

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THE current World Cup Cricket is a mammoth tele-communication undertaking. Signals picked up from the Commentary Box will be beamed by the on-ground Control Room to Intelsat. Signals from the latter will be received by Star TV in Hong Kong and relayed to Asiasat, another satellite. Dish antennas in our homes then receive the signal from Asiasat. What a roundabout way to enjoy a bit of cricket!

Four transportable TV units from England — two based in India and two in Pakistan — will broadcast the majority of the 37 matches. Each will be manned by a mix of local and foreign crew. Each will have nine cameras (including stump camera), four slow motion replay (including super slow motion), its own satellite transmitting dish, generators, etc. The final at Lahore will be covered with 14 cameras and eight slow motion machines. Wow!

SPORTS TALK



Adam Parore

(New Zealand wicket-keeper turned specialist batsman)

"I want to play in a successful Test side, a winning Test side. I'd really like to be in a side that wins a lot of games, about say 50 per cent of its Test matches and 60 or 70 per cent of its one-day matches and that gets constantly used to winning."

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

SCISSORS

Sports Whizz Kid competition-27

✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.

Feb 23, 1996)

1. Asian Club football champions are:
Thai Farmers Kawasaki Verdy Al-Nasr
2. The 1974 Asian Games were held in:
Delhi Tehran Islamabad
3. The present West Indian cricket vice-captain is:
Courtney Walsh Brian Lara Roger Harper
4. Tennis prodigy Martina Hingis is a:
Swiss Czech Polish
5. The name of the captain of the UAE cricket team is:
Zarawani Dukawala Mazar

Name: _____

Class: _____ Roll No: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: (if any) _____

Asprilla makes Keegan's day

LONDON, Feb 25: Newcastle's costly Colombian Faustino Asprilla scored his first goal since his transfer from Parma, helping rescue the league leaders from their second defeat in four days in a thrilling 3-3 draw at struggling Manchester City on Saturday, reports Reuter.

But the two dropped points by Newcastle gave hope to the chasing pack.

Third-placed Liverpool, helped by a fluke goal from Stan Collymore, won an exciting game at champions Blackburn 3-2 while second-placed Manchester United play at bottom club Bolton on Sunday.

Newcastle are now on 61 points, with Manchester United on 54 and Liverpool on 52. All have played 27 games.

Asprilla escaped punishment when he elbowed City skipper Keith Curle just after the break and when referee Martin Bodenham had blown for time another scrap between the pair finished with the Colombian seeming to move his head towards Curle.

Collymore's 35-metre shot seemed to be a formality but the ball hit a bump just in front of Flowers and bounced wickedly over his body and into the net.

Tottenham boosted their hopes of taking a European place as Chris Armstrong netted his 14th goal of the season to secure a 1-0 win over struggling Sheffield Wednesday at White Hart Lane.

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Jonty Rhodes (L) of South Africa receives the man-of-the-match award from Abdul Qadeer Khan, renowned Pakistani scientist after his country's emphatic victory over England in World Cup Group B game in Rawalpindi, Pakistan yesterday.

— AFP/UNB photo

SA dent English pride



RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb 25: England confirmed their new-found status as the World Cup's newest minnows by crashing to a humiliating 78-run defeat against South Africa here today, reports AFP.

Hansie Cronje's supreme bowling attack — even without Allan Donald — skittled out Mike Atherton's bunglers for a schoolboy 152 with five-and-a-half overs still remaining.

The result left Cronje's unbeaten side on six points at the top of Group B and England firmly spiralling towards world cricket's second division.

The South Africans, who failed to shine themselves on the way to 230, always bowl and field like demons, but this was more a case of England's batsmen competing to see who could invent the stupidest way to get out.

Atherton's ill-judged criticism of Cronje's lack of flair at the start of the year always threatened to backfire on him. The egg duly hit the England captain straight in the face just four balls into the innings.

Back at opener, Atherton, now averaging under eight after four innings, attempted a glance to third man only to steer the ball to the wicket-

keeper.

Graeme Hick, with previous scores of 85 and 104 not out, chipped Fanie De Villiers to short midwicket and Neil Smith then played all round a regulation De Villiers delivery to make it 33 for three.

The prize for the best example of village cricket, however, fell to Alec Stewart.

He pushed what seemed like a simple single to Pat Symcox at mid on, jogged along, did not bother to stretch and failed to ground his bat.

The stumps, along with Stewart's reputation, duly exploded to reduce England to 52 for four.

Graham Thorpe, the Surrey left-hander, was the one man to come away head held high, falling for 46 after being given out caught behind off Symcox. Phil DeFreitas, playing in his 100th one-day international, cracked 22 late on — but also got himself run out by failing to stretch his bat in front of him.

With Donald suffering from an upset stomach, pace partner Shaun Pollock came away with figures of two wickets for 16 off an immaculate eight overs.

If the result confirmed England as second-rate — even when the United Arab Emirates made 152 for eight against Cronje and Co — it also suggested that South Africa's batting could yet prove the side's

potential Achilles' heel against worthier opponents.

Every batsman played himself in only to miss out on a big score during a damp morning session perfectly suited to English seamers.

The South Africans, who beat England 6-1 in a recent one-day series, were well launched by pinch-hitter Steve Palframan, who thrashed them to 46 without loss after 10 overs.

