

**Paul Strang** 

(Zimbabwe's brilliant legspinner)

"It was nice to get the batsman out. But you have to look at each game in it's perspective. At the end of the day you got a lot to learn. I was fortunate that thing went well for me, I was delight with the way things went. But I still have got a lot to learn.

After his memorable four wickets haul against the West

# DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That today's page has a very interesting article on Zodia signs. You can actually find out with which star cricketer you share your stars.

\*It can be tricky. For example, my sign is the same as that of Mohammad Azharuddin. But, the only thing we share is a part of our names. The differences are many - principal among them being his two márriages.

Actually, I don't believe in this star-thing. But, I am sure you will all take a look at the article to see the stars of your



Sports WHiZZ KID

competition-28

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Mar 8, 1996)

in the World Cup Kenya beat Australia S. Africa Windies World Cup Holland cricketers wear Orange Green The official 1996 WC drink is Coca Cola 7 up 4. A chinaman is a left-arm Olf-spinner | leg-spinner | cutter You can square-cut a ball to Square leg | mid-wicket | deep point

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NERS: South Africa.

# The Daily Star readers' poll

Oh! What a fascinating turnaround by the West Indies. The brilliant Caribbeans have proved the critics wrong as well as our readers. TODAYS PREDICTED WIN-

### Lefebvre out of Holland's last WC match

RAWALPINDI, Mar 4: Dutch opening bowler Roland Lefebvre has been ruled out of his team's World Cup Group B match against South Africa on Tuesday because of injury, reports Reuter. Lefebvre had been strug-

gling with a groin strain throughout the tournament, team officials said today. The Dutch, who have lost

their first four matches, have asked the Cup organisers if they can call up a replacement

bowler. They want to bring in Azem Khan, a former Pakistani youth international who qualified to play for the Netherlands re-

cently.

Khan, 31, was born in Lahore and went to the same' school as Pakistan captain

### Wasim Akram. TODAY'S VENUE

RAWALPINDI: The name Rawalpindi came about as being the site where the Rawals. a wandering tribe, had settled. The area was eventually lost to the Sikhs, who in turn surrendered to the British. When the British took over, Rawalpindi became a cantonment town. In 1959 Rawalpindi was chosen as the interim capital of Pakistan until Islamabad was com-

pleted. A major military cantonment, it is 20-km away from the national capital of Islamabad. The small 15,000-seater

Pindi. Club ground is a regular centre for international matches, and will host today's match: South Africa vs Holland.

# Column One Title beckons MSC

Sports Reporter one more victory from their BRIEF SCORES remaining three super league matches against heavies KALABAGAN KC: 232 for 8 in 50 overs (Selim 50 n.o., Masum 47, Shahed Mehmud Abahant, Biman and Brothers

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 236 for 6 in 45.4 overs (Nannu 92

n.o., 'Mustadir Litu 31, Sha-hed Mehmud 22 n. o.).

cricket league title after

defeating Kalabagan Krira Chakra by four wickets in their

second super league encounter

at the Dhaka Stadium yester-

most experienced middle-

order bat of the country who

has gone through a lean patch

Minhazul Abedin Nannu, the

Mohammedan

Sporting Club cr-

ossed yet another

major hurdle on their way to lif-

ting the Premier

Union to lift the coveted title. However, it was not an impressive start for Mohammedans in their chase for an achievable target when they were reduced to 52 for three in 14.2 overs.

Openers Nadeem Younis (14). Jahangir Alam (6) and

Shahed (12), all perished quickly nibling at deliveries which were better left alone. Bagan's young Atiar, who took three brilliant diving catches. had a happy hunting period behind the stumps.

The Mohammedan dressing room was taken trifle aback by the early setback but lefthanded bat Mustadir Litu, who showed signs of steadying the boat sharing 44 runs for the fourth wicket with Nannu.



At long last Minhazul Abedin Nannu (L) clicked at a crucial stage. Here he makes his way back to the dressing room after inspiring MSC a resounding four-wicket win over Kalabagan. Nannu scored an unbeaten 92. - Star photo

throughout the season, for the first time unveiled his former brilliant self with a swashbuckling unbeaten 92 as Mohammedans, chasing a modest. Kalabagan total of 232, rattled up the required runs with more than four overs to spare. With this win Mohammedans, who are leading their

nearest rival Brothers Union

by six points, now need only

chipped in with a sedate 31 off 76 balls leaving his side still at a precarious 96 for four in 26.5 overs.

