# Pak spanner in Kiwi march



Cup cricket semifinals when they crushed previously unbeaten New Zealand at Lancaster Park on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Pakistani seven-wicket victory snuffed out holders Australia's chance of getting to the semifinals, and also pipped the West Indies who lost to Australia in Melbourne later in the day.

Rameez hit the top score of the tournament - 119 not out off 155 balls - to ensure the win which was set up by Pakistan's bowlers. They justified Imran's decision to put New Zealand in on a pacey pitch, bundling the joint hosts out for 166 in 48.2 overs.

The batsmen initially made hard work of getting the runs, sensationally losing Aamir Sohail first ball to Danny Morrison, who then bowled Inzamamul Haq in his next

But a sensible 115-run third wicket partnership between Rameez and Javed Miandad carried Pakistan through to success at 167 for three with 5,2 overs to spare.

Rameez, batting fluently from the start, was rarely troubled, although approaching his century he used a runner briefly.

His main partner, Miandad, batted scratchily and Dipak Patel dropped a difficult caught and bowled chance on three, but he stayed long enough effectively to win the game before Morrison trapped him lbw for 30. Earlier, when Aamir was

caught at fine leg off a Morrison short ball, he waited interminably and in vain for the square leg umpire to call a Morrison bowled aggres-

sively, and in his next over opened the door for New Zealand when he bowled Inzamamul.

Off-spinner Patel must have rued the dropped catch soon after but he bowled superbly, again as the opening bowler, having figures of none for 25 from 10 overs. He and Willie Watson

pinned the Pakistani batsman

down, so that they scored only 17 runs in nine overs, but once they were taken off, the batsman gradually took control. The New Zealand fielders

excelled as they have through the competition, but 166 proved too small a target to defend

"It was the towling which set up the match," captain Imran said. He said he was worried about New Zealand's batting and that was why he sent the home side in.

lie particularly praised legspinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who took two for 18 in 10 overs.

"Our opening bowlers gave us a good start and then Mushtag came on and bowled beautifully," he said.

All the Pakistan bowlers contributed to New Zealand's demise, but none more than Mushtag. He came on in the eighth

over with New Zealand already in trouble at 36 for two, and none of the batsmen could fathom his wrist spin. In a brilliant spell, no one managed to hit a boundary from him.

Mushtaq was backed by a fine stint from paceman Wasim Akram, who took four for 32. but his performance was spoilt by nine wides and two no-balls. New Zealand, searching for

Mar 18: Pakistan

captain Imran

Khan said today

tially gave every indication of continuing in the vein they have in their previous matches.

Captain Martin Crowe said New Zealand did not score enough runs. "We know we let ourselves down with the bat,"

But he said the loss, may



Greatbatch-changed from all-

out attack to a more disci-

Pakistan's performance was

the number of extras con-

ceded, equal top score on 42,

The only real blemtsh in

Mushtaq got his first wicket

plined approach.

including 12 wides.

Total: (48.2 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-26;

3-39; 4-85; 5-85; 6-93; 7-96;

Pakistan opener Rameez Raja acknowledges the applause after reaching his second century of the World Cup yesterday at Chritstchurch. Rameez scored an unbeaten 119.

the charging Chris Harris



M-o-M MUSHTAQ . . 2 for 18

Zcaland. "It will sting us back into

action." Aaqib Javed, bowling the second over, was hit for two fours and a six by the flamboy ant Mark Greatbatch. But in his second over, he induced a touch from Rod Latham and had him caught at first slip by Inzamamul Huq for stx.

Next over, Akram, bowling quickly but erratically, had the normally reliable Andrew Jones trapped lbw for two.

However, Akram and his team mates jubilation at Jones' dismissal was nothing com pared with the joy expressed in his sixth when he had Crowe caught for three.

Crowe, averaging 181 before this innings, clipped a full length delivery straight to Aamir at backward square for a simple catch.

Then, two balls after dropping Ken Rutherford, Akram made amends by whipping in a quick return to keeper Moin Khan which left the batsman stranded after being refused a While wickets tumbled,

missed it and was stumped by Moin for one. Mushtaq then removed the last serious obstacle. Greatbatch, who had been batting freely against all the bowlers except Mushtaq, casually lapped the ball to Salim Malik at short fine leg. He hit five fours and a six in his 67ball innings of 42. lan Smith and Patel quickly followed Greatbatch to have New Zealand in dire trouble at 106 for eight in the 28th over, five wickets tumbling for 21 in

mid-innings. It was left to the tailenders to give the New Zealanders token respectability. Gavin Larsen and Danny Morrison added 44 valuable runs in 56 minutes before Akram was brought back to remove Morrison. Akram ended the innings

when he bowled the brave Larsen for 37.

