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Aamir Sohail, Inzamam put on world record stand

Indo-Pak final at Sharjah Friday

SHARJAH, Apr 20: Pakistani batsmen Aamir Sohail and Inzamam-ul-Haq compiled a world record partnership on Wednesday to lift the World Cup champions into the Australasia Cup final here, reports AFP.

The pair put on 263 off just 251 deliveries for the second wicket as Pakistan downed New Zealand by 62 runs in the semifinal to set up a title clash against arch-rivals India on Friday.

Sohail made 134 and Inzamam an unbeaten 137 off 129 balls in a spectacular assault that saw Pakistan post 328 for two in the stipulated 50 overs after being sent in to bat.

New Zealand could manage only 266-7 in reply with Adam Parore top scoring with 82 and Shane Thompson contributing 62 during a 133-run stand for the third wicket.

The mammoth Pakistani stand easily surpassed the previous one-day world record of 224 set by Australia's Allan Border and Dean Jones for the third wicket against Sri Lanka in Adelaide during the 1984-85 season.

Coming together at the fall of the first wicket in the eighth over with the score at 57, Sohail and Inzamam stayed together till five deliveries remained in the innings, having faced 251 balls.

The pair brought up the century partnership off 118 deliveries and 200 from just 210 balls.

Inzamam was the first to reach his hundred when he flicked Nash for his 10th boundary in the 42nd over.

Sohail, on 95 when his partner passed the three-figure mark, himself crossed the landmark in the next over.

Sohail hit 12 boundaries during his 146-ball innings before holing out in the deep off Chris Pringle on the first ball of the 50th over.

The tall Inzamam remained

unbeaten till the end after blasting 15 boundaries against the harried Kiwi attack which was without star bowler Danny Morrison, down with a groin injury.

All-rounder Wasim Akram, who replaced Sohail at the crease for the last five deliveries, swung the final ball of the innings from Pringle for six in a fitting climax to Pakistan's

tion for New Zealand was that their score of 338 for four against Bangladesh in 1990 — the highest by any team at Sharjah — remained intact as Pakistan fell 10 runs short.

New Zealand's hopes of making a match of it suffered an early setback when opener Blair Hartland was caught behind off Wasim Akram in the fifth over at the score of 19.

Stephen Fleming was bowled by Sohail while Pakistani skipper Salim Malik had Parore caught in the covers and clean bowled Mark Douglas in one over.

Pakistan were assured of victory when New Zealand's asking rate climbed to more than 27 an over in the closing overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Australasia Cup one-day cricket semifinal match between Pakistan and New Zealand today.

PAKISTAN

Anwar c Parore b Nash 37
Sohail c Douglas b Pringle 134
Inzamam not out 137
Akram not out 7
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-2, w-8) 13
Total: (for two wickets, 50 overs) 328
Did not bat: Salim Malik, Basit Ali, Asif Mujtaba, Rashid Latif, Akram Raza, Aatur-Rehman, Aaqib Javed.

Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-320.

Bowling: O M R W
Pringle 10 0 57 1
Davis 4 0 37 0
Nash 9 0 60 1
Larsen 10 0 71 0
Thomson 7 0 44 0
Harris 10 0 56 0

