

## Column One

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SPORTS TALK



**Shoaib Akhtar**  
(Pakistan fast bowler)  
"I owe a lot to Wasim and Waqar. They have taught me so much about bowling and about life in general."  
About the contribution of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis on his career.

### Cricket WC '99 BTV plans to show 30 games live

Bangladesh Television (BTV) is likely to telecast live 30, out of 42 matches, of the World Cup cricket tournament to be held in England in May and June next, a senior BTV official said yesterday.

"We are working on it," the official told BSS, adding the BTV will also telecast the highlights of the remaining matches.

BTV is trying to have satellite booking for the matches, particularly the matches of Bangladesh, he said.

All the nine full members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and three associate members — Bangladesh, Kenya and Scotland — will take part in the World Cup.

Bangladesh will play their opening encounter against New Zealand on May 17 at Essex, England.

### ICC trio due this month

A three-member delegation from the International Cricket Council (ICC) will visit Bangladesh from March 17 to 22 to inspect the facilities following Bangladesh's request for the Test status, official sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegation members are former Australian captain Bob Simpson, ex-Zimbabwe international Andy Pycroft and Pakistan's Nasimul Ghani.

Joint secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Mahmudul Huq Manu told Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) that Nasimul Ghani would arrive here on March 15 while the other two officials are due on March 17.

Apart from visiting the Bangabandhu National Stadium, the delegation members will also go to BKSP, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Mymensingh and will inspect the cricket facilities there.

They will submit a report on their observation to the ICC ahead of the council's June conference at Lord's, in which the world cricket body will review Bangladesh's application to become cricket's 10th Test-playing country.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division hockey league match between Mohammedan Sporting and Azad Sporting at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium. — Star photo

## MSC reign in field goals

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting got off to a fair start in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League with a 4-2 win over Azad Sporting at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. This was the first match of the premier league being held for the first time.

The winners led the first-half 2-0.

Mohammedan, who lost the Shaheed Smriti final to their arch rivals Abahani 1-2 last week, dominated the pre-season period. They took the lead in the 17th minute when defender Ishiaque Ahmed Shipu converted a short corner. Forward Zahid Hossain Raju then sealed the half with a field goal eight minutes later.

Veteran Zahid Biswas made it 3-0 with another field goal 10 minutes into the second-half following a magnificent attack.

After conceding the third goal, Azad, composed of BKSP boys, made a good amends and pulled back two goals in the span of four minutes, thanks to Shishu, who scored both the goals through field moves.

stroke of the final whistle.

Yellow card: Hasan Rony (Mohammedan)

**TEAMS**

Mohammedan SC: Javed, Shahidullah Khokon, Ishiaque Ahmed Shipu, Hasan Rony, Zahidul Islam Mitul, Zamilur Rahman, Ashiqur Rahman, Sharafat, Ramiz Ahmed, Siam E-Noor, Zahid Hossain, Shari-ful Alam and Zahid Biswas.

Azad SC: Shakil, Rajib, Yameen, Tabib E-Noor, Pipul, Noor, Shawkat Ali, Moksed, Yaan, Habul, Khushbu, Shishu, Ali Haider and Rahul.

Umpires: Abdur Rashid Khan and Mahbubul Haque Mitu.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League  
(Venue: Moulana Bhasani Stadium)  
Usha KC v Farashganj SC (3:30 pm)

## No room for Malik, Sohail

Sports Reporter

LAHORE, Mar 7 (Reuters): Pakistani selectors on Sunday dropped experienced batsmen Salim Malik and Aamir Sohail from a squad of 19 named ahead of the World Cup in England in May and June.

and 276 one-dayers, was one of the main players allegedly involved in a match fixing and betting scandal which is being investigated by a Pakistani judicial commission. He has denied the charges.

The 35-year-old middle-order batsman toured India earlier this year and played an important role in steadying the Pakistan first innings in the 46-run victory over India in the Asian Test championship match last month. He scored 32 but was out for nine in the second innings.

Bari said: "It was the consensus decision of the selectors and the team captain (Wasim Akram) to omit them on performance and fitness grounds."

Sohail, 32, who has represented Pakistan in 45 Tests and 49 one-day internationals, was dropped as captain following the losses in home series against Australia and Zimbabwe last year.

Pakistan will cut the 19-man provisional squad to 15 by March 31.

