

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)  
That in 1887, according to a Bangla newspaper report, a cricket match was played at the Purana Pallan cricket ground between Dhaka College and Jagannath College. "In that Dhaka College scored 98 'dour' and Jagannath College 21 'dour'. Therefore, it was overall Dhaka College's victory."  
Now if you are confused about 'dour', it only means you are not following this column regularly. Ask your hawk for now to ensure tomorrow's copy. Or search on the Internet. Or pay more to buy a fresh copy of the old issue from the newspaper office. Or go to Naya Bazaar and search among old newspapers. Just ask your hawk for coming issues to avoid this sort of doura-douri. Phew!

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

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Post to The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 30 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?  
17 18 19
- Who is England's cricket coach?  
Lloyd Botham Gooch
- Who is the new France soccer coach?  
Plattini Cruyff Lemerre
- Next Asia Cup cricket will be held in:  
Dhaka Colombo Calcutta
- Who lifted this year's 1st Division hockey league title?  
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### SPORTS TALK



**Viv Richards**  
(Former West Indies captain)  
"I love my five-a-side soccer. Golf and tennis have been a big part of my life. I find time for that in the afternoon."  
On his favourite sports.

### 2-year knock-outs!

**Sports Reporter**  
The nine-nation knockout tournament may turn into a biennial event.  
All Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, told The Daily Star Sport that ICC has plans to hold the fund-raising meet every two years. Cricket's world ruling body organised the Dhaka tournament as part of its programme to raise funds for the globalising the game.  
When asked whether the ICC concept of game's development globally could be better served had it included Bangladesh, the hosts and the qualifiers of the next year's World Cup, in the tournament, Bacher handled it a bit diplomatically and said, "I think that the problem is from the time point of view. I mean, there's a lot of support for Bangladesh... But your national cricket team needs to, you know, get stronger."  
Bacher, who is also a member of the ICC development committee, revealed that the ICC is still considering to popularise cricket in America by arranging tournaments at the Disney Land near future.  
"They've got two largest sports television companies which should play vital role in achieving our goal," Bacher said.



The New Zealand players celebrate as Zimbabwe opener Grant Flower walks back to the dressing room after scoring only one. Grant offered a bat-pad catch to Craig McMillan who duly obliged with a dive in the gully. — Star photo

## Shakil Kasem — beyond the boundary

### Of Sartre and Sonargaon

At this time, the most popular hotel in world cricket is the Sonargaon. Every cricketer worth his salt is ready to give his right arm (or left, as the case may be) to spend one more night at Karwan Bazaar. No surprise this, for they are all playing cricket in a tournament which is the brainchild of that astute cricket tactician, Jean-Paul Sartre. Now Jean-Paul Sartre, who did not overly fancy the thirty-yard circles or the red and green lights, and considered pinch-hitting too biased to lay claim on his faculties, thought of the really extraordinary. It must have been Simone, actually, who suggested the unthinkable (let's not forget the influence of women). Not for Jean-Paul, cricket simply under the lights in coloured clothing. It had to be cricket on an existential wicket.  
Existentialism was the order of the day/night at the Bangabandhu, where Zimbabwe played New Zealand. Normal one day cricket does wonders for the ulcers, a knock-out format is likely to need the whole of the medical journal. One can only sympathise with the teams that have come halfway across the world to be given the hangman's noose as the raffle ticket.