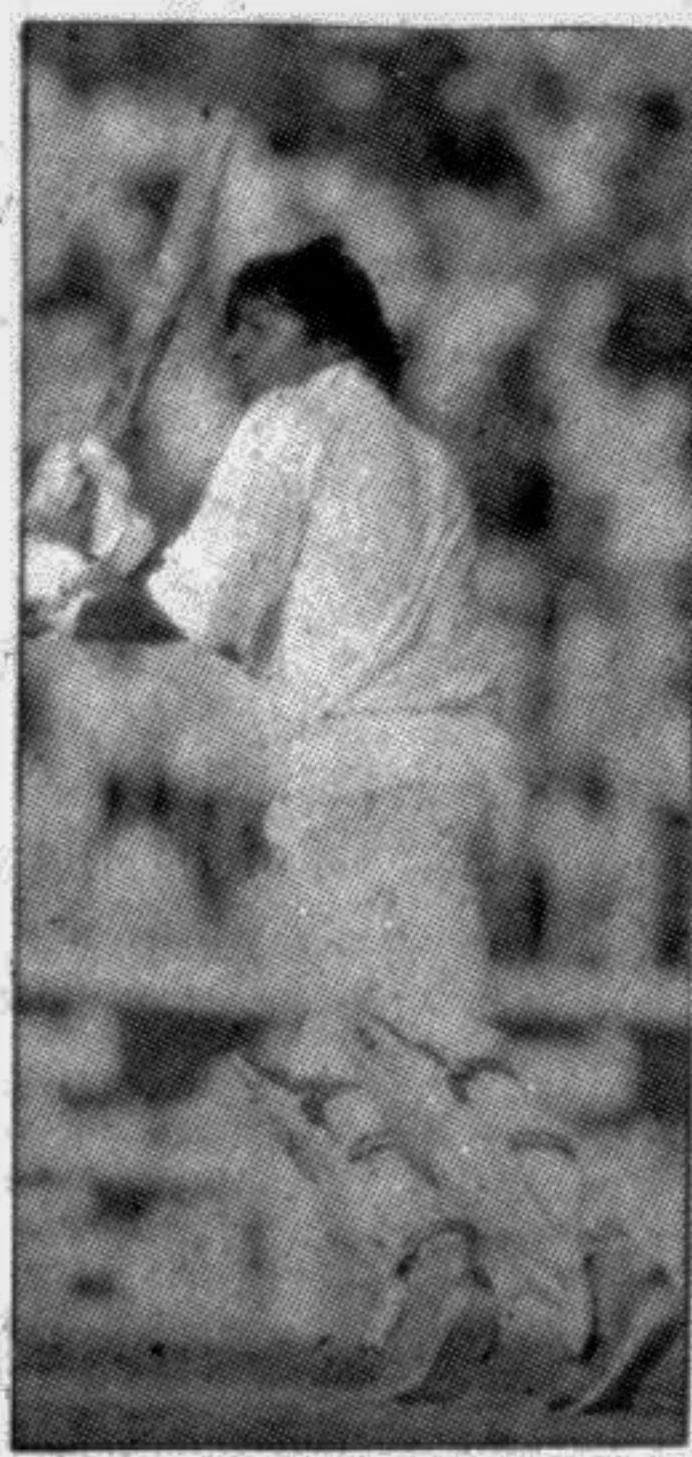
NEW ZEALAND

Young c Anwar b Rehman 36
Hartland c Latif b Akram 11
Parore c Ijaz b Malik 82
Thomson run out 62
Fleming b Sohail 1
Douglas b Malik 3
Harris not out 34
Nash b Akram 2
Larsen not out 18
Extras: (b-6, nb-4, w-7) 17
Total: (7 wickets, 50 overs) 266
Fall of wickets: 1-19; 2-66; 3-199; 4-202; 5-204; 6-207; 7-218.

Bowling: O M R W
Akram 10 0 50 2
Aaqib 10 0 56 0
Rehman 5 0 35 1
Raza 10 0 42 1
Malik 10 0 55 2
Sohail 5 0 22 1

Result: Pakistan won by 62 runs

Man-of-the-match: Inzamam-ul-Haq.



INZAMAM ... m-b-m

run feast.
New Zealand captain Gavin Larsen conceded 71 runs in 10 overs. Heath Davis for 37 in four, Chris Harris for 56 from 10 and Shane Thompson for 44 from seven.

The pace was set by left-handed opener Saeed Anwar who hammered a quickfire 37 off 23 balls to bring up Pakistan's first 50 with the first delivery of the sixth over.

Dion Nash had Anwar caught behind in the eighth over. But the Kiwis found no relief against the rampaging blades of Sohail and Inzamam.

Possibly the only consola-



AAMIR SOHAIL ... 134

Brian Young, the other opener, hammered 36 off 35 balls before driving Aatur Rehman to point where Anwar held an overhead catch.

Thomson and Parore appeared unaffected by the loss of the two early wickets and they stroked freely in perfect batting conditions to bring up their century stand.

Thomson was run out in the 40th over with the score at 199 when Parore refused his call for a sharp single.

His dismissal signalled a middle-order slump as three more wickets fell for the addition of eight runs.

Crowe, rested, refuelled & ready

WELLINGTON, Apr 20: Martin Crowe, the best batsman New Zealand has produced, returns to the team next week for their tour of England, but short of the captaincy and dogged by personal attacks, reports Reuter.

Since withdrawing from New Zealand's tour of Australia in November because of an old knee injury, Crowe has taken a four-month lay-off from cricket. He has had an operation on the knee and taken the chance to think about his career.

Ken Rutherford took over the captaincy in his absence, Crowe said he was unavailable as captain for the England tour.

"At the moment, I have to look at my personal situation, which is my injury. It would be irresponsible of me to take the job now, that's why I've obviously given it to Ken," Crowe said in a television interview.

"I'll need to see if the knee will last. I need this tour to prove to myself and to my team that I have a future in the game."

