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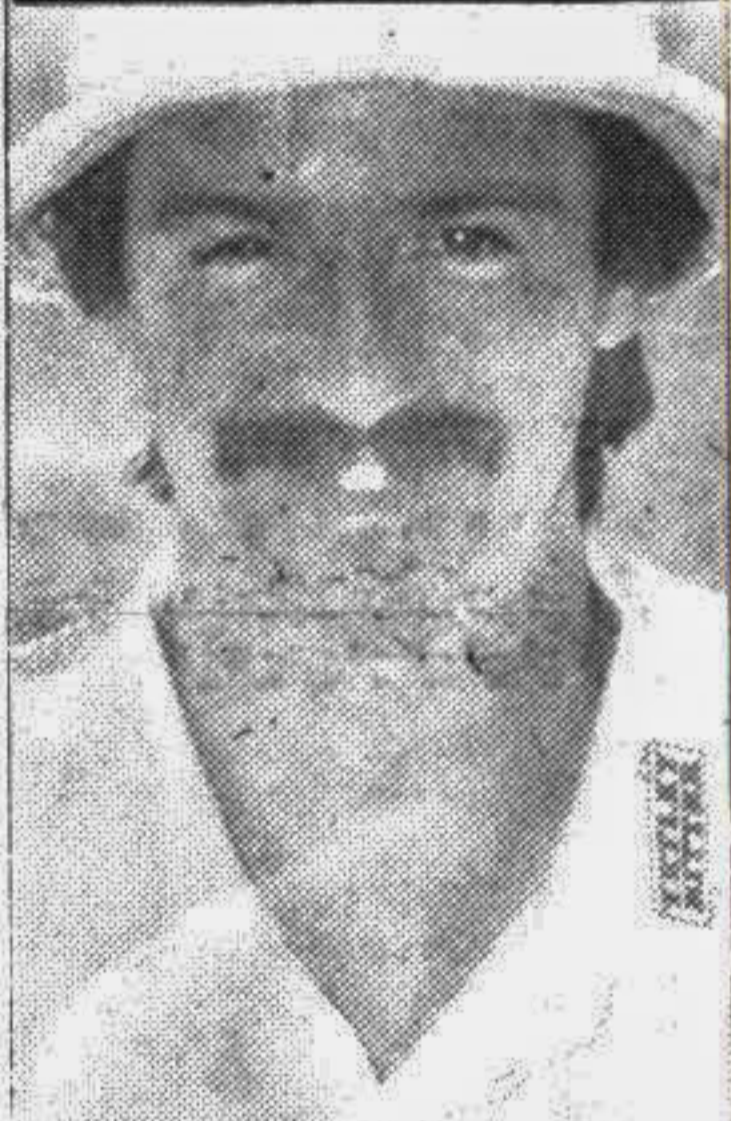
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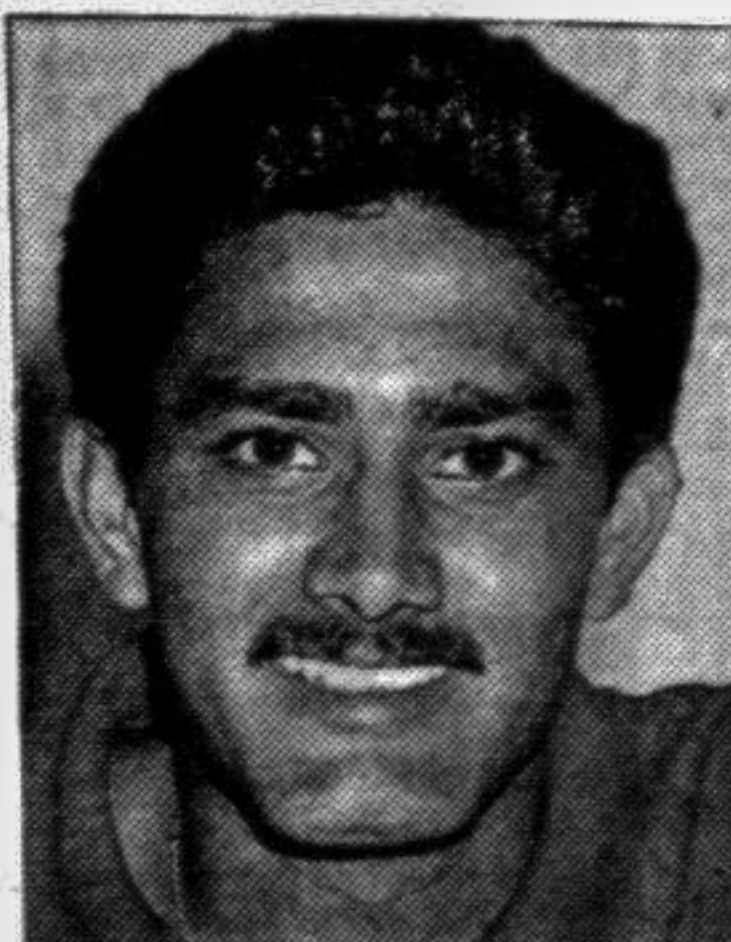
SPORTS TALK



