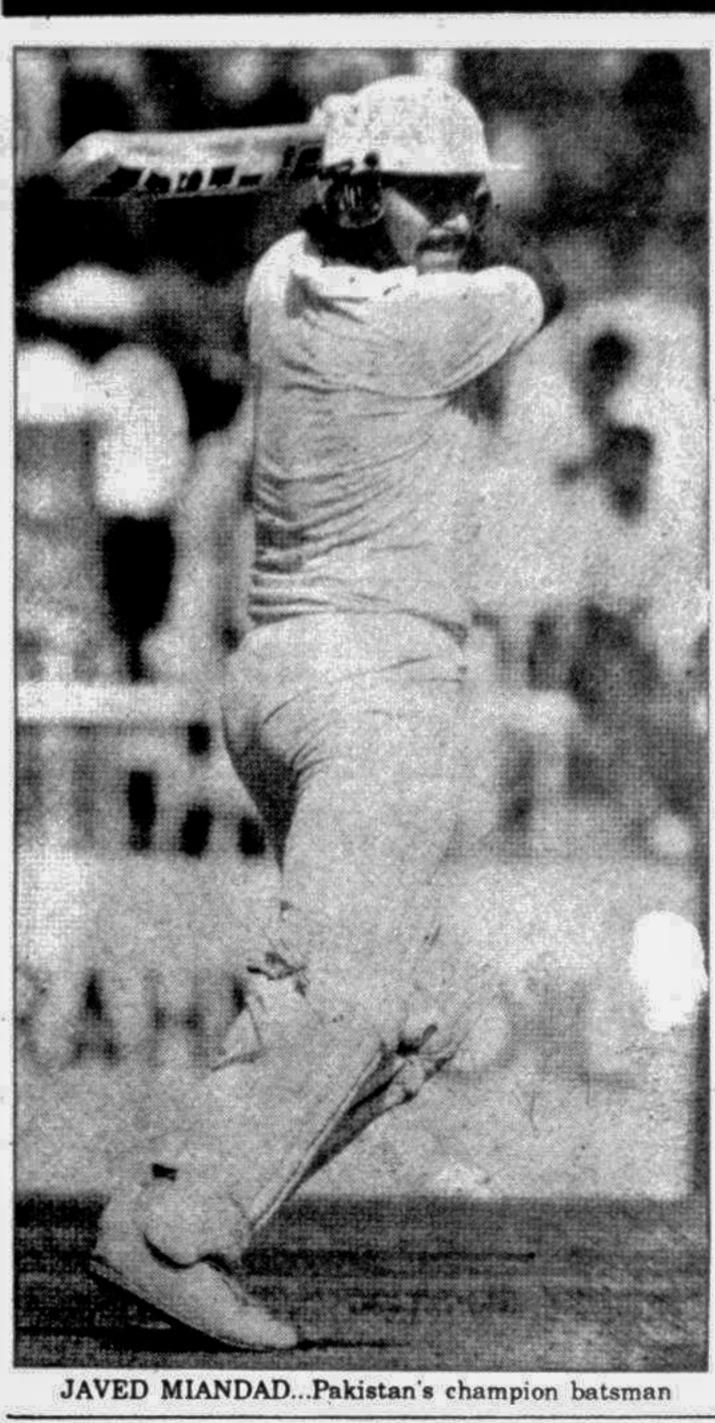
Genius wins over professionalism

By Shakil Kasem



## Mission Accomplished

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Pakistan, Imran brought Akram

back in to the attack and he

removed Lamb and Lewis with

two successive lethal deliveries

fifth bowler Imran had to use

Aamer Sohail and Ijaz Ahmed

rather tactfully. In fact

Mushtaq and Akram ran

through the English middle-

order and Imran accounted for

the last England wicket in the

unlucky But Pakistan, like

India in 1983, lifted the tro-

Pakistan had thrown every

thing into the game; and for a

change their catching was su-

perb. It was a deserving victory

for a team which was almost

written-off after the initial

stages. England had nothing to

be sorry about. It was not their

Nat'l cricket

from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

cricket championship gets

under way tomorrow at nine

different venues across the

ing 49 district sports associa

tions - split into nine zones --

will participate in the first

phase to be played on a knock-

The nine zonal champions

and the runners-up of the

Dhaka zone will take part in

the final round scheduled to

of Dhaka University, Rajshahi

University, Agricultural Univ-

ersity, BUET, PWD Sporting

Club, BKSP, Bangladesh

Railway and Bangladesh Biman.

on Agricultural University in

the zonal opener at the

Dhanmondi Stadium tomor-

participating teams:

and Comilia DSAs.

