

Div I cricket

Uttara Sporting beat B Boys

Uttara Sporting Club defeated Bangladesh Boys by 20 runs in the Metropolis 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.

Akiful and Anwarul scored 28 and 23 runs respectively.

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

Kepler quits cricket

CAPE TOWN, Mar 6: Kepler Wessels, who played Test cricket for two countries, has retired from the game at the age of 42, according to Cape Town newspaper Die Burger, reports Reuters.

The former Australian and South African batsman quit the international scene in 1994, but had continued to play provincial cricket.

He made his Test debut in 1982 as an opener for Australia following his move there during South Africa's apartheid isolation.

He played 24 Tests for Australia, but was back in South Africa before their international return in 1991.

Wessels led South Africa to the World Cup semifinals in 1992 and captained the country of his birth in all 16 Tests he played for them.

In 40 tests, Wessels scored 2,788 runs at an average of 41 with six centuries and 15 half-centuries.

Nat'l schools cricket

Rajshahi Zilla Region A champs

JOYPURHAT, Mar 6: Rajshahi Zilla School emerged champions of Region A of the 17th National schools cricket championship, reports UNB.

Rajshahi outplayed Joyphurhat Zilla School by 42 runs at the local stadium today.

Decided to bat first, Rajshahi Zilla School were all out for 145 in 35.3 overs. Aami scored the highest 36 runs while Sajidur 25.

In reply, Joyphurhat Zilla School was bundled out for 103 runs in 29.1 overs. Fian made 24 and Jony added 20.

Moon of Rajshahi Zilla School picked up six wickets and was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Meanwhile, the 19th Divisional National Youth Cricket tournament will start on March 12 at the local stadium.

A total of eight teams of Rajshahi Division will take part in the competition. Noaona DSA will take on Rajshahi DSA in the inaugural match.

Physio Hunt in BKSP

Australian physio Robert Alan Hunt, formerly with the Australian "A" and Australian under-19 World Cup teams, arrived here on Friday to take over responsibility of the the Bangladesh World Cup squad, reports BSS.

Hunt reached Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Proisthan at Savar, where the residential camp of the Bangladesh national team is in progress.

He was accompanied by joint secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Mahmudul Huq.

Hunt will be with the team during the World Cup.

Bangladesh got the Australian physio as part of an agreement between the two boards and particularly due to effort of the president of Australia Cricket Board.

Expressing gratitude to his Australian counterpart BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury said the inclusion of an experienced physio in the Bangladesh World Cup squad will be helpful to our cricket and the cricketers.

National U-21 snooker Tanzina, Rubaiya first round sparks

Tanzina Azad and Rubaiya Ahmed, both from Dhaka Club, stole the show on the first day of the 4th national U-21 snooker championship. Tanzina defeated Sameer Sattar comfortably 3-1 while Rubaiya had an easy 3-1 win against Nabiyan of Narayanganj Club yesterday, says a press release.

In other matches, Azharul Haque of Uttara Club defeated Abed Azad of Dhaka Billiards Centre 3-0. Ripon Das of Narayanganj Club defeated A Hasan of Dhaka Club 3-1. Naweed Newaz of Dhaka Club defeated Omar Faruk of Uttara Club 3-2. Faihun Ahsan of Dhaka Billiards Centre defeated Imran Ali of Gulshan Club 3-1 and Ehsan Abdulla got walkover against Tanvir Husain.

In today's matches, Tanzina will play against Azharul Haque while Rubaiya will play against Faihun. Ziaur Rahman of Dhaka Club, the youngest player will play against Ehsan, Ziaur defeated Navin in his earlier match. All these matches will be held at 10 am.

Australians struggling



POR-T-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Mar 6: West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh joined an exclusive club when he took his 400th Test wicket on Friday, reports Reuters.

His dismissal of Ian Healy on the opening day of the first Test against Australia earned him membership of the "400 club" alongside India's Kapil Dev (434) and New Zealand's Richard Hadlee (431).

The 36-year-old Jamaican took three for 37 and Test debutant Pedro Collins two for 31 as Australia laboured to 174 for six on an unpredictable Queens Park Oval pitch.

Walsh, playing his 107th

LATEST

POR-T-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Mar 6 (Reuters/ Internet): Australia were 240-9 at lunch on the second day of the first test against West Indies at Queens Park Oval on Saturday.

Test had begun the day needing three wickets to join the "400 club."

He moved on to 398 by having Justin Langer caught at the wicket for five and soon afterwards Mark Waugh became his 399th Test scalp when he was trapped leg before.

When he dismissed Healy, also leg before, Walsh held his arms aloft and was embraced by his teammates.

"It's been hard work but I've enjoyed it," Walsh said of his Test career spanning almost 15 years.

"If I have a very good series against Australia there will be an outside chance of passing Kapil Dev but it will be very tough."

