Thilanga sets his target

Star Sport Monitor Newly elected Sri Lanka Cricket Board president Thilanga Sumathipala said that he wanted to resolve the dispute regarding the controversial WorldTel deal as soon as possible in order to ensure the board did not lose good money, ac-

cording to news reports there. "We have a very important tour in hand. In May, New Zealand are going to be here followed by the Independence Cup tournament. The revenue we expect from them will be more than two and a half million US dollars, which is enough to govern this country's cricket for more than five years the minimum," said Sumathipala, addressing the press shortly after his election as president at the Cricket Board headquarters on Sunday.

"The WorldTel issue is urgent and my prime concern is to see it resolved very early, so that it may not effect our revenues and deprive us of earning good

money. "I will refer it to the highest authority in the country, the Minister of Justice, who will definitely refer it to the attorney-general's department. Whatever decision they arrive at, I will abide by it," he said.

Inzaghi eyes W C shirt

Mar MILAN. (AFP/Internet): Filippo Inzaghi is counting on Juventus to get him a place in this summer's World Cup finals, after the latest goal rush from the Italian striker.

Inzaghi scored twice in Saturday night's 4-1 victory over AC Milan and bagged a hattrick against Ukrainian champions Dynamo Kiev in Kiev to book Juventus into Wednesday night's European Cup semifinal against Monaco. With 23 goals between league and cup duty this season, Inzaghi believes he deserves a place in Cesare Maldini's list of 22 at France '98. alongside Juventus strike partner Alessandro Del Piero. "Maidini knows me really well, we've spent a long time together," said Inzaghi, whose international career started at under-21 level under Maldini in December 1993, and continued until March 1996. And a year after that almost to the day, Inzaghi got his first call-up at senior level after Maldini replaced Arrigo Sacchi as national coach

"I don't think there will be any problems," he said. "Especially if I continue to play at this level with Juventus. I'll be honest, with performances like these, I hope that I deserve a place." However, Inzaghi faces stiff competition for a ticket to France. Maldini will probably. only take five strikers with him and four places are pretty well sewn up Del Piero, Fabrizio Ravanelli, Pierluigi Casiraghi and Christian Vieri. That leaves Inzaghi, USA '94 hero Roberto Baggio, Chelsea's Gianfranco Zola and Enrico Chiesa to fight for the remaining slot.

Three leave the Family Circle

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina, Mar 31: Three seeds fell at the Family Circle Cup women's tennis tournament on Monday as players struggled to make the transition from Lipton's hard courts to clay at the Sea Pines resort, reports Reuters.

Eleventh seed Sandrine Testud of France, 12th-seeded German Anke Huber and 13th seed Ai Sugiyama were all bounced from the tournament on the opening day of the 1998 clay court season.

"May be she likes to play on clay a little more than me, but still it shouldn't happen," Huber said after her 7-5, 7-6 loss to 53rd-ranked Magui Serna of Spain.

Testud was picked off by Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania, also in straight sets, while Alexandra Fusai of France up-

ended Sugiyama in three sets. Ninth seed Trina Spirlea of Romania, the highest seed in first round action on Monday, advanced with a 6-3. 6-3 victory

over German Meike Babel. But former teen prodigy Jennifer Capriatti's latest comeback was derailed by veteran Lori McNeil 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

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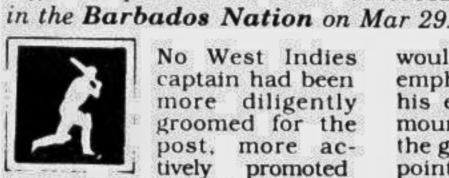
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Lara's ready for the world

Brian Lara's tremendous hundred a fortnight ago failed to inspire West Indies to win the first one-day international against England at Bridgetown, Barbados. But now the home side has the chance to put things in order as they entertain the Englishmen in the second game of the five-match series at the same venue today. The match starts at 2000 BST. After a successful Test series triumph over England, skipper Lara is still under scrutiny from different quarters as noted Caribbean cricket journalist Tony Cozier portrays in his column



No West Indies captain had been more diligently groomed for the post, more ac-

tively promoted for it or more openly coveted it. None came to it by a longer and more contentious route. none at a more troubled time. So how has Brian Lara fared

in his first series at the helm? The simple answer is that he won and won by the irrefutable margin of 3-1.