**WORLD CUP PROBABLES**

Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Ijaz Ahmad, Inzamamul Haq, Yousaf Yohanna, Wahajathullah Wasti, Imran Nazir, Ijaz Ahmad, Yousaf Yohanna, Inzamamul Haq, Shahid Afridi, Moin Khan, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Wasim Akram, Arshad Khan, Azhar Mahmood and Shahid Nazir.

The selectors name same 14-member squad for the triangular series in India and Sharjah.

**SQUAD**

Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Ijaz Ahmad, Imran Nazir, Inzamamul Haq, Yousaf Yohanna, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Azhar Mahmood, Arshad Khan, Abdul Razzak and Shahid Nazir.

**Taylor set to bid bye to cricket**

SYDNEY, Mar 7: Former Australian Test cricket captain Mark Taylor admits he will probably play the final game of his first-class career this week, reports AP.

Taylor quit the national captaincy after leading Australia to victory in this year's Ashes series against England.

He has continued with New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield competition and said he expected this week's match against Tasmania to be his farewell.

"I think I'm probably edging towards finishing at the end of the season, at this stage," Taylor said Sunday.

Taylor last month brought down the curtain on a 104-Test career, having deliberately avoided a jingoistic public farewell at the end of the Ashes series at the SCG.

The match against Tasmania will be his 100th for New South Wales and on Sunday he played at the SCG for probably the final time, in a drawn Shield game against South Australia.

## Nat'l schools cricket

Chuadanga MA Bari High School reached the Khulna region final of the 17th National Schools cricket championship with a thumping 172 runs win against Narail Zilla School at the Kushtia College ground yesterday, reports UNB.

M A Bari High will take on Kushtia Dinamoni High in the regional final today at the same venue.

Deciding to bat first, Chuadanga MA Bari High collected 222 runs for eight in the stipulated 35 overs.

Zahid scored highest 44 while Kiron made 33 and Jewel 32.

In reply, Narail Zilla School were all out for a paltry 50 runs in 13 overs.

Anal scored 17 runs. Tamal picked up five wickets for 16 runs.

## Lahore Test up for grabs

LAHORE, Mar 7: Sri Lanka, chasing a formidable target of 385 to beat Pakistan in their Asian Test Championship match, were 60 without loss in their second innings after today's fourth day, reports Reuters.

Regardless of the outcome both teams have qualified for next week's final at Dhaka in the three-nation championship after Sri Lanka collected the necessary seven points in their first innings on Saturday to shut the door on India.

At today's close, Russel Arnold was on 13 and Avishka Gunawardena 36 with the visitors still 325 runs from achieving an improbable victory.

The day's highlight was an unbeaten 121 by Pakistani opener Wahajathullah Wasti, who, in just his second Test appearance, became only the third Pakistani to score a century in each innings of a match at this level.

Pakistan started the day 149-0 and declared their second innings 70 minutes after tea at 314 for eight.

Wasti, who scored 133 in Pakistan's first innings total of 398, slammed 12 fours and a six in his marathon 425 minutes at the wicket and played 303 balls.

Saeed Anwar (45) was the other notable contributor today, hitting six fours and sharing a third-wicket partnership of 66 with Wasti.

Wasti began the day at 61 and reached his century by sweeping off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage to the mid-wicket ropes for his eleventh four, his century, which also included a six, came in 338 minutes off 246 balls.

Captain Wasim Akram chipped with a breezy 17 and twice hoisted Kalpage for towering sixes but Inzamamul Haq (four), Imran Nazir (13), Yousaf Yohanna (0) and Moin Khan (two) all went cheaply.

The start was delayed by 90 minutes owing to light rain and when play got underway left-arm pace bowler Sanjeeva de Silva struck an early blow, removing Shahid Afridi, 81 overnight, for the addition of just three runs.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the Asian Test Championship match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Sunday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 398 (Wasti 133, Yohanna 83, Imran Nazir 64, Moin Khan 57, Wickremasinghe 6-103)

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 328 (Arnold 123, Kaluwitharana 100, Akram 4-30, Saqlain 4-82)

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings (overnight 149-0)

Wasti not out 121  
Afridi c Kaluwitharana b De Silva 84  
Inzamam lbw b De Silva 45  
Anwar run out 13  
I Nazir b Bandarathilake 13  
Yohana st Kaluwitharana b Bandarathilake 0  
Akram b Kalpage 17  
Moin run out 2  
Saqlain st Kaluwitharana 0

