

**Weather proves most uncharitable**

**Sports Reporter**  
The charity day-night cricket match between arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra and Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, organised at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association in aid of ailing cricketer Hira, fell through due to the weather which at this time of the year is often most uncharitable.  
The match between the 1992-93 Navana Premier Division league champions Abahani and runners-up Mohammedans, scheduled as a 40-overs a-side encounter, had hardly begun at three in the afternoon when the skies were enveloped in thick, dark clouds and heavy showers soon afterwards threw cold water on all noble intentions for the day.  
Winning the toss Mohammedans opted to bat and had progressed to 27 without loss after 5.1 overs of action. Azhar Hossain Shantoo and Harun-ur Rashid Liton, the two openers, were batting with 13 and nine runs respectively when the elements intervened.

**Amarnath arrives today**

Former Indian Test cricketer Mohinder Amarnath arrives in the city today to train the Bangladesh cricket team for the World Cup qualifying ICC trophy tournament to be held in Kenya next year, reports BSS.  
Amarnath, who won the man-of-the-match award in the 1983 World Cup final for his all-round performance against the West Indies, will watch Bangladesh cricketers in ac-



MOHINDER AMARNATH

tion in the matches of the sponsors' cricket tournament arranged for the preliminary selection of the national team.  
He will help the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board screen 24 candidates from the 45 players called for the sponsors' tournament beginning in the city on April 29.  
The three teams — the Navana Eleven, the Beximco Eleven and the Gold Leaf Eleven — comprising 15 players each will take part in the tournament on a return league basis. The top two will play in the final.  
Following are the three selections:  
NAVANA ELEVEN: Minhazul Abedin Nannu (captain), Masum, Liton, Selim Shahed, Atahar Ali, Selim, Prince, Pilot, Salahuddin, Babul, Shaheen, Zakaria, Asif, Anis and Timir. Coach — Alaf Hossain.  
BEXIMCO ELEVEN: Faruque Ahmed (captain), Jahangir, Shantoo, Rokan, Shanu, Sujun, Dulu, Joydev, Nasu, Durjoy, Saikat, Zakir, Golla, Sanwar and Rubel. Coach — Osman Khan.  
GOLD LEAF ELEVEN: Enamul Hoq Moni (captain), Nobel, Azam, Sumon, Akram, Rahul, Saiful, Bulbul, Barua, Shipon, Babu, Pial, Effee, Rupom and Zakir. Coach — Montu.  
Selected players have been requested to report to their respective coach on April 28 at 10 am at the BCCB office.

**Nat'l snooker results**

CHITTAGONG, Apr 26: On the fifth day of the national snooker championship, 11 matches including four walkovers were decided at the Chittagong Club billiards room here today, reports BNA.  
Mohd Ismail beat Richard Rebelro by 4-1 frames, Eugene Gonsalves beat Nizamuddin Ahmed Khasru 4-1, former national champion Rashedul Amin got a walk over against Mahmudur Rahman Bakul, Strajul Hoque beat Eugene Gonsalves 4-3, Mozammel Hoq got a walkover against Rafiqul Islam, Sheikh Raihan Ahmed outplayed Asheq Hussain 4-0, Richard Rebelro subdued Sayed Asghar Hussain Seth 4-2, Akhtar Matin Chowdhury got a walkover against Tariq Chengi, Monturuzzaman received a walkover against M A Malek, Zulfikar Rahman got a walkover against Abu Bakr, Mofazzal Hussain beat Eugene Gonsalves by 4-2 frames and Sayedul Hoq beat Nizamuddin Ahmed Khasru 4-1.

**DMFA Cup from May 10**

**Sports Reporter**  
The Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) Cup football tournament, being revived this year as the curtain raiser for the domestic season, will kick off at the Dhaka Stadium from May 10.  
This new date is a revision from the previously announced May 1 start. The postponement has been necessitated by the preoccupation of the Bangladesh national team with the current World Cup qualifying tournament.  
Twenty-three leading clubs of the city, including all the Senior Division sides, will be taking part in this meet expected to be completed before the Eid-ul Azha.  
The tournament committee which met yesterday with its chairman Nurunnabi Chowdhury in the chair, is scheduled to sit again today to finalise the fixture.  
Of the 23 participants, four top teams of the Senior Division namely, Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Brothers Union and Arambagh Krira Sangstha will play directly in the eight-team robin league. They will be joined by four qualifiers from the preliminary tournament involving the remaining 19 teams. These include the other Senior Division teams, the Third Division champions Lalmita Club and runners-up Badda Jagarani Sangha and a team from the Pioneer league.  
The Dhaka metropolis Football Association, organisers of city football leagues and tournaments with delegated powers of the Bangladesh Football Federation, has made participation in the DMFA Cup mandatory for the 23 teams. Teams not taking the field in this tourney run the risk of incurring fines as well as other disciplinary action.  
The DMFA Cup was last held some years ago in the late 1980s and died a rather unimpressed death with the demise of the DMFA itself which was dissolved by the then Ershad government. Mohammedan Sporting and Brothers Union had finished joint champions after the final of the last DMFA Cup ended in a draw.

