not played.

the game.

ground.

The ground at the Moulana

The drama continued when the umpires of the day's second match, that between Usha Krira

Bhasani had been rendered

partially soiled by a mixture of

Chakra and Farashganj Sport-

ing Club, refused to conduct the

game, also stating that the

ground conditions were un-

playable. But, ironically, both

Usha and Farashganj were

Motijheel outfit, who had been

demanding a cleaner playing

surface before the start of the

return leg for the last couple of

days, appeared at the ground

yesterday five minutes after the

scheduled time of 2:15 pm. Azad

Sporting Club were already

warmed up and ready to play

Belim called both the team

captains for the toss, Mo-

hammedan captain Mitul re-

fused to field his team citing the

'unplayable' parts of the

The umpires remained on

Later the umpires, Aslam

the ground for another ten

minutes before finally leaving.

Omar Belim and Latifur Rah-

man, stated in their report that

the match could not be played

because of the 'unplayable con-

dition of the ground', on which

the last match played was the

first-leg clash between Mo-

When umpire Aslam Omar

Mohammedan, the popular

dust and ferric water.

ready to play the match.

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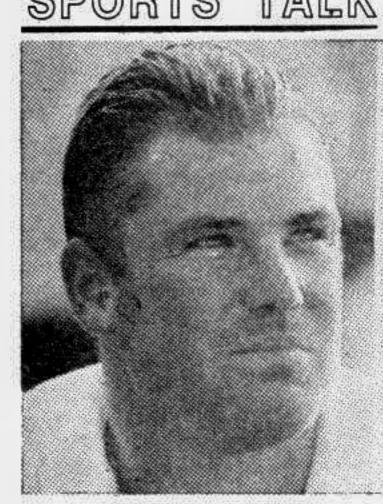
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DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT cricket in Italy was not much to brag about in the 1980s. In fact, the standard of their appalling bowling could be judged from an injury to their captain, who was hit by a wide while fielding at gully.

And you thought Bangladesh bowlers had a problem.



Shane Warne

(Australian leg-spinner) "I'm going to have a serious think about what I want to do in the future. But I'm not going to jump into any quick decisions." After being dropped for the final Test against West Indies.

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-113

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Who won the Asian Test Championship title? India Sri Lanka Pakistan Kevin Keegan is the manager of

Scotland Wales Warne is a leg-spinner off-spinner medium-pacer

4 Who is the first Bangladesh batsman to score an ODI century? Mehrab Shahriar Hasibul

How many half-centuries has Akram Khan scored?

Name

****************************** Class Roll No. School Address

Phone: (If any)

EN-VITS

BCB XI go down in opener

Sports Reporter The touring Bangladesh

Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven will take on Customs in their second group league match of the President's Cup One-day cricket tournament at the Karachi National Stadium today.

The visitors lost their first match against Karachi Cricket Association by 50 runs on Sun-

According to a belated faxed message received here on Sunday night, BCB could manage 193 before being all out in 43.3 overs in reply to a fighting Karachi total of 243 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.

The BCB, however, got off to a excellent start with skipper Habibul Bashar and opener Imran producing 136 runs for the second wicket. Bashar scored 56 while young Imran hammered a brilliant 73 off 123

But once the two were separated in the 32nd over with the scoreboard reading 146 for three, there was none to carry the good work.

Faruque Ahmed made only 10, Al-Shahriar and Mahabubur Rahman returned to the dressing room without troubling the scorers and the fragile tail perished in no time Only Mushfique stood among the ruins with an unbeaten 11.

Jhalakati v'ball

JHALAKATI, Apr 5: Titas Club became champions of the volleyball tournament organised by Jhalakati District Sports Association, reports

In the final match played at the local stadium today, Titas Club defeated Azad Club 2-1. Later, Additional District Magistrate Nikhil Ranjan opener Saeed Anwar (13) and Mandal distributed the trophy. Ijaz Ahmed (3) having fallen to

Teams suspect attempts to delay league

Suspicious role of umpires aid MSC's refusal to play

Sports Reporter

The fate of the Green Delta Secretary Yousuf added: "They (Mohammedan) don't Premier Division Hockey League is now uncertain as have their four Pakistanis, who joint-leaders Mohammedan will not be available before the Sporting Club (MSC) refused to third week of this month. play their opening return-leg clash against Azad Sporting, scheduled at the Moulana That's why they are doing all these things. The ground is absolutely alright. Matches were played here a week before and Bhasani Stadium yesterday af-ternoon. MSC claimed that the that time Mohammedan did not condition of the astro-turf at lodge any complaints as they the ground was unplayable. Hence the MSC-Azad match was

had four foreigners and were winning matches".