As Michael Atherton, his beleaguered counterpart on the other side, and Richie Richardson and Courtney Walsh, his immediate predecessors, all painfully discovered, it is the one criterion by which all captains are ultimately judged.

In Lara's case, instant success was even more critical. The West Indies had just returned from the disastrous series in Pakistan, heavily beaten in all three Tests, when Pat Rousseau called Lara into his apartment at the Jolly Harbour Resort in Antigua in January and informed him that the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) had finally accepted the selectors' recommendation to install him as captain in place of Courtney

During the shambles of Pakistan, Walsh and tour manager Clive Lloyd, the former revered captain, had spoken of a lack of pride and commitment. There were snide suggestions that Walsh and Lara were at odds and that Lara (average 21.50) didn't pull his weight. Not everyone was convinced

that Lara was yet ready to replace the widely-admired Walsh or would ever be. His repeated summons before the WICB disciplinary committee were, in the typically expressive phrase of Wes Hall, like an albatross around his neck.

He was under the microscope and he knew it.

"People are looking to you to ensure the West Indies get back on top," he said prior to the series. "The life of West Indies people almost depends on how well we do. It is a burden on every individual, every member of the team, to ensure that we do."

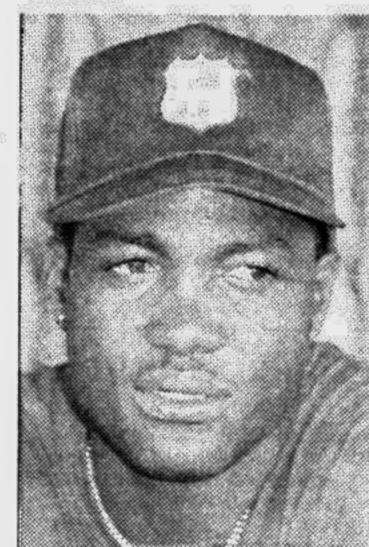
Off the field, Lara has handled that burden without fault. The old petulance has been replaced by a smiling face and an easy manner. From the moment he sat before the TV cameras at the conference proclaiming his elevation, he has been co-operative and comfortable with the media and clearly at ease with his players.

Realising, better than many, the utter need to have tried and trusted men around him, he courted Walsh when the disappointed, displaced, captain took a week deciding whether he

would continue. He personally emphasised to Curtly Ambrose his essential worth when rumours were flying around that the great fast bowler was on the point of retiring. He depended heavily on them. Repeatedly, he would approach them during an over with a suggestion or a pat on the back and they never let

him down. With seemingly insignificant gestures, he encouraged his

newer players, too. When Philo Wallace, recently recalled to the team, was out for his dazzling 92 in the final test, he returned to a standing ovation from all round the Antigua Recreation Ground. Lara, next man in pointedly waited on the dressing room steps, himself applauding, so that Wallace had the stage all to himself.



BRIAN LARA

The uninhibited celebrations that followed Tuesday's unlikely finale in St John's and the joyful lap of honour, with Lara to the fore, were evidence of a team that had refound its spirit and confidence.

Most significantly, the match-winner was Walsh and the first man to embrace him when the last wicket fell was the one who had supplanted him as captain.

On the field, Lara has not been inhibited by the newness of his post. Some of his tactics have been unconventional and have borne the unmistakable mark of Joey Carew's influence. But, as has always been his way, he has been prepared to be guided by instinct and, as is so often the case with such boldness, even his most obtuse decisions tended to bear fruit. He used Ambrose and Walsh in one-over spells, a ploy introduced in Perth a year earlier, and went through ten bowling changes between lunch and tea on Monday. He gave Shivnarine

Chanderpaul, an occasional leg-spinner, an over of mediumpace in Port-of-Spain, used Clayton Lambert, whom few knew could actually bowl, to change ends in St John's, and often set fields that defied textbook explanation. After Walsh had got rid of the potential brickwall, Jack Russell, in the closing stages on Tuesday, he immediately swung him around from the Factory Road to Pavilion End and the old general finished off the job in no time

flat. And Lara relied on spin more than any recent West Indies skipper has done, a legacy of his upbringing in Trinidad. The upshot was that, between them. Hooper and new legspinner Dinanath Ramnarine claimed 24 wickets and sent down a combined 85 overs in England's second innings in Antigua. Shades of Ramadhin and Valentine. It has given the attack a refreshing new balance and we can expect more of the

There were, for sure, strategies that were hard to fathom. He baffled in Port-of-Spain when Kenny Benjamin and Nixon McLean opened the bowling in England's second innings, rather than Ambrose and Walsh.