Moulvibazar DSAs.

Tangail DSAs.

Faridpur DSAs

Rangpur DSAs.

and Dinajpur DSAs.

row at 6:45 pm.

Dhaka University will take

Following are the other

SYLHET ZONE: Chittagong,

CHANDPUR ZONE: Sylhet,

FARIDPUR ZONE: Mymen-

TANGAIL ZONE: Dhaka,

BARISAL ZONE: Khulna,

JESSORE ZONE: Barisal,

PABNA ZONE: Rajshahi,

THAKURGAON ZONE:

Chandpur, Brahmanbaria, Feni

Habiganj, Madaripur and

singh, Sherpur, Kishoregani,

Gazipur, Narayangani and

Gopalganj, Sirajganj, Jamalpur,

Manikganj, Rajbari and

Pirojpur, Bagerhat, Patuakhali,

Narail, Jessore and Jhenidah

Jhalakathi, Satkhira, Magura,

Gatbandha, Thakurgaon, Na-

tore, Kurigram, Panchagar and

Bogra, Lalmonirhat, Naogaon,

Pabna, Nawabgani, Nilphamari

Insipid soccer

Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha

shared points in the First

Division Football league after

the match ended goalless at

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Muktijoddha Sangsad tomor-

Brothers Union will take on

Dhaka Wanderers Club and

Meherpur and Kushtia DSAs.

The Dhaka zone is made up

begin on April 10 in Dhaka.

A record 57 teams, includ-

country.

out basis.

The Gold Leaf national

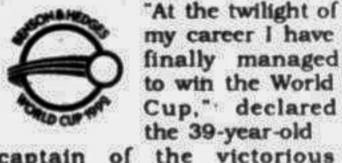
phy in their very first final.

England were third time

last over of the match.

In the absence of a regular

to be on a hat-trick.



captain of the victorious Pakistan team, holding the crystal trophy before a cheering 90 thousand spectators at the huge Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Perhaps, and why perhaps, this was definitely the last World Cup match for the demi god of Pakistan cricket. This was not only a personal triumph for Imran Khan but the biggest-ever achievement for the Pakistanis who started their official cricket in 1952-53 against India.

In achieving their enviable feat Javed Miandad, another brilliant star of world cricket, crossed a milestone which no other player has been able to achieve so far. Miandad, while scoring his 27th run yesterday. passed the dream figure of 1000 runs in the World Cup.

imran's decision to bat first on winning the toss proved to be vital, specially on a sunny day and on a wicket which was full of runs. And, secondly, he did not want to be under pressure chasing a target, particularly if it were unmanageable. It was true that his team had done so on a number of times in the past, in some cases unwittingly, but you don't, usually, do it every time. Again he was quite conscious of the bowling strength of his opponents which could at best be termed as tidy without being

devastating. The start for Pakistan was disastrous as Pringle with his military medium pace helped by slight variation in pace and swing sent back both the openers cheaply. But the veterans of all the five World Cup battles, Imran himself and his versatile deputy Javed Miandad, toyed with the English bowlers. Overs ticked by but runs were scarce. Instead of the batsmen being frustrated it was the other way round. Then, after the 28th over, the Pakistani charge began and the graph started a steep rise. Once again the great Khan led his team from the front.

Javed recorded his painstaking fifty, then lost concentration due to his stomach cramps. Inzamam's arrival at the crease changed the whole complexion of the innings. He kept his cool but was furious on the England bowlers. By the time Imran had left after a glorious 72, Wasim Akram, known for his big-hitting, joined Inzamam and these two tore the English bowling to shreds. Yet Pringle, in his second spell, bowled intelligently and restricted the Pakistanis to 249.

England too, did not manage a better beginning. Botham was perhaps a victim of misudgment of umptre Aldridge. Both Akram and Aaqib were bowling extremely well, though at times Akram was guilty of bowling wides. Auqib removed Stewart and when Hick, dancing to the tune of Mushtaq, and Gooch playing his favourite sweep shot fell, the end seemed near.

