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SPORTS TALK



Bob Simpson
(Former Australian cricket team coach)

'Australia have wisely gone for the two leg-spinners, Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill. There is no doubt in my mind that they will play major parts in Australia's victory in the West Indies.'

Before Australia left for West Indies.

JPLG Lights final today

Sports Reporter
Babylon Group will take on SK-F in the final of the JPLG Lights Professional Cup cricket tournament at the British American Tobacco (BAT) ground in Mahakhali today.

The 35-overs-a-side match will start at 9.30 am.

English quartet fit for Sharjah showpiece

LONDON, Mar 16 (AFP/Internet): England have been given a clean bill of health before they complete their preparations for this summer's World Cup by entering the one-day tournament in Sharjah next month.

Doubts over four key players - Michael Atherton, Graham Thorpe, Neil Fairbrother and Ian Austin - following recent injuries, left England facing the possibility of choosing replacements prior to their departure for a Lahore training camp on March 28.

But Atherton and Thorpe, both of whom were troubled with recurrent back trouble during England's unsuccessful Ashes campaign this winter, have emerged unscathed from intensive assessments under the supervision of fitness consultant Dean Riddle, exercise physiologist Nigel Stoeckhill and physiotherapist Wayne Morton.

Wonderful Windies win



KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Brian Lara's West Indies put the smile back on the face of Caribbean cricket with a 10-wicket victory over Australia in the second test on Tuesday.

Resuming at 157 for eight on the fourth day, Australia made another 20 runs to avoid an innings defeat. But West Indies needed to score just three runs to win which they achieved in the first over of their second innings.

The long overdue triumph - their first in seven tests - avenged the West Indies debacle in last week's opening test when they were dismissed for their lowest test score of 51.

More importantly, it probably cemented Lara's future as captain. He was on a two-test trial following the 5-0 rout in South Africa.

'I'm very happy and I think the guys have dedicated this victory to the bowlers. They toiled day in and day out in South Africa and the batters are thankful for their efforts,' Lara said.

'I'm definitely happy but I'm not going to get carried away. We've got to get together as a team of batters and get it together on a regular basis.'

Lara's brilliant double century in the first innings had given both him and his team fresh belief in themselves. Confidence flooded back as off-spin newcomer Nehemiah Perry - who took five for 70 in his first test in the second innings - ripped into what once seemed an impenetrable Australian batting line-up.

The party started early although the Australian tail did manage to hit the 18 runs required to make West Indies bat for a second time.

Resuming at 157 for eight, Jason Gillespie was quickly caught behind by Ridley Jacobs off Courtney Walsh for seven. But last-pair Stuart MacGill and Glenn McGrath spared Australia the humiliation of an innings defeat by taking the total to 177.

Opener Suruj Ragoonath had the pleasure of hitting the winning runs in the first over of the West Indies second innings.

Earlier, debutant off-spinner Nehemiah Perry seized four Australian second innings wickets to put West Indies on the brink of victory on Monday.

Australia, trailing by 175 on first innings in the second Test at Sabina Park, slumped to 157 for eight on a wearing pitch at the close of the third day.

Perry, playing on his home ground, undermined the touring team by sending back Matthew Elliott (16), Justin Langer (24) and captain Steve Waugh (9) in his first spell.

Courtney Walsh, Jamaica's current favourite son, had made the initial breakthrough by dispatching Michael Slater before he scored, and fellow fast bowler Curtly Ambrose sustained the pressure by removing Mark Waugh for 21.

By the time Perry returned to snap up Australia's remaining specialist batsman Greg Blewett for 30 in the day's last over, the gloom that has engulfed Caribbean cricket over the past four months was effectively lifted.

Having lost all five tests in South Africa recently, West Indian despondency mounted as they were routed by Australia for their lowest Test score of 51 to lose the opening match of the series by 312 runs in Port of Spain last week.

However, Brian Lara found the inspiration to transform his side's fortunes at a time when his test form was ailing and his captaincy was being questioned.

