

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Mohammed Azharuddin

(India's cricket captain)
"I am going into this World Cup with very open mind. I am not going to decide on one thing and stick with it as I may have the last time. I am prepared to try anything to win this event and I can assure you we will really try."

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the 5th cricket Test at Durban in 1939 between South Africa and England went on for ten days (and still ended in a draw); the Kingston Test between England and West Indies in 1929-30 lasted nine days and the 5th Test at Melbourne in 1928-29 between England and Australia lasted eight days.

Of course, at one stage Test matches were limited to five days. I can't find out the year from when, can you?

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN



Sports WHIZZ KID competition-26

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Feb 16, 1996)

1. Munich Olympics were held in **1970** [1972] [1974]
2. The name of the first three cricket World Cups were **Prudential Cup** [Benson and Hedges Cup]
3. 1978 soccer World Cup was won by **Brazil** [England] [Argentina]
4. The current national cricket manager is **Rajibul Hassan** [Tareen Haider] [Gan Abraha Lulu]
5. 2000 Summer Olympics will be held in **London** [Beijing] [Sydney]

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Trinidadians' third win

PONTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, Feb 12: Trinidad and Tobago, behind an 11-wicket match haul from leg-spinner Rajinder Dhanraj, romped to their third consecutive victory in the Red Stripe Cup Sunday, beating Jamaica by an innings and 94 runs, reports AP.

Dhanraj took five for 50 as Jamaica, 139 for seven overnight, tumbled to 172 all out in their first innings. Dhanraj, who has played three Tests for the West Indies, also sliced through the visitors' second innings when they followed on, taking six for 48 as Jamaica fell for 142 just after tea. Trinidad and Tobago had amassed 408 in their first innings.

The victory followed successes over Barbados and Guyana in their opening two matches.

In Bridgetown, Barbados, the visiting Leeward Islands completed their second victory of the season, beating Barbados by six wickets.

Barbados, resuming from 141 for one in their second innings, were eventually bowled out for 342. Fast bowler Lesroy Weekes captured four for 34. Left-arm spinner Warrington Phillip grabbed three for 118 to follow his five-wicket haul in the first innings.

The Leeward Islands knocked off the required 82 for victory for the loss of four wickets just before the close.

In Roseau, Dominica, the Windward Islands were on target for their first success of the season against Guyana.

Guyana, chasing 388 for victory, were 29 for one at the close.

Earlier, the Windward Islands added to their first innings lead of 109 by reaching 278 in their second innings. Darnley Joseph made 67, while all-rounder Rawl Lewis hit an unbeaten 51 and first innings topscorer Dennison Thomas 49. There were three wickets each for left-arm spinner Neil McCarron and fast bowler Barrington Browne.

Hattrick of victories for Bangladesh
Touring MCC brownwashed

From Hasan Masood

RAJSHAHI, Feb 12: Bangladesh had little trouble in averting a mock challenge from the visiting MCC outfit when they defeated the tourists by seven wickets at the local stadium here today (Monday).

In front of a packed north Bengal crowd, the national stalwarts kept up their winning spree against MCC as they took the three-match series 3-0.

In a low-scoring affair played on an under-prepared wicket, Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan won the toss and put the visitors in to bat. Aided by the unpredictability of the pitch, the locals bundled out MCC for a paltry 135 in 45 overs.

In reply, riding again on the skills of in-form Bulbul and skipper Akram, Bangladesh reached their target in only 34 overs losing only three wickets.

The morning session was a nightmare for MCC as their inept batsmen wilted under some controlled bowling from the local strike-force. Sajal Chowdhury, the right-arm medium pacer, gave his side the early breakthrough as early as in the second over of the day.

Coming in to bowl his first over from the Horticulture end, Sajal snicked one through the defence opener Jonathan Betty (2) in the fifth delivery.

The stout Brothers Union seamers then removed one down Keith Greenfield (5) in his third over when the English batsman edged the ongoing delivery in the gully to Rafique.

An experienced Saiful, who came in as first change, then struck for in the 15th over when Laury Potter (1) was caught by Faruque at mid-wicket, MCC plunged into deep trouble with 37 for three on the board.