One Azad official remarked that had this been done by any small club, it would have been scratched from the league.

The most ridiculous thing of the day happened 90 minutes later when the day's second match was scheduled to start. Both Usha and Farashgani

players were ready for the game when umpires -- Mir Monwarul Islam and Abdur Rashid Khan -- entered the ground. When both the skippers went

to the umpires for the toss, this time the umpires were reluctant to start the match. And, all on a sudden, the two umpires beckoned the police

and almost ran away from the

ground, much against the will of the Usha and Farashgani players. Later, the umpires also echoed the view of the umpires of the first match. This time they blamed Farashganj skip-

per Abdullah Piru for raising

the point about the unplayable

Pakistan thrash India

Venkatesh Prasad and Javagal

Inzamam, who was eventu-

ally run out, scored most of his

91 in ones and twos, allowing

Afridi to carry the attack to the

bowlers with his aggressive

SCOREBOARD

tri-series final between India

and Pakistan in Bangalore on

Scoreboard of the Pepsi Cup

Srinath respectively.

strokeplay.

PAKISTAN

Anwar lbw b Prasad

liaz b Srinath

Akram not out

Arshad not out

50 overs)

8-275.

Bowler

Prasad

Srinath

Agarkar

Kumble

R Singh

Ganguly

INDIA

25 runs.

Saglain run out

Inzamam run out

Afridi c Jadeja b Ganguly

Moin e Mongia b Prasad

Extras: (lb-5, w-5, nb-5)

Total: (For eight wkts in

Youhana c Kumble b Ganguly

Mahmood c Srinath b Agarkar

Did not bat: Shoaib Akhtar

Fall of wkts: 1-23; 2-28; 3-

122; 4-154; 5-217; 6-247; 7-273;

10

Ganguly c Moin b Akram

Ramesh c Moin b Akhtar

Jadeja c Moin b Mahmood

R Singh c Moin b Mahmood

Acme Div II

cricket

Badda Ekota SKS, Azad Boys

and Kalindi KC won their re-

spective matches in the Acme

Second Division cricket league

held at different city venues

yesterday, reports UNB. At the Mirpur Outer Sta-

dium, Badda Ekota defeated

Dhaka Mariner Young's Club by

scored 160 for all in 36.4 overs

with opener Jamal scoring the

highest 29. Farhadur Reza

picked up five wickets with a

hattrick for 23 runs in 5.4

out for 135 in 33.2 overs with

Jamshed making 24. Abu

claimed three wickets while

Sohel and Golam Mahmud took

Club by 2 runs at the Uttara

Kalindi earned a massive 97-

run victory over Uttara Friends

Azad Boys beat Amorjoyti

At the Old DOHS ground,

one wicket each.

Friends Club ground.

In reply, Mariner were all

Opting to bat first, Badda

Dravid lbw b Mahmood

Kurasia lbw b Akhtar

Agarkar run out

Kumble b Mahmood

Prasad b Saglain

Srinath lbw b Mahmood

Mongia not out

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condition of the ground.

hammedan and Usha. In this regard, League Committee secretary Habibur Rahman Yousuf, who was present on the ground, said that a portion of the astro-turf was dirty but not unplayable.

