

Pakistan beat Zimbabwe

Star Sport Monitor
Opener Amir Sohail made a brilliant 77 as Pakistan won the first one-day international against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the first one-day international between Zimbabwe and Pakistan at the Harare Sports Club on Saturday.
ZIMBABWE:

Table with 5 columns: Name, O, M, R, W. Lists batsmen like G Flower, Lutfi b Mahmood and bowlers like Mwanza, b Mahmood.

PAKISTAN:
Sohail c Campbell b Evans 77
Inzamam b Mwanza b Streak 0

Lord's plea to Atherton
LONDON, Mar 28: Lord MacLaurin, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, urged Mike Atherton on Wednesday not to retire from Test cricket following his resignation as England captain.

When we did not do that it says everything about him that he took the action he did. I respect him for taking that decision and I respect him for staying out there and fighting for his place in the one-day side.



Australian captain Mark Taylor (R), who scored an unbeaten 102 to steer his side to victory in the third and last Test against India at Bangalore yesterday, is exultant after seeing counterpart Azharuddin's leg-stump uprooted by pacesman Michael Kasprowicz.

Indians get into reverse gear

Aussies salvage some pride

BANGALORE, India, Mar 28 (AFP, AP): Australia, inspired by an undefeated century from skipper Mark Taylor, claimed a face-saving victory in the third and final Test against India here today, winning by eight wickets with a day to spare.

Azharuddin, with 177 out of India's first innings of 424, fell to a fine one-handed catch by Kasprowicz off his own bowling as he tried to check a front-foot drive.



KASPROWICZ ... p-o-m

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Kumble lbw b Robertson 9
Harvinder lbw b Kasprowicz 9

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AUSTRALIA: Second in-



TENDULKAR ... p-o-s

Anil Kumble, home-town hero, trying to belt Robertson full toss missed completely and was adjudged leg-before.

Ganguly was slapped with a one-match suspension after refusing to leave his crease when the umpire came out Friday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third and final Test between Australia and India in Bangalore Saturday.

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Player-of-the-series: Tendulkar

nings Taylor not out 102
Slaters c Azhar b Tendulkar 42
Blewett lbw b Kumble 5

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Canada bids to host next ICC Trophy meet

The Canadian Cricket Association (C.C.A.) officially launches another bid to host the next ICC (International Cricket Council) Trophy in Toronto in 2001, according to a press release of the organization.

The tournament for the ICC associate members, is a stepping stone to one-day international and to Test cricket. Since the tournaments began in 1979, two gold medalists -- Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe -- have achieved Test status.

Two ICC Trophy management sub-committee members are expected to arrive in Canada on April 8 to assess facilities and grounds, accommodation and transportation there.

One million dollar meet

LONDON, Mar 28: The 1999 World Cup to be staged in England will offer record cricket prize money of one million dollars, reports Reuters.

The amount of the prize was revealed at an International Cricket Council (ICC) news conference Wednesday which confirmed details of the limited-over tournament.

The winners of the 12-team competition will collect 300,000 dollars with the runners-up taking 150,000 dollars and the losing semi-finalists 100,000 dollars each.

The rest of the prize fund will be split between the fifth and sixth place teams, and winners and losers of the opening group matches and super six games in the second phase.

ICC chief executive David Richards handed over the World Cup trophy to Lord MacLaurin, chairman of both the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the organising committee.

Frank better Linford's mark

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 28: Olympic silver medalist Frank Fredericks illuminated a damp all-Africa invitational meeting when he raced to an all-comers record of 9.96 seconds in the men's 100 metres on Friday, reports Reuters.

The poor conditions had little effect on the Namibian as he clipped 0.02 of a second off the mark.

Britain's Linford Christie set at the same venue three years ago.

Fredericks cruised over the last 30 metres and finished comfortably ahead of second placed Deji Aliu of Nigeria (10.22) and Antonine Bous-sombe of Gabon (10.26).

The meeting's biggest shock came in the men's 3,000 metres when South Africa's Shadrack Hoff surged away from Kenya's Moses Kiptanui in the final straight to win in seven minutes 56.31 seconds.

Red card warning for Germany

STUTTGART, Germany, Mar 28 (AFP/Internet): Germany defender Jurgen Kohler hopes he has learned a crucial lesson for being sent off for a reckless tackle in a friendly against world champions Brazil on Wednesday.

coach Mario Zagallo, will probably be suspended for at least Germany's next warm-up match against either Nigeria or Argentina.

German coach Berti Vogts complained that English referee David Elleray was too lenient, and should have given a second red card to the Brazilians, but added, "We don't want to push the blame onto him though. We lost because we made foolish mistakes."

I hope I've learned a lesson," said the 32-year-old who was winning his 98th cap. It should set the alarm bells ringing for Germany as referees have been ordered to clamp down on rough play at this year's World Cup finals in France.

Critics however claimed, the 2-1 victory over European champions Germany in a bad tempered friendly confirmed Brazil as favourites to defend their world title.

