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Intikhab's tips to Illy

KARACHI, Mar 1: England's cricketers were offered a free history lesson here on Friday... by the man plotting their World Cup downfall, reports AFP.

Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam, whose troubled side take on Mike Atherton's out-of-form unit on Sunday, suggested England should look back through the archives to find the answer to their problems.

Intikhab, said England were still time contenders — as long as they followed Pakistan's own example of 1992.

He said: "I still reckon England are a force. They can come back because, the tournament is like that."

"If they qualify for the quarter-finals, anything can happen."

Four years ago Pakistan only won one of their first four games and were one point away from a first-round exit.

But the team with a lot of help from the rain gods after they had been dismissed for 74 by England only for the game to be abandoned — turned the situation around, scraped through and went on to defeat the English in the final.

Intikhab said that triumph should serve England as an example, adding: "We came back when everybody gave up on us."

His advice came just a day after Englishman Bob Woolmer, the current South African manager, also argued England, who look certain to qualify in last place for the quarter-finals from Group B, should not be counted out yet.

He said: "No one should underestimate England. They could still sneak in through the back door (...). Just because they are playing badly does not mean they could come back into form at any moment."

Taylor not pleased with Warne!

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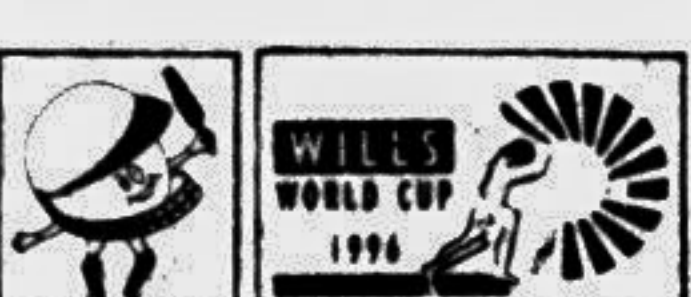
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Aussies keep cruising



NAGPUR, India, Mar 1: Mark Waugh and Shane Warne gave Zimbabwe a lesson in top-class cricket today as Australia improved their World Cup run-rate with a rapid eight-wicket victory in their Group A match, reports Reuters.

Waugh, the first man to score successive Cup centuries, helped himself to 76 not out and would have almost certainly made it three tons in a row had Australia been chasing more than 155.

They reached their target with 14 overs to spare after Zimbabwe had earlier capitulated for 154 in 45.3 overs.

The African team were unable to deal with Warne on a pitch which offered some turn. The bland leg-spinner finished with four for 34 and regularly beat the ball.

The result lifted Australia alongside group leaders Sri Lanka on six points with one game to play against West Indies in Jaipur on Monday.

The Sri Lankans, who were handed forfeit wins by both Australia and West Indies, meet third-placed India in New Delhi on Saturday.

Zimbabwe's decision to bat first on a relatively small ground after winning the toss probably saved them from even more punishment, but few of their batsmen justified skipper Andy Flower's confidence in them.

Only opener Andy Waller, who held the Zimbabwe innings together until the 36th over with a sensible 67, offered prolonged resistance and gave little respite to a disciplined Australian performance in the field.

When Waller was run out attempting a second leg-ye to Glenn McGrath at third man just when his side needed a consolidate, it signalled the beginning of the end and the last five wickets fell for just 28 runs.

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A tinge of irony!

PUNE, India, Mar 1: It is the World Cup's greatest irony that the worst Brian Lara bats, the closer he moves to winning the West Indian captaincy, reports AFP.

Lara came to the tournament with the label "the world's best batsman" firmly stuck to his kit case. The players, appropriately, call those cases "Lara's reputation is now resting in peace — or pieces — as India's Sachin Tendulkar has taken over as

the man to watch. Yet the Trinidadian, who has so far made scores of 43 not out, two and eight, continues to edge steadily towards the greatest honour of all.

For the team's lacklustre results, capped by the historic defeat to Kenya on Thursday, have left current West Indian skipper Richie Richardson clinging onto the job by his fingernails.

Without the Lara magic, the team has looked, at best, ordinary. On Thursday it looked awful as it crashed to one of the greatest shock defeats in cricket against Kenya.

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