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## Leeward Islands lift Red Stripe Cup

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad. Mar 13: They were delayed by dogged tail-end resistance and needed the second new ball to get rid of the last two wickets, reports AP.

But the Leeward Islands players completed victory over Trinidad and Tobago by 73 runs, 50 minutes into the fifth and last day of the final of the Red Stripe Cup, to become the new cricket champions of the

West Indies Tuesday. The home team, always up against it after the Leewards amassed a first innings total of 400 on the opening day, resumed Tuesday at 204 for eight wickets. They needed to score 301 in their second in nings to win but made only 227 as fast bowlers Kenny Benjamin and Hamesh Anthony claimed the last two wickets with two runs of each other

with the second new ball. It was the Leewards' third championship in the past seven seasons and was a turn about in form from the qualifying rounds where Trinidad and Tobago won four of their five matches, including a nine wickets triumph away from home over the Leewards.

It was the first year the Cup was decided by a final between the two top teams from the round-robin matches, a copy of the Australian format.

The West Indies Cricket Board of Control said it made \*the change to boost interest in a tournament that has frequently been diminished by the absence of the leading players away on duty with the West Indies team.

This season, the World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sr Lanka has been followed live on television and diverted public attention from the Red Stripe Cup matches.

Trinidad and Tobago were 16 points clear of the Leewards after the qualifying round but defeat in the final cost them a championship they last won in 1985.

#### BRIEF SCORES

Leeward Islands 400 and

Trinidad and Tobago 330

Anil Balliram 57. Rajindra Dhanraj 26. Phil Simmons 24: Hamesh Anthony three for 52. Warrington Phillip three for

Leeward Islands won by 73

### Cricket's charm catches Iran

KARACHI, Mar 13: Iranian cricket enthusiasts are appealing for help to develop the game in the Islamic republic. reports Reuter.

Hossain Ali, a member of the two-year old Iranian Cricket Committee (IRCC), has arrived in Pakistan to attend the World Cup final in Lahore on Sunday and plans to meet international cricket chiefs to press his country's case for

Iranian cricket was in a formative stage but there were several clubs in the capital Tehran and in Seestan province bordering Pakistan, Ali told the Pakistani state news agency APP:

The IRCC would seek help from Pakistan and other cricket-playing countries in the sub-continent, particularly to obtain equipment, he said.

"Other facilities like grounds, turf wickets and infrastructure will evolve with the passage of time."

Ali said he would meet International Cricket Council (ICC) officials in Lahore and tell them about the game in

Iran had already applied for membership of the Asian Cricket Council and would be applying for associate mem-

## bership of the ICC, he said. Business goes

## bananas for a day

BOMBAY, Mar 13: Cricket fever gripped India's financial centre Bombay today as workers clustered round television sets and radios or headed home early to catch the action in the World Cup semifinal against Sri Lanka, reports Reuter. "All eyes are on (Calcutta's)

Eden Gardens. Attendance is hardly 50 per cent," said stock exchange broker Sunil Kothari. Traders and bankers said business was slow. " Trading is at a low key. Everybody wants to finish work and leave early. said Himanshu Bhatt. treasury manager at Bank of Nova Sco-

Partha Mukherjee, assistant treasury manager at UTI Bank. said: A lot of banks are not very active. The overall volume

could be down by 30 per cent. Meanwhile the Indian rupee moved in a narrow range of 34.07/09 per dollar today with volumes affected by cricket fever in the dealing rooms. dealers said

## Of rumours & the alarm



ISLAMABAD, Mar 13 (AFP): It was always odds-on that Wasim Akram would end up being accused of gambling away the World Cup once Pakistan had been knocked out of the tournament.

Not because there is any truth in the allegations - indeed, there is not a shred of solid evidence to suggest the captain wagered against his

A long history of sporting scandals, however, counted, against him, as well as the team's fanatical following that cannot accept Pakistan can be beaten in a fair contest - particularly by the old enemy from

Wasim's mistake was to get injured during the final group game against New Zealand. That kept him out of the quarterfinals. When his side lost in Bangalore, the conspiracy theorists were ready. The evil Wasim, so the

charge sheet reads, masterminded the whole thing back in Lahore. A fake injury while batting, a visit to the bookies and Pakistan's fate was sealed. Absurd? completely.