Lara did so with an outstanding 213 and although it ended on the third morning after he added only one run to his overnight score, he had already ensured West Indies would have a significant lead after a stand of 322 with Jimmy Adams.

Lara and Adams (94) broke the West Indian fifth wicket test record against all teams. The importance of their partnership was underlined when the last six wickets tumbled for 54 after they resumed at the overnight 377 for four.

Glenn McGrath accounted for both Lara and Adams to finish with five for 93, the third consecutive time in the series he had taken five wickets in an innings.

McGrath, adopting the strategy he has used successfully against Lara in the past by bowling round the wicket to the left-hander, got a delivery to swing away enough to take the outside edge and wicketkeeper Ian Healy held a low catch.

The partnership between Lara and Adams beat the pre-

leg side from a sweep shot. Waugh's brother Mark, missed by Lara at slip before he had scored, was subjected to short-pitched bowling from Ambrose to which he responded with compulsive hooking. But it ultimately proved his undoing when he hooked a delivery straight to Walsh at long leg.

Healy was run out for the second time in the match and Waugh's resistance was ended by a delivery from Walsh that reared awkwardly, leaving



BRILLIANT DEBUT: A smiling Nehemiah Perry being hugged by captain Brian Lara after taking one of his five Australian wickets on Monday.

vious record by Gary Sobers and Seymour Nurse, who put on 265 against England at Headingley in 1966.

Adams soon followed his captain when he played at a delivery from McGrath outside off stump with his bat some way from his body and sliced a catch to Elliott in the gully.

Australia's leg-spinners then snapped up the remaining four wickets. Shane Warne taking his first of the series and Stuart MacGill getting the other three, including the last with his first delivery after lunch.



LARA ... m-o-m

When Australia batted again, Walsh dealt an early blow by bowling Slater as he tried to cut a delivery that came back into him.

Elliott, who survived a chance to Dave Joseph at second slip before he got off the mark, was leg before to a ball from Perry that went on with the arm.

Australia, 49 for two at tea, plunged into deeper trouble shortly afterwards as Perry had Langer caught behind by Ridley Jacobs off a delivery that bounced and turned.

Then the spinner removed skipper Waugh, whose controversial dismissal had to be decided by the third umpire after

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between West Indies and Australia at Sabina Park on Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 256 (S Waugh 100, M Waugh 67; C Walsh 4-55)
WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 377-4)
Campbell b McGrath 12
Ragoonath lbw b Gillespie 0
Roberts c Warne b McGrath 0
Lara c Healy b McGrath 213
Joseph c Blewett b McGrath 14
Collins c M Waugh b MacGill 13
Adams c Elliott b McGrath 94
Jacobs c Gillespie b Warne 25
Perry not out 15
Ambrose b MacGill 3
Walsh lbw b MacGill 0
Extras: (lb-12, lb-8, nb-22) 42
Total: (all out) 431
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-5; 3-17; 4-34; 5-378; 6-398; 7-420; 8-427; 9-431

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	35	11	93	5
Gillespie	33	7	79	1
Warne	30	8	94	1
MacGill	22.3	3	84	3
Blewett	10	1	48	0
M Waugh	2	0	13	0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings
Elliott lbw b Perry 16
Slater b Walsh 0
Langer c Jacobs b Perry 24
M Waugh c Walsh b Ambrose 21
S Waugh c Jacobs b Perry 9
Blewett c Lara b Perry 30
Healy run out 10
Warne c Joseph b Walsh 23
Gillespie not out 7
Extras: (lb-3, nb-14) 17
Total: (For eight wks) 157
Fall of wks: 1-4; 2-36; 3-51; 4-63; 5-86; 6-107; 7-137; 8-157

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	14	4	28	1
Walsh	15	1	41	2
Perry	22.2	7	61	4
Collins	8	0	24	0