But man-of-the-match Jonty Rhodes was the only man to truly apply himself to the damp, tricky morning conditions, taking singles and unleashing the odd drive to take 37 off 32 balls before dragging Peter Martin into his stumps.

Daryll Cullinan looked good at times for 34 but survived a few risky airborne drives, before being bowled by an off-cutter from DeFreitas, while stylish Jacques Kallis also got away with several close shaves before falling to Dominic Cork, caught behind.

Opener Gary Kirsten top-scored with 38 but — to everybody's amazement — was run out by Stewart with England's first hit of the Cup.

SCOREBOARD

World Cup Group B score-board here today between England and South Africa.

SOUTH AFRICA

G Kirsten run out	38
Palframan et Russell b Martin	28
Cronje et Russell b Gough	15
Cullinan b DeFreitas	34
Kallis et Russell b Cork	26
Rhodes b Martin	37
McMillan b Smith	11
Pollock et Faithbrother b Cork	12
Symcox et Thorpe b Martin	1
Matthews not out	9
De Villiers et Smith b Gough	12
Extras: (1-b 5-w 1-nb)	7
Total:	230

Fall of wkts: 1-56; 2-85; 3-88; 4-137; 5-163; 6-195; 7-199; 8-202; 9-213.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
DeFreitas	10	0	55	1
Cork	10	0	36	2
Gough	10	0	48	2
Martin	10	0	33	3
Smith	8	0	40	1
Thorpe	2	0	17	0

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De Villiers	7	1	27	2
Mathews	9.3	0	30	2
McMillan	6	0	17	0
Symcox	10	0	38	2
Cronje	4	0	17	0

Overs: 44.3

Man-of-the-match: Jonty Rhodes

South Africa won by 78 runs.



— AFP/UNB photo

contemplate but the faint sniff of leather.

The 24-year-old Waqar, covered by Imran Khan, burst

speed, skating delivery marking him out as an instant superstar.

English county Surrey did not need much convincing, taking just one net session to make up their minds to sign him. But by 1992 serious back trouble was threatening his career.

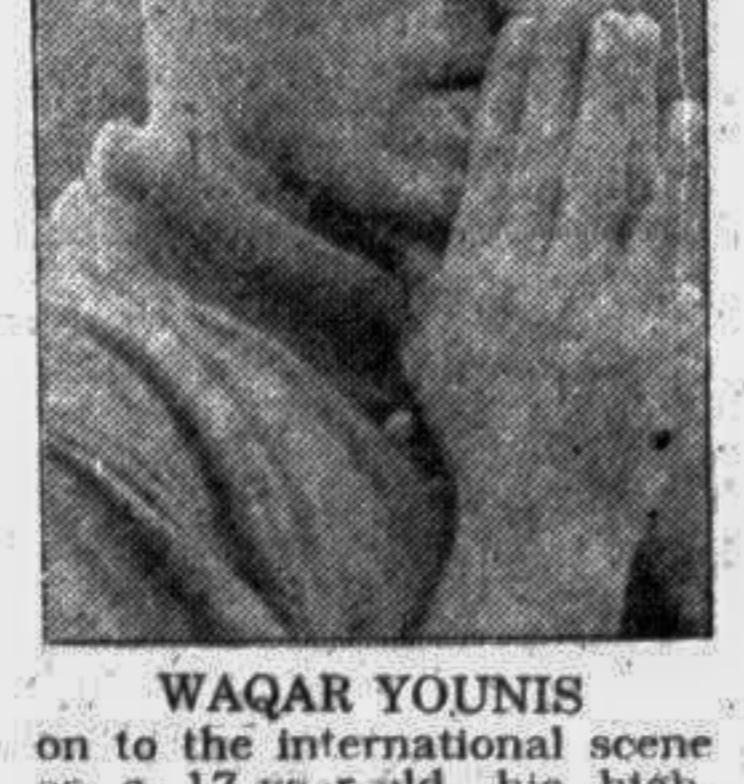
He lost time in 1993 as well and last season was all but wiped out by more problems, prompting suggestions that he would never be the same again.

World Cup batsmen — particularly ones from the Emirates — will have come to the opposite conclusion today.

When Waqar, who reached the 200 Test wicket mark in December, returned for his second blitz, Shaukat Dukhanwala had the temerity to help him on his way for a six over square leg. Johanne Samarakkera was made to pay shortly afterwards, however, his middle stump clattering out of the ground.

If there was one thing missing today, it was the Waqar wicket-taking yorker, a ball landing at the batsman's toes and flattening his wicket before he can start to protect his stumps.

The third saw the fastest ball of the tournament so far lift off a length to leave Gough Mylvaganam with



WAQAR YOUNIS

on to the international scene as a 17-year-old, his high-

Sport

WC STANDINGS

NEW DELHI, Feb 25 (Reuters): World Cup standings today after West Indies forfeited their match against Sri Lanka in Colombo and South Africa beat England in Rawalpindi. (Tabulate under played, won, lost points):

Group A	P	W	L	Pts
Sri Lanka	3	3	0	6
India	2	2	0	4
Australia	2	1	1	2
West Indies	3	1	2	2
Kenya	2	0	2	0
Zimbabwe	2	0	2	0

Note: Sri Lanka's record includes 4pts awarded after Australia and West Indies forfeited their matches on Feb 17 and Feb 25 respectively.

Group B	P	W	L
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