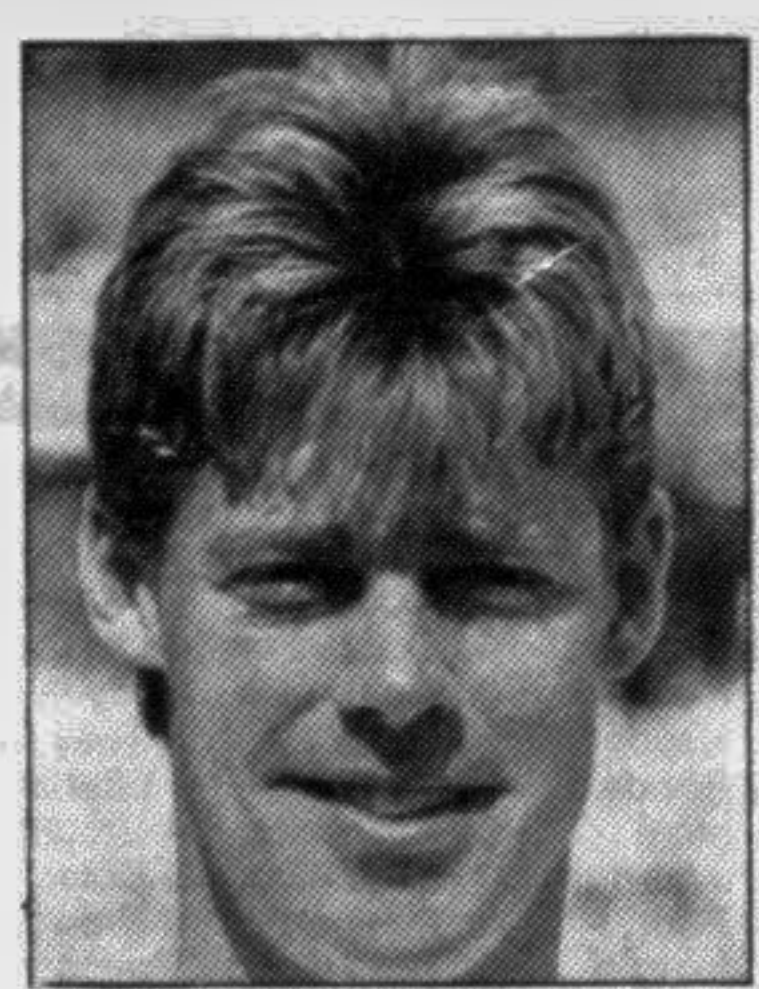
Jean-Paul at his very best, not WG. You are born, condemned to die.  
There was more than a sense of urgency therefore in the manner Zimbabwe went about their business. They had just finished hunting down one of the big names in world cricket, India, and are presently on a roll. Their batting was to a plan and disciplined. Alistair Campbell opening the innings had obviously decided on setting New Zealand a target, that, coupled with the low nature of the wicket and backed by typical Zimbabwean fielding, could be the key to shut the door on Stephen Fleming. It was a ploy that was put together with ease.  
Early wickets not withstanding, Campbell's cultured 100 was the essential grit that spoiled the party. Andy Flower batting down the order weighed anchor as well and the Zimbabweans coasted to a daunting total. A total of 250 plus on a less than amicable wicket, in a type of tournament where they might not give you the time of day, after your first match, is not really easy on the minds of batsmen batting second. This in effect could be the trend-setter for the rest of the competition.  
How the big names might cope with these situations may make interesting reading. The Jaysauriyas, the Tendulkars, the Laras, and the Waughes of this world might have other approaches to dealing with these situations. For New Zealand, the batting was a trifle short of class, with only Stephen Fleming making his presence felt. Not without design perhaps, the two top scorers were the skippers, and left handers, as well.  
Traditionally the Dhaka wicket, Phil Russell or not, is not your run of the mill, one day wicket found around the rest of the world. Add to the character of the wicket, liberal doses of rains over the past several weeks, and you have a very coy Banglaese damsel, whose looks might speak volumes, but not necessarily what you might want to hear.  
One gets the feeling that explosive batting may not be the order of the day, when the popular run machines get to the middle in the coming days. The coin could make the quintessential difference between the cup and the lip, of long faces in the hotel lobby and early flights home. But then, my son, who is into karate and not cricket, reminds me that I have been wrong before.

