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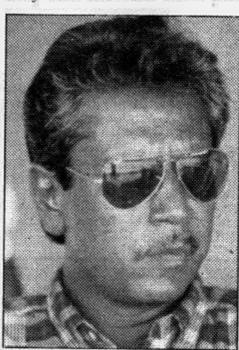
Breaking Boundaries.



MORE THAN YOU THOUGHT POSSIBLE

Frustrated by format

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 11 (Reuters): India are unhappy that the format of the World Cup has worked against them and favoured Zimbabwe.



ANSHUMAN GAEKWAD

Coach Anshuman Gaekwad said his team were frustrated they had suffered from the

points allocation system designed to keep interest in the competition high right through the second round.

India are now praying that Zimbabwe, the team who spoiled the start of their World Cup campaign with a three-run defeat, can be their saviours as they prepare for their final Super Six match against New Zealand on Saturday.

If Pakistan beat Zimbabwe at The Oval today, India are out of the World Cup they won in 1983.

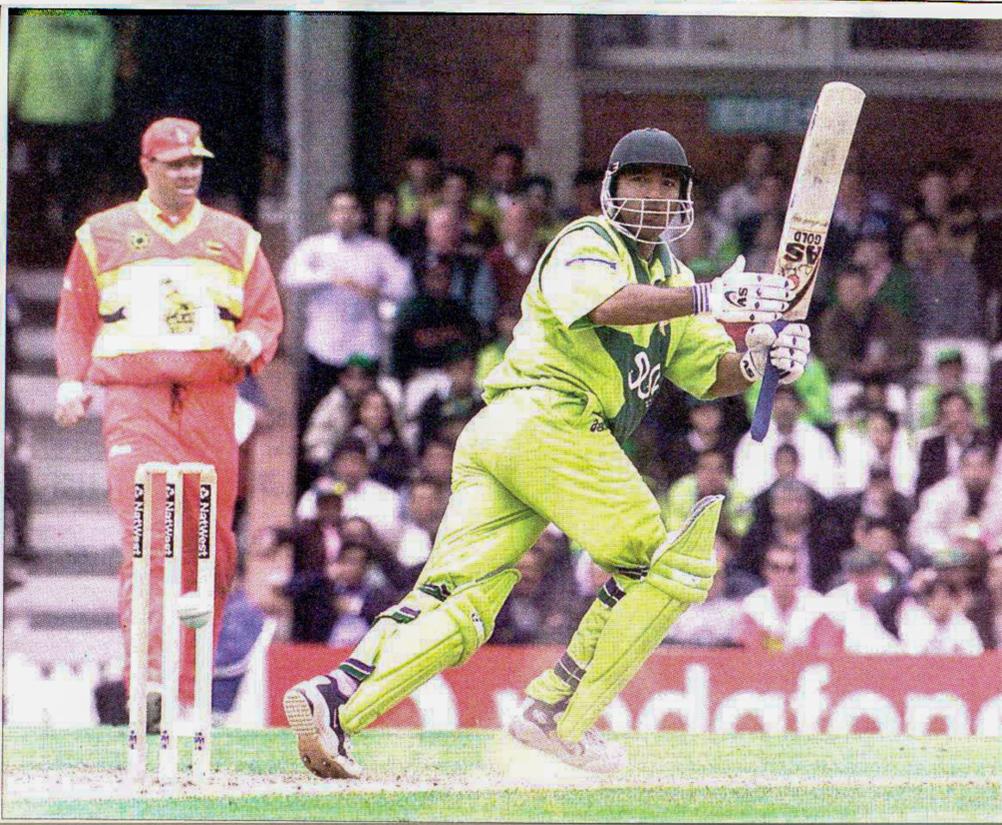
"Zimbabwe deserve some credit for making the semi-finals but if you look at the teams they have lost to, England, Sri Lanka, we have beaten them convincingly," Gaekwad said on Friday.

"The point they took from the rain-hit game makes it a little hard for us to take."

"I think the points system is a positive one but think it should have been left at the qualifying stage."

India came into the Super Six stage with no points carried

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WELCOME HUNDRED: Saeed Anwar, the Pakistani opening batsman plays towards fine leg during his century at The Oval yesterday.

