

Sport

Column One

Sports  
WHIZZ KID  
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-67

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Competition closes 8 pm, Apr 11, '97

- Who lifted the Nirman schools cricket title?  
Schoastra Wigan High Maple Leaf
- Who won the 17th national youth cricket championship?  
Khulna Comilla Rajshahi
- Who clinched the title of the Club Cup hockey tournament?  
Abahani Mohammedans Usha
- Who became champions in the five-nation hockey tourney in Pakistan?  
Germany Holland Australia
- Pete Sampras has won all except one Grand Slam singles title. What is that one?  
Wimbledon US Open French Open

Name .....

Class ..... Roll No. ....

School Address .....

Phone: (if any) .....

SPORTS TALK



Zaheer Abbas  
(Former Pakistan Test cricketer)

"Concentration and patience were the key factors of my batting. I always watched the bowler's arm and never for once wavered in concentration. But then I enjoyed my batting and that made my job easy and entertaining."

Schools handball Sports Reporter

Viqarunnissa Noon School and Maghbaraz Girls' High School moved into the final of the 8th Bata school handball tournament after winning their respective semifinals at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex ground yesterday afternoon.

In the first semifinal, Mehroon and Saimoon scored three and two goals respectively as Viqarunnissa edged past Ispahani Girls' High School 7-4.

In Sunday's final, Viqarunnissa will take on Maghbaraz Girls' High who won the second semifinal with the identical margin of 7-4 against Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High School with Shaameema scoring four goals.

In the boys' matches held at the handball court of Dhaka Stadium, Wari High School recorded an exciting 10-9 victory over Shaheed Nabi High School while Ahmed Bawani Academy defeated BAF Shaheen School 16-13.

Div II soccer Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Shantinagar Club recorded their eighth victory in the Second Division football league defeating Little Friend's Club by a solitary goal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Striker Rashed scored the match-winning 41 minutes into the first half to help his side maintain their unbeaten run in the 16-team league.

Shantinagar raised their tally to 26 points from ten and remained atop the table with a six-point lead over Dhaka Wanderers Club who in the other match of the day shared points with City Club with a goalless draw.

Exit Sherwood, enter Hendry

BLACKBURN, England, Apr 4: Scottish international Colin Hendry will be handed the Blackburn captain's armband for the English Premiership match with Leeds on Monday night, reports AFP.

Hendry, currently playing despite a long-standing groin injury, takes over as skipper as Tim Sherwood sits out a one-match suspension.

Norwegian Lars Bohinen is Sherwood's most likely replacement, although versatile Nicky Marker is another option.

ICC Trophy at a glance

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 4 (Reuters): Results of second round group matches in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy tournament on Friday:

**Group E**  
Kenya beat Scotland on faster run-rate in rain affected match.

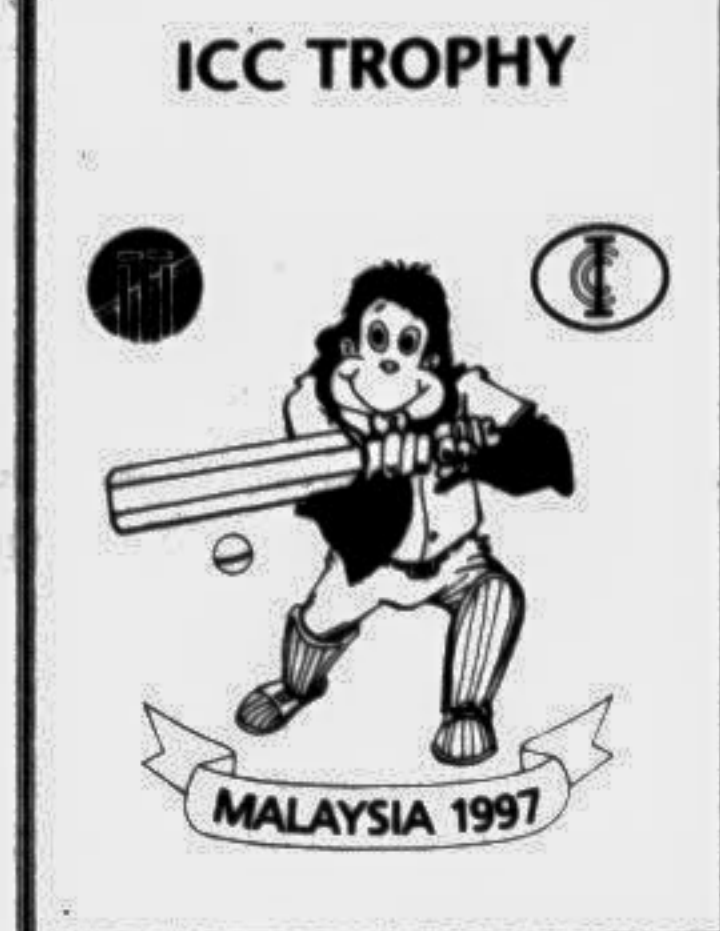
**Scores:** Kenya 153 all out in 48.2 overs; Scotland 37-3 in 23 overs.