In Georgetown his delay in calling up Ambrose for the second new ball with England tottering at 84 for seven was as puzzling as the lengthy neglect in Bridgetown of Hooper against Graham Thorpe who hadn't handled him capably in the earlier Tests.

As new captain with a longterm future. Lara would have appreciated the luxury of being able to blood a few more younger players but the object. first and foremost, was to win.

He would have appreciated a few more runs for himself, too. Even with 417 at an average of 52.12, he always seemed capable of more and he has, after all, now gone eight effective Tests without a hundred.

He has made it plain that this was a build-up for the big one and that his sights are set mainly on Australia next year. "By the time they come here, it would mean that, if I keep my place, I would have had ten Tests in charge," he said. "A captain at that stage would hope to have a team refocused, a team playing and giving of its best and looking to get back on top. I don't want to lose against Aus-

England has proved heartening preparation, South Africa is next and then the task of regaining the Frank Worrell Tro-

Challenging times lie ahead and the new captain is already primed for them.

Schools h'ball Rajarbagh, Shaheed Nabi in final

Sports Reporter

Rajarbagh Police Lines High School and Shaheed Nabi High School moved into the final of the ninth Bata schools handball tournament for boys defeating their respective oppo-nents in the semifinals at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Rajarbagh eliminated BAF Shaheen School marginally by 33 to 31 goals.

ished tied on 12-12 and 26-26, the winners scored seven goals in the extra ten minutes allowing their counterparts to score only five.

Mahiuddin and Shariful chipped in with eight goals apiece. On the other hand, Saiful and Ishtiaque were the leading scorers for Shaheen with ten and nine goals each. In the final which will be

half 11-2.

Bobby fancies Latin chances

BUENOS AIRES: Mar 31: The growing number of South Americans playing in Europe will mean Brazil and Argentina have a great chance of overcoming Europe's historic home advantage and winning the 1998 World Cup, Sir Bobby Charlton said on Friday, reports Reuters.

"I think South Americans in Europe for the first time can expect to do better because so many South American players now play in Europe. I think they will feel a lot more comfortable maybe than they have done in the past," England's 1966 World Cup-winning captain told a news conference at the British ambassador's resi-

"Brazil may well be the favourites before the start of the competition. I think simply because they play so often together," Charlton said.

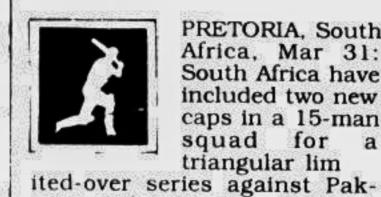
Charlton was in Argentina as part of a delegation to campaign for support for England to stage the 2006 World Cup finals. English officials said they had received Argentine and South American backing for their bid.

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Triangular tourney starts Friday

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SA call up two new caps



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Africa, Mar 31:

South Africa have

included two new

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bowlers Steve Elworthy, 33, and

rounder Shaun Pollock, who is

unlikely to play in the early

matches of the series because of

a groin strain, and fast bowler

Allan Donald, who is likely to

be used sparingly. South Africa

will face Pakistan in the

six other players who did not

play in the Tests against Sri

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istan and Sri Lanka starting in Durban Friday, reports AFP. The newcomers are pace

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Nazmul topscored for Rajarbagh with 14 goals while

held after the Eid-ul-Azha, Rajarbagh will take on Shaheed Nabi who won the day's other match against Rajdhani High School 28-13.

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dence in Buenos Aires.