**Inter close on Milan's heels**

**MILAN, Apr 26:** Internazionale snapped at the heels of Italian league leaders AC Milan and cut their city rivals' championship lead to four points on Sunday after a thumping 3-0 home win over Ancona, reports Reuter.  
Milan continued their recent inespird form when they were held to a scoreless draw at lowly Udinese.  
Dutch striker Marco van Basten, who had not played since December 13 after an ankle operation, made his long-awaited reappearance for Milan when he came on midway through the second half in the number 15 shirt.  
But the presence of the European footballer-of-the-year did little to inspire his team mates who have now gone seven games without a win in the league, their worst league sequence since the 1985-86 season.  
Uruguay striker Ruben Sosa scored another double — his third in five weeks — to take his season's goal tally to 16 as Inter kept up the momentum of their late title charge. Captain Giuseppe Bergomi had opened the scoring with an early strike.  
Milan's cause was not helped by the absence of dutchmen Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard on international duty and injuries to strikers Jean-Pierre Papin and Marco Simone.  
Six weeks ago, Milan held an 11-point lead over second-placed Inter.  
That margin is now down to four, with five matches to play.  
as Inter enjoy a purple patch which has yielded them five wins and one draw.  
By contrast, European Cup finalists Milan have not won in the league since they beat son to 23 but, more importantly, keep Lazio in line for a UEFA Cup berth.  
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Giancarlo Marocchi, with a header, and Fabrizio Ravanelli put them 2-0 ahead. Then, to add salt to Fiorentina's gaping wounds, Roberto Baggio — who joined Juventus for Fiorentina in 1990 — scored the third from the penalty spot in the final minute.  
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He was taken to hospital for treatment in the neurological unit but the injury was not considered serious and he is expected to be fit again in 10 days. Napoli won the mid-table match 1-0.  
Lazio badly missed England's Paul Gascoigne and Dutchman Aaron Winter, who were away on international duty, as well as injured German Thomas Doll. They needed a last-minute penalty at home to beat relegation doomed Pescara 2-1.  
Giuseppe Signori, the league's leading scorer, converted from the spot to take his individual tally for the sea-



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**Holland to press for win at Wembley**

**NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, Apr 26:** Dutch coach Dick Advocaat promised an all-out assault on England in next Wednesday's crucial World Cup qualifier at Wembley, reports Reuter.  
Advocaat, who accepts his side cannot afford to lose, said he would field an attacking line-up to push for a win in the Group Two match.  
"We'll play with at least three attackers and possibly an attacking midfielder," Advocaat said at the Dutch sea resort of Noordwijk where his squad were preparing before their departure today.  
"We realise we can't afford to lose. If we were to lose we'd have to win all our other matches to qualify and that would be a very difficult task."  
Advocaat plans to use Ruud Gullit on the right, Ajax's rising young star marc Overmars on the left and Peter van Vossen and Dennis Bergkamp up front.  
Van Vossen has had a fever for the past two days but is expected to be fit by Wednesday.  
Gullit, one of only four members of the Dutch squad to have played at Wembley, said he was optimistic of winning.  
"Obviously this is an important match for both teams, but the big ground and good surface suit our type of game."  
He said the Dutch would miss the qualities of his Milan team mate Marco van Basten who had not recovered from an operation in time to be included.  
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**Schools kabaddi**

**Sports Reporter**  
Gandaria High School beat Maniknagar Govt Primary School by 19-17 points in an exciting match of the fourth Schools Kabaddi tournament at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday. Gandaria High earned one lona and dominated the first half 13-7.  
In the other match of the day, KL Jubilee School and College outplayed Haider Ali High School 18-8 after leading the first half 4-2.  
Rifles Public School and College face Dweepshikha High School while Motijheel Govt High School meet Wari High School in today's matches.

