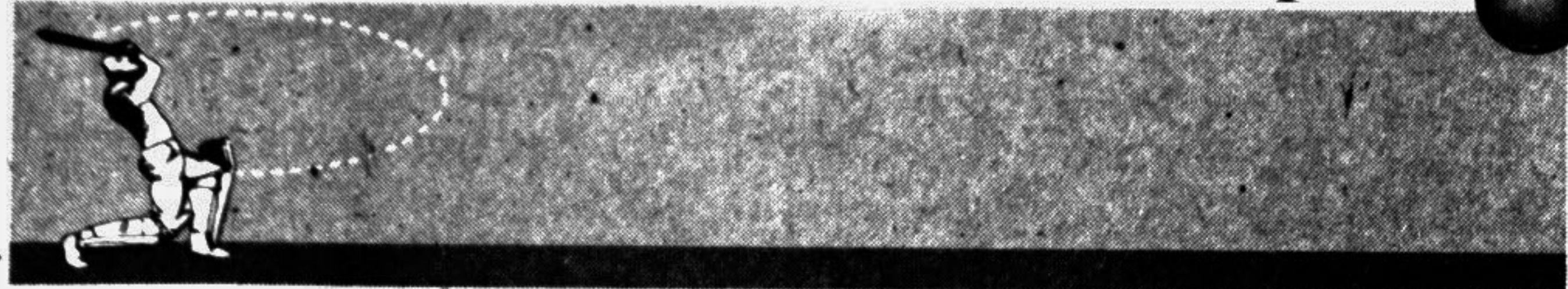


# The World Cup with Philips



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### Combatants in Lahore

LAHORE, Mar 15: The Australian cricket team arrived in the ancient Punjab capital on Friday pumped up to take on Sri Lanka in the final of the 12-nation World Cup, reports AP.

A pipe band welcomed the Australians and young children garlanded team members as they stepped off the aircraft.

"Both sides are looking keen to make it a good game. Australian skipper Mark Taylor told reporters at the airport.

The final will be played on Sunday at the 45,000-seat Qaddafi stadium in Lahore.

Still smarting from Australia's refusal to play its World Cup games in Sri Lanka, Arjuna Ranatunga, the Lankan captain, said a victory over Australia will be particularly sweet.

"I want to say right here... this is a game of cricket and this is the World Cup final," said Taylor, trying to play down the grudge match.

Both Australia and West Indies forfeited their matches rather than play in Sri Lanka, saying their safety couldn't be guaranteed after a suicide bomber killed 86 people in a powerful explosion in Colombo in January.

"That is all history now and the Cup final is the future," said Taylor. "I don't foresee any problems... both sides will be going all out to win."

The Sri Lankans arrived on Thursday to a warm welcome. School children tossed rose petals, a military band played a welcoming march and garlands of flowers were dropped over each Sri Lankan player.

"It's a really great achievement to be here," said Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga.

"We have been playing positive cricket throughout. We are on the right track."

Judging by the reception, Ranatunga said he expects the Pakistani fans attending the World Cup final to be behind his team.

In the city overnight cricket-crazy Pakistanis fired guns in the air and set off firecrackers to celebrate Sri Lanka's victory over India.

Pakistan lost their quarter-final game against India last weekend in Bangalore.

### Agrani escape relegation fear

Agrani Bank almost overcame the relegation fear after beating Gulshan Youth by six wickets in what seemed like a fixed affair of the Metropolitan Premier Division relegation league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Winning the toss, the Bankers sent Gulshan, ranked second in the six-team relegation league, to bat first and dismissed them for a paltry 87 runs in just 21 overs.

In absence of some regular players, opener S. Omar Rabbu top-scored for the Gulshan Youth with 19 runs off 17 balls that featured four boundaries while Talha contributed unbeaten 17, Sohel 14 and Rinku 11 runs.

