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Glimpses of old glory

JAIPUR, India, Mar (AFP) 5: Strike bowlers Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh turned back the clock and kept the World Cup's young guns waiting with their memorable blitz against Australia.

The pair's combined opening spell against one of the finest batting combinations in the world proved it is still too early to write off the tournament's 30-somethings.

Even old father time put down his scythe to applaud on Monday.

The duo, the last in a dynasty of great West Indian strike bowlers spanning three decades, were simply unplayable during nine overs and 54 balls which conceded just eight runs and deserved several wickets.

Ambrose had beaten Mark Waugh — with scores of 130, 126 and an undefeated 76 to his name already — twice in a highly hostile first over before Mark Taylor spiced an attempted pull off Walsh, only for the ball to balloon just over the bowler's head.

The Australian captain just kept another delivery, the ball dribbling across his stumps, before Waugh first played and missed, then survived a big lbw appeal from Ambrose. The 19th ball of the day was finally squeezed away to fine-leg by Taylor.

The first run off Ambrose — he bowled four maidens in his first five overs — was another wicket-taking ball that snapped Waugh's head back as he reared up off the pitch, the batsman dropping his wrists on the ball at the last second to send the ball skidding to third man.

There was still time for Walsh to cut one back off the seam in to Waugh's ribs off an inside edge before Ian Bishop replaced Ambrose and the spell was finally broken.

Ambrose, the 32-year old Australian, ended with figures of 25 for 25 off 10, while Walsh, 35 and heralding from Jamaica, came back to claim two for 35. The Australian batsman, however, never fully recovered from that opening blast.

As a performance, it would have graced the names of Andy Roberts — the current team manager — Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Malcolm Marshall in their prime.

It could also serve as the perfect model for the West Indies' new generation of pacemen. And is surely taught Australia's up-and-coming pace attack a few things as well.

Glenn McGrath and Damien Fleming are clearly two of the game's rising stars.

McGrath, however, took a fearful canning on Monday to cost 46 off nine overs, while Fleming could not capitalise on a fine outswinger and the early scalp of Sherwin Campbell, going for 44 off his 7.5 overs.

McGrath and Fleming may be the sport's future but Ambrose and Walsh proved on Monday they were not quite ready to represent its past just yet.

Tight security in Kandy today

COLOMBO, Mar 5: Sri Lanka police will enforce tight security at the home team's World Cup match against Kenya in Kandy on Wednesday to guard against guerrilla attacks.

Some 1,500 policemen and women would be on duty inside and outside the picturesque Asgiriya Stadium including about 100 plainclothes officers, senior superintendent Nimal Mediwake told Reuters today.

Only labelled vehicles would be allowed near the ground, spectators would be searched, and sniffer dogs would patrol the perimeter for explosives, he said.

The match in this ancient hill country city will be only the second Sri Lanka have hosted after Australia and West Indies forfeited their games on the island because of security fears.

WC holiday

NEW DELHI, Mar 5: A holiday has been declared for government workers in Madras and surrounding areas next Monday so they can watch the World Cup quarterfinal in the city. The Press Trust of India reported today, says Reuter.

Russell on sticky wickets

KARACHI, Mar 5: England's Jack Russell may be one of the best wicketkeepers in the World Cup but even he admits the slower pitches in the sub-continent provide a challenge, reports Reuter.

"Keeping wicket here is much harder as you have to stand so close because the pitches are so slow and low," he said. "But I'm experienced enough to cope with that. I feel I'm still keeping fine and I've enjoyed every minute of it."

What is Adams doing?

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

And, with their strength, they would possibly score a meagre total against the accurate South African bowling. That would not have given him the chance for a big score.

The absence of Floris Jansen and Roland Lefebvre further weakened the already poor Dutch opening attack. This made the task of the South African bowlers getting into the groove for getting himself out when a century looked almost certain. But he had managed to post a record first-wicket total with Hudson, who in turn produced the 10th century of this World Cup and his side registering the highest total.