Jack Russell
(Former England wicket-keeper)
Now, I'm going to do lots and lots of painting. I'm also looking forward to giving a lot of time to my family.
While announcing his retirement from cricket.

Anil Kumble's distinction

Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble celebrated his 150th one-day international match with just one wicket against the West Indies in the semifinals of the Wills International Cup tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday, reports BSS.
Kumble is the fifth Indian to do so.
Kumble made his international debut against Sri Lanka at Sharjah on April 25, 1990.
The tall Karnataka spinner took seven years to complete a hundred appearances. He



played his 100th match against South Africa at Jaipur on October 23, 1996.
Kumble, who holds the Indian record for the quickest 200 wickets in instant cricket, dismissed 203 batsmen at an average of 27.43 and scored 494 runs at an average of 10.08 runs.
He took his 200th wicket during his 147th match against Zimbabwe recently.
Following Indians have played 150 or more one-day internationals:
150-PLUS CLUB

Player	M	R	wkts
M Azharuddin	301	8,555	12
Kapil Dev	225	3,783	253
Sachin Tendulkar	202	7,453	71
Ravi Shastri	150	3,180	129
Anil Kumble	150	494	203

Kumble on five occasions has taken four or more wickets in an innings with six for 12 against the West Indies at Calcutta in 1993 being his best.



THAT'S FOUR! West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul pulls Patrick Symcox. — Star photo by AKM Mohsin

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

An imperfect World and Perfection?

By Shakil Kasem

For a change as the new cricket anthropologist Ishaq Mahmud was wont to remind anybody and everybody within earshot, this was a different scene in the region. For those so long used to the staple diet of India vs Pakistan showdowns in any and every final in the subcontinent, yesterday's final had more to it than met the Bengali eye.
West Indies had only just put paid to subcontinental pretensions in conclusive fashion. For a team that was seen to be struggling in recent days, the Wills Cup final was the perfect setting for Brian Lara to initiate a rehab programme for the future. South Africa was in the final for different reasons. This team is the robocop of international cricket. It is bristling with firepower and throughout this tournament packed too many punches for the other sides. SA really did not have much to prove.
Cricket of contrasting styles, and from the most diverse ends of the globe was meant to be on display. For the average Dhakaite, it was an unprecedented feast. Except that the cricket on show never quite lived up to its hyped up billing. Once again the South Africans were brusque and businesslike, as always. To say that every member of this side is a borderline workaholic would be oversimplifying. And the result was so blatantly obvious on the field.
West Indies had not been in a final in the recent past. The pressure cooker situation was perhaps a trifle unbearable. The team relied on Philo Wallace to give them a good start. Wallace gave them more, he gave them a great start. Clayton Lambert departed early, but he was meant to be dispensable. Wallace then took centre stage in the most emphatic fashion. He is a big powerful man who packs a mean punch. South Africa bore the brunt of his ferocity in quite the manner popularised by the stoics. Hansie Cronje let Wallace have the reins of the match at one end, while grinding attrition was pursued at the other. Chanderpaul was not allowed to flourish, while Lara was decimated quickly. That was the body blow that knocked the middle order out of commission.
Lara is not quite the batsman that he was a few years ago. He is struggling for form and consequently trying perhaps just a little too hard to establish his earlier credentials. The Indian bowlers were perhaps impressed with his calling card, not so the South Africans. Crookes it was in the end, who put Lara out of misery. For the Dhaka crowd, the chance to watch one of the most gifted batsmen in history in his element had come and gone, all too rapidly. As Shawkat Zaman put it succinctly, Lara kya mara, was not to be.
West Indies fell to the guiles of Jacques Kallis, the man who only the other day destroyed the Sri Lankans with his bat. With ball in hand, he snuffed out any semblance of resistance with a career best haul of wickets. To say that he was surprised himself would be an understatement. But he will take that nevertheless. They all go down in the book. Shoddy batting at the other end or not. Wallace's explosive and gutsy hundred, was palpably wasted by his team. 245 to win on a wicket that was user friendly for batting from day one was the sort of gift a batting side like South Africa usually receive for Christmas. One really does not look a gift horse in the mouth.
Under the lights the last rites of the tournament then took a twist, that is so typical of this game. So typical also is the resilience of the West Indians, who are adept at changing the course of a match through sheer unpredictability, that a match that was destined to head for a tame end, swung back to life. It was not going to be over till the fat lady sang. Dhaka was once again waiting with bated breath for one more twist of the knife. The week of the year was

