

Windyies win 2nd Test by an innings and 44 runs

England get the message

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 23: West Indies left England fearing a Caribbean tour whitewash as they wrapped up an innings victory on Tuesday to take a 2-0 lead in the five-Test series, reports Reuters.

England's batsmen, resuming on 119 for four after the rest day, lasted until mid-afternoon on the final day at Bourda but were eventually bowled out for 190, giving West Indies victory by an innings and 44 runs.

Curly Ambrose and Kenneth Benjamin did most of the damage with four wickets apiece, giving Ambrose a match haul of eight victims, after Alec Stewart had added only seven runs to his overnight score of 72.

England now move back to Trinidad for the third Test starting on Friday with morale at a low ebb and team manager Keith Fletcher admitting there is little light at the end of the tunnel.

Brian Lara was named man-of-the-match for his fine innings of 167 out of West Indies' massive total of 556 which made England's fate largely inevitable on a slow, low pitch.

England skipper Michael Atherton admitted his side's first innings effort of 322 had not been "a standard score for the wicket" in the conditions and is looking for considerable

improvement from both bowlers and batsmen in Port of Spain.

"If you look at the scorecard, too many batsmen are getting single figure scores. There has not been enough consistency," he said.

"Hopefully there might be English-like conditions in Trinidad for the first couple of days to give our bowlers some much-needed encouragement."

After Monday's rest day and with a blameless weather forecast, the tourists' fortunes hinged on Stewart and Graham Thorpe, the last two remaining recognised batsmen, surviving until lunch.

In the event, the Surrey pair were both back in the pavilion long before the interval and wicketkeeper Jack Russell was another casualty as England tottered to 161 for seven at the break.

Chris Lewis and Ian Salisbury gave their side some respite with a resolute stand of 45 for the eighth wicket, but once Lewis perished to a sharp catch at short-leg, the end was predictably swift.

It was England's 11th defeat in their last 13 Tests and although fast bowler Devon Malcolm rejoins his teammates this week he will not be available for the third Test. By the time he is fit enough to be considered, England may already have conceded the series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day

of the second cricket Test between the West Indies and England at Bourda on Tuesday:

ENGLAND: First innings
322 (M. Atherton 144, R. Smith 84; C Ambrose 4-58)

WEST INDIES: First innings
556 (B. Lara 167, J. Adams 137, D. Haynes 63, S. Chandrapaul 62, I. Salisbury 4-163)

ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 119-4)

M. Atherton b Ambrose	0			
A. Stewart b K. Benjamin	79			
M. Ramprakash b Ambrose	5			
R. Smith c Richardson b Ambrose	24			
G. Hick b K. Benjamin	5			
G. Thorpe b Walsh	20			
J. Russell c Murray b Ambrose	6			
C. Lewis c Adams b K. Benjamin	24			
I. Salisbury b Walsh	19			
A. Fraser b K. Benjamin	0			
A. Jaggesen not out	1			
Extras: (lb-2, lb-2, w-1, nb-2)	7			
Total:	190			

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-30; 3-91; 4-96; 5-129; 6-140; 7-150; 8-185; 9-186.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	23	5	37	4
Walsh	25	4	71	2
W. Benjamin	16	4	44	0
K. Benjamin	19	6	34	4
Adams	2	2	0	0

Result: West Indies won by an innings and 44 runs.

First Test, Kingston, Jamaica: West Indies won by eight wickets.

West Indies lead 2-0 in the five-match series.

Third Test: Trinidad (March 25-30)

Fourth Test: Barbados (April 8-13)

Fifth Test: Antigua (April 16-21)

Border rates his boys high

DURBAN, South Africa, Mar 23: Skipper Allan Border said Wednesday his side has shown more fighting qualities in the two series against South Africa than any other Australian side, reports AP.

In both series — the South African tour of Australia at year's end and Australians' current two-month visit — South Africa took command only to have Australia come back.

In Australia, the home side lost by six runs in Sydney, then levelled the Test series at one each in Adelaide with a 191-run victory.