Khurshid Alam of Agrani Bank in a devastating spell captured five wickets giving away 40 runs in 10 overs while Ghulam Ali took three wickets for 30 runs in his seven overs, including two maidens.

In reply, the Bankers team easily reached their target making 88 for four in only 14.5 overs with Nasir Khan contributing not out 23, Ashiq 11, Kamrul 9, Piyal 6, Nahid 6 and Ghulam Ali not out 5.

Babu took two wickets for 43 runs while Al-Amin and Talha took one apiece.

The day's super league match of the Metropolitan Premier Division between Abahani KC and Bangladesh Biman was not held as per the revised fixture.

The BCCB earlier announced a revised fixture to resume all the league matches, apparently without taking into consideration the prevailing political situation.

### Azad Sporting Div II champions

Azad Sporting Club emerged champions in the Metropolitan Acme Second Division Cricket League beating Uttara Sporting Club by five wickets in the final match on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Both Azad SC and Uttara SC earlier earned promotion to the First Division as the league finalists.

Azad Sporting Club scored 159 runs for five wickets in 36.1 overs chasing Uttara Sporting's 156 for all in 34.3 overs.

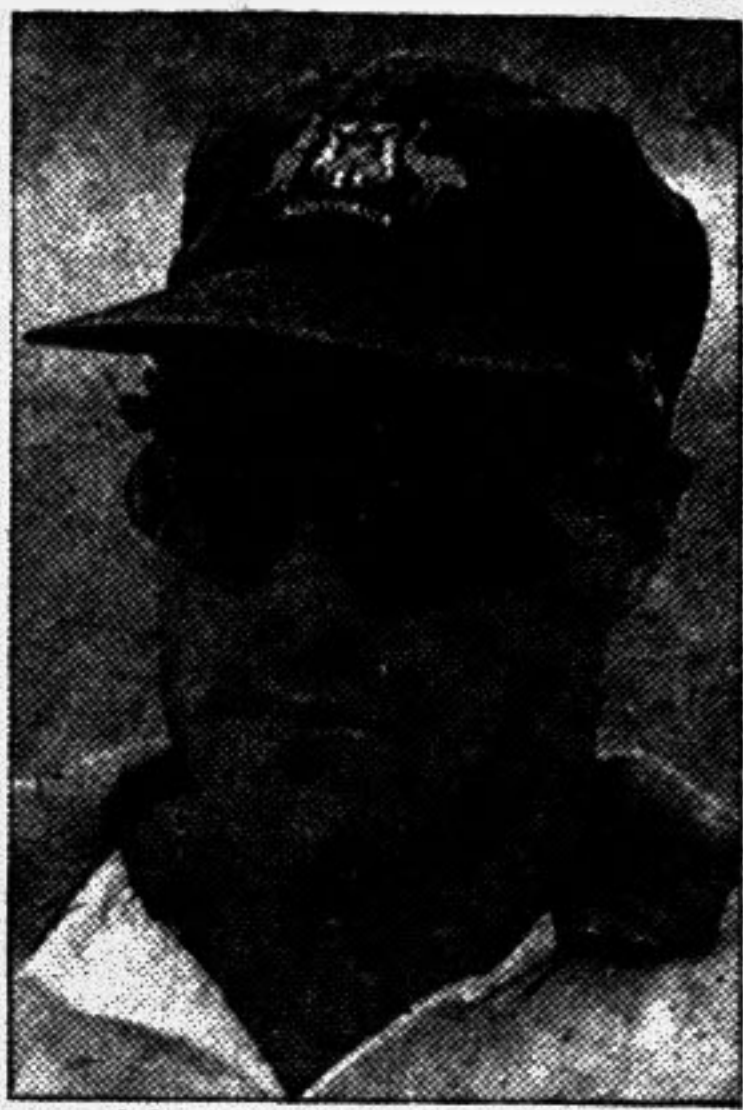
**SUMMARISED SCORE:**  
UTTARA SC — 156 all out in 34.3 overs.  
(Raju 48, Masud Rana 17, Muktar 16, extras 40: Asif 4/28 and Tipu 3/24.)

