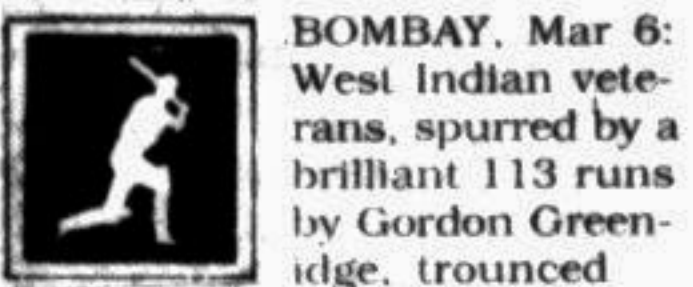


# Caribbean oldies too good



BOMBAY, Mar 6: West Indies veterans, spurred by a brilliant 113 runs by Gordon Greenidge, trounced England by 163 runs at the Brabourne Stadium here today to sail into the Masters Cup semifinals, reports AFP.

The 43-year-old cricketer's superb 118-ball effort, comprising 15 fours and two sixes, was supplemented by half-centuries from Gus Logie and Vivian Richards to take the West Indies to a formidable 298 for seven.

West Indies captain Joel Garner bowled a brilliant first over.

West Indies topped the Group B of the six-nation tournament leaning old rivals Australia and England to battle for a berth in the last four stage.

India beat South Africa and Sri Lanka in the other group. South Africa will meet Sri Lanka on Tuesday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Masters Cup match between the West Indies and England veterans here today:

**WEST INDIES:**  
Gordon Greenidge st Downton b Underwood 113  
Jeff Dujon c Downton b Snow 11  
Gus Logie c Downton b Athey 59  
Vivian Richards c Radford b Embury 53  
Collis King run out 29  
Carlisle Best not out 7  
Ezpa Moseley c Larkins b Embury 7  
Sylvester Clarke b Embury 0  
Alvin Greenidge not out 7  
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, w-1) 12  
Total: (for seven wickets in 45 overs) 298  
Did not bat: Joel Garner and Larry Gomes  
Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-155; 3-221; 4-270; 5-277; 6-291; 7-291.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Snow	5	0	36	1
Lever	9	0	67	0
Radford	6	0	66	0
Embury	9	0	33	3
Athey	7	0	42	1
Underwood	9	0	43	1

**ENGLAND:**  
Athey c Dujon b Garner 0  
Wayne Larkins lbw b Garner 1  
Robinson c Richards b Gomes 30  
Mike Gatting c Dujon b Moseley 17  
Derek Randall st Dujon b

King	24
Paul Downton c Garner b Richards	15
John Embury c Dujon b King	4
Neal Radford c Dujon b Gomes	17
John Lever b Richards	0
John Snow c Gomes b Richards	7
Derek Underwood not out	8
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-4)	12
Total: (in 36.5 overs)	135
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-1; 3-29; 4-69; 5-79; 6-88; 7-110; 8-110; 9-117.	



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King	O	M	R	W
King	9	0	38	2
Gomes	8	0	43	2
Richards	3.5	0	9	3

Result: West Indies won by 163 runs.  
Man-of-the-match: Gordon Greenidge.

# Navana cricket resumes today

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division league, the most popular of the domestic cricket competitions, restart today after an 18-day recess with champions Abahani Krira Chakra going in action against Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

In the day's other fixture, Kalabagan, who, too, are leading the points table along with Abahani having collected seven wins from eight engagements, play their ninth match against a hapless Surja Tarun at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Although stakes in today's engagements are not very high in the backdrop of the six-team super league quorum, more or less complete by now, cricket buffs, who were nearly choked recently with a glut of exhibition matches between Bangladeshi selections and foreign teams will look forward to the tie at the Dhaka Stadium because the match is likely to have some bearing on GMCC's chances as the sixth super league qualifier. GMCC and Brothers Union are engaged in the battle for the slot with the former currently enjoying an edge.

The other five teams, who have already confirmed their super league berths, are Abahani, Biman, Mohammedans, Kalabagan and Victoria.

Biman, who won last year's Navana crown jointly with Abahani, share the second position in the table along with former champions Mohammedans and Damal runners-up Victoria.

All of them have had six wins each from eight matches they have played so far.

# Youth cricket deferred

Sports Reporter

The national youth cricket championship, earlier scheduled to get underway from March 10, has been rescheduled.

The competition comprising 46 teams from six zones will now begin from March 15.

