouhana	716
CGayle	712
AFlower	710
BOWLER	POINTS
SPollock	909
M Muralitharan	899
GMcGrath	873
M Ntini	812
CVaas	795

Latest PricewaterhouseCoopers one-day international ratings after World Cup group stage matches in South Africa on

Tuesday: BATSMAN	POIN
S Jayasuriya	8
M Hayden	8
STendulkar	8
H Gibbs	7
M Bevan	7
MAtapattu	7
R Sarwan	7

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Best and Worst

Shoaib finally got his man for a 75-ball 98, but by then Tendulkar, struggling with cramp, had all but won the game. Shoaib ended with

THE BEST INNINGS Another three-way tie. Canada's John Davison, a first-class off spinner and tail-end batsman, hit the fastest century (32 in fours, 36 in sixes) in Cup history with a 67baller against West Indies at Centurion (Feb 23), completed with a six off Mervyn Dillon. The achievement, he said, "sent a shiver down my spine". Four days earlier, Canada were bowled out for a world-record low of 36 by Sri Lanka. New Zealand's Stephen Fleming scored 134 not out off 132 deliveries in a high-pressure run

chase to beat South Africa at The Wanderers (Feb 16). "I've waited a long time for an

innings like that," he said. Tendulkar's 98 against Pakistan may have missed the magical three-figure mark but, in terms of textbook savagery, must rank as one of the great one-day innings.

THE BEST CATCH

West Indian Vasbert Drakes, to end Davison's remarkable innings of 111. He seemed badly positioned after drifting in off the boundary rope at long-off but jack-knifed backwards and caught the ball one-handed high above his head The television commentators announ-ced a six before Drakes got up with the ball in his hand. He also completed figures of five for 44.

Brett Lee's dismissal of Andy Blignaut after the Zimbabwean's 25-ball half-century in Bulawayo (Feb 24) came close. Blignaut cross-batted a lightning full toss straight back at the bowler who somehow caught the ball at throat level. Lee himself could not believe it. Lip-readers would have had no problems identifying his shocked expletive. THE BEST RUN-OUT

A two-way tie. New Zealand's 20run win against West Indies in Port

Elizabeth (Feb 13) owed much to Pakistan were knocked out of the Brian Lara's dismissal. He fell to tournament. cricket's latest innovation, the THE WORST DROP relay throw, when Lou Vincent South Africa's Mark Boucher, chased down the ball, slung it low snatching too eagerly at the ball, to Chris Cairns who turned

instantly and, with one stump to aim at, ran Lara out for two. Sri Lankan duo Kumar Sangakarra and Muttiah Muralitharan were similarly brilliant in running out Shaun Pollock and, in effect, knocking South Africa out of the World Cup in Durban (March 3). The wicketkeeper's lightning pick-up and throw after Pollock's leg-side prod was well wide of the stumps at the bowler's end but Muralitharan caught the ball and flicked it behind his back to beat Pollock's lunge by inches. Even umpire Steve Bucknor was caught out. He almost

did not bother to call for television adjudication, so sure was he that the batsman was in. THE BEST CELEBRATION

Kenya's players jived away at the fall of each late wicket as they pulled off the biggest upset of the World Cup against the Sri Lankans in Nairobi (Feb 24). There were more jubilant huddles when they beat Bangladesh in Johannesburg (March 1) to clinch their place in the Super Sixes. Captain Steve Tikolo has promised more dancing in the next round.

Vuuren, who has also represented

his country at rugby union: "Know-

ing my capabilities as a batsman.

I'd rather take on Jonah Lomu one-

THE BEST QUOTE Namibian bowler Rudi van

on-one than Brett Lee.'

THEWORST INNINGS Leading batsman Inzamamul Haq, dismissed for a golden duck against England, went in to bat against the Netherlands at Paarl (Feb 25) needing a confidence boost. Barely moving his feet, he was trapped for a second-ball duck by Tim de Leede's medium-paced floater. The fourth heaviest oneday scorer in history, he made scores of 6, 4, 0, 0, 6 and 3 as

Shane Warne's young son, as reporters flocked to his Melbourne home after the Australia leg spinner flew home to Australia without bowling a ball in anger at the World Cup following his failed drugs test.

FROM PAGE 13 While Australia carry 12 maxi-Rashid Latif was accused of racial

Worse, England and New

Sri Lankan seamer Chaminda Vaas took a hattrick with the first three balls of the match against Bangladesh, grabbed another with the fifth delivery and now leads the bowlers' list with a joint tally of 16

and the West Indies earlier in the league ensured they will not be toyed around with.

Sad to say 'em FROM PAGE 13

eliminated after a tied game. The 36-year-old, who played in

writing was on the wall.

FROM PAGE 13

the ball around a little, running crazily between six sticks in the Tendulkar off 5.4 overs.

them by nine wickets in Paarl

Namibia bowler Rudi van Vuuren, who has also played international rugby. "If you went round your local

"There can no longer be a shred of

not one but two tablets containing diuretics.

bourne. $"It\, runs\, into\, million\, and\, millions$

Vince Hogg, managing director of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, on the financial implications of England's refusal to play in

We couldn't afford to risk the World

Former South Africa all rounder Mike Procter. 'I don't think I've got the patience

"I think the big fella was probably New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming after all rounder Chris

allowed to play here. Flower is also not a Zimbabwean. He is British." Nathan Shamuyarira, informa-