The Dutch might have been weak but not dead. At the end of the day South Africa could not account for all the 10 wickets of their opponents.

Once again Paul Adams was in vells. He was fielded only in the match against Pakistan as a surprise package. He did bowl his full quota of ten overs and was able to take a wicket for 41 runs. He did not look particularly dangerous or one who could turn the table. He was unusual in his delivery and possessed a 'freak' grip.

I still remember having read in the Statesman of Calcutta in the mid-fifties about one Jack Iverson of Australia who was brought to Calcutta all the way from his home by air to play in the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Cricket Association of Bengal. He was supposed to be a bowler with a 'freak' grip. But he did not do well in the matches. I now

know that Iverson played in five tests scoring 320 from 1108 balls. He took 21 wickets averaging 15.23, his best bowling being 6 for 27.

Adams is still very young. And unless he is given proper exposure on the sub-continent wickets he might not be able to show his real talent.

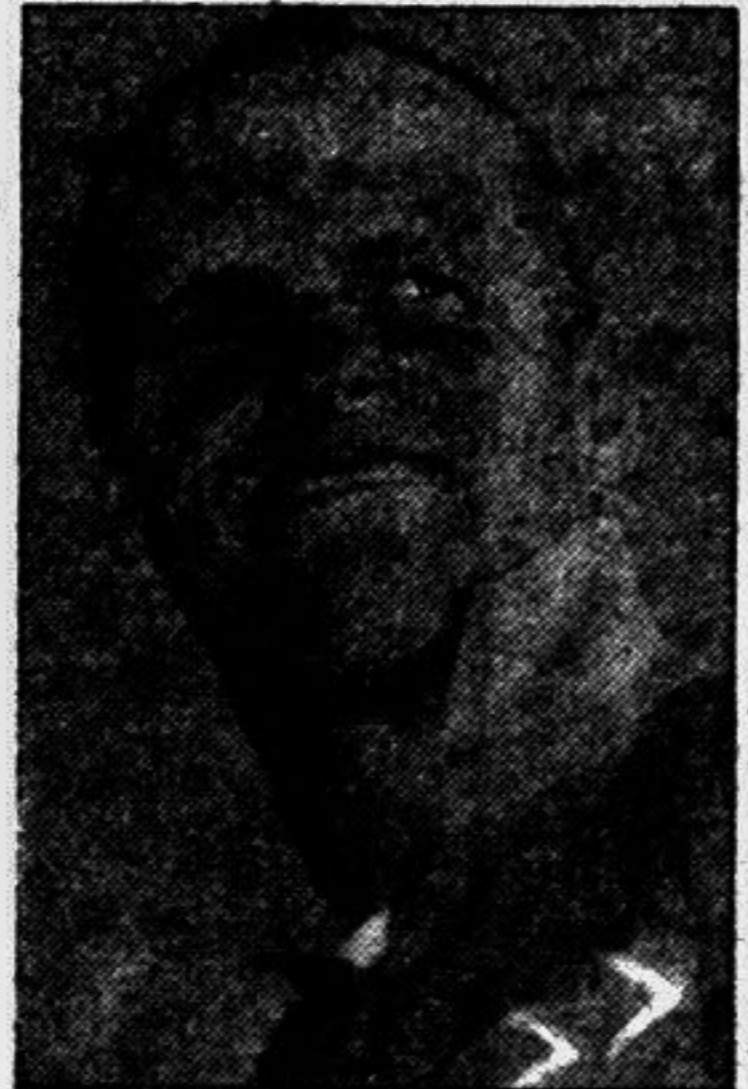


ANDREW Hudson must be thanking his skipper Hansie Cronje for winning a good toss for him. The normally sedate opener reached a



PAUL ADAMS

personal landmark by playing the highest innings of his one-day career at the Pindi club ground Tuesday. On a wicket that turned out to be a perfect batting strip Kirsten and Hudson made short-work of a depleted Holland attack. Lubbers was an unhappy man as he lost the toss. He was also looking forward to winning it. Had he won the toss Holland would definitely batted first.