After the fall of Litu, skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul joined forces with Nannu to put on a brisk 49 runs before Bulbul (25) fell to a quicker incoming delivery from Kalabagan's Pakistani seamer Shahid Sayeed, and Mohammedans plunged into deep trouble at 145 for five in 35.1 overs.

Things turned grave when Sujon (14), the last recognised Mohammedan batsmen, made the long walk back to the dressing room, leaving his side at 172 for six in 28.5 overs. But Nannu, who relived the

memories of his hay days with some magnificent exhibition of stroke-play, guided Mohammedans home without further damage. He shared 64 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket with Pakistani legspinner Shahed Mehmud as Mohammedans reached 246 in 45.4 overs.

In his polished 99-ball stay at the crease Nannu - whose only blemish in an otherwise gem of a knock was some ridiculous reverse shots at a very crucial stage, hammered 10 sweetly-timed hits across the rope. Shahed Mehmud, who seemed to be in a hurry to watch the last part of the West Indies versus Australia match, cut short the chase with a blazing 22 off only 15 balls.

Mehmud, who was the

wrecker-in-chief earlier in the Kalabagan innings claiming three wickets, also made his lively presence with the willow clouting two towering sixes. He blasted his first six over extra-cover off left-arm spinner Sharfuddowla-ibne-Shaheed Saikat while the second one cracked against compatriot Shahed Sayeed - the longest so far in this year's league landed in the first floor of the VIP stands.

Sent in to bat in the morning, the Kalabagan innings was built around an unbeaten halfcentury by Mahabubur Rahman Selim and a rapid-fire 47 from former national opener Zahid Razzak Masum.

Masum, who gave a flying start putting on 75 runs for the opening stand with Nannu's elder brother Nurul Abedin Nobel (27), cracked five savage hits across the rope and two sixes in his 43ball stay at the wicket. The tall right-hander was caught in the web of Shahed Mehmud who in the following over also dismissed Nobel.

Selim, who gave the Kalabagan innings a healthy look. scored exactly 50 off 58 deliveries embellished with a quartet of fours before Kalabagan exhausted their quota of 50-overs - 232 for eight.

Mohammedans, who with this win raised their tally to an unassailable 24 points from 13 outings, will take on Brothers Union on Thursday in their next match of the six-team super league.

# Calcutta Chronicle

# Wonderful Woolmer

Bob Woolmer, the South African cricket coach, was in Calcutta recently during the World Cup opening. His team has in the meantime played four matches (wins against UAE, England, Pakistan and New Zealand) and will feature in their final preliminary round match against Holland today. This is the right time to weigh his words against his teams performance till date. Robert A Woolmer played 19 Test matches for England and scored 1059 runs averaging at 33.09. He hammered three centuries and two 50's. His highest score in an innings was 149. Here is Bob Woolmer talking to Tapan Majumder:

Q. How are you building the South African team after you took over the mantle from Mike Proctor?

BW: I took the team to Pakistan for a triangular tournament against Australia and Pakistan. We lost six nil. It was a very good experience for me. We learnt many things from that tour. When you are in charge of a national side, you have the support of your national body and you can let your mind flow. So, really what we are trying to do is to get the boys a lot fitter. We employed an exercise specialist, a sports scientist, and a nutrionist. We tried to professionalise the preparation. Slowly, over a period of time, the players responded to that and we are playing very good cricket at

the moment. Q. Your assessment of Hansie Cronje as captain. BW: Hansie is a very wise head on a young shoulders. As a twenty-six years old, I don't think I have seen any one with the same sort of perception and ability to read the game. So I think he is a fantastic cap-

Q. Do you think that South Africa is fast coming up as a

cricketing force? BW: Yes. I think the easy way to answer that ... I believe that the South African cricketing fraternity is working very hard to make South African