**Maradona advised to retire**

**MADRID, Apr 26:** Diego Maradona's physiotherapist, Fernando Signorini, has advised the Argentine star to quit football before his back injury gets worse, reports AFP.  
Maradona's back problem is giving him a lot of pain, and he "should think seriously about retirement," said Signorini in the Spanish daily El Mundo here on Sunday.  
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Action from yesterday's fourth schools kabaddi competition match between Gandaria High School and Maniknagar Primary School at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court. Gandaria won 19-17. —Star photo

**Booters off to UAE**

**Sports Reporter**  
A 29-member Bangladesh national football team left Dhaka last night for Dubai to take part in the five-team Asian Zone Group F second leg qualifying competition for the 1994 World Cup.  
The team of 22 players is being led by Kaiser Hamid while AKM Fazul Haq, MP and a member of the Bangladesh Football Federation is the team leader. There are six other officials in the squad including coach Kazi Salahuddin. Khairul Anwar Pearu is the team manager.  
Bangladesh, who finished fourth in the first leg held in Japan April 8-18, play their first match of the second leg in the United Arab Emirates against Japan on April 30. On May 3 they take on the UAE, who trail leaders Japan in the group standings. Third placed Thailand are their next opponents on May 5 while the Bangladesh-Shri Lanka tie is scheduled for May 7, the last day of the tournament.  
In the first leg Bangladesh lost 0-8 to Japan, 0-1 to the UAE and 1-4 to the Thais. They beat Shri Lanka 1-0.

**BFF officials off to Singapore**

**Sports Reporter**  
Sheikh Akmal Hossain, general secretary of the BFF, along with Zafar Imam, left Dhaka yesterday for Singapore to attend the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Congress beginning there tomorrow.  
BFF member Zafar Imam, who is one of the Deputy Secretary Generals of the Bangladesh Olympic Association, will also attend the Competition Committee meeting of the AFC scheduled for today.  
On his way back Sheikh Akmal will go to Kuala Lumpur on April 30 at the invitation of the Malaysian Football Federation secretary Paul Monti to witness the World Cup qualifying meet to be held there.  
Akmal will be joined in Malaysia by another BFF member Firdous Islam who leaves Dhaka on April 30, also at the invitation of the Malaysian federation.  
Meanwhile, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, the Jordanian Football Federation has invited the Bangladesh team taking part in the World Cup qualifiers in the United Arab Emirates to play some exhibition matches in Jordan, on May 10 or 11.  
Although no decision has been taken yet it is understood that Sheikh Akmal may intimate the BFF's decision from Malaysia and direct the team to proceed to Amman from the UAE at the end of the Asian Group F second leg qualifiers.

**Hockey league begins in Ctg**

**CHITTAGONG, Apr 26:** Mehdiqab Krira Chakra earned full points beating Chandgaon Club 2-0 in the inaugural match of the Navana Metropolitan hockey league at the Dampara Police Line ground this evening, reports BNA.  
Ziauddin and Sobhan scored the goals in the 30th and 33rd minutes of the first half.  
National star Malek Chunnus's presence was a moral booster for the winners.  
Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner Osman Ali Khan formally opened the league being participated by six teams of the region. Some more national stars are expected to be fielded by contesting teams to add extra charm to the meet sponsored by Navana Limited under the aegis of the Metropolitan Sports Association.