GARY KIRSTEN

Shielding him too much from the scrutiny of his opponents, might do more harm than good.

South Africa might now look forward to playing the West Indies in the quarter-finals. From now on a team, winning the Cup, would have to maintain a hundred per cent unbeaten record. One loss and it would be a crash out.

Googlies woo Cronje

RAWALPINDI, Mar 5: Hansie Cronje briefly turned his attention from the World Cup Monday to invite a Pakistani leg-spinner to join his club during South Africa's upcoming cricket season, reports AP.

Cronje was so impressed with Zahir Ali Shah that the young Pakistani cricketer will be travelling to South Africa on an all-expense-paid ticket.

Shah, 22, will play for Cronje's University Club in Bloemfontein.

What impressed Cronje most was Shah's googlies, something the South African batsmen have failed to master despite their impressive run in the 12-nation World Cup tournament.

"They were unplayable," Cronje said. "They were hard to pick and he conceals them brilliantly."

Shah plays for Khan Research Laboratories in Pakistan's domestic first class tournament and has returned a career best seven for 58.

"He is outstanding," Cronje said. Invited to bowl to South African batsmen, Shah repeatedly troubled Cronje and later uprooted opening batsman Andrew Hudson's middle stump.

WC STANDINGS

NEW DELHI, Mar 5 (Reuter): World Cup standings after Tuesday's match. South Africa v Holland in Rawalpindi. Pakistan (tabulate under played, won, lost, points net run-rate):

Group A	P	W	L	Pts	Run-rate
Sri Lanka	4	2	0	8	+0.87
Australia	5	3	1	6	+0.88
India	4	2	2	4	+0.40
West Indies	5	2	2	4	-0.12
Kenya	4	1	3	2	-0.49
Zimbabwe	4	1	3	2	-0.96

Note: Sri Lanka's record includes a total 5 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	5	5	0	10	+2.06
Pakistan	4	3	1	6	+0.99
New Zealand	4	3	1	6	+0.93
England	5	2	3	4	+0.06
UAE	5	1	4	2	-1.82
Holland	5	0	5	0	-1.95

TODAY'S VENUES

LAHORE: Situated on the Grand Truck Road connects Kabul to Calcutta. This capital city is said to be 2000 years old.

Till today it is a thriving city where Mughal, Gothic and Victorian styles blend to create breathtaking venues and sights.

The historic city, once the seat of power in undivided medieval India, is the capital of the Pakistani province of Punjab. The renovated Gaddafi Stadium making the idea setting for the World Cup final on March 17. The Stadium, with newly-installed floodlights, will host today's Pakistan-New Zealand match.

KANPUR: Situated on the banks of the river Ganga is an important industrial town in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh that is renowned for leather goods and textiles of quality. Under the leadership of Nana Saheb, Kanpur is known to have played a crucial role during the Revolt of 1857.

The Green Park Stadium, which seats 25,000 is a regular Test centre. Will host today's India-Zimbabwe match.

KANDY: Sri Lanka's hill capital is its most beautiful town. It is 488 metres above sea level and next to Colombo is Sri Lanka's most visited place.

A three-hour drive from Colombo, is a regular venue for international matches at the 14,000-seater Asgiriya Stadium. It will host today's Sri Lanka-Kenya match.

TCCB to spruce up county championship

LONDON, Mar 5: Lord's are to discuss reforms to the English county championship in a bid to improve standards at Test level, reports AFP.

English cricket chiefs will press the 18 countries to award points for a draw in a bid to toughen up the championship programme and therefore help breed a better Test team.

A recommendation of three points for a draw will be proposed by former Northamptonshire captain Tim Lamb's cricket committee when the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) hold their spring meeting during the next two days.

The countries will be asked to consider the draw incentive of three or maybe even four points, as ways of getting more out of the premier county competition.