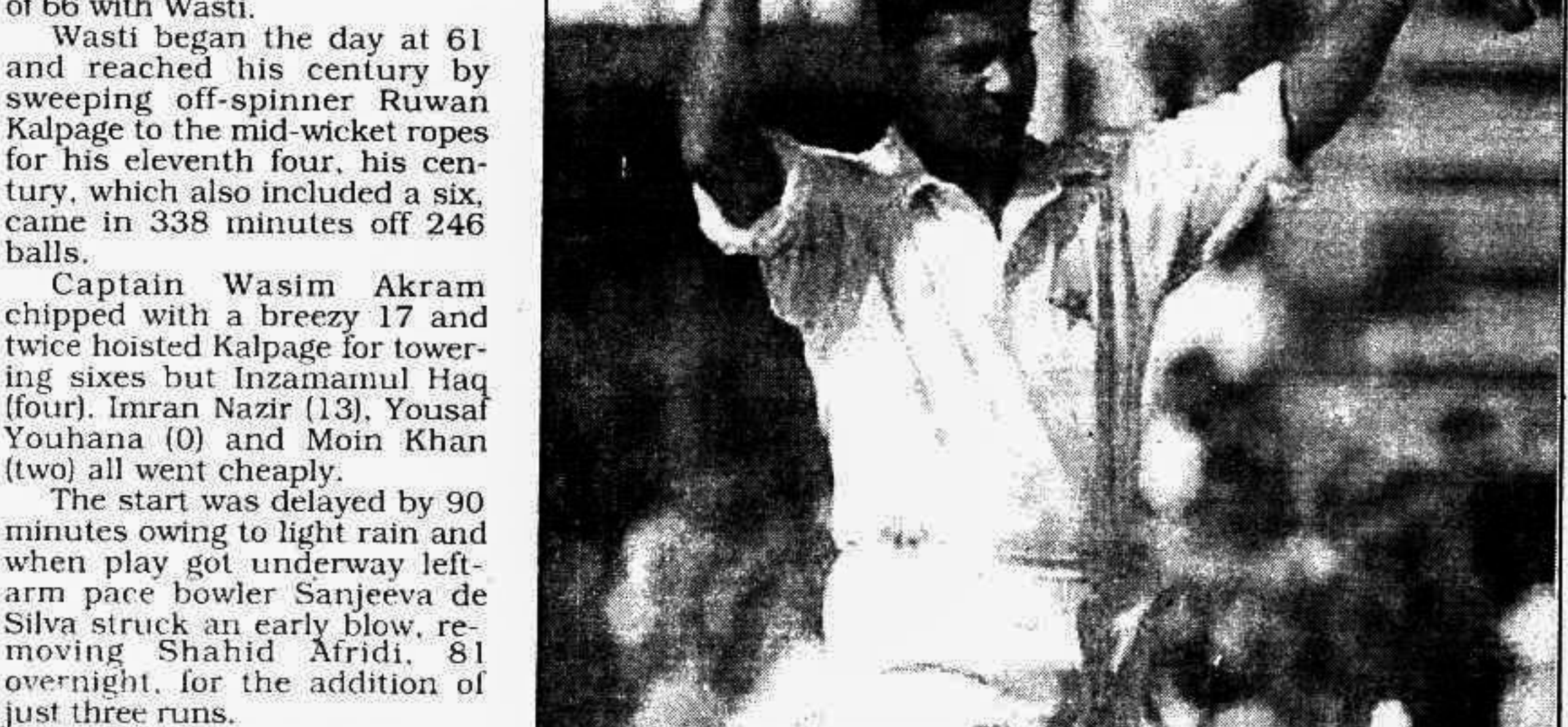
**SRI LANKA:** Second innings 13  
Arnold not out 36  
Gunawardena not out 36  
Extras (lb-9, nb-2) 8  
Total: (for no wkt) 67

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Wickremasinghe	9	1	27	0
De Silva	29	5	90	2
Bandarathilake	25	12	54	2
Kalpage	20.5	0	92	2
Huthursinghe	13	2	41	0

**Bowler (to date)**

	O	M	R	W
Akram	5	0	25	0
Akbar	3	0	15	0
Saqlain	4	3	2	0
Nazir	2	0	9	0



Pakistan opener Wahajathullah Wasti acknowledges the crowd's applause after his century in the second innings yesterday. — Internet photo

## McGrath wrecks Windies nerves

Sports Reporter

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Mar 7: Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath took four wickets for 50 runs and added a Test career best 39 with his bat as the West Indies went from promising to serious trouble on the second day of their first Test Saturday, reports AP.

