

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Brian Lara, the batting sensation and holder of world record scores, is the youngest of eleven children. That means he has ten brothers and sisters. They could be a full team themselves. Lara lives with his mom Pearl in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Lara was a very naughty boy. Pearl Lara spanked and scolded Brian almost everyday. It must have done him an awful lot of good. Now he is spanking all the bowlers around the field.

SPORTS TALK



Paul Adams
(South Africa's spin bowling sensation)
"I once tried bowling with a normal action. I simply could not get the hang of it."
On why he bowls with an awkward action.

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-27

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Mar 1, 1996)
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Thai Farmers	Kawasaki Verdy	Al-Nasr
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 2. The 1974 Asian Games were held in:

Delhi	Telran	Isanabul
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 3. The present West Indian cricket vice-captain is:

Courtney Walsh	Brian Lara	Steger Harper
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 4. Tennis prodigy Martina Hingis is a:

Swiss	Czech	Polish
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 5. The name of the captain of the UAE cricket team is:

Zarwan	Dukanwala	Muzbar
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The Daily Star readers' poll

Dear readers, rain saved you yesterday! Who knows what the Kenyans would have done after having the Zimbabweans reeling at 45 for 3. Anyway you guessed the winners of the Pakistan-UAE match correctly — not much difficulty in predicting that I believe.

Today's predicted winners:
at Faisalabad — New Zealand
at Bombay — Australia.

Now it's Jonty's turn!

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb 26: South Africa's Jonty Rhodes has become the latest high-profile player at the World Cup to fall victim to diarrhoea, reports Reuters.

Rhodes was diagnosed as having "gastro flu" after undergoing medical tests. South African team officials said today.

The gutsy middle order batsman and fleet-footed fielder won the Man of the Match award after his team's win against England in Rawalpindi on Sunday.

His illness caused concern in the South African camp as they prepared to leave today for Karachi where they play Pakistan in a Group B match on Thursday.

South African coach Bob Woolmer said his team were keen to beat Pakistan so they could virtually assure themselves of finishing top of the group.

Other leading victims of "Delhi belly" at the World Cup have included West Indian batsman Brian Lara and Australian spinner Shane Warne.

England opener Neil Smith was forced to retire during his innings against the United Arab Emirates in Peshawar last week after vomiting on the field.

Another England player, spinner Richard Illingworth, has missed two matches because of a stomach disorder.

The Netherlands had seven players on the six list on the eve of their opening World Cup game after they ate spaghetti. South Africa's fast bowler Allan Donald missed Sunday's win over England after being sidelined with diarrhoea.

Waqar whacks Holland



LAHORE, Feb 26: Waqar Younis edged out Saeed Anwar for the man-of-the-match honours here today to fire Pakistan to another emphatic World Cup win, reports AFP.

Waqar, who took one wicket in the reigning champions' opening Group B victory against the United Arab Emirates, went splendid this time with four against outclassed Holland.

The Dutch were left battered and bruised as the home side ambled home by eight wickets with almost 20 overs to spare. Anwar crossing the finishing line with a six and 83 not out.

The day, however, began badly for Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram.

Desperate to get his batting line-up into the firing line after his bowlers had predictably dominated the Emirates match, he lost the toss and found his men in the field again.

Roland Lefebvre, Holland's stand-in skipper, was made to rue that decision during a highly-polished Pakistan performance.

Holland, reduced to 29-3 early on as Waqar and Aaqub Javed tore into them, spent the rest of the innings trying to scratch out a respectable total.

A 73-run partnership by Klaas van Noortwijk, who made 33, and Flavian Aponso, who ended on 58, helped the Dutch towards self-respect but could not break the stranglehold as they tried vainly to accelerate.

Waqar, who had looked mean against the Emirates, looked positively evil today as he finished with figures of four for 26 often high-speed overs.

His dismissal of Aponso in the 48th over was a classic example of his uncanny ability to bowl the unplayable Yorker, while his final-over dismissal of Roland Lefebvre, middle stump, was almost as impressive.

Aaqub, ended with two wickets for 25 while leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, the man-of-the-match on Saturday, bowled impressively again but without any luck.

Anwar was as dominant during the home team reply.