But this was a game of cricket. Fairbrother and Lamb struck a superb combination and threatened to overtake

genius and inspiration over stolid dull professionalism. Pakistan countered the mechanical motions of an English side, that tried to rely too much on bits-and-pieces players, with individual flair and aplomb. England were a prisoner of their own convictions, checkmated well and truly by a scasoned wily customer who has been in the game long enough to be godfather. Napoleon and RD, Laing. Plus being a more than average

> willed it his way. The Pakistan run machine stuttered a wee bit in the early overs, as Derek Pringle, the lumbering yeoman from Essex fought a rib injury to return with a remarkable first spell that saw him scalp both the openers. Enter Imran Khan and Javed Miandad in an exis-

Gooch says he's

proud of team

MELBOURNE, Mar 25

Graham Gooch, surveying a

personal record of three lost

finals and with his dejected

England team behind him in

the dressing room, said after

their World Cup defeat to

Pakistan yesterday he was

"proud to be leading the side",

World Cup with a test and one-

day series win over New

Zealand and Gooch said: "I am

pleased with the way the play-

mitment has been excellent.

We have played good cricket

but today our game was not up

to standard, we did not match

trying to keep them to 220-

250 which was getable but we

did not play well enough all

is a record that won't be bet-

tered. I don't think I'll get a

smith was fit to play after a

back injury but was dropped in

failed to reach 20 in his three

previous tournament innings

but Gooch said: "We (Gooch,

manager Mickey Stewart and

vice-captain Alec Stewart)

came down on the side of

Lamb because of his big-match

sion" I've had to make. It was

very tough to leave out some-

one like Robin- it shows the

"The lads are very dejected.

It is not the end of the world-

close to it- but you have to live

look in the mirror and think

you did your best, but if you

were beaten by someone else

"Hold your head up high,

with defeat as a sportsman.

strength of the team.

that is the way it is."

"It was the toughest deci-

chance to play in another."

favour of Allan Lamb.

experience.

We started well and were

I think three final defeats

Gooch revealed that Robin

Lamb, who made 31, had

Their attitude and com-

ers have gone on tour.

up on the big day.

round.

England preceded the

reports Reuter.

cricketer to boot. This World

Cup belonged to Imran Khan

because he planned it and

For once in the

World Cup, it was

good old fas-

hioned cricket.

As far as the

millions of afic-

ionados all over the world

(Bangladesh not excepted I)

were concerned it was good

that this brand of cricket was

saved as the icing on the cake.

sounding triumph of sheer

The final match was a re-

tential situation that would have tested Sartre's patience. Imran's is an imperious, commanding presence; always seemingly in control even if he is having an off day (this was not one of those days, how-

Javed Miandad, on the other hand, is not someone one would pay good money to go and watch, so ungainly is his style. But he has almost 7000 runs under his belt and Viv Richards swears by him when the chips are down.

Against such a combination, the English think tank ran woefully short of questions to pose. Lewis, Defreitas and Reeve never really had the chemistry that could serve, as the second line of attack. Gooch's handlebars seemed to droop with every passing over that the partnership prospered. Imran departed for 72 priceless runs while Miandad. in true streetfighter fashion, helped himself and Pakistan to another of his inevitable fifties.

The stage was set then for the young lions of the side, Akram and the irrepressible Inzamamul. Both pummelled the mediocre attack to submission with a blitzkrieg rarely seen on such a vast ground. And 249 was a total reached with ridiculous ease, so much so that even mere contemplation of what was to come later was decidedly eerie.

England's batting problems were further compounded by the fact that they were up against a team whose strike bowlers had just enjoyed a most successful English county season. Aaquib Javed was Malcolm Marshall's new ball partner at Hampshire while Wasim Akram was Neil Fairbrother's teammate at Lancashire. Salim Malik, although a non-entity in this World Cup, could never-theless pass on useful tips on his colleagues in the Essex side, Gooch and Pringle. If ever there was a time where inside information was useful this was

If England expected every man to do his duty, they were somewhat disenchanted with lan Botham's dismissal. Botham has surely rounded off his chequered career, albeit on a disappointing note. His desire to win the World Cup for England in his last outing was let down by ageing reflexes failing to come to grips in an unfamiliar role as opener; particularly against someone of the pace of Akram. Stewart could have been the danger man but Aaquib Javed put paid to his intentions.

Pakistan's trump card then delivered again in the form of

the next two body blows. The art of leg spin, even in the hurly burly world of one-day cricket, is alive and kicking, thank you. Mushtaq, the baby faced delinquent, tossed, teased, tormented and lured to doom Gooch and Hick, both of whom were so busy trying to fathom the inscrutable face of

slow twist of the knife. It was left to Neil Fairbrother to carry the fight, but the writing was ominously on the wall. Fittingly it was Imran who put England out of its misery with Illingworth's wicket.

the East, as not to feel the

Pakistan's reputation as erratic genius finally came good This was an occasion where inspiration triumphed over good old-fashioned commitment. Is this the beginning of the tradition of the new? The world of cricket has changed so much over the past thirty days that newer answers have to be given to the host of new questions. If Crowe, the innovator, had to eat humble pie, then Imran, the man possessed, has exorcised the demons that afflicted subcontinental cricket. The world would do well to rejoice with its newest champion for it was a victory that was achieved by a side, well and truly in the manner born.

sion of umpires' decisions was

# Aldridge, too, slams rain rules



Mar 25: New Zealander Brian Aldridge, one of the umpires for Wednesday's

World Cup cric-ket final, has joined the call to have controversial rain rules changed, reports Reuter.