But Pakistan's World Cup' campaign had begun under a match-fixing cloud and its own supporters seem determined to make sure it ends under one as well.

The team had gone into the tournament with Australian accusations still hovering that former Pakistan skipper Salim Malik tried to bribe three of their players to throw a gamle two years ago.

When Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh decided against travelling to Pakistan to give evidence to an inquiry,

CHANDIGARH, India. Mar

13: Wounded Aussie paceman

Glenn McGrath will be praying

for a little Dennis Lillee magic

here on Thursday as he faces a

make-or-break World Cup

The 6ft, 6ins (1.98m)

bowler - "pigeon" to his friends

because of his skinny legs -

knows he has been targeted as

a weak link by semifinal oppo-

Browne, in particular, is likely

to attack him from the first

ball of the game, with Brian

port of injured pace partner

struggling all tournament.

regularly going for five an over

and managed just four wickets

to appeal to Caribbean tastes.

His right-arm is tailor-made

Craig McDermott, has been

McGrath, denied the sup-

Pinch-hitter Courtney

grilling, reports AFP.

nents the West Indies.

Lara next in line.

in five games.

Malik was declared innocent and the whole matter swept under the carpet by a relieved

world cricketing community. The Malik affair was not an isolated case, however. Rumours of match-fixing emerged in Zimbabwe last year when Pakistan, the huge favourites, managed to lose to the home side by an innings. Manager Intikhab Alam was sacked along with Malik after that tour, but no specific references to gambling were

Players Rashid Latif and Ba-



WASIM AKRAM twenties, had flown home early from that trip and announced their retirements, only to apologise later and rejoin the

Only this week former Pakistan Test cricketer Qasim Omar said on Australian television he had allowed himself to be bowled in 1984 by Geoff Lawson after being paid by bookmakers. He also said he was to act as a bookfes' agent to try and bribe Greg Chappell but had backed out because he idolised the Australian. Go back in time, and you

swinging through the line and

dumping him in the stands

during the quarterfinal game at

hero-worshipped Lillee, will

not be complaining about his

isolated position as head of the

Australian attack. "I always

McGrath, who as a boy

Glenn goes the other way

find Australian Allan Border accusing Pakistani Mushtaq Mohammed of offering him 750,000 dollars to throw a game in England in 1993. Mushtaq said he had been

Those incidents, added to further evidence of huge, underground gambling opera tions in Asia affecting al sporting contests, make it inevitable that anyone can be

With virtually all gambling illegal in India and Pakistan, a shade network of cricketing bookies has emerged, based in Bombay. Big international matches are reported to attract millions of dollars in bets from both syndicates and street-level punters. -

The operation is so well organised that it even has offshore bases in the United Arab Emirates that can pay out winners in hard currencies:

Another Australian batsman Dean Jones, said he was offered 50.000 dollars by an Indian bookmaker for inside information during a tour of Sri Lanka in 1992.

Cricket is not alone. There are on going investigations into match -fixing in football as well, after revelations of a betting ring in Malaysia and Singapore. Former Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar meanwhile, is being probed over suggestions that Asian match-fixing money is bleed ing across the Europe.

Ironically, it is the Pakistan press, rather than any foreign finger-pointers, that has led the way with the latest Wasim allegations, producing feverish speculation based on no evi-

A writ has even been taken out against Wasim, while one of the game's greatest allrounders has been forced to move his family from their Lahore home as the death threats have begun to roll in.

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dian batsman Brian Lara in par-

ticular - even if he rates In-

dia's Sachin Tendulkar even

he says. "Lara will put the bad

ball away.. Whereas Sachin will

"They're both good players."

more highly.

Disgraceful delight!

LAHORE, Pakistan, Mar 13 Crowds here today rushed out onto the streets to celebrate India's disgraceful exit from the World Cup following crowd trouble, reports AFP.

