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### Column One

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Competition-105

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

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Competition closes at 8 pm.

Oct 30 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

1 How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?

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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:

Dhaka Colombo Calcutta

5 Who lifted this year's 1st Division hockey league title?

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### SPORTS TALK



#### Sachin Tendulkar

(India's master batsman)

"Not at all. One is bound to fail. It is part of the game. I think if a player accepts his failure I don't see any reason why people also can't learn to accept that. It is very normal in any sport. Anybody can fail."

Whether failures worry him.

#### Tributes to Golam Ahmed

NEW DELHI, Oct 29: President K R Narayanan and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the nation in mourning the death early yesterday of former Indian, captain and great off-spinner Golam Ahmed who epitomised everything the game of cricket stood for a gentleman with a sense of fair play, reports PTI.

In a message, the President said: "As Golam Ahmed returns to the final pavilion, I join millions of his admirers in celebrating his life and mourning his demise. May the great cricketing tradition set by Golam Ahmed continue to inspire the players and lovers of cricket, Narayanan added."

Prime Minister Vajpayee said Ahmed had become a "cricket legend during his life time."

He will be remembered by his numerous friends and admirers, Vajpayee said in a message.

#### QUIZ ANNOUNCEMENT

We have been inundated with inquiries from our readers regarding Question No 5 of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98 Round-2. Participants may please note that only the 'correct' answers should be ticked. Please do not be tricked.

The closing date of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98 Round-2 has been extended up to Nov 2, '98.



West Indies opener Philo Wallace square cuts Pakistan fast bowler Wasim Akram.

— Star photo

### SCOREBOARD



Scoreboard of the fourth quarterfinal of the Wills International Cup cricket tournament between West Indies and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday:

WEST INDIES		
Wallace run out	79	
Williams lbw Mahmood	14	
b Arshad	49	
Lara c Saqlain b Arshad	16	
Hooper c and b Malik	13	
Arthurton c Moin Khan	33	
b Akram	21	
Simons b Akram	0	
Jacobs lbw Akram	0	
Lewis not out	20	
McLean c Ijaz b Salim	7	
Dillon not out	5	
Extras: (lb-11, wb-15, nb-6)	32	
Total: (for 9 wickets in 50 overs)	289	

Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-143; 3-166; 4-187; 5-204; 6-250; 7-250; 8-268; 9-277.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Akram	10	0	55	3
Mahmood	5	0	39	1
Saqlain	7	0	44	0
Arshad	10	1	43	2
Afridi	9	0	48	0
Malik	9	0	49	2

PAKISTAN		
Afridi lbw b Dillon	4	
Elahi run out	46	
Azhar b Arthurton	20	
Sohail b Hooper	12	
Ijaz b Arthurton	51	
Sarfraz c Dillon b McLean	14	
Malik lbw b Arthurton	15	
Akram c Jacobs b Arthurton	10	
Moin c Lewis b Dillon	25	
Saqlain not out	23	
Arshad not out	14	
Extras: (lb-12, w-8, nb-5)	25	
Total: (for nine wickets)	259	

Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-70; 3-90; 4-100; 5-143; 6-177; 7-180; 8-194; 9-221.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McLean	10	0	59	1
Dillon	10	0	46	2
Hooper	10	0	47	1
Arthurton	10	0	31	4
Lewis	4	0	20	0
Simmons	5	0	35	0
Chanderpaul	1	0	9	0

Result: West Indies won by 30 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Keith Arthurton.

### Sri Lanka - Australia first semi-final today

## Captains await a contest

Hasan Masood

The first semi-final of the Wills International Cup between the two most competitive sides in contemporary cricket, world champions Sri Lanka and South Africa, will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from this afternoon till late evening.

Weather permitting, the day-night match will commence at 2 pm. Bangladesh Television will telecast the match live while Bangladesh Betar will provide ball-by-ball commentary of the match.

Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga will mostly rely on familiar sub-continental conditions, as he mentioned during

ter seeing the pitch tomorrow," said the captain, who seems to be on a diet.

When asked about their semi-final opponents South Africa who beat England in the first quarterfinal last Sunday, Ranatunga praised the Proteas saying that they were a very strong side.

"Except that they are without a couple of their main bowlers, but they still have a very strong side. They are very professional and it will be a very good contest," he continued.

About the top order collapse in the previous match against New Zealand, Ranatunga, the most experienced Sri Lankan cricketer, who led the islanders to their maiden World Cup championship in 1996 said, "That's how the game goes. You are to fail at times... some will do well and some will do bad. I think they are top players, all the three who got out early last Monday. I rate them very very high and they are eager to play good innings for us."