Discussion of England's failures in South Africa and in the World Cup, and whether Ray Illingworth should stay on as team boss, is not on the agenda.

Wadekar soups up squad



KANPUR, India, Mar 5: Sachin Tendulkar could have a new opening partner for the crunch World Cup tie against Zimbabwe here on Wednesday as India look to add bite to their batting, reports AFP.

Wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia and spinner Ashish Kapoor are the latest contenders to join Tendulkar after the failure of Ajay Jadeja and Manoj Prabhakar.

Jadeja was pushed down the order against Sri Lanka in New Delhi on Saturday after making just a single each against West Indies and Australia.

But the Prabhakar gamble backfired as the all-rounder struggled to score seven and was then thrashed for 33 runs in his first two overs by the rampaging Sri Lankans.

Mongia and Kapoor have opened in domestic cricket and fit perfectly with the team management's plans for a match India must win to ensure the third quarterfinal spot from Group A behind Sri Lanka

and Australia. "Even if they fall early, we have enough batsmen down the order to set things right," manager Ajit Wadekar said Tuesday, during training at the Green Park Stadium here.

Wadekar said the final opening pair would be decided at a team meeting on the eve of the match. But he confirmed that hard-hitting Navtej Sidhu would be back in the side — probably in place of the luckless Prabhakar.

Sidhu, one of India's most experienced players with 94 one-day internationals under his belt, missed Australia and Sri Lanka with a mysterious illness. Wadekar said it was flu, while skipper Mohammad Azharuddin talked of a back strain.

Sidhu's biggest ailment was lack of form, which saw him make just a single each against Kenya and West Indies.

"We will play Sidhu for sure, because we need stability at the top of the order," Wadekar said. "He is fully recovered now."

India are also certain to play an additional spinner after the surprise experiment with four seamers failed miserably against Sri Lanka.

Either left-arm Venkatesh Raju or off-spinner Kapoor will play against Zimbabwe. But Wadekar was unsure whether to sacrifice a batsman — Vinod Kambli or Ajay Jadeja — or a seamer from Venkatesh Prasad and Salil Ankola.

"This looks a good batting track, so we can't afford to weaken either the batting or the bowling. We will study all options carefully before making a decision," Wadekar said.

India have the advantage of the best run-rate (0.36) against West Indies -0.14 and Zimbabwe's -0.94.

If India bat first and score 250 runs in 50 overs, Zimbabwe will need to get those runs in 40 overs at a run-rate

of 6.3 runs an over. Flower conceded it was a tough task. "India are very good, they are one of the favourites to win the World Cup along with Sri Lanka, Australia and South Africa."

"We are up against it. But if the Kenyans could defeat West Indies, there is no reason why we can't do it against India. We will give it our best shot."

TEAMS

INDIA (from): Mohammad Azharuddin (capt), Sachin Tendulkar, Nayan Mongia, Ashish Kapoor, Navtej Sidhu, Sanjay Manjrekar, Vinod Kambli, Ajay Jadeja, Javagal Sri-

nath, Anil Kumble, Venkatesh Prasad, Venkatesh Raju, Salil Ankola, Manoj Prabhakar.

ZIMBABWE (from): Andy Flower (capt), Grant Flower, Andy Walker, Alistair Campbell, Guy Whittall, Sean Davies, Craig Evans, Eddie Brandes, Charles Lock, Henry Olonga, Heath Streak, Paul Strang, Bryan Strang, Stephen Peall.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Cyril Mitchell (South Africa).

Match Referee: John Reid (New Zealand).

Kenya keep on dreaming

will carry Kenya's hopes while Aravinda de Silva (91 against Zimbabwe), Asanka Gurusinha (87 against Zimbabwe and Sanath Jayasuriya (79 against India) will reply for the home side.

and another four, from the Australian and West Indian forwards, look to have all the acres at the Asgiriya Stadium in this picturesque hill resort.