BD-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD



Scoreboard of the one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN				
Wasti c K Mashud b Manjural	18			
Afridi lbw b Hasibul	17			
Anwar run out	64			
Ijaz c Shahriar b Aminul	51			
Inzamam c Rafique b Hasibul	70			
Azhar c K Mahmud b Naimur	30			
Moin b Hasibul	32			
Saqblain not out	10			
Extras: (b-5, nb-1, w-4)	10			
Total: (for 7 wks in 50 overs)	293			
Fall of wks: 1-34; 2-50; 3-135; 4-175; 5-212; 6-291; 7-293				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	10	0	50	3
Manjural	6	0	43	1
Naimur	10	0	50	1
Mahmud	10	0	53	1
Rafique	8	0	50	0
Aminul	6	0	33	1

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	10	0	50	3
Manjural	6	0	43	1
Naimur	10	0	53	1
Mahmud	10	0	50	0
Rafique	8	0	50	0
Aminul	6	0	33	1

Result: Pakistan won by 152 runs
Man-of-the-match: Inzamam Haq

Pillay powers Abahani

A double hat-trick by Indian playmaker Dhanraj Pillay enabled Abahani to maintain their winning run in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League with a massive 7-2 win over Azad SC yesterday, reports UNB.

This was the third consecutive victory in the league for title aspirants Abahani.

The Dharmadhi-based outfit led the first half 4-0 at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

Indian discard national striker Pillay opened the floodgates for Abahani early in the 11th minute by a field goal. He also struck with field goals in the 33rd, 34th, 37th, 43rd, and 50th minutes.

Pillay's compatriot Sabu Verkey scored another field goal in the 13th minute.

Shishu netted two consolation field goals for Azad one in the 59th minute and another just before the last whistle.

Earlier, Dhaka Mariners Youngs Club beat Farashganj SC by 2-1 after leading the first half 1-0.

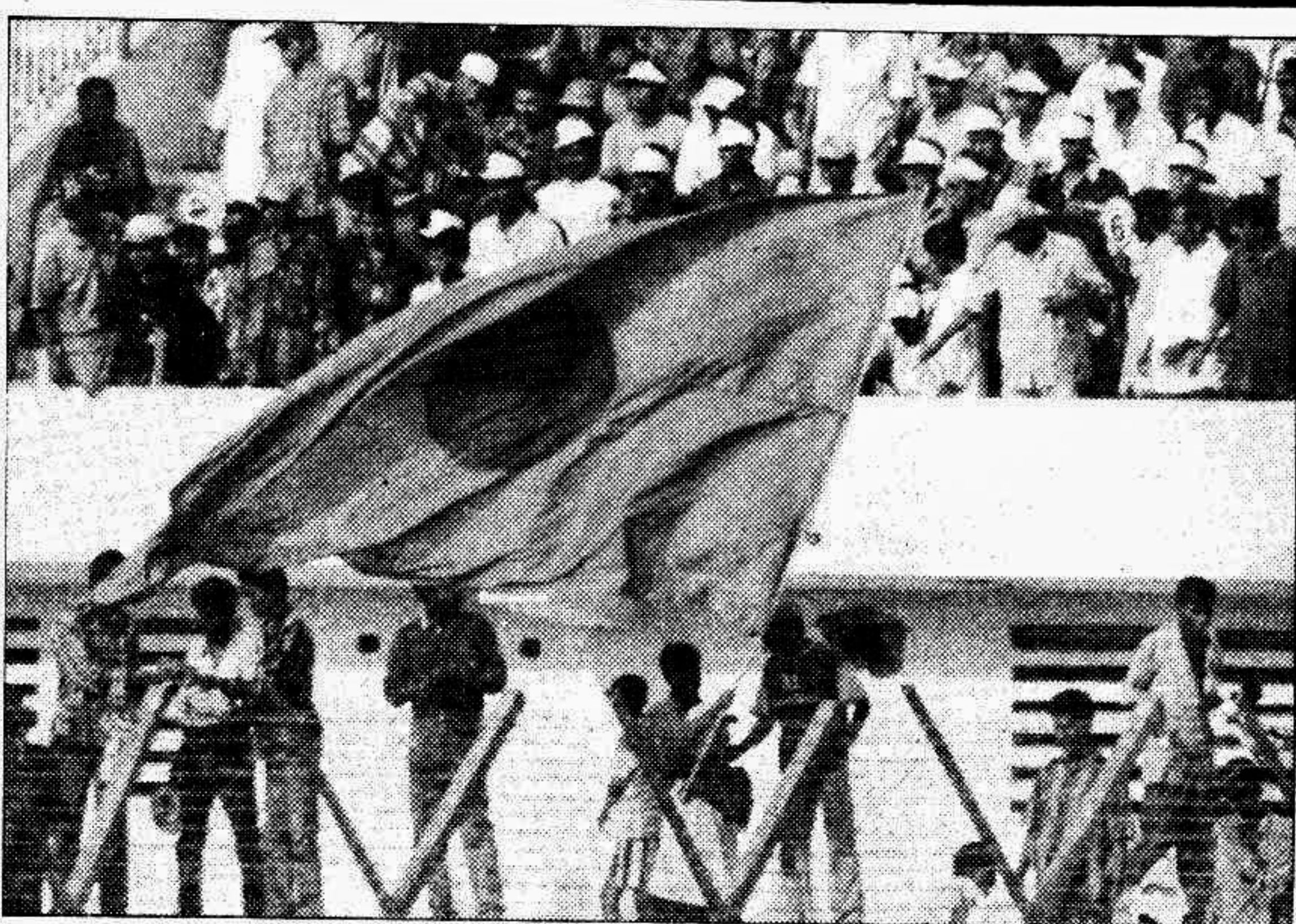
This was the second consecutive win for the Mariners from three matches.

