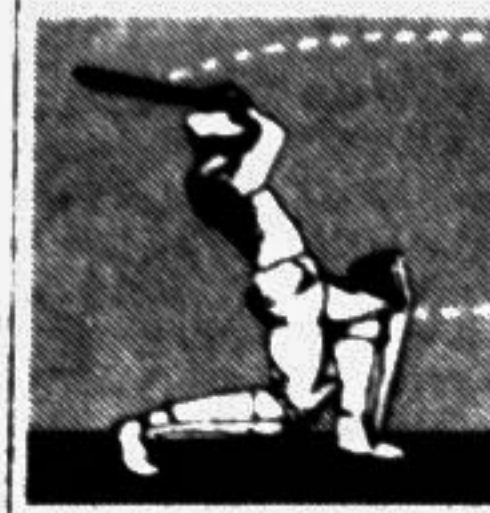


## The World Cup with Philips



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## Hall's humble confession

HYDERABAD, India, Feb 15: West Indies manager Wesley Hall, as quick now with a quip as he once was with a cricket ball, freely acknowledges his side are not one of the World Cup favourites, reports Reuter.

"We are very cognisant of the fact that West Indies and Zimbabwe are not firm favourites to win anything," Hall said at a reception for the team on Wednesday night.

"In the newspapers that I read and the views coming from great players of the past, West Indies are not considered favourites."

"I am thinking that we (West Indies and Zimbabwe) are going to have a nice little game on our own."

Hall, a former Test star who never played limited-overs cricket during his career in the sixties, how ever believes the current side has the potential to regain past glory.

"If we play to the standard we are capable of, we will be very focussed," Hall said.

He scotched speculation about dissensions in the team over Brian Lara's refusal to tour Australia earlier this year, adding the West Indies were not over-dependent on the master batsman.

"Brian is a great player and we are happy to have the best batsman in the world on our side, but one brilliant player cannot do everything. In one-day cricket you have to have utility players and all-rounders," Hall said.

## Row over territory

ISLAMABAD, Feb 15: Pakistan on Thursday protested to India for claiming the disputed Kashmir state as part of its territory during the cricket World Cup opening ceremony, a foreign office spokesman said, reports AFP.

He said Indian high commissioner Sateesh Chandra was summoned by foreign secretary Najmuddin Sheikh to be told the Indian move at an international event was a "contradiction" of a position taken by the United Nations as well as entire international community on Kashmir.

The northern Himalayan state was shown as part of India at a laser show in Calcutta during Sunday's opening ceremony of the World Cup, being jointly hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Sheikh also handed over a UN map showing Jammu and Kashmir as disputed territory, stating that the final status of the dispute had not been agreed upon.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence in 1947, two of them over Kashmir while more than 12,000 people have died in a Muslim separatist drive since 1989.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the militants. Pakistan denies the charge but admits giving political and diplomatic support.

## Seles writes her sob-story

NEW YORK, Feb 15: Monica Seles has written an autobiography about her struggle to return to tennis glory after being stabbed, a book to be published in June and entitled "Monica: My Journey from Fear to Victory," reports AFP.

Seles won the Australian Open title and remains ranked co-number one under a special medical exemption by the WTA Tour. She came back last July after missing more than two years because of the 1993 attack.

"It is both exciting and challenging to be writing a book about my experiences," Seles said. "I was flattered to be asked, and I hope the story will help other people face, and overcome, obstacles in their lives."

## Dosedel dumps Kafelnikov

MARSEILLE, France, Feb 15: Top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov made a first round exit from the Marseille Open on Wednesday when he was downed 6-4, 6-4 by Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic, reports Reuter.

Dosedel, ranked 65th in the world, took full advantage of numerous unforced errors by the Russian to win the match and Kafelnikov admitted his mistakes caused his downfall.

"Dosedel's game never really gave me problems," he said. "I know I'm better in all departments of the game."

"But I played on clay in Italy last Sunday and I did not have enough time to adapt to the surface which is twice as fast here. That's why I made so many errors."