Jubilant fans chanted that Pakistan's defeat to India in the quarter-finals had been avenged as they let off firecrackers, handing out sweets and chocolates as confectionery stalls suddenly opened up late in the evening.

Young people mounted on motorcycles dashed through the streets, blaring their horns in celebration.

India's defeat' will mean the side will now miss the final due to be staged here on "Indians will not be allowed

in Lahore," one man said in a call to a local newspaper.

## **BCCI's ticket** sale disrupted

CHANDIGARH, Mar 13: I.S Bindra president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday night said that the board despite the RBI clearance cannot sell the tickets for the Wills World Cup final at Lahore for want of travel clearance from the External Affairs Ministry, reports PTI. Bindra told PTI here that

the BCCI was unable to sell 1500 tickets, costing 150 dollars each, as the spectators were yet to get travel clearance from the centre as well as the Pakistan authorities. He said the External Affairs

Ministry has been requested to take up with the issue with the Pakistan authorities for granting permission to spectators to travel by road from Wagah border as all flights were booked and the waiting list touched an all time high of 1.500. Bindra said "the ministry

has been alternatively requested to arrange for a special train or at least five additional flights to Lahore so that 1500 ticket holders could reach Lahore for the final." "It-would be futile to sell

the tickets without ensuring travel arrangements for the spectators," he added.

#### Becker blown away

INDIAN WELLS, Cali, Mar 13: Australian Open champion Boris Becker failed to solve the swirling winds Tuesday and was upset by Spain's Carlos Costa 6-3, 7-5 in a secondround match of the 2.2 million dollars Champions Cup. reports AP.

Becker's fellow German. Steffi Graf, had no such problem in earning a berth in the semifinals of the 550,000 dollars Evert Cup by beating Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 6-4, 6-1. The tournaments are run-

ning concurrently at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort through the weekend. The women's final will be played Saturday and the men's final a day later. Graf, top-seeded in the

women's tournament, needed 66 minutes to eliminate the ninth-seeded Coetzer, It was a replay of the final two years ago, when Graf deleated Coetzer 6-0, 6-4. Graf referred to her 6-3. 7-

5 win over Julie Halard-Decugis of France on Monday.

## Karim butted back!

PARIS. Mar 13: A minor league football player who head-butted a referee has been banned from the sport for ten years, reports AFP.

Karim Chergui broke the referee's nose when he attacked him during a Piccardie Cup match last February. His club Saint-Leu-D'Esse-

rent have been stripped of six points in the local champion-

## Euro U-21 soccer Hungary beat

Scotland BUDAPEST, Mar 13: Hungarian substitute Gabor Zavadszky hit a late winner as they beat 10-man Scotland 2-1 in the first leg of the European under-21 championship quarterfinal here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Zavadszky sent the 15,000 crowd into celebrations with an 80th minute winner. Earlier Scotland's Stephen Glass's equalised in the 35th minute following Karoly Szanyo's opener from the spot in the 14th minute.

But at least Scotland, who had hearts defender Paul Ritchié sent off after only 13 minutes of his debut at this level, scored an away goal, which keeps them in contention for the second leg in Edinburgh on March 26.



## ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER

## Sri Lanka worthy winners



Sri Lanka could have walked out a winner in a manliest manner but a disgraceful ending due to violence by the partisan Indian crowd at Eden Gardens last night put them through to the Wills World Cup final in a most unconvincing

But one must not feel hesitate to give the Sri Lankans a big hand for their brilliant fighting spirit in all respect. I must pay all credit to the Lankan spinners who took full advantage of a wicket which turned out slow and viciously turning with the progress of the game.

The Indians had the control over the match as long Tendulkar was there with Manjrekar. The departure of Sachin inflicted a dramatic middleorder collapse with the Indian batsmen, who failed to apply their scenes required in such turning wicket, nibbling playing some rash shots.