Aldridge, who umpired the England-South Africa semifinal in Sydney on Sunday that brought the issue to a head, agreed with criticism that tournament rules for rain-affected games were unsatisfac-

I think everybody would (like to see the rules changed). I think it doesn't work properly and I'm quite sure for the next World Cup or even for one-day internationals, the rules will be modified slightly,"

The Sydney semifinal had a

ARNDS VALE, St

Vincent, Mar 25:

West Indies A

routed England A

Tuesday for 108

in their second

innings on the way to an

overwhelming nine-wicket

victory on the final day of the

They gave the home team

second unofficial cricket Test,

an unassailable 2-0 lead in the

three match series which

concludes Saturday with the

nings deficit of 61, never came

to grips with the accurate and

unerring bowling by the West

Indians after they resumed on

Jamaican off-spinner who took

five for 47 in the first innings.

was again the leading bowler.

Nehemiah Perry, the

England, facing a first in-

final Test in Barbados.

reports AP.

46 for one.

taking four for 26.

farcical finish after a stoppage for a shower. South Africa, having originally needed 22 runs to win from 13 balls, resumed after the rain to find the target had been revised under the rules to an impossible 21 off one delivery.

Aldridge, who was speaking in a Radio New Zealand interview on Wednesday, admitted to a few pre-final nerves.

Told the television audience would be the largest ever to watch a cricket match, he said: "I don't need to know that."

Aldridge, who will officiate the England-Pakistan final with West Indian Steve Bucknor, said: "I'm quite sure I'll be a little bit dry in the mouth before the game starts, a little bit nervous.

"Hopefully, that will give us an edge to get all the decisions correct and things like that." He said the trial by televi-

In addition to fine bowling,

the Englishmen were set back

by top class catching by the

West Indians. Clayton Lambert

set the standards early in the

day by making a brilliant grab

at short leg off Benjamin to

remove Mark Ramprakash for

Murray took a diving catch

down the leg side to get rid of

first innings topscorer Paul

Johnson and when Darren

Bicknell was bowled for 20.

England were struggling at 63

Stephenson raised hope in a

partnership of 33 for the fifth

Broke their stand with the

wicket of Thorpe, the last six

England wickets tumbled for

slip off the bat and pad and

Graham Thorpe and John

But when fast bowler Tony

Steve Rhodes was caught at

for four

wicket.

12 runs.

setting

actress

34 Philippine

Kaye

16 Actress

a mixed blessing.

"Television can prove us right or wrong, in a club match you don't have television so evcryone thinks you are wrong.

"Your mistakes do stand out but sometimes you are right and the television proves it. whereas up until the replay everyone thought you were wrong, it can be your friend as well as your enemy."

Aldridge agreed with England captain Graham Gooch and Ian Botham, who both walked out of the function in protest, that anti-royal jokes at an official dinner on the eve of the Cup final were offensive.

personation of Britain's Queen Elizabeth was off-colour, the New Zealand umpire said: "To me it was. It was quite humorous, but just not do me any-

# Asked if a drag-artist's im

Windies A rout England A Stephenson's topscore of 25 was ended by another remark-

> Perry took both wickets. Walsh ripped through the rail removing both Dominic Cork and Tim Munton without scor-

diving left-handed.

able short leg catch by Lambert

Cort was the victim of an- K C Wessels (SA) Wicket-keeper Junior other good catch by Gary at

second slip. Last man Steve Watkin also

failed to score, Lambert ending the innings with his third catch of the innings and the fifth of the match, an easy offering at short leg off Perry.

