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SA slams Murdoch

CAPE TOWN, Feb 14: Sports Minister Steve Tshwete launched a blistering attack on Australian media tycoon Rupert Murdoch on Tuesday, saying the South African government will do "everything to counter this man," reports AFP.

Tshwete was responding to weekend newspaper reports of impending pay-to-view deals being struck on coverage of football in South Africa.

The reports said South African pay-television station M-Net was set to create a local soccer Premier league and go for a British-style television contract at the same time.

The reports, however, made no mention of Murdoch and they have been emphatically denied by M-Net.

"We must make it difficult for him (Murdoch) - we want to frustrate him," Tshwete said.

"He is only interested in (money), not in what happens to the country," Tshwete said, warning that if Murdoch's deal went ahead: "Our kids won't be able to see soccer anymore. We will do everything to counter this man."

Last year, Murdoch bought the television rights for the next 10 years to all southern hemisphere Rugby Union matches, including international matches between South Africa, Australia and New Zealand and the newly launched super 12 tournament involving provincial teams from the three countries.

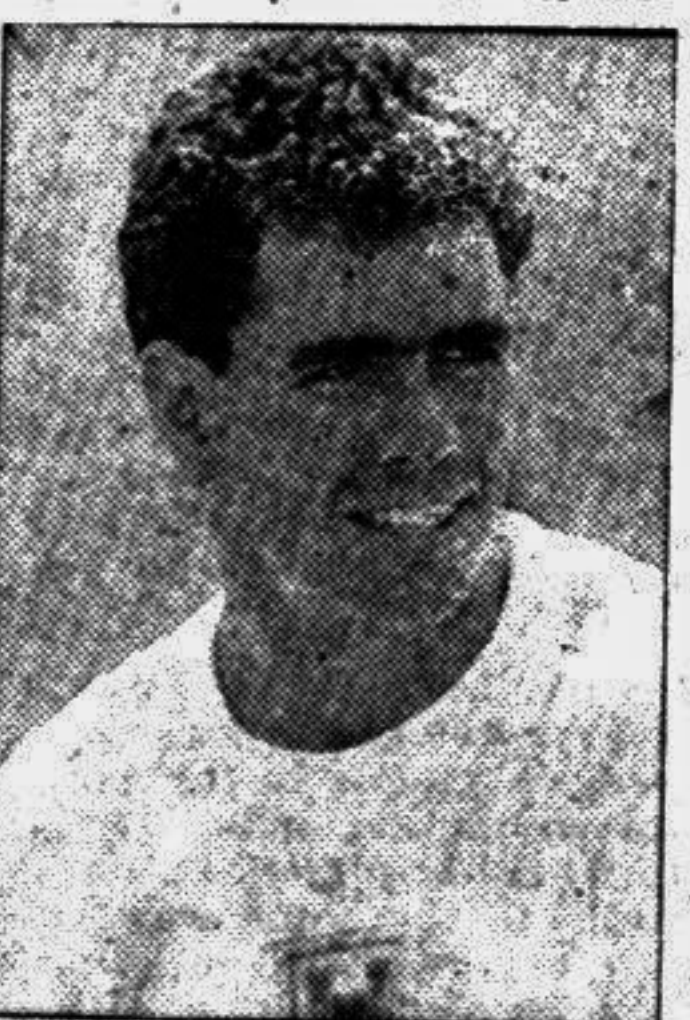
On Sunday, M-Net announced it had clinched a deal with Murdoch giving the station the rights for the next five years to all major rugby matches involving South African sides, except two home Tests against New Zealand and Australia, which it was leaving to state broadcaster SABC.

On Monday, Tshwete said he was considering changes to the law to ensure pay-television does not monopolise coverage of Rugby Union and soccer.

SA-UAE opener at stake



RAWALPINDI, Feb 14: Spring rains battered Rawalpindi Wednesday cancelling South Africa's practice session and threatening Thursday's World Cup cricket match against the United Arab Emirates, reports AP.



