

Rain ruins Windies' prep

WORCESTER, England, May 17: Sherwin Campbell scored a points victory on Tuesday over Test rival Stuart Williams before rain robbed the West Indies of badly needed practice, reports Reuters.

They reached 114-2 before the weather intervened on the first day of a three-day match with Worcestershire.

Campbell, axed during the recent home series defeat by Australia, crashed his way to 46 — double Williams' score.

But neither man looks ready to fill the hole West Indies have dug for themselves by refusing to bring Desmond Haynes on this tour, although one of them will have to play against England in another new-look opening partnership.

Williams is the man in possession, albeit tenuously, after a disappointing series against Australia.

On Tuesday, he looked far from secure and ultimately gave Worcestershire debut-maker Paul Thomas a moment to remember by edging the novice pacer's fifth delivery to gully.

Campbell had started with a stream of boundaries, crashing Neal Radford past extra cover three times during the second over.

He added another four fours but then, having already been bowled by a Stuart Lampitt no-ball, had his stumps shattered for a second time by the all-rounder.

With Brian Lara racing to 29 off 24 deliveries in cavalier fashion, the West Indies reached their 114-2 in even time.

"We want to give all our batsmen at least one game, either here or against Somerset, before next week's limited over internationals," said coach Andy Roberts.

Meanwhile, in-form Carl Hooper, sitting out this fixture, is looking forward to the prospect of opening on a regular basis.

He could not only solve one

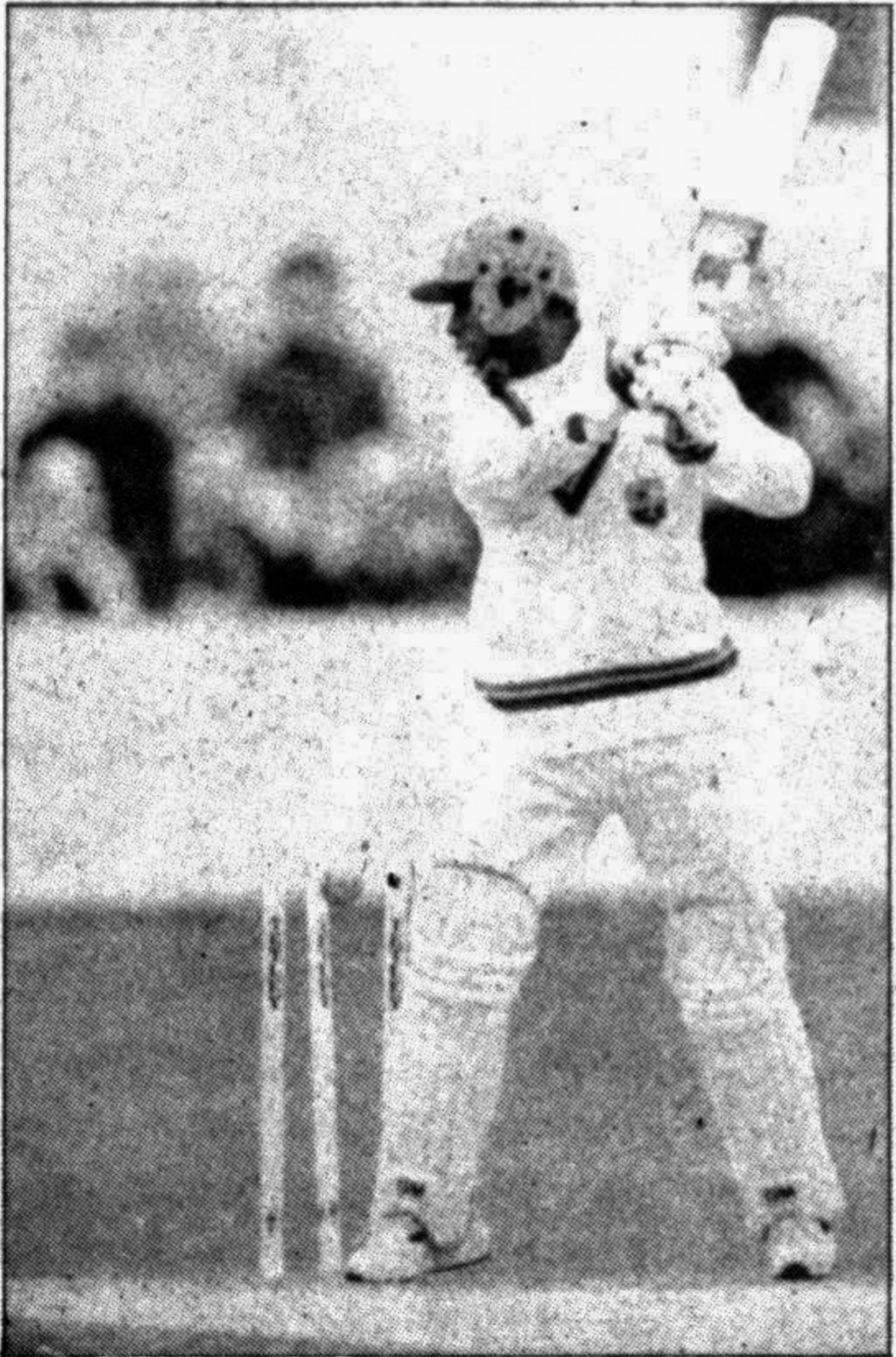
West Indian problem but also finally do himself justice after averaging only 30 in 47 Tests.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the three-day match between Worcestershire and West Indies on Tuesday:

