just one.

the gate.

hits across the rope before the

visibly exhausted Pakistani

threw away his wicket after

scoring a polished 69 off 78

cool at the other end, took his

time on his way to complete a

well-deserved century and en-

able his side a resounding vic-

tory against one of the two

sports heavy-weights of the

country. In his 128-ball stay at

the crease, the stout young

opener who shared 79 runs for

the unbroken third wicket

with Aamir Hanif, struck seven

sparkling boundaries and a

national who picked up the

pace from where his younger

brother Abid had left, made

light work of what seemed to

be a fairly safe Abahani total

hammering a run-a-ball half

century - Brothers raced on to

Akram Khan who was left with

no other option but to use the

wicket first after winning the

toss in the morning in a bid to

accommodate the Pakistani's.

found his side in deep trouble

when Abahani were reduced to

from Manzoor Akhter and a

gritty 43 by long-handled bat

national slow left-armer Ena-

mul Hud Moni. Abahani had

healthy total at the end of their

ness right from the start.

hammered eight four's in his

96-ball stay at the wicket while

Moni clubbed three fours in

his patient inning. Unorthodox

Jahangir Talukder Dulu with

an unbeaten 36 was the other

notable scorer for the van-

bowlers, Sajal Chowdhury took

two for 48 and Aamir Hanif,

who is very quick off the pitch,

finished with fantastic figures

of 9-0-30-3 to perform an-

other virtuoso all-round show

who were trailing their arch-

rivals and league leaders Mo-

hammedan Sporting Club by

four points, were pushed fur-

ther behind in the title race.

They are now glued to their

previous collection of 16

points against Mohammedans'

22, both completing 12 league

ers. Union with this win re-

mained the only challengers of

Mohammedans as they raised

He also admitted a daily

Over 250 Test batsmen who

walked back to the pavilion

with the name of Ambrose

stamped on their departure

papers will not be that sad to

poker-faced Andy Roberts.

Michael Holding's "Whispering

Death," Joel Garner and

Malcolm Marshall, Ambrose is

not the only one who would

never be forgotten. Michael

Atherton, for one, has

Ambrose's glare and his

pounding feet engraved in his

Ambrose has delivered

where others have not. Pride

will dictate that he delivers

again against the Australians

toll, just as it has tolled for all

But the bell is beginning to

After what happened to us

in the last game we've got to

pull our socks up. We're in a

very, very deep hole and we're

psychologist, but I think we're

a bit low on confidence and

ii'll take a great effort to get

series to Australia last year and

even before that. We've been

struggling with our hatting.

We've just got to work hard

but we can still win the World

Cup. We've got to believe that.

If we think it is the end of the

world that's it. We can't afford

to lie down and just play dead."

Australia, they will have regis-

tered only one win, over

Zimbabwe, during the group

stages, having forfeited their

match with Sri Lanka because

of safety fears after a bomb

blast in Colombo that killed

good enough to see them

through to the quarter-finals.

but they would be certain to

face an anxious wait. A wash-

out in Kandy where Kenya

meet Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

for example, would leave them

got to back ourselves," said

Richardson, who will not an

nounce his team until the

morning of the match. "We're

playing against probably the

best one-day team in the

world, but anything can hap-

pen in one-day matches."

"We're being positive, we've

Their run-rate could still be

more than 80 people.

stranded.

If West Inflies lose to

"It's just a bad nightmare.

and regain our composure.

"I'm not a psychiatrist or a

Since we lost the home

almost at the bottom.

ourselves back up again.

At least he knows he will

After twenty years of the

him down." "I am getting tired

of playing cricket, cricket and

cricket all the time."

see him go.

like a rest.

worst nightmares.

here on Monday.

his victims.

their tally to 18 from 12 out-

On the other hand, Broth-

With this defeat Abahani.

Among the Brothers

Manzoor, who meant busi-

But thanks to a cameo 87

26 for five in 19 overs.

share of \$0 overs.

quished.

for his side.

engagements.

Earlier. Abahani skipper

246 for two in 45.2 overs,

Aamir, the Pakistani inter-

massive sixer-

But Bidyut, who kept his

balls.

#### (The Professor does)

T HAT between the two. Waqar Younis is more agile in his follow through than his mentor Wasim Akram. Whereas over two per cent of Wagar's over-200 Test wickets was the result of caught and bowled mode of dismissal. Wasim's c&b victims account for 0.75 per cent of his total haul of about 300 wickets.

Most of Wasim's victims (about 30 per cent) were caught leg before wicket while Waqar preferred to bowl most of them out (over 30 per cent).

