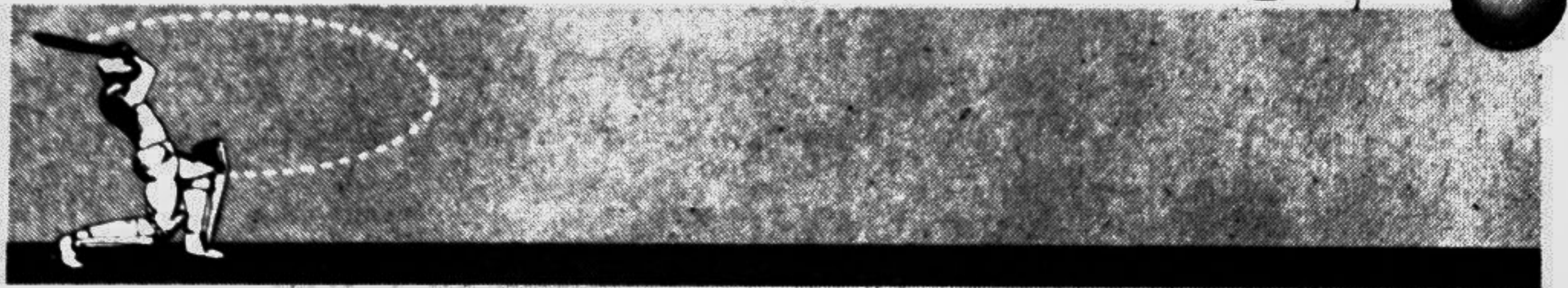


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Odumbe's next objective

COLOMBO, Mar 3. Giant-killer, Kenyan skipper Maurice Odumbe predicted here today that a repeat World Cup shock against Sri Lanka was within their reach, reports AFP.

"After beating the West Indies, anything is possible," he said.

"We will enjoy it even more if we beat Sri Lanka. If Arjuna Ranatunga is batting, it will be a challenge for me to bowl to somebody that I have read so much about."

Odumbe's side, who beat Richie Richardson's side in Pune, India, by 73 runs on Thursday to record one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history, flew to the Sri Lankan hill resort of Kandy for Wednesday's match amid tight security.

"From what we have seen, the Sri Lankan team are a bunch of exciting players," he said, adding that lack of experience remained his side's weak point.

"The only team we know we could beat was Zimbabwe. When we had scored 166 against the West Indies we knew we had no chance. But we had a little talk among us and decided we would go down fighting. That is what we did and things just turned our way."

Kenya, who had to qualify for the tournament along with Holland and the United Arab Emirates, currently lie in fifth place in Group A, with a game to go.

A second victory would give them a chance of snatching the last qualifying spot from rivals West Indies and Zimbabwe, also both on two points with a game to go.

National U-19 soccer in April

Sports Reporter

The Suhardwardy Cup national under-19 football championships will begin in the first week of April next.

This was decided in a tournament committee meeting on Saturday. The committee have also extended the date of entry till March 20.

The Daily Star readers' poll

Pakistan comprehensively outplayed England and the predictions are right on track once more. Let's see if Shane Warne's mystic deliveries do the trick for you again today.

TODAY'S PREDICTED WINNERS: AUSTRALIA

WC STANDINGS

NEW DELHI, Mar 3 (Reuters): World Cup standings after Sunday's match, Pakistan v England in Karachi (tabulate under played, won, lost, points, net run-rate):

Group A	P	W	L	Pts	Run-rate
Sri Lanka	2	2	0	8	+0.87
Australia	3	3	0	6	+1.27
India	4	2	2	4	+0.40
West Indies	3	1	2	2	-0.27
Kenya	4	1	3	2	-0.48
Zimbabwe	4	1	3	2	-0.96

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

Group B	P	W	L	Pts	Run-rate
South Africa	4	4	0	8	+1.75
Pakistan	4	3	1	6	+0.99
New Zealand	4	3	1	6	+0.93
England	5	2	3	4	+0.06
United Arab Emirates	5	1	4	2	-1.82
Holland	4	0	4	0	-1.61

About the dynamic duo

KARACHI, Mar 3. South African skipper Hansie Cronje warned here today his side still had a few World Cup secrets hidden up their sleeves, reports AFP.

Cronje, who produced a stunning personal performance to set up Thursday's win over Pakistan, paid tribute to coach Bob Woolmer's innovative cricketing brain both before and after the Group B victory.

He added: "We're here to win eight matches. Hopefully we still got a few surprises left up our sleeves."

Cronje, the 26-year-old from Bloemfontein, can do no wrong at the moment.

His two wickets, 45 runs not out, a crucial catch and an even more important run-out on Thursday were merely the icing on the cake. More importantly, the South African captain proved he has a cricketing brain to complement Woolmer's strategies.