Vogts was quick to label Brazil as his "absolute top favourites for the World Cup" but, perhaps out of politeness, Zagallo was slightly more circumspect. "I don't think you can talk about 'favourites' at a World Cup. Especially when you have countries like Italy and Germany there, both of whom have several world titles to their name," he said.

Brazil defender Cesar Sampaio joked: "If the Germans play like that in the World Cup they're going to finish each match with seven or eight players." However, Brazil will also have to beware as their captain Dunga was second for two warnings, the second for a tackle from behind, which have been banned for France '98.

"I've been a professional for 16 years and that's the first time I've been sent off. I went to see Cafu immediately to make sure he was not injured," said Kohler who will retire from international football after the World Cup in June-July. Kohler, who even apologised to Brazil

Arsenal scraps Wembley plan

LONDON, Mar 28: London club Arsenal has abandoned its bid to buy the national stadium at Wembley in the interests of English soccer and of England's bid to stage the 2006 World Cup, the BBC reported on Friday, reports Reuters.

The news appeared to clear the way for the English National Stadium Trust to buy Wembley from its owners, Wembley PLC, and begin a 200 million pound (337 million dollars) redevelopment.

The acquisition, backed by the English Sports Council and the Football Association, is seen as vital to England's bid to stage the World Cup in eight years time.

Arsenal had been interested in Wembley because the club's plans to enlarge the 38,000 seat Highbury stadium has met with stiff opposition from local residents.

SIX NO TRUMPS
A Good Hand Play (Hand #2)
North: S: A 9 8, H: Q 10 X X X, D: K Q X, C: 8 7.
East: S: K J, H: K X X, D: A J 10 X X X X, C: X.
South (D): S: 10 X X X, H: X, D: X, C: A K Q J 10 X X X.

Soccer scene in India

New Delhi, Mar 28 (India News Service Abroad): India's national football league is barely over but murmurs of dissent are already being heard about the increasing number of foreign players being fielded by leading clubs.

Current national coach Syed Nayeemuddin is also concerned that with most of the clubs recruiting foreigners in key positions, like defence or striker, fewer Indian players get opportunities in such key positions.

There were about 36 foreign players, mostly from Africa and particularly Nigeria, in the 1997-98 Philips League. Only one of the ten First Division teams, Air-India, which finished fifth, did not field any foreign player.

Champions Mohun Bagan also recruited Thailand's Totavee Singha and Cameroon's K. Dako David when several key players were forced to miss the last phase of matches due to the 45 match limit for national players.

Banerjee says: "We must prevent the Philips League from becoming a dumping ground for rejected or third grade foreign players." He is not against foreign players and has always welcomed quality foreigners like Chima Okorie (Mohun Bagan), Stephen Abarowe (JCT), midfielder Mohammed Salisu (KBL-F.C. Kochin), the Kenyan captain and stopper Samuel Omollo (East Bengal) and the three Brazilian players in Dempo.

Former national coach P.K. Kochin, who played for India in the Rome Olympics in 1960, says that recruiting players from abroad has become a short-cut for football success for many clubs. Instead of developing local talent they were buying players at random, without checking on their ability or form.

Many coaches are also unhappy that teams recruit foreign players midway through

Paes indisposed

NEW DELHI, Mar 28: India's Davis Cup hopes were dealt a severe blow today when star player Leander Paes pulled out of the World Group tie against Italy with a shoulder injury, reports AFP.

Vece Paes, the player's father and a doctor, announced: "There is no possibility of him playing even the doubles. Playing can only aggravate the injury."

The away tie is scheduled to be held in Genoa between April 3-5.

Gulshan Club's billiards & snooker

Sports Reporter
Gulshan Club's 27th Independence Day billiards and snooker tournament, both for seniors and juniors, was held recently, says a press release.

In all 50 club members and their dependents, of whom 14 featured in the junior section, participated in the 17-day long tournament which started on March 5.

In the juniors' group for billiards K P Arif and Samir Satter became champion and runner-up while in the snooker Saddamul Haq and Arif finished first and second respectively.

The prize-giving ceremony was held on March 26. Club president A Rahim Chowdhury gave away the prizes.



Winners of the 27th Independence Day billiards and snooker tournament of Gulshan Club pose with the chief guest and club president A Rahim Chowdhury (5th from R) during the prize giving ceremony on Mar 26.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98
1st Prize: Philips 20" Smart TV
2nd Prize: Philips 14" B/W TV
3rd Prize: Philips Food Processor
4th Prize: 2 Dozen Philips Bulbs
Consolation Prizes: Caps & T-Shirts

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

- Information: The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June 10 to July 12, 1998.
Prizes for Round One: 1st One Philips 20" Smart CTV, 2nd One Philips 14" B/W TV, 3rd One Philips Mini Food Processor, 4th Ten 2 dozs Philips Bulbs, 5th 25 T-shirt and cap.
Rules: Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round One. Ends April 15, 1998. Tick (✓) the correct answers. 1. World Cup '98 begins on June 10, 2. Brazil has won the World Cup Twice, 3. No. of teams in WC '98 is 16, 4. First World Cup football was held in 1926, 5. Whose eyes? Ronaldo's.