Wasim got more help from his fielders (28 per cent of outs) than Wagar (over 21 per cent). The man behind the stumps has been just to both. with Wagar having about 18 per cent victims caught behind and Wasim a little over 19 per

Wasim's bowled victims account for about 24 per cent of his wickets and lbw dismissals by Wagar are about 29 per cent of his tally.

Why am I telling you all this? Well, with mathematicians busy calculating the runrate of World Cuppers, I thought it just might befit the current situation if you were bogged down with figures of the greatest swingers in the

This is also to remind you that figures of swingers are not always what your clean mind thinks they are.



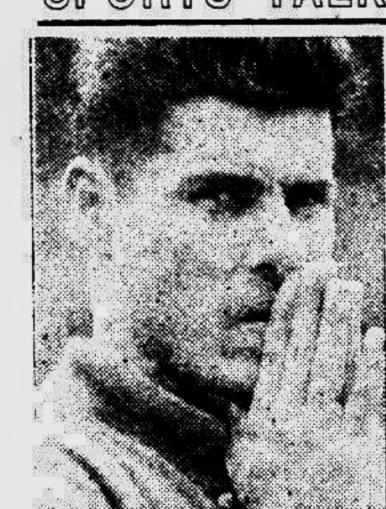
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#### Wagar Younis

(Pakistan's ace fast bowler) "Even in one-day matches my aim always is to take wick ets. Restrictive bowling do esn't pay in the longer run.

### Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter Ajax Club defeated Lalmatia

Club by 18 runs in their Yamaha First Division Cricket Super league match at the City Club ground in Mirpur yester-

Rafiqul 48, Emdu 24 N.O. LALMATIA CLUB: 186 in 44.3 overs (Riaz 54, Monti 31, Bablu 24 n.o.; Bhola 4.50, Bipul 3/14).

#### Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Mariner Youngs Club and DOHS Cricket Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket super league

matches on Sunday, Mariner Youngs thrashed Nabin Sangha by 10 wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium while DOHS defeated Orient Sporting Club by 68 runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

#### BRIEF SCORES

NABIN SANGHA: 49 in 23.4 overs (Enayet 15; Tushar 3/2, Babu 2/10) MARINER YOUNGS: 52 for

no loss in 6.3 overs (Babu 22 n.o., Arif 20 n.o.) **DOHS:** 155 in 36.3 overs (Sohel Hamid 55 n.o., Uzzal

2/16) ORIENT SC: 87 in 26.4 overs (Raza 16; Tiash 3/14)

Bidyut's lightning 102 for BU

# Abahani bite the dust

Sports Reporter

#### BRIEF SCORES

ABAHANI KC: 244 for 7 in 50 overs (Manzoor Akhter 87. Moni 43. Dulu 36 n.o.; Aamir Hanif 3/30) **BROTHERS UNION: 246** for 2 in 45.2 overs (Bidyut 102 n.o., Abid Hanif 69. Aamir Hanif 50 n.o.)

ers duo was so punishing for a couple of hundred die-hard sky-blue supporters, who came to watch their side defying a



Opener Shartar

Hossain Bidvut

celebrated his

first ton of the

season in style as

title contenders

Brothers Union

handed joint-holders Abahani

Krira Chakra a humiliating

eight-wicket defeat in a

Premier super league match at

right-handed bat who joined

Brothers Union from Wari Club

this year, blasted an unbeaten

Bidyut, the promising

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

-- Star photo after vesterday's drubbing of Abahani.

102 as the Gopibagh outfit, chasing a fighting Abahani total of 244, romped home with more than four overs to spare.

In a brilliant exhibition of slogging during the first 15 overs Bidyut and Pakistani Abid Hanif, virtually toyed with the toothless Abahani attack and did half the job for a surprisingly facile victory putting on 145 runs for the opening

The onslaught of the Broth-

JAIPUR. India. March 3

seems hard to imagine

(AFP): The bell is tolling for

that the West Indian paceman,

tiring and the wrong side of

30, will continue trundling in

for much longer after the

withdraw his 6ft 7ins (nearly

two metres) from the interna-

tional stage after the tourna-

ment, two decades of

Caribbean pace dominance will

proud here in the context of a

the tooth he almost has tusks.

vet he has continued to re-

mind a few batsmen that an

old good gun can still match

28 against Zimbabwe to win

He took three wickets for

JAIPUR, India, Mar 3:

Richie Richardson hinted to-

day he was ready to hand over

the West Indies captaincy in

the wake of his side's World

Cup defeat by Kenya which he

admits was the worst experi-

ence of his life, reports Reuter,

The West Indians meet

Australia in their final Group A

match on Monday and

Richardson is aware even a

convincing victory is unlikely

to silence the chorus of dis-

content back home in the

else to take over. I don't have

problem with that," said

Richardson. "I will still support

the West Indies team and West

hurt and they're very disap-

pointed. I don't know exactly

what is being said because I

have not read the papers, but

we deserve it because it was a

really had performance and we

Indian public that we're very

very sorry, we're as disap-

pointed as they are. I've never

felt this had in all my life. My

mum died a few years ago and

I felt awful but I've never felt

the way I felt after the match

Viv Richards used his weekend

newspaper column to deny he

Former West Indian captain

against Kenya."