The gulf between his ball-by-ball analysis on Thursday and Wasim Akram's laboured reactions screamed out from the National Stadium on Thursday.

Cronje was constantly juggling his bowling attack and tailoring his field to individual batsmen as he dragged his side back into the game time and time again.

MATCH ANALYSIS

Champions must improve

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan



PAKISTAN overhauled England at Karachi Sunday. What looked like a defensible total proved to be too small a



JAVED MIANDAD

At the end of the day, it was encouraging to see Robin Smith forcing his way into the tournament and Atherton, after a run of bad matches, find his form at last. On a wicket that hardly assisted the bowlers, the English openers behaved rudely. Runs were coming freely. The situation was further aggravated for the champions by their usual inept fielding. Much was heard about the improvement in this

department but actually it turned out to be a big joke. Of all the permanent members of ICC, Pakistan has the weakest fielding side.

We may recall that in the highly competitive game of today no team could possibly win only by batting and bowling. Pakistan's victory at MCG against England in 1992 included two very difficult catches by Aaqib Javed and Rameez Raja. The match against South Africa served no purpose for Pakistan. They were equally miserable in the field yesterday. Wasim Akram tended to wilt under pressure and his field placings were sheer amateurish. The 'most feared' opening attack of Pakistan was clobbered by Smith and Atherton. Aaqib Javed's inclusion as the third seamer should have been justified by giving him the new ball which he handles better than Waqar Younis. Waqar is always devastating with the used one. It had been proved time and again. Wasim himself should improve in bowling if his team was going to make the final. As long as Smith and Atherton were at the crease they gave the impression they were destined to reach a target unattainable by their opponents. But then all good things must come to an end. Smith went first and then an in-form Hick. Atherton followed soon and everything started crumbling down. Graeme Thorpe desperately tried to rebuild the innings with Fairbrother and Gough but others hardly responded. For once the home team's

batting came true against a good opponent. Aggressive Aamir Sohail, the man-of-the-match, with the devastating but highly under-rated Saad Anwar, started brilliantly and in no time of the innings they were in a hurry or any trouble. The Pakistani waistline got bigger and bigger with Ejaz



SAEED ANWAR

and Ijazam making light of the English attack which was depleted due to the absence of DeFreitas. The target was achieved with 14 balls to spare.

It was the last appearance of Javed Miandad before his home crowd at Karachi. He returned undefeated in his last innings here and was given the honour to lead his side in the morning.

Fans flock to Bangalore

BANGALORE, India, Mar 3: Cricket fans queued for up to 10 hours overnight to be among the first to get tickets for the World Cup quarterfinal in Bangalore on Saturday — a possible showdown between arch-rivals India and Pakistan, reports Reuters.

"Sacrificing one night's sleep will be worth it if it's a match between India and Pakistan," said Nagaraj, who had travelled from Mysore 150 km (90 miles) away.

Cricket officials in the southern Indian city said they had been flooded with requests for tickets before the counters opened at 8 am today.

"Everybody expects it to be an India-Pakistan match. That is the reason for this frenzy," said C Jagannathan, an official of the Karnataka State Cricket Association.

On the black market tickets were selling for up to twice their face value.

"A ticket for 1,000 rupees (30 dollars) is being sold at double the amount and there are takers," said a policeman.

A huge security operation will be mounted at the Chinnaswami Stadium with units of India's Border Security Force and more than 2,000 police being drafted in for the day-night match.

Holding holds nothing back!

NEW DELHI, Mar 3: Former West Indian great Mike Holding revealed here today how he walked out of a post-match function in shame after the side's humiliating World Cup defeat to Kenya, reports AFP.

Holding, one of the side's all-time greats, said: "On Thursday night after the debacle against Kenya, one of the Kenyans said to me: 'I don't want to be disrespectful but they don't deserve to be called the West Indies.'"

"I was shocked to hear that and left the party. I had had enough for one day."

Holding, who is here as a television commentator, revealed he was sick of answering questions why the West Indies had fared so miserably in Group B.

"There isn't lot I can tell people, except that the team is just not as good as people think or give it credit for," he said.

His frustration with Richie Richardson's side was matched by former skipper Vivian Richards, who denied malice following his attack on the captain.

Holding focused in on the lack of team pride. "The non-chalance of the current crop of West Indian cricketers is evident," he said. "Unlike in the past, there is no team spirit among the boys."

"This team, at times, looks like a group of disenchanted gentlemen playing this game only because they are being paid to do so."

Goran, Rosset reach Milan indoor final

MILAN, Mar 3: Switzerland's Marc Rosset upset defending champion and third seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 to reach the final of the Milan indoor tennis tournament on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Rosset, ranked 14th in the world and seeded eighth here, will face fourth-seeded Croat Goran Ivanisevic in Sunday's final in a showdown between two of the biggest serving players in the circuit.