Summarized scores: England A: 241 and 108 (John Stephenson 25, Hugh Morris 23, Darren Bicknell 20, Mehemiah perry four for 26, Courtney Walsh two for 14. Kenneth Benjamin two for nine. West Indies A: 302 and 48 for one (Clayton Lambert

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26 Dog's

name

weed

Shoes"

resort

27 Biblical

WASEEM AKRAM ... Pakistan's champion bowler

### LEADING PERFORMANCES

MELBOURNE, Mar 25: Final leading individual performances in the World Cricket Cup: BATTING (Batsman, country, matches, innings, not out

highest score, runs, average)

M D Crowe (NZ)	9	9 •	5	100	456	114.00
P N Kirsten(SA)	8	8	2	90	410	68.33
B M McMillan (SA)	5	- 5	3	33	125	62.50
Javed Miandad (Pak)	9	9	2	89	435	62.14
Rameez Raja (Pak)	8	8	2	119	349	58.16
N H Fairbrother (Eng)	8	7	2	75	285	57.00
D C Boon (Aust)	8	8	1	100	368	52.5
A Ranatunga (Sri)	7	7	2	88	262	52 40
B C Lara (WI)	8	8	1	88	333	47.5
M Azharuddin (Ind)	7	7	_#6	93	332	47 43
S R Tendulkar (Ind)	7	7	1	84	283	47 1
A H Jones (NZ)	9	9	2	78	322	46 O
K C Wessels (SA)	9	9	2	85	313	44 7
M J Greatbatch (NZ)	7	7		73	313	44.7
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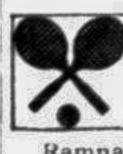
B	0	M	R	W	Av
D A Reeve (Eng)	34.4	4	126	- 8	15.7
Wasim Akram (Pak)	89.4	2	338	18	18.7
1 T Botham (Eng)	89	7	306	16	19.1
P N Kirsten (SA)	18	1	97	5	19.4
U C Haturusinghe (Srt)	17	8	97	5	19.40
Mushtaq Ahmed (Pak)	78	3	311	16	19.4
M Prabhakar (Ind)	57.1	5	245	12	20.4
A C Cummins (WI)	59	1	246	12	20.50
C Z Harris (NZ)	72.1	4	342	16	21.3
M R Whitney (Aust)	66	12	215	9	23.8
W Watson (NZ)	79	11	301	12	25.0
A A Donald (SA)	78	5	329	13	25.3
P A DeFreitas (Eng) CATCHES:	85.4	12	311	11	28.2

N H Fairbrother (Eng) A R Border (Aust) C L Cairns (NZ) P A DeFreitas (Eng) G A Hick (Eng) R T Latham (NZ)

D A Reeve (Eng) WICKETKEEPERS (catches, stumpings, total):

D J Richardson (SA) D Williams (WI) Moin Khan (Pak) I A Healy (Aust) A J Stewart (Eng) A Flower (Zimb) K S More (India) H P Tillekeratne (Sri) I D Smith (NZ)

# for Davis Cup tie



Asia-Oceania Zone Group Two play-off tie at the National Tennis

Complex in the city from March 27-29, reports BSS. Works Minister Rafigul Islam Mia will inaugurate the three-day tie at 8-30 am.

Bangladesh's junior champion Shibu Lal will meet Pakistan's number one Rashid Malik in the opening singles on March 27 followed by the second singles between Hira Lal and Pakistan's Mohammad

Khalid. Hira Lal and Faisal S Hug will face Pakistan's Rashid Malik and Mohammad Khalid in the doubles on March 28 and the reverse singles will take place on March 29.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday evening, president of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation Khondakar M Asaduzzaman said, "We have picked some junior but potential players this year to give them exposure to international évents."

He said, Bangladesh has been playing in the Davis Cup since 1986 and qualified for the group two semifinals in 1989 beating Singapore.

General secretary of the federation A M Khan Chowdhury and tournament director Atiqur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

The five member Pakistan

tennis team led by non-playing captain Saeed Hai arrived Tuesday. The other members of the team are: Rashid Malik, Mohammad Khalid, Raja M Asaf and Arif Iftekhar. Hira Lal, Shibu Lal, Faisal S

Hug and Newaz Ameen are the members of the Bangladesh team with Sandru Salam as non-playing captain.

Neutral umpire Peter Malik from India arrived yesterday evening to conduct the tie.

#### Brothers-Biman final today

Sports Reporter The 1990-91 Navana

Premier Division cricket league champions Brothers Union take on Bangladesh Biman in the final of the Independence Day Cricket Cup championship at the Dhaka Stadium today

Brothers beat newly crowned Milnars First Division ericket league champions Victoria Club while Biman outplayed Milnars runners-up Udity Club in their respective semifinals held on March 22 and 23 at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad, will attend the occasion as chief guest and give away the prizes.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, organ isers of the tournament, have fixed the rates of tickets for the final as follows:

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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OGRSIE OGSHZNO WR UR-UJP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HISTORIANS CALLED THE REIGN OF MIDAS, THE MONARCH, THE GOLDEN RULE.

#### Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals H

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

