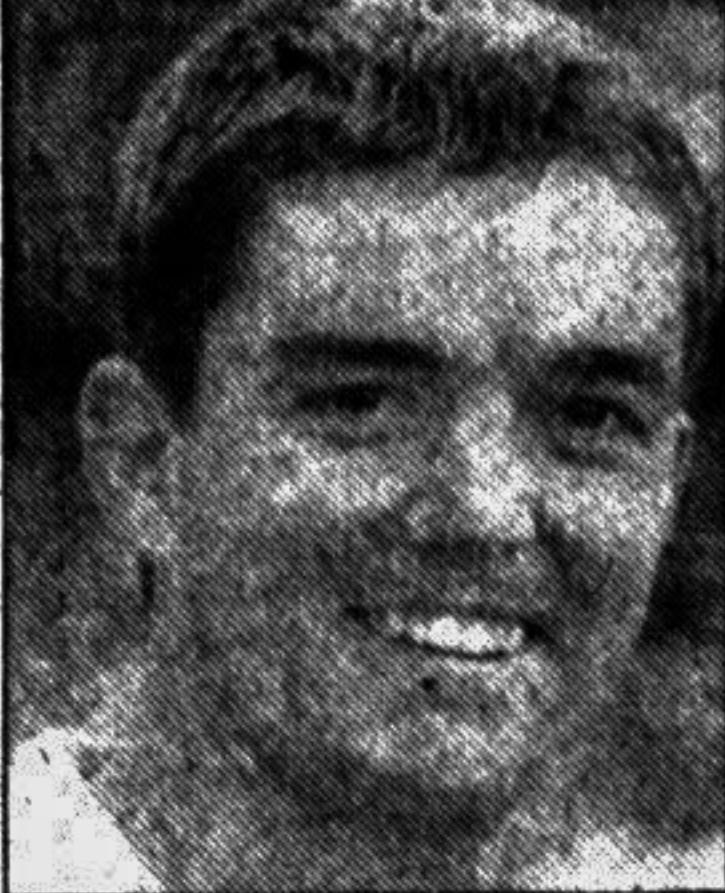


Column One SPORTS TALK



Paul Strang (Zimbabwe's brilliant leg-spinner)

It was nice to get the batsman out. But you have to look at each game in its perspective.

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That today's page has a very interesting article on Zodiac 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.

SPORTS WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Daily Star readers' poll

Oh! What a fascinating turnaround by the West Indies. The brilliant Caribbeaners have proved the critics wrong as well as our readers.

RAWALPINDI: The name Rawalpindi came about as being the site where the Rawals, a wandering tribe, had settled.

Title beckons MSC

Sports Reporter one more victory from their remaining three super league matches against heaviest Abahan, Biman and Brothers Union to lift the coveted title.

into deep trouble at 145 for five in 35.1 overs. Things turned grave when Sujon (14), the last recognised Mohammedan batsman, made the long walk back to the dressing room.



