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1	Who will replace Bob Woolmer as South African cricket coach?
2	When England last hosted cricket World Cup?
3	Umpire Steve Bucknor is a Guyanese Jamaican Trinidadian
4	The final match of the 1999 cricket World Cup will be held at Edgbaston Lord's Oval
5	The World Cup match between Bangladesh and Scotland will be played in Edinburgh Belfast Cardiff

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Aamir Sohail

(Former Pakistan captain) "Saeed Anwar told Aaqib Javed and me in South Africa that he wasn't getting runs as he had taken money for fixing a match, and that it was a curse from God, as he had taken money despite a Quran oath."

While testifying before the Quayum Commission.

SL coin

COLOMBO, May 3: Sri Lanka will issue a limited number of coins to mark the cricket World Cup that begins in England on May 14, reports Reuters.

"We are releasing the coins to commemorate our win in 1996 and this year's competition," JM Jayasundara, superintendent of the Central Bank's currency department, told Reuters.

The 25,000 coins, each priced at 1,200 rupees (17 dollars), go on sale from today.

Sri Lanka were surprise winners of the championship in 1996 and will play their first match in this year's tournament against hosts England on May 14.

M'singh hockey

MYMENSINGH, May 3: Baikali Krira Chakra beat Manami Krira Pathshala by a solitary goal in the First Division hockey league at the local stadium today, reports UNB.



FOLLOW MY LEAD: Wasim is rapidly stepping into Imran Khan's shoes. — Star file photo

Akram assumes absolute power

KARACHI, May 3 (Reuters/Internet):

Pakistan cricket captain Wasim Akram has been given sweeping powers for the World Cup both on and off the field.

Technical coach Richard Pybus will act only as his assistant and Sarfraz Nawaz has been dropped as bowling coach. The executive council of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

reports that he had a confronta-

tion with senior players during last month's Sharjah Cup.

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Sarfraz sent packing

JAVED MIANDAD

said on Sunday Wasim would have complete autonomy on team tactics and planning and would be part of the selection committee along with team manager Zafar Altaf.

"He (Wasim) will decide team strategy and team planning," said PCB spokesman Nasrat Azeem after a meeting which accepted the shock resignation of coach Javed Miandad, who quit 11 days ago.

Andi told a crowded and hostile news conference that Miandad would not be replaced and that the team would play in the World Cup with only England-born Pybus as assistant coach.

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