Yousuf put Mariners ahead in the 24th minute by a field goal while Javed doubled the margin in the 55th minute, also by a field goal.

Rubel reduced the margin for Farashganj with a field goal in the 58th minute.



Saeed Anwar lofts one over the off-side.



The national flags waved in all their wonderful glory at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

World Cup can be Pakistan's

Every star cricketer tends to transform into a Television commentator after his retirement.

But Pakistan opener Rameez Raja's metamorphosis took place quietly even before he has formally announced his retirement from the game. He is now a successful TV commentator and a member of the ESPN-Star Sports panel, which will cover the next World Cup.

Born in Faisalabad, formerly known as Lyallpur on 14 August 1962, Rameez, the prolific right-hander, made his Test debut in a home match against England at Karachi in the 1983-83 season and played his last Test against Sri Lanka at the SSC ground in Colombo in the 1996-97 season. In his 57-match Test career, Rameez scored 2833 runs with two centuries. He also played 198 one-day matches for his country, scoring 5481 runs that included nine tons.

The World Cup winning opener was one of the six members of the commentary team that covered the Asian Test Championship final and the one-off one-day match between Bangladesh and Pakistan. During his week-long stay in the capital, Rameez talked to The Daily Star correspondent Hasan Masood on Sunday at the upper tier of the Bangabandhu National Stadium regarding many aspects of cricket.

Excerpts of the interview:

Daily Star (DS): How do you appreciate the idea of this Asian Test Championship?

Rameez Raja (RR): This is a good idea. It has made Test cricket more exciting. And I do feel that the points system needs to be looked at again. There is always a possibility of changing the rules—that is what the ICC will be looking at for the World Championship of cricket. I think it's a very good idea.

DS: What do you think about the Lahore Test? Don't you feel Pakistan gave away those bonus points to Sri Lanka in order to avoid India in the final?

RR: The best man to answer that would be Wasim Akram or Javed Miandad. As far as I was concerned, it was clever cricket. Pakistan had the option to choose their opponents in the final and they chose Sri Lanka. But still the best man is Wasim or Javed to explain that.

DS: You have not yet officially retired.

RR: Well, I have. I have just not given an official statement because I thought I would play

another year or two for my Bank. They need someone out there because most of the cricketers that are employed by the Allied Bank play for Pakistan, like Rashid, Aamir Sohail, Arshad Khan and Wasti. So, we need a team and that was one reason why I have not made an official announcement.