McGrath registered his career best run total by participating in a defiant 10th wicket partnership that helped push the visitors from 174 for six to 269 all out.

The lanky New South Wales pacerman then returned to help effect a run out and take his four wickets off 13 overs as the West Indies struggled to 167 for nine at the close.

**Captain Brian Lara led the West Indies with 62 and Test debutant Dave Joseph made 50. Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill shared the bowling honours with McGrath, taking three for 41 off 16 overs, which took the 28-year-old to 50 wickets in his ninth Test.**

The West Indies were cruising along at 149 for three with Lara in fine form. But the left-hander's brilliant run out by Justin Langer at short leg sparked a slide that saw six wickets fall for 18, including the last four for four runs in the final 13 balls of the day.

Earlier, McGrath and new-ball partner Jason Gillespie starred with the bat after Curtly Ambrose threatened to slice through the late order.

Ragoonath, sent back by Campbell, was short of his ground when McGrath gathered the return from Langer and broke the stumps at the bowler's end with his underarm throw.

Campbell fell soon afterwards, leg before to McGrath pushing uncertainly forward.

But the West Indies were revived by a counter-attacking third-wicket stand of 88 between Joseph and Lara.

Joseph, in his debut Test, was forthright in his strokeplay and completed his half century with two of his four boundaries in one over from leg-spinner Shane Warne.

But McGrath returned to break the blossoming partnership, trapping Joseph leg before as he drove at a big inswinger. The 29-year-old Antiguan faced 108 balls and batted 148 minutes.

Lara and fellow left-hander Adams put on further 33 runs before the sensational late collapse.

Lara made 62 in 2 1-2 hours of scintillating batting before Langer's sharp work close in accounted for him. The Trinidadian faced 111 balls and hit 11 fluent boundaries.

MacGill got into the act soon afterwards, winning a leg before verdict against Ridley Jacobs and bowling Adams between bat and pad.

McGrath dismissed night-

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between the West Indies and Australia on Saturday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 174-6)

Slater c Dillon b Collins	23
Elliott lbw b Collins	44
Langer c wk Jacobs b Walsh	5
M Waugh lbw b Walsh	2
S Waugh c wk Jacobs b Dillon	14
Blewett lbw b Ambrose	58
Helay lbw b Walsh	12
Warne c Campbell b Ambrose	21
Gillespie not out	28
MacGill b Ambrose	0
McGrath c Jacobs b Dillon	39
Extras (lb-19, nb-4)	23
Total: (All out in 121.3 overs)	269

Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-51; 3-53; 4-74; 5-118; 6-153; 7-186; 8-203; 9-203; 10-269.

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Walsh	31	9	60	3
Ambrose	27	15	35	3
Collins	23	8	45	2
Dillon	26.3	4	69	2
Adams	14	2	41	0

**WEST INDIES:** First innings

Campbell lbw b McGrath	9
Ragoonath run out (McGrath)	9
Joseph lbw b McGrath	50
Lara run out (Langer)	62
Adams b MacGill	13
Jacobs lbw b MacGill	6
Collins lbw b McGrath	1
Holder lbw b MacGill	0
Ambrose c Slater b McGrath	0
Dillon not out	0
Extras (lb-4, nb-2, nb-11)	17
Total: (For nine wickets in 56 overs)	167

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-28; 3-116; 4-149; 5-156; 6-163; 7-163; 8-163; 9-167.

To bat: Courtney Walsh.

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
McGrath	13	2	50	4
Gillespie	12	3	34	0
MacGill	16	5	41	3
Warne	14	4	35	0
Blewett	1	0	1	0

## Cricket camp

A ten-day cricket coaching course for the ICC associate members in Asia will begin in Dhaka on March 17, reports BSS.

In all 60 under-17 cricketers — 45 from Bangladesh and the remaining 15 from other associate member countries of Asia — will take part in the course, to be conducted by Pakistani former Test cricketer Mushtaq Mohammad.

Mushtaq Mohammad arrives here on March 16.

ICC development officer for Asian and former Pakistani Test cricketer Nasimul Ghani, who will supervise the programme, will arrive here on March 15.

McGrath dismissed night-



Australian leg-spinner Stuart MacGill exults after having Roland Holder lbw during the second day's play of the first Test at Port of Spain on March 6. — Internet photo