Vaas, however, is the real find. A whippy left-arm pacer, he bowls over the wicket in the style of Wasim Akram and is not far off the Pakistan star in quality.

The ICC Trophy qualifiers, who are dreaming of Test status within five years after their historic win over Richie Richardson's side, have shown that cricket has taken root in a new part of the world.

TEAMS

SRI LANKA (from): Arjuna Ranatunga (capt), Aravinda de Silva, Sanath Jayasuriya, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Roshan Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha, Hashan Tillekkrane, Mavan Atapattu, Kumara Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Promodya Wickremasinha, Chaminda Vaas, Ravindra Pushpakumara.

KENYA (from): Maurice Odumbe (capt), Asif Karim, Steve Tikolo, Kennedy Otieno, Martin Sugi, Dipak Chudasama, Hitesh Modi, Rajab Ali, Edward Odumbe, David Tikolo, Thomas Odoyo, Tariq Iqbal, Brijlal Patel, Lameck Onyango.

MAURICE ODUMBE

Kenyan team manager Jasmer Singh is even more upbeat, saying his side are confident of progressing.

But Sri Lanka, group leaders with four points from two wins

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Syed Miraz Mahmud, the only fortunate winner present at the draw of the Transcom Electronics Ltd sponsored The Daily Star Philips World Cup Cricket Quiz-1, poses with his prized possession — a Turbo Bass Two-in-One. — Star photo

WC DIARY

ISLAMABAD, Mar 5 (AFP): World Cup diary here today:

CORK INJURY SCARE

England seamer Dominic Cork was taken for a right knee scan just four days before the quarterfinal against Sri Lanka at Faisalabad. The Derbyshire swing bowler had been struggling with a strained tendon in his knee for most of the winter and is expected to undergo an operation after the World Cup. England have already replaced two of their original squad, with Dermot Reeve replacing Craig White (side strain) and Mark Ramprakash coming in for Neil Fairbrother (hamstring).

INDIAN STARTS GETS ICC WARNING

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has asked Indian players Mohammad Asharuddin and Javagal Srinath to remove "non-cricketing" logos from their playing kit. Both players have been sporting the logos of an electronics firm on their trousers. Under World Cup rules, only logos of the official team and tournament sponsors can be displayed by the players.

BANGALORE FACES TICKET PROBE

The government of Karnataka state has ordered an inquiry into the sale of tickets for the World Cup quarterfinal at Bangalore on Saturday — a likely clash between arch-rivals India and Pakistan. Organisers closed the booking counters after three hours on Sunday, saying the 45,000-seater Chinnaswamy Stadium was sold out. But fans remained unconvinced and said officials had hoarded the tickets to sell them on the black market. The government has asked the city's police chief to investigate the case.

The Daily Star Philips World Cup Cricket Quiz-1 correct answers

(Draw held on March 5, 1996)

- The final of the 1975 World Cup was held on **June 21**
- The 1979 World Cup was won by **West Indies**
- The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was **M Amarnath**
- The 1987 World Cup final was held in **Calcutta**
- The highest scorer in the 1992 final was **Imran Khan**
- In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by **Andy Flower**
- Bangladesh has been participating in the ICC Trophy since **1979**

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Quiz 2 : Bumper Round Ends March 15, 1996

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

- The first 'duck' in the World Cup was by **HR Shah**  **ED Solkar**  **A Knott**
- In the WC, the first over was bowled by **V Holder**  **M Lal**  **J Snow**
- In the 1975 WC, the Sri Lankans were led by **D Mendis**  **S Warnapura**  **B Tannakoon**
- In 1979 WC, the playing Chappell was **Chris**  **Ian**  **Ging**
- The spinner who won two M-C awards in the 1983 WC was **L Gomes**  **D Underwood**  **A Qadir**
- Australia won the 1987 World Cup beating England in the final by **7 runs**  **17 runs**  **27 runs**
- The maximum wickets and no-balls bowled in the 1992 WC was by **A Donald**  **W Akram**  **W Benjamin**

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