

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT English bowler Tonny Lock had a suspect action. The Croydon indoor school where the tall Test cricketer learnt to bowl was partly to blame for it. The ceiling was so low that he had to bend his arm to avoid the beams.

Must go and check the ceiling height of Muralitharan's school.

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1 Who is the new Real Madrid soccer coach?	Hiddink	Toshack	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



Mohammad Azharuddin

(Indian cricket captain)

"To me, Walsh has always remained a fitting example of a cricketer who was bound to earn respect from the opposition with his deeds. He has been a match-winner for the West Indies for a long, long time."

Paying his tribute to West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh.

WA retain the Shield

BRISBANE, Australia, Mar 22 (AFP/Internet): Western Australia routed Queensland by an innings and 31 runs here on Monday to secure back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles.

The away win, achieved with more than a day to spare, buried the ghosts of two seasons ago when Queensland inflicted an innings and 160 run final defeat on Western Australia at the WACA Ground in Perth.

"Western Australia and Queensland are by far the best two teams in the last 10 years," said WA captain Tom Moody, who has now won five Shield finals out of seven appearances.

"If you are looking statistically we've won three finals (in the 1990s) and Queensland two, but if you look realistically both teams have gone neck and neck and will continue to for the next 10 years."

Conceding WA a first-innings lead of 160 after Moody declared at 425 for nine late Sunday, Queensland crumbled and lost their last eight wickets for just 52 runs on Monday.

Big paceman Jo Anglo inflicted most of the damage in the middle order with 3-20 while Moody finished with 3-36 and Brendon Julian claimed the last two scalps.

Only openers Jimmy Maher (58) and Matt Hayden (25) got past 20.

It was almost the perfect game for Damien Martyn, who took four wickets in the first innings, made 85 with the bat and then snared the vital wicket of former Test opener Hayden with the final ball of Sunday's play.



The Zimbabwe players honing their catching skills during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Kenya fancy their chances, Zimbabwe also on a high

Hasan Masood

After a rest day on Monday, the Meril International Cricket Tournament resumes at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this afternoon with Test-side Zimbabwe taking on Kenya in their return leg clash at 2 pm.

State media Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will provide live commentary of the match.

Zimbabwe, the pre-tournament favourites, have won both their first round clashes against Kenya and hosts Bangladesh by big margins, and are expected to repeat their feat in today's match against the ICC runners-up.

The Test-babies defeated Kenya by 139 runs in the inaugural match last Friday and then handed Bangladesh a 126-run bashing on Sunday night.

Kenya, on the other hand, are second in the table having convincingly beaten Bangladesh by eight wickets in their second match last Saturday.

Both Zimbabwe and Kenya had nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday morning. The teams looked pretty relaxed about today's match. Perhaps they both knew what was likely to happen today.

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