However, Skipper Alan Fordham, regaining the charge after a one-match recess, and his fourth wicket partner Nicholas Tubbs then involved in a mending operation adding 61 runs without any further mishap before Tubbs (16) fell to a brilliantly catch by Saiful at long-on off left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique in the 37th over.

Rafique then removed former England Test cap David Capel (8), in his next over, Capel, so for the most consistent MCC performer with the willow, was foiled by a gem of a delivery from the pacer-turned spinner and

keeper Khaled Masud Pilot, playing in front of his home crowd, did the simple task of effecting an easy stumping.

But the heady mixture of a tricky wicket coupled with some irresponsible batting hardly effected the concentration of Fordham (54), who in an object lesson for his teammates completed his 50 off 68 balls studded with three boundaries. The tall right-hand bat was eventually out in the 40th over, caught by Rafique at deep third man off slow medium pacer Nannu, who after failing to catch a Birman flight on Sunday had a grueling bus jour-

ney and reached the venue few hours before the start of the match.

After Fordham's departure with the score on 113 for six on 39.4 overs, MCC lost their remaining four wickets in next 5.2 overs adding a further 24 runs.

Saiful and Rafique were the most successful Bangladeshi bowlers who grabbed three wickets apiece conceding 15 and 27 runs respectively. They were ably supported by Sajal and Nannu, both taking two wickets each.

In reply, Bangladesh suffered a setback, when they lost their first wicket in the fourth over with the scoreboard on seven only.

Opener Ziaur Rashid Rupom was the first to return for a duck, bowled by medium pacer Robert Goffon.

One down Faruque Ahmed (9) came back next in the 11th over when he was trapped leg before by David Capel on 35.

At the other end, Aminul Islam Bulbul added 24 runs for the third wicket before the former was unluckily run out in the 17th over while went for a cheeky single which was not their.

In his 66-ball inning, Athar scored 37 runs inclusive of seven beautiful bound-

aries.

Skipper Akram Khan and Bulbul took another 17 overs to score the remaining 80 runs to win without any further damage.

Bulbul, the man of the match in the previous two matches in Dhaka where he scored 82 not out and 93

against the same outfit, remained not out on 41 off 65 ball while Akram was unbeaten on 39 off 41 ball with a huge six and three fours.

Mohammad Rafique, who grabbed three MCC wickets and took two brilliant catches in the morning session, was named man-of-the-match by adjudicator Dipu Roy Chowdhury.

Both teams left for Dhaka in the evening. The tourist will take on Bangladesh Youth in their next one-day encounter scheduled to be held at the Dhaka Stadium on February 17.

SCOREBOARD

MCC		Mirpur Chalantika			
J Batty	b Rafique	b Nannu	2	54	10
A Fordham	c Rafique	b Sajal	5	5	5
Z Rupom	c Rafique	b Saiful	8	1	1
N Tubbs	c Saiful	b Rafique	1	16	7
D Capel	c Pilot	b Rafique	16	1	2
G Morgan	lbw Nannu		5	0	1
R P Goffon	b Rafique		0	0	0
C Metson	b Saiful		11	0	0
A J Mackay	not out		5	0	0
Extras: (b-8, w-10, nb-8)			25	0	0
Total: (all out in 45 overs)			135	0	0

BOWLING					
O	M	R	W		
Amin	6	1	17	0	0
Sajal	5	0	19	2	0
Athar	8	3	14	2	0
Saiful	7	2	15	3	0
Rafique	10	0	27	3	0
Rupom	4	0	17	0	0
Nannu	5	0	19	2	0

BOWLING					
O	M	R	W		
Athar	Ali	run	out		
				37	
Z Rupom	b Goffon			0	
Faruque	lbw			9	
Bulbul	not out			41	
Akram	Khan	not out		39	
Extras: (b-4, w-6, nb-3)				13	
Total: (for 3 wkt in 34 overs)				138	
Did not bat: Nannu, Saiful, Rafique, Pilot, Sajal and Anis.					
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-35; 3-59.					

BOWLING					
O	M	R	W		
A J Mackay	8	0	30	0	
Z Rupom	8	0	41	1	
D Capel	6	2	21	1	
Salisbury	6	1	18	0	
L'Potter	3	0	15	0	
Greenfield	3	0	10	0	

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