"The spinners did quite a good job in the last match and I hope they carry on again tomorrow with the same positive attitude," he added.

Although the Sri Lankan captain was beaming with confidence about today's match, his South African counterpart Hansie Cronje felt that the Sri Lankans will be under pressure because "they are the World Champions". Cronje was talking to The Daily Star after his team had more than two hours of practice at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

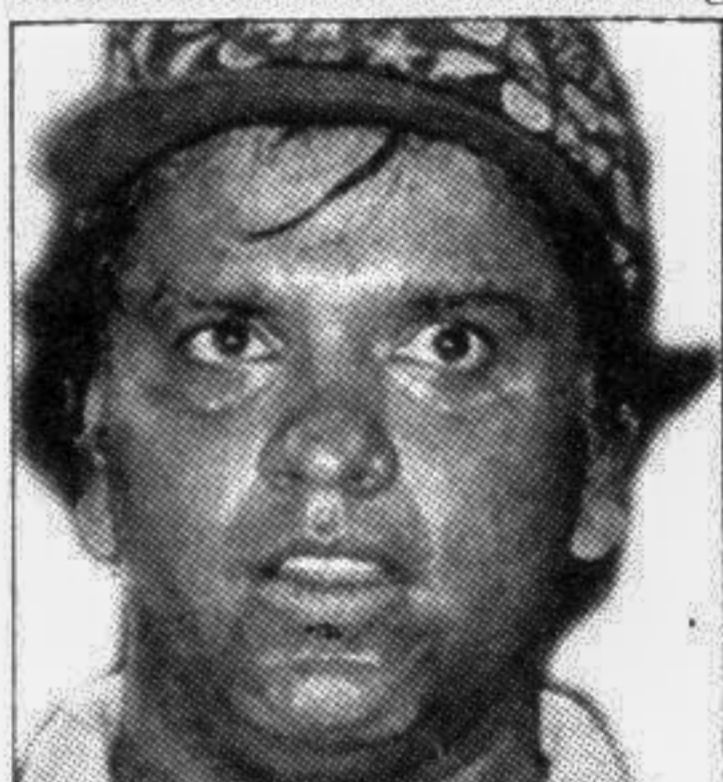
About his team's strength, Cronje said, "World class bowlers like Donald and Pollock make the difference in a team, but we have good replacements who did pretty good in the Commonwealth Games. And we have already proved that by defeating England without them (Donald and Pollock). So, I think it is going to be a good contest."

"They have some skilful spinners and we want to make sure we play good against them. Bating is our plus point. Cullinan as Jonty played better knocks in the last match. I hope

they continue with that. Besides, we have a couple of youngsters who have the opportunity to show their performance here," said Cronje.

"We know them (Sri Lanka) and they also know us very well. So it is very difficult to say in advance about tomorrow's result. I hope the team that plays better wins the match tomorrow," said Cronje.

Overall, it will be the 15th ODI clash between the two sides. In the previous 14 matches -- three held in Sri Lanka, five in South Africa and six at neutral venues -- South Africa won seven and Sri Lanka six while the other match was 'no result'.



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

a break in his team's practice at the BUET ground yesterday.

"The conditions here are almost like in our own country and that will give us an extra advantage against the South Africans tomorrow. But we also need to play well," said Ranatunga during a pre-match briefing.

"It will be another day in the office for us. We had been playing good cricket for the last couple of months. We struggled in the first match but then we recovered very well. We are open to go out there and enjoy ourselves and try to win," added Ranatunga, who played an unbeaten match-winning captain's knock of 90 against New Zealand last Monday in the quarterfinal.

"We haven't decided yet, but most probably we might field the same side that played against New Zealand. But the final decision will be taken af-



HANSIE CRONJE

#### TEAMS

**SRI LANKA:** Arjun Ranatunga (captain), Aravinda de Silva, Sanath Jayasuriya, Marvan Atapattu, Roshan Mahanama, Upul Chandana, Romesh Kaluwitharana (wk), Kumara Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa, Aviska Gunawardena, Hashan Tillekeratne and Pramodya Wickramasinghe.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Hansie Cronje (captain), Mark Boucher (wk), Daryll Cullinan, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Dale Benkenstein, Mike Rindie, Derek Crookes, Nicky Boje, Pat Simcox, Allan Dowson, Makhaya Ntini and Steve Elworthy.

**Today's officials:** Steve Bucknor and Srinivas Venkatraghavan (umpires), David Shepherd (third umpire) and Raman Subba Rao (match referee).

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