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## MATCH ANALYSIS Letoff for Australia

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

scoreboard showed a dismal 15 for 4 in 7.4 overs. Could it be that the Australians found themselves in this quagmire because their captain made a wrong reading of the wicket? Michael Hold-



MICHAEL BEVAN

ing clearly pointed out that lot of 'live green' grass were on the surface which would be lively and bouncy for quick

bowlers and also good for stroke-play. West Indies had at least four quickies in their team and three of them were topclass.

But the Australians were hard nuts to crack. Stewart Law and Michael Bevan, the one-day specialist, with help from Courtney Browne, the wicketkeeper and teammate Ian Healy took their side to a respectable position as the fielders rested a little.

The target was within the reach of the West Indies. Chanderpaul and Lara set about the task in right earnest. As long as Lara was there the West Indies had a hope. But once he left the Aussies were smelling victory. Richardson was shaky again but Chanderpaul held his ground well until he misjudged McGrath. That was the beginning of the end. The rest of the team succumbed to the pressure and guile of Shane Warne and on one or two occasions on human errors of the umpires. West Indies had none but themselves to blame. Aussies had a letoff. It will be very interesting to watch Sri Lanka and Australia play in a third country.

### Indians still in a fury

NEW DELHI, Mar 15: Indian fans angered by their team's semifinal defeat against Sri Lanka have attacked the Cricket Association of Bengal office in Calcutta, the Press Trust of India reported today, reports Reuter.

The small group smashed a glass panel at the entrance and hurled flower pots in Thursday night's attack before being chased away by security personnel, said the news agency.

Crowd trouble at Calcutta's Eden Gardens Stadium forced the abandonment of Wednesday's semifinal with India in serious trouble at 120 for eight after being set 252 to win.

Match referee Clive Lloyd awarded the game to Sri Lanka when security staff were unable to stop spectators hurling bottles and other objects on to the field.

A voluntary group representing Calcutta said it would pay for newspaper adverts in Sri Lanka to apologise for the crowd's behaviour.

### Sachin's reward

MOHALI, Mar 15: Prolific run-getter Sachin Tendulkar has been adjudged the best Indian performer in the ongoing World Cup and will be presented a Cielo car worth Rs seven lakhs, reports PTI.

The 23-year-old Indian vice-captain, who had amassed 523 runs to remain the top scorer in the competition till the end of the semifinals, won the contest organised by Pan Parag.

Tendulkar topped the ratings with 54 points.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble emerged the second best with 32 points to become eligible for a Maruti car. Ajay Jadeja stood a distant third with 24 points.

### Bedi blasts Azhar

HYDERABAD, Mar 15: Security men were posted outside the home of India's beleaguered cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin here today after his family received threatening phone calls, reports AFP.

A family member said the city police had agreed to a request for security following abusive phone calls in the wake of India's World Cup semifinal defeat to Sri Lanka in Calcutta.

"We are worried and hope all this passes away quietly," the family source said, but refused to divulge whether the Indian captain was staying at the house in the Banjara Hills area of the city.

Meanwhile, former Indian skipper Bishan Bedi publicly denounced Azharuddin's captaincy, saying the Indian selectors were wrong to have named him captain until September and calling on him to be sacked.

"It was Azharuddin's decision to field first on a bad wicket that led to the Indian debacle and the subsequent crowd trouble," Bedi said. "I am not defending what the selectors did. The entire nation must feel ashamed for the happenings which were the ultimate result of one man's decision."

"To field first on a new wicket was disastrous. The match was gifted away to the Sri Lankans on a platter."

"To the credit of the Sri Lankans, they made the best use of the opportunities that were made available to them, courtesy of the gutsless Indian captaincy," Bedi said.

He added India's weakness lay neither in batting, bowling or fielding but in the absence of a suitable leader of men.