## STAR FOR THE DAY

### Nicholas Verity Knight

**Born:** 28 November 1969, Wotton  
**Major Teams:** England, Warwickshire, Essex  
**Known As:** Nick Knight  
**Batting Style:** Left-Hand Bat  
**Bowling Style:** Right-Arm Medium  
**Nick Name (if any):** Stitch

**Most memorable moment**  
Test match hundred, against Pakistan, Headingley, 1996.  
**Hobbies**  
Painting, drawing, sleeping  
**Fantasies (what you would like to do in your wildest dreams)**  
Be healthy, successful and enjoy the company of my wife, family, friends and teammates.  
**Players most admired**  
Brian Lara, Graham Gooch, Steve Waugh  
**Worst moment in cricket**  
Any injury which stops me playing or enjoying the game  
**What cricket means to you**  
It's a privilege to do something I've always wanted to do. It's also given me some wonderful memories and friends.  
**Biggest influence**  
Gordon Barker, my coach at school Keith Fletcher, my first captain at Essex  
**About the Wills International Cup**  
It's a fabulous and exciting concept, and it's for a great cause — raising funds to develop the game.



Hope you enjoy me with International Cup  
I'll be great!

**About the match against South Africa**  
A tough assignment, but we are confident we can win and progress to the semi-finals.  
**Pet hates**  
Smoking  
**Favourite TV show**  
Only Fools and Horses (UK comedy show)  
**Favourite movies/artists**  
Saving Private Ryan  
**Favourite singer/group**  
Celine Dion  
**Favourite author/books**  
John Grisham  
**Aspirations**  
To remain fit and play at the highest level for as long as possible. Also, to continue to enjoy the game.  
**What family means to you**  
Everything  
**Most feared bowler**  
Allan Donald — also a close friend.  
**Favourite stroke**  
Straight drive, always so satisfying.  
**Motto in life**  
Enjoy yourself.  
**Life after cricket**  
Hopefully I've got a few more years ahead of me yet, although I have done some TV work for sky sports in the UK.

### FACTFILE

ODI debut: England v Pakistan at Manchester, Texaco Trophy, 1996.  
Latest ODI: England v Sri Lanka at Lord's, Emirates Triangular Tournament, 1998.  
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS (including 20/08/1998)

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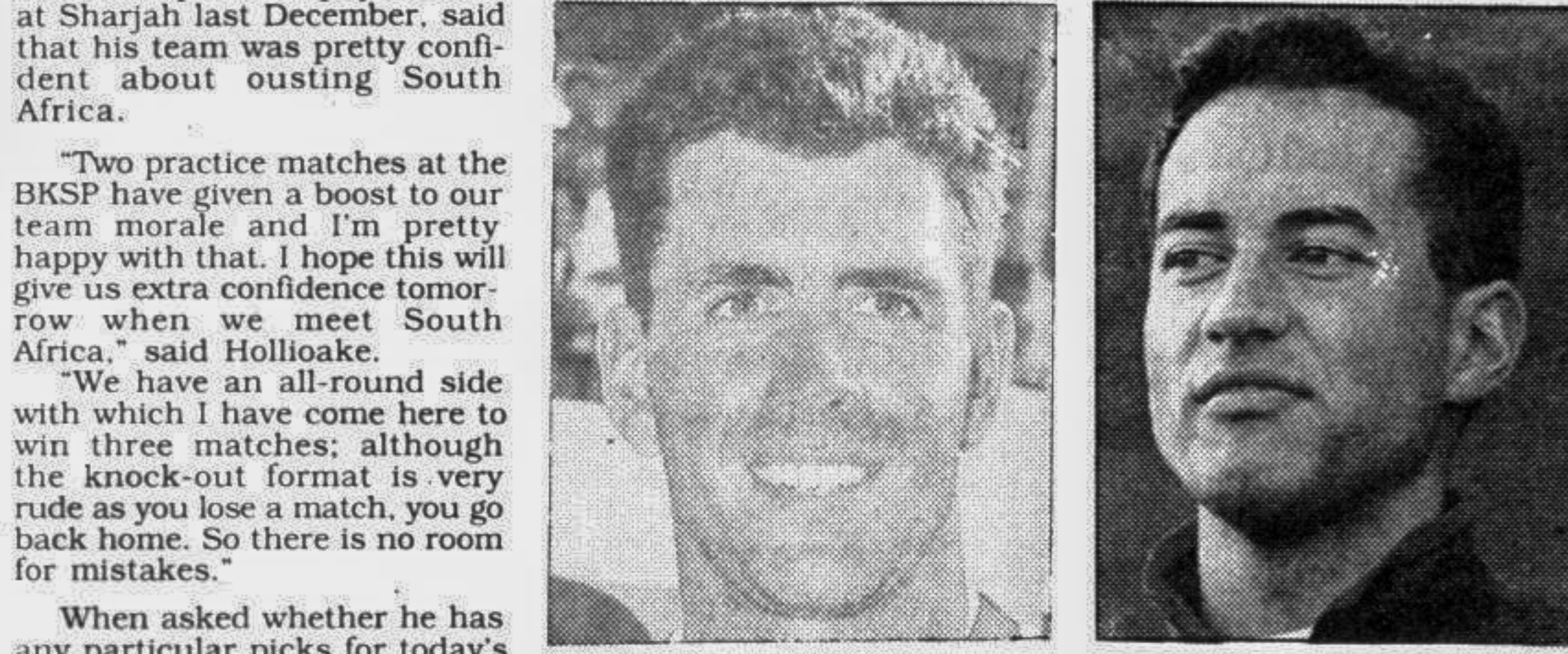
## Both captains certain of victory