WEST INDIES	
S. Williams c Weston b Thomas	23
S. Campbell b Lampitt	46
B. Lara not out	29

J. Adams not out	3
Extras (lb-7, nb-6)	13
Total (for two wickets)	114
Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-93.	
To bat: R. Richardson, S. Chanderpaul, J. Murray, W. Benjamin, I. Bishop, O. Gibson, R. Dhanraj.	
Bowling:	O M R W
Newport	6 1 14 0
Radford	7 1 28 0
Lampitt	6 0 21 1
Thomas	5 0 44 1



West Indies opener Sherwin Campbell looks at his dishevelled castle after being bowled by Worcestershire seamer Stuart Lampitt during the tourists' second warmup match at New Road on May 16. — AFP/UNB photo

BCCB XI in qtrs

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven moved into the quarterfinals of the All-India under-16 tournament now being held in Calcutta.

The visitors, who had earlier won their first match against Dum Dum Sporting, made their way into the last eight by virtue of collecting four points from two abandoned matches due to the heavy downpour that hit the Indian city for the last two days.

According to a faxed message received here in Dhaka last night, the BCCB Eleven will meet Sports Association of India in the quarterfinals at the Salt Lake Stadium on Friday.

The winners will take on Delhi Cricket Association in one of the two semifinals on May 21.

Lever Brothers likely new sponsors

Sports Reporter

Lever Brothers (Bangladesh) Limited, a multinational company and manufacturer of household brands is going to be the new sponsors of the upcoming Premier and First Division football leagues.

"We are expecting to finalise the contract within the next couple of days," said Kazim Mishu, General Secretary of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA). He further added Lever Brothers will provide Taka twenty lakh.

DMFA have had to sought a new sponsor following the withdrawal of the Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited (BTC) patrons for last three years.

Georgians don't forgive Somali athletes

WINDER, Georgia, May 17: Somalia's 1996 Olympic athletics team will change their training plans for the Atlanta Games after residents from this town objected to hosting people from a nation where US soldiers were killed, reports AFP.

"If they don't want us there, we won't force it," Somali Olympic Committee secretary general Ali Osman Ali said.

The northeastern Georgia county was to host the athletes for three weeks as one of 36 deals for competitors to train near the centennial Olympic site in advance of the Games.

But a county government vote to complete the deal was delayed after objections stemming from the way US soldiers were treated by Somalis in 1993 when they tried to deliver food and restore peace.

A picture of a Somali mob dragging a US soldier's corpse through Mogadishu streets was especially troubling.

"We know some of our people made mistakes," Ali said.

"We regret what they did and we apologized, the Olympics has nothing to do with politics."

Reality is proving otherwise, Atlanta Olympic organizers spokesman Scott Mall said.

"It's an unfortunate incident," he said. "It's focusing not on the Olympic team but on the internal politics of the country, we would like it to be otherwise."

Navy football

The annual football championship of the Bangladesh Navy will begin at BNS Hajj Mohsin at Dhaka Cantonment today, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

About eight teams drawn from different naval ships and establishment will take part in the five-day meet.



An AFP file photo dated February 1992 of former German double sprint champion Katrin Krabbe whose two-year ban for doping was overturned by a court in Berlin yesterday.

Krabbe's ban overturned

MUNICH, May 17: The protracted battle between Katrin Krabbe and the governing body of world track took another turn Wednesday when the former world champion sprinter won a court reversal of her two-year doping ban, Reports AP.