Denmark beat Canada by seven runs.

**Scores:** Denmark 126 all out in 48.1 overs; Canada 119 all out in 27.2 overs.

**Group F**  
Ireland beat Hong Kong by 51 runs.

**Scores:** Ireland 223-7 in 50 overs; Hong Kong 172 all out in 45.3 overs.



TENSIVE TEN

The adrenaline-pumping last ten deliveries bowled against Bangladesh are:

- 31.4 Nota to Akram Khan, three runs, played past the gully for 3 runs. Bangladesh won by 3 wickets.
- 31.3 Nota to Akram Khan, two runs.
- 31.2 Nota to Saiful Islam. Out: Saiful is caught in the gully Saiful Islam c Cantrell b Nota 18 (20) 1 x 4
- 31.1 Nota to Saiful Islam, no run
- End of over 31 (7 runs) Bangladesh 136/6 (RR: 4.39, RRR: 3.00)
- 30.6 Edwards to Akram Khan, two runs, lofted drive
- 30.5 Edwards to Akram Khan, two runs, played to mid wicket
- 30.4 Edwards to Saiful Islam, legbye: one run, leg bye to square leg
- 30.3 Edwards to Akram Khan, one run, single to square leg
- 30.2 Edwards to Akram Khan, no run, forward defence
- 30.1 Edwards to Saiful Islam, one run, single to third man.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

**Second Division Football League**  
(venue: Dhaka Stadium)  
BG Press vs East End Boys Club (2:30 pm)  
Gandaria Famous SC vs Prantik KC (4:30 PM)  
(venue: Mirpur Stadium)  
Avijatrik Malibagh vs Basabo Tarun Sangha (2:30 pm)  
Muslim Institute vs Lalma-tia Club (4:30 pm)



AKRAM KHAN... man-of-the-match

FIFA waiting to respond

LONDON, Apr 4: World soccer's governing body FIFA is likely to take tough disciplinary action after eight players were sent off for violent conduct in four of Wednesday night's World Cup qualifying games, reports AP.

The ejected players included stars such as Colombia's Faustino Asprilla and Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Chilavert, who could face lengthy suspensions for fighting each other after the Colombians were awarded a penalty.

FIFA won't take action until it receives written reports from the match officials. But the on-field violence contradicts the "Fair Play" image FIFA seeks to promote and, with more World Cup qualifiers scheduled later this month, disciplinary action will have to be announced soon.

"FIFA can impose harsh sanctions against players and associations," Herren said. "And sometimes it can hit them where it hurts most — and that means money."

In Asuncion, Paraguay, Panatta claimed his side were unlikely to extend the indoor tie into the final day on Sunday and, publicly at least, has all but written off Italy's chances of beating a Spanish team featuring two players in the world's top 20.

"Sunday? No, it will already be decided by then," Corriere Dello Sport quoted Panatta as saying.

"They have an 80 per cent chance of winning and we have 20 per cent. That seems to me a realistic forecast," he added.

Panatta's words will be put to the test on Friday's opening match, when veteran Omar Campore takes on Spain's Carlos Moya, ranked eighth in the world.

Chilavert was leaving the field after being expelled for fighting with Asprilla when he was attacked by Colombian striker Victor Aristizabal. That set off more brawling and play was stopped for eight minutes. Paraguay won the game 2-1.

In Skopje, Macedonia, Ireland's Jason McAttee and Macedonia's Mitko Stojkovski clashed near the end of their game after the Irish midfielder's foot hit his opponent just below the throat. The incident sparked a brawl involving several players from both teams, including some from the benches.