# Adam on a morale high

## Cronje targets high gross

The first quarterfinal of the Wills International Cup between England and South Africa will be played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.  
Weather permitting, the day-night match will start at the big bowl at 2 pm.  
Both teams, suffering from the absence of some stars and regular cricketers, had a couple of hours of nets yesterday morning. England's one-day specialist team practised at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while South Africa, who beat England 2-1 at home in the one-day series this summer, had their nets at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ground.  
After the nets, while talking to the press, both the England and the South African skipper expressed their certainty of winning today's match.  
England's one-day specialist captain Adam Hoolioake, who led England to their four-nation Champions' trophy success at Sharjah last December, said that his team was pretty confident about ousting South Africa.  
"Two practice matches at the BKSF have given a boost to our team morale and I'm pretty happy with that. I hope this will give us extra confidence tomorrow when we meet South Africa," said Hoolioake.  
"We have an all-round side with which I have come here to win three matches; although the knock-out format is very rude as you lose a match, you go back home. So there is no room for mistakes."

When asked whether he has any particular picks for today's match, the beaming Hoolioake said that they would play as a team and everybody has a role to play out there.  
"The team spirit is quite high after the BKSF trips and I'm sure they are going to put up a good show tomorrow."  
"I always want to win and that's the only pressure I have," said Hoolioake in reply to whether he feels any burden after losing the one-day captaincy and then getting it back.  
"It's going to be an equal contest. You know we have a slightly weaker side. They too have a slightly weaker side. So I think that sort of evens the things up. According to pen and paper the match is fifty-fifty," went on Adam when asked about the strength of their South African counterparts who will miss the services of their five regular cricketers—pacers Allan Donald, Shaun Pollock, Roger Telemachus, all-rounder Lance Clusener and the ever-reliable left-hand opener Gary Kirsten.  
Adam's opposite number, South Africa's veteran skipper Hansie Cronje does not agree that his team is weaker because, according to him, he has the proper replacements.  
"We want to get off to a good start. And a win against England will only ensure that for us," said Cronje at the BUET dressing room.  
"They are a very good one-day side and active in all the departments but I don't think they have any edge," added Cronje who led South Africa to their only trophy in the sub-



HANSIE CRONJE ADAM HOLLIOAKE

continent — the Silver Jubilee Cup in Pakistan, last year.  
"The wicket will favour the batsman here like other venues in the subcontinent, so I don't think Donald would be very successful here. What we need is to go out there and score as many runs as possible," he said.  
Although Cronje revealed his intention by saying that he wants to bat first, he was more conservative when asked what would he choose if he won the toss today. Cronje said he would be watching the Zimbabwe-New Zealand match to appreciate the wicket.  
"Moreover, we have half of the day tomorrow to see the weather condition and decide. So I can't tell you anything in advance," Cronje concluded.  
South Africa have 13 cricketers for the tournament as Shaun Pollock withdrew himself at the last moment because of a back problem.  
On the other hand, England is also likely to miss the services of Mathew Fleming from their 14-man squad. Fleming suffered a hamstring injury during their practice match against Zimbabwe on October 22.  
This is going to be the 17th ODI clash between the two countries. South Africa won ten while England have only six victories.  
Six of the 16 matches were played in England, seven in South Africa while the remaining three were played in neutral venues.