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Mar

4: Holland make their World

Cup curtain-call on Tuesday

against eleven world-class

players ... and cricket's com-

Africa's match-winning 12th

man, will be on the sidelines

as usual, plotting, charting,

mapping and scheming on his

might seem low-key - South

Africa have already won Group

B and Holland booked their

plane home after the first

round - but Woolmer is un-

likely to see the game quite

The former England inter-

The game at Rawalpindi

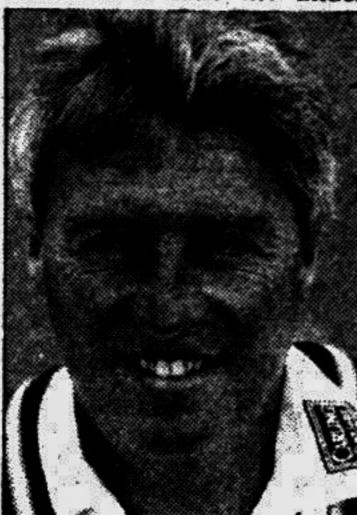
Coach Bob Woolmer, South

puter-brain, reports AFP.

laptop.

like that.

cricket a force. We have got some very good players in the South African side and very good youngsters coming through. In fact three of the youngsters, Jacques Kallis, Paul Adams and Shaun Pollock are actually on this tour. I was fortunate to take the under



BOB WOOLMER twenty-four side to Sri Lanka last August and there were

number of players, who, in my opinion are good enough to play test cricket in future. Q. Will you miss Dave

Richardson dearly in the tournament?

miss Dave Bichardson. He is a

Tyros vs thinker's boys

national is regarded as one of

the most incisive and meticu-

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for him to glean even from this

one of his heroes, former

England captain Mike Brear-

when Mike Brearley wasn't

there." he says. "He had a mind

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by his charges on his keyboard,

analysing the strengths and

weaknesses of his own players

of the buzzwords of this World

Cup - the devising of the

"strategy." Each game is ap-

proached in its own way.

Watch South Africa in the field

closely and you will discern

never-ending adjustments and

That, in turn, leads to one

as well as their opponents.

Woolmer's description of

"Batting was much easier

Nowadays Woolmer logs ev-

game.

ley, is significant.

like a computer.'

BW: In many ways we will

strong character and great influence on the field. But in Steve Palframan we have a different type of wicketkeeper. He is very bubbly, very energetic, and young. But we will miss Dave very much. It is very unfortunate that he can't come. But we feel we have a very good replacement. Q. How do you rate the

prospect of South Africa? BW: Well. I think we are in top eight (laugh). I hope we will go into the quarter finals. And then it's three games. You know one day cricket as well as I do. It's a bit of a lottery after that; quarter final, semi final and final. You have got to win three games. We still have to be the best team in the world to get into the final and to win the final.

Q. What's your view about the other teams? \*

BW: I think, any eight can go through. India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka - these subcontinent teams have good chances. Australia is a very big force in one day cricket. New Zealand is not too far away. England is a very professional side. So anything can happen at knockout stage. And that's the exciting thing about cricket.

The South Africans are likely to meet the West Indians in the quarterfinals. Was it only a slip of mind that he missed out the Caribbeans?

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plan, after all, but what is im-

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when it goes badly wrong.

Some teams forge on regard-

TEAMS

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SOUTH AFRICA (from): Ha-

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Rhodes, Pat Symcox.

Most sides have a game

who is on strike.

# GMCC crush Wanderers

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

overs (Shahed Mehmud 107 Rafique 92) DHAKA WANDERERS 244 for 9 in 50 overs (Munirul Huq 80, Sagir Abbas 46; Babul 3/33, Kamal Marchent 3/30).

GMCC: 308 for 7 in 50

The Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC), who had earlier narrowly missed a berth in the elite six-team super league of Premier cricket continued their ego-nursing act when they posted a facile 64-run win over Dhaka Wanderers in the relegation league on the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

After winning the toss and electing to use the wicket in the morning GMCC, who had almost ensured their stay at the Premier league without playing a single match of the six-team relegation league, amassed a mammoth 308 for seven with Mehmud Hamid blasting a magnificent century.

The Pakistani right-hander, who set the field aftre with Rafiqui Alam, scored a blazing 107 off only 102 balls inclusive of 11 hits to the rope.