On the current tour, Australia fell by 197 runs in the first Test at Wanderers in Johannesburg, then came back with a convincing nine-wicket victory in Cape Town.

The third and final Test of the tour begins Friday in Durban. South Africa has won

three of four one-day internationals so far, and four more will be played after the third Test.

Border said he believes his side has started learning from past mistakes and shown the courage to bounce back strongly from adversity.

"The defeat at Wanderers was a good kick up the backside. There has been a change of attitude and there was more purpose in what the boys did," Border said of the second Test, which concluded Monday.

It was Australia's first victory in South Africa since current coach Bob Simpson led the squad on a 1966-67 tour. Australia lost that series 3-1.

Australia also lost the subsequent series in South Africa in 1969-70 when Bill Lawry's side was thrashed 4-0.

South Africa were banned from international cricket for two decades because of apartheid, and the Australians were now making their first

Havelange ready, waiting

PARIS, Mar 23: FIFA president Joao Havelange said on Tuesday he would run for another term of office and that if he was elected he would stay in charge of world soccer's governing body until his planned retirement in 1998, reports Reuters.

In an interview with the French sports daily L'Equipe, the 78-year-old Brazilian who has been FIFA's president since 1974, said that he did not fear a possible challenge to his leadership from other candidates at the FIFA congress in Chicago on June 16.

And he said he had no idea who, if anyone, was planning to stand against him. "The presidents of the confederations asked me in November 1992 and in 1993 to be a candidate. I said I would and, as my health is fine, I will run for the post," Havelange said.

FIFA's president would not be drawn on his chances of re-election but he said if he was re-elected he would stand down in 1998.

"I think I have done a lot for soccer. In 20 years, I have been to every footballing country at least three times and I have spent more than 17,000 hours in planes. I think I have proved my worth as the president of FIFA," he said.

"But if someone wants the presidency he has to make it

clear. I cannot stand people acting behind my back."

The presidents of the five football confederations are meeting in Tunis this week on the eve of the African Nations Cup and after that meeting they are expected to declare whether they endorse a challenge for the presidency.

It has been widely rumoured that Lennart Johansson, the president of UEFA who will stand against Havelange if that is what UEFA decides, but Havelange was dismissive of a growing feeling of unrest among European associations.

"I'll tell you what I have done for Europe," he said, "all important commissions within FIFA are in the hands of the Europeans and Europeans have never had so many seats on FIFA while I have been president. What more do they want?"

Despite rumours of a rift between Havelange and FIFA's general secretary Sepp Blatter of Switzerland, Havelange said Blatter would stay in his job if he won the election.

"If UEFA want to present a candidate that is their own

right but in future we must avoid renewing a president's ticket the year the World Cup takes place," he said.