For the second game in a row against minnow opposition, left-handed opener Amir Sohail managed to miss out, hoicking Lefebvre to mid-on with only 10 on the board. Anwar and Jaz Ahmed, however, cruised on, a 94-partnership ended only when Jaz thrashed off-spinner Peter Cantrell to Lefebvre at long-on.

That gave the home fans an all-too-brief look at Inzamam-ul-Haq.

The huge number four smiled his way through an 18-run cameo, looking in ominous good form and helping himself to a six off Aponso's spin before Anwar ended the day in a way to remember.

Pakistan now head for Karachi to take on South Africa on Thursday in a game that is likely to decide who tops the

group. Wasim said, "we would have loved to have batted but it was okay. We weren't under real pressure."

He added of the South Africans, "We know they are in good form, but we are as well."

Wasim had special praise for Waqar.

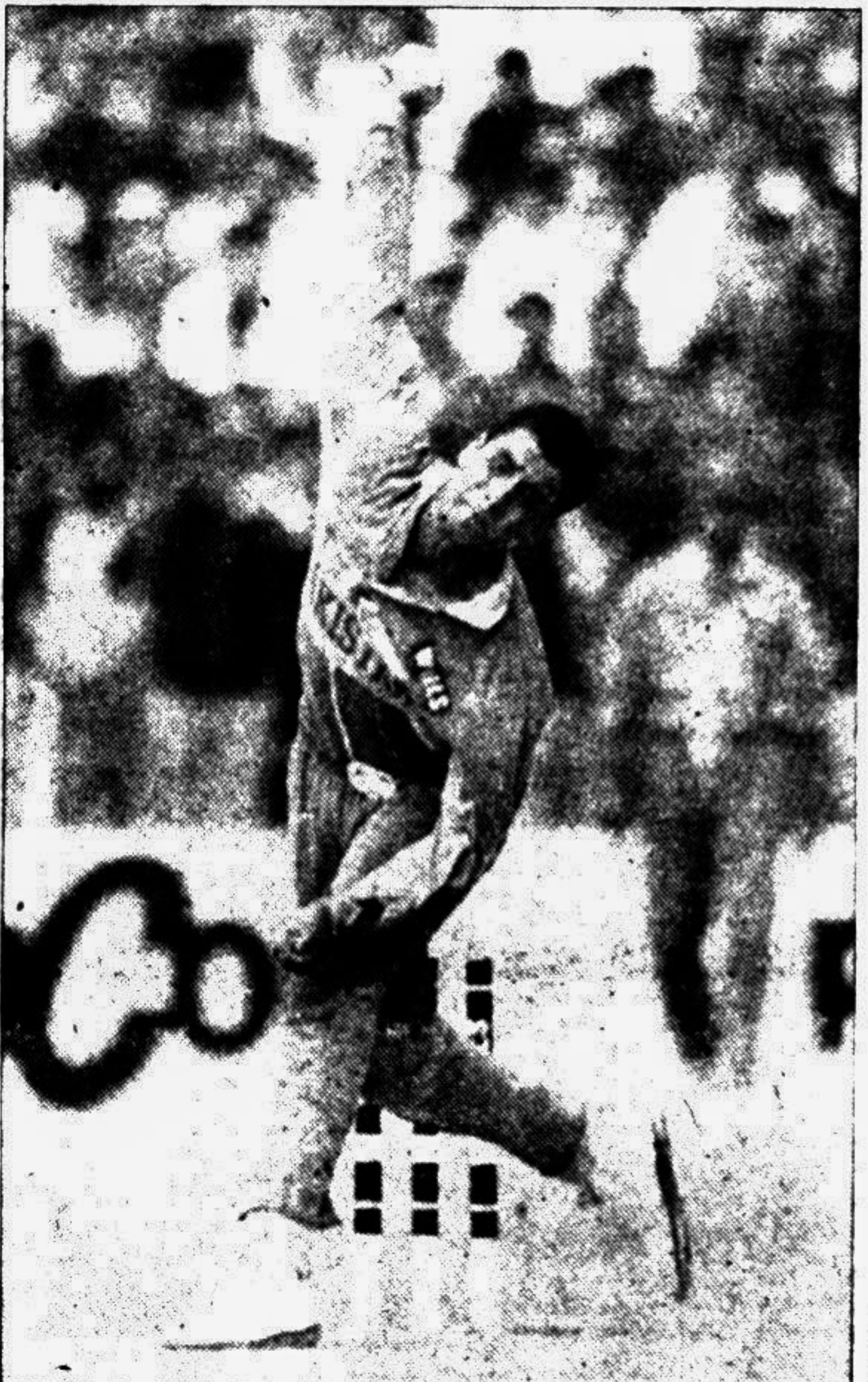
"He's the kind of bowler who needs his rhythm. He just needed three or four wickets. He is bowling very quick now, and brilliantly. That's very good news for Pakistan."