## Akram, his idol &amp; rival



LAHORE, Feb 15: Wasim Akram has a burning ambition — to emulate the feat of his idol Imran Khan and lead World Cup holders Pakistan to victory in the current tournament.

"Imran has been and will remain my hero," the Pakistani captain told Reuters in an interview. "Though I've been described as his successor... I have to win the cup to match his achievements."

The 29-year-old all-rounder was a major force in Pakistan's World Cup-winning side in Australia four years ago under Imran's captaincy.

In the exciting final against England at Melbourne, he hammered 33 off 19 deliveries and took three wickets for 49, dismissing Allan Lamb and Chris Lewis with successive deliveries, to win the "man-of-the-match" award.

His tally of 18 wickets made him the tournament's most successful bowler.

A gentle person of the field, Akram, is a formidable opponent on the field and can quickly influence the outcome of a Test or one-day match with bat or ball.

Pitch forked into the captaincy in 1992-93, Akram was at the centre of a disas-

trous tour of the West Indies. Along with Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed, he was hauled in by Grenada police for allegedly possessing marijuana — a charge vigorously denied by the players.

Not surprisingly, he was dumped from the captaincy for the 1993-94 tour of New Zealand when his colleagues



WASIM AKRAM

expressed lack of faith in him.

But Akram was re-appointed captain after Pakistan suffered a humiliating defeat in a home series against Sri Lanka and went down at Sharjah in a one-day tournament last year.

He admits he has learned from the harrowing experience of being ousted from the captaincy.

"I have learnt a great deal and so have the boys. All of us have let the by-gones be by-gones and are friends again," he said.

One indication is the acceptance of Javed Miandad back into the side. "Miandad is the kind of player who has the capacity to change the fortunes of the side on his own. His ability as a batsman had never been questioned," said Akram.

Although Pakistan lost the three-Test series on their recent tour to Australia, victory in the Sydney Test did much to salvage their pride.

Pakistan then went on to win the one-off Test against New Zealand at Auckland and share the four-match one-day series.

Akram deserves a good measure of credit for unifying the team but he refuses to accept any accolade. "That the team is united is in itself a reward," he said.

On Pakistan's prospects of retaining the World Cup, Akram said: "We've a pretty solid team and I think that our chances of retaining the title are as bright as ever."

"The morale of the players is high and since we are playing on the home grounds that is an added advantage."

The left-arm fast bowler is one of the verge of reaching the 300-wicket mark in one-day internationals. He has already taken 282 wickets in 193 games.

## SL offered olive branch



BOMBAY, Feb 15: Australian captain Mark Taylor offered a World Cup olive branch to Sri Lanka here today in a bid to defuse the simmering row threatening to wreck the tournament, reports agencies.

But that plea coincided with a new attack on the cup favourites, with Indian legend Kapil Dev arguing they should have been thrown out of the tournament.

Taylor pledged his team would continue to support Sri Lankan cricket despite the decision to boycott and forfeit its Group A match in Colombo over security worries.

He stressed the Australian Cricket Board and not the players had taken the decision to stay away, adding he hoped his cup favourites could woo back the fans and that politics would make way for cricket. "Which is what the World Cup is all about."

The 35-year-old Dev, however, who retired from Test cricket in 1994 with a record 434 wickets, argued in the Indian Express that both Australian and West Indian players, who also forfeited, had influenced their boards decision.

He added: "Both Australia and the West Indies should have been penalised like it would have happened in football."

"Both these teams should not only have been thrown out of the World Cup, but also barred from playing the game for at least one year. But the ICC, unlike FIFA, is a toothless body and let us leave things at that."

The players must have first said no, forcing a decision on the officials. This is sad, because Australia is such a strong and entertaining team that forfeiting matches does little credit to them."

Taylor, speaking from his team base here, said: "It was a tough decision to make be-

cause Australia has always been a great supporter of Sri Lankan cricket."

