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1. How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?
17 18 19

2. Who is England's cricket coach?
Lloyd Botham Gooch

3. Who is the new France soccer coach?
Platini Cruyff Lemerre

4. Next Asia Cup cricket will be held in:
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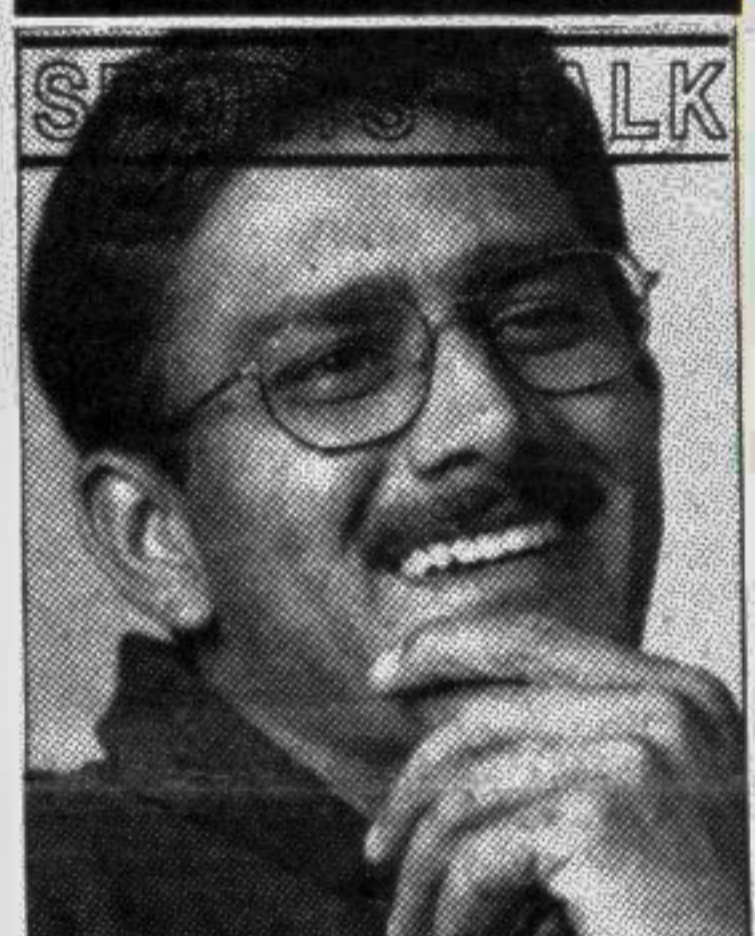
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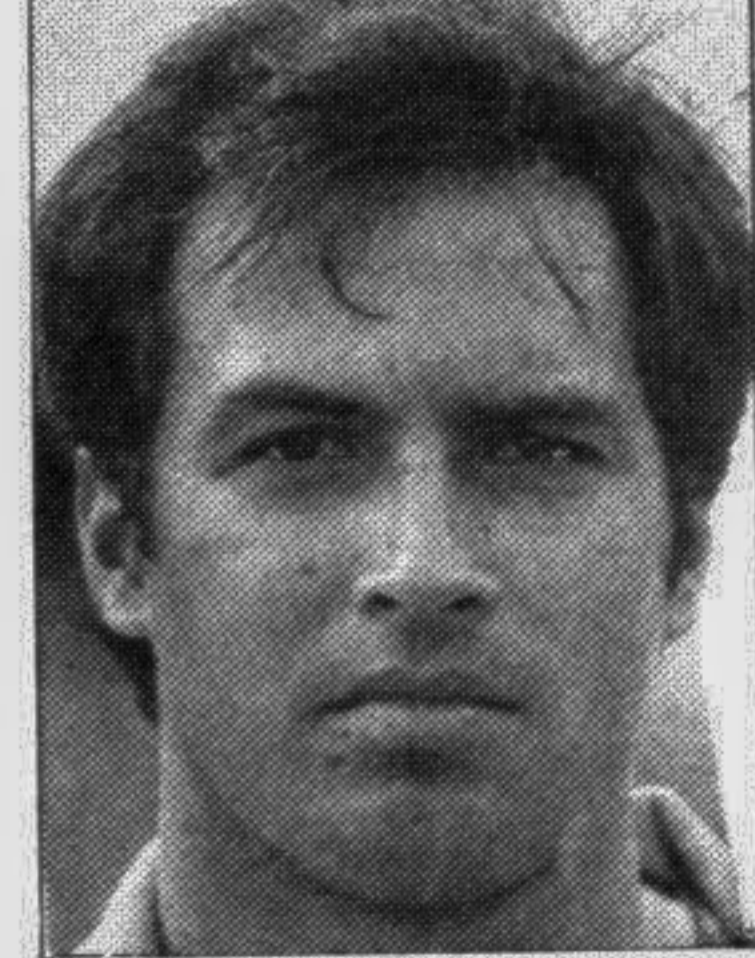
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Anil Kumble
(Indian leg-spinner)
"With my fastish delivery I have got maximum batsmen with it. I enjoy the moment when I set up a batsman and I get him out with the fastish one."