The Regional Court in Munich declared that the International Amateur Athletic Federation and the German federation were "not competent" to impose the ban, an offshoot of Krabbe's positive test for clenbuterol in 1992.

The court ordered that Krabbe be paid damages for the income loss she has suffered, reportedly as much as 4 million marks (dhs 2.7 million). No sum was set, pending appeal, and the IAAF immediately said it would take the case to a higher court.

The ruling again exposed a long-running battle over who has jurisdiction in sports doping cases: the IAAF, which provides lucrative venues for top athletes and set rules on drugs to protect the reputation of its sport, or the civil courts that protect the athletes' legal rights.

Krabbe's adviser, Thorsten Heuser, said the ruling showed "that sports cannot be divided from democratic principles and the rule of law."

The German federation, known as DLV, which has sided with Krabbe though it's a co-defendant, said the ruling confirmed its view of the case.

"The claim for damages should not be made on us, but rather on the IAAF," said DLV President Helmut Digel. The court, however, ruled that the DLV is a branch of the IAAF and equally liable on damages.

Krabbe, 25, is expecting a baby later this month and has said she was retiring from competition.

The 1991 world champion in the 100 and 200-metre sprints, Krabbe appeared headed for a spectacular career until a series of doping accusations emerged.

She came out of former East Germany's sports machine, which used performance-enhancing drugs, though she has always denied using banned substances knowingly.

The IAAF imposed four-year bans on Krabbe, along with fellow Germans Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr, after the three failed an out-of-competition test while training in South Africa in 1992.

The three runners had taken clenbuterol, an anabolic stimulant. Krabbe admitted using the substance but said she hadn't known it was banned.

The DLV then overturned the ban, questioning whether it had the authority under German law to conduct random tests, and instead suspended the runners for one year for unsportsmanlike conduct. The IAAF, unhappy with the decision, imposed an extra two-year ban on the runners for bringing the sport into dis-

repute. That ban was due to expire Aug. 23 this year, shortly after the World Championships in Göteborg, Sweden.

The Munich court's ruling upholds the DLV's contention that the original out-of-competition test was not legal.

IAAF spokesman Christopher Winner said, "We don't consider Krabbe's claim valid. She is the agent of her own misfortune. She took the drug, and she admitted taking it."

"But beyond that, we do not believe it is the competence of civil courts to rule in federation matters, and we stand by our rules." Winner said from IAAF headquarters in Motne, Carlo.

He said athletes should use arbitration under the International Olympic Committee rather than civil courts. "Otherwise we risk seeing chaos reign."

Aiming to avoid legal challenges like Krabbe's the IAAF approved new guidelines on doping at a meeting in Barcelona, Spain, last November. The IAAF decided to require athletes to resolve drug disputes within the sport's organizations before resorting to lawsuits.

American runner Butch Reynolds posed the IAAF's most spectacular legal challenge. The 400-metre world record-holder served a two-year ban for doping and sued the IAAF for damages; he was awarded dhs 27.3 million in a US court, but the award was overturned on appeal.

2nd Transcom nat'l schools hockey from Monday

The second Transcom national schools hockey championship organised by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) begins next Monday at the Hockey Stadium, reports UNB.

Twenty four teams, split into two groups, will participate in the meet, initially to be played on a knockout basis.

Mirpur Bangla High will encounter Gazipur Harinal High in the inaugural match at 3:30 pm.

Dhaka Haider Ali High will face Munshiganj Multilateral High at 2:30 pm while Mirpur Rotary High School will meet Narsingdi Pilot High the following day.

The participating teams are: **GROUP A:** Narayanganj High School, Munshiganj Multilateral High School, Dhaka Haider Ali High School, Myensingh Zilla School, Chittagong Govt Muslim High School, Ghatail Gana High School of Tangail, Faridpur Maizuddin Multilateral High School, Sylhet Police Lines High School, Jessore Zilla School, Dhaka Nabakumar Institution, Rangpur Karamatia High School and Dhaka Residential Model School.

GROUP B: Dhaka Ahmed Bowani Academy, Gazipur Harinal High School, Mirpur Bangla High School, Manikganj Model High School, Dhaka Notre Dame School, Barisal Zilla School, Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School, Patuakhali Govt Jubilee High School, Chittagong Municipal Model High School, Narsingdi Pilot High School, Mirpur Rotary High School and Dhaka Armanitola Govt High School.

Mandela's gratitude

CAPE TOWN, May 17: President Nelson Mandela on Tuesday praised South Africa's sporting fraternity for its role in helping end apartheid and urged athletes to play a leading role in the country's reconciliation process, reports AFP.