"We have made many tours there in the past and will continue to do so in future."

Australia have another week before they play their first match against minnows Kenya.

Taylor said: "A break is not going to do us any harm. Physically, we're feeling quite good at the moment, but on the mental side there have been disruptions all through

the season which have not done us any good."

Meanwhile, Indian legend Kapil Dev wants Australia and West Indies thrown out of the World Cup and barred from all international cricket for a year for refusing to play in Sri Lanka.

Kapil who retired from Test cricket in 1994 with a record 434 wickets believes the decision to stay away from Colombo was taken by the respective boards under the influence of the players.

## WORLD CUP DIARY

ISLAMABAD, Feb 15 (AFP): Cricket World Cup diary on Thursday:

## NO ROOM FOR BEGGARS

Pakistan police in Lahore have launched a crackdown on beggars during the World Cup. Local reports say hundreds had been moved on, adding however that a few resourceful ones have gone underground to avoid the sweep.

Lahore will stage three group games as well as the final. England's injury worries mount

## INJURY ILLY'S WORRY

England's injury worries continued to mount after their opening defeat against New Zealand, with Graeme Hick (thigh) joining Robin Smith (groin) and Dominic Cork (knee) on the physio table.

Cork played against the Kiwis but Smith missed the opening game after pulling a groin muscle during a warm-up match. England are next in action against the United Arab Emirates on February 18.

## OLONGA ZIMBABWE'S FIRST

Henry Olonga hopes to become the first black player to appear in the World Cup for Zimbabwe on Friday — despite being born in Zambia and holding a Kenyan passport.

The 19-year-old needed a special dispensation to play for the team while trying to gain Zimbabwean citizenship. The fast-medium bowler was cited for throwing against Pakistan last year, but has corrected his action after being coached by Dennis Lillee at the cricket academy in Madras, India.

## FANIE'S DATE WITH DESTINY

South African seamer Fanie de Villiers, out of action for four days with a sprained ankle, must rank as one of cricket's most accident-prone players. He almost missed the World Cup altogether, a serious hamstring injury keeping him on the sidelines for the Test series against England and leaving him just three one-day games to convince the selectors to bring him.

De Villiers has also been plagued this season by a bad back and other aches and pains requiring anti-inflammatory medication.

If there is a way to get hurt, it seems, he will discover it. While on military service, he was temporarily blind when some unbleached lime exploded in his face.

## Streak ready to strafe

HYDERABAD, India, Feb 15: Zimbabwean pace bowler Heath Streak will be hoping to give West Indies a taste of some of their own medicine on Friday during their World Cup face-off, reports AFP.

For Streak looks the likeliest paceman on either side to make an impact at Hyderabad.

That about-turn would have been impossible to imagine during the last two decades of West Indian dominance, yet the up-an-coming Streak, at only 21, now looks ready to challenge 30-somethings Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh.

If he does eclipse them, expect a few cases of "lightning Streak" or "winning Streak" in Saturday's sports pages. The man from Bulawayo, who made his debut at the end of 1993, is still developing as a right-arm fast-medium bowler.

Streak, who bowls a mean off-cutter, came to world prominence in 1994 when he took 13 wickets at an average of 23.38 in the three-Test series against Sri Lanka, then claimed a haul of 22 at 12.54, including six for 90 at Harare, in the three-Test series against Pakistan.

Last season he became the first Zimbabwean Test player to feature in the English county championship, appearing for Malcolm Marshall's former club Hampshire.

The list of accolades has kept on coming right up to the World Cup. In January in the first Test against New Zealand, a four-wicket haul took him past 50 wickets in just 11 Tests, a strike rate to match the very best.

Streak, whose father played for Rhodesia, also wields a wide lower-order bat.

And Zimbabwe will be looking for all the help they can get after former skipper David Houghton, who scored a century in the side's historic first Test against India four years ago, missed the Cup with a broken bone in his foot.