Robin scores 1000 ODI runs
The West Indian born Robin Singh (India) yesterday became the 17th Indian batsman to join the 1000-run club in one-day internationals, reports BSS.



He achieved the milestone scoring three against Australia at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia, who remained unbeaten in the match without scoring, will have to wait for another match to complete 1000 runs.

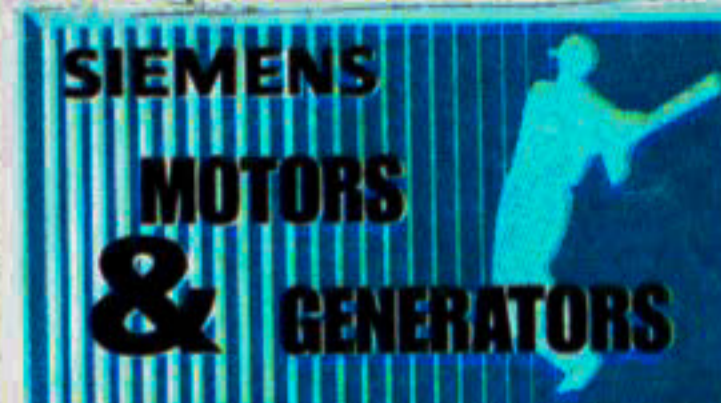
Mongia has scored 994 from 112 matches.

Player	M	I	Runs
Azharuddin	300	276	8554
Tendulkar	201	194	7446
Sidhu	136	127	4414
Srikkanth	146	145	4082
Jadeja	143	129	3759
Kapil	225	198	3783
Vengsarkar	129	120	3508
Gavaskar	108	102	3092
Shastri	150	128	3180
Ganguly	79	74	2758
Kambli	79	73	2076
Manjrekar	74	70	1994
Amarnath	85	75	1924
Prabhakar	130	96	1832
Dravid	63	54	1685
Patil	45	42	1005
Robin Singh	61	47	1002



A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL: Australia's Damien Fleming and wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist demand judgement against Azharuddin during their quarterfinal clash. -Star photo

BRIEF SCORES



Scoreboard of the third quarterfinal of the Wills International Cup cricket tournament between India and Australia at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday:

INDIA
Ganguly c Gilchrist b Kasprovic 141
Tendulkar run out 141
Azharuddin lbw Fleming 0
Dravid run out 48
Jadeja run out 71
Singh c Gilchrist b Kasprovic 3
Agarkar b Kasprovic 10
Joshi run out 3
Srinath not out 3
Mongia not out 0
Extras: (lb-8, w-10, nb-7) 25
Total: (for 8 wickets in 50 overs) 307
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-8; 3-148; 4-280; 5-286; 6-292; 7-301; 8-304.

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Fleming	10	1	45	1
Kasprovic	9	0	71	3
Julian	10	0	39	0
S Waugh	3	0	23	0
B Young	8	0	64	0
M Waugh	6	0	27	0
Lehmann	4	0	30	0

AUSTRALIA
Gilchrist b Srinath 25
M Waugh c Mongia b Joshi 74
Ponting b Joshi 41
Julian c Dravid b Srinath 20
Lehmann lbw b Agarkar 27
S Waugh c and b Tendulkar 7
Bevan b Tendulkar 8
Martyn c Jadeja b Tendulkar 24
Young c Dravid b Tendulkar 18
Kasprovic run out 2
Fleming not out 7
Extras: (lb3, w5, nb2) 10
Total: (All out) 263
Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-145; 3-167; 4-172; 5-194; 6-210; 7-217; 8-247; 9-257; 10-263.