BANGALORE, Apr

5 (Reuters/Inte-

rnet): Medium-

pacer Azhar Mah-

mood took five for

38 as Pakistan

bowled India out for 168 to win

cricket's triangular final by 123

eight from their 50 overs with

A MAHMOOD m-o-m

The Indian innings was

marred by unruly fans who

hurled plastic water bottles on

to the ground, frequently inter-

centration to work his way

through the Indian middle-or-

der and tail after a fiery spell by

The Indian batting, weak-

ened by the absence of Sachin

Tendulkar and Mohammed

Azharuddin, showed little

spirit. Captain Ajay Jadeja top-

scored with 41 but never looked

like dominating a Pakistani at-

in the second over of the Indian

innings, when opener Sadagop-

pan Ramesh was caught behind,

caught behind off Wasim

Akram and Amay Khurasia fell

ilar fashion off Mahmood for

25 and Robin Singh was then

caught brilliantly by Moin Khan who dived to his left to

take the edge with one hand -

one of four catches for the

wicketkeeper - to leave India

play, this time for nearly 20

minutes, at the fall of Singh's

wicket as they threw missiles

on to the ground and at the Pak-

Shahid Afridi hauled Pakistan

out of early trouble with a third

istan recovered from 28 for two,

Earlier, Inzamam and

Afridi stroked 65 as Pak-

The crowd again interrupted

Dravid followed him in sim-

trying to drive an outswinger.

Akhtar struck the first blow

Saurav Ganguly was then

Shoaib Akhtar gave the initial

But Mahmood kept his con-

rupting play.

breakthrough.

tack with its tail up.

lbw to Akhtar.

reeling at 63-5.

istani fielders.

wicket stand of 94.

Inzaman-ul-Haq top scoring

Pakistan had posted 291 for

runs on Sunday.

with 91.

fused to play.

When contacted, Bangladesh Hockey Federation general secretary Shamsul Bari told The Daily Star that the ground was

"I have seen many international matches played on dirt-ier grounds elsewhere in the

player, Protap Shankar Hazra, thought that the ground was alright for a league match. "I am not saying this is abso-

lutely clean and perfect. What want to say is, you can play if you wish," said Hazra. When asked how much time

days to make it fully clean. Meanwhile, Usha Krira Chakra have threatened to boy-

After hearing the initial verbal report, League Committee secretary Yousuf rushed to both Usha and Farashganj captains, who denied having re-

135; 9-135

Mahmood

Bowler

Akram

Akhtar

Saqlain

Arshad

Afridi

Yousuf then rushed back to umpire Mir Monwarul Islam, who was by then ready to leave the stadium having already changed his clothes. When Yousuf requested Mir Monwar to start the match as both captains were ready. Monwar repeated that Farashganj skipper Piru raised the complaint, fol-lowing which he was bound to postpone the match.
"I never said that my team

will not play. This is absolutely rubbish. I did not tell (umpire) Monwar that the ground was unplayable," said Farashganj skipper Abdullah Piru after his team and Usha jointly staged a protest against the 'conspiracy' of the umpires.

a bit dirty but not unplayable.

world. This ground is not unplayable. You can say this ground is a bit dirty," said Bari. But the Ground Committee chairman and former national

he needed to clean the ground Hazra revealed that it would take another seven to twelve

cott the league if appropriate action was not taken against those who have endeavoured to delay the league. Had the second match been

played as the teams were ready. the 'mighty' Mohammedan would have been in serious trouble, commented one dejected hockey fan while leaving the ground.

A meeting of the league committee was going on till our filing of this report late last

Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-9, nb-8) 22

Total: (All out in 42.1 overs) 168

44; 4-56; 5-63; 6-104; 7-131; 8-

S GANGULY... m-o-s

123 runs.

Ganguly.

Result: Pakistan won by

Man-of-the-match: Azhar

Man-of-the series: Saurav

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-41; 3-

10

22

38

NOVEL PROTEST! Usha Krira Chakra and Farashganj Sporting players throw their sticks to express their indignation at the umpires who left the ground, although they were ready to play at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. - Star photo -

Saiful slices through Biman

Sports Reporter

Saiful Islam returned with a haul of six wickets to help Mymensingh attain a strong position against Bangladesh Biman on the second day of the threeday semifinal of the 25th national cricket championship at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The out of favour former national right-arm seamer took six wickets for only 32 runs as Biman, chasing the Mymensingh first innings total of 225, were bundled out for a paltry 149 in 52.5 overs.

Mymensingh then scored 72 for two to take an overall lead of 149 runs at stumps on the second day.

Earlier, Mymensingh, resuming on 225 for nine, were all out without adding a single run to their overnight score when of-spinner Shariful Haq had Ashraf stumped by Atiar in the third over of the day. But their early morning dis-

appointment turned into delight when Saiful ran over the Biman batting line-up with the new ball. Saiful was ably supported by Nasim, who took two wickets for 45 runs.

Meanwhile, in the other semifinal of the day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Jessore took a first innings lead of 40 runs over Sylhet DSA.

