

Column One SPORTS TALK



Adolf Hitler, (Former German head of state) "No other sport is equal in building up aggressiveness..."

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

HAT the World Cup football is the world's premier sporting tournament, attracting more worldwide interest than any other event...

This I thought is a good way to get into the record books. Why not organise a Teknaf Tetulia bicycle race, a sort of Tour of Bangladesh?

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Form for Sports Whizz Kid competition with questions about sports and a table for scores.

Name: Class: Roll No: School Address: Phone: (if any)

Follow-up of flag incident

FUKUOKA, Japan, Aug 29: Organisers sought Tuesday to recall programme books for the World University Games that contained what they said was an unapproved design for the Taiwan delegation at the games, reports AP.

MSC amble over Arambagh

Mohammedan Sporting Club made most of the recent debate of holders Abahani Krira Chakra as they bounced back into the little race with a comfortable 3-1 win over Arambagh Krira Sangha in one of the two Lifebuoy Premier football league matches held at the Dhaka Stadium on Tuesday.

Arambagh had earlier served the first stunner in Mohammedans' all-win record this season by holding the black-and-whites to a one-all draw during their first leg engagement on July 12.

playing like a spring chicken at the twilight of his career and Arman providing him able support Mohammedans attack took its toll as the match moved on. But they had to wait till the 45th minute for the lead through their speedy winger Ranjan.



eventually deflected into the net off Faisal. It was the third 'own goal' in the league. Mohammedans were all set to maintain a clean state on the day before Arambagh's Russian striker Matbiave pulled one back by cashing on a rebounder six seconds away from the final whistle.

Kumble nails Notts down

LONDON, Aug 29: India's leg-spinner Anil Kumble bowled Northamptonshire to another spectacular victory on Monday to keep alive his side's ambitions of a first English County Championship title, reports Reuter.

Kumble claimed 5-43, taking his season's tally to 91, as Nottinghamshire, who totalled 527 in their first innings, crumbled to an extraordinary defeat by an innings and 97 runs at Northampton.

The result ensured Northants remain hard on the heels of Middlesex and Warwickshire who also completed victories on Monday. Just 11 points separate the trio with three games to go.

Northants' batsmen will approach their potentially crucial fixture against Middlesex starting today in positive mood after rattling up 781 for seven, assisted by an unbeaten 114 from David Capel, the innings' fourth century-maker.

HK Sixes cricket Slater to lead Aussie squad

SYDNEY, Aug 29: Test opening batsman Michael Slater will lead a strong Australian side to next month's Hong Kong Sixes cricket tournament, reports AFP.

The dashing Slater will be one of five Test players named here today in a six-man squad for the tournament to be held in the British colony on September 30-October 1.

slater lost to England in last year's final despite sending an understrength side because of a clash with Australia's tour of Pakistan.

Longo fired

BRUSSELS, Aug 29: Belgian First Division club Cercle Brugge have sacked their Australian international defender, Dominic Longo for theft, a club official said on Monday, reports Reuter.

"Longo has been caught stealing money from the club's cashbox" said Cercle Brugge director Filipus Dhondt, who declined to give further details.