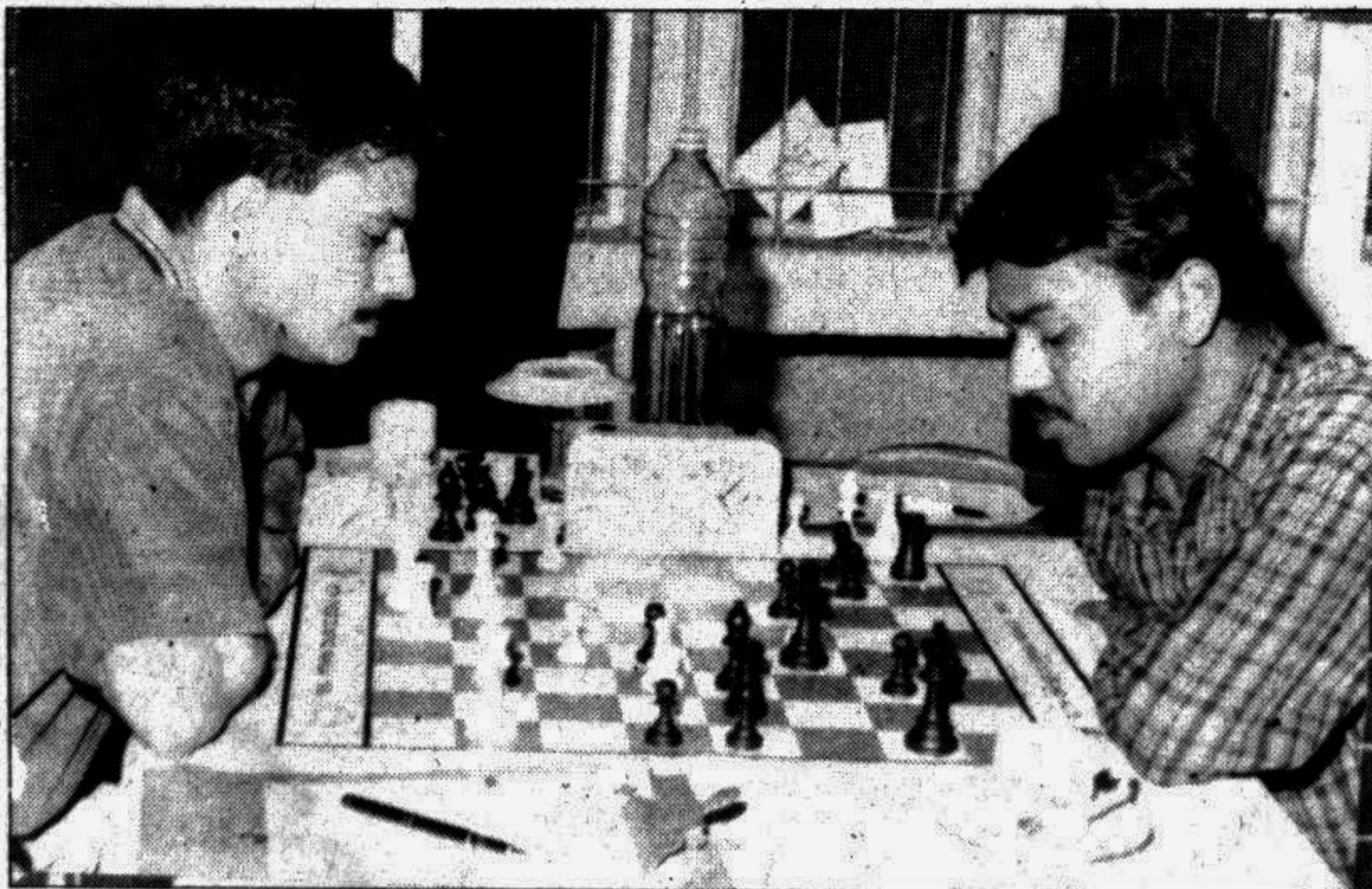
Answering his detractors, Havelange said he did not "deserve to be treated the way I was treated."

"When I came here there was nothing in the till and just two competitions—the World Cup and the Olympic soccer competition. Now there are nine and FIFA owns roughly 50 million francs (8.6 millions dollars) in properties and funds, and that is enough to stay comfortable until the end of the century," Havelange said.

He refused to be drawn on his public snubbing of Pele at the World Cup draw in Las Vegas last December when he barred Pele from being present at the gala performance.

Neither would he be drawn on alleged corruption in Brazilian soccer which was the root cause of his disagreement with Pele.

"There's a trial going on concerning the accusations of corruption in Brazil. I can't say anything about that at all."



Pakistani International Master (IM) Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi (L) has Indian Pritan Singh's queen cornered during their third round match of their United Insurance IM meet at the NSC chess room yesterday. Lodhi won in 66 moves.

AFC president due on Mar 31

Sports Reporter

Datuk Haji Hamzah president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), in a letter to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), expressed his desire to come to Bangladesh on a one-day visit.

Haji Hamzah, who is also the president of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, will arrive in the capital on March 31, seemingly with a view to lobbying for the forthcoming AFC elections, to be held in May.

BTC 555 golf classic begins tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Tobacco Company's annual 555 golf classic tournament will be held on Friday at the Kurmitola golf course under the joint auspices of BTC and Kurmitola Golf Club, says a press release.

According to the organisers this year's tournament has received tremendous response from the country's golf enthusiasts and a large number of them are expected to participate.

