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with a calf injury but England will push him out in a

wheelchair if need be on Sat-

give England an outside

chance of reaching the last

four. "It we reach 150 odd for

no wicket as we did against

Pakistan, we have got to make

worth said: "Virtually all the

big totals in the competition so far have been based on an indi-

vidual hundred. You need one

of your early batsmen to reach

104 against Holland is the only

England century in the 12

however, that they too will

have to produce their best

performance of the tourna-

ting is unique, the side, un-

beaten in three games, play as

if they had selected 11 pinch-

hitters, such is ferocity of their

smash resistance early on to

such an extent that by the time

the last 10 overs are due -

traditionally the time to accel-

erate an innings — the ex-

hausted bowlers and fielders

TEAMS

Ranatunga (capt), Aravinda de

Romesh Kaluwitharana, Roshan

Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha.

Hashan Tillekeratne, Marvan

Atapattu, Kumara Dharmasena,

Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul

Chandana, Promodya Wickre-

masinghe, Chaminda Vaas,

Atherton (capt). Alec Stewart.

Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe,

Robin Smith. Jack Russell.

Dermot Reeve, Dominic Cork

Richard Illingworth, Peter

Martin, Darren Gough, Philip

Defreitas. Neil Smith. Mark

vious best 88 by Roy Dias and

Gurusinha in the match against

·Zealand's Nathan Astle re-

ceived the dubious distinction

of turning from a hero to zero

when be became the victim of

run-outs in successive

matches. United Arab Emi-

rates opener Saleem Raza and

Lankan Gurusinha both hit six

sixes but they fell just one

short of Viv Richards' record

GARY KIRSTEN

set in the 1987 edition. When

Javed Miandad took to the

field against England he offi-

cially went into the record

books as the only player to

have appeared in all six World

5 for 36 against India granted

him entry to the World Cup's

exclusive five-wicket club. He

joins three fellow-Australians

Damien Fleming's figures of

On a lighter note, New

Ramprakash.

England in 1987.

ENGLAND: (from) Mike

Ravindra Pushpakumara.

Silva Sanath Jayasuriya,

SRI LANKA: (from) Arjuna

have all but given up.

The idea seems to be to

England's bowlers know.

Sri Lanka's approach to bat-

one-day internationals.

Significantly, Graeme Hick's

Team manager Ray Illing-

it pay," said Atherton.

three figures.

strokeplay.

Another good start would

Pakistan sans Akram?

BANGALORE, India, Mar 8: Wasim Akram took no part in Pakistan's final practice session before their World Cup quarterfinal against India but still insists he will be fit enough to lead the defending champions on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Akram was put through some tortuous stretching exercises on the field by German physiotherapist Dan Klezel today in an attempt to ease the side strain he suffered against New Zealand earlier this week.

Further intensive treatment should ensure the all-rounder plays in a match of huge significance to the World Cup co-

"I really want to play tomorrow because we've all really worked hard and I want to be part of it," said Akram. "I don't want to be a liability

on the team and get injured halfway through, but I'd say if I'm 70 per cent I'll play. "It feels better, but I'll have

to see how it feels tomorrow. The final decision is entirely up to me." There must be a question

mark over how many overs Akram can send down even if he does play, although he insists he will not play as a batsman alone.

"If I play I'll definitely bowl. I don't want to play as a batsman because there are better players than me.'

Neither side will announce their team until match-day but relations between the players have been convivial, and Akram's team appear to be enjoying their country's first cricketing visit to India since

"We're very friendly with the Indian team and we always enjoy playing against them," said Akram. "All the players feel we should play more against each other. Indian skipper Mohammad

Azharuddin, himself suffering from a heavy cold, echoes that He believes cool heads

rather than pure ability will determine who advances to the Calcutta semifinal.

"We've got to make sure we make the most of our home advantage," he said. "There is pressure on both teams, it's not all one way. Whoever is mentally strong and more focused will win."

TODAY'S VENUES

BANGALORE: Founded in 1537 by Kempegowda, a far sighted local chieftain, Bangalore has blossomed into one of Asia's fastest growing cities. Perched at a height of 3250 feet above sea level, its salubrious climate plays host to innumerable parks, gardens. lakes and tree lined avenues that give it the sobriquet 'Garden City'. With its historic monuments, bustling shopping plazas, tranquil walking paths. rustling silks and fragrant sandal wood. Bangalore combines the vibrant pace of a modern metropolis with a quaint old world charm.