HANSIE CRONJE

Deprived of a possible final in the 1992 World Cup in Australia by the controversial "rain rule" invoked following an untimely shower in the

semifinal against England, South Africa is hoping for better luck in this year's World Cup play.

However, Thursday's match could end up being a non-starter as a heavy spring rain disrupted workouts for both teams.

"We don't want a repeat of that again," said South African coach Bob Woolmer. "The rules are different in this tournament."

The South Africans mindful of the UAE's ability to create a tournament shattering upset are not taking anything for granted.

"We have come here for the World Cup and it is a very, very serious tournament. And whether we're

playing United Arab Emirates, Pakistan or Australia, it's exactly the same," said Woolmer.

"This is the World Cup," he said, "you don't take anybody lightly."

Woolmer wants his side to qualify with an uninterrupted five out of five, but said, "I think we should win at least two of our round-robin games."

Despite a lackluster warmup, South African skipper Hansie Cronje is pleased with the preparation.

"We have done everything

— are equally hopeful.

We had to fight hard to qualify," said skipper Sultan Zarwani, one of the two native-born players. The other is Saeed Al Zafar while the rest of the squad was picked from expatriate workers from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"Just making it into the World Cup has been great for us. Now we are going to give it our best shot," he said.

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA: Hansie Cronje (captain), Andrew Hudson, Gary Kirsten, Daryll Cullinan, Jonty Rhodes.

TODAY'S VENUE

RAWALPINDI: The name Rawalpindi came about as being the site where the Rawals, a wandering tribe, had settled. The area was eventually lost to the Sikhs, who in turn surrendered to the British. When the British took over, Rawalpindi became a cantonment town. In 1959 Rawalpindi was chosen as the interim capital of Pakistan until Islamabad was completed.

A major military cantonment, it is 20km away from the national capital of Islamabad. The small 15,000-seater Pindi

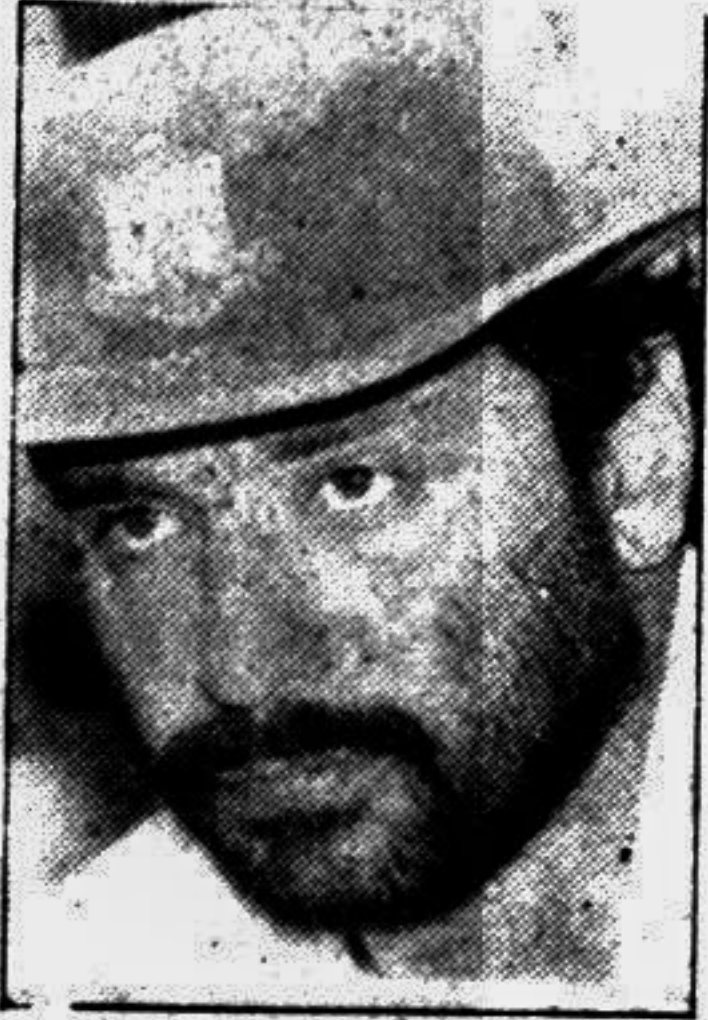
Club ground is a regular centre for international matches and will host three World Cup games along with today's match: South Africa v UAE

possible. The boys can't wait until the tournament proper starts," he said. "They want to get going."