Rafique and Hehmud put on 127 runs for the third wicket to set the foundation of a huge total before the former was holed out after hitting a dazzling 92 off 99 deliveries which included a dozen of boundaries and two towering

Mehmud was eventually out in the 49th over leaving GMCC three runs short of 300. Among the Wanderers

bowlers, Pakistani Sagir Abbas, who felt the wrath of Mehmud and Rafique, finished most expensive with 10-1-76-2.

In reply, Wanderers could manage only 244 for nine in their share of 50 overs with Manirul Huq, so far the highest individual scorer with 600 odd runs, ploughed the sands with a polished 80 off 76 balls. It was GMCC's seventh win

in the league and their second successive victory in the relegation league to raise their tally to 14 points from 13 matches while Wanderers. whose fate hangs in the balance in the dreaded relegation zone, remained glued to their former collection of 8 points from also 13 outings.

# SA-HOLLAND MATCH-FILE

RAWALPINDI, Mar 4 (AFP): Match-file of South Africa's World Capanatch with Helland here on Tuesday:

Group B: (With Pakistan. New Zealand, England, United **Arab Emirates**) Strengths and weaknesses:

South Africa's batting, rearded as a potential achilles heel, overtook Pakistan's 242 in their last outing to quieten the critics for now. The bowling, with spinner Paul Adams now blooded, and the fielding are top bracket. Men to watch (subject to

selection): Kirsten, who made a sparkling 44 against Pakistan, will want to fill his boots again against the minnows to complement his underrated 188 against the Emriates.

Holland will look to youth and 18-year-old all-rounder Bas Zuiderent, wicketkeeper Marcel Schewe and Klaas Van Noortwijk to show Dutch cricket has a future.

Cup head-to-head: Holland are making their debut in the tournament

Previous records: South Africa were semi-finalists in their only previous Cup in

Form book: South Africa. who came to the Cup after a 6-1 demolition of England. have won all of their four tournament games without breaking sweat.

Holland battled well before unexpectedly going down to the Emirates in their last outing.

# Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter Nirman Eleven, Kathalbagan Cricket Club and Azad Sporting Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket super league on Monday.

Nirman Eleven recorded a six-wicket win over Nawabgani Evergreen at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Kathalbagan defeated Rainbow Athletics club by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket stadium. In the day's other match at

the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Azad Sporting Club handed East End Club a 33-run defeat. BRIEF SCORES

NAWABGANJ EVER-GREEN: 181 for eight in 40 overs (Sagar 31, Faruque 28) NIRMAN XI: 185 for four in 32.1 overs (Bappi 63, Babu Result: Nirman XI won by

RAINBOW AC: 123 in 34.5 overs (Zahed 27, Riad KATHALBAGAN CC: 124 for five in 22.4 overs (Riad 49. Mithu 34)

Result: Kathalbagan won by

6 wickets.

5 wickets. AZAD SC: 242 for eight in 40 overs (Faju 69, Jasim 54, Biplab 38, Abir 4/32) EAST END CLUB: 209 for nine in 40 overs (Shamim

42. Savem 36) Result: Azad SC won by 33 runs.



WINDIES WALTZ: A resurgent West Indies side celebrate the fall of Australian skipper Mark Taylor — caught Browne bowled Walsh — during yesterday's thriller at Jaipur, India. West Indies romped home by four wickets. -AFP/UNB photo

# Aussies brought down to earth



JAIPUR, India, Mar 4 Skipper Richie Richardson and Brian Lara battled back from the dumps to help the West Indies record a badlyneeded World Cup win over Australia here today, reports

Richardson hit an unbeaten 93 and Lara contributed 60 as the West Indies overtook Austrália's 229 for six with four wickets and seven balls to spa-



RICHARDSON ... m-o-m re and kept alive their hopes of advancing to the quar-

terfinals. A relieved Richardson watched from the non-striker's and as Jimmy Adams cracked two successive boundaries off Damien Fleming in the penultimate over to signal the

exciting win. It enabled the West Indies to end their Group A league engagements level with India at four points each, two points ahead of Zimbabwe and Kenya. With sri Lanka and Australia

already assured of moving up. the remaining two quarterfinal berths in the group will be decided after Wednesday's last round of matches: India v Zimbabwe and Kenya v Sri Lanka.