Jessore were 237 for six in 80 overs before the stumps were drawn for the day. The Jessore total was built around a potential match-winning stand of 122-runs for the fourth wicket between Jamaluddin and Raju. Jamaluddin, who took four wickets for 54 runs on the first

day, scored a brilliant 61 with the help of five fours while Raju scored a fine 54. Earlier, Sylhet, resuming on 179 for nine, added 18 runs to their overnight total before be-

ng all out in 97.3 overs.

National chess qualifiers Sports Reporter

The qualifying round for the 25th National Chess Championship begins at the NSC chess room from April 8 afternoon (3

Interested players have been requested to enrol their names at the Bangladesh Chess Federation office before 8 pm on April 7.

Hosts wilt after Lara's scintillating hundred ST JOHN'S, An-

tigua, Apr 5 (Reuters/Internet): Master batsman Brian Lara lashed the third-fastest century in West Indies Test

history on Sunday. Lara left Australia gasping on the second day of the fourth and final Test with an 82-ball 100, beaten only by Viv Richards and Roy Fredericks.

The truly gifted West Indies captain had arrived at the crease in all too familiar circumstances -- his team struggling on 20 for two in reply to Australia's first innings of 303.

By the time he had finished West Indies were 136 for three, a total extended to 197 for six by the close, 106 behind. Carl Hooper was unbeaten on 40, Lara, dropped by Colin

Miller on 14 then almost run out, rode his luck and smashed three sixes and 15 fours in another demonstration of devastating batting. His first 50 came in 61 balls

with eight fours and a six. The second 50 was from just 21 balls with another seven fours and two sixes It was his 13th hundred in 63

Tests and the second time he had made three centuries in successive Tests. The century took only 96

minutes but his concentration suddenly deserted him after he reached the mark and wicketkeeper Ian Healy took a onehanded catch on the leg side off paceman Glenn McGrath. But while Lara was at the

crease the scoreboard rocketed. The man who cracked 213 in Jamaica and followed up with his superlative unbeaten 153 in Barbados to turn the West Indies from a team of also-rans into 2-1 series leaders hit precisely 100 of the 116 scored. Third wicket partner David Joseph was simply content to

awe as his partner flayed Australia's attack. Miller, able to deliver both medium pace and off-spin and a replacement for leg-spinner Shane Warne, blotted his copybook by dropping Lara at mid-

stay in the teens and watch in

Batting at number 10, Miller had cracked a run-a-minute 43 in a 53-run ninth wicket partnership with his captain Steve