Earlier the Croat halted French wild card Guy Forget's run with a tense 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory.

Rosset, who has defeated Kafelnikov in six of their seven meetings, becomes the first Swiss player to reach the Milan indoor final.

FIH exonerates India, Malaysia of match-fixing

BRUSSELS, Mar 3: India and Malaysia were cleared by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Sunday of rigging their Olympic qualifying match in earlier this year, reports AFP.

The claims of match rigging were made by the Canadian Hockey Federation after their team failed to qualify for Atlanta when India and Malaysia played a goalless draw in their match in Barcelona.

The Canadians charged that several Indian players were bribed to enter a draw. They claimed that an Indian player informed the Canadian manager that the game was fixed.

The five joint Germany, Pakistan, Australia, South Korea, Argentina, South Africa and hosts United States in the Atlanta Olympics.



ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER

Pak smell English rose



Reigning champions Pakistan restored their pride after their loss to South Africa when they outplayed England by seven wickets at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.

However, it was nice to see Robin Smith coming for the first time, and playing a good knock of 75 and captain Mike Atherton (66) finally coming back to his form. These two gave England a brilliant start on the slow Karachi wicket with a 147-run opening partnership within 30 overs.

It was a shame that England batting fell back in the middle of their innings after such a promising start. Except Graham Thorpe, who played an important inning of unbeaten 52 to help his side put up a reasonable total of 249 at the end, none of the other English middle orders did justice to their names.

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In such a high level of competition, if these chances are not treated with proper care, you don't deserve a victory.

To my mind, the highlight of the Pakistani innings was the performance of their top order who all did their job as per the requirement of their team. In such one-day competitions which is basically a batsmen's game, the way the Pakistani top order played in their four matches so far, I think the team management is now a bit confident of their batting abilities.

But what I want to suggest is they should not bank on six specialist batsmen. Instead, they should cater for an additional spinner and send Wasim Akram to bat as number six batsman which will definitely make their side a much stronger and balanced squad.

Finally, I must mention the name of great Javed Miandad who for the first time in the tournament appeared with his willow much to the delight of the local crowd who were eagerly waiting to see their local hero coming out to bat.

Tiny Lara Taylor's target



JAIPUR, India, Mar 3: Struggling World Cup star Brian Lara can expect no mercy here on Monday after it was revealed the Australians have targeted him for special treatment, reports AFP.

Lara's game plan has been ruthlessly dissected and put under the microscope by skipper Mark Taylor to try and pressurise the West Indian into a new failure during the Group A encounter.

That could mean an early rendezvous with leg-spinner Shane Warne, who won the man-of-the-match award last time out after an unplayable performance against Zimbabwe.

Australian opener Mark Waugh, whose stock has risen as sharply during the tournament as Lara's has slumped, said the Trinidadian was still being singled out as the major threat.

"He's still the danger man," he argued. "He's the key man for the West Indies."

"He's made some mistakes and got a bad decision so far but that can happen to anyone."

The use of Warne as a key bowling weapon against the West Indies is all the more likely after Zimbabwean leg-spinner Paul Strang took four wickets against them earlier in the tournament.

Lara, at least, was not among them that day.

The 26-year-old, the world record holder for the highest Test and first-class innings and regarded as the world's best batsman coming into the Cup, made an undefeated 43 that day.

But his latest two knocks

slow, grassless Asian strips offering bowlers next to no pace or sideways movement off the pitch.

That makes his slump difficult to explain, especially since all of the world's other top batsman have relished the conditions.

Waugh even admitted he has found it easy. "With the small outfield, it is easy to get the ball past the field and to the boundary."

Lara has got near to conceding the extent of his personal disaster by electing Tendulkar as the world's number one in his place. "He is a very good batsman, perhaps he is the best in the world now," he said. "If he remains consistent, he will go down in history as one of the best batsmen ever to grace the game."

It was hard to understand the madness that infected his batting in the shock defeat against Kenya, when he threw the bat from the start when dogged defence was needed.

A similarly rash performance, against Warne in particular, who regularly span the ball over a foot against Zimbabwe, is likely to end in a similar result.

West Indian morale cannot have been helped by the constant attacks on captain Richie Richardson, who clashed with Lara himself last year over the way the team was being run. Lara's lack of cricket before the tournament — he opted out of the World Series Tour to Australia — may also be to blame for his lack of success.

The darling desperados



NEW DELHI, Mar 3: (AFP): Never-say-die duo Romesh Kaluwitharana and Sanath Jayasuriya defied cricket's state-of-the-art technology to merge as the weekend's biggest winners.