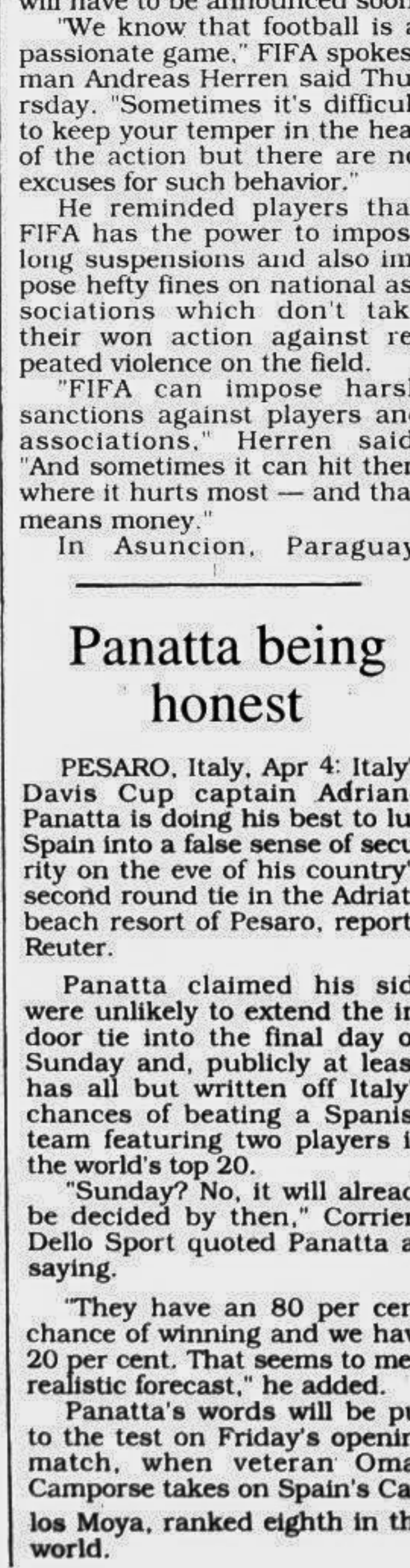
Both McAttee and Stojkovski, who had earlier scored two penalties, were ejected and the Macedonian had to be escorted off the field by his teammates and officials. Macedonia won the game 3-2.

Bolivia ended with only nine players on the field in its game against Argentina in La Paz.

Nelson Vivas and Gustavo Zapata were ejected for fouls in the second half by Brazilian referee Sidrak Milton Dos Santos, who added 17 minutes of injury time because of several fights.

Argentina's Julio Cruz was carried off on a stretcher after he was attacked by a Bolivian player while collecting the ball by the sideline. Bolivia won 2-1.

Ecuador also ended with nine men after forward Agustin Delgado was ejected in the 48th minute for two yellow cards for rough play and team captain Luis Capurro was ousted in the 48th for hitting an opponent. Ecuador still managed to tie 1-1 with Peru in Lima.



Action from yesterday's 8th Bata schools handball tournament semifinal clash between Viqarunnissa Girls' School and Ispahani Girls' School at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex ground. Viqarunnissa won 7-4.

But with Damm showing good grass-court smarts "the match was only a couple of points from being two sets all," said Australian captain John Newcombe.

"It's great to get us off to a great start," said the 24-year-old Rafter who added that Damm "never really picked up on my service."

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Young women in the capacity 5,400-strong crowd encouraged his efforts — standing to bare their navels bearing his nickname "Scud."

But the 20-year-old Australian showed a lack of discipline, throwing away points "going for it," as he said, and totalled 12 double faults.

**Soccer of no help!**

SOPIA, Apr 4: When seems a good time to smuggle heroin across the Bulgarian border? — when Bulgaria's World Cup soccer team is in action and customs officers are glued to their television sets, reports Reuters.

Unfortunately for two Turkish smugglers, authorities at the Danube Port of Rousse were on alert — football or not football.

The men trying to cross into Romania on Wednesday night were stopped and they turned out to have 23 kgs of heroin hidden in the chassis and wheel arches of their Mercedes Benz, customs spokesman Ivan Kutevski said today.

Bulgaria, which is on the "Balkan route" for smugglers bringing drugs into western Europe, beat Cyprus 4-1 in the World Cup qualifier in Sofia.