He said he had not been tempted to reshuffle the batting order today to give majestic Javed Miandad, a veteran of all six World Cups, a chance for some practice. "We don't want to reshuffle our batting. Both Javed and Salim Malik are experienced and they can cope with this kind of situation."

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Extras: (7lb, 4w, 6nb)	17
Total: (7wickets)	145
Did not bat: M Schewe	F
Jansen, P Bakker	
Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-28; 3-29; 4-102; 5-130; 6-143; 7-145	

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Wasim	10	1	30	0
Waqar	9.5	0	26	4
Aaqub	9	2	25	2
Mushtaq	10	2	27	0
Sohail	9	0	21	0
Malik	2	0	9	0

PAKISTAN	
Sohail ct Jansen b Lefebvre	9
Anwar not out	83
Ijaz ct Lefebvre b Cantrell	39
Inzamam not out	18
extras (1-lb, 1-w)	2
Total: (2wickets)	151
Did not bat: Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis, Aaqub Javed	



WAQAR WALTZ: At his fearsome best, Pakistan's star fast bowler Waqar Younis on way to unleash yet another thunderbolt against the bewildered Dutchmen at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium yesterday. Waqar scalped four victims to win the man-of-the-match award. — AFP/UNB photo

SCOREBOARD	Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-104
Scorecard of the Group B match between Pakistan and Holland in Lahore Monday.	
HOLLAND	
Clarke ct Latif b Aaqub	4
Cantrell ct Jaz b Waqar	17
Van Noortwijk ct	0
Aponso b Waqar	33
Aaqub b Waqar	58
Lefebvre b Waqar	10
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Red Stripe Cup Dhanraj spins into record book

CHARLESTOWN, Nevis, Feb 26: Trinidad and Tobago leg spinner Rajindra Dhanraj made history on Sunday by breaking the regional record for wickets in a season to put his team in control against the Leeward Islands on the third day of the fifth and final round Red Stripe Cup match at Grove Park, reports AP.

Dhanraj, who has played three Tests for the West Indies, surpassed Jamaican fast bowler Courtney Walsh's 1992 mark of 36 wickets. Dhanraj's seven for 70, to follow his nine for 97 in the first innings, took him to 40 wickets.

His match haul of 16 for 167 was also a regional best, beating off-spinner Derrick Parry's 15 for 101 for combined Island against Jamaica in Kingston in 1980.

"It's a great feeling breaking the Red Stripe record," Dhanraj, 27, said. "It's something I've always wanted, something you always dream about."

Dhanraj's heroics destroyed the Leeward Islands' second innings for 75 and left Trinidad and Tobago with victory target of 154. By close, the visitors had reached 60 for one.

Earlier in the day, Trinidad and Tobago took a narrow first innings lead. Resuming on 260 for eight in reply to 295, they reached 317 all out.

Trinidad and Tobago and the Leeward Islands are expected to reach the Red Stripe Cup final March 8-12.

PILCOM keeps McDermott waiting

BOMBAY, Feb 26: Australian manager Colin Egar hit out at the World Cup organising committee (PILCOM) on Monday for delaying permission to fly in a replacement for injured fast bowler Craig McDermott, reports AFP.

McDermott, who was ruled out of the event after tearing a calf muscle in Friday's win over Kenya in Vishakhapatnam, was examined by PILCOM doctors in Calcutta on Sunday.

But the team management is still waiting for approval from the technical committee chaired by Sunil Gavaskar.

"What the holdup is I do not know," Egar said. "I can't be too much of a problem because the doctor who examined him is one of India's leading specialists."