Rameez, whose innings contained 16 fours, then put the seal on Pakistan's outstanding performance.

Corwe said he was relieved that New Zealand would play their semifinal in Auckland on Saturday rather than against Australia in Sydney.

"We would probably prefer

to play South Africa." The result meant that the two teams will again face each other, in the first semifinal at Auckland next Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Cup cricket match between New Zealand and Pakistan on Wednesday:

**NEW ZEALAND** 

Greatbatch c Malim b Mushtag Latham c Inzamamul b Aaqıb Jones lbw b Akram Crowe c Aamir b Akram Rutherford run out Harris st Moin b Mushtag Patel c Mushtag b Aamir Smith b Imran Larsen b Akram Morrison e Inzamamul b Akram Watson not out Extras: (b-3, lb-23,

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Did not bat : Imran Khan, ljaz Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed.

Bowling: Morrison 25 Patel Watson Harris Larsen Jones Latham 0 Rutherford 1.4 0 Greatbatch Result: Pakistan won by seven wickets

Man-of-the-match: Mushtag

# Samad Smriti

The final of the Jadukar Samad Smriti football will be held at the Outer Stadium on March 23 at 3 pm.

Ganaktuli Kishore Football Eleven and Kishore Eleven will clash in the final.

#### semifinals starting on Saturday (Tabulate under played, won, lost, no result, points, net run-rate):

CUP STANDINGS

matches, with the top four

teams going through to the

World Cup cricket final

New Zealand 8 7 1 0 14 0.59

(Note: Net run-rate is difference between batting and bowling rates. Under competition rules, runs scored in no-result matches are not included in run-rate).

Nawaz Sharif's congratulations ISLAMABAD, Mar 18: Prime

**Nawaz Sharif** sent congratulatory messages today to the Pakistan cricket team on their victory against New Zealand, officials said, reports AFP.

Sharif said the team fought back with grit and determina tion in the last few matches to re-establish Pakistan's position in the family of cricket-playing

He expressed his "great joy and satisfaction" in messages addressed to skipper Imran Khan and team manager Intikhab Alam.

The Premier specially praised Rameez Raja, who hit out a century and Javed Miandad for giving him excellent support.

### Richards rallies around Richardson

MELBOURNE, Mar 18 Former champion batsman Viv Richards said Wednesday that West Indies captain Richie Richardson needs the respect of the team and selectors if his side is to continue as the dominant force in international cricket, reports AP.

Richards, who missed selection for the 14 man World Cup squad, said he held no animosity or ill-feeling towards the side, but said its plight is in Richardson's hands.

"The future looks good, as long as Richie can get the respect of the team and get everyone behind him," Richards said. "Earlier I was disappointed missing selection, but think I am always able to spread my shoulders and take disappointment with the "I felt with that, I could only

wish the guys the best because you have to realise I am West Indian and I've always played my heart out for the West Indies and I wouldn't want the guys to do differently. "

Richards is in Australia to promote his new autobiography "Hitting Across the Line," which details his 17 years of international cricket.

He said he still has at least two more years of cricket left in him and will continue to play out his contract with English county side Glamorgan. "I am looking forward to

play with Glamorgan, we have a good relationship both on and off the field," he said.

### Dutch coach for Japanese booters

TOKYO, Mar 18: Martus Johan Ooft of the Netherlands is to come to the rescue of Japan's national team bidding for a berth in the 1994 World Cup, the Japan Football Association announced here

Tucsday, reports AFP.
"I'm glad to be back in Japan, said Ooft, who had coached the Mazda soccer club in Hiroshima, western Japan, for four years from April 1984. "The aim will be to try to

qualify for the 1994 World Cup in the United States, the only aim personally. If they reach the final rounds, it's a success," he said at a press con-

ference.
Ooft is going to join the team as a manager within a few months, after finishing his role as the managing director of Stitching football club Utrecht of the Netherlands.



seven wickets and reached the semifinals.

### Aussies bow out in style standings after Wednesday's



MELBOURNE. Mar 18: Left-arm paceman Mike Whitney destroyed West Indies World Cup cri-

cket semifinal hopes with a four-wicket burst which gave outgoing champions Australia a 57-run win today, reports

It was some consolution for

ing to 10 from 44 deliveries became Whitney's first victim. caught behind by Ian Healy.

It was the beginning of the end for the former one-day kings who won the first two World Cups.

Whitney, bristling with energy, hustled through the middle order, accounting for Keith Arthurton (15), Gus

Logic (5) and Carl Hooper (4).

deliveries. It left Australia on 107 for one with almost half their overs remaining and perfectly poised for some fast scoring by their stroke-makers.