Bangladesh, Holland scoreboard

**HOLLAND**

B Zunderen c Aminul b Hasibul 11  
R P Lefebvre b Saiful 1  
TBM de Leede st K Masood b Athar 23  
P E Cantrell run out (Saiful) 37  
Van Oosterom b Akram 40  
Van Noordwijk c K Masood b Rafique 14  
Zulfikar Ahmed c K Masood b Rafique 1  
RH Scholte run out (Hasibul) 14  
MAC Nota run out (Saiful) 3  
Asim Khan b Akram 9  
GL Edwards not out 3  
Extras: (lb-4, w-11) 15  
Total: (all out in 49.5 overs) 171  
Fall of wkts: 1-8: 2-28; 3-60; 4-110; 5-135; 6-139; 7-139; 8-152; 9-162; 10-171.

**Bowling**

	O	M	R	W
Saiful Islam	7	0	25	1
Hasibul Hossain	7	2	10	1
Athar Ali	7	1	18	1
Enamul Haque	4	0	26	0
Minhajul Abedin	10	0	34	0
Mad Rafique	10	0	33	2
Akram Khan	4.5	0	21	2

**BANGLADESH**

Athar Ali b Lefebvre 4  
Naimur Rahman lbw b Lefebvre 0  
Sanwar Hossain c Scholte b Lefebvre 0  
Aminul Islam c Noordwijk b Asim Khan 4  
Akram Khan not out 67  
Minhajul Abedin run out (Zulfikar) 20  
Enamul Haque c Oosterom b Cantrell AFP 4  
Saiful Islam c Cantrell b Nota 18  
Khaled Masood not out 0  
Extras: (b-2, lb-8, w-10, nb-4) 24  
Total: (For seven wkts in 31.4 overs) 141  
Did not bat: Mohammad Rafique and Hasibul Hossain.

**Bowling**

	O	M	R	W
Lefebvre	7	4	8	3
Asim Khan	7	0	29	1
Edwards	5	0	33	0
Cantrell	7	0	22	1
Nota	3	4	21	1
Zulfikar Ahmed	2	0	18	0

**Result:** Bangladesh won by three wickets.

**Man-of-the-match:** Akram Khan.

**Note:** Target reduced to 141 in 33 overs due to rain.

Aussies sweep singles

ADELAIDE, Apr 4: Australia grabbed a 2-0 lead over the flu-hit Czech Republic in their Davis Cup quarterfinal here Friday and look semifinals bound, reports AFP.

Their big servers Mark Philippoussis and Patrick Rafter proved too powerful for Czechs Martin Damm and stand-in David Rikl in the overcast breezy conditions on the Memorial Park grass court.

Top world doubles pair Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge are favoured to clinch Australia's place in the cup's last four on Saturday.

Rikl was pitched into his Davis Cup debut as a last-minute replacement for Jiri Novak who went down with flu overnight, a Tennis Australia official said.

"Novak looks and feels unwell. He has aches and pains and a temperature of 39.5 (103.1 Fahrenheit)," said a doctor, Andrew Potter.

Australia, which has won the trophy 26 times, is hoping to end an 11-year Davis Cup drought this year.

In the semifinals it would meet the winner of the US-Netherlands quarterfinal.

Rafter put Australia on the semifinals path when he won a service duel with Damm 6-1, 7-6 (9/7), 4-6, 6-4 in the crucial first singles match.

Philippoussis completed Australia's clean sweep of the opening singles beating Rikl 6-1, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Damm, the top Czech player here, was often in trouble against Rafter's accurate first serve in the 152-minute clash and failed to make a crucial break at 3-3 in the fourth set.

"It was a very, very critical point in the match. It was unfortunate I could not make those points," said Damm.

But with Damm showing good grass-court smarts "the match was only a couple of points from being two sets all," said Australian captain John Newcombe.

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FAR AND AWAY: A group of youngmen anxiously listen to ball-by-ball commentary of yesterday's crucial ICC Trophy encounter between Bangladesh and Holland. Bangladesh won the tie by three wickets and booked a berth in the last four of the meet.

Ireland Kenya's next foes

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 4: Ireland and Scotland will face a stringent test in the semifinals of the ICC Trophy when they come up against Kenya and Bangladesh respectively, reports AFP.

The last four teams in the qualifying competition for the 1999 World Cup were decided here, today in another rain-affected programme.

But Irish eyes were smiling after they advanced for the first time into the semifinals after a crushing 51-run victory over Hong Kong in their last match of the second round.

And the Scots were celebrating too, despite losing to Kenya in a rain-hit game. The top-seeded Kenyans emerged winners by virtue of having a higher comparative scoring rate.