KALUWITHARANA

The two Sri Lankans seemed destined to end up on the losing side here on Saturday when the third umpire gave India's Sachin Tendulkar the benefit of the doubt — not once but twice — against them.

But the pair proved that however much the modern world conspires against you, there is still no substitute for good old-fashioned blood, sweat and tear determination.

Wicketkeeper Kaluwitharana had plenty of cause for complaint on returning to the dressing room after Tendulkar, with 137, had inspired India to a seemingly impenetrable total of 271 at the miniature Ferozeshah Kotla ground.

He thought he had run out Tendulkar in his early 40s, after Mohammad Azharuddin had chanced a sharp single to gully only to discover his glove had flicked off a ball before he broke the stumps.

It was a water-thin decision reflected in Tony Greig's unstopably confused television commentary.

"Good running, he's comfortably home," he began. Then, after watching the replay: "This is unbelievable, in fact I think he's got to be out, that's gone." Then, when Tendulkar was finally reprieved because of that toppling ball: "I do not believe it, have they hit the wrong button?" It was that close.

Then, a few balls later, Jayasuriya's left-arm delivery drew Tendulkar forward, his back foot lifted from inside the crease for a micro-second and Kaluwitharana claimed a stumping. Again, the video gave the Indian the palest of greenlights.

Those two decisions looked like settling the Group A match. So you might have forgiven the Sri Lankans, facing a daunting target of 271, for the odd negative vibe when they strode out to reply.

Not a bit of it, as Manoj Prabhakar found out, to the cost of 33 runs off his first 12 balls at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground.

Kaluwitharana, the pinch-hitter with a mission to seek out and wallop hit 26 off 16 balls, capped by a delicate glance to the fine leg boundary.

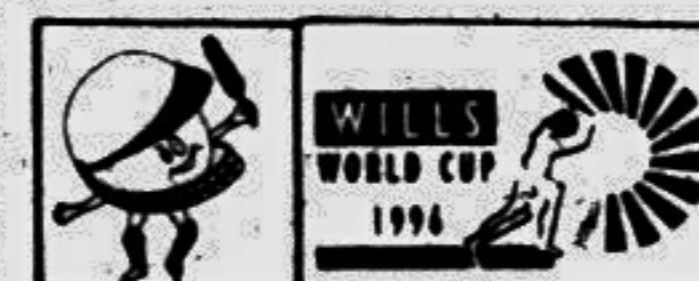
His next shot, a blistering cover drive, was his last as Anil Kumble completed the catch. But he had helped put on 53 in just over four overs, leaving Jayasuriya to plough on towards a personal total of 79 off 76 deliveries.



JAYASURIYA

Jayasuriya also managed the last laugh over Tendulkar. He may not have managed to match the Indian's 23 off six balls from Ravindra Pushpakumara — he just missed out with his 22 off Prabhakar. Nor did he reach three figures. But he showed the value of traditional determination, setting up his side's six-wicket win and running off with the man-of-the-match award in the bargain.

Vibrating for vengeance



NEW DELHI, Mar 3: Bitter Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga taunted World Cup favourites Australia here today, warning, "We're waiting for you," reports AFP.

Ranatunga, buoyant after his team's spectacular win over India on Saturday, said, "We are waiting for Taylor's men. They escaped us once in the league, but they won't miss us the next time. We'll be there, waiting for them."

Ranatunga said Australia's decision to forfeit their league match in Colombo for security reasons still rankled with him. "We were looking forward to beating them after the trou-

bles we had in Australia on last tour. And I think we would have succeeded with neutral umpires," he added.

"But it doesn't matter now. It's not important just playing them in the knock-out stage, our aim is to beat them," he said a day after his side scored a stunning win by overhauling India's 271.

A possible Australia-Sri Lanka clash can only come in the final since both teams, expected to take the first in Group A, will be drawn in different halves of the knock-out rounds.

Sri Lanka, almost certain to top the group with full points from their four matches and a game in hand against newcomers Kenya, will travel to Faisalabad in Pakistan for the March 9 quarterfinal against the fourth-placed team from Group B.

Australia will play their quarterfinal in Madras on February 11 against the third team from the other group — either New Zealand, England or defending champions Pakistan.

Former Sri Lankan batsman Roy Dias said Saturday's display against India had proved that Sri Lanka would be tough to beat.

"I think any of the other favourites — including Australia — should beware. Sri Lanka are well placed to take the World Cup home."

Relations between Sri Lanka and Australia soured during an acrimonious series Down Under earlier in the season, when off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was called for chucking and the Sri Lankans were accused of tampering with the ball.

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Quiz 2: Bumper Round

Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. The first "duck" in the World Cup was by H R Shah E D Solkar A Knott

2. In the WC, the first over was bowled by V Holder M Lal J Snow

3. In the 1975 WC, the Sri Lankans were led by