But instead tight bowling by

Moody's 42 contained three

boundaries and came from 70

West Indies frustrated them. Dean Jones was caught behind for six attempting to run the ball to third man, captain Allan Border fell leg before to Stmmons for eight and Mark Waugh was stumped by wick-etkeeper David Williams off spinner Carl Hooper for 21.

Boon then also perished, for edging an attempted pull which was caught by Williams. It was another accom-

plished innings from Boon, the one Australian batsman throughout the tournament to look full of runs and he was made man-of-the-match. Soon after he departed. Steve Waugh was yorked for six and Australia limped to 216 for

six, more with a whimper than a bang. But it was still enough to

stifle West Indies' hopes.

#### SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the World

Cup cricket day-night match between Australia and West Indies today. AUSTRALIA Moody c Benjamin b

Boon c Williams b Cummins Jones e Williams b Cummins 6 Border Ibw b Simmons M Waugh st Williams b Hooper S Waugh b Cummins Healy not out Taylor not out Extras: (lb-3, w-3, nb-6) Total: (six wickets -50 overs

Fall of wicket: 1-107; 2-128; 3-141; 4-185; 5-189; 6-

Did not bat: C McDermott, M Whitney, B Reid Bowling Ambrose

Benjamin Cummins Hooper Simmons WEST INDIES Hynes c Jones b McDermott 14 Lara run out Simmons Ibw b McDermott 0 Richardson c Healy b Whitney

Arthurton c McDermott Whitney Logie c Healy b Whitney Hooper c M Waugh b Whitney 4 Williams c Border b Reid Benjamin lbw b S Waugh Ambrose run out Cummins not out Extras: (b-3, lb-5, w-3, nb-4) 15

Total: (42.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-27; 3-59; 4-83; 5-99; 6-117; 7-128; 8-137; 9-150.

Bowling McDermott Reid Whitney S Waugh Taylor

With opening partner Tom

of the later batsman were able to help him boost it much above that mark for the remainder of the innings. Boon's 50 came from 87

balls and the century partner-It was the perfect platform

for Australia to post a large score, but they failed to take it. Moody, far less assured than

his opening partner, pulled paceman Anderson Cummins high to backward square leg where Benjamin made up for initial hesitation with a brilliant, diving catch inches from

The paceman finished with four for 34 from 10 overs. After that, all heart and re-

-AFP photo



Australian opener David Boon playing a ball during

yesterday's World Cup match against the West Indies in

Melbourne Boon topscored with a fine 100 and was named

man-of-the match.

Australia after they had seen

their chances of a semifinal

berth disappear earlier in the

day with Pakistan's win over

qualified if they had beaten

Australia in the day-night

match here but were bowled

out for a paltry 159 after

Australia had scored 216 for

six in their 50 overs after win-

qualified for the semifinals on

Saturday and Sunday alongside

New Zealand, England and

Indies' middle order with a

opener Brian Lara offered any

real resistance and looked a

class above his team-mates as

he compiled 70 from only 97

Indies had a slim chance of

overtaking the Australian total.

But a stupid misunderstanding

with Winston Benjamin left

Lara stranded and he was

easily run out to become the

eighth wicket to fall with West

Indies' total on 137 in the

Paceman Craig McDermott

had started west Indies' de-

cline with two wickets in suc-

cessive balls with only 27 runs

caught at square leg by Dean

Jones for 14 and with his next

delivery trapped Phil Simmons

gave Australia the upper had

after their opening batsman

David Boon had underlined his

consistently fine form with an

attempted to revive West

Indies' fortunes but he never

looked happy against some

tight bowling and after labour-

Captain Richie Richardson

innings of exactly 100.

McDermott's double strike

He had Desmond Haynes

While he remained, West

spell of four for 20 in 36 balls.

Whitney wrecked West

Only stylish left-handed

The result meant Pakistan

ning the toss.

South Africa.

38th over.

on the board

leg before.

West Indies could still have

New Zealand in Christchurch.

sistance went from West Indies, leaving Pakistan to face New Zealand in the first semifinal in Auckland on Saturday while England will meet South Africa in Sydney the following

Australia's innings reflected their performance throughout the tournament, again illustrating the reliability of Boon and the fragility of their middle order.

Moody, Boon quickly established a scoring rate of four an The problem was that none

ship soon after from 155.