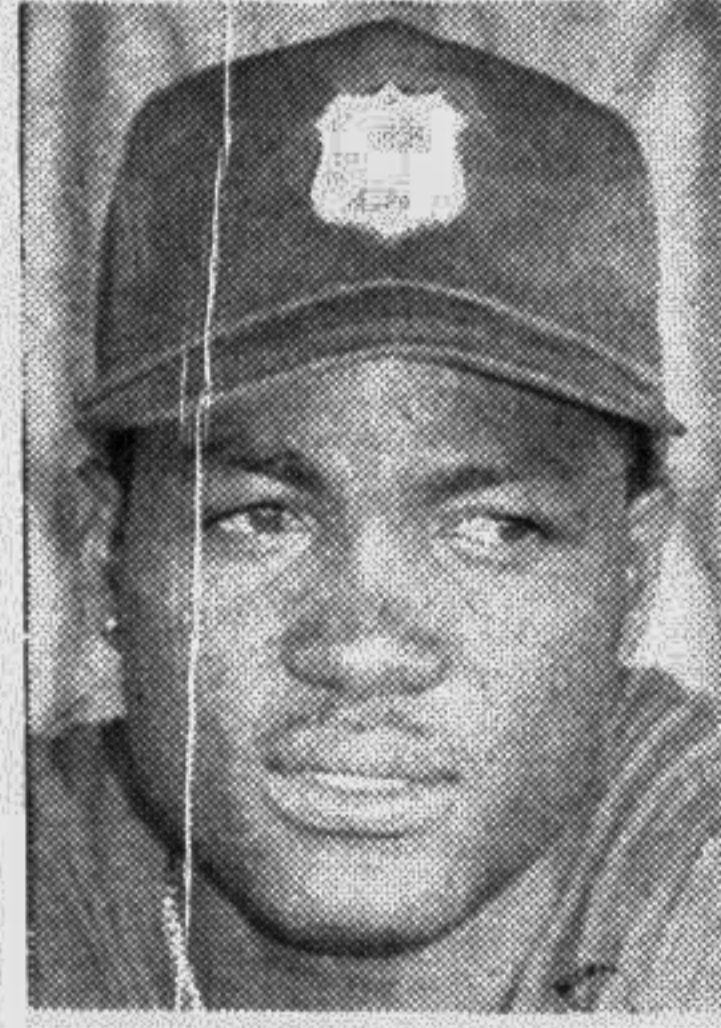
Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Srinath	9	0	36	2
Agarkar	10	0	61	1
Kumble	9	0	44	0
Joshi	8	0	57	2
Robin	3	0	24	0
Tendulkar	9.1	0	38	4

Result: India won by 44 runs.
Player-of-the-match: Sachin Tendulkar.

Battle of the unpredictables

Two of the most popular teams in the world - West Indies and Pakistan, meet in the quarterfinal of the Wills International Cup today with a mind to knock each other out of the competition. But the two equally inconsistent and unpredictable rivals have a lot of mutual respect for each other as was evident in their pre-match thoughts yesterday.

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"They are an excellent side," said West Indies manager Clive Lloyd about their opponents. "One of the best in the world." Skipper Brian Lara was of similar opinion. "I think Pakistan are a brilliant team. They are a bit inconsistent some times like any other side, but when they play well, they can be a very difficult team to beat."

Pakistan captain Aamir Sohail considered the Caribbean an extremely tough proposition. "They are very, very competitive. They have beaten us on a number of occasions. It won't be easy for us," said Sohail.

The West Indies practised at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium in the morning and as was the case during their last two outings, they had long sessions at the nets.

"Obviously we had some

solid practice and the players are looking forward to tomorrow's match with immense interest", said Lloyd.

About the possibility of Pakistani spinners creating problems for his side, Lloyd said, "I do not know them, so it's not of any concern."

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The West Indies will follow a conventional approach in batting. Aggressive specialist opener Clayton Lambert and Philo Wallace have established a fine understanding and will try to give their side a blistering start. But the impetus has to be taken by Lara and vice captain Carl Hooper, who according to Lloyd has become more consistent these days and is playing, "up to 30 per cent of his potential."

Both Lara and Lloyd believes that fielding is a significant feature of their team. The bowling, unlike the traditional pace dependence, has a lot of variation with the raw pace of Nixon McLean, Marvyn Dillon and Reon King, spin of Raul Lewis and Hooper and the medium pace of Phil Simmons.

Pakistan coach Javed Miandad promised they would play positive cricket despite the absence of two world class batsmen in Saeed Anwar and Inja-

mam Ul-Haq. "I don't think about who playing or not. I am happy with the side I have and we will play to win."

Skipper Sohail vowed to start afresh after the Test series defeat to Australia. "That loss is history now. This is a different ball game. We want to prove ourselves."

Pakistan will depend heavily on the explosive genius of the swashbuckling Shahed Afridi. In the absence of experienced compatriots, Sohail has added the responsibility.