The day's programme promises good golf, attractive prizes and a grand raffle draw in the evening at the golf club premises, the press release added.

Kayes keeping up

Sports Reporter

The number of leaders diminished to four from eight in a day but Khandaker Kayes Hassan stayed atop with a quick and clinical destruction of India's Shubrajit Saha at the end of the third round of the United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

The unassuming local player, who plays for Ansars in the domestic circuit, needed 20 moves to tie in a Nazdori variation of Sicilian Open to beat his opponent from across the border.

While Kayes pocketed his third point following as many successive wins, Pakistani Mahmood Lodhi and compatriot Reefat Bin Sattar and Ziaur Rahman, too, followed suit with wins in their respective ties.

International Master Mahmood Lodhi, who, like Bangladesh's IM Reefat, is in search of a Grand Master norm, had to exchange 66 moves in a Queen's Pawn Open game before Indian Pritan Singh surrendered.

In a similar game, national champion Reefat Bin Sattar dismissed the cerebral challenge of FM Jamilur Rahman.

In another Queen's Pawn game of irregular pattern, IM Reefat wrought submission from his older opponent in 42 moves.

Reefat's arch-rival and coeval IM Ziaur Rahman required four moves less adopting the Talmanov variation of Sicilian Open to silence compatriot Kalimullah Khan.

Eleven-year-old Suryashekhar from India, the youngest competitor of the eleven-round Swiss league meet, finally recorded his maiden win when he beat national women's champion Zakia Sultana. Not quite smiling on by luck, something his astrologer father should diagnosed better had he been around, the promising player came unstuck in his first two matches managing a draw and a defeat.

Day's other winners were: Khaled, Paritosh Bhattacharya (India) Abdullah Al Raqib, Sayefuddin, Ruhul Kabir, Ali Amjad, Tanima, Khorshed, Enayet Hossain, Shawkat, Amir Hossain, Badrul, and Nahid Miyazid.

Forty players including five foreigners — four Indians and a Pakistani — are taking part in this tournament.



Indian wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia enjoying his promotion as make-shift opener, ride on his luck as his edged shot falls short of Kiwi fielder Bryan Young at second slip on the last day of the one-off Test between India and New Zealand at Hamilton. The match ended a draw.

Quiet, predictable draw

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 23: Navjot Sidhu failed in his quest for a sixth Test century and India settled for a draw Wednesday, final day of the one-off cricket Test against New Zealand at Trustbank Park, reports AP.

Opener Sidhu was dismissed, caught behind, off the bowling of left-arm spinner Matthew Hart for 98 as India made 177 for three in their second innings, falling well short of the 310 required for victory.

New Zealand earlier declared their second innings at 306 for five, after 20-year-old Test debutant Stephen Fleming made 92.

He was given a life on the first ball he faced, the fourth of the day from Javagal Srinath, when wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia, diving to his left, spilled the chance.

At 317, Adam Parore departed for 17 as Kapil Dev's 434th and possibly last Test victim.

Then Fleming was dismissed, caught by Dev at first slip off the bowling of Rajesh Chauhan. It was an innings which left no doubt that a batsman of the future had emerged for New Zealand.

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford allowed his team a lead of 309 when he declared at 368 for seven wickets, giving India 66 overs at 4.7 runs per over for a shot at victory.

"The temptation to pull out earlier had crossed my mind, but I shrugged it off as soon as I looked at the Indian batting lineup," Rutherford said.

"The way Sidhu played some of his shots confirmed that it would have been foolish to have done so."

At tea, the tourists were 124 for one, needing to score at 6.6 runs per over in the last session if they were to win.

"We had to get 310 from 66 overs," Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin said in excusing his side.

"The wicket was not conducive to strokeplay because the ball wasn't coming on and there was a little bit of slow turn."

"I'd have been much happier if we were chasing 260 or 270. We tried, but once Vinod Kamble got out we decided against it."

In the final session, Kamble was bowled by Chris Pringle's slow off-spin ball for 19 with the second wicket falling at 140.