**Div II basketball**

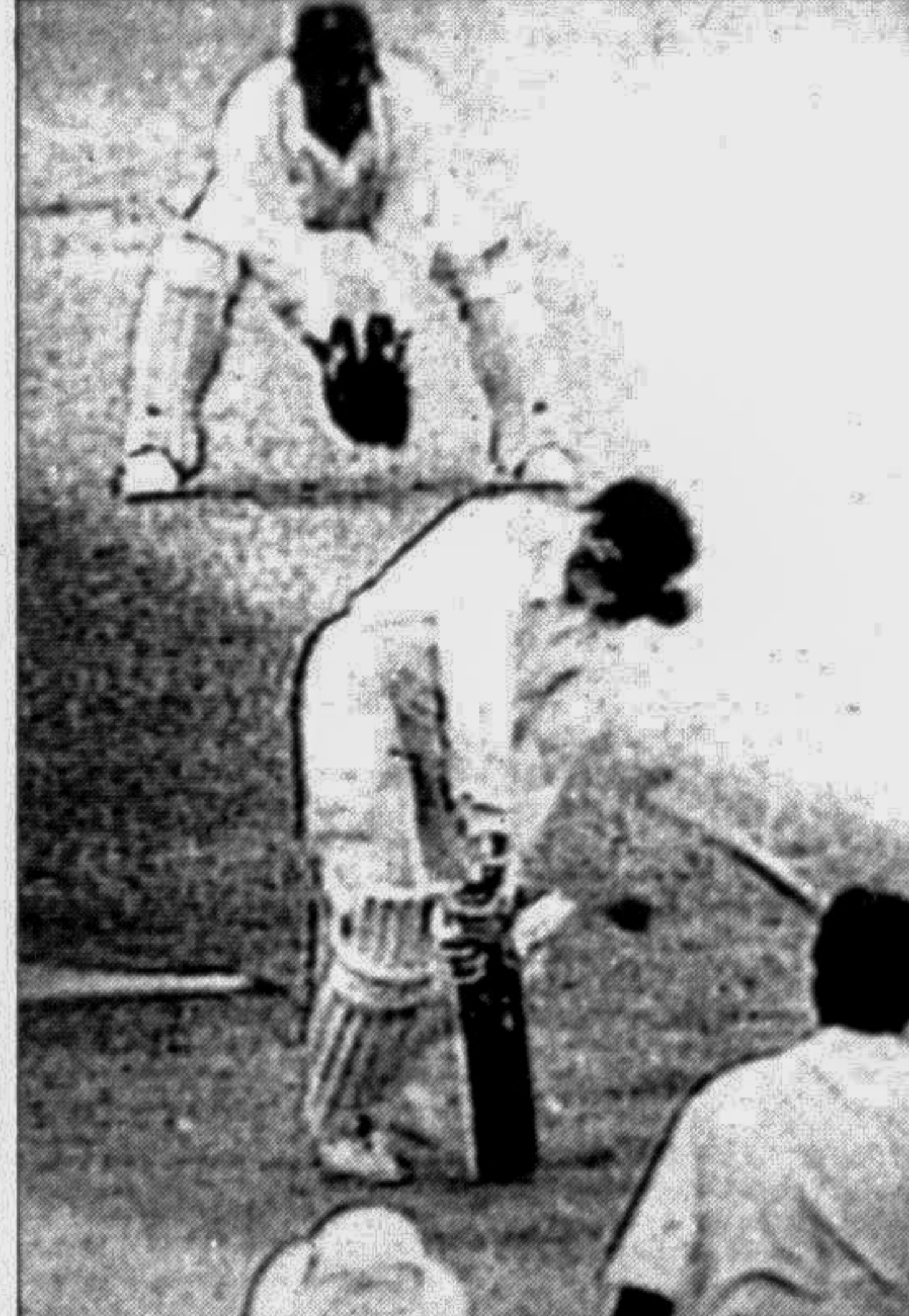
**Sports Reporter**  
Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club registered a convincing 65-32 victory over Josephites Hawks in the BGIC Second Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium basketball court yesterday.  
Mariners enjoyed a 30-16 first half lead. Mobby led the charge with 28 and Zahir 12 points for the winners while Jacenath scored 18 and Liton 9 for the losers.  
The day's other match between Mitford Friends Club and Rising Force SC fell through because of a heavy late afternoon downpour.  
Flame Boys meet Rangers Club while Victoria SC face Panthers Green Club in today's two fixtures.  
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**LONDON, Apr 26:** Essex off spinner Peter Such pressed his England Test claims by completing career-best match figures of 11 for 124 on Sunday, reports Reuter.  
Such helped county cricket champions Essex to beat the England team by nine wickets on the fourth and final day at Chelmsford.

**Miandad's misjudgement may cost Pakistan dear**

**BRIDGETOWN, Apr 26:** West Indies forces Pakistan to follow on 234 behind and cut short a threatening innings by Javed Miandad as they pressed home their advantage in the second Test on Sunday reports Reuter.  
Miandad was lured to his West Indies are 1-0 up in the three-Test series after winning the opening match by 204 runs.  
Miandad and Asif, playing the anchor role, had hauled the Pakistanis from 47 for two to the comparative prosperity of 113 for two before Hooper's significant blow.  
Fast bowler Curtly Ambrose



Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram shatters West Indian batsman Keith Arthurton's stumps on the second day of the second cricket Test at Bridgetown, Barbados Saturday. Arthurton made 56 in the West Indies total of 455 all out. —Star TV photo

