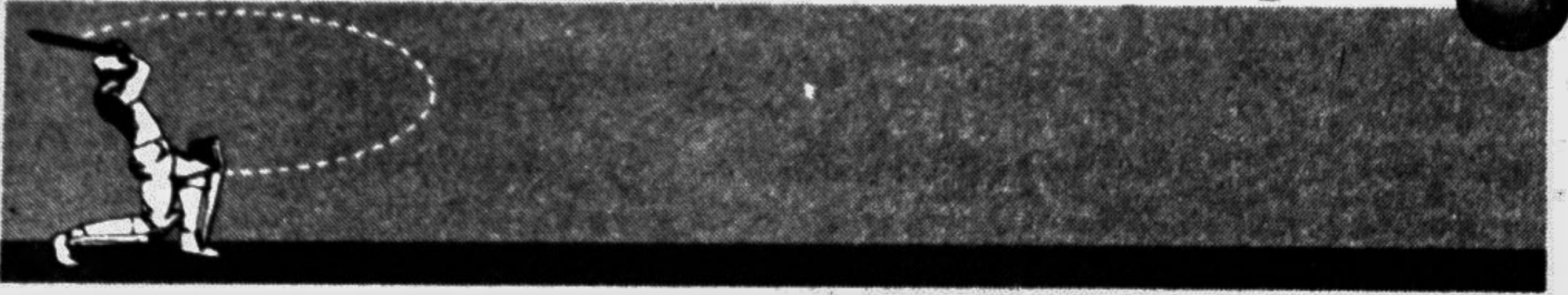


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Emotion engulfs

Richardson

JAIPUR, India, March 4: Richie Richardson delivered the perfect answer to his Caribbean critics today but is still prepared to step aside as West Indian captain if players so wish, reports Reuters.

Richardson's vital unbeaten 93 inspired West Indies to a four-wicket win over World Cup favourites Australia barely four days after the Kenyan debacle in Pune which provoked outrage among their supporters back home.

Those same supporters may still feel that one narrow one-day win will not heal all the divisions in West Indian cricket, but Richardson and his teammates have clearly been stung into action.

"It was embarrassing in the Caribbean when we lost to Kenya, so I'm very happy for them back home," said Richardson, after winning the man-of-the-match award ahead of Australian century-maker Ricky Ponting.

"Today shows that if you struggle hard, you get success in the end."

"As I've said before, I will stand down if it is in the best interests of West Indies cricket," said Richardson.

"If the players or the board think I'm not the man for the job, I'll stand down. I'm not going to be hurt and curse people or anything like that."

The West Indian revival owed much to Richardson's return to form with the bat after Brian Lara had gone for a breezy 60, not to mention their deliberately cautious game-plan against Shane Warne, who conceded only 30 runs but failed to take a wicket.

They also fielded tightly and profited from some fine early bowling from Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh.

Ambrose conceded just one run in his first five overs, helped in Australian captain Mark Taylor's opinion by some uneven bounce.

BTC golf classic

on Friday

BTC golf classic '96, one of the premier fixtures of Kurmitola Golf Club will be held on Friday, March 08, 1996 at the Kurmitola Golf Club. Over 200 amateur golfers will be vying for the honours and a host of prizes. Entry cards will be available at the Kurmitola Golf Course, says a press release.

Jonty expected

for qtrs

RAWALPINDI, Mar 4: South Africa's captain Hansie Cronje said today he expected Jonty Rhodes to be fit for the World Cup quarterfinals at the weekend, reports Reuters.

Rhodes aggravated a long-standing hamstring injury on the eve of South Africa's match against Pakistan in Karachi last Thursday, missed that encounter, and will also sit out their last Group B fixture against the Netherlands here on Tuesday.

But Cronje said Rhodes, their brilliant fieldman and middle order batsman, was expected to be available for selection for South Africa's quarterfinal tie in Karachi on Monday.

"The medical opinion is that Jonty will be fit for the quarterfinal if we rest him in the meantime," the captain said.

Rhodes did, however, bat in net practice on Sunday and Monday as South Africa prepared to face the Dutch.

Ramprakash

to replace

Fairbrother

KARACHI, Mar 4: England were given clearance by World Cup officials today to call up Middlesex batsman Mark Ramprakash as a replacement for the injured Neil Fairbrother, reports Reuters.

The Cup's five-man technical committee accepted that Fairbrother would be unable to play in the rest of the tournament after injuring a hamstring during Sunday's Group B match against Pakistan.

Ramprakash is expected to arrive in Karachi on Wednesday or Thursday and link up with the England squad before they travel to Faisalabad to take up their guaranteed quarterfinal place on Saturday.

"Mark was always our standby batsman and we are happy he will be joining us," said England team manager Ray Illingworth.

Ramprakash, a member of the recent England touring team to South Africa, has played 19 Tests and 10 one-day internationals.

The 26-year-old was in England's provisional squad for the World Cup.

He will be England's second replacement player. Warwickshire all-rounder Dermot Reeve joined the team early in the tournament after Craig White had to fly home with a side injury.