"I would say to the West

deserve to get criticised.

"I know people at home are

Indies cricket 100 per cent.

"It it's time for someone

Caribbean.

the enthusiasm of youth.

He has already done himself

The Antiguan is so long in

If Ambrose does decide to

Curtly Ambrose at last.

World Cup.

go with him.

misfiring team.

crucial World Cup match on the day, constantly jeered skipper Akram and Co.

Besides, the presence of Pakistani all-rounder Manzoor Akhter and left-arm spinner Nadeem Khan, who were taken to the field straight from the Zia International Airport almost an hour after the start of the match, did little to avoid the defeat.

Abid Hanif, the more aggressive among the two BU openers, cracked seven firm

For whom the bell tolls

the man-of-the-match award.

Ambrose came to the Asian

sub-continent bone-weary and

CURTLY AMBROSE

with an unhappy 1995 behind

him. His tour of England saw

Richie ready to resign

had written with "malicious

intent about Richardson in an

earlier piece, but admitted the

Kenyan debacle had been a

West Indies in 24 of his 86

Tests since succeeding

Richards, but has become a fo-

ous of the dressing-room un-

rest which contributed to

Brian Lara's refusal to tour

Australia before the World Cup.

RICHIE RICHARDSON

meanour is still just about in-

tact in public, but he does not

believe all West Indies prob-

lems should be laid at his door.

captaincy four years ago, so it's

nothing new. If things are not

going well, somebody should

be blamed and the people at

players are also responsible.

the whole set-up is responsi-

I'm the captain, but the

the top are usually the ones.

"There was a threat to my

The Antiguan's relaxed de-

Richardson, 34, has led

disaster.'

him fined for ill discipline.

two for 41 against India and diet of the game was grinding

21 against the

## WC BATTLES IN BRIEF

JAIPUR, India, Mar 3: World Cup favourites Australia's clash against the West Indies here on Monday will be rich in historic undertones, reports

Behind the scenes, and in the commentary boxes, will hover the faded memories of the 1975 and 1979 tournaments — won by the men from the Caribbean - and the 1987 showpiece, which went to the team from Down Under.

In all, at least one of the two sides has featured in four out of the five previous finals.

Their only head-to-head for the trophy itself came in the first edition, when Clive Lloyd. now a highly respected match referee, waved a long-handed bat towards a glorious century and five Australians were run out by a fielding display that today's South Africans would have enjoyed.

Ian Chappell, now a television pundit, answered with 62 runs, supported by leftarm paceman Gary Gilmour's five wickets but it was not enough.

In all, the two rivals have met five times in the Cup. The West Indies, the masters of the game for most of the seventies and eighties, won the first four, their victories littered with the exploits of Alvin Kallicharan, Andy Roberts the current national team manger - Larry Gomes ant Vivian Richards.

Richards - also a media pundit and with a high profile at the moment after calling for current captain Richie Richardson's head — cracked 95 not out in his side's last victory in 1983.

Last time out, however, the Australians finally got their name on the board, with 57run success.

Brian Lara made 70 but found himself outdone by David Boon's ton. The game, even if no one knew it then, was to spell the changing of the guard as a new world cricket superpower was born.

Australia underlined that last year, with a 2-1 Test success on enemy territory, the first the West Indies had lost at home for 22 years, and the first anywhere for 15. On Monday the likes of Lloyd are safely on the sidelines out of harm's way, slightly greyer. slightly wider, but just as passignately involved as the next chapter unfolds.

#### TODAY'S VENUE

JAIPUR: Set up in the stark desert, Jaipur looms large colourful, abandoned and full of

Bustling markets. Banjara women, mirror-work embroi-dered swirling skirts — this old city painted in pink is popularly known as the Paris of

The capital of the desert state of Rajasthan and a popular tourist city. The 30,000seater Sawai Man Singh Stadium, named after the city's former ruler, hosted its lone Test match in 1987 which was attended by former Pakistani President Zia-ul Haq. Venue for the today's West Indies-Australia match.