"It is diabolical indeed that despite being in the hot seat for six years, Azharuddin has learnt nothing about captaincy, leadership, man management and strategic skills," the former spinner said.

### The STARS of Asia return

The STARS of Asia return to the badminton courts of Birmingham for the 1996 Yonex All England Badminton Championships. STAR Sports will broadcast same day delay coverage beginning Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 am with the semifinals. The finals can be seen on Sunday, March 17 at same time, says a press release.

They Yonex All England Championships is one of the most prestigious events on the world tour. All the top players from 36 nations will compete for valuable world ranking points, which are used to determine qualification for the upcoming 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

As you may be familiar, in July of 1994, STAR TV signed a 10-year agreement with the International Management Group (IMG) and the International Badminton Federation (IBF) injecting up to US\$ 20 million into the promotion and development of the sport.

## Starting from scratch



calm amidst the turmoil on Thursday, said the topsy-turvy events of the past month had left him stronger.

"I am a strong man," the 34-year-old said. "Things like this defeat make me dig deeper and make me stronger. I believe in being strong and I am proud of myself for that."

Richardson had no regrets of quitting the international stage after the World Cup.

No other team could have reached the last four after first losing to a bunch of debutant qualifiers, then having its team management sacked.

And no other team could have missed out on a place in the final with just 48 runs needed off 10 overs with eight wickets in hand.

Yet that is what Richie Richardson's battered side managed here against Australia on Thursday, thus completing one of the most contradictory campaigns in Cup history.

It began with a forfeited match against Sri Lanka for security reasons, reached the depths of despair during a humiliating defeat against Kenya, before a stunning revival brought upset wins over Australia in the league and South Africa in the quarterfinals.

The catastrophe against Kenya led a beleaguered Richardson to announce his retirement from the game and the West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) then dismissed manager Wesley Hall and coach Andy Roberts even before the campaign was finished.

The team's retaliatory wins over the two strongest sides in the tournament no doubt left many red faces in the WICBC.

Some officials may even have been secretly praying for a West Indies defeat on Thursday. If so their prayers were answered. Richardson's men faltered at the last hurdle.

The captain, remarkable.

Indies have a lot of work to do," he said. "People look at the team but you have to look at the infrastructure of the game in the West Indies."

"The game is changing. Ten years ago you would score 200 runs and be confident of winning the game, now you can score 300 and think it can go either way."

"We need to do a lot more to maintain West Indian cricket at a high level," he added, saying he was willing to serve the game that had brought him fame and fortune in any capacity.

Whether the WICBC will want anything to do with him remains to be seen. Especially after he made them look so ridiculous.

Meanwhile, Clive Lloyd's task when he becomes West Indies' coach came into sharp focus as he watched the team's fatal batting collapse on the brink of reaching the World Cup final.

Vulnerable batting has consistently been the Achilles' heel of the West Indies side in recent years, with a substantial innings by Brian Lara often the only guarantee of a big total.

Captain Richie Richardson's retirement from the international stage at the end of the tournament leaves the front line batting even shorter on experience.

There was a poignant moment to the final act of the drama as Richardson stood helpless at the non-striker's end while last man Courtney Walsh, the player named to succeed him as captain, was bowled driving at his first ball to seal West Indies' fate.

Richardson's unbeaten 49, like his match-winning 93 not out in the group game against Australia in Jaipur, showed he could still play a significant middle order role.

Though his footwork is not as fluent as it once was, and he may take longer to establish himself at the start of his innings, Richardson has immense experience that will be missed as Lloyd coaches West Indies through their transition.

### RICHELIE RICHARDSON

"I have made up my mind that this was my last international game for the West Indies. I will still contribute, but in a different way. I am a happy man. I have no bitterness and no axe to grind," he said.

The skipper paid tributes to the Australians, and said he tipped Mark Taylor's men to win Sunday's title clash against dominant Sri Lanka in Lahore, Pakistan.