DS: That means you are continuing with cricket.

RR: What do you hope for Pakistan in the World Cup?

RR: They have got reasonable chances. Anything can happen in one-day cricket. You have to really play well on that particular day. And that is how we won the 1992 World Cup also. Nobody rated us. We lost some matches poorly against a few teams initially before we got into the crunch games. Individual brilliance began to explode from then onwards. Inzamam got a few runs. Javed and I, we all clicked at the right moments. That is very important in one-day cricket. You need to perform on a particular day. Forget about a team not doing well on the other day. On the day of your game, it's another day, another match. If you are good enough then obviously you have chances of winning. Pakistan is talented enough to really go out and win the World Cup.

DS: Do you have any comment on the exclusion of Salim Malik and Aamir Sohail from the World Cup team?

RR: Not really. It's up to the board to decide about the future and I think they have decided not to pick them, although I would like Aamir Sohail really to feature in the initial list of 19 because he is a very useful all-rounder, who has done well recently. But I think the board had another thinking cap on. They are happy without having them there.

DS: Dhaka Stadium has changed a lot from what you saw the last time you came in 1994.

RR: Yes, it has come out very nicely. Last time when I came here, it was not that groomed. The outfield, pitch, facilities, everything have improved to a world standard. It's really good to see another good venue in Asia.

DS: Finally, what suggestions would you give to Bangladeshi cricketers?

RR: They need to watch the top players in action. Need to tour. You need funds and obviously to generate funds you need to invite teams here, need to invite more one-day matches here. So I think you should have a good organisation backed by a good infrastructure.

RR: Well, if I find time, I will play this season, which is highly unlikely because I will be pushing off to England for the World Cup.

DS: How are you enjoying your new career as a TV commentator?

RR: This is very good. I think it's related to cricket which I enjoy most. I am lucky to be with some very good cricketers here in the team. It's a powerful medium. We can talk about the game, tell the viewers about the finer points. So, it's a very tough table and a good job as well.

DS: Do you agree with the Pakistan Cricket Board's selection of 19 cricketers for the World Cup?

RR: Yes, I do. Although there are a couple of players who consider themselves unlucky not to be included in the list. I think it's a good beginning and Pakistan should just concentrate

Tri-nation tournament starts March 19 Zimbabwe, Kenya arrive today

Sports Reporter

The Zimbabwean and Kenyan cricket teams will arrive in the capital this morning to take part in the Meril International Cricket Tournament billed for a March 19 start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The three-nation day-night one-day tournament, also involving ICC trophy winners Bangladesh, has been arranged as part of the hosts' preparation for the forthcoming World Cup to be held in England in about two months time.

All the matches will start at 2 pm BST.

Both Zimbabwe and Kenya, who have already announced their teams, will arrive by the same flight from Dubai.

Each team will meet the others twice in the first round before the two top teams play in the March 27 final.

Three umpires—Javed Akhter of Pakistan, Peter Manuel of Sri Lanka and VK Ramaswami of India, who have already arrived in the city, have

been designated by ICC to officiate the matches.

Squad:
Zimbabwe: Alistair Campbell (captain), Eddo Brandes, S Carlisle, Andy Flower, M Goodwin, Adam Huckle, Neil Johnson, M Mbangwa, Henry Olonga, Paul Strang, Heath Streak, D Viljoen, Guy Whittall and Andrew Whittall.

Kenya: Asif Karim (captain), Maurice Odumbe (vice-captain), Ravindra Shah, Stephen Tikolo, Sandeep Gupta, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Alpesh Vadher, Hitesh Modi, Kennedy Otieno, Thomas Oduyo, Deepak Chudasama, Joseph Angara, Muhammad Sheikh and James Kamande.

Date	Match
March 19	Zimbabwe v Kenya
March 20	Bangladesh v Kenya
March 21	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
March 22	Rest day
March 23	Zimbabwe v Kenya
March 24	Bangladesh v Kenya
March 25	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
March 26	Rest day
March 27	Final