Crowe is one of those rare batsmen who will draw fans into a ground when news filters through that he has come to the crease.

But despite being unquestionably the best batsman in the 1992 World Cup and, to many commentators, the most imaginative and innovative captain, there were doubts whether Crowe would have retained the captaincy anyway.

Rutherford has a dismal record of five losses, one draw and one win but is seen as getting on with the other players better than the all of Crowe, who by his own admission is a loner.

Crowe's captaincy record, also moderate at Test level, was improved when he led a modest New Zealand team to the semifinals of the 1992 World Cup where they were narrowly beaten by the eventual winners, Pakistan.

As a batsman, Crowe stands head and shoulders above his teammates. He ranks with the best in the world with a Test average of just below 50 and a New Zealand record of 15 centuries, including a best score of 299 against Sri Lanka.

But, possibly because of his aloofness and lack of false modesty, Crowe's popularity is far below Rutherford's.

Indeed, he had faced rumours and innuendo in the media variously suggesting he was homosexual, had AIDS, was bankrupt and was divorcing his wife Simone, an ex-

model.
"The ground-swell of New Zealanders seem to like their heroes to be ordinary blokes," said sports commentator Keith Quinn.

"The average New Zealand sporting bloke, the guy who sports to the pub, the races and the cricket, is jealous of the

job, your intensity, your aloofness, you question it."

"When you get accused of being homosexual or gay or bankrupt or divorced, they hit home, they are sensitive issues. I just want to be judged on my performance, my record, my ability to lead players to be the best they can be."

Crowe became a virtual recluse during his four-month lay-off.

"I feel I've had my 10 years facing the music and now my choice is to just sit back a little bit and stay out of the spotlight so I can get on with finishing a career that I so badly want to achieve."

Crowe gives himself just three more years at the top, after a Test career starting at 19.

"I'd like to think at the age of 31 I'm actually still at my prime. The World Cup was the world seeing me at probably my best and I want to prolong that for a couple more years."

"I would like to join a select few and score more than 20 (Test centuries). That is one particular goal that I would like to achieve, that will take at least three years to achieve if I can stay on the field."

He diplomatically avoided questions about how badly he wants the captaincy back.

"The captaincy isn't as important to me as finishing my job as a run scorer — to be seen as may be the best New

Zealand has produced," he said.

However, he is critical of the lack of professionalism at the top in New Zealand cricket, particularly the failure to allow former Worcestershire and New Zealand batsman Glenn Turner to take over as chairman of selectors.

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Gurusinha receive death threats

COLOMBO, Apr 20: The family of Sri Lanka's batting star Asanka Gurusinha has been given police protection following a stone-throwing incident and death threats against them police said today, reports AFP.

Gurusinha made a heroic 117 not out Monday in a lone bid to take Sri Lanka to victory over New Zealand in a crucial match in the Australasia Cup in Sharjah. Sri Lanka lost by two runs and failed to enter the semifinals.

We have given police protection for the (Gurusinha) family. Mrs Gurusinha has complained that stones were thrown at their home and she has also received death threats, we are looking into this," a police spokesman said.

The stone-throwing occurred after Sri Lanka were routed by Australia in their first match last week, police said.

The Gurusinha family has been receiving death threats by mail and over the phone since the batsman was recalled to the side 12 days ago in the wake of a selection crisis, police said.

The left-handed bat was an eleventh-hour inclusion to the 14-members squad for the Australasia Cup after four cricketers, including skipper Arjuna Ranatunga, resigned over the removal of vice-captain Aravinda de Silva on fitness grounds.

De Silva and four others were not considered for selection after failing physical fitness tests.

Five selectors also quit over the fitness issue but a new committee of selectors revised the squad to Sharjah. They appointed Roshan Mahanama captain and including Gurusinha as one of the replacements.



MARTIN CROWE

good-looking guy who gets the beautiful girl. There's an element of New Zealand that wants to chip away at that perfect image."

There is little doubt the bar talk has hurt Crowe, and he said it made him question his love of cricket.

"When you have been criticised for your personality in



Brazilian soccer legend Pele shows his UNESCO passport, given by the organisation's general secretary Federico Mayor (L) after he was nominated as their goodwill ambassador in Paris on Tuesday.

— AFP photo

Office cricket falls through

Sports Reporter

The office cricket league cup quarter-final tie between Bangladesh Biman and IFIC Bank at the Dhaka Stadium had to be called off yesterday at the halfway stage because of a late afternoon nor'wester accompanied by heavy downpour.