PILCOM is on duty from 11:00 am to 2 am each day and the doctor examined Craig at 3.00 clock yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. The manager said ahead of Tuesday's crucial tie against hosts India here.

Teams sources said the Australian selectors won't announce McDermott's replacement until permission is granted, but have confirmed it will be another paceman.

The replacement will either be Queensland fast bowler Michael Kasprovic or New South Wales all-rounder Neil Maxwell, who was not one of four reserves on standby for the initial squad, the sources said.

PILCOM secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya said in Calcutta the technical committee, which includes former Test stars Kapil Dev, Zaheer Abbas, Hanif Mohammad and Michael Tissera, would make their decision either on Monday or Tuesday.

Barisal crickets

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Feb 26: Sanskriti Majlish defeated Meghdut Krira Chakra by one run in their First Division cricket league encounter at the local stadium here today.

Put in to bat, Sanskriti Majlish scored 123 for seven in their stipulated 25 overs with Aponso's highest 88.

In reply, Meghdut were restricted to 122 for three in 25 overs. Yaad scored highest 37 runs for Meghdut.

Beximco Jr tennis begins today

The Beximco 10th Bangladesh international junior tennis championship begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex in Dhaka today, reports BSS.

Sixty one players including 15 girls from 11 countries including Bangladesh are taking part in the six-day tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

The countries are: Austria, Chinese Taipei, South Korea, Oman, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

All the players except those from Sri Lanka are already in the capital.

The highest number of 22 players including six girls will take part from hosts Bangladesh followed by 10 boys and one girl from India and seven boys from Chinese Taipei.

The two "Thai" boys — Witonpanich Bhee and Nanyawangse Chai — are the top and second seed in the boys' singles.



WHACK! Dashing Pakistani opener Saeed Anwar executes a pull shot during his sizzling unbeaten innings of 83 against Holland in Lahore yesterday. Pakistan romped home keeping eight wickets, intact. — AFP/UNB photo

ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER

Dutch comfort for champs



Fiery bowling by speedster Waqar Younis (4/26) and explosive batting display from opener Saeed Anwar (83 n.o) helped reigning champions Pakistan to polish off the match against Holland winning by eight wickets with nearly 19 overs to spare at the Lahore Stadium yesterday.

It was indeed a courageous decision by the toss-winning stand-in Dutch skipper Ronald to elect to bat against a top class Pakistan new ball pair of the two W's (Wasim and Waqar) under an overcast condition. It was not too long before the Dutch batsmen found the Pakistani pacers too hot to handle. Waqar bowled with his full fire power. Wasim Akram, though struggled to get his rhythm, kept the batsmen guessing with his combination of swing and pace. Aaqub Javed for his

part delivered accurate fast medium stuff.

The Holland batsmen also failed to score freely off the two spinners Mushtaq and Amir Sohail who conceded only 27 and 21 runs respectively. This only proved their weaknesses in negotiating spin bowling which needs good footwork.

However, there were some good knocks from left hander Aponso. Noortwijk and opener Cantrell. The 71-run fourth-wicket partnership between Aponso and Noortwijk was the only purple patch in their innings. They did well under adverse circumstances to score 58 and 33 runs respectively. I thought opener Cantrell looked more positive and if he could have stayed at the crease for a bit longer period, the Dutch, total might have been close to the 200-mark.

It was understandable that a target of 146 was not a threat at all for the strong Pakistan batting line-up. Dashing left-hander Saeed Anwar (83) ap-

peared to have started from where he left in the previous match against the UAE and looked fully confident. After a relatively steady start, he really opened up and cracked a power-packed 83 not out, 54 of them coming from fours and sixes, and finished the match with a massive six over JoBng on. Ejaz Ahmed (39) put up a 94-run partnership with Saeed Anwar. Inzamamul-Haque, getting his first opportunity to bat in the competition, remained unbeaten on 18.

It was disappointment once again for Amir Sohail. He missed a second opportunity to get a good knock in building up confidence before the more competitive future matches.

It will also be interesting to see how the Pakistan middle orders fare against their much tougher opponents — South Africa on Thursday as they could not have any knocks in the last two matches. Nevertheless, these two wins will definitely do a world of good for Pakistan in preparation for their future encounters.