Sidhu, who had played magnificently through the day, fell at 167, getting a faint edge to a ball from Hart, but it was not enough for the Kiwis.

The first of four limited-overs matches between the teams will be played in Napier on Friday.

The New Zealand selectors, meanwhile, included Gavin Larsen in their squad in their team for the limited-overs tournament in Sharjah next month.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth day of the one-off cricket Test

between India and New Zealand at Hamilton today.				
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 187				
INDIA: First innings 246				
NEW ZEALAND: Second innings				
B Hartland c Mongia b Srinath	25			
B Young c Mongia b Chauhan	85			
K Rutherford b Chauhan	59			
M Greatbatch c Manjrekar	27			
b Kumble	27			
S Fleming c Kapil b Chauhan	92			
S Thomson b Raju	26			
A Parore c Mongia b Kapil	17			
M Hart not out	20			
D Nash not out	9			
Extras: (n-2, lb-1, nb-5)	8			
Total: (for seven wickets, declared)	368			
Did not bat: D Morrison, C Pringle.				
Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-172; 3-176; 4-220; 5-265; 6-317; 7-355.				
Bowling:				
Srinath	33	4	104	1
Kapil Dev	16	2	43	1
Raju	24	6	53	1
Kumble	27	6	68	1
Chauhan	29	5	97	3
INDIA: 2nd innings				
N Mongia b Hart	38			
N Sidhu c Parore b Hart	98			
V Kamble b Pringle	19			
S Tendulkar not out	11			
S Manjrekar not out	3			
Extras: (lb 3)	8			
Total: (3 wkts)	177			
Fall of wickets: 1-102; 2-140; 3-167				
Bowling:				
Morrison	8	1	15	0
Nash	13	6	25	0
Thomson	11	1	39	0
Pringle	12	2	29	1
Hart	15	2	66	2
Results: Match drawn				

Stay against momentary confusion

Former national cricketer **Ishtiaque Ahmad** writes on the aftermath of Bangladesh's performance in the recent ICC Trophy championship in Kenya.

To brood over the spilled milk is not the solution to the situation which Bangladesh cricket finds itself today. It would not be inappropriate to say that a place among the top three teams would have been a difficult proposition from the very outset despite whatever the seedings. The ends may not have justified the means but the credit should not be denied for the valiant effort put behind it.

The most important ingredient in any team game is the belief in itself as a team, and this had been evident during Bangladesh's two match stint against the Pakistanis at Dhaka prior to the teams departure for Kenya.

The ICC might have remained elusive yet again despite all possible efforts but certainly it isn't the end of the world since cricket in Bangladesh is finally coming to take an infrastructural shape after all. If the after effects of the loss is centered around the lines of frustration, which is obvious, then it is because of the hyped up situation created by the press. If emotions were running high during the preparations and the lead-up prior to the tournament, then the main reason could be attributed to Mohinder Amarnath's arrival at the scene and the effective training schedule he had conducted and which the players had so gleefully accepted. Let us forget the onslaught began in June last year under temperature and humidity exceeding the 100 mark. The endurance and perseverance was indeed laudable turning the players into an epitome of fitness.

Utterly disappointing has been the abortive bid of the national team in qualifying for the World Cup next year in the sub-continent making it look more like a national disaster. Needless to say that a place among the top three and an opportunity to play alongside the best would have done no harm to the ever increasing optimism in Bangladesh cricket. Having been deprived of such an occasion has not only left a cherished dream of the players unfulfilled but has been a great loss to the cricket

authorities as far as the revenue is concerned.

The main reason for this write-up is not intended to be a solace for the cricketers nor is it meant to heal the wounds of the cricket loving people of the country who have been so seriously let down. One look at the 1987 World Cup in India and Pakistan would reveal how the World came down upon the entire nation of Pakistan after it lost to Australia in the semi-finals. The sudden death situation deprived Pakistan, who were then the hot favourites to win the title. So disconsolate was Imran Khan that he immediately announced his retirement only to come back and later win the coveted trophy in 1992 Down Under. The result was due only to the never-say-die attitude of the players and the will to win that had been inculcated in the mind of the players by Imran Khan himself.