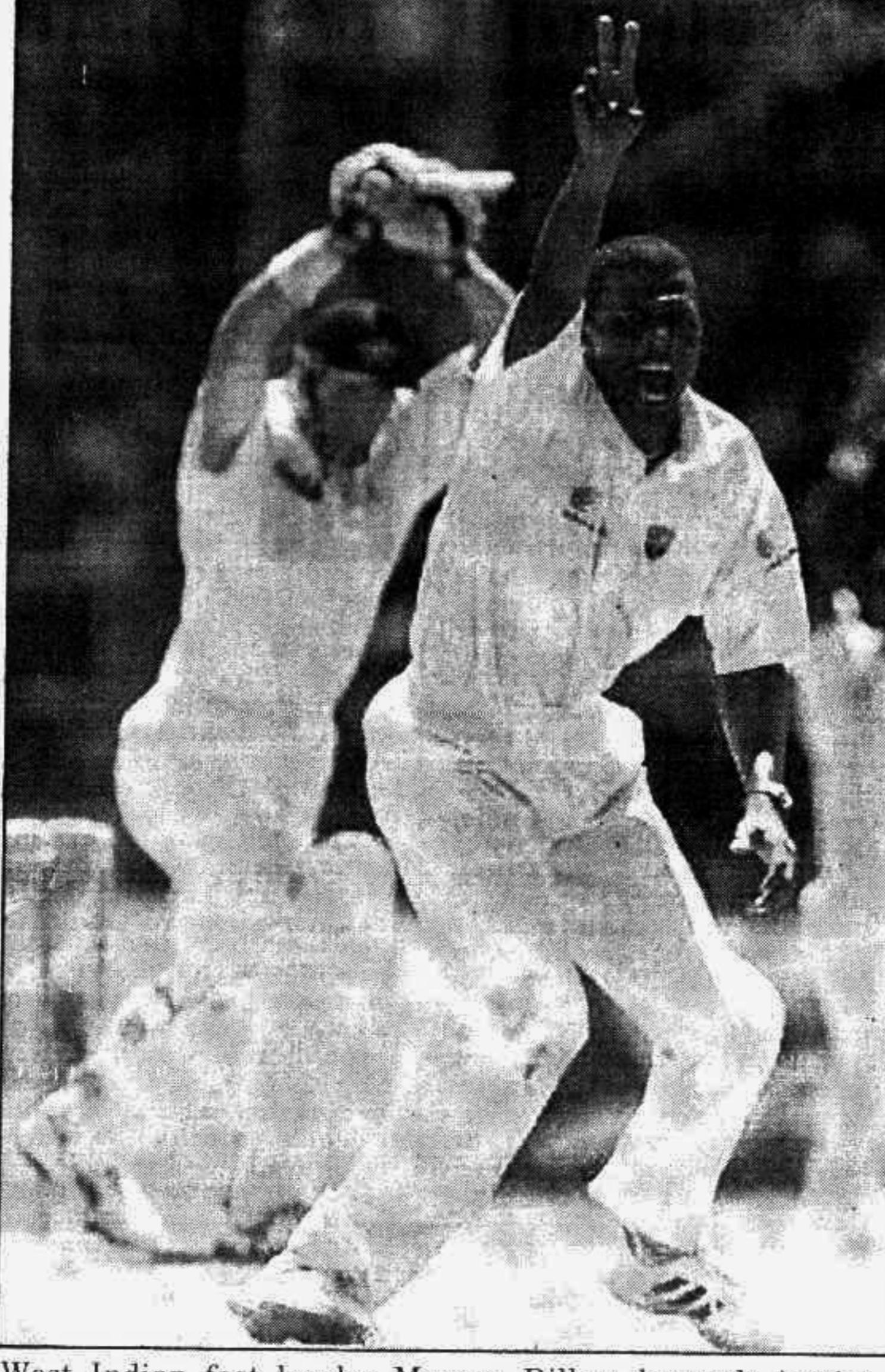
Walsh, affectionately known as "the work horse," had become the highest West Indian wicket-taker in Tests when he overtook the 376 of Malcolm Marshall on the recent disastrous tour of South Africa.

He took 22 wickets in the Test series but could not prevent his side being whitewashed 5-0.

Excellent pace bowling by Walsh and company on a pitch of indifferent bounce shackled the Australians for lengthy periods on Friday.

The morning session produced just 51 runs from 29 overs after Australia's new captain Steve Waugh had won the toss and opted to bat first.

The afternoon session was just as painstaking, 51 coming from a further 29 overs.



West Indian fast bowler Mervyn Dillon demands justice against Matthew Elliott during the first day's play of the first Test on March 5.

— Internet photo

Total (For six wkt in 90 overs) 174
Fall of wkt: 1-42; 2-51; 3-53; 4-74; 5-118; 6-153

To bat: MacGill, Gillespie, McGrath

Bowler (to date) O M R W
Walsh 22 8 37 3
Ambrose 19 11 22 0

Collins 19 8 31 1
Dillon 19 4 45 1
Adams 11 2 26 0

WEST INDIES: Campbell, S
Raggonath, B Lara, J Adams, R
Holder, D Joseph, RK Jacobs, C
Ambrose, M Dillon, P Collins, C
Walsh.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first Test match between the West Indies and Australia at the Queen's Park Oval on Friday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Slater c Dillon b Collins 23
Elliott lbw b Collins 44
Langer c Jacobs b Walsh 5

SCORING

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between a South African XI and New Zealand A at Lincoln:

SAFARIAN XI: First innings

Kirsten c Bulfin b Bailey 137
Gibbs c O'Connor b Drum 25

Kallis c O'Connor b Drum 37
Cullinan c Stead b Walker 6
Benkenstein run out 33

Rhodes not out 101
Pollock c Bulfin b O'Connor 31

Crone not out 17
Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-3, nb-3) 16

Total (for six wkt dec) 403

Fall of wkt: 1-29; 2-118; 3-125; 4-194; 5-289; 6-361

To bat: Steve Elworthy, Paul Adams, Victor Mpitsang.

Bowler O M R W
Drum 19 3 81 2
O'Connor 22 1 109 1
Bulfin 16.2 1 66 1
Styris 17 2 68 0
Walker 11 1 54 1
Bailey 4 0 19 1

NEW ZEALAND A: First innings

Lawson not out 8
Young not out 3
Extras: (nb-1) 1

Total: (for no loss) 12

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Elworthy 1 0 2 0

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