# Topalov, Beliavski still lead

LINARES, Spain, Mar 6: Bulgarian Veselin Topalov and Alexander Beliavski of Ukraine drew their respective games Sunday to remain joint leaders of the Linares International chess tournament, reports AP.

Topalov playing black drew with Russia's Alexander Khalifman in 55 moves while Beliavski drew with Ivan Sokolov of Bosnia in 42 moves. Both Topalov and Beliavski now have 3.5 points after four games.

A player receives one point for a victory and half point for a draw in the 13-round tournament scheduled to end March 17.

Khalifman joined two other players, Miguel Illescas of Spain and Ukrainian Vasili Ivanchuk, to be tied in second place with 2.5 points. Illescas drew his game against Llexel Dreiev of Russia in 25 moves while Ivanchuk, playing black, defeated France's Joel Lautier in 38 moves.

# Souness in a soup

LONDON, Mar 6: Former Liverpool manager Graeme Souness is under scrutiny for allegedly receiving under-the-table transfer payments, a newspaper reported Monday, reports AP.

The police, Premier League and Inland Revenue are expected to question Souness over a missing 300,000 pounds (dlsr. 450,000), according to Today newspaper.

The money is part of the transfer deal which brought Danish star Torben Piechnik from FC Copenhagen to Liverpool in 1992, the report said.

Liverpool paid 550,000 pounds (dlsr. 825,000) for Piechnik but his Danish club received only 250,000 (dlsr. 375,000), according to Today.

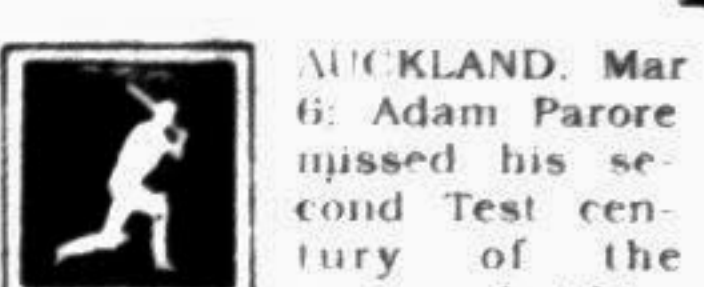
"I still have my contract," Piechnik was quoted as saying. "I am willing to come to London to give it to the Premier League. I don't think there was any foul play."

Today said Piechnik's transfer also involved Norwegian agent Rune Hauge, whose dealings with Arsenal helped bring about the downfall of Arsenal manager George Graham.

Graham was fired Feb. 21, two days before a Premier League inquiry found that he had received 425,000 pounds (dlsr. 680,000) from Hauge in connection with the transfers of Scandinavian players John Jensen and Pal Lydersen.

The league handed its findings to the Football Association for possible disciplinary action. UEFA president Lennart Johansson has said that Graham should be banned from soccer for life if the allegations are proven.

# Parore pulls Kiwis ahead



AUCKLAND, Mar 6: Adam Parore missed his second Test century of the summer, but his 89 was enough to guide New Zealand past South Africa's first innings total by the end of play today in their Auckland Test, reports Reuter.

When stumps were drawn at the close on the third day, New Zealand were 316 for seven, a lead of 22 runs.

Gavin Larsen (20) and Dipak Patel (11) were together when stumps were drawn for the day.

It was Parore's third Test fifty and he looked set for his second Test century, following his maiden Test century against West Indies at Christchurch last month.

But with the score on 268, Parore chased a quick delivery outside off stump from Allan Donald. Wicketkeeper Dave Richardson took the awkward chance to his right on his knees.

Matthew Hart and Larsen steered New Zealand past the South African total\* after Parore's dismissal at 268 before Hart was leg before to Craig Matthews for 28.

On 61 at tea, Parore raced through to 81 soon after the break. He hooked two fours from Fanie de Villiers, one dangerously close to the wicketkeeper, in one over, then drove Craig Matthews for two more in the next.

Parore got off to a slow start, taking 18 balls to get off the mark, but gradually grew in confidence after weathering some early anxious moments.

He scored 12 fours and one six in an entertaining innings. A straight driven six off Clive Eksteen was the shot of the day.

A partnership of 82 between Parore and captain Ken Rutherford steadied the New Zealand innings, which threatened to disintegrate in the morning session.

They came together just before lunch with the score on 144, after three wickets fell for 36 runs in the morning session.

Rutherford was the only batsman dismissed in the session after lunch, for 28.