Salim Malik and Ejaj Ahmed are battle hardened professionals and should relish the opportunity of cutting loose on the batsman-friendly Bangabandhu Stadium wicket.

The incomparable Wasim Akram with his destructive pace and movement leads the bowling department. Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq is a class apart. Aaqib Javed has the experience to rise to difficult situations.

Statistics favour the West Indies. In 83 one day international matches between the sides, the Caribbeans have won 55 times, losing 26 in the process. They have played two tied games.

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

The Usual Unusual

I like making predictions. Did I say that the India-Australia match would be a humdinger, or what? Make no mistake, this is one huge rivalry emerging in world cricket. Over the last year or so India have taken on Australia on equal terms, and in most cases it was the master himself, Sachin Tendulkar, who dictated terms all the way.

Yesterday's match was no different. Having lost two early wickets, India cleared the stage for Tendulkar to reign supreme. Ganguly was well caught down the legside, and Azhar, who was last seen promoting Graemehen Phone, predictably came un-stuck. What if he was using CityCell... We will never know. Losing two wickets with only 8 runs in the kitty was a tough call. But that set the stage for Sachin Tendulkar, a man who knows what a big moment is meant to be. Tendulkar's innings was no surprise for the Aussies, who have been on the receiving end of the little master's savagery over the last few months. Hundreds in India were swiftly followed by back-to-back tons in Sharjah. Shane Warne was the flavour of the day then. Yesterday it was Brad Young in the beginning but Tendulkar was quite secular for the rest of the day. Aussies of every shape, size and disposition were treated with disdain.

When he was finally out for a soul-stirring 141, it was through a needless run-out. But the gods, by then, had decided to be kind to the Australians and that really was the only way the Indian maestro could be made to depart. Dhaka was privileged to have seen such a mastery display of technique, temperament and superlative mastery of bat over ball. Mind over matter, yin and yang, Tendulkar scoring runs: the perfect life. One can't ask for more from a cricket match.

India, at one stage with only ten covers left, still looked like getting well past the 300 mark. On this wicket, with the kind of bowling that Azhar has in his arsenal, even 320 would perhaps not have been safe, particularly against a side whose tail is only as long as a dachshund's. But there are obviously more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of

in Azhar's philosophy. The Indian late order curled up and died, and Australia could not believe their luck as they found themselves in with more than a fair chance. India made heavy weather of a less than hostile attack with four needless run-outs. But who said cricket wasn't a game of ifs and butts? Australia of course got off to a flyer. They needed to. They were, of course, helped in their cause as the Indians spilled two straightforward chances in the first few overs. Mark Waugh was his usual poised, cool self, standing tall, waiting for the ball, and using his gifted touch and timing to coax the bowler away for a steady stream of runs.

One of the mysteries of the night was why Mark Waugh stepped out to his doom when life was treating him so well

SACHIN'S TON TABLE

Indian batsman Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar smashed his 19th one-day international century last night when he hammered a match winning knock of 141 against Australia in the third quarterfinal of the Wills International Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The right-hand opener set a new world record last month when he scored his 18th hundred against Zimbabwe, surpassing the 17 held by former West Indian opener Desmond Haynes.

Tendulkar's ton was also his third in a row against Australia. He scored 142 in a first round of a triangular tournament in Sharjah on April 22 and then hammered 134 in the final two days later.

Sachin has played a total of 194 innings in his 201 appearances in the instant version of cricket and scored a total of 7446 runs which now includes 19 centuries and 43 fifties.

No	Runs	Against	Venue	Date
1.	110	Australia	Colombo	Sep 9, 1994
2.	115	New Zealand	Baroda	Oct 28, 1994
3.	105	West Indies	Joypur	Nov 11, 1994
4.	112*	Sri Lanka	Sharjah	Apr 9, 1995
5.	127*	Kenya	Cuttack	Feb 18, 1996
6.	137	Sri Lanka	Delhi	Mar 2, 1996
7.	100*	Pakistan	Singapore	Apr 5, 1996
8.	118	Pakistan	Sharjah	Apr 15, 1996
9.	110	Sri Lanka	Bombay	Aug 23, 1996
10.	114	South Africa	Bombay	Dec 14, 1996
11.	104	Zimbabwe	Benoni	Feb 9, 1997
12.	117	New Zealand	Bangalore	May 14, 1997
13.	100*	Australia	Kanpur	Apr 7, 1998
14.	142	Australia	Sharjah	Apr 22, 1998
15.	134	Australia	Sharjah	Apr 24, 1998
16.	100*	Kenya	Calcutta	May 31, 1998
17.	128	Sri Lanka	Colombo	July 7, 1998
18.	127*	Zimbabwe	Bulawayo	Sep 26, 1998
19.	141	Australia	Dhaka	Oct 28, 1998

(not out)

Laboni's date with Lara

Rabeed Imam

For Laboni it was a 8-year dream come true. The teenager met her 'prince charming' at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday and it could not have been more dramatic.

