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## Intikhab won't face India without Wasim

BANGALORE, India, Mar 7: Pakistan are prepared to risk captain Wasim Akram in their crunch quarterfinal with India even if he has not fully recovered from a strained side he suffered against New Zealand on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Akram was absent as his colleagues had their first practice session on Indian soil, but coach Intikhab Alam said the key all-rounder was undergoing treatment and was likely to play on Saturday.

"We can't afford not to play him. This is make or break," said Intikhab. "He had an infection after the game on Wednesday and he should be okay. I think he will play."

Pakistan have not played a Test in India since early 1987, but have been encouraged by their initial reception following their arrival in Bangalore via Delhi.

Both Intikhab and Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin said they hoped the game would open the way to a resumption of Test competition between the two countries.

"I think coming here will definitely help. It's good for cricketers and it's good for our countries," said Intikhab.

"For us, I think it's the final of the World Cup. Whenever we play, the two sides are keyed up. People expect a great deal of their cricketers."

"But we don't expect any problems. From what we have seen the people have been very good."

A former leg-spinner himself, the Pakistan coach is convinced the pitch at the Chinnaswamy Stadium will turn and hint that off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq might be drafted in, although the final team will not be announced until match-day.

## Holding mends his ways

NEW DELHI, Mar 7: Former cricket great Michael Holding called on the West Indies World Cup team to unite behind outgoing skipper Richie Richardson and give him the perfect send-off — even if they dislike him, reports AFP.

"The boys may want to ensure that the captain goes out on the best note possible, a winning one," he argued the Indian Express today.

"When he was appointed captain after Viv Richards retirement, he was not entirely a popular choice. Desmond Haynes had also been in the picture and since he had been Richards' vice-captain, was the favourite."

The antagonism towards Richardson started at the very beginning, of his tenure and continued almost unabated right up to his recent announcement.

Holding argued Richardson had done well to last as long as he did considering the antagonism towards him.

"Those who know the full story behind his tenure as West Indies captain could not be blamed in thinking that he lasted a long time considering his trials and tribulations," he wrote.

The former fast bowler said Richardson's decision to retire had been due to that lack of support.

"It is difficult to accept that it is purely cricketing reasons why Richie has decided to call it a day," he said.

"The man is a batsman aged 34 and that is certainly not to old to be playing international cricket. His match-winning innings of 93 against Australia on Monday strengthens my argument."

## TCCB's search for a solution

LONDON, Mar 7: A full probe into how the England cricket team is selected and managed was announced on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Representatives of England's county clubs, gathered at Lord's for the Test and County Cricket Board's Spring meeting, decided to set up a special working party under David Acland.

England, soundly beaten on their recent South African tour, are going through a disastrous spell and have only just managed to qualify for the World Cup quarterfinals where bookmakers expect them to succumb to Sri Lanka.

Acland, chairman of the TCCB's cricket committee and also chairman of Essex, has been given a wide brief to review all aspects relating to the administration, selection and management of England teams at home and abroad.

Alan Smith, the TCCB chief executive, said: "This will be an all-encompassing review that will look at all areas that have a bearing on the performance of our national teams."

"If you like, this will be a brain-storming process and I think the formation of this working party is only good business practice. Things should be continually reviewed."

## Expected teams on top

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan



THE results of the first round of the World Cup cricket '96 do not reflect the glorious uncertainties of cricket, rather they strongly indicate the expected results.

Kenya produced the most unexpected result of the Tournament by pulling down their heroes, the mighty West Indians. Perhaps this will remain the most unusual match of the century surpassing Zimbabwe's victory over Australia in the 1983 and England in the 1992 World Cups.

That the young African lions are capable of bringing about one or two surprises has once again been exhibited in their last match against Sri Lanka at Kandy on Wednesday. True, they lost the match but not before they ran short of overs with a few wickets intact.

There has been hardly any unexpected result in the tournament so far. And, as expected, the top eight teams have reached the quarter-final stage.

Out of the 28 group matches, we have had the opportunity of enjoying 'live' about 25 of them.

Two teams have so far remained unbeaten — Sri Lanka in Group A and South Africa in Group B. Other countries have tasted defeat. From now on, it is sudden death.

But, in such a world class tournament and when the game is 'cricket', anything can happen. A strong South Africa may find West Indies a difficult proposition. The injury-prone England may cause a few eyebrows to frown as they take on mighty Sri Lanka. Favourites Australia can not take any chances against neighbours.