The garden city is the capital of the southern state of Karnataka. The 45,000-capacity Chinaswamy Stadium is a regular Test centre. New floodlights have been installed for today's quarterfinal match between Pakistan and India.

FAISALABAD: Situated southwest of Lahore in the Punjab province, this city is at the hub of the cotton belt.

Before the partition Faisalabad was a small but beautiful town called Lyalipur. It has now mushroomed into being Pakistan's fourth largest city. is now a sprawling city and is popularly known as the Manchester of Pakistan.

'The industrial town is two hours by road from Lahore. The Igbal Stadium, which seats 28,000, is a regular Test centre since 1982. It will hold today's World Cup quarterfinal match between Sri Lanka and England.

Div I cricket

Ajax Sporting Club defeated Dhanmondi Club on the basis of losing fewer wickets when their Yamaha First Division super league encounter ended in a tie at the City Club ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Dhanmondi opted to bat first and were booked for 134 runs in 42.3 overs. In reply. Ajax also scored 134 in their stipulated 45 overs but lost nine wickets. one less than their opponents. Brief scores:

Div II cricket

Azad Sporting Club and Uttara Sporting Club confirmed their berths in next year's First Division league when they reached the final of Acme Second Division cricket league winning the semifinals on Fri-

Azad Sporting an old club of the city, handed DOHS a seven-wicket defeat in their semifinal encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Uttara recorded a threewicket win over Kathalbagan Green Cricket Club in the other semifinal at the Mirpur Outer Stadium

Cork, cause of English concern

Lankans ready to roll



FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Mar 8: England suffered a major injury blow today when leading strike bowler Dominic Cork ruled himself out of the World Cup quarterfinal against Sri Lanka, reports AFP.

The Derbyshire player said: "I've injured my right knee and it hasn't improved since Tuesday. I'm struggling and it will stop me playing in Saturday's

"I don't want to break down and let the team down." His absence will leave the team dangerously light of bowlers against a batting line-up that has just annihilated the oneday world record by scoring an extraordinary 398 against Kenya in 50 overs.

Mike Atherton's side has already replaced two of their original squad members through injury and the latest blow will make Sri Lanka even bigger favourites.

Team manager · Duleep Mendis did not relish the tag. "We prefer to play as underdogs," he said. "We do better that way.

"But we are playing well. And fortunately for us. England are not.

If Sri Lanka can reproduce the batting they showed during the opening overs of New Delhi and Kandy - 43 runs came off three overs against India and the Kenyans conceded fifty off four - the game could be settled almost before the toss completes.

A few early wickets for England, however - as Zimbabwe managed against the Sri Lankans - could give the game an entirely different feel.

Atherton said: "It will be a challenge, It's up to us to counter them. The loss of the eight-wicket

Cork, who revealed his injury was a new one and not the tendon strain that has been hampering him for months. will put extra stress on seam-

FTER completion of the

Africa and Sri Lanka

are definitely the pace-setters

of the tournament. Both teams

finished top of their class with

full marks. South Africa had

the distinction of exceeding

. PAUL STRANG

the 300-mark twice. Sri Lanka,

not to be outdone, set a new

World Cup and one-day

international record scoring

398 for 5 against minnows

Kenya in their last group

fixture on March 6. It eclipses

West Indies' 360 for 4 against

Sri Lanka in a 1987 World Cup

match in Karachi and obliter-

ates the previous one-day best

of 363/7 in 55 overs by Eng-

land against Pakistan at Not-

tingham in 1992. The shock of

the round was undoubtedly the

run defeat at the hands of

In fact, the Sri Lankans can

consider themselves fortunate

being at the top following the

unprecedented decision by

Australia and the West Indies

to forfeit their matches in the

wake of a powerful car bomb blast in the Lankan capital

stage dominating the individ-

ual batting and bowling

honours' list. South Africa's

Gary Kirsten stroked his way

majestically to 188 against the

hapless United Arab Emirates beating Vivian Richards' 181

against Sri Lanka in 1987 at

Karachi. Richards. however,

can claim the all-time best

189. Kirsten's teammate An-

drew Hudson came very close

in knocking him off with a

blazing 161 against Holland.