The South Africans are buoyed by their recent 6-1 success over England in the one-dayers and hope they can carry their winning streak into the World Cup.

Paceman Fanie de Villiers with a sprained ankle sustained in his first practice match is expected to miss at least the first two games.

The UAE's qualified by winning the 1994 ICC trophy



SULTAN ZARAWANI

Jayques Kallis, Brian McMillan, Steve Palfreman, Shaun Pollock, Pat Symcox, Craig Matthews, Allan Donald, Paul Adams.

UAE: Sultan Zarwani (captain), Vijay Mehra, Salim Raza, Syed Saeed, Mazhar Hussain, Ishaq Mohammad, Shahzad Altaf, Shaikat Duk-anwala, Mylvaganam Ganesh, Imtiaz Abbasi, Johanne Samarasekera, Arshad Latif, Mohammad Aslam, Saeed Al-Saffar.

Umpires: V K Ramaswamy of India and Steve Bucknor of West Indies. TV umpire: Anil Sarkar.

Match Referee: Rajnan Madugalle (Sri Lanka).

UAE harping on the same old string

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb 14: The United Arab Emirates said today the International Cricket Council's new residency rules would severely retard cricket in the Gulf states, reports Reuters.

Emirates cricket board chief co-ordinator Vikram Kaul said the game in the UAE would be devastated by the stipulation that a team must include at least seven citizens who normally live in the country they represent for 240 days for each of five years.

The United Arab Emirates, who are scheduled to make their World Cup debut against South Africa in Rawalpindi on Thursday, have just two nationals in their 14-man team.

The rest are Indians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans who moved to the oil-rich Gulf state in recent years in search of work.

"The history of cricket shows that the sport was introduced to many parts of the world by expatriate players," said Kaul.

The new much expected rules will be introduced after the World Cup and will probably kill off any chance of the UAE, who are banking heavily on expatriates, playing in future tournaments.

UAE captain Sultan Zarwani, who learned the game while studying in Pakistan, is one of the two Emirates citizens in the team.

He led the side to success in the ICC trophy two years ago to earn qualification for the World Cup.

Tight security for today

RAWALPINDI, Feb 14: Pakistan, troubled by ethnic and sectarian violence, is laying on heavy security for cricket's showpiece World Cup, officials said on Wednesday.

"We will have a full complement of police and reserves standing by," a senior local official, Abed Ali, told Reuters at the rain-swept Rawalpindi Stadium where South Africa are due to play the United Arab Emirates on Thursday.

"Hopefully we will not need it. Everything has been well prepared," he added.

About 2,000 police and troops will guard the stadium in Rawalpindi, near the capital Islamabad. Spectators will be body searched and no parking will be allowed nearby.

The refusal of Australia and West Indies to play their scheduled Cup matches in Sri Lanka after a car bomb killed more than 80 people in Colombo two weeks ago has diverted attention from potential security problems in Pakistan.

More than 100 people have been killed in ethnic violence in Karachi this year. Suicide bombers, destroyed the Egyptian embassy in Islamabad on November 19, killing 17 people. A car bomb killed 42 people in Peshawar on December 21.

None of Pakistan's militant ethnic and religious groups has threatened to disrupt the World Cup, but the authorities in this cricket-crazy country say they are taking no chances.

In Karachi, deputy inspector general of police Muhammad Shoaib Suddle said 10,000 police would be deployed to protect the airport, hotels and the venue for three matches, starting with Pakistan against South Africa on February 29.

"Police helicopters will be used for surveillance around the national stadium. Closed-circuit cameras will be fixed inside and outside the stadium to monitor spectators," he said.