destruction by Carl Hooper's off spin for 43 just before the close on the third day which ended with Pakistan of 113 for three.  
The touring team had been dismissed in their first innings for 221, their last five wickets tumbling for 32, in reply to West Indies' total of 455.  
Pakistan, lost Aamir Sohail for four and fellow opener Rameez Raja for 25 after following on but Miandad and Asif Mujtaba (36 not out) were forging a recovery with a third wicket stand of 66 when Hooper struck.  
Miandad, having hit the previous delivery over long-on for six, attempted to repeat the stroke and perished to a catch by Keith Arthurton at Mid-wicket.  
After a lean run of form on his third tour of the Caribbean, Miandad playing in his 120th Test seemed to be finding his range but surprisingly chose to attack in the day's final over with his team still precariously placed.  
made the initial breakthrough with his 11th ball of the innings when Sohail lobbed an easy catch to Winston Benjamin at mid-on.  
Rameez played across an in swinger from Courtney Walsh and was adjudged leg before in a questionable decision.  
Walsh had played a central role in helping to force the follow on by capturing three wickets, two with consecutive deliveries, after Pakistan resumed their first innings at the overnight 131 for five.  
Captain Wasim Akram (29) who shared a sixth wicket partnership of 80 with Basit Ali, went to a bat-pad catch off Hooper before Walsh ripped out Moin Khan and Waqar Younis with successive deliveries.  
Walsh ended with four for 56 as Pakistan crumbled from 189 for five to 221 all out 40 minutes after lunch.  
Basit was unbeaten on 92, and might have reached his maiden Test century had he not declined several singles in

**Weightlifting gets a lift**

**SOFIA, Apr 26:** Weightlifting sought to shake off its drug-tainted image at the European Championships which end-ed on Sunday, introducing new weight categories and new national teams and suffering no doping scandals during the competition, reports Reuter.  
The successor states to the old Soviet Union proved their strength, with competitors from Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine and Russia all claiming gold medals.  
In the past it was much more difficult for the Soviet lifters to gain a place in the national team than to win medals at championships afterwards, Bulgaria's Olympic, World and European champion Yanko Roussev said.  
Hosts Bulgaria topped the pack, snapping up three of the 10 overall weight category golds. Their winners included Ivan Ivanov, who added the European title in the 54-kg category to World and Olympic crowns.  
Few competitors from outside the former East bloc made it to the podium.  
Instead of a strong Soviet team of 10, we have now a number of good lifters from the ex-Soviet republics, British team coach John Lear said.  
Armenian Khachik Kapamatsian marked his first major success on Friday by winning gold in the 76-kg category.  
He dedicated his win to his suffering country, which is at war with Azerbaijan, and thanked France for providing training facilities in the months preceding the championships.  
In a sport which has had more than its share of scandals in the past, administrators said they would continue the fight against drug abuse by adding random checks to the tests carried out on 30 per cent of the lifters competing here.  
Wolfgang Peter, vice-president of the International Weightlifting Federation and its medical committee chairman, said unannounced out-of-competition testing would be the most efficient way of fighting illegal drug use.  
But Peter said difficulties for officials in obtaining visas at short notice to carry out drug tests in some countries could mean some teams would continue to take advantage of drugs to enhance performance.



Pakistan batsman Asif Mujtaba fails to take evasive action against a nasty lifter from the West Indian paceman Courtney Walsh and is caught by Richardson (not in pic) after he grazed his glove and helmet during the first innings of the second cricket Test at Bridgetown Saturday. Mujtaba made 13. —Star TV photo

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the third day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and Pakistan on Sunday.

**WEST INDIES:** First Innings 455 (D. Haynes 125, P. Simmons 87, K. Arthurton 56, B. Lara 51, Waqar Younis 4-132)

**PAKISTAN:** First Innings (overnight 131-5)  
Aamir Sohail c Murray b Ambrose 10  
Rameez Raja c Haynes b Ambrose 37  
Asif Mujtaba c Richardson b Walsh 13  
Javed Miandad c Richardson b Benjamin 22  
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b Bishop 7  
Basit Ali not out 92  
Wasim Akram c Simmons b Hooper 29  
Moin Khan c Murray b Walsh 0  
Waqar Younis c Murray b Walsh 0  
Ata-ur-Rehman c Benjamin b Walsh 0  
Aamir Nazir c Arthurton b Benjamin 1  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-7) 10  
Total: 221  
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-31; 3-62; 4-79; 5-109; 6-189; 7-190; 8-190; 9-220.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Ambrose 16 5 42 2  
Bishop 16 5 43 1  
Walsh 18 2 56 4  
Benjamin 19 5 55 2  
Hooper 7 0 22 1

**PAKISTAN:** Second Innings  
Aamir Sohail c Benjamin b Ambrose 4  
Rameez Raja lbw b Walsh 25  
Asif Mujtaba not out 36  
Javed Miandad c Arthurton b Hooper 43  
Moin Khan not out 0  
Extras: (b-4, nb-1) 5  
Total: (Three wickets) 113  
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-47, 3-113

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Ambrose 10 7 7 1  
Bishop 4 1 13 0  
Benjamin 6 3 14 0  
Walsh 10 2 26 1  
Hooper 16 3 49 1