He struggled for much of his innings, surviving several leg before appeals and playing/uncertainly outside of stump. He departed just before tea, when he edged Hanste Cronje to Richardson.

New Zealand were 232 for five wickets at tea, with Parore unbeaten on 61, and Matthew Hart not out on four.

The score could have been

and succeeded only in edging it to Richardson. His 74 was his seventh Test half-century.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on the third day of the century cricket Test between South Africa and New Zealand here today:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** 1st innings 294 (D J Cullinan 96; D J Nash 4-72)

**NEW ZEALAND:** 1st innings Young c Richardson b Donald 74  
Murray c Kirsten b Cronje, 25  
Cronje c Hudson b De Villiers 16  
Fleming b Matthews 17



Kiwi batsman Adam Parore attempts a rather ungainly hook off Allan Donald, the South African speedster on the third day of the one-off century test at Auckland yesterday.

— AFP photo

Cronje needs a century in this match to become the first player to score hundreds against all the current Test nations.

Bryan Young, 74, and Stephen Fleming, 17, were the other batsmen dismissed.

Fleming batted attractively in his 50-ball innings but was dismissed when he played around a ball from Craig Matthews that swung in from outside off stump to hit middle.

Young, who started the day on 62, swung wildly at a ball outside off stump from Donald

Rutherford c Richardson b Cronje 28  
Parore c Richardson b Donald 89  
Hart lbw Matthews 28  
Larsen not out 20  
Patel not out 11  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-1) 8  
Total: (for 7 wks) 316  
Fall of wickets: 1-86; 2-108; 3-137; 4-144; 5-226; 6-268; 7-303.

**Bowling:**  
Donald 29 11 84 2  
De Villiers 32 11 70 1  
Matthews 32 11 66 2  
Cronje 17 3 48 2  
Eksteen 23 9 43 0

# Waugh weilds willow well

BRIDGETOWN, Mar 6: Steve Waugh hit a boundary laden 117 not out to lead Australia to 3:30 for seven off a weak Barbados team in the opening match of their West Indies tour Sunday, reports AP.

Coming in after opening batsman Michael Slater was out for a duck in the first over, Waugh, the 29-year-old New South Wales right-hander on his second tour of the West Indies, lashed a six and 18 fours in 91 balls before retiring to allow others on the team batting practice in the 50-over match.

He added 175 with opener Greg Blewett, who made 78 from 85 balls with 13 fours, on an ideal pitch and fast outfield against bowlers whose inexperience was obvious.

Barbados were forced to field a team of reserve players because their first team was not available. The Barbados squad was in Antigua, where they were beaten Saturday by the Leeward Islands in the final of the West Indies one-day tournament for the Shell-Sandals Trophy.

After Waugh retired, David Boon replaced him to hit 70 off 72 balls with eight fours.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after the Australia innings in a one-day cricket match Sunday against Barbados:

**AUSTRALIA:**  
Michael Slater c Campbell b Thompson 0  
Greg Blewett c Campbell b Rollock 78  
Steve Waugh retired out 117  
David Boon c Campbell b Proverbs 70  
Ricky Ponting c Rollock b Bradshaw 9  
Justin Langer c Campbell b Bradshaw 20  
Ian Healy not out 11  
Paul Reffer c Rollock b Bradshaw 4  
Damine Fleming not out 0  
Extras: (legbyes 3, wides 11, no-balls) 21  
Total: (for 7) 330

Did not bat: Tim May, Craig McDermott.

Wickets fell at: 1. 176, 225, 267, 290, 313, 327.

**Bowling:**  
Thompson 9 0 64 1  
Graham 5 0 43 1  
Bradshaw 10 0 62 3  
Roach 7 0 37 0  
Proverbs 8 0 54 1  
Rollock 10 0 50 1  
Walker 1 0 17 0

# Elliot guides Victoria home

MELBOURNE, Mar 6: Matthew Elliot scored an unbeaten 46 to steer Victoria to a four-wicket win over South Australia in the Mercantile Mutual Cup final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Victoria scored 170 for six with five of their 50 overs remaining after South Australia had reached 169 from 46.4 overs.

The home side were without Test bowler Shane Warne, Paul Fleming and Paul Reffel, who are on duty with Australia in the West Indies. But pace-man Troy Corbett stepped into the breach with a match-winning performance.

He took four wickets for 30 in a 25-ball spell which cost 13 runs as South Australia tumbled from 42 for no wicket to 74 for four.