## Elliott in a scoring spree

SYDNEY, Feb 15: Victoria opener Matthew Elliott struck an entertaining, unbeaten 144 to become the first batsman in Australia to score 1,000 first-class runs this season, reports Reuter.

Elliott steered Victoria to a commanding 292 for two, in reply to Sheffield Shield leaders South Australia's 209 all-out, at the close of the second day in Melbourne.

The aggressive left-hander, who has collected 1,011 runs this season at an average of 77.77, survived a chance in the final over of the day when wicketkeeper Tim Nielsen, diving across first slip, failed to hold a difficult catch.

His fifth century of the season included 17 boundaries.

South Australia, resuming on 296 for nine, lost their final wicket early on when Nielsen was run out for 115, his highest first-class score.

In Perth, Queensland, trailing by 53 runs on first innings, reached 99 for two at the close against Western Australia at the Gabba. Martin Love was 50 not out.

Earlier, Western Australia captain Tom Moody scored 59 to lift his side to 207 all-out.

## Hefty penalty awaits 'em

CHANDIGARH, Feb 15: Besides losing two points each, Australia and West Indies, may have to pay a penalty of about three million dollars each for their failure to play in the trouble-torn Sri Lanka, reports FTI.

Indrajit Singh Bindra, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and member of the Pakistan-India-Lanka committee for the World Cup (PILCOM), told newsmen here the agreement of PILCOM with the 12 World Cup participating countries stipulated the provision of the penalty in case of their forfeiting the match.

Australia and West Indies have announced their decision not to play against Sri Lanka at Colombo on February 17 and February 25 respectively due to "threat to their lives".

Answering a question, Bindra said technically the fixture would be considered forfeited only on the day of the match.

There was still hope of the two teams playing in Sri Lanka, he said adding PILCOM would claim its damages from the two countries.

He said the International Cricket Council would also be sent a formal report for further action on its part.

## Violence marks polls

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son identified as Mahbub, 32, was killed when police opened fire on some armed anti-election activists who attacked Madhukhal Gonda-dia Govt School at around 10 am, said an official of the district administration.

The activists reportedly snatched ballot boxes and other election materials, the official added.

Narayanganj: Our Correspondent reported clashes took place at a number places in the district that left at least 200 people including some army and police personnel injured. Police rounded up 10 agitators from the spot.

Adamjee Jute Mills workers attacked polling officials while they were carrying ballot papers and boxes from Siddhirganj thana around 8:30. The clash that lasted about two hours led to postponement of polling in all the 22 centres in the thana. Twelve people were injured during the clashes.

Army was called in but could not enter the mill premises as the main gate was locked by the workers. In another incident in Siddhirganj thana, 10 people including one Ansar were injured as anti-polls activists clashed with police and BNP workers.

One shop was burnt, six houses ransacked and 4 shops were looted. Polling was postponed in 2 centres. In another clash between anti-polls activists and the combined forces at Chadmani

rail-line area under the same thana left at least 25 people including one army personnel and a police constable injured. An army jeep was damaged. Police picked up 4 persons from the spot.

Election officials at the Government Tolaram College centre were ousted by the anti-polls activist around 7:30 am and the centre was closed following the incident.

In Talla, a gunfight between pro and anti-polls activists left 10 people injured. In another incident of clash at Shitalkhya, 15 people including one police constable were injured. Police picked up 6 from the spot.

At Ghamorha in Bandar area, a police vehicle was set ablaze at 9:30 am. Twenty

people including 2 police constables were injured in a clash there. At Jay Govinda High School centre, activists ransacked the science laboratory and destroyed equipment worth about Tk 8 lakh. Polling could not be held at the centre.

Moulvibazar: Our Correspondent reported that at least 25 people including a presiding officer and a police official were injured in clashes. Anti-polls activists ransacked ballot papers and boxes from 13 polling centres.

Rajshahi: Our Correspondent reported that 20 people including two members of the law enforcing agencies were injured in clashes.

Comilla: News agency reports said that anti-election activists clashed with police and snatched election materials from at least 50 centres in the district.