Bruguera struggles thru'

MARSEILLE, France, Feb 14: Sergi Bruguera, making his first competitive appearance since tearing knee ligaments in December, was forced into a deciding tie-breaker before winning his first round match in the Marseille Open on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

The Spanish world number 12, twice a winner of the French Open, took the tie-breaker 7-3, for a 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 victory over Frenchman Guillaume Raoux.

"Raoux is a very aggressive player who has a good serve and a good baseline game," said second seed Bruguera.

"It was a good first match as I only have a dozen days of training behind me."

Top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia plays his opening match today.

About the genius genes



RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb 14 (AFP): Call Shaun Pollock a daddy's boy and you need your head examined.

Any batsman during to suggest it is likely to get a quick response ... right in the side of his helmet.

Pollock, South Africa's rising pace star at the World Cup, has the perfect background for international cricket.

His father, Peter, happens to be the republic's convenor of selectors but, he also opened the bowling for South Africa in his time, Uncle Graeme, one of the all-time cricketing greats, cracked over 20,000 runs with the bat before retiring in 1987.

As national coach Bob Woolmer puts it: "His uncle could play a bit. Shaun has the genes."

The Natal bowler also has one of the most wicked bouncers in the game. He hopes in, hugs the stumps at the bowlers end and suddenly the ball is whiplashed at high velocity straight at the bridge of the batsman's

nose. There is nowhere to go. You try to swing away and the ball, as if guided by radar, swings after you. Last season, they say, Pollock left 18 batsmen with their helmets ringing.

If he has the genes, he also has another significant



SHAUN POLLOCK

advantage-a mentor called Malcolm Marshall.

The West Indian pace bowler, who has just retired, opened the Natal bowling with Pollock last season and has been pestering the South African selectors to pick the carrot-haired 22-year-old for ages.

The call finally came in

November and "Polly" ended the series against England with 16 Test wickets — just three less than Allan Donald — as well as taking a crucial five for 32 in the decider at Cape Town.

He followed that up with a man-of-the-series performance in the 6-1 one-day destruction of Mike Atherton's tourists and was immediately signed up by English champions Warwickshire to replace Brian Lara next season.

While Pollock's father taught him the value of hard work — "He always used to tell me that a fast bowler should have blood in his boots" — Marshall taught him how to grip the ball. He replaced menace to the young man's face. The faultless, easy action came naturally.

If that all sounds too good to be true, then there is worse to come. For Pollock can also bat.

He averaged a highly useful 26 in the Tests batting at eight against England, managing a 72-run last wicket partnership with Donald on the way, and cracked 66 not out at a run a ball in one of the limited-over clashes.

If it is not being called an all-rounder yet, then he soon will be.

WILLS WORLD CUP DIARY

ISLAMABAD, Feb 14 (AFP): Cricket World Cup diary on Wednesday:

ITALIAN SHOWMAN ADMITS OPENING WAS A FLOP

ITALIAN Gianfranco Lunetta, who organised Sunday's opening ceremony, admitted the show was "a flop." His much-vaunted hitech laser show failed to shine because of a stiff breeze and he spent the next day with wife Dominique drowning his sorrows. "Everybody seems to be blaming me for the poor show. But it was the wind which was the actual villain," he said. "Even the giant screen on the scoreboard could not function and the effect was lost."

Lunetta staged laser shows at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and the football World Cup in Italy in 1990.

GAVASKAR TIPS KENYANS... AS SINGERS

KENYA have been tipped to win the World Cup by Indian cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar... but only if they play cricket as well as they sing. The Cup minnows stole the show at the organisers dinner after the opening ceremony at Calcutta with a selection of native songs. "If the Kenyans can play as well as they sing, they will kick everyone," said Gavaskar.

Players from all 12 teams put aside their upcoming rivalry and danced into the night... even the Australian and West Indian cricketers.

SIDHU GOES ABROAD WITHOUT PASSPORT

BATSMAN Navjot Sidhu's World Cup began badly when he forgot his passport on the way to Colombo to play for the joint Pakistan-Indian team against Sri Lanka. Being a cricket star, however, red tape was cut and Sidhu was ushered through customs. He will hope it is the last time he forgets a vital piece of equipment during the tournament. Facing Allan Donald without a box does not bear thinking about.