SCOREBOARD

SIEMENS
CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Scoreboard of the Wills International Cup cricket final between West Indies and South Africa.

WEST INDIES
Wallace st Boucher b Cronje 103
Lambert c Symcox b Elworthy 7
Chanderpaul lbw b Boje 27
Lara b Crookes 11
Hooper c Rhodes b Kallis 49
Arthurton lbw b Kallis 8
Simmons c Rhodes b Kallis 8
Jacobs c Rhodes b Cronje 14
Lewis lbw b Kallis 7
King lbw b Kallis 7
Dillon not out 11
Extras: (lb-4, w-7) 11
Total: (All out in 49.3 overs) 245
Fall of wkts: 1-18; 2-94; 3-125; 4-180; 5-193; 6-213; 7-232; 8-232; 9-243.

Bowlers O M R W
Symcox 10 0 29 0
Elworthy 7 0 48 1
Boje 10 1 44 1
Rindel 2 0 13 0
Crookes 3 0 33 1
Cronje 10 0 44 2
Kallis 7.3 0 30 5

SOUTH AFRICA
Cullinan run out 21
Rindel run out 49
Boucher c Jacobs b Hooper 4
Kallis c and b Simmons 37
Cronje not out 61
Rhodes c Jacobs b Simmons 3
Benkenstein c Hooper b Dillon 27
Crookes not out 24
Extras: (b-3, lb-3, w-13, nb-3) 22
Total: (For six wkts in 47 overs) 248
Did not bat: P Symcox, N Boje, S Elworthy
Fall of wkts: 1-54; 2-60; 3-118; 4-131; 5-137; 6-211

Bowler O M R W
Dillon 10 0 53 1
King 10 0 42 0
Hooper 10 1 45 1
Simmons 8 0 45 2
Lewis 9 0 57 0
Extras: South Africa won by four wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis (South Africa).
Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Steve Dunne (New Zealand).
Third umpire: Peter Willey (England).
Match referee: Ranjan Madhugale (Sri Lanka).

From Dhaka to Disneyland!

Hasan Masood

The International Cricket Council chief executive David Richards praised Bangladesh highly for successfully hosting the Wills International Cup. Mr. Richards, seemingly the happiest man on the completion of the nine-day knock-out

tournament, was talking last night to The Daily Star after the Final, which the South Africans won by four-wickets.



DAVID RICHARDS

Asia Cup shifted?

Sports Reporter
The Eighth Asia Cup billed for a March 20, 1999 start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, may now be held after World Cup 99 as India have already expressed their inability to take part in the four-nation biennial meet on account of remaining busy with their preparation for the World Cup. This was disclosed yesterday by Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury during the Wills International Cup final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.
"We are yet to receive an official note from the Asian Cricket Council. We will talk it out very soon and maybe we will shift the meet to early next season after the World Cup," said Saber.
"But this is for sure that the Asia Cup will be held in Dhaka next year," Saber added.