Weather permitting, the fancied Bangladesh Biman who were 40 for one in six overs chasing 132 for a win, will resume their innings today.

Earlier, winning the toss Biman put IFIC to bat first and restricted them to 131 for six from 25 overs.

Mahbubur Rashid Selim who remained not out with 32 was the top scorer for IFIC. Bangladesh international Selim Shahid hit 27 before being run out. Opener Mukul was the other notable run getter with 20.

Spinner Rafique who finished with two for 14 in his five-over spell was the most successful Biman bowler.

Alok Chakraborty, Khaled Mahmud and Enamul Haq took one wicket apiece.

Junior booters return

Bangladesh Junior booters returned home yesterday after participating in the 6th Asian under-16 football championships held at the Saudi city of Al-Hassa from April 12 to 16, reports UNB.

Will 'Lions' roar again in US?



YAOUNDE, Apr 20: Cameroon, put African soccer on the map in 1990 but the "Indomitable Lions" have

lost their roar and face humiliation in this summer's World Cup finals in the United States, reports Reuter.

Ageing stars, soppy preparations and unseemly squabbling over sponsorship are just three of Cameroon's handicaps before they play Sweden, Russia and Brazil in their opening round matches in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Another problem looks like being Roger Milla, the star of his team's wonderful run to the quarter-finals in Italy four years ago, who at the age of 42 could appear in his third World Cup, years after his official retirement.

It was Milla who inspired Cameroon into the last eight in Italy, the best-ever performance by an African team in the World Cup and the single-most important factor in Africa having three teams in the finals this year instead of two.

But now Milla, who became known around the globe for his hip-wiggling after scoring in Italy, has become embroiled in a row which threatens to further undermine what little harmony there seems to be in the squad.

Nicknamed "The Old Lion", he retired in 1990 but decided on a comeback last January with his former club Tonnerre.

But like Africa's presidents, he refuses to call it a day.

Although he scored a superb goal in the Yaounde derby against Canon, the national squads technical staff, led by former French national team manager Henri Michel, openly express doubts about his ability to perform at the highest level again.

Four years ago Cameroon's President Paul Biya insisted Milla "played in the side" — which in the event proved to be the right decision. Now President Biya is doing so again — but this time the result could spell disaster for the squad.

The situation is further complicated because another World Cup veteran, Francois Omam-Biyik who plays for Lens in France, has a nagging knee injury.

And intense pressure is being put on Michel to pick Milla as the only man who can replace Omam-Biyik.

Diversions like this over one ageing player are the last thing any manager needs before a World Cup tournament, but Michel has got lots more to worry about.

The team, rarely play together and there seems set to be a row over the "Lions" World Cup budget for four billion CFA francs (7 million dollars).

It is reported that much of that money will be spent sending Cameroonian businessmen and artists to promote their

country in the United States.

At the same time Dieudonne Nya Nonkeu, the technical committee's accountant, has reported bitter rivalry between top personalities over marketing rights to the "Indomitable Lions" label.

Today, Cameroon's domestic league frightens few in Africa. For the first time since 1982, when Cameroon first qualified for the World Cup finals, the Lions failed to qualify for the finals of the African Nations Cup being held in Tunisia.

Their club sides, once the most feared on the continent, are shorn of their best players who now play in Europe, and performed disastrously in the continental cups.

The Lions were uninspired, when they drew 0-0 in Cairo against Egypt on March 16. It was their first match since October.

Michel's deputy, Jules Nyongha, is concerned, admitting afterwards, "The team did not play the way we hoped."

And Albed Nego Messang, Cameroon's best-known sports journalist, says, "The truth is that we have still not started preparing for the World Cup. We have to begin from scratch. Frankly the 'Lions' were unrecognisable in Egypt."

But African soccer players have a great talent — winning despite their federation officials, not because of them.



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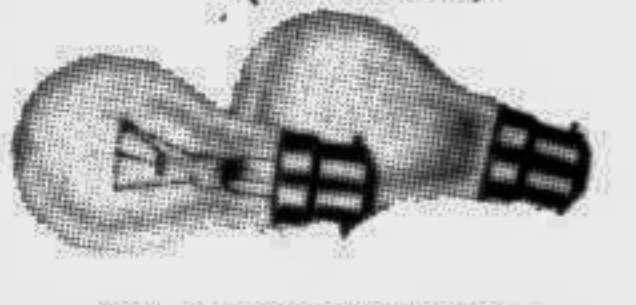
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| 3. Where will the '94 World Cup opening ceremony be held? | Chicago <input type="checkbox"/> | New York <input type="checkbox"/> | Detroit <input type="checkbox"/> |
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