And the Indian's, who are cruising comfortably against the fighting Lankan total, lost their way conceding seven wickets with the addition of

22 runs in 12 overs before the fanatic Calcutta supporters jumped into the action in a most unsporting manner to prolong an imminent Indian

Among the Lankan spinners, who dominated the bat, Sanath Jayasuriya did the same trick as Jimmy Adams had done on the other day against South Africa bowling over the wicket and spotting the bowlers foot mark which made life hell for the Indian bats-

The Indians were hardly seen to go on toe the backfoot. Instead they tried to tend with their front foot to adore their own doom while playing across against the turning balls. At this point I must say that had they relied on playing more on the backfoot it would have been a different story.

Earlier, after a disastrous start, the Sri Lankans managed to get a fighting score at the end on a surprisingly slow Eden Garden wicket.

The two Sri Lankan pinch hitting openers perished in the first over top edging to the third man. Both seemed to get carried away in their style but should have realised that they were setting a target and not chasing after being put into bat by Azharuddin.

Gurusinha, who should have

been sticking around and give support to De Silva who was really going great guns, suddenly had an unnecessary rush of blood and hold out at mid

The highlight of the Sri Lankan innings was the tremendous attacking batting by Aravinda De Silva who beat the water-tight Indian fielding with great timing and place

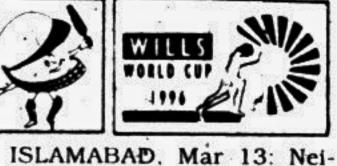
Captain Arjuna Ranatunga and Mahanama exhibited a very sensible batting with Tillekaratne and Vaas chipping in useful contributions.

Sachin Tendulkar, known for his high class batting ability, did one better with the ball restricting a potential Sri Lankan slug-feast after Srinath had that dream first spell. All credit goes to Azhar for his intelligent handling of bowlers' and high class example of

.Something must be said. about the wicket and I for once would hate to see such a turning wicket prepared for oneday matches.

The decision of Azhar to send Sri Lankans to bat first may come under lot of critical cisms no doubt, but I believe the Sri Lankan's would have done the same if they had won

## S Africa sans a genius would have made this the



ther the Mandela magic nor the power of the laptop could save ouster South Africa from one glaring World Cup weakness - the absence of genius. reports AFP.

Coach Bob Woolmer and captain Hansie Cronje plotted the perfect campaign. Their bowlers were widely recognised as world-class and their fielding as standard-setting. They fully deserved their title of tournament co-favourites with Australia.

Yet one piece of the jigsaw was missing and there was nothing the side could do about it.

A Brian Lara, a Sachin Tendulkar ort a Mark Waugh greatest side in history. Both England captain Michael Atherton and Pakistan coach Intikhab Alam had already thrown doubt on the

While Atherton's suggestion that Cronje's "Afrikaner mentality" would count against his side was as naive as it was wrong, he was half right on the first point.

side's batting.

Gary Kirsten and Andrew Hudson are a more than useful opening partnership, Daryll Cullinan is better than his statistics show and Hansie Cronje is as forceful as any number five. Brian McMillan. despite a poor tournament. can still lay claim to the title of the best all-rounder in the

But none of them have got close - despite Kirsten's World Cup record of 188

against the United Arab Emirates — to matching the frightening array of scores racked up by the likes of Lara. The West Indian's match-

winning 111 underlined the point during the quarterfinal in Karachi. "Brian Lara was the difference." Cronje said after-If the South Africans were

left hollow-eyed by defeat, so were most of cricket followers everywhere. There had been something relentless about the side's un-

beaten march through Group B. Victory in the quarterfinals seemed inevitable. President Mandela's goodwill message to the team -

Your performances so far have been an inspiration and you are role models for sports people. in the new South Africa" seemed the perfect prologue. to a trip to Lahore and the March 17 final.

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#### particularly if he continues to position." he said earlier in the stray short. New Zealand Chris might have been different. tournament. Harris showed the 26-year-old But the New South Welsh-Now he is under pressure, and what to expect by regularly man is well aware of the devasin Lara's sights.