"I would like to say, 'well done Bangladesh'. It's an outstanding effort. Congratulations to the crowd and I thank them for the support they have given cricket. I would also like to thank all the organisers here who have put their voluntary work to make the tournament a success. The quality of the ground was top class standard. They couldn't have done any better," said a happy Mr. Richards, who played a big role in bringing the nine-nation meet to Dhaka against all the odds.
Mr. Richards also revealed that the ICC is actively considering to make the knock-out tournament a biennial event and the next tournament in Year 2000 is likely to be held at Disneyland, USA.
"We have not yet taken any final decision. This will be done in the next ICC executive board meeting, which will be held on January 10 to 11," said Richards.
About Disneyland in 2000, he said that the matter "is still under negotiation".
He added that there were "six major hurdles to clear before we get into that business". He did not elaborate on the hurdles.
About the bribery scandal now making news in Pakistan, Mr. Richards said that the ICC would not interfere into the matter as the Pakistani judicial system was looking into that.
"We have full respect for Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and I hope they will do the necessary judgement. What happens there will be discussed in our next board meeting. We have also asked the PCB to submit a report on this during the meeting in January."
When asked about Bangladesh cricket, Richards said, "You should immediately start playing three or four-day cricket and I'm sure if you can do that, you will be in the world map of cricket."



CONGRATULATIONS! South Africa captain Hansie Cronje receives the Wills International Cup from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya is on the left. — Star photo

Wills Cup: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

Syed Ashfaqul Haque

WHACKING WALLACE
Philo Wallace was in one of his nastiest moods yesterday. Right from the word 'go', the West Indies opener took the South African bowling to the sword and raced on to score his maiden hundred in one-day cricket by smashing the ball all around the corner. He reached his hundred in his 23 match with the help of five sixes and eleven firm hits to the rope, prompting fans in the stand to chant 'Wallace... Wallace...'. The entertainer of the day however got himself out soon after his ton. South Africa captain Hansie Cronje could claim the prized wicket when Wally was on 103. Wallace, who was never rated as a class batsman, scored 221 runs in his three matches in the tournament at an average of 73.6. The Barbados skipper made his first fifty off 72 balls and the second fifty came from only 26. His previous best was 79 off 58 balls against Pak-

istan, also in the Wills fiesta here.
The other three century-makers in the tournament are Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell (100), Indian master batsman Sachin Tendulkar (141) and South African Jacques Kallis (113).
FREE-VIEW
There were new spectators at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Dozens of gulls were seen flying over the big bowl as if to have a free-view of what went on the pitch. At that time the progress and their ball-bashing opener was in full fury. The gulls however probably found it a bit too risky to hover above the stadium as the Philo 'big man' Wallace was quite frequently sending the ball everywhere. The visitors soon left the spot.
HOMEWARD BOUND
The tournament is now over

and it's time to go home. India and Pakistan didn't wait to see the final of the nine-day tournament. The two Asian rivals left the capital yesterday.
Wills International Cup winners South Africa and the losing finalists West Indies will stay back one more day at Dhaka. The two teams will depart tomorrow. After the semifinal loss against South Africa, World Champions Sri Lanka hurriedly left the city on Saturday. The Australians, knocked out in the quarterfinal by India, also left for Pakistan on Saturday.
Earlier on Wednesday, three teams - Zimbabwe, England and New Zealand - made their departure.
NO HARD FEELINGS
Bowler Hansie Cronje shrugged in sheer disgust and then threw the ball away after Jacques Kallis mis-fielded at long-off, which allowed Philo Wallace an extra run. But Kallis proved him as the kingpin of the South African team as he once again displayed an excellent all-round performance to herald the West Indies downfall. He finished with career-best figures of 7.3-0-30-5 and then went on to score 37.
The South African captain however gave Kallis the warmest hug to acknowledge his contributions in winning the Cup. The sturdy all-rounder was quite rightly rewarded as the player-of-the-final.
NOVELTY INDEED
The efforts of Khetar Bhuvan, a local sports magazine, proved very handy for autograph hunters during the nine-day knockout tournament. The magazine house published a special issue with photographs of the cricketers of all the nine participating teams with plenty of space for the stars to sign their autographs. Apart from the spelling errors and a few wrong captions, it was an unique effort.
WORLDTELL PHOTO
The WorldTel team gathered on the field between the innings to capture their visit to Dhaka in a memorable photograph. They spent about twenty minutes in front of the camera.



BEST OF LUCK! Hansie Cronje (L) and Brian Lara shake hands after the toss. — Star photo