

## Column One

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| 1 | Who is the new Real Madrid soccer coach?                                   | Hiddink  | Toshaek  | Sacchi |
| 2 | Pakistan won the hockey series against India by                            | 5-1      | 6-3      | 4-3    |
| 3 | Who is the first woman referee to officiate a First Division soccer match? | Danielle | Carolina | Janet  |
| 4 | Who won the boys' singles title in the ITF tourney in Rajshahi?            | Chang    | Weaver   | Wala   |
| 5 | How many players are taking part in the United Insurance GM chess tourney? | 10       | 13       | 20     |

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## SPORTS TALK



**Daryll Cullinan**  
(South African batsman)  
"I could not play Shane Warne. He was a genius of a bowler. The simple factor is that I wasn't good enough."

### Rangs v'ball

**Sports Reporter**  
Motihheel area beat Teigaon area in the Rangs Group Volleyball championship '99, which began at Gulshan yesterday. Eight area teams of the city are taking part in the week-long tournament. A. Rouf Chowdhury, Managing Director, Rangs Group of Companies, inaugurated the meet.

### JPC badminton

### Mukherjee lifts singles title

BD Mukherjee clinched the singles title in the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) badminton tournament beating Bakhtiar Rana in the final at the Club Court on Friday, reports BSS.

Luthfur Rahman Binu got the third place defeating Mahmud Hossain Khan Dulal in the third place play-off.

Mukherjee and Rana reached the final beating Dulal and Binu in the semifinals respectively.

More than 20 club members took part in the annual sporting event.

Managing Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and a founder member of JPC Hasanuzzaman Khan witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away prizes to the winners.

### Uttara Sporting beat B Boys

Uttara Sporting Club defeated Bangladesh Boys by 20 runs in the Metropolitan First Division cricket league at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Sent in to bat first, Uttara Sporting were all out for 176 in 49.5 overs.

Sumon Barua hammered 91 off 146 balls that featured seven boundaries and three over boundaries while Azad made 23.

Shaon claimed four wickets giving away 29 runs while Shahid took two wickets for 26.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys made 156 for all in 47.5 overs.

Majid made highest 33 off 60 balls with five hits across the rope while Nahid added 30 off 78 balls with two boundaries.

Akikul and Anwarul scored 28 and 23 runs respectively. Sujon, Firoz and Emadul captured two wickets each for 23, 27 and 33 runs respectively.

## Mohammedan face Azad in year-old league opener

Sports Reporter

The inaugural Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League'98, scheduled to start last October but deferred because of the Asian Games and Ramadan, will get underway at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium this morning.

Top eight teams of the 1997 First Division league will take part in the elite league introduced for the first time in Dhaka.

Champions Mohammedan Sporting, winners of the 1997 league, will take on Azad Sporting, who finished eighth, in the opening match at 10:30 am today.

Although the remaining matches of the two-tier league will be held in the afternoon, the first match has been curiously scheduled for the morning.

This was revealed by league committee secretary Habibur Rahman Yousuf during a press conference yesterday arranged by Bangladesh Hockey Federation.

tion in connection with the league.

League committee chairman and DC East of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Mokhesur Rahman, Bangladesh Hockey



Federation joint-secretary Zahidur Rahman Pushkin and Nazim Tazique Chowdhury, senior vice-president of the sponsor Green Delta Insurance Limited, were also present at the press conference.

Talking to a host of journalists, Yousuf said that Tk 1.54,000 has been estimated as

the budget for the league, which is expected to finish by end-April. He also revealed that an additional amount of Tk 2,50,000 will be required to bring foreign umpires from India after April 14. They will officiate all the important matches of the league.

The rate of gallery tickets, except for the inaugural match today, has been fixed at Tk 10.

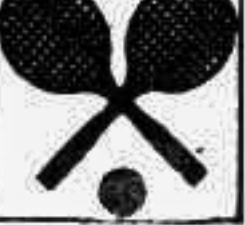
The eight premier teams: Mohammedan Sporting, Usha Krira Chakra, Abahani, Mariner Young's, Ajax Sporting, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, Farashganj Sporting and Azad Sporting.