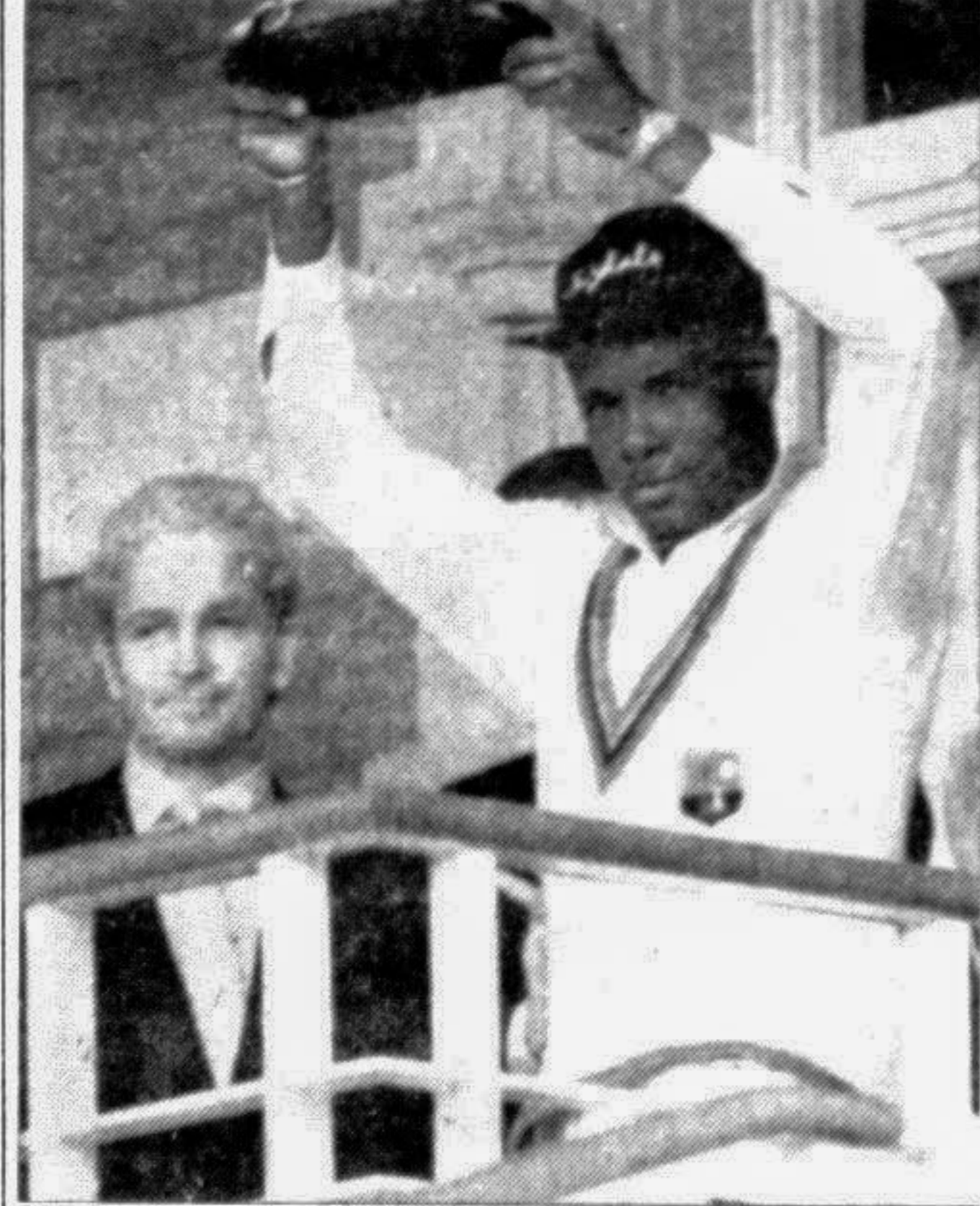
Lara rules England



LONDON, Aug 29: His early innings may have been like an appetiser but Brian Lara later tucked into a feast of runs to show his appetite for big scores was undiminished.

against characteristically hostile fast bowling epitomised England's determination not to buckle under pressure.

All-rounder Dominic Cork was one of those who caught the fresh spirit running through the side, capturing a match-winning seven for 43



West Indies captain Richie Richardson holds aloft the Wisden Trophy while presenter David Gower looks on after the final Test of the six-match series against England ended in a draw at The Oval on Aug 28.

Lara's sublime batsmanship for West Indies was the abiding memory of a tough, tight and tense six-Test series against England that ended 2-2 after a draw at The Oval on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Trinidadian left-hander had the highest aggregate of any batsman in the series with 785 runs - Graham Thorpe's 506 for England was next best - at an average of 85.00. He struck three hundreds and three half-centuries.

Well might Richie Richardson say of Lara at the end of the sixth Test: "He is the best in the world. I'm delighted to be playing with him and to be his captain. Whenever I watch him bat, it's just a delight."

Lara's batting was simply on a higher plane than that of any other player. It was not only timing, power and range of strokes that brought runs in vast quantities and at great speed but his impeccable placement of the ball.

In fact Lara said on Monday he felt his failure to make a second-innings century in the second Test at Lord's proved a crucial turning point in the series.

"A 100 there might have meant a victory in the match and made it a different story in the series," he said.

As it was, West Indies lost by 72 runs in pursuit of their target of 296, England squaring the rubber 1-1 with resolution and strength of character that subsequently enabled them to level the series again after going 2-1 down.

The batting at Lord's of Robin Smith (61 and 90) and Graham Thorpe (52 and 42)

that was capable of winning this series," said Richardson. "We started off very well but we didn't bat as well as we probably could have."