PAKISTAN NAVY SAILS IN TO SAVE SINKING SECURITY

THE Pakistan Navy has been called in at the 11th hour to provide security at the six tournament venues in the country. The Pakistan Cricket Board, all at sea, believes trained naval officers are the only solution to tightening safety at the grounds. The navy has agreed to come ashore, although it will not be ready for the opening match between South Africa and the United Arab Emirates at Rawalpindi on Thursday.

PAY UP, PAKISTANI CRICKET CHIEFS ARE WARNED

THE Pakistan Cricket Board has been warned to pay up by the hosts of the country's opening match. Officials at Rawalpindi, where South Africa play the United Arab Emirates in Group B, say they have asked for an increased match fee from the board — two million rupees (around 60,000 dollars) rather than the normal half a million per match — because of costly stadium renovation but have yet to hear anything.

The game, however, will go ahead even if the money has not been paid. The Firdi Stadium, which will also host the South African Games against UAE and England, will be protected by 2,000 police.

Reid bids cricket adieu



BRUCE REID

PERTH, Feb 14: Former Australia Test fast bowler Bruce Reid on Wednesday announced his retirement from first-class cricket, ending a career plagued by injury, reports Reuters.

The lanky left-arm bowler said the constant battle for fitness had drained his desire to play for Western Australia in the interstate Sheffield Shield competition.

Reid, who turns 33 next month, played 29 times for Australia between 1985-86 and 1992-93, claiming 113 wickets at an average of 24.63, including two 10-wicket match hauls.

Reid was troubled by recurring back and shoulder problems that required repeated surgery, limiting his appearances for his country and state.

His immediate retirement, announced to reporters at a press conference, followed his withdrawal from the current Sheffield Shield match against Queensland because of a side strain.

In total, Reid took 980 wickets at an average of 28.64 in 96 first-class appearances at Test and state level.

Fanie in fine fettle

RAWALPINDI, Feb 14: South African pace bowler Fanie de Villiers returned to training today after spraining an ankle last week, reports Reuters.

De Villiers bowled in the nets off a short run-up and showed no sign of pain, coach Bob Woolmer said.

De Villiers, who is not being considered for South Africa's opening World Cup match against the United Arab Emirates here on Thursday, sprained the ankle last Wednesday after standing on a ball at practice.

All's well if Lara's well



HYDERABAD, India, Feb 14: Brian Lara, back from his self-imposed international exile, shoulders an immense burden of expectation as former champions West Indies open their World Cup campaign against Zimbabwe on Friday, reports Reuters.

Lara pulled out of the recent unsuccessful tour of Australia, where West Indies failed to qualify for the finals of the World Series Cup, in protest against a fine imposed for incidents on last year's tour of England.

He has returned to the world stage and the international spotlight at the sixth World Cup and also to a side beset with problems.

The 1975 and 1979 World Cup champions set new standards of fitness, athleticism and aggression in the one-day game during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Now, 17 years after their second Lord's triumph, they are a side in transition, bedeviled by reports of internal dissent, led by a captain whose form has been in steady decline and headed by two fast bowlers over the age of 30.

Captain Richie Richardson in a dignified and gracious, if uninspired leader, but he is finding it extremely difficult

to score international runs. There are also obvious internal problems in a team in which three players besides Lara were fined for various breaches of discipline after the England tour.

Outwardly at least, Richardson and manager Wesley Hall were upbeat when the West Indies squad arrived here on Monday and stressed the harmonious spirit in the team following a training camp at Barbados.

"All depends on how well we put into practice on the field all the good things we have discussed," Richardson said. "We will definitely put up a better show than many expect."

Hall, once the most fearsome fast bowler in the game, now an avuncular elder statesman, added: "If we play up to our potential, we will do very well."

West Indies have also realised that the one-day game has evolved since their glory days.

"The surprise element could be a vital weapon," Hall said. "You must try to keep your rival guessing, then sometimes you can catch them off balance."