Although Zimbabwe didn't

proceed to the knockout phase

as was to be expected, leg-

African players took centre-

Colombo.

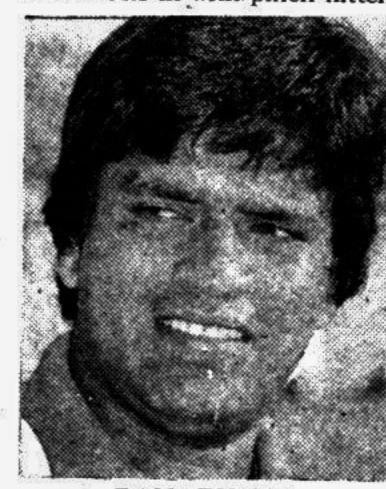
West Indies' humiliating 73-

preliminary stage. South

ers Peter Martin, Darren Gough and Phil DeFreitas. Cork, who made his England debut last year against West Indies, took wickets in

His colleagues will face a batting-line up full of runs, all of Sri Lanka's top-order have made runs in with pinch-hitter

all, of England's five group



RANATUNGA

Romesh Kaluwitharana and Sanath Jayasuriya launching each innings at high velocity and leaving the middle-order and Aravinda de Silva - who made a national record 145 against Kenya — to cash in on that early work.

Mendis said: "The batting has been our strength right through. I would not say our bowling attack is brilliant but it's good enough to contain. with good fielding as a backup, it's effective.

England, who have never lost to Sri Lanka in the Cup. will be desperate to win the toss and bat first

Their experiments with DeFreitas and off-spinner Neil Smith as pinch-hitters have been shelved after Robin Smith returned from injury to hit 75 out of a 147-run opening partnership against Pak-

Smith, who has opened occasionally at Test level, ended that game on the sidelines

Rounding up Round One

By Lenin Gani

spinner Paul Strang had some

thing to smile about. Capturing

12 wickets made him No 1 for

Waugh hit back-to-back cen-

turies (first time in the Cup's

history). His average is a

healthy 130.6. India's batting

genius Sachin Tendulkar is not

far behind on 107. However

Sachin outstrips Mark in ag-

gregate 429 to 362. The pair

are among four players who

have grabbed the man-of-the-

match award on two occasions.

They include South African

skipper Hansie Cronje and Sri

Lanka's Aravinda de Silva. An-

other interesting fact is that

there have been 12 centuries

so far - the most at any stage

were established. They were

187 for the first-wicket by

South African's Andrew Hud-

son (161) and Gary Kirsten

(83) during the match against

Holland in Rawalpindi on

March 5. The pair bettered by

five runs the stand between

Australian's Rick McCosker

and Alan Turner against Sri

Lanka at The Oval in 1975. The

Waugh twins Mark (130) and

Steve (82) helped Australia put

on 207 runs for the third

wicket against Kenya in Vizag

on Feb 23 beating the 195 set

by West Indian's Gordon

Greenidge and Larry Gomes

against Zimbabwe at Worcester

in 1983. During Sri Lanka's

match with Zimbabwe in

Kandy on February 21, Ar-

avinda de Silva and Asanka Gu-

rusinha (87) built a 172-run

stand for the third-wicket thus

Three new partnerships

Australian opener Mark

the time being.

of a World Cup.

Officiants of atrs CALCUTTA, Mar 8: West In-

dian Steve Bucknor and David Shepherd of England will be the umpires for the World Cup quarterfinal clash between arch-rivals India and Pakistan in Bangalore on Saturday, reports Reuter.

.New Zealand's Steve Dunne will be the third umpire to give decisions from slow motion television replays.