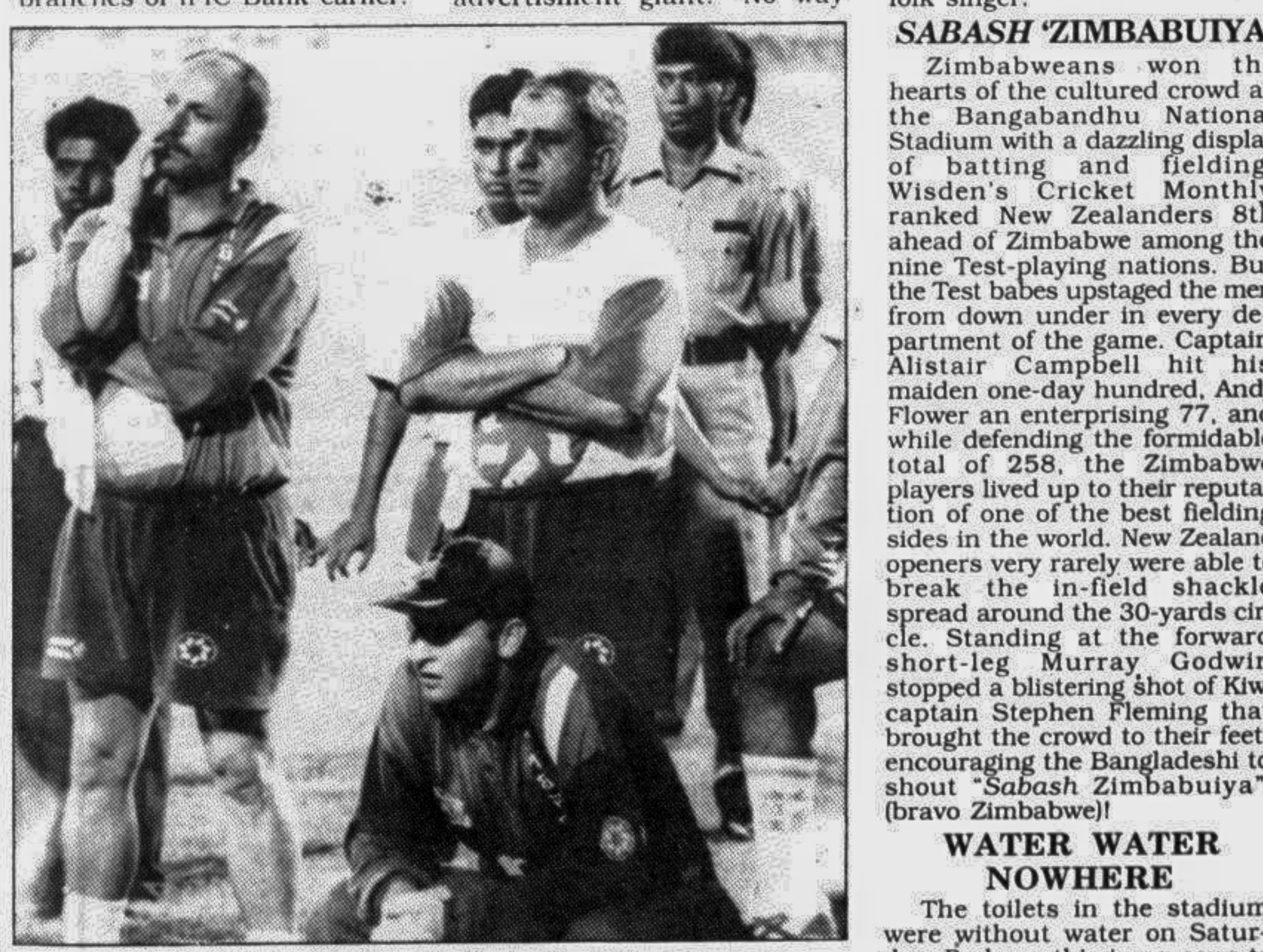
## Wills Cup: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