MATCH ANALYSIS

End of speculations

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan



JIMMY Adams, smarting under colossal pressure and an indifferent form, blasted the winning runs off Damien Fleming and rested all speculations about the Windies' place in the quarterfinals. West Indies not only made their position secure, but saved PILLCOM from a lot of embarrassing questions had they lost to Australia at the picturesque



BRIAN LARA

Sawal Mansingh Stadium of Jaipur.

As a boy I learnt some words of wisdom from my late lamented mother. She wanted to make her children wise and careful and gave this word of advice, "Never neglect fire, enemy and illness, however, small or weak they might be."

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WC STANDINGS

ISLAMABAD, Mar 4 (AFP): World Cup standings after Monday's Group A match between Australia and West Indies at Jaipur (tabulate under played, won, lost, points, net run-rate):

Group A	P	W	L	Pts	Run-rate
Sri Lanka	4	4	0	8*	+0.87
Australia	5	3	2	6	+1.06
India	4	2	2	4	+0.40
West Indies	5	2	3	4	-0.06
Kenya	4	1	3	2	-0.49
Zimbabwe	1	1	3	2	-0.96

*Sri Lanka awarded two points each against Australia and the West Indies after they forfeited their matches in Colombo)

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

(The net run-rate is determined by the following process: The overall run-rate (per over) of the losing side is deducted from the overall run-rate (per over) of the winning side. The figure that transpires is the net run-rate of the match. (+) for the winning side, (-) for the losers.

In the event of a team being all out before their full quota of overs, the run-rate is then calculated on the basis of the allotted overs. For example if a team is dismissed for 200 in 40 overs of a 50 overs-a-side match, their runs per over will be determined by dividing 200 by 50.)

Int'l Masters' chess

Zia takes solo lead

Sports Reporter

Runner-up last year IM Ziaur Rahman of Biman earned a solo lead in the third United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament when he defeated Ziaul Kader Tuhin of Ansars in their seventh round encounter at the NSC chessroom yesterday.

In a Sicilian defensive game, Zia, playing with black pieces, checkmated Tuhin after 41 moves.

With the win, Zia earned six points from seven matches and went atop the standings with half a point lead over defending champion IM Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan who drew his encounter with Abdullah Al Rakib of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Rakib now shares the third spot along with IM Vargas Koshi of India and Arifuzzaman Sikdar of Ansar who all have equal five points to their account.

In the day's other clashes, Mizanur Rahman Labu defeated Saifuddin Lovelu of BTMC, Saiful Islam of Barguna DSA beat Tayebur Rahman Sumon, Adnan Faisal outplayed Ruhul Kuddus, Ali Amjad Mintu outmastered Arun Chandra and Mahfuzur Rahman Imon out-gunned Amir Hossain.

The eighth round of the meet will begin this afternoon of 3 pm.

England to tour

Pakistan in the year 2000

KARACHI, Mar 4: England will tour Pakistan from October to December 2000 in what will be their first Test playing trip to the country in 13 years, reports Reuters.

The tour, which is likely to include four Tests, was announced late Sunday by the Pakistan Cricket Board chief executive Arif Abbasi.

"We are pleased to be playing England again at home after a long break and we are looking forward to them coming here," he said.

The Australians seemed to be extra-cautious in the morning. Both Taylor and Waugh failed to take advantage of a good toss. But credit must also be given to Ambrose and Walsh for accurate bowling.

Ricky Ponting, stepping into the shoes of that illustrious Tasmanian David Boon at number three, held the Australians together and hit his maiden World Cup hundred. He was unlucky to have missed his maiden Test hundred against Sri Lanka this season by only 4 runs. While Steve Waugh flourished with the bat

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JIMMY ADAMS

Mark Waugh must have been very happy to have taken wickets with his 'donkey drops.'

Once again it was heartening to see a group of spectators holding aloft the Bangladeshi flag in a far away place like Jaipur. How much we all wish we were there too.

Disappointing all-doers

ISLAMABAD, Mar 4 (AFP): The World Cup has been treated to a series of superlative head-to-heads.

The spinners have bewitched the pacemen, led by Pakistan's Waqar Younis, delighted. The batsmen, with Sachin Tendulkar and Mark Waugh scaling unprecedented heights, have started.

The battle of the all-rounders, however, has failed to live up to the legend.

No single figure has emerged to capture the World Cup imagination. The crown of Imran Khan, Kapil Dev, Ian Botham and Sir Richard Hadlee, it seems, will remain dusty and unclaimed.

There is still time, of course, for Wasim Akram of Pakistan, Steve Waugh of Australia and Brian McMillan of South Africa — appropriately, the owner of a dog named Beefe — to boast the best and perhaps the only genuine credentials.

McMillan is the only man to appear in the top 20 world computer rankings for both batting and bowling.

His pace bowling would not discredit the first over of a Test match, while he is quite capable of batting at number three in either form of the game.

Pakistan skipper Wasim, in contrast, is primarily a fine left-arm pace bowler, his stylish crash-bang wallop batting a bonus. Waugh is now an out-and-out batsman, whose mounting success has left his useful medium-pace seamers, curtailed by a shoulder injury, in the shade.