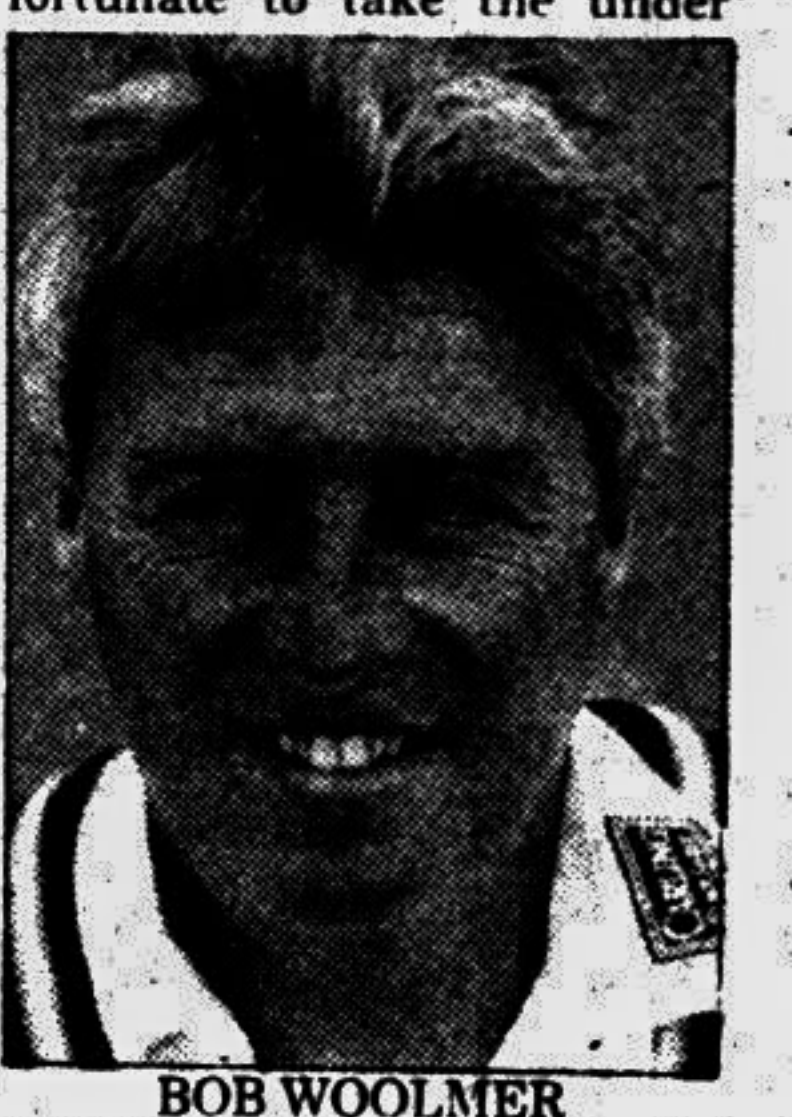
At long last Minhazul Abedin Nannu (L) clicked at a crucial stage. Here he makes his way back to the dressing room after inspiring MSC a resounding four-wicket win over Kalabagan. Nannu scored an unbeaten 92.

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.

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.



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

strong character and great influence on the field. But in Steve Palfirman we have a different type of wicketkeeper. He is very bubbly, very energetic, and young.

Tyros vs thinker's boys

national is regarded as one of the most incisive and meticulous brains around and there will be crumbs of information for him to glean even from this game.

shifts in pattern, depending on who is on strike. Most sides have a game plan, after all, but what is important is how teams react when it goes badly wrong.

GMCC crush Wanderers Sports Reporter

GMCC: 308 for 7 in 50 overs (Shahed Mehmud 107, Rafique 92) DHAKA WANDERERS: 244 for 9 in 50 overs (Munirul Haq 80, Sagir Abbas 46; Babul 3/33, Kamal Marchent 3/30)

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.

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.

SA-HOLLAND MATCH-FILE

RAWALPINDI, Mar 4 (AFP): Match file of South Africa's World Cup match with Holland here on Tuesday.

Group B: (With Pakistan, New Zealand, England, United Arab Emirates.)

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 Reuters.



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 WI back from the grave



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

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

There is nothing to be unhappy about. The boys look in good nick and are looking forward to playing the quarter-finals. — Taylor said.

But left-handed Adams kept Richardson's company till the end as 28,000 spectators at the Saiwal Man Singh Stadium here burst crackers to celebrate the West Indian revival.

Earlier, Ponting 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.

Richardson... m-o-m re and kept alive their hopes of advancing to the quarter-finals.

A relieved Richardson watched from the non-striker's end 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 quarter-final 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-year-old Ricky Ponting made 102 — his maiden World Cup century and second in 20 one-day internationals.

SCOREBOARD

World Cup Group A score-board between Australia and the West Indies at Jaipur Monday

Australia M. Waugh at Browne b Harper 30 M. Taylor c Browne b Walsh 9 R. Ponting run out 102 S. Waugh b Welch 57 M. Bevan run out 12 S. Law not out 2 I. Healy run out 3



ROCKY PONTING... 102

P. Reffel not out 4 Extras: (b-3, w-6, nb-1) 10 Total: (6 wkts) 229 Did not bat: S. Warner: D. Fleming; G. McGrath

Bowling: O M R W Ambrose 10 4 25 0 Walsh 9 2 35 2 Bishop 9 0 52 0 Harper 10 0 46 1 Arthurton 9 0 53 0 Adams 3 0 15 0

WEST INDIES S. Campbell c Healy b Fleming 1 C. Browne run out 0 B. Lara c McGrath b M. Waugh 60 J. Richardson not out 93 S. Chandrapaul b M. Waugh 10 R. Harper lbw b Reffel 22 K. Arthurton lbw b M. Waugh 0 J. Adams not out 17 Extras: (b-12, nb-2, w-5) 19 Total: (for six wickets) 48.5

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Yesterday's answer 7-14