Victoria captain and former Test batsman Dean Jones praised his inexperienced side, which contained five players who made their debut for the state this season.

"This is something special not just for this team but for Victorian cricket," he said.

"I've kept telling them (the younger players) to be aggressive and sooner or later you will reap the rewards and today we did," added Jones, who scored 35 runs and took three catches.

South Australia captain Jamie Siddons blamed the defeat on his side's poor batting performance.

"A lot of our boys got out to rash shots, hitting the ball in the air and if we could have got another 20 or 30 runs it would have made it very interesting," he said.

# China down Japan in Asian b'ball

MANILA, Mar 6: Defending champions China trounced Japan 78-53 Monday as the quarterfinal round opened in the Asian Basketball Confederation junior championship, reports AP.

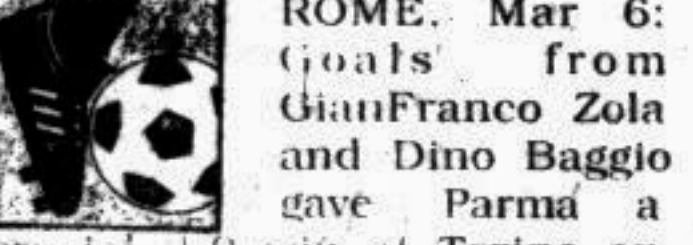
The Chinese shared the early lead in their group with Jordan, who upset the Philippines 72-71 as Maen Odeh beat the buzzer with a jump shot.

In the other group, South Korea beat Thailand 64-57 and Taiwan downed Indonesia 80-67.

The Chinese, who average 6 feet, 5 inches (196 centimeters) tall, are seeking their fifth title since the tournament began in 1970.

Wang Zishi, 6-11 (211 centimeters) at age 15, led China's scoring with 24 points. Li Nan and Zhu Dong added 16 apiece.

# Parma close in on Juventus



ROME, Mar 6: Goals from Gianfranco Zola and Dino Baggio gave Parma a 2-1 victory in a crucial match at Torino to narrow the gap on Juventus.

The league leaders Juventus were held to a goalless draw at Inter, reports Reuter.

Zola put Parma in front in the 32nd minute when he finished off a breathtaking end-to-end move which saw Colombia's Faustino Asprilla and Gabriele Pin' exchange first-time passes before feeding the unmarked Zola for his 11th goal of the season.

Italy's World Cup midfielder Baggio made sure of Parma's third away win of the season two minutes from time.

Juventus' Italian midfielder Roberto Baggio, out of action for three and a half months with a leg injury, had his much-awaited comeback delayed as he watched his side's disappointing draw from the subs bench.

Coach Marcello Lippi chose not to risk his gifted playmaker in an ill-tempered match marred by six bookings and the 70th minute dismissal of Juventus' Giancarlo Marchi.

# It's all but over for PSG

PARIS, Mar 6: An unlucky 1-1 draw with Auxerre on Sunday has left Paris Saint Germain 11 points adrift of French league leaders Nantes and could have spelled the end of their championship hopes, reports Reuter.

PSG were the better team, but Auxerre almost won the game 15 minutes from the final whistle when playmaker Corentin Martins hit the bar as he beat PSG's goalkeeper Bernard Lama.

PSG took the lead after 10 minutes through a brilliant shot from Vincent Guerin, but Auxerre equalised 12 minutes later through Gerald Battele, who volleyed home a fine cross from Philippe Violeai.

Auxerre showed no fatigue after their 1-1 draw in London Arsenal in the first leg of their European Cup Winners Cup quarter-final on Thursday.

The main worry for Auxerre ahead of the return leg against Arsenal on March 16 is the state of their pitch. Rain poured constantly over the weekend and Auxerre players fear a heavy surface would favour the Londoners.

For Parisian coach Luis Fernandez, the match was a fine opportunity to test his defensive setup before their European Cup quarter-final return leg against Barcelona on March 15.

PSG are second in the French league behind Nantes, who replaced them in the record books on Saturday when they stretched their unbeaten run to 28 matches with a 2-1 win over Nice.

# Melinte's mark

BUCHAREST, Mar 6: Romanian Mihaela Melinte set a world record in the new women's hammer throw event with a 66.86 metre performance in a national contest on Saturday, reports Reuter.

# Briton Naseem Hamed floors Argentine Sergio Liendo in the second round of their WBC international super bantamweight bout at Livingston Forum in Edinburgh on Mar 4.



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