### Nat'l athletics meet postponed

Sports Reporter

The 24th national athletics championship, scheduled to begin on March 6, has been called off by the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation (BAAF).

In a press release issued yesterday, the BAAF attributed some unavoidable circumstances for the deferment of the three-day meet. However, no fresh date was announced.

#### Coaching camp for new talents

Sports Reporter Youngmens Club Fakirerpool, who created a sensation in last year's Premier Dhaka football league, have decided to launch a long-term coaching programme involving talented buds of the country.

In this regard the club has asked interested youngsters to contact their general secretary Monjur Hossain Malu by March

### Zia, Lodhi split points

wo international masters - Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi of Pakistan and Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh shared the lead in the third United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament after fifth round of matches yesterday, reports UNB.

Tournament's top seed Zia (2455) and defending champion Lodhi (2350) agreed to a draw after 70 moves at the NSC chessroom to earn four and a half points each. Abdullah Al Rakib (2195) of

Bangladesh and International Master V Koshi (2410) of India followed the leaders, securing four points each. Rakib upset Rahul Shetty

(2390) of India while V Koshi got walkover against Ziaul Quader Tuhin of Bangladesh. Three players - Vishal Sareen of India. Arifuzzaman

Sikder and Mizanur Rahman Labu of Bangladesh - with three and a half points each are in the joint third position. V Sareen beat Saifuddin Lablu, Arifuzzaman Sikder beat Sk Shahadat Hossain Ratna and Mizanur Rahman Labu defeated

former national champion

Rezaul Huq.

## The champions cruise



KARACHI, March 3. Rebelturned hero Javed Miandad produced the perfect finish here today as World Cup defenders Pakistan brushed past England to put a controversypacked week behind them. reports AFP. The 38-year-old veteran.

unhappy over being stranded at number six in the order. was moved up one place and duly helped complete a sevenwicket win in front of his rau-

shadowed the match-winning performances of leg-spinner Mushtag Ahmed and batsmen Saced Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed. He walked off the pitch

with a Pakistan flag in hand and said. "I'm so happy - I just can't express it. It was wonderful to appear in front of my home crowd." England, despite their de-

feat, might have ended the day with as much to cheer about as the winners if it hadn't been for a serious injury to middleorder flair player Neil Fairbrother.

His hamstring wrench, and a new calf strain for Robin Smith, totally ruined the side's hout it cound metermine, the

lent Graham Thorpe (52 not out) struggled from then on. Their bowling attack, while neat today, does not have enough class in the pace or spin departments to pose a major threat on the placid batting wickets of Asia. . Anwar and Sohail, the manof-the-match, put on 49 off the first 10 overs and reached 81 before Thorpe snapped up Sohail at mid-on off Illingworth's left-arm spin. Two missed half-chances one to Thorpe and one to Jack Russell, proved dear, Cork dredged a little movement out

of England's challenge. Schail

claiming Atherton's scalp and

then, crucially, having Graeme

Hick stumped after scoring

hammering in his early overs.

then returned with a fine spell

to remove Fairbrother, the

bemused Jack Russell and

debutant Dermot Reeve, out-

foxed by a fine googly through

England, despite the excel-

Mushtaq, after taking a

of the pitch to have both Anwar - who made 71 off 72 balls - and ljaz - 70 off 83 off 83 caught behind. But, with the score on 214 for three, the game was as

good as won as Miandad joined Inzumamul Haq for the final

#### SCOREBOARD

World Cup Group B scoreboard between Pakistan and England at Karachi Sunday: ENGLAND

Smith ct. Wagar b Malik Atherton b Sohail Hick st Latif b Sobail Thorpe not out Fairbrother et Wasim b Mushtaq 13 Russell c and b Mushtag Reeve b Mushtag Cork Ibw Wagar Gough b Wasim Martin run out Illingworth not out Extras: (11-lb, 4-w, 3-nb) Total: (9 wkts) Fall of wickets: 1-147; 2-151: 3-156: 4-194: 5-204: 6-212: 7-217: 8-241: 9-247.

Bowling: Wasim Wagar 0 34 Mushtag 0 48 Overs: 50

PAKISTAN Schail ct Thorpe b Illingworth 42 Saeed et Russell b Cork ljaz ct Russell b Cork nzamam not out Miandad not out

Extras: (lb-1, w-2) Total: (3 wkts) Did not bat: Salim Malik. Wasim Akram, Rashid Latif. Wagar, Younis, Mushtag Ahmed, Aaguib Javed. fall of wickets: 1-81; 2-139;

Bowling: Illingworth Cork 0

3-214.