Charlton, a household name in Argentina, embraced a former rival. Argentina's 1966 captain Antonio Rattin, and had encouraging words for his

Only once has a South American side won a World Cup played in Europe, when Brazil triumphed in the 1958 finals in Sweden. No European side has

Speaking after South Africa had won the second Test at Centurion Park by six wickets. Ranatunga said, "Overall it was a good tour for us. We played pretty well." He said the second Test had been lost when Sri Lanka col-

lapsed to 42 for six in their second innings on Sunday after holding a 103-run first innings He defended his decision to

keep bowling off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan in the face of an onslaught by South African captain Hansie Cronje, who hit 82 off 62 balls. "Murali was the only bowler

who could get wickets," said Ranatunga, "I don't want to take anything away from Hansie, but when you play like he did you need a little luck. He could have got out at any time." Ranatunga acknowledged that Cronje's innings had

swung the match South Africa's way after the home team had been struggling at 99 for three. "We thought Murali could

win it for us. We needed only

one more wicket at that stage. Jacques Kallis did not look confident against Murali and after

that it was the tail." Cronje said he had gone to the crease determined to be positive. "I have seen too often how teams get into trouble when

they are chasing low targets," he "Daryll Cullinan set the tone when he took Muralitharan on

in the first Test at Newlands. "You have to be positive against a bowler like him because he always has a chance of getting you out and you must play shots while you can."

Cronje added: "I got a bit of a fright when I looked at the scoreboard and saw I had made my 50 off 31 balls. It was certainly enjoyable."

SQUAD Hansie Cronje (capt), Gary

Kirsten, Daryll Cullinan, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Mike Rindel, Herschelle Gibbs, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Pat Symcox, Allan Donald, Derek Crookes, Roger Telemachus and Steve Elworthy.

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Women decide to join ECB

LONDON, Mar 31: English women have agreed to disband their own cricketing organisation and join the national umbrella group, despite clear signs of male chauvinism from the ranks of the sport's upper echelons, reports Reuters.

The 71-year-old Women's Cricket Association decided to merge itself with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), formed just 18 months ago. The women cricketers voted

97 to one, with 30 abstentions. to join the ECB convinced that merging makes commercial sense and will lead to the expansion of the women's game in the country that invented the sport. Barbara Daniels, head of the

association and a current England player, said: "Women's cricket can now move into a new era. The professional, financial and administrative benefits will be huge."

The merger of women's and men's cricket had been seen as virtually automatic but the process was thrown into doubt by separate incidents.

First, the MCC, the world's most famous cricket club, voted last month to maintain its ban on women, upholding its 211year "men-only" tradition in the ballowed halls of Lord's.

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Hussain leads case for his own defence

Michael Atherton, who has captained England a record 52 times in Test, stepped down from the hot seat soon after his side lost to Brian Lara's West Indies in the sixth and final Test in Antigua on March 25. After the 3-1 series loss, Atherton, who had been widely criticised for his unimaginative captaincy and poor form with the bat, said, "It's a job I held dear but knew I had to give up... After much consideration and after discussions with chairman of selectors I've decided to step down." Although English selectors are yet to pick the successor of Atherton, bookmakers started putting their money on their choices -Nasser Hussain, Alec Stewart, one-day captain Adam Hollioake and even Mark Ramprakash. Paul Newman wrote in The Electronic Telegraph on the race for the top job in English team.



captain gone wrong?

Alec Stewart, it seems, is as big a certainty to replace Michael Atherton at the helm as Curtly Ambrose to win a popularity contest in Antigua. But, if so, where has the England vice-

Nasser Hussain, who turned 30 on March 28, is at the peak of his batting powers and has been Atherton's deputy during a twoyear spell in which he has scored six Test centuries. Yet he seems to be a distant second in the captaincy opinion polls to a man five years his senior.

Why? Mutterings about Hussain's temperament persist but the evidence is flimsy. Simply, it seems, he has yet to convince the powers-that-be he is the man to lead England into a new era, prompting them to con-

sider a stop-gap appointment. It is a situation met with a simple statement of ambition.

"Athers made me his vicecaptain and while he was in charge he had my total support but now is the time to say I believe I can do the job," said Hussain. "The most important thing to me is to be in the England team scoring runs but I can think of nothing better than being in charge."