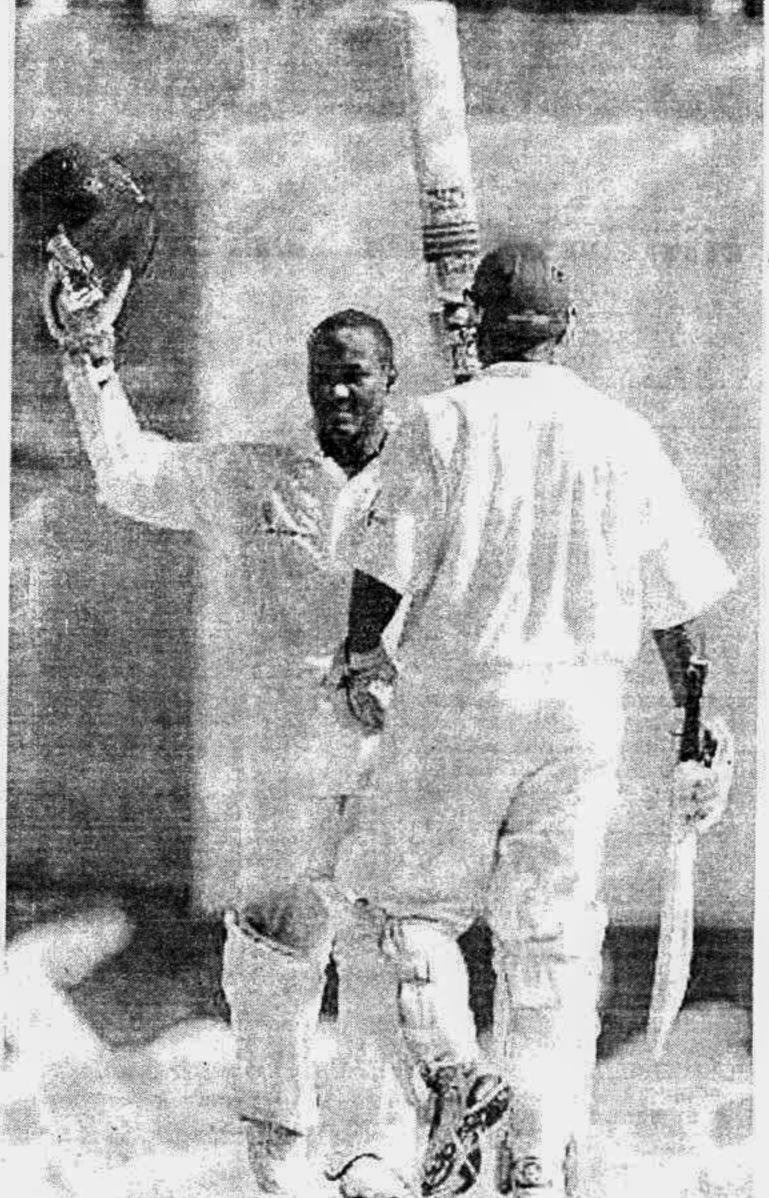
Miller's innings included

two pulled sixes off paceman west indies: First inn-Hooper Curtly Ambrose, pick of the West Indies bowling with five for 94.

Then Miller, playing his first game of the series, removed West Indies openers Adrian Griffith (9) and Sherwin Campbell (8) in a splendid opening spell of medium place that was rewarded with figures of 4-

Campbell c M Waugh b Miller 8 Griffith c Healy b Miller

Joseph lbw b Dale Lara c Healy b McGrath Hoper not out Adams c Healy b Dale Jacobs lbw b MacGill Parry not out



West Indies captain Brian Lara responds to the crowd's applause after his sparkling century against Australia on the second day of the Antigua Test on Sunday.

Bowler

McGrath

Dale

 Internet photo Extras: (nb-6)

Fall of wkts: 1-19; 2-20; 3-

National Youth Cricket

Faridpur enjoy

upper hand

Sports Reporter

from Sohan put Faridpur in the

driving seat against Chandpur in a final round match of the

19th National Youth Cricket

Championship played at the Satkhira Stadium yesterday. Sohan scored 55 as Farid-

pur, put into bat first in the two-

day affair, piled up a huge 250

before being all out in 72.3

Sohan apart, Masud ham-

A brilliant half-century

Total: (For six wickets)

136; 4-176; 5-178; 6-192

Adam Dale, another newcomer, finally had the stubborn Joseph leg before for 28 and followed up by removing Jimmy Adams, caught behind without, scoring. Skipper Waugh contributed

72 not out as he led from the front in Australia's battle to save the series. Once again he was his country's top scorer. Ambrose took his wickets haul to 366 in 88 five-day games and moved above Pakistan's Imran Khan as the seventh best Test wicket-taker.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the secondday of the fourth and final Test

between West Indies and Australia on Sunday: **AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 221 for five)

Slater c Joseph b Perry 33 Blewett c Jacobs b Collymore 32 Langer run out M Waugh c Hooper b Walsh S Waugh not out Ponting lbw b Ambrose Healy c Hooper b Ambrose Dale c Hooper b Ambrose MacGill c Joseph b Ambrose Miller c Joseph b Adams McGrath c Jacobs b Adams Extras: (lb-5 nb-19) Total: (Allout 111.5 overs) 303 Fall of wickets: 1-60; 2-76; 3-

96; 4-155; 5-211; 6-226; 7-232; 8-242; 9-295 M R Bowler 29.5 6 94 Ambrose Walsh

5 36

Collymore

Perry Adams

mered 49 while Babu chipped in with 45. For Chandpur, Nitul was the most successful bowler, returning with five for 44. In reply, Chandpur were in thick soup as they lost four wickets for 34 runs in the day's remaining 17 overs.

Faridpur's Simon claimed two wickets for three runs to put Chandpur in the back seat. Away at the Kushtia Stadium, Sylhet earned a walkover against Habiganj as the latter did not turn up.



Former Indian cricket captain Krishnamachari Srikanth (R) and filmstar Mahima Chowdhury holding the World Cup during media preview at New Delhi yesterday. - AFP photo