ICC debutants Scotland bowled Kenya out for 153 in 48.2 overs with only Steve Tikolo able to put up some sort of resistance with a top-score of 32. In reply, the Scots were 37 for three in 23 overs when rain stopped play.

**FINAL STANDINGS**

Group	F	P	W	L	N	R	Pts
Kenya	3	2	0	1	1	5	
Scotland	3	1	1	1	3	3	
Denmark	3	1	1	1	3	3	
Canada	3	0	2	1	1	1	

**Group F**

	F	P	W	L	N	R	Pts
Bangladesh	3	2	0	1	1	5	
Ireland	3	2	0	1	1	5	
Hong Kong	3	0	2	1	1	1	
Netherlands	3	0	2	1	1	1	

Kenyan fast bowler Martin Suji rocked the Scot chase by grabbing all three wickets to fall early in a hostile spell.

The top three teams at this tournament will qualify for the World Cup in England and Hendrick is determined to see Ireland finish as one of the teams.

"The guys have worked hard all winter and they deserve it. They are all weekend cricketers and they deserve it more," added Hendrick.

A hard hit 54 from Angus Dunlop saw Ireland take 48 runs off the last five overs from a lagging Hong Kong attack and boost their total to 223. It was a target too much for Hong Kong, who were bowled out for 172.

**SEMIFINALS FIXTURES**

April 6: Kenya vs Ireland (reserve day April 7).

April 8: Bangladesh vs Scotland (reserve day April 9).

**3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF**

April 10: (reserve day April 11).

**FINAL**

April 12: (reserve day April 13).

Kenya will now take on Ireland in the first semifinal on Sunday. The other semifinal between Scotland and Bangladesh will be played on April 8.

Jadeja earns a recall

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 4: Deflated by their loss to the West Indies in the third Test just three days' age, India have recalled Ajay Jadeja to open the batting in the crucial fourth match at the Recreation Ground starting Friday, reports AP.

Jadeja, the Haryana batsman, replaces Hyderabad's Venkata Laxman, who enjoyed little success in the first three matches. Jadeja last played Test cricket on the 1996 tour of England, batting at No 6 in the final match before being discarded.

The 26-year-old has always been an integral part of the one-day team, but has struggled to make his mark in the longer version of the game. He has only eight Tests as compared to 83 limited-overs internationals.

His new opening partnership with Navjot Sidhu represents the seventh different pair India have tried in the last year.

Since the first Test against England at Birmingham last June, India have used Jadeja and Vikram Rathore, Navjot Mongia and Rathore, Navjot Mongia and Sanjay Manjrekar, Mongia and Rahul Dravid, Mongia and Woorkeri Raman and Laxman and Sidhu.

India also have included left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi in their 12-man squad, though he is expected to be the odd man out.

With the pitch carrying a healthy layer of grass, the Indian hierarchy is set to retain the seam trio of Venkatesh Prasad, Abey Kuruvilla and Dooda Ganesh. All three performed creditably in the third Test at Barbados, sending the West Indies reeling for 140 all out in their second innings before their own batsmen surrendered for 81, granting the disappointing defeat.

The West Indies, who now lead the five-match series 1-0, will be lifted by the return of their captain and most experienced member, Courtney Walsh.

The 34-year-old Jamaican has recovered from the hamstring injury that forced him to miss the dramatic 38-run victory in Barbados. He will replace 22-year-old Trinidadian Mervyn Dillon in the lineup.

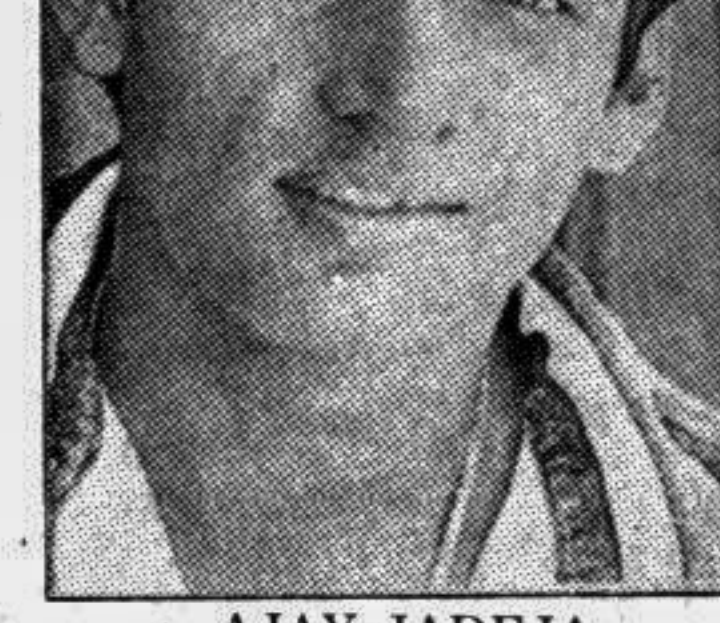
Walsh, the second West Indian to pass 300 Test wickets, pushed him within 10 of 1,000 test runs.