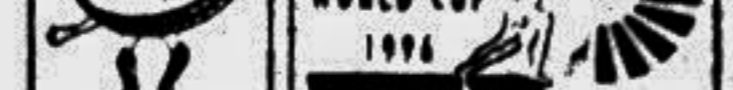
To date, the trio have failed to set the world on fire. McMillan's bowling has been a key South African weapon, slowing down opposition charges. There have only been four wickets, three of them for 11 against the Emirates, but he has constantly threatened while conceding under three runs an over.

Wasim has only had one bat for a useful 32 not out against the South Africans. His bowling, however, has yet to convince, with only three wickets — two against the Emirates — and costing over four an over.

None of the all-rounders, significantly, has earned a man-of-the-match award. McMillan probably deserves the first-round honours by virtue of his exceptional catching at slip.

ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER

Welcome back Windies



A brilliant fight back by the West Indians enabled them to regain some of their cricketing prides when they handed favourites Australia a four-wicket defeat in Jaipur yesterday.

The victory not only confirmed the Caribbean a berth in the last eight, but in my opinion, it was a great relief for skipper Richie Richardson who has been going through severe criticisms for his team's poor performances in the recent days.

I will come to this point later on, now let me start with as the saying goes "morning shows the day" the West Indians who suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of minnows Kenya in their previous match, began on a right footing as their pace batteries vindicated Aussie captain Mark Taylor decision to bat first on an unpredictable pitch offering uneven bounces through out the day.

Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh gave their captain the first hope for a much needed victory with their accurate and lethal deliveries which almost pinned down the Australian openers - only 13 came from the first ten overs.

Things did not go much worse for the Australians due to their refulgent batsman Ricky Ponting and Steve Waugh who shared 109-run in 19 overs for the third wicket and took the score to 194 before the latter was deceived by a slow off-cutter from Walsh.

Hats off to Ponting for his second one-day century yesterday in his 20th appearance, and Steve Waugh who not only played good innings but also helped their side for a respectable total even after such a poor start.

Among the Caribbean pacers, Ambrose once again proved his consistency. The tall right-arm fast bowler bowled exactly the way one should do in one-day matches - only 25 runs from his ten overs which yielded four maidens. His first spell was absolutely devastating when in his eight overs he allowed the Aussies to collect only ten runs. A reflection of a captains expectation indeed.

The target, 230 to win, was not that big. But considering the present form of the West Indian batsmen and the poor pitch condition, it seemed the Caribbeans would lose once again. What they needed was a sound opening and some good knocks from their two most experienced batsmen Richardson and great Brian Lara.

Richardson and Lara didn't fall this time. They added 87 runs for the third wicket which brought the West Indians back in the match after jumpy start.

Lara chipped in with 60. But his departure sparked a mini collapse with the West Indies losing more two quick wickets. However, captain Richardson, for whom it is a personal crusade, and left handed Jimmy Adams took their side home without any further mishaps. A victory, nay, a morale boosting tonic that may change the whole complexion of their otherwise disastrous campaign.

It was nice to see the West Indian skipper finally getting into his stride.

At the end what I want to say is what ever has happened the West Indians should forget now a concentrate on their future. For them there are still plenty of chances left to win the World Cup. Only things they shall have to accomplish now is to win three matches in a row and I am sure the Caribbeans have the capabilities to do that.

Cricket World Cup Quiz '96

Competition Information and Rules

Information

The Daily Star-Philips World Cup Quiz is a series of 2 (two) Quiz Competitions on World Cup Cricket. Sets of questions will be published from Feb 4-6, 1996 for Quiz 1 and from Feb 27-March 15, 1996 for Quiz 2 which will be a Bumper Round. In the Sports Page.

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Quiz 2 : Bumper Round

Ends March 15, 1996

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

D Mendis B Waranapura B Tannekoon

4. In 1979 WC, the playing Chappell was

Chris Ian Greg

5. The spinner who won two M-C-M awards in the 1983 WC was

L Gomes D Underwood A Qadir

6. Australia won the 1987 World Cup beating England in the final by

7 runs 17 runs 27 runs

7. The maximum wickets and no-balls bowled in the 1982 WC was by

A Donald W Akram W Benjamin

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ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: (if any) _____

OCCUPATION: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Write with a ball point pen in clear Block letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to or drop in the Quiz Box in The Daily Star. Send as many entries as you like.

Mercury now going up

Miandad was duly promoted up the order, came in just before the end and helped Pakistan home by seven wickets. He came off the pitch, was mobbed, handed a national flag and immediately given 600,000 rupees (17,000 dollars) for his unprecedented feat of playing in all six World Cups.

You would have thought the 38-year-old veteran, back after a two-year self-imposed international exile, had scored a century off 25 deliveries in the final.

Actually, he made a horribly mistimed 11, should have been run out for a duck and was dropped off a simple caught-and-bowled chance.

If current form were the only benchmark, Miandad would go straight back to number six — or beyond — for the next game.

But Wasim knows he has a national legend to deal with here, no ordinary player. After rumours of team dissension over Miandad's role within the team, it would take a brave, perhaps reckless man to suggest