Allott doing a lot

EDGBASTON, England, June 11: For a player who was once told that he was too fat, too unfit and too wild to play international cricket, Geoff Allott has done quite well for himself.

On Thursday he wrote himself into the record books, becoming the highest wicket-taker in a World Cup by removing South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs with an unplayable yorker.

It was the burly left-armers' 19th wicket of the competition and took him one above the exalted trio of Pakistan's Wasim Akram, Australia's Craig McDermott and India's Roger Binny.

New Zealand still have one second-round match to go, with a semi-final and final in the offing, giving Allott the chance of establishing a record that could stand for years.

The 27-year-old from Canterbury, a virtual unknown when he arrived at the start of the World Cup, has been the revelation of the tournament.

His biggest claim to fame was that he had batted 102 minutes without scoring in a Test match against South Africa in March, breaking a 50-year record and earning him endless ribbing from his team-mates.

While his batting was considered a joke, his bowling was hardly considered at all.

Everyone knew he was fast but he was thought to lack the control necessary for success as

a one-day international bowler. And there was another problem. Whisper it softly, but Allott was fat and - in the nicest possible way - the New Zealand selectors told him as much.

Allott turned to coach Dayle Hadlee, elder brother of Sir Richard and a former Test player himself, and he re-emerged leaner, fitter and a far better bowler.

Although he was little expensive at times, Allott had a successful home series against India and South Africa.

But he made an immediate impact at the World Cup. After

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GEOFF ALLOTT

Positive Pollock



LONDON, June 11: Luckless South African Shaun Pollock will be hungry for success when he takes on Australia in the cricket World Cup on Sunday, according to his captain, reports AFP.

Famished might be more accurate. The 25-year-old Pollock, regarded as one of the best bowling all-rounders in the world, has taken just four wickets in seven games, at an average of over 50.

On Thursday, he bowled Zimbabwe tail-ender Dion Nash after almost 40 overs without a victim.

Pollock, who cuts the ball both ways at a brisk pace and who had a successful season in England with Warwickshire, was expected to be one of the men to fully exploit the conditions and the tournament's white swinging ball.

Instead, he has passed the

edge on countless occasions without making contact while his all-round team-mates, Lance Klusener and Jacques Kallis, have hogged the lime-light, sharing six man-of-the-match awards between them.

Yet Pollock's economy rate reflects how well he has bowled. His 64 overs have gone for 202, at a fraction over three runs an over.

Pollock has success in his genes - his father Peter played for South Africa, as did uncle Graeme, regarded as one of the best left-handers ever to pick up a bat - and he is clearly struggling to mask his frustration with his current bad streak.

Pollock, who chipped in with 52 runs against Zimbabwe and 30 against Pakistan, said: "I'd like a few more wickets, but I'm still doing a job with regards to the economy rate even though that gets frustrating after a while."

"It's nice to get a few high fives when you pick up a couple of wickets."

"I'm still doing a job for the side which is the main thing and I've worked on a few things in the nets, so hopefully my luck will improve during the

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India v New Zealand: Win first, then pray

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 11: It's win or bust for India and New Zealand when they meet in the penultimate match of the World Cup Super Six round at Trent Bridge on Saturday, reports Reuters.

But even victory may not be enough to clinch either side a semifinal place.

India are bottom of the table with two points from their win over Pakistan while New Zealand are one place above them on three.

The four sides above them all have a game to play so it is calculator time again with the threat of run rate hovering over the qualification process.

India are running into form

but, having come into the second round without any points, that form may have come too late.

Their top order batting has been the most impressive of all the competing countries with Rahul Dravid and Saurav Ganguly leading the way.

Ganguly missed Tuesday's victory over Pakistan with a knee injury but Dravid carried

on regardless with 61 to take his aggregate to a tournament-leading 432.

Ganguly is likely to return on Saturday and will probably open with Sachin Tendulkar.

Captain Mohammad Azharuddin, as unflappable as ever, finally found his touch with 59 and New Zealand's bowlers will have to be at their

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PAKISTAN-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings in the Super Six match against Zimbabwe at The Oval yesterday:

PAKISTAN	R	B	4	6
Saeed Anwar c A Flower b Olonga	103	144	11	0
Wajahatullah Wasti c Huckle b G Whittall	40	42