New Zealand. And, finally, the clash of giants at Bangalore will be the focus of attention of millions of frenzied followers of the teams and the game across the sub-continent as well as elsewhere in the world.

The one surprise that is most likely to happen is the inclusion of Paul Adams in the South African squad against West Indies as they are generally suspect against top class spin bowling.

South Africa have been playing very well and they have

hardly anything to ask for. Their batsmen are scoring runs and bowlers taking wickets. They are fielding extremely well. So, they can expect marginal improvement in their game.

On the otherhand, West

Indies have just started to find their touch. Lara, Adams, Holder, Richardson should be among runs because their bad spell appears to be over. And, if that happens, then Cronje and his men will have a match on their hands. Remember Pakistan's achievements in 1992?

Australia have lot of talents in their side. They take the field with four regular bowlers. But look at their bowling strength. Every player, except Taylor and Healy, can bowl and they are no ordinary bowlers like Astle, Twose or Kennedy. Their fielding is also top-class. Unless New Zealand can post a big total, they will find themselves in real trouble.

England, finalists of three World Cups, are almost forgotten. Their losses to South Africa in the recent one-day series have caused much concern in their camp and the recent injuries to their key players have further weakened them. They have a lot to improve upon if they want to do good against the indomitable Sri Lanka.

Wasim Akram with only three wickets from five matches does not justify his reputation as the best attacking bowler. He must recover from his injury to take his place in the team. So far, Pakistan have batted well. Their bowling and fielding will have to improve if they want to face India squarely. If Wasim considers himself to be an all-rounder then he should drop a batsman and include a bowler in the side.

Tendulkar is in great nick. He has only failed once in five innings. This may prove to be a boon in their match against Pakistan. Azhar and Majrekar have had their quota of failing. They should also come out of their bad patch and, if that happens, it will be a cracker of a contest.



PAUL ADAMS

## Selectors ignore Lara!



ISLAMABAD, Mar 7 (AFP): Unbeaten South Africa are the new World Cup favourites ... statistically at least.

They would dominate an elite 'dream team' selected on performance after the first round jousting, with Australia in their slipstream. New Zealand, in contrast, are the only quarter-finalists unable to get a man into the select side.



BOB WOOLMER

The high-flying South Africans would earn three slots in the elite starting line-up — including the captaincy — and become the 12th man and team coach as well, just giving them the edge over pre-tournament favourites Australia, who would also provide a hat-trick of stars.

Hansie Cronje just beats Mark Taylor to the captain's job, on the back of his side's unbeaten run, his imaginative leadership, the occasional over of medium pace and a useful middle-order average of 59.

His opener's pick themselves — Indian Sachin Tendulkar with 427 runs and an average of 106.75 on the right, and Mark Waugh of Australia to the left, offering 120 runs a visit and unprecedented back-to-back Century.

(Waugh might even get a bowl, having already dismissed his new opening partner in the competition as well as removing one Brian Lara).

Cronje himself would be bracketed by Sri Lankan Aravinda de Silva, with 145 against Kenya last time out and 244 runs in three matches, and Englishman Graeme Hick.

Hick, with a 104 and 85 to his name — that second innings only ended when his runner got himself dismissed — is also a fine slip and useful off spinner, and just gets the nod over Mark's twin Steve.

The all-rounder's spot goes to Brian McMillan. The South African has yet to get amongst the wickets or runs, but the miserly cost of his overs — currently costing 2.7 an over, even less than Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne — gets him the nod. His extraordinary reactions in the slips might also come in useful — as well as his renowned sledging.

The wicket-keeping gloves go to Ian Healy — just.

His expertise standing up to Warne, the side's spinner, is a crucial factor. Sri Lankan pinch-hitter Ramesh Kaluwitharana, despite a strong case, just misses out.

Six-wicket Warne's inclusion ahead of Pakistan's Mushtaq Ahmed (8 wicket at 22.75) and Anil Kumble (16.45) is based largely on his ability to stanch runs, even in the final overs of an innings.

Warne currently goes for 2.9 runs an over, while Kumble costs 3.6 and Mushtaq 3.8. No batsman has yet got the better

of the Victorian, most choosing to block out rather than risk survival against a bowler who can turn the ball square.

The team is completed by a pace trio of Waqar Younis and Curtly Ambrose, with Allan Donald coming on as first change.

Waqar, a master of the in-dipping yorker, currently boasts 11 victims. His obsession with attack, whatever the cost, will be balanced by his two more miserly partners.