"Australia will win the final," he said. "They have to, after beating us, right? I will be every disappointed if the don't."

Richardson took side-swipe at West Indian officials, saying they needed to improve the infrastructure if the game was not to suffer a slow death in the Caribbean.

"I really think the West

Indies through their transition

## ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER Middle-order downs WI



What a sensational end to a World Cup semifinal! West Indies, who had complete control over the match throughout at the Mohali Stadium Thursday, finally wilted under pressure as Australia pulled off a thrilling five-run victory.

After the departure of Lara, Chanderpaul and Richardson were cruising towards the target with consummate ease. But the rot began when Chanderpaul made his way back to the dressing room. And the fragile West Indian middle-order which had hardly lived up to their reputation throughout the tournament, once again tumbled like nine pins leaving their skipper Richie Richardson stranded at the other end.

Under pressure situation when the West Indies batsmen

should have concentrate on playing straight and picking ones and twos to make things easier, decided to go for big hits that eventually proved colossal for them.

On the other hand the tailor-made Australian captain with his judicious handling of the bowlers took full advantage of the opportunity introducing his trump card Shane Warne whose leg-spins made further damage to the West Indian in-

Howver, the way West Indies middle and lower had collapsed, it was nothing but a sort of Hara-ki-ri when I saw the West Indians lost their last eight wickets for only 37 runs in 57 balls.

The Australian fielders never succumbed under the pressure but looked like turning their 207 into 230 with some brilliant piece of fielding. Poor Richie, who took the challenge almost single-handedly, was standing at the non-striker's end helplessly when Walsh was bowled by Fleming.

in the third last ball of the innings.

Earlier, Ambrose and Bishop put West Indies on the top right from the word go when they combined forces to dismiss four Australian batsmen including Mark Waugh within ten overs for only 15 runs.

The two not only bowled a good line but also threw some fire-ball as well.

After the disastrous start, it was a real testing time for the lower middle-order Aussie batsmen. Bevan, who didn't get much batting opportunity so far, showed lot of application, and with in-form Stuart Law succeeded in repairing the early debacle with a magnificent record 138-run fifth wicket partnership.

The West Indian outcricet was not as sharp as it had been in their earlier match as they spoiled a couple of catching chances as well as mis-fielding. Had they been more sharp and motivated things would have been different for them.

## Gunning for last gamble

The key, however, was not to let either his own team nor the opposition know what he was feeling. By the end, however, his relief was obvious. "It was the greatest escape," he said. "By a long way."

On Sunday, Taylor will find himself opposite Sri Lankan Arjuna Ranatunga.

Their handling of their sides is likely to prove crucial. Taylor is widely recognised as the best captain in modern cricket but Ranatunga has been as wily in skipping his under-rated side to the Lahore climax.

He has less obvious ammunition at his disposal, particularly in the bowling department, but has chopped and changed his attack to camouflage its deficiencies while providing the batting brats on the odd occasion when the side's dashers have fallen early.

Whether he can match Taylor's inspiration, however, must be doubted, particularly after the 31-year-old New South Welshman's inspired brainwork on Thursday.