Fixture of the first week

| Date   | Match                         | Time     |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Mar 7  | Mohammedan SC v Azad SC       | 10:30 am |
| Mar 8  | Usha KC v Farashganj SC       | 3:30 pm  |
| Mar 9  | Abahani v S Bima KS           | 3:30 pm  |
| Mar 11 | Mariner v Ajax SC             | 3:30 pm  |
| Mar 12 | Usha KC v Azad SC             | 2:15 pm  |
|        | Mohammedan SC v Farashganj SC | 4:00 pm  |
| Mar 13 | Abahani v Ajax SC             | 2:15 pm  |
|        | Mariner v S Bima KS           | 4:00 pm  |

### Bangladesh face Syria in opener

## Davis Cup visits Ramna for Group-3 matches



Group-3 matches of the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania zone begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex

at 9 am next Wednesday, reports UNB.

Post, Telecommunication, Housing and Public Works Minister Mohammed Nasim will inaugurate the weeklong meet, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) under the jurisdiction of International Tennis Federation (ITF).

On the opening day, hosts Bangladesh will take on Syria and the China-administered Hong Kong face Malaysia in Group A matches while Bahrain meet Tajikistan and Saudi Arabia encounter Pacific Oceania in Group B.

Eight countries, including Bangladesh, will initially take part in the highly rated tennis tourney, split into two groups.

The participating nations are: Group A — Malaysia, Syria, Hong Kong and hosts Bangladesh.

Group B — Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Bahrain and Pacific Oceania.

Details of the tournament were disclosed by BTF President and Commerce Secretary Syed Alamgir Faruk Chowdhury at

a press conference at the federation office yesterday afternoon.

BTF Vice-President and Additional IG of Police M Nurul Alam and BTF General Secretary Sanaul Haq also spoke on the occasion.

The Davis Cup, a team event competition of ITF, will be of two singles and one doubles matches.

A seven-member Bangladesh team, comprising of four players and three officials, has been named.

Players: Nadeem Kamran Khan Rohan, Dilip Passia, Moin-Uddin Walullah Jilan and Shovan Jamaly.

Non-playing captain: Samiur Razzak, Manager: Ish-tiaq Ahmed Karen, Coach: Nandan Bal.

Meanwhile, a 5-member Pacific Oceania team arrived in the capital last Friday.

Syria and Tajikistan are expected to reach the city today while the other four foreign teams — Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia — are expected here on Monday.

ITF official and match referee Nao Kawatei of Japan is already in the capital to conduct the match.

Chair Umpires — Puneel Gupta and Nitin Kannamwar of

India are already in the city. Kishore Chowdhury (India), Mohammad Moghades (Iran), Neale Fraser (Australia) and Ashitha Attiyagala (Sri Lanka) the other umpire — are likely to arrive by Monday.

A budget of Tk 16 lakh has been fixed to run the tournament.

BSS adds: The draw for the tournament will be held on March 9 during the captain's meeting.

Bangladesh will play Syria in the opening encounter followed by China Hong Kong versus Malaysia, Bahrain versus Tajikistan and Pacific Oceania versus Saudi Arabia.

Besides, BTF started a two-day refresher course, conducted by the referee Nao Kawatei, for local officials yesterday.

BTF has formed an organising committee for the Davis Cup tournament with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader as the chief patron, Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports ASM Shahjahan as patron and BTF president Syed Alamgir Faruk Chowdhury as Chairman.

Besides, nine sub-committees have been formed for smooth holding of the event in Dhaka.

## Walsh in exclusive club



**COURTNEY WALSH**  
PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Mar 6 (AP): West Indies last-time bowler Courtney Walsh shook off the rust, fought off the niggling injuries and Friday became just the third person in the history of Test cricket to reach 400 wickets.

The 36-year-old in his 107th Test and 15th year on the international circuit, took three wickets on the opening day of the first Cable & Wireless Test against Australia, reaching the landmark with the leg before dismissal of Ian Healy 45 minutes before the close.