"Should he cross that milestone, he would join Sir Garfield Sobers and Malcolm Marshall as the only West Indians to have achieved the double of 100 test wickets and 1,000 runs."

**PROBABLE TEAMS**

**WEST INDIES:** Courtney Walsh, Sherwin Campbell, Stuart Williams, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Roland Holder, Courtney Browne, Ian Bishop, Curtly Ambrose, Franklin Rose, Ravi Lewis, Mervyn Dillon.

**INDIA:** Sachin Tendulkar, Ajay Jadeja, Navjot Sidhu, Rahul Dravid, Saurav Ganguly, Mohammad Azharuddin, Navjot Mongia, Anil Kumble, Dooda Ganesh, Abey Kuruvilla, Venkatesh Prasad, Sunil Joshi. Umpires: Steve Bucknor, Jamaica; BC Cooray, Sri Lanka.



AJAY JADEJA

could be joined by Curtly Ambrose in the course of this match.

The slim Antiguan, who began his career nine years ago, needs just five wickets to reach 300. It would be a fitting tribute for the fast bowler if he could reach the mark in front of his countrymen.

As usual in this series, Ambrose has proved a handful for batsmen. Somewhat less predictable has been his contribution with the bat. He averages over 30 and his 104 runs have

Dutch crackdown on soccer violence

THE HAGUE, Apr 4: The Dutch government has announced tougher measures to clamp down on soccer violence following a recent deadly clash between rival fans, officials said Thursday, reports AP.

Justice, interior and sports ministries, soccer clubs and regional police chiefs have joined forces and proposed measures aimed at controlling hooligans who organize gang fights using the internet and mobile phones to avoid police.

An Ajax Amsterdam fan was clubbed to death near Amsterdam by rival Feyenoord Rotterdam fans.

Authorities plan to summarily arrest trouble makers and intensify coordination among law enforcement groups nationwide.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Cadge
  - the bench
  - 40 Stench
  - 2 Dream
  - 4 Hit the ice
  - 41 Currier's partner
  - 8 TV documentary series
  - 42 Submarine, e.g.
  - 13 Explorist
  - 46 Capophones
  - 17 Tourist mecca of Hawaii
  - 47 The third man
  - 14 Squashed circle
  - 48 Gun-lobby grp.
  - 15 Ohio city
  - 49 Fortex
  - 17 Reiser's co-star
  - 50 100 percent
  - 19 Had 51 Prom venue,
  - 20 Metallic noise
  - 10 Cracker spread
  - 22 Astronaut
  - DOWN
  - 1 Clear the
  - 11 Coaster
  - 24 Stash
  - 25 Lincoln chronicle
  - 29 Noun-to-verb suffix
  - 30 Body-shop concerns
  - 31 Extinct New Zealander
  - 32 Padres' place
  - 34 Dick and Jane's dog
  - 35 Profligate
  - 36 Similarly
  - 37 Beater at

- 16 Frank Herbert book**
- 19 Totoboard**
- 20 Greek consonants**
- 21 Judy's daughter**
- 22 Gamut**
- 23 Busy with**
- 25 Lockor**
- 26 Plate job**
- 27 Clate**
- 28 D.C. scandal suffix**
- 30 Use an old phone**
- 33 Stylish**
- 34 A snail's pace**
- 36 Confound**
- 37 "The Courtiers" author**
- 38 Enthusiastic**
- 39 Hawk**
- 40 Hum-dinger**
- 42 Weaken**
- 43 -ch Phabi**
- 44 Whimper**
- 45 Scenery chewer**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

G H T F M K A M V H M  
G C Z K C O B J C I A M V C M  
B A H M B Z V A T M V A O ' S A  
S F J T I M V A S H T I A ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A BAKER LIKED TO CELEBRATE OVER A BIG DELIVERY OF FLOUR BY DOING ABUNDANCE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals W

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.