The West Indies, slammed by critics after Thursday's defeat against minnows Kenya, responded to skipper Richardson's call for a last-ditch effort with a performance befitting the former champions.

They restricted the strong Australian batting line-up to 229 for six, in which 21-yearold Ricky Ponting made 102 his maiden World Cup century and second in 20 one-day internationals.

Fiery fast bowler Curtly Ambrose sent down four maidens in him first five overs as the West Indian bowlers kept the free-stroking Australian

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Then Lara and Richardson came together in a vital stand of 87 for the third wicket after the makeshift opening pair of Sherwin Campbell and Courtny Browne were removed by the seventh over with only 26 on the board.

Lara hit seven boundaries in a classy 60 off 70 balls before sweeping off-spinner Mark Waugh down Glenn McGrath's through at deep square leg. From 113 for two, the West

Shivnarine Chanderpaul (10) and Keith Arthurton fell to Waugh and Roger Harper (22) was tapped leg before by Paul But icit-handed Adams kept Richardson company till the end as 28,000 spectators at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium

indies slipped to 196 for six as

brate the West Indian revival Earlier, Pointing shared 110-run stand for the third wicket with Steve Waugh (57) to boost Australia's score after they were struggling at 84 for 2 by the 26th over.

Ponting, a product of the

here burst crackers to cele-

Adelaide, hit five boundaries and a six in his defiant knock before being run out in the 48th over. Australia were just 79 at the half-way stage of their innings

Australian Cricket Academy in

strugged to get the ball away during a 62-run stand for the second wicket. Mark, who made 130, 126 and 76 in three previous innings, managed only 30 before

off-spinner Roger Harper deceived him in the air for wicketkeeper Browne to complete and easy stumping. But Browne messed up another stumping of Steve Waugh off Arthurton when he was on

22, which let the Australians off the hook. The West Indies conceded just 29 runs in the last five overs, which saw Ponting. Michael Bevan and Ian Healy being run out in an attempt to

improve the run-rate. A relieved Richie Richard son said the victory was a slap in the face of those critics who believed that West Indian cricket was finished.

"We have hit back well. It shows that we are capable of winning despite what the others think. "I was happy finally getting

my touch back. NO one likes to have a poor run and I believe I am out of it now. Brian (Lara) also played very well, which augurs well for the team in future," he said. Australian captain Mark

Taylor complimented the West Indians for hitting back when the chips were down.

"It just proved my point that you can never underestimate any side, especially the West Indians. I don't think we bowled badly, but Richardson and Lara took the game away from us." Taylor said.

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He added the defeat did not demoralise his team before the knock-out rounds of the Cup.

"There is nothing to be un-happy about. The boys look in good nick and are looking forward to playing the quarterfinals," Taylor said.

SCOREBOARD

World Cup Group A scoreboard between Australia and the West Indies at Jaipur Monday AUSTRALIA

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ROCKY PONTING . . . 102 P. Reiffel not out Extras: (lb-3, w-6, nb-1)

Did not bat: S Warne: D. Fleming: G. McGrath Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-84; 3-194; 4-200; 5-216; 6-224; Bowling: Ambrose 35 Walsh 0 52 Bishop

Total: (6 wkts)

46 0 Harper 53 0 Arthurton 0 15 Adams Overs: 50 WEST INDIES S Campbell c Healy b Fleming C Browne run out B Lara c McGrath b M Waugh R Richardson not out

S Chanderpaul b M Waugh

K Arthurton Ibw b M Waugh

R Harper Ibw b Reiffel

J Adams not out Extras: (lb-12, nb-2, w-5) Total: (for six wickets 48.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-27; 3-113; 4-146; 5-194; 6-196. Did not bat: I Bishop, C

Ambrose, C Walsh. Bowling 45 Reiffel 44 Fleming McGrath 46 30 Warne M Waugh 38 0 Bevan Man-of-the-match: Richie

Richardson. Result: West Indies won by four wickets.

# CRYPTOQUIP

CDZSCCSON-L CDFQ UFSC IZFDXZA Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE LARGEST CON-TAINER OF CHINESE FOOD EVER DELIVERED

Today's Cryptoquip clue Z equals C

WEIGHED WON TON.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal () throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short

words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels Solution is by trial and error