He joins Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev (434) and New Zealand Sir Richard Hadlee (431), both fast bowlers, in the elusive league of Test bowlers.

"When I started, I said that 200 wickets in a West Indies team would have been a good achievement," said Walsh after the day's play. "But to get 400, I'm very happy with that."

"I'm a little bit rusty because I haven't played a lot of cricket lately," said Walsh, whose career began against Australia at Perth in November, 1984.

The Jamaican had ended the

disastrous tour of South Africa by limping off in the final Test at Centurion with a knee injury that put his future in doubt. But the former West Indies captain, as he has done numerous times in his lengthy career for Jamaica, English county Gloucestershire and the West Indies, returned to defy the odds and his 36-year-old body.

"I kept myself reasonably fit while I was away, though with

the knee problems, hamstring problems, ankle problems, I wasn't able to train after many games (in South Africa)," Walsh said. "But I came back and practiced and have been doing a little bit of work and I'm very pleased with the result."

Walsh had just one regret on a day that West Indies dominated to leave Australia 174 for six.

"The only disappointment is that my mum is on her way down here now (from Jamaica) and it happened before she got here," Walsh said.

But he was touched by the support of an animated first-day crowd of about 18,000.

And does he now have his eyes on Kapil Dev and Sir Richard?

"If I was to say no, I would be lying. But the first thing on my mind right now is to try and win against Australia. If we can do that and I can get some wickets, I can inch a bit closer," Walsh added. "But first and foremost is to try to win this series and bounce back from what happened in South Africa."

If he continues to be as lethal with the ball, he could be rewarded on both counts.

### FACTFILE

Following is the brief factfile on West Indies paceman Courtney Walsh who on Friday became only the third man in Test cricket history to take 400 wickets.

**Full name:** Courtney Andrew Walsh.

**Born:** October 30, 1962 in Kingston, Jamaica.

**1979** — Took a record 10-43 in an innings in a Jamaican school match.

**1984** — Made Test debut for West Indies and English county debut for Gloucestershire.

**1988-89** — Took hat-trick in Test against Australia.

**1994-95** — Appointed West Indies captain in succession to Richie Richardson. Now playing under Brian Lara.

**1995** — Achieves Test best figures of 7-37 v New Zealand in Wellington.

**1998, April** — Drops out of one-day international squad in move seen then as signalling end of his limited-over career after 185 games and 292 wickets.

**1998, November** — Becomes West Indies' most successful Test bowler when overhauling Malcolm Marshall (376) in match v South Africa.

**1999** — Becomes only the third man in Test history to take 400 wickets, achieves feat in 107th Test.

### THE 400 CLUB

| Bowler                       | Wickets | Matches |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Kapil Dev (India)            | 434     | 131     |
| Richard Hadlee (New Zealand) | 431     | 86      |
| Courtney Walsh (West Indies) | 400     | 107     |

### Nat'l cricket Biman group champions

Bangladesh Biman emerged champions in the Service & Educational Institutions Group and moved into the final round of the 25th National Cricket Championship beating Dhaka University by virtue of their first innings lead at the Dhanamondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Dhaka University were 92 for five in 28.2 overs in their second innings at the end of the three-day zonal final.

Ehsanul Haque scored highest 23 off 58 balls that included two boundaries while Mridul added 24 off 28 deliveries with three hits across the rope.

Left-arm pacer Jahangir Alam picked up two wickets for 17 in 7 overs while Shaheen took one for no run. Saifullah Jem and Ziaur Rashid also took one wicket each for 14 and 22 runs respectively.

Earlier, resuming on overnight score of 152 for three in 44 overs, Biman declared their second innings at 280 for nine in 88.3 overs.

Mafizur Rahman was the top scorer for Biman making 67 off 84 balls with 14 boundaries while Habibul Bashar Sumon contributed 41 off 101 balls with four hits across the rope.