There is much to hope for, given by the individual performances of most of the Bangladeshi batsmen in the tour matches undertaken during their trips to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka as part of the preparation for the big event. The oppositions faced were of the right blend and regular encounters with such teams is likely to provide the right stimulus. The only aspect lacking is the will to win and the killer instinct, and unless and until this is developed, Bangladesh cricket will remain where it is. The main factor leading to somewhat mediocre performances is the lack of cohesion in the side. A case in point are the two matches against Zimbabwe not too long ago. Both the matches were gifted away to the opponents as the local boys were unable to restore the initiative which was very much within its grip. If only two or more batsmen had held on together, the matches would have been very much ours. Surely there were more than five to six batsmen in the side who were capable enough to win the matches singlehandedly. Instead, our recourse was to make Amarnath the scapegoat. Failure to come out good against a Test side whom we should have beaten, only goes to show the lack of urgency to win at any cost and the ignorance on the

part of the players.

The performance against Pakistan on the other hand was quite remarkable. Authentic strokeplay against such high class bowling where the local batsmen were averaging almost seven runs an over in the first 15 overs and then going on to restrict the world champions to almost 60 runs in about 20 odd overs in the second outing is ample proof of the abilities of the players. An upset result could have been achieved in either of the matches if only winning had been a habit.

Now that Pepsi Cola has been generous enough to come forward as sponsors for the next three years, it could only be seen as a blessing in disguise. Three emerging fast bowlers have already been sent to India to attend Dennis Lillee's MRF coaching camp as part of the process which has already begun. It is very important therefore to determine the priorities and proceed accordingly as proper utilisation of the resources and accountability from the authorities will most certainly be sought. After all the sponsors' stake is supposed to be astronomical. A coach cum advisor as was the case of Sri Lanka during its formative years where they had availed the services of the legendary Sir Garfield Sobers. Bangladesh could well follow a similar instance. Mohinder Amarnath being of such a stature could well be given another shot at reviving Bangladesh's cause. If there are difference of opinions, then vested groups should not be allowed to assert its negative influence.

However, one wonders, how a nation can contemplate on World championships basing on performances on just a couple of wickets. It is a deplorable state of affairs as far as playing facilities are concerned. The wickets at the national stadium and the Abahani ground isn't enough to groom players and bring laurels to the country. Sadly, players performing on the same docile wickets day in, day out and being assessed and expected to deliver the goods under unfamiliar conditions is not rational as far as critics are concerned. With funds at its disposal, BCCB had better set its

priorities for providing more cricket fields and pitches to the bowlers who could pose problems to batsmen. The introduction of office league only goes to show that cricket is being thought of as a means for providing security to those who may want to venture into cricket as a life-long career. Utmost importance should be given to this aspect for sustaining the game and its popularity in this country. Junior sides should also be groomed up for the future and should be allowed to make life more difficult for the seniors who may not just be willing to call it a day, since most of the players are quite young themselves. Unless and until a single-minded purpose is ingrained into the chemistry of the officials and the players alike, the goal may be a long time coming.

Juvenile soccer

Fakirerpool Ekota Club moved into the final of the Jadukar Samad Smriti juvenile soccer tournament, eliminating Shahjahan Smriti Sangsad 3-0 at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half through a goal from their gifted striker Sajju, striking in the 19th minute.

Pervez doubled the margin seven minutes into the second half.

Sajju, who had the rare feat of scoring two double hatricks in the tournament, made it 3-0 in the 24th minute.

Little Friends Club will meet National Football Training Club in the second semifinal at 3:00 pm today.

Malcolm stays with Derbyshire

LONDON, Mar 23: England paceman Devon Malcolm signed a new four-year contract with Derbyshire on Tuesday before returning to the West Indies after recovering at home from knee surgery, reports Reuters.

The 31-year-old Malcolm's aim is to play in the four-day game against the West Indies board XI in Grenada, starting on April 2, in a bid to prove his fitness for the final two Tests of the five-match series in Barbados and Antigua.