GLENN McGRATH



Mar 13 (AP): It is 3am, the snow is gently falling, and most civilized people in this' Washington suburb have long settled for the night. But if you, want to find a soul-rousind. good-time cricket party in America, this is the time to

stumble across a speakeasy during Prohibition than it has been to find a place in the United States to watch the one of the world's premier sporting events. More than 6.000 miles (9,600 kilometres) from the snows of northern Virginia, the World Cup is underway in sunny India. Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and for about 100 cricket devotees. Inka's Sports Bar is the only

place to be on this Friday night ... er.. Saturday morning. "The thing is, we just love cricket," said Sonny Desai, who frequently interrupts his sentences to join in the boisterous cheering and chanting that accompanies every score by India in the game being shown live on the big screen.

Cricket is so far off the American sports wall that the World Cup doesn't even qualify for ESPN, a cable station known for putting on sports not commonly seen on US television. Combine that with the time difference between Falls Church and Bombay, and

become quite an effort to follow for the Indians. Pakistanis. West Indians, British, in the diverse DC area. "Over hère, people don't

know about this game." said Amar Desai, Sonny's cousin, as he cheers another "six" cricket's rough equivalent of a home run - by superstar Indian batsman Sachin

late as 4 am. He boasts of have ing played against Tendulkar when he lived in India, and how heartsick he is that he now has such trouble following

with this game. I always do." fronically, the owner of inka's was as ignorant as most Americans about cricket until he started showing the

"I'm still learning the rules." Perezporties said. "I've found out now, it's very close

Those are daring words in the midst of a cricket crowd. A good cricket-baseball debate can heat up for hours. "Newspapers, all they talk

about is baseball, which is a very, very, very poor cousin of cricket," said Rajiv Savharwl, a computer programmer who drove 30 miles Beltsville, Maryland to watch the match. "Well, actually, a rich cousin.'

for league ball games," said Savharwl, who moved here from India three years ago. "It's too simple a game. Pitching is simple. You have to just throw the ball. In cricket. you have to decide where do you want to pitch (bounce) the ball. And then the batsman has to decide whether he wants to run or not. Baseball, he doesn't

put any ball away. McGrath, who made his debut in 1993 before coming of age last year against the West Indies after an earlier McDermott mishap, has enjoyed just

one good day at the office so far, when he took one wicket for 12 off eight over against the Zimbabweans. He has his captain's full support - "He has been our best bowler for the past 12 to 18 months," says Mark Taylor - but he knows he must lead the line after poor showings in

ble look The line between success and failure, of course, is precariously thin. McGrath began the crunch match against India with three maidens, then put down Tendulkar off a sharp

the last two games have given

in Australian attack a vulnera-

prefer the number one bowling return chance above his head. Had he caught that, things

# Cricket in land of morons



venture out. It was probably easier to

"Any team playing, we love to

this particular World Cup has Australians. New Zealanders. Sri Lankans and South Africans

Tendulkar. "They got other things here. It's too hard to explain to them about this Virtually deprived of any cricket viewing since his arrival from India three years ago. Amar Desai is in sports heaven at Inka's, where admission is dlrs 10 to watch the games on satellite that start before midnight, and dirs 15 to watch the ones that start as

the game he loves. "I keep up when I call my parents." he said. "I ask them what's going on and they brief me. I always keep in touch

matches. Phillip Perezpones is a native of Peru who usually features soccer games from South America on his dish, but he admits that the cricket experiment has been a big hit.

to baseball."

"I've been to a couple of ma-

have an option. He has to run."

side', you do everything oppo-

kilometers! from

And so, what's the going theory among those fans as to why cricket hasn't caught on in the States? The slow pace and length of the game - even the one-day matches last from late morning until early evening - are major reasons. but Savharwl says there's also a cultural impediment.

The crowd inside Inka's is at near-capacity when India is playing, so Perezpories is hoping Tendulkar and Co. stay on track for an appearance in Sunday's championship match.

"It's a very British game," he

said. "They drove on the left

side of the road and you said,

No. drive on the right