### NO BUCKNOR, NOT AGAIN

Umpire Steve Bucknor spoiled the day for Craig McMillan. The tall Jamaican, well known for being lazy in raising his dreaded finger, probably passed the lone controversial decision of the day by ruling the young middle-order of New Zealand out. McMillan pulled leg-spinner Paul Strang over the mid-wicket for a six to reach 29. But in the very next ball, he was ruled caught behind by Bucknor although wicket-keeper Andy Flower was appealing for stumping. There may be more bad news for McMillan unless the match referee overlooks his reaction after the ruling. The Christchurch-born batsman stayed back for a few extra seconds and shrugged in sheer disgust before trudging off to the pavilion.

### TICKETS IN ABUNDANCE

Tickets for the pre-quarterfinal match of the Wills International Cup were found available all around the big bowl. Hundreds of touts were seen offering tickets that could not be found at the thirteen branches of IFIC Bank earlier.



BEYOND CONSOLATION: Shell shocked Zimbabweans — coach David Houghton (R), manager Babu Memon (C) and skipper Alistair Campbell (sitting) — after the dramatic loss against New Zealand. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

### PROBABLE TEAMS

**ENGLAND:** Adam Hoolioake (captain), Graeme Hick, Ian Austin, Alisair Brown, Dougie Brown, Mark Elham, Neil Fairbrother, Anthony Giles, Jack Russel, Nick Knight, Graham Lloyd and Peter Martin.  
**SOUTH AFRICA:** Hansie Cronje (captain), Daryll Cullinan, Jacques Kallis, Jonny Rhodes, Dale Benkenstein, Mark Boucher, Derek Crookes, Nicky Boje, Pat Simcox, Allan Dowson, Steve Elworthy and Makhaya Ntini.

### FANNING FANS

Spectators in the stands were waving display cards depicting 4 and 6 without respite. But they were not appealing to any batsman to hit a four or a six, nor appreciating an exquisite shot. The weather was rather sultry yesterday and the fans were using the cards — sponsored by Wills — as a fan. The mercury went up to 35 degrees Celsius in the city yesterday.

### HOT PATTIES BOX

The much-talked about hospitality box — a hut in the sun — of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) should be cool and cosy. Because, those who could afford it did not hesitate to pay two to two-and-a-half lakhs Taka for each box. But one of the unfortunate patrons of the more expensive box was seen sitting outside the box. The air outside was cooler than that of the so-called air-conditioned box, quipped the bespectacled advertisement giant. "No way

### OLONGO THE FASTEST

Henry Olongo was faster than other pace bowlers on the day. Olongo, with his Afro-style hairdo, was recorded at the maximum 37 kmh on the newly installed speedometer. Heath Streak, the new-ball bowler of Zimbabwe, was recorded at 133 kmh. Simon Doull of New Zealand sent one of his deliveries at a speed of 134 kmh.

### FOLKS ALARM

A Sri Lankan official rushed threateningly towards a man who was posing for a photograph with Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya. He put a radiant smile on his face and took Jayasuriya under his arms while waiting for the shot. When the security men contested him he explained that he was a Bangladeshi celebrity. Jayasuriya, however, looked very embarrassed and told the over-cautious security people that he knew the man in question. The man was Fakir Alamgir, a renowned Bangladeshi folk singer.

### WATER WATER NOWHERE

The toilets in the stadium were without water on Saturday. Perhaps this is no news to the regular users but the matter caused much discomfort to those who visit the ground only during big competitions.