"We go out and try our best and sometimes our best isn't good enough. But we didn't play to our full potential - I think if we'd played a little bit better we'd have won."

Lara named West Indies' man-of-the-series, invariably stole the headlines but the touring team could reflect on a successful comeback by fast bowler Ian Bishop and the emergence of opener Sherwin Campbell and wicket-keeper Courtney Browne.

Bishop, out of Test cricket almost two years with two stress fractures of the back, returned with a remodelled action to finish as his team's leading wicket-taker with a series haul of 27.

Kenny Benjamin underlined the virtues of line and length with 22 wickets, Courtney Walsh was as tireless as ever and took his 300th Test wicket but West Indies had to wait until the Oval to see Curtly Ambrose at his best.

When Ambrose left the field early on the final evening to a rousing reception from the crowd, he went with a wave and a bow, almost as if bidding farewell on his last appearance in a Test in England.

It was touching moment as the curtain came down on a compelling series.

Libenberg toys with Lankan bowlers

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Aug 29: Star batsman Gerhard Libenberg ran riot as South Africa trounced Sri Lanka by 95 runs in the first of two under 24-one-day internationals at the Moratuwa Stadium here Tuesday, reports AFP.

Skipper Dale Benkenstein's decision to bat first after winning the toss paid off handsomely as the in-form Libenberg pulverised the local attack for an unbeaten 170 to help his side total a mammoth 297 for five in 46 overs.

Libenberg whacked 170 not out off just 114 balls including seven sixes and 13 boundaries in a magnificent display of stroke-making that completely demoralised the home side.

Sri Lanka, having failed to bowl the allotted 50 overs, fared miserably when they took the crease, losing two wickets in the first over itself. They were bowled out for 202 in the 45th over.

Only Mahela Jayawardene was able to withstand South Africa's fiery pace attack with a top score of 68. Shuan Pollock claimed two wickets while three batsmen were runout.

Scores: South Africa under 24:297 for five in 46 overs (G. Libenberg 170 not out, A. Bacher 52, D. Benkenstein 21).

Sri Lanka under 24:202 in 44.1 overs (M. Jayawardene 68, S. Warusamane 30, N. Nawaz 27, U. Fernando 20).

Bangladesh girls creep thru'

The Bangladesh girls' team avoided what would have been a humiliating defeat when they struggled to get past Great Britain in their final league match in the Sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday.

The local girls almost made a hash of a commanding 16-9 lead at the breather as they were outscored by the Brits in the closing half but managed to salvage a 27-24 victory.

The British outfit, who have been very disappointing throughout the meet losing their previous encounter with the hosts by a massive

with a determined display in the second half. Towards the end of the opening half and throughout the latter session of the game the Bangladeshis looked totally out of sorts and struggled to regain the tempo they started the game with.

Rashada Khatun, the fleet-footed striker, ultimately saved the face of chief coach Ali Asgar and relieved the partisan spectators with twelve goals, including eight from penalties.

Lynn Peacock was the top-scorer for Great Britain with thirteen eye-catching conversions.

Earlier, in the morning session, the Bangladeshi girls, fielding a second string team, lost to the Indians 24-16. The winners led 11-5 at half time.

Kajal Devi the tall attacker, scored the highest seven goals for the India while Tania took advantage of the absence of the prolific Rashada and Swarna to score nine for the host team.

Bangladesh saved their best players for the evening match against Britain.

Meanwhile, the Indian boys thumped an overconfident Nigerian side 31-14 in an overtly one-sided encounter. The Indians will now play the hosts in the final today.



S Kounta of India was his team's leading scorer with six goals against Nigeria in yesterday's sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship encounter at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium. The Indians outplayed their opponents 31-14.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with numbers 1-61 and letters B, Z, S, N, N, T, R, V, X, B, A, A, W, H, J, R, N, V, B, J, W, Z, N, X, T, R, M, W, L, Q, N, S, P, H, B, V, T, R, H, M, B, V, L, X, Q, L, R, V, J, U, W, U, N, Q, P, W.

CRYPTOQUIP B Z S N N T R V X B A A W H J R N V B J W Z N X T R M W L Q N S P H B V T R H M B V L X Q L R V J U W U N Q P W. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU RUN OUT OF FUEL FOR YOUR FIREPLACE, PLEASE TRY USING CATA-LOGS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals G. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.