Former England opener Raman Subba Row is to be the match referee for the first meeting between the two teams in India for nine years. The umpires and match referees for the quarterfinals were finalised at a meeting of the World Cup organisers PIL-

OFFICIALS FOR THE THREE OTHER TIES: March 9 - Sri Lanka v Eng-

land at Faisalabad, Pakistan: Mehboob Shah (Pakistan) and Ian Robinson (Zimbabwe). Third umpire: VK Ra-

maswamy (India) Match referee: Nasim-ul-Ghani (Pakistan). March 11: - South Africa v

West Indies at Karachi: Steve Randall (Australia) and KT Francis (Sri Lanka). Third umpire: BC Cooray

(Sri Lanka) Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka). March 11- Australia v New

Zealand at Madras, India: Srinivas Venkatraghavan (India) and Cyril Mitchley (South Africa). Third umpire Khizar Hayat

(Pakistan) Match referee Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi (India).

Las Vegan wins love tie?

LAS VEGAS, MAR 8: Former world tennis number one Andre Agassi has won the biggest love match of his carrier - he proposed marriage to actress Brooke Shields and she has accepted, reports AFP.

A spokesman for the ATP star said no date has been scheduled for the wedding. certainly the social event of any season for the sporting and cinematic set.

Agassi, 25, popped the question last weekend, reportedly under a waterfall in

Shields has been a constant companion for Agassi at his various stops along the tour, cheering him to the finals of the US Open last year and the semifinals of this year's Australian Open.

Col Aminul wins BTC golf classic

Col. Aminul Islam with a net score of 72 won the BTC Golf Classic tournament 1996 at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. KS Jang took the runnerup trophy also with a net score of 72. The winner was decided on an exciting trybreak, says a press release.

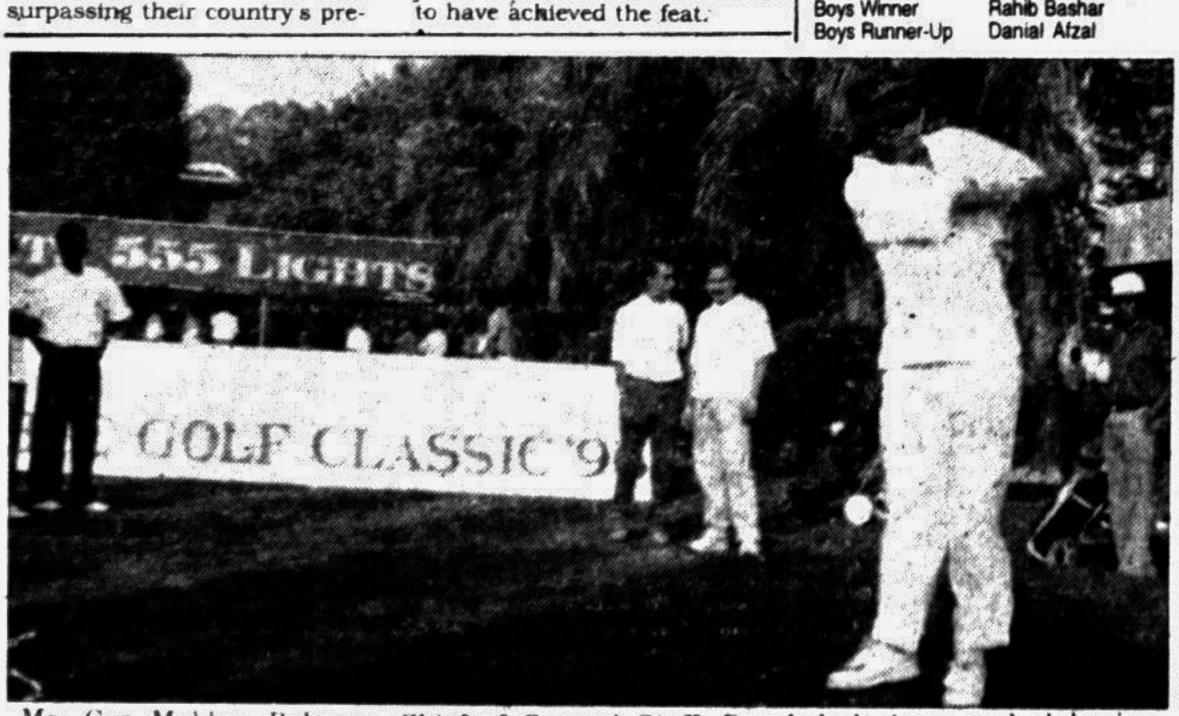
A total of 168 amateur golfers took part in the 18 hole competition which was tee-ed off in the morning by Chief of General Staff Maj. Gen. Mahbubur Rahman who is also the Vice-President of the Kurmitola Golf Club with Mr. High Tweed, Managing Director. Bangladesh Tobacco Co.