The West Indies team were about to board their team bus when Laboni sneaked through the security cordon and started running towards the player's shed screaming Lara... Lara...

With a number of embarrassed security personnel chasing after her, Laboni with a last ditch effort, managed to catch hold of The West Indies captain.

Lara, staying true to his remarkably hearty personality, gave the young lady ample time to take photos and autographs. "Please let her have what she wants," he even pleaded once when somebody tried to intervene.

"It was the greatest moment of my life," the HSC examinee of Badrunnessa College, struggling to catch her breath, I've been waiting for this moment since 1990.

A fanatic follower of the West Indies, Laboni was shedding tears of joy as the bus left with her heroes.

ICC penalises India

India were yesterday fined 3,000 dollars from their prize money for taking more time during bowling against Australia at the Bangabandhu National Stadium here, an official of the International Cricket Council (ICC) said, reports BSS.

India bowled their last three overs after their stipulated time the ICC official said, adding, "for that reason, India have been fined by 15 per cent of their prize money."

The winners of the quarterfinals will get 20,000 dollars as prize money.

Harbhajan going to England

MUMBAI, Oct 28: Young Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh will be sent to England soon to rectify his bowling action.

The secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Jayawant Lele, told PTI yesterday that the details of who would accompany him and when were still awaited.

Wills Cup: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

TRIBUTE TO GOLAM AHMED

Indian players wore black badge during their match against Australia to mourn the death of former national captain Golam Ahmed. The former vice-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) died at Hyderabad yesterday morning. The off-spinner, who was also secretary of BCCI and a national selector, played at the Dhaka Stadium in the first India-Pakistan Test in 1955. He played 22 Tests and led India in three of them. He retired in 1959.

MIXED MOMENTS FOR AZHAR

Mohammad Azharuddin celebrated his historic 300 one-day appearance by scoring a duck. The stylish batsman became the first cricketer to play in 300 one-day internationals when he led India at the big bowl yesterday. But Australia's new-ball bowler Damien Fleming spoiled his party when he caught the elegant stroke-maker leg before in his final delivery of the third over. The Hyderabad-born batsman made his international debut against England in Bangalore in early 1985. Azharuddin, who holds the world record of scoring three consecutive centuries on his Test debut, scored 8554 runs in 299 one-day matches. The tally has not budged after yesterday. He is only 95 runs short of breaking the world record for highest runs in the instant version of cricket. The former West Indies opener Desmond Haynes holds the record.

STAR OF THE DAY

Carl Llewellyn Hooper
Born: 15 December 1966, Georgetown, British Guiana
Major Teams: West Indies, Kent, Guyana.
Known As: Carl Hooper
Batting Style: Right Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right Arm Off Break, Right Arm Medium

ODI Debut: West Indies v New Zealand at Dunedin, 1st ODI, 1986/87
Latest ODI: West Indies v England at Port of Spain, 5th ODI, 1997/98
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS (including 08/04/1998)

Batting	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	CL	SL
	167	151	35	4174	113*	35.98	5	23	81	-

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Ave	4w	5w	SR	Econ
	1142.1	35	4934	148	33.33	4-34	2	463	4-31

DIFFERENT DAY

Indians broke the trend. This was for the first time in the ongoing Wills International Cup that a team batting first won a match. In the previous three matches all the teams - New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka - beat their opponents after chasing the formidable targets. Also, yesterday was the first time when both the captains failed. Earlier, all the other five captains had clicked in their own ways.

SCOREBOARD UP FOR ADVERTISERS

The newly installed electronic scoreboard at the national stadium is in want of sponsors. Yesterday, the organisers encouraged entrepreneurs to use the scoreboard for advertisement. Cute cosmetics and the Square Pharmaceuticals were the first to grab the unique offers. Surely there will be many more in the offing.

RUN-A-BALL

India scored 307 runs in their share of 50 overs. But seven odd balls (from 'no' and 'wide') made it a run-a-ball score. They scored 307 balls from 307 balls.

CRACKERS

BCB had banned the use of crackers at the Bangabandhu. However, last evening, enthusiastic fans lightened up the stadium with an audio-visual display, one of them landing at the foot of the photojournalists on the ground.

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