"If you have a set pattern in your bowling then the opposition will know who will bowl the initial overs and who will bowl the last overs. They can then plan accordingly."

"On the other hand if you can keep them in the dark about your plan of action

there is a chance that they will be kept off guard and you could gain an edge."

Lara, the world individual record holder in both Test and first-class cricket, is a brilliant one-day batsman whose strike rate is better than a strike ball.

He warmed up for Friday's Group A opener during a practice match at the Lal Bahadur Stadium on Tuesday, scoring 36 from 21 deliveries.

Such is the standing of the little Trinidadian left-hander here that several hundred spectators promptly left the ground after his dismissal as the West Indies went through the motions against a local side.

Lara, who left the field briefly on Tuesday with what was described as a knee strain, looks set to bat at number three on Friday, with Richardson partnering Sherwin Campbell as opener.

West Indies will practise under lights on Wednesday while Zimbabwe play a practice match.

Zimbabwe, very much the underdogs in one-day cricket but still a tough, competitive outfit, were denied practice facilities during their four days in Calcutta, much to captain Andy Flower's dissatisfaction.

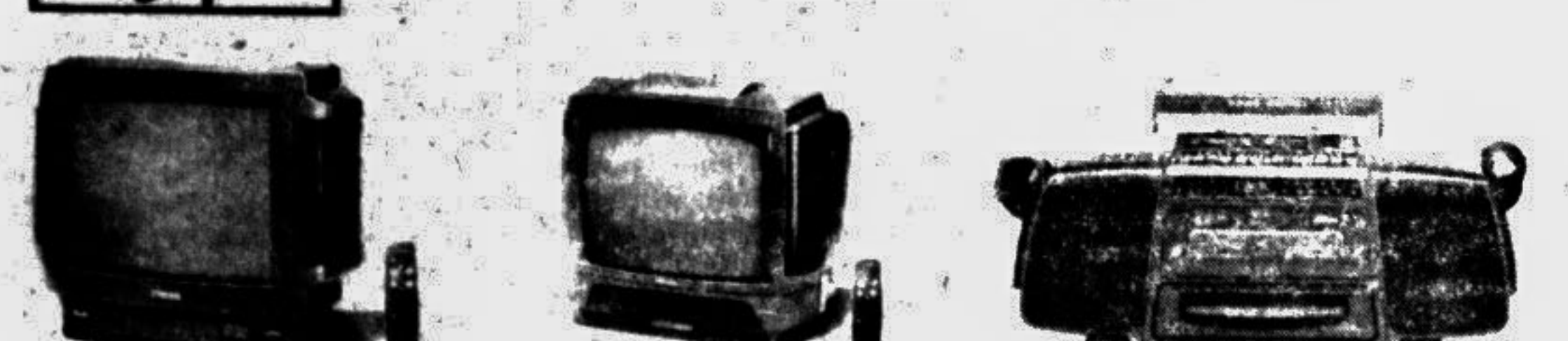
Flower said Zimbabwe still hoped to make it to the quarterfinals despite the loss through injury of their most experienced batsman, Dave Houghton, adding: "We have a very good team."



SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT! England cricketers Neil Fairbrother (L) and Peter Martin (R) try to woo a visibly amused hotel staff with Valentines Day flowers in Ahmedabad on Feb 13.

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Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

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| 2. The 1979 World Cup was won by | Australia <input type="checkbox"/> | England <input type="checkbox"/> | West Indies <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was | M. Azhar <input type="checkbox"/> | S. Gavaskar <input type="checkbox"/> | Kapil Dev <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The 1987 World Cup final was held in | Bombay <input type="checkbox"/> | Calcutta <input type="checkbox"/> | Lahore <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The highest scorer in the 1992 final was | Graham Gooch <input type="checkbox"/> | Imran Khan <input type="checkbox"/> | Javed Miandad <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by | Grant Flower <input type="checkbox"/> | D. Houghton <input type="checkbox"/> | Andy Flower <input type="checkbox"/> |
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