Ms. Shaheen Khan took the honours among the ladies while Young Sook Kim became runner up. Rahib Bashar emerged winner amongst the boys group.

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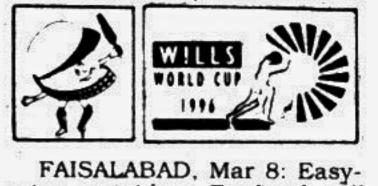
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Ma) Gen Mahbur Rahman, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army and club vicepresident teeing off the BTC classic '96 at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. - Star photo

TRYING TO HEAL THE ENGLISH WOUND! Philip Bell (R), the England team physic wipes away the blood dripping from skipper Michael Atherton knees during a practice session in Faisalabad, Pakistan yesterday. - AFP/UNB photo Brits bank on stamina



FAISALABAD, Mar 8: Easygoing outsiders England will hope stamina can outlast sprint speed during their World Cup quarterfinal headto-head with Srl Lanka here on Saturday, report agencies.

The game will hinge on whose batting approach clicks on the day — England — with its traditional sensible pawnto-king four start, gradually accelerated, or Sri Lanka and its opening gambit of all-out at-

England have carefully studied videos of Sri Lanka's swashbuckling batsmen and are confident they can stop the islanders going on another run

"It will be a challenge, there's no doubt about that, England captain Mike Atherton told Reuters. "The Sri Lankans are obvi-

ously playing well, but it is up to us to counter them. We have been studying their matches on television and we have videos of their efforts in the World Series in Australia. We are very confident we can stop The Sri Lankans have set

the tournament alight with blazing batting displays and rewrote the record books on Wednesday by hammering the highest one-day international total against Kenya.

While most countries have used one player, usually from the lower-order, to boost their early scoring rate when fielding restrictions are in force, all of Sri Lanka's top six have set about the bowling from the first ball.

Sri Lankan team manager Duleep Mendis has given his batsmen a target of 100 runs in the first 15 overs of their innings - a blistering start designed to spread panic in the opposition ranks. In their Group A matches

against India and Kenya, Sri Lanka raced past that figure and notched up convincing victories that established them as genuine World Cup contenders. By contrast, England's form

was chequered in the league stage of the tournament. They managed only two wins in five matches and they were against minnows the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates. The quarterfinals herald a

change in the way teams approach matches. In the league part of the tournament teams can lose but pull themselves up with a win in the next game. Now it is win or eatch the next plane home. Atherton believes this will

get the adrenalin flowing in his players.

"It's a good thing we have got through to the knockout stages as everyone knows the serious stuff starts now," he

The rehearsals are over and these games are for keeps. That will mean these games will be more tense, but I think that will be good for us as it could get the adrenalin flowing a bit more.

"Mistakes will be decisive and if we reach 150 odd for no wicket as we did against Pakistan, we have got to make it pay. I hope the increased tension will bring out the best in my players because they all know any cock-up could cost us everything."

All-rounder Dominic Cork, who could be vital to English efforts to keep Sri Lanka*in check, is a fitness worry.

Cork, England's leading bowler for the past eight months, is due to have a fitness test on a sore right knee on Friday. Atherton tried to play down

Cork's importance to his side's chances. "The first 15 overs of their

innings will be crucial and Dominic's role then will be important, but if he's not fit it is not the end of the world." said the England skipper. Atherton accepted England were the underdogs on cur-

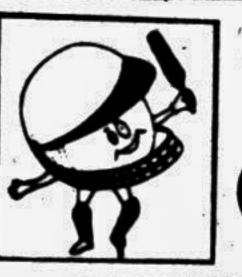
rent from but added. "In these

one-off games, form can count

for little and it is how you play on the day which is important." One factor in England's favour could be the difference

in build-up that the two sides have had for the match. While England have been in Karachi for the past three days

practising. Sri Lanka have faced some arduous travelling from India.



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	4 In 1979 WC, the playing Chappell was	Chris] lan [Greg
	5 The spinner who won two M-o-M awards in the 1983 WC was	L Gomes	D Underwood	A Qadir
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