Rain ruins Kenya's hope



PATNA, India, Feb 26: Kenya were deprived of a good chance of a surprise win over Zimbabwe when rain washed out their World Cup Group A match today, reports Reuters.

The two teams will start a fresh game on Tuesday.

Zimbabwe were struggling at 45 for three after 15.5 overs when first bad light and then a heavy storm caused play to be abandoned.

Desperate mopping up operations were not helped when a helicopter called in to assist in the drying, arrived too early and blew away the covers, scattering water over the pitch.

It was also a huge disappointment for the people of this city. The day had been declared a public holiday and a capacity 32,000 crowd packed the Moinul Haq Stadium for only the second cricket international to be staged here.

Zimbabwe, who won the toss, struggled for runs from the start against some tight bowling by Rajab Ali and Martin Sujit.

Openers Grant Flower and Andy Waller scored only eight runs off the first five overs and when Waller attempted the first really aggressive stroke he succeeded only in lofting a simple catch to Edward Odumba at mid-on.

A shower interrupted play for 20 minutes and when the match resumed Zimbabwe were soon deep in trouble.

When he had made 12, Whittall attempted to force the pace but his lofted drive spiralled high into the air to give Kenyan captain Maurice Odumba a catch at mid-off off the bowling of his brother Edward.

Two balls later Edward Odumba struck again, trapping Alastair Campbell lbw from the first ball he faced.

But that proved to be the 'last ball to be bowled. With dark clouds building up because of bad light and shortly afterwards the ground was hit by a storm.

Despite the helicopter being recalled and hovering over the pitch for 30 minutes, it was still unfit for play by early afternoon when there was too little time left for the minimum of 25 overs a side to be

played. It was desperately unfortunate for Kenya who saw this match as their best opportunity of registering a World Cup win. Both sides have lost each of their first two matches.

They were well on top when play was abandoned and now have to start their task all over again on Tuesday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

1 Later	40 It'll get you moving	2 Negri of the silents	24 Lobbying org.
5 Dry, to a winner	42 Alice's late friend?	3 Hexagonal state	25 It has Down Under
8 Greek consonants	45 Incessantly	4 Cut it out	26 Mozart's birthplace
12 Doves' hangout	49 Hebrew month	5 Catcher in the Rye's author	28 Coach
13 In olden days	50 Disenchantment	6 It can cause an unsightly	29 Obvise
14 Disgusting	52 —	7 Part of the swelling	30 Society page word
15 "Sad to see"	53 Went like	8 First	31 Goller
16 Contemptible	54 Commotion	9 Workers' compensation	32 Ernie
17 "Now... me down..."	55 Cook in a microwave	10 — instant	36 Poolroom array
18 Sesame paste	56 Future slang	11 The "er" in the "limit"	37 AP
20 Race place	57 Ruin the veneer	19 "Forget it!"	38 Kick back and relax
22 Offspring	58 Profound	21 "The Name of the Rose"	41 Singer
23 Entry at 20 Acres	1 "Get lost!"		42 Anatomical network
24 Get or mosquito wringer			43 Slept like
27 Necessity for 23			44 Mine car
32 "I —"			46 Malaise
33 NOW goal			47 Symbol of servitude
34 Wet			48 Dance lesson
35 Edificatory			51 McKinley's First Lady
36 Puts to work			
39 Bypass the commiser			

CRYPTOQUIP

Y W Z Q L W Z K A M Q
I A V V Z K Z M U Y K M Z Q I W Z L
M A I A D Y H W Y D V A Q H
Yesterday's Cryptquip: BIG SIGN IN LUMBER YARD WINDOW LURES BUYERS "COME SEE, COME SAW"

Today's Cryptquip clue: A equals I

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that A equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words ending in a consonant give you clues to

WC STANDINGS

NEW DELHI, Feb 26 (Reuters): World Cup Group B standings after today's match, Pakistan v the Netherlands in Lahore (tabulate under played, won, lost, points):

Group B	P	W	L	Pts
South Africa	3	3	0	6
Pakistan	2	2	0	4
New Zealand	3	2	1	4
England	4	2	2	4
Netherlands	3	0	3	0