Kishoreganj: UNB reported that at least 65 people including seven security men were injured in clashes with anti-polls activists in the district.

Chuadanga: Five persons including an Ansar were seriously injured in bomb attacks when Opposition activists snatched ballot papers from at least six polling centres in the town.

Rangamati: UNB reported that five local correspondents of different national dailies were injured when anti-election activists attacked their jeep at Kalibari in the town.

## Hasina

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In the city, ballot papers were seen being distributed by the police at a polling centre at Mohammadpur.

In hundreds of polling centres across the country, there were no polling agents of even the BNP candidates while most centres did not have the non-BNP candidates' polling agents.

In several instances, our correspondents found that indelible ink was not used to mark thumbs of persons who had cast votes giving scope for them to cast votes repeatedly.

## FA Cup holders falter



LONDON, Feb 15: English FA Cup holders Everton were beaten 2-1 in a fourth round replay on Wednesday at Port Vale who are just three places off the bottom of the First Division, reports Reuter.

In another big surprise, Grimsby, also of the First Division, put dressing-room discord aside to bring Premier league West Ham down to earth with a 3-0 drubbing in their replay at Blundell Park.

Manchester city lined up an appetising fifth round clash at neighbours Manchester United on Sunday after a 2-1 victory at home to Coventry.

Port Vale's fifth round re-

ward is a trip on Saturday to Leeds who edged past Bolton 1-0. Grimsby will be at home to Chelsea on the same day.

In other top action on Wednesday, Arsenal and Aston Villa drew 2-2 in the first leg of their League Cup semi-final at Highbury.

Dennis Bergkamp put Arsenal ahead with two fine strikes but in-form Dwight Yorke also scored twice to set up an exciting second leg at Villa Park next Wednesday. Bergkamp had put Arsenal on the threshold of Wembley with goals in the 26th and 32nd minutes, the first an excellent drive from just inside the area.

But Yorke, making it six goals in the last three games, brought Villa back from the dead, ramming the ball home six minutes before the inter-

val and then producing a headed strike 18 minutes from time.

Everton, who had to struggle past second division Stockport in the FA Cup third round, found the going tough against a determined Port Vale who had earned their replay with a last minute equaliser from Ian Bogle at Goodison Park.

And it was Bogle who fired Vale ahead on Wednesday in the 17th minute, ghosting past Everton skipper Barry Horne and finding the net from 20 metres.

Although Graham Stuart equalised 15 minutes later, Jon McCarthy grabbed the winner and the glory in the 69th-minute, gliding in to connect with Steve Guppy's cross.



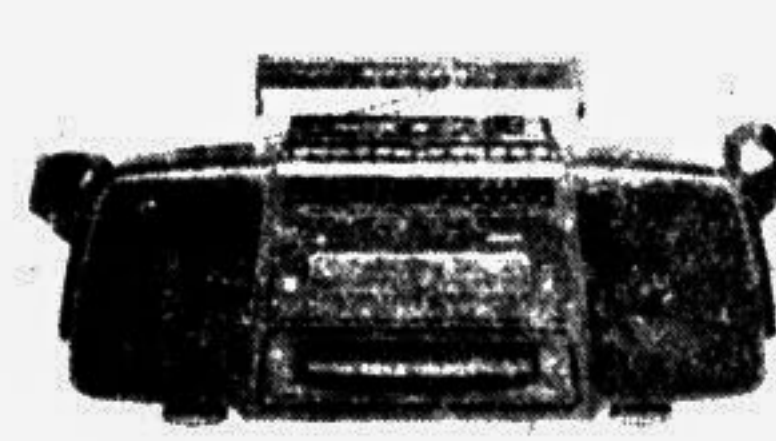
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Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

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| 2. The 1975 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. Asanmath <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"/>        |
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| 6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by            | Grant Flower <input type="checkbox"/> | D. Houghton <input type="checkbox"/> | Audy Flower <input type="checkbox"/>   |
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