So why is Atherton's deputy not the natural successor? "I don't know if it's a case of me not giving out the right vibes," said Hussain. "I'm certainly a private person. I wouldn't, for instance, go up to the Sky commentators for a chat before a day's play. It's not that I don't get on with people, more that I'm not one for small talk. I don't actually like too many people getting close to me.

"I have my small group of family and friends and I'm happy with that. If you put me in a room with Atherton. Thorpe and Tufnell I'd be as loud as anyone but if you put me in a room with Willis, Botham and Lord MacLaurin I would just sit and listen to their opinions because they're all greats in their own fields. Similarly, I don't know many of the press guys too well so maybe they get the wrong impression of me. But ask the England players about me and I think you'll get

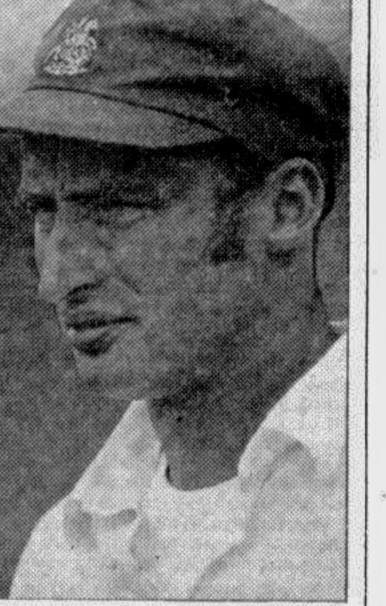
positive answers." The fire in Hussain still burns fiercely. He would not rest until he made it back into the England team during his three-year absence from 1993 and is now determined to prove his one-day worth to a selection panel who have deemed him surplus to limited-overs requirements.

Now, his importance to the

Test side emphasised by his century at St John's on Tuesday and the devastating collapse which followed his run-out, Hussain is forced to ponder the fact that his innate passion and intensity, so often lacking among English cricketers, could count against him in the captaincy reckoning. He sat on Wednesday morning having breakfast with Graham Thorpe, his closest friend in the England team, before heading for home and talked of what he felt that strength of character could bring to the job. "I know most of the England players inside out." said Hussain.

"During the last couple of years I've been something of a middle man between the players and Athers and I've spoken with them all so much I know what makes them tick. I'm confident, for instance, that I could bring the best out of someone like Dominic Cork and I like the challenge of working with different characters.

"Mike Atherton has been the key figure in making us a decent side but what will disappoint him is that we're still not winning big series. Whoever takes over has to keep working towards finding that missing



NASSER HUSSAIN

Div I b'ball to begin in May The Metropolis First Division basketball league will be-

gin in the first week of May at

the Dhanmondi gymnasium,

reports UNB. Participating teams have been asked to send their entry and affiliation fee of Tk 200 by April 16.

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A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June

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10 to July 12, 1998. B. There will be nine rounds of competition.

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Participants are to put a tick () mark in the box alongside their answer to each question. A person may send numerous entries. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also

bear the signature of the participant and date. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.

Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 1." Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi R/A,

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Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box. Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all

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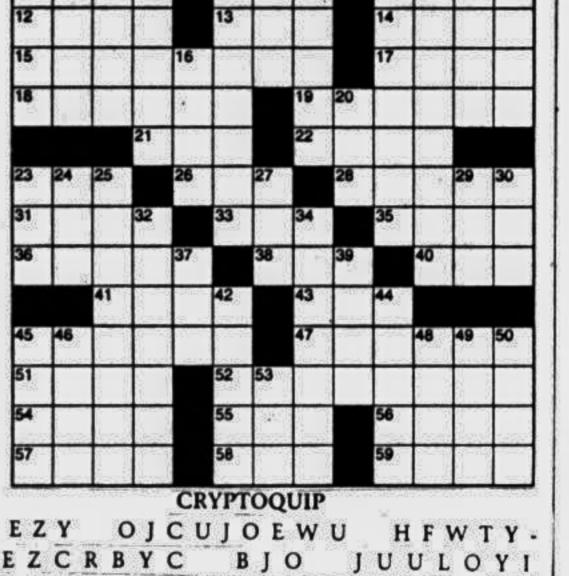
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