0 24 0 14 0 Moody Result: Australia won by 57

Man-of-the-match: David

New appointments Sports Reporter Khorshed Alt Mollah who is

the chairman of the Bangladesh Electronics Manufacturers' Association, has taken over as president of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation with immediate effect, said a Youth and Sports Ministry press release yester-

Meanwhile, the government has also appointed Md Inamul Haq. Secretary of Women's Affairs Ministry as the President of the Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation. the press release added.

beaten convincingly today, so

hopefully those teams have

played their best cricket in the

Jansher's attempt

for third title

18: Top seed Jansher Khan,

chasing a third straight title on

the world squash circuit,

cruised through the first round

of the German Open on

The Pakistani, who won the

Welsh classic and Spanish

Open last month, took only 36

minutes to beat England's Paul

dent ahead of next month's

British Open where he will be

top seeded in the absence of

injured compatriot Jahangir

Khan, who has lifted the

British crown for the last 10

But he tempered his opti-

Jansher said he felt confi-

Carter 15-6, 15-8, 15-11.

Tuesday, reports Reuter.

COLOGNE, Germany, Mar

tournament."

## A relief for Wessels' men



SYDNEY, Mar 18: The South African squad here for the cricket World Cup were "relieved and ha-

Wednesday that the "Yes" vote was winning overwhelmingly in the pro-reform referendum at home, reports AFP. Team manager Alan Jordaan told a media conference at their hotel: "As South Africans

we have been proud of the 'Yes' vote and obviously the result is a relief for us." "We live in the country, we believe it is the right way to go and from our point we are happy, but I suppose if you ask the people who voted 'No' then they're not going to be so

happy. Asked if they were surprised at the vote, he said: "No we've said all along that we believe it would win. President De Klerk will be overjoyed." Only three members of the

squad had the essential "Book-Of-Life" document with them to enable them to vote in the referendum because they did not expect to have the need of it when they left South Africa, Jordan said.

But captain Kepler Wessels said the vote would have been a unanimous 'Yes' if the entire

squad had been able to vote. The team arrived in Sydney Wednesday from Adelaide and, depending on the result of the

Australia v/s West Indies

match, appeared likely to stay

here to play England in Sunday's semifinal. Earlier in the week, team officials had suggested South Africa might be forced to withdraw from the competition if the vote had gone the

other way. Geoff Dakin, president of the recently-formed mixed race United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said on Monday that the team might have to withdraw if the vote had gone the other way and any other team objected to South Africa's continued par-

ticipation in the World Cup. Wessels said it did not matter which semifinalists they played - "They are equally tough.

He said he had revised his opinion of earlier in the week that England would be tougher than New Zcaland.

"England have taken two defeats in the last two games and so there must be some

"Also New Zealand got

Wessels said.

doubts in their minds."

years.

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at the moment and feel very strong. But I have been equally confident before the last six British Opens and not managed to win one yet," Jansher

#### the current oneday cricket rule on bouncers is causing too much confusion in the game, reports AFP. Speaking after his victory

over New Zealand here, he said he was annoyed with what he interpreted to be differing decisions by Australian umpire Steve Randell on what constituted a bouncer. On the first ball of the Pakistani innings, Danny Morrison, the New Zealand fast bowler, dug one in short

height to Aamir Schail. Sohail hooked and was caught at long leg. However, he remained in his ground waiting for Randell to call a no-ball. Randell was unmoved and Sohail was out without scoring. In Morrison's next over, a similar delivery, this time called a no-ball, was

which reared around shoulder

despatched by Inzamamul Haq to the boundary with a hook. The inconsistency, Imran said, needed to be cleared up. "I want to stress that this bouncer law is causing so much confusion," he said.

"A batsman hooks thinking

it's a no-ball and suddenly

finds himself walking out," Imran said.

"It is important in the next matches, whether we are in the World Cup or not, that it is made clear for the teams."

The current law stipulates

the ball travels past the batsman at shoulder height in his normal standing position. Imran found that unsatisfac-

that a no ball will be called if

### "How does an Umpire know First Division soccer resumes today

Sports Reporter

The First Division football league resumes today with the venue being shifted to the Dhaka Stadium from Mirpur Stadium.

Arambagh Krira Sangstha will taka on Police Athletic Club at 6.45 pm in the only fixture of the day. DMFA, which runs the

Senior Division football, was forced to suspend the league programme for want of adequate security personnel at the Mirpur Stadium since March

Imran slams bouncer law whether it's an inch above or below the shoulder?" he said.

He suggested an alteration to the rule. "Either you allow it head height, or anything in the shoulder region, which is normally banged in short and

it's obviously a bouncer."

# final

Sports Reporter

Pakistan wicketkeeper Moin Khan whips off the baffs to run out New Zealand's Ken Rutherford during yesterday's World Cup qualifying match. Pakistan won the match by