The West Indian, with seven scalps, goes for just 3.1 runs an over while Donald has

eight batsmen at an average cost of 15.75 runs — unmatched by any other bowler in the team.

Jonny Rhodes stands by as 12thman, a useful number six and whose fielding is judged to be worth a run-out and around 30 runs an innings.

Bob Woolmer, an Englishman now firmly wrapped in South African colours, sits behind his computer to add coaching brains to a side worthy of anyone's dreams.

After he decided to throw out De Silva and several other leading internationalists for failing fitness tests two years ago.

There is no discipline in the team. I will instill discipline," he had barked after a series of poor results.

Arjuna Ranatunga, today's skipper, promptly walked out in protest, supported by a player revolt that included, among others, Muttiah Muralitharan. The idea was dropped.

Everybody accepts, of course, that fitness is no bad idea. But it rarely makes sense to dictate to genius.

England's former all-rounder Ian Botham was constantly baited over his girth but did not seem to do badly on it, while fingers continue to be pointed at Pakistan's well-fed Inzamam-ul-Haq.

De Silva is only now getting world recognition, despite a long and impressive career.



DE SILVA

## WC DIARY

ISLAMABAD, Mar 7 (AFP): World Cup diary here today:

## IMRAN KHAN'S BACK...

Former Pakistan skipper Imran Khan made an unexpected comeback as a television pundit during the defending champions' Group B win over New Zealand.

Imran, who led the team to the 1992 title, reportedly suggested Pakistan would beat India easily in the quarterfinals.

## ...AND SO IS CLIVE

Clive Lloyd, the match referee at the game between Pakistan and the Kiwis, last came to the ground 24 years ago, as captain of the West Indies tour of 1972/73.

## MORE KITE FLYING FOR WORLD CUP SCRIBES

Journalists used to flying World Cup kites will be able to sit back and watch others do the work at Lahore. The tournament organisers have joined up with the city's kite flying association to stage a show for them. Kite festivals — called basant — are traditionally staged in Pakistan to herald the spring season.

## KEEP COOL, PAKISTAN BOSS ASKS FANS

Pakistan cricket chief Arif Ali Abbasi has asked fans at the World Cup final to keep their cool if they are left in the dark after a floodlight failure. Abbasi said there was a small chance that a power cut could hit the event at Lahore on March 17 — "no system in the world is foolproof" — which would mean a 200-minute break to replace the lighting system. The lights, reported to be one of the most modern in the world, have just been installed at the Gaddafi Stadium.

## Woolmer being wise

KARACHI, Pakistan, Mar 7: South Africa's World Cup coach Bob Woolmer was stunned today by reports that West Indian Brian Lara had said he would hate to lose to "White South Africans," reports AFP.

"That doesn't sound like the Lara I know," said Woolmer, who was coach of Warwickshire when Lara played there two years ago.

All Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, added, "I can't believe it. I will have to query the validity of the magazine report which quoted Lara."

The former springbok batsman added, "Brian Lara has always been a wonderful friend of South Africa and played a major role in helping the development programme in South Africa by coaching the underprivileged areas."

Manager Cassim Docrat and team captain Hansie Cronje refused to comment on the report, published in the Delhi-based Outlook weekly magazine.

## Euro Cup soccer results

LONDON, Mar 7: Ajax Amsterdam dispelled growing doubts about their ability to retain the European Cup with a 2-0 away victory over Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday that should see them through to the semifinals, reports Reuters.

Borussia, down to ten men for the last 24 minutes of their quarter-final first leg after midfielder Matthias Sammer was sent off for a second bookable offence, face an uphill battle in the return in Amsterdam on March 20.

Midfielder Edgar Davids settled Ajax, who have stumbled through some poor results this year including two league defeats, with a goal in the eighth minute.

Teenage striker Patrick Kluivert scored the second, seven minutes from time as Ajax extended their record unbeaten run in the European Cup to 16 matches, showing an enviable strength in depth.

Ajax were without suspended defender Frank de Boer, injured winger Marc Overmars and out-of-form Finnish striker Jari Litmanen.

Another teenage striker, Raul Gonzalez, scored in the 21st minute to give record six times winners Real Madrid a 1-0 victory over Juventus in their Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Whichever of Juventus or Real go through, they will avoid Ajax in the semifinals. The Dutch, assuming they qualify, will come up against either Greek champions Panathinaikos or Legia Warsaw, who drew 0-0 in Poland.

Nantes ended the unbeaten run of Spartak Moscow, impressive in the Group stage but weakened by the loss of top players, with a 2-0 home victory that makes the French side favourites to progress to a semifinal against Juventus or Real.