Overs: 47.4 Pakistan won by 7 wkts. Man-of-the-match: Aamir

Mark Waugh, in particular -

and this is not an overstate-

ment - has produced the form

of his life with back-to-back

centuries and an undefeated

## Windies-Aussie tie today cricket, to write home about.

understatement after the

former double world champi-

ons were bowled out by

Kenya's qualifiers for 93 at

"Not playing well is a polite"

- AFP/UNB photo

Smith, in his first game of

the tournament after a series

of earlier injuries, and Michael

Atherton transformed the

mood with a high-class 147-

run opening stand that gave

England the look of real con-

tumbled for nine runs -

robbed Atherton's side of any

chance of victory but a profes-

sional bowling and fielding

display underlined England's

Pakistan, however, with the

resurgence after a series of

likes of Anwar, leg-spinner

Mushtag Ahmed and pace

bowler Wagar Younis in the

side, are more than simply

Aantir Sohail tore the heart out

Mushtaq and left-armer

ghastly performances.

professional.

The middle-order collapse

far of the showpiece.

tenders.

AAMIR ALL THE WAY. Dashing Pakistani opener

Amuir Schail pulls through mid-wicket during his cameo

42 against England in Karachi yesterday. Schail also

chipped in with two vital wickets to win the man-of-the-



match award.

It was his first appearance

of the tournament at the

crease and followed sugges-

tions, denied by both player

and management, that he had

walked out on the team before

the previous game against

South Africa because of a row

rum out for a duck - Richard

"Himgworth's throwwat the

stumps just missed - and was

put down by bowler Peter

Martin in the closing minutes.

as he struggled to find his tim-

name for most of the day.

could not have cared less as

Pakistan overtook England's

249 for nine with 14 balls to

all six World Cups since 1975.

had scratched an untidy 11 by

the end - and yet totally over-

Miandad, who has played in

spare.

Yet the crowd, chanting his

Miandad should have been

over his batting position.

JAIPUR, India, Mar 3: Australian manager Bobby Simpson will have a simple World Cup message for his men on Monday: Beware a wounded West Indian, reports

Simpson fears his tournament favourities could find themselves on the wrong end of a spirited reaction from Richie Richardson's struggling side during their Group A encounter.

"There pride has been hurt and they will be looking to take it out on us to get their confidence back," he said. "There are not playing as well as they can, we will cer-

tainly not underestimate

51 Expert

53 Profits

52 "Wozzeck"

Simpson would not be drawn, however, on the causes, widely believed to stem from Richardson's fading authority and lack of leadership. 'I don't like to speculate on

other teams' problems," he

Pune on Thursday.

The former Caribbean kings have just one win to their names, against Zimbabwe, after forfeiting their match in Sri

Lanka and losing to first India and then Kenya. In total contrast. Australia who lost the 1975 final to the West Indies but took the title themselves in 1987, are unbeaten after three - including

a 97-run win over the Kenyans

- and have been playing

knock of 76 to give him an average of 166. TEAMS AUSTRALIA: (from) Mark Taylor (capt), Ian Healy, Michael Bevan, Damien Fleming, Stuart Law, Shane Lee, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Michael

Slater, Shane Warne, Mark

Waugh, Steve Waugh, Jason

WEST INDIES: (from) Richie Richardson (capt). Jimmy Adams, Curtly Ambrose, Keith Arthurton, Ian Bishop, Courtny Brown, Sherwin Campbell. Shivanarine Chanderpual. Ottis Gibson. Roger Harper, Roland Holder, Anderson Cummins. Brian Lara. Country Walsh.

#### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 24 Marceau 37 Nimble 1 Melville's -1 "Tiny Toon portraya 38 Mork's Adven-25 Every las tures" 5 So bad it's second bunny 2 Bruins' sch. Rodgers du Schön" Z/ Small fraction one pause amount 13 Theater 43 Pacific 29 Music ap sincerity 5 Succotash award Ocean preciation ingredient 30 Singer 14 Boy discovere 15 Variety of 6 Lawyers'. 47 Past Grant **48** Unisex 35 Leg, in country 7 '-- for the music

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ONLY A HYPOCRITE IS ALWAYS PRACTICING WHAT HE PREACHES -

The Cryptoguip is a substitution cipher in which one words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error

CRYPTOQUIP MEYXOTU VDLUEPLOY GDDZ VAPLOTO OWOY

AGAINST. Today's Cryptoquip clue L equais N

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O. it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short

Gillespie.

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