Presenting the President's sports awards at a banquet here, Mandela said sport and the example of top athletes could make an impact in the fight against violence and drug abuse and could help in restoring a culture of learning and teaching in schools.

"A partnership of all sectors of society is busy transforming our society in order to address the legacy of apartheid, he said.

Mandela committed his government to creating "an ideal climate for sport to thrive."

He added: "With the acceptance of democratic South Africa into international sport and the achievements of our teams and individuals, we have developed a new spirited patriotism."

"Our national teams now enjoy the support of all South Africans."

Among the internationally-acclaimed sports stars honoured by Mandela were athletes Elana Meyer and Ockert Brits, cricketer Jonty Rhodes, golfer Ernie Els, boxers Jacob Matlala and Vuyani Bungu and triple world motorcross champion Greg Albertyn.

Rugby player Chester Williams, who on Monday pulled out of the Springbok team for the May 25-June 24 World Cup due to a hamstring injury, was also among those honoured.

'95-96 Aussie calendar

SYDNEY, May 17: Australia will play three-Test series against both Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the 1995-96 cricket season, the Australian Cricket Board announced Wednesday, reports AP.

Pakistan will play Tests against the Australians in Brisbane, Hobart and Sydney during November and December, with the first Test scheduled to start on Nov 9.

Sri Lanka will play Tests in Perth, Melbourne and Adelaide and will contest the

World Series limited-overs tournament with Australia and the West Indies.

The Australia A concept has been dropped after one season, although a second-string Australian team will play a day-night game against the West Indies.

The 1995-1996 Australian cricket schedule is (WS denotes World Series, D/N denotes day/night).

Test cricket returns to Tasmania

HOBART, Australia, May 17: Tasmania will host its most important cricket match in November when the second Test between Australia and Pakistan is played at Hobart's Bellerive Oval, it was announced today, reports AFP.

This will be the third Test held in Tasmania, Australia notched comfortable victories here over Sri Lanka (1989-90) and New Zealand (1993-94).

Tasmanian Cricket Association chairman Denis Rogers said a crowd of 30,000 could be expected to see Pakistan from November 17 through 21.

"With Australia's recent defeat of the West Indies, this series becomes a virtual World Championship of cricket and Tasmania will host the vital second Test," Rogers said.

This will be the most important cricket match yet played in Tasmania and the FCA is planning some special features to support the event."

Palmeiras' coach fired

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 17: Palmeiras, Brazil's leading soccer club for the last two years, sacked coach Valdir Espinosa on Tuesday after a run of poor results, reports Reuters.

Palmeiras, who have won both the Sao Paulo and Brazilian Championships for the last two years, are six games without a win in the Sao Paulo Championship, a run which has left them struggling to qualify for the second stage of the competition.

Club director Alberto Strufaldi said the situation had become irreversible.

Gooch's gritty knock

LONDON, May 17: Graham Gooch gave a timely reminder to the England selectors when he struck a magnificent unbeaten 117 for Essex in their rain-hit Benson and Hedges Cup match against Hampshire at Southampton on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Gooch, 42 in July, revealed all his old power and precision, watched by England selectors David Graveney and Fred Titmus.

Last week Gooch said he was ready to return to international cricket if England needed him and he showed he

had lost none of his skill against a toiling Hampshire attack.

By the close he had faced 163 deliveries and had struck 12 fours as Essex reached 211 for four with six of their 55 overs remaining. Play resumes today.

Somerset recorded their first win in this year's competition but the victory may have come too late to help them into the quarter finals.

They must hope that Kent beat Sussex in a game to be completed today to progress.

Somerset's first ever match in Ireland ended in a 233 run triumph with Marcus Trecothick scoring 122 out of his side's 316 for five and holding four slip catches as the Irish were dismissed for 83.

The victory margin was Somerset's biggest in the competition and Ireland's heaviest in all one-day cricket.

Alan Fordham and Rob Bailey steered Northamptonshire to their highest ever Benson and Hedges Cup total and set up a crushing 153-run victory over Scotland at Northampton.

Fordham hit two sixes and 15 fours in a competition best 108 and Bailey weighed in with an unbeaten 93 as their second-wicket stand of 164 boosted their side to 304 for six.

Bailey also sealed the man-of-the-match award with a tight spell of off-spin conceding just 21 runs in 11 overs as Scotland limped to 151 for five in reply.



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A scene of Dhaka Stadium yesterday, the country's all sport venue which went under knee-deep water following the heavy downpour that inundated the country.