## WICBC feels Andy's fury



NEW DELHI, Mar 7: Sacked coach Andy Roberts slammed the West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) on Wednesday, claiming the decision to replace the team's senior management had been made by people who did not understand cricket, reports Reuters.

Roberts, a highly respected former West Indies fast bowler, was deeply disappointed he had not been given more time to make a success of a job he took over just 11 months ago.

"A lot of these decisions are taken by people who really do not understand cricket," he said.

"It's one thing to read about cricket, it's another thing to understand it. Most of the time, they're far away in the Caribbean. It's difficult for them to understand what's going on."

Captain Richie Richardson informed the WICBC of his intention to retire from international cricket before the board met on Tuesday and decided to dismiss both Roberts and team manager Wes Hall at the end of the World Cup, as well as naming a new skipper.

The WICBC said fast bowler Courtney Walsh would take over as captain for the Test and one-day series against New Zealand in the Caribbean starting later this month.

Former captain Clive Lloyd would be coach during the series, with the Barbadian representative on the WICBC, Tony Marshall, as manager.

The timing of the announcement has rocked the team's World Cup campaign, coming just a day after they had beaten Australia and less than a week before they are due to play South Africa in the quarterfinals in Karachi.

Roberts and other team members had been aware of Richardson's intentions for some time, and he confirmed the news to the board even before his match-winning 93 not out against Australia in Jalpur on Monday.

"It's not a sad day," said

Richardson, looking almost the most relaxed member of the West Indian side as they flew into New Delhi.

"I have been looking forward to retiring from international cricket for a long time," he added.

Roberts confirmed that Walsh had been nominated as



ANDY ROBERTS

the new captain after the World Cup, but Walsh himself was saying little on Wednesday.

"All I'm thinking about is the World Cup," he said. "That's what I want to concentrate on."

Hall was reluctant to discuss his thoughts, but Roberts was convinced the board had over-reacted to the 73-run defeat by Kenya in Pune last week.

"We do things on impulse because we were beaten by Kenya. I find it difficult to believe, they had the meeting scheduled for the middle of the World Cup," said Roberts.

He said he would remain in his job for the remainder of the tournament.

Away in Bridgetown, Tony Marshall said on Wednesday his aim will be to restore the team to the number one spot in world cricket.

"This is a job that has to be done and it is going to call for some dedication, applying oneself to the task at hand and true professionalism," Marshall, back from a West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) meeting in Antigua,

told the CANA news agency.

Marshall, who has never played first class cricket or managed the Barbados side, was appointed at the meeting in St John's for the upcoming home series against New Zealand, including two Tests and five one-day internationals.

"I am dedicated to the upliftment of the West Indies cricket. There is a lot of work to be done and very quickly because the tour starts on March 23," said Marshall.

"Right away, I recognise that there is a very onerous job to be done, and as everybody throughout the Caribbean is looking to see West Indies resume its position at the top of the cricketing world, it makes the work of the administrators even more difficult."

"I think it (the new management) augurs well for the future. We are looking to move on and equip ourselves to meet the challenges of the 21st century," added Marshall.

## Lanka, a tough proposition, says Alec

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Mar 7: Vice-captain Alec Stewart says England will be taking nothing for granted when they face resurgent Sri Lanka in the World Cup quarterfinals on Saturday, reports Reuters.

"Nine or 10 years ago you would have regarded beating Sri Lanka as a formality, you turned up went about your job in a professional manner and went away with the win," Stewart said.

"That's all changed now and in the last two years they have become a very good one-day side, beating Australia and the West Indies in the World Series Cup this winter."

"They have got some very good batsmen, and the left-arm (Chaminda) Vaas is a bowler I rate very highly, so we can take nothing for granted."

Despite England's unconvincing form in the tournament so far, Stewart is still optimistic they can lift the World Cup for the first time and help ease a painful memory.

"Losing in the final four years ago was much more upsetting than being dropped for last Sunday's game (against Pakistan)," he said.

"We all know the team's overall performance hasn't been up to the mark so far, but we are all positive, and if we can lift our efforts, we are just three games away from the World Cup."

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Mar 9th: 2nd Quarter-final	India v Pakistan	15:00	Live
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- In the 1975 WC, the Sri Lankans were led by D Mendis ☐ B W ar napura ☐ B T anekoon ☐
- In 1979 WC, the playing Chappell was Chris ☐ Ian ☐ Greg ☐
- The spinner who won two M-o-M 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 ☐
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