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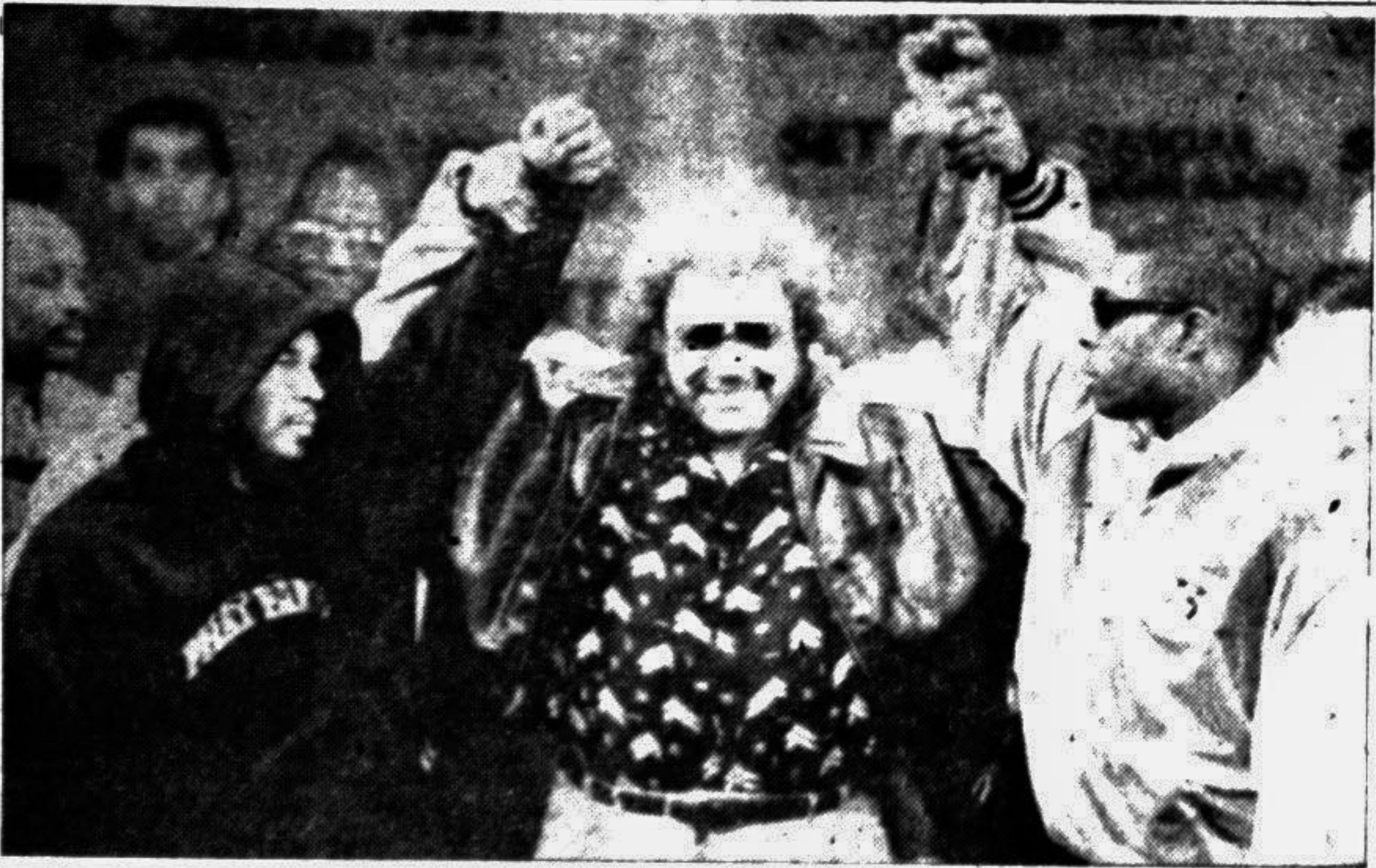
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Promoter Don King (C) lifts the arms of his two most prized possessions Mike Tyson (L) and Frank Bruno after their weigh-in on March 14 in Las Vegas. The fighters clash for the WBC heavy-weight crown today at the MGM Grand Casino. — AFP/UNB photo

## The Daily Star - Philips Cricket World Cup Quiz runs till Mar 20

Entries for World Cup Bumper Round Quiz-2 will be received up to March 20. The Draw of the Daily Star Philips World Cup Cricket Bumper Round Quiz-2 will be held on a date to be announced soon.

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

- The first 'duck' in the World Cup was by: H.R. Shah  E.D. 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  B. Warnapura  B. Tarnetoon
- 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
- The maximum wides and no-balls bowled in the 1992 WC was by: A. Donald  W. Akram  W. Benjamin

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