Hasanuzzaman played another notable innings of 29 runs off 68 deliveries with four hits to the fence.

Ehsanul and Bappi picked up three wickets each for 43 and 68 runs respectively.

Ziaur Rashid of Biman was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Away at the Rangpur Stadium, Dinajpur scored 266 for six in 90 overs against Pabna in the first day of the three-day zonal final.

Pabna won the toss and sent Dinajpur into bat.

Sumi made an unbeaten 72 while Garri contributed 50. Haider added 26 and Babu 23 runs.

Nadim picked up three wickets for 60 runs while Liakat and Mitu took one wicket each for 13 and 26 runs respectively.

### Kenyan team for Dhaka tri-series

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday released a 15-member Kenyan team which will participate in the triangular tournament beginning March 19 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, reports UNB.

Zimbabwe and ICC champions Bangladesh are the two other teams in the double-leg one-day cricket meet.

### SQUAD

Asif Karim (captain), Maurice Odumbe (vice-captain), Ravindu Shah, Stephen Tikolo, Sandeep Gupta, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Alpesh Vadher, Hitesh Modi, Kennedy Oduro, Thomas Odoyo, Deepak Chundassama, Joseph Angara, Muhammad Sheikh and James Kamande.

### Lotus-Kamal Div III cricket

Chandpur Pioneer beat Young Friends by an impressive 68 runs in Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifier at the T&T ground yesterday, reports APB.

Electing to bat, Pioneer made 199 for nine in 35 overs with Arju making highest 58 runs.

In reply, Young Friends were bundled out for 131 in 31 overs.

## Akram's magnum opus



LAHORE, Mar 6 (AP): Wasim Akram 'became the first Pakistani bowler Saturday to achieve a hat-trick in a Test match.

The left-arm fast bowler, playing in his 87th match, ran through the Sri Lankan tail shortly after lunch on the third day of the Asian Test Championship match and claimed the last four wickets in a lethal 13-ball spell.

"It's a big honour for me to do it. Hat-trick is always a dream of a bowler and I am very pleased that I have done it," Akram told reporters.

"I knew I could do it once I got two wickets of successive deliveries. I had the feeling that I could bowl out (Pramodya Wickremasinghe) and when I had his wicket I was very much delighted," said the 32-year-old all-rounder.

Akram also said it was irrelevant whether one achieved a hat-trick against the top batsmen or tailenders. "It has no significance. A hat-trick is not something which one often does, so I have no regrets that I have bowled out tailenders."

Akram has now 372 wickets overall in Test cricket and is playing in his 87th Test match for Pakistan.

It is for the first time that a hat-trick has been recorded against Sri Lanka.

Akram, bowling in his second over of the day, had century-maker Romesh Kaluwitharana (100) caught by wicket-keeper Moin Khan and then bowled Niroshan Bandaratilleke (0) and Pramodya Wickremasinghe (0) on the next two deliveries. He finished off the Sri Lankans' first innings for 328 by claiming the last wicket of Sanjeeva de Silva (8) as well. He finished with figures of 4 for 30.

Akram, who also has two hat-tricks to his credit in one-day internationals, is the 22nd bowler to achieve hat-trick in Test cricket.

Two bowlers did it twice. H Trumble of Australia achieved the feat against England at Melbourne in 1901-02 and 1903-04 seasons which takes the tally of total hat-tricks to 24 in Test cricket.

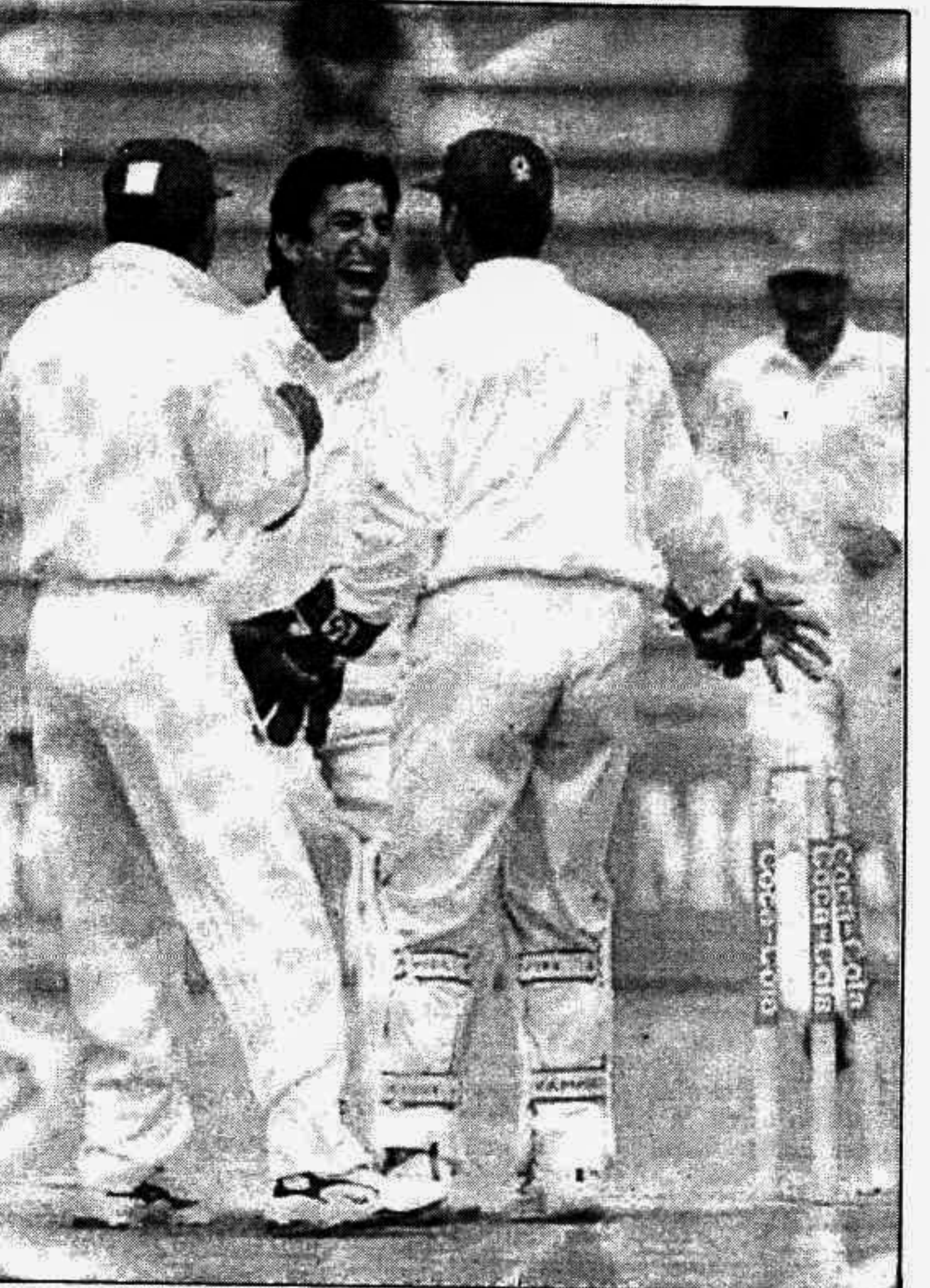
T J Matthews, another Australian, had a unique feat of performing two hat-tricks in one Test against South Africa at Manchester in 1912.

The last player to achieve a Test hat-trick before Akram was England's Darren Gough against Australia in Sydney on

January 2 this year.

The list comprises nine Englishmen, seven Australians,

three West Indians one South African, one New Zealander and now, one Pakistani.



GOT IT: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram is all smiles after accomplishing the hat-trick. — Internet photo

### HATTRICK HEROES

FR Spofforth (Australia) v England at Melbourne 1878-79.  
W Bates (England) v Australia at Melbourne 1882-83.  
J Briggs (England) v Australia at Sydney 1891-92.  
GA Lohmann (England) v South Africa at Port Elizabeth 1895-96.  
J T Hearne (England) v Australia at Leeds 1899.  
H Trumble (Australia) v England at Melbourne 1901-02.  
H Trumble (Australia) v England at Melbourne 1903-04.  
T J Matthews (Australia) v England at Manchester 1912.  
M J C Allom (England) v New Zealand at Christchurch 1929-30.  
FJ Loefer (England) v South Africa at Johannesburg 1938-39.  
LF Kline (Australia) v West Indies at Cape Town 1957-58.  
WW Hall (West Indies) v Pakistan at Lahore 1958-59.  
GM Griffin (South Africa) v England at Leeds 1957.  
P J Petherick (New Zealand) v Pakistan at Lahore 1976-77.  
C A Walsh (West Indies) v Australia at Brisbane 1988-89.  
MG Hughes (Australia) v West Indies at Perth 1988-89.  
DW Fleming (Australia) v Pakistan at Rawalpindi 1994-95.  
SK Warne (Australia) v England at Melbourne 1994-95.  
DG Cork (England) v West Indies at Manchester 1995.  
D Gough (England) v Australia at Sydney 1998-99.  
W Akram (Pakistan) v Sri Lanka at Lahore 1999.

### Pakistan firmly in control

## Lanka book Dhaka berth



LAHORE, Mar 6: Wasim Akram bowled with venom to record his first Test hat-trick for Pakistan on the third day of the third Asian Test Championship match against Sri Lanka here today, reports AFP.

Akram's feat was not enough to stop Sri Lanka from qualifying for the Asian Championship final after they managed 328 in their first innings with sparkling centuries from opener Russel Arnold and wicketkeeper batsman Romesh Kaluwitharana.

But Pakistan finished the

day well on top 149-0 in their second innings with an overall lead of 219 with all wickets in hand.

Shahid Afridi rode his luck to finish on 81 and Wajahatullah Wasti was on 61 as Pakistan took a firm grip on the Test.

Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram achieved his hat-trick when he mopped up the Sri Lanka tail with figures of 4-30. Sri Lanka were dismissed for 328, conceding a first innings lead of 70.

Arnold played an innings of character and his 123 paved the tourists' way for a place in the final. Arnold was insisted in the Lankan charge by Kaluwitharana, who made exactly 100 with some aggressive shots.

Pakistan made 398 in their first innings.

**Sri Lanka accumulated 12 points in two Tests to India's 11 in the same number of Tests.**

Pakistan had beaten India in the first Asian Test in Calcutta last month while the tie between Sri Lanka and India ended as draw in Colombo.

Sri Lanka needed to score 300 runs inside 100 overs to gain four batting points which they did with consummate ease before Wasim dismissed Kaluwitharana, Bandaratilleke and Wickremasinghe in his ninth over, becoming the first Pakistani to achieve a hat-trick in Test cricket.

"A hat-trick is a great achievement and I am delighted to have recorded this feat after my two hat-tricks in one-dayers but being the only man to do it in both forms of the game is a singular honour," Akram said.

Akram's feat is the 24th hat-trick in 123 years of Test cricket and he became the 22nd bowler to dismiss three batsmen on consecutive balls.

Pakistan's skipper has two hat-tricks in one-dayers — both recorded at Sharjah against Australia and the West Indies.

Kaluwitharana edged an outgoing delivery to keeper Moin and Bandaratilleke and Wickremasinghe were bowled neck and crop.

Pakistan opened their second innings with Shahid Afridi and Wajahatullah. Shahid benefited from four drop chances and completed his fifty in 111 minutes with seven fours and a six off Bandaratilleke. Wasti was more steady and reached his fifty in 146 minutes with four fours and a six.

Afridi, dropped on 8, 18, 36 and 65, hit 11 fours and a six during his innings. He shared a

new opening wicket stand with Wasti beating the previous best of 128 recorded on two occasions.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka will meet in the Asian Test Championship Final in Dhaka, from March 12-16, regardless of the outcome of the current Test.

### SCOREBOARD