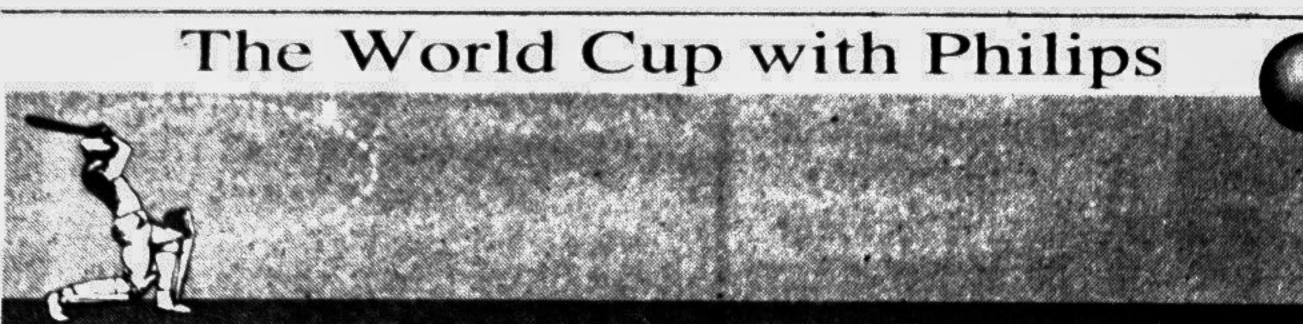
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Intikhab's tips to Illy

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

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

nament is like that. "If they qualify for the quarter-finals, anything can

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 furned the situation around. seraped through and went on to defeat the English in the fi-

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 un-

derestimate 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!

NAGPUR: India, Mar 1: Four wickets for 34 runs would be considered a good spell for any bowler. But when leg spinner Shane Warne achieved that against Zimbabwe Friday, his captain thought the performance could have been better.

"Warne didn't bowl well. Andy Waller hit the ball very well and punished bad balls skipper Mark Taylor told reporters after Australia won by eight-wicket in a Group A World Cup match.

Waller's 67 runs formed the bulk of Zimbabwe's palty 154

The match had been easier than he expected. Taylor said. If Zimbabwe had scored another 20 to 30 runs. Australia would have had to work hard he said.

Warne, whose wickedly turning balls are feared by even the best batsmen in the world, took one wicket apiece during Australia's first outing against Kenya on Feb. 23 and India on Tuesday in Bombay.

But the 26-year-old rightarm leg spinner, appearing in his first World Cup tournament, has stopped runs.

Before the World Cup. Warne had played 52 one-day internationals matches, claiming 86 wickets and posting a best of four for 19.

But Taylor admitted that Warne was turning the ball more and more in each match. and "that was a good sign."

Cricketing world owes Ws apology: Ian Chappell

NAGPUR, India, Mar 1: Former Australian great Ian Chappell said the cricketing world should apologise to Pakistan pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis here today over long-standing cheating slur, reports AFP.

Chappell, working as an expert commentator for Hong Kong based stellitte channel Star Sports at the World Cup. said the two had proved with their recent form that accusations of ball-tampering made in England in 1992 were groundless.

The two pace bowlers, who could not save Pakistan from defeat against South Africa on Thursday, were sensationally accused by England batsman Allan Lamb of achieving late reverse swing at Lord's by doc-

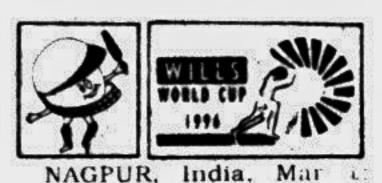
toring the ball. But Chappell, the former Australian captain, pointed out the two were still getting just as much swing under new regulations, which demand the ball be shown to the umpires

at the end of each over. He said: "You can't believe there is any ball-tampering going on, the bowler would have to be an idiot to tamper with the ball.

"Yet guys like Wasim Akram and Wagar Younts yesterday, I noticed, were swinging it quite

a long way. "I would like to hear a few apologies from all the people who were saying that perhaps some of their brilliance was more by devious means than by just straight-out ability."

Aussies keep cruising



Mark Waugh and Shane Warne gave Zimbabwe a lesson in topclass cricket today as Australia improved their World Cup runrate with a rapid eight-wicket victory in their Group A match, reports Reuter. 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 eapitulated 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 bat.

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. Zimbahwe'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 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 at-

tempting a second leg-bye to Glenn McGrath at third man just when his side needed to consolidate) it signalled the beginning of the end and the last five wickets fell for just 28 runs.

No batsmen was comfortable against Warne, who achieved prodigious turn at times and removed Zimbab-

NEW DELHI, Mar 1: Richie

Richardson's cricket future lay

in ruins here today as the

West Indians, reduced to

"walking corpses," tried to

come to terms with one of the

Thursday's defeat to Kenya

worst defeats in their history

at Pune could not have come at

a worse time for the belea-

guered skipper, already under

fire from his own mentor

Vivian Richards and other

West Indian legends, including

ment dodged media queries

today but Indian officials

travelling with the team said

Richardson and the others

named, said: "The big smiles

the West Indians usually sport

have fust vanished. They are

win has left the West Indies

the Herculean task of defeating

favourites Australia in Jaipur

on Monday to make sure of ad-

vancing to the quarterfinals as

certain until the last ball is

bowled in the preliminary

league, with both Kenya and

Zimhabwe breathing down.

If the last round of matches

starting on Monday go on

form, the only hope for the

West Indies is to maintain

their higher net run-rate 4-

WC STANDINGS

World Cup standings after Fri-

day's matches (top four from

each group qualify: Played, won

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L Pts

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Group.A

Sri Lanka

Australia

West Indies

Zimbabwe

Group B

Pakistan

England

UAE

Holland

South Africa New Zealand

India

Kenya

ISLAMABAD. Mar 1 (AFP):

0.27) ahead of that of Kenya (

0.50) and Zimbabwe (-0.83).

Richardson's neck.

And even that will not be

the fourth team from Group A.

Kenya's sensational 73-run

One, who refused to be

were mulling the losses.

like walking corpses."

The West Indian manage-

reports AFP.

Michael Holding

wean captain Andy Flower in classic fashion in mid-innings. The left-handed Flower failed to pick a beautifully flighted googly and was smartly stumped by rival wicketkeeper lan Healy for seven.

Healy and Warne then combined to remove Craig Evans. who top-edged an attempted sweep and was caught by a dividing Healy in the region of leg slip for a brief but violent 18. ensuring Waugh and Mark Taylor could launch the Australian reply under minimal



pressure.

Taylor holed out to keep mid-wicket off leg-spinner Paul Strang, belatedly introduced into the attack with the score on 74 for no wicket, but Waugh batted serenely on past 50 and received enthusiastic

support from Ricky Ponting. Viv Richards and Ramiz Raja remain the only men to have scored three World Cup

But an upset win by

Zimbabwe over India in

Kanpur, or Kenya bettering

their run rate against Sri

Lanka, could see the former

champions knocked out of the

for the West Indies, however,

once the masters of limited-

RICHIE RICHARDSON

overs cricket and the winners

of the first two World Cups in

1975 and 1979 under Clive

to India, the West Indies failed

to make the semifinals of the

pion fast bowler, said he was

very disappointed at the way

the West Indies have shaped

West Indian supporter to see

the team struggle so badly.

television commentator. "This

is not be team I knew to be

up in the competition.

After losing the 1983 final

Holding, the former cham-

"It's very disheartening for a

Lloyd.

last two editions.

It's not an unusual situation

hundreds, but Waugh's current form is so good he must be a good bet to join the club. His latest effort spanned just 109 balls and contained 10 fours.

A disappointing crowd of less than 8.000 turned up at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium where 12 spectators were killed last November after a wall collapsed during a one-day international between India and New Zealand.

> SCOREBOARD World Cup Group A score-

board of the match between Australia and Zimbabwe in Nagpur Friday: ZIMBABWE Waller run out G Flower b McGrath Whittall c and b S Waugh Campbell c M Waugh b S Waugh A Flower st Healy b Warne Evans c Healy b Warne H Streak c S Waugh b Fleming P Strang not out B Strang b Fleming Peall c Heally b Warne Lock b Warne Extras: (lb8, w3, nb2) Total (all out, 45.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-41; 3-55: 4-68: 5-106: 6-126: 7 140: 8-140: 9-145 Bowling: McGrath Fleming S Waugh Warne M Waugh **AUSTRALIA** Taylor c B Strang b P Strang M Waugh not out

Fotal: (2 wkts, 36 overs) Did not bat: M Bevan, S Law, I skipper Richie Richardson S Lee, I Healy, S Warne, D clinging onto the job by his

R Ponting c and b P Strang

Extras: (b6, lb2, w1, nb1)

S Waugh not out

Fleming, McGrath SHANE WARNE ... m-o-m Fall of wickets: 1-92; 2-150 Streak Lock B Strang Whittall P Strang Peall eight wickets

Result: Australia won by Man-of-the-match: Shane Warne

Strange twist of time!

NEW DELHI, Mar 1: Kenyan captain Maurice Odumbe hardly believed his eyes when idol Brian Lara walked into the team's dressing room to join the celebrations after their sensational victory over West Indies in the World Cup, reports Reuter.

Two years ago Odumbe went to see the master West Indian batsman playing for Warwickshire against Glamorgan at Swansea in Wales but failed to get his autograph, the Times of India reported today.

celebrations on Thursday Odumbe joked: "Now you must ask for your picture with me." The 15.000-strong crowd in Pune had come to see Lara

The newspaper said that

when Lara joined the Kenyan

batting but he went cheaply and they were soon roaring their support as the Kenyans pulled off the biggest upset in World Cup history. "Putting behind his disap-

pointment, the West Indies maestro spent a lot of time with the Kenyans, sharing their joy and their beer because champagne was just not on the menu," said the Time of

Beximco int'l junior tennis

Thailand's Witoenpapich Pirada and Marissa Niroi clinched the girls' doubles title in the Beximco 10th Bangladesh International junior tennis championships at the Ranna National Tennis Complex yesterday, reports BSS.

The top seeded That pair easily eliminated second seeded Duo Selyuna Irina of Kazakhastan and Semenova of Kirgyzstan 6-1, 6-2 in the final. Indian Harsh Mankad and Thai Navowangse Chai reached the final of boys' singles.

Indian tennis prodigy Harsh displayed excellent racket skills to upset top seed Witoonpanich Bhee of Thailand 2-6, 7-5, 7-5 in the keenlycontested two-hour semifinal. Chai beat Amod Wakalkar of India 6-2. 6-2 in the other

semifinal. Selyutina Irina and Thai Mariase Niroj qualified for the girls' singles final.

. The most promising tennis player in Central Asia, Irina. who won the title in all the three international junior ranking tournaments played so far, easily crushed Thailand's Witoonpanich Pirada 6-2, 6-0 in the first semifinal.

The That pair of Witconpanich Bhee and Navowangse Chai and India's Bhaskar Chowdhury and Rohan Wadebra moved into the final of boys in the semifinals, the Thai

pair beat Pakistan's Aisamul Huq Qureshi and Ejaz Ahmed 6-4. 7-6 (10-8) while Bhaskar and Rohan defeated compatriot Harsh Mankad and Jay Patel 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

A tinge of

trony!

PUNE. India. Mar 1: It is

the World Cup's greatest irony

that the worse Brian Lara bats

the closer he moves to win-

ning the West Indian cap

ment with the label "the

world's best batsman" firmly

stuck to his kit case. The play

ers, appropriately, call those

cases 'coffins.' Lara's reputation

is now resting in peace - or

pieces - as India's Sachin

Tendulkar has taken over as

BRIAN LARA

Yet the Trinidadian, who

For the team's lacklustre

Without the Lara magic, the

team has and, at best, ordinary. On the risday it looked

awful as a crashed to one of

the greatest shock defeats in

cricket against Kenya.

has so far made scores of 43

not out, two and eight, contin-

ues to edge steadily towards

results, capped by the historic

defeat to Kenya on Thursday.

158 have left current West Indian

the greatest honour of all.

the man to-watch.

Lara came to the tourna-

taincy, reports AFP.

Strong Australia did short work to wrap up their match against underdogs Zimbabwe defeating them by eight wickets in Nagpur vesterday. was a very important

match from both team's points of view. After the brave Kenyan's great victory over the mighty West Indians, the number four slot in Group A has become wide open. It is going to be a race between the West Indies, Kenya and Zimbabwe and if all finish on same points. the net run rate factor will be an important element to decide the issue.

Zimbabwe missed out on this count by failing to build a total of 200 plus and at least make a match out of it if not another upset win.

Austrafia on the other hand. made sure that they not only won the match, but improved upon their net run rate so that if there is a tie at the top of standings, they can still earn the topslot.

It was a poor batting display

by the Zimbabwean batsmen after they rightfully elected to bat. Except for "pinch-hitter" Waller, who scored a good 67 before running himself out. none of their batsmen showed any signs of temperament, application and technique. It was Indeed unfortunate that they were subjected to probably the slowest and the most turning wicket in the competition so far. And scoring against Mr

ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER

a surface is not all that easy. The Zimbabwean batsmen made the mistake of going through their shots on the front foot rather than playing a "waiting game."

Shane Warne and the experi-

enced Aussie bowlers on such

In the process, they not only kept on losing wickets at regular intervals but failed to use the full quota of overs in their innings. They were ultimately bundled out for 154 in 45.3 overs.

Shane Warne made the best use of the wicket to pick up four for 32 runs and was later adjudged man-of-the-match Steve Waugh (2/22), Fleming (2/30) and McGrath (1/12) all bowled intelligently.

Skipper Mark Taylor and in form Mark Waugh started in similar fashion like the other

Shane turns, Zim burns day against India and put on 92 runs in 20 overs before Taylor returned to the pavilion. Onedown Ricky Ponting: who failed to prove his worth in the previous two innings, played a good confidence-building knock of 32 runs.

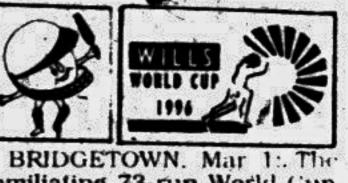
Mark Waugh remained unbeaten 24 short of what could have been his third consecutive World Cup century because of the small target. Once again his innings was a symbol of classical brilliance.

For the Zimbabwean bowlers, there was not a big total to bowl at, but then think young leg spinner Paul Strang (2/33) and Health Streak (0/19) bowled well.

· I expected the Zimbabwean captain to be a bit more attacking in setting fields for his bowlers particularly when the spinners were called on to bowl. Few close-in fielders could have been a good ploy in inviting the batsmen play over the top and on a turning track, chances were there for some leading edges.

A couple of wickets could have definitely prolonged the Australian victory much to the advantage of Zimbabwe's neat run rate at least.

A doleful dying dynasty



humiliating 73-run World Cup loss by the West Indies to unfancied Kenya on Thursday left experts in the Caribbean casting severe doubt on the future of captain Richie Richardson. reports Reuter.

Michael Holding, the former West Indies fast bowler. described the performance as embarrassing, adding: "To get beaten by Kenya and to get. beaten as badly as we did is unheard of. I think it is the worst ever performance I have seen by the West Indies. Holding said; "They looked-

like novices actually. Holding thinks the removal of Richardson as captain is now pending, although he is on record as saying that he clues not think the decline of

Richardson's fault. He said: "This could possibly be the final straw because

certainly people have been calling for the heads of the captain, coach and manager for some time, but I don't see how they could be blamed in any way for today's performance. "But as you know, whenever

company isn't doing well they look to the head of the company, so I suppose everybody will be calling for the captain's head." Leading commentator Tony

Cozier said: "One feels now that certainly Richardson's position as captain has become untenable, for several reasons. not only with captaincy itself and the fact that he doesn't seem to be able to lift the team; but also his own batting... he is not leading from the

"He's not the player he was and this result now will perhaps be the last straw. Trinidad and Tobago's West Indies cricket is ericket board president Alloy

Lequay described the state of West Indies cricket as "depressing and distressing" and suggested that heads should roll

He identified the captaincy as a major issue which had to be dealth with. "That certainly would be a major item for discussion now

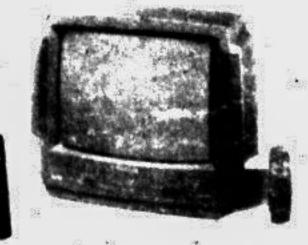
because under the present leadership the team has gone from one point down the ladder until they've reached the last rung of the ladder." Mike Findlay, a former Test wicket-keeper, thinks the

West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) is now paying the price for failing to implement proper development programmes for young players in the Caribbean. He said: "The WICBC will

have to take a very surgical look at West Indies cricket. We have been seeing players come along, we have really done little to produce players, they have just emerged."

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The victorious Thai pair of Witoonpanich Pirada and Marissa Niroj exults after clinching the girls' doubles title

of the Beximco 10th Bangladesh International tennis championships at the Ramna National Tennis Complex

fighters." "I don't want to point fingers at anyone, but it is obvious there is no inspiration from the top. There seems to be no game plan. Holding's comment came

dson's lack of leadership and advocated the top job must go to batting maestro Brian Lara. "Richardson is not doing well and and he seems to have allowed things to deteriorate." Richards wrote in a recent

after Richards blasted Richar-

Lara has everything it takes to be a good captain." World bowling recordholder Kapil Dev was scathing in this criticism of the West Indian performance. "I don't think their heart is

newspaper column. "I think

on the job. It looks as if they just want to finish the tournament and go home," the former Indian captain said. "I have always known the West Indians to take pride in their performance. Guys like Lloyd and Richards motivated

their team. It's not the case with Richardson.' But Kapil was unsure that Lara would fit the bill either. "He is struggling to find from with the bat. Let him first get his act together before taking on the additional burden o

captaincy." Lara, out of international cricket since October after controverstally declining to tour Australia, smashed an unbeaten 43 against Zimbabwe but managed only two against India and eight against Kenya.

"I can't say whether Lara's poor form is because of his reported differences with Richardson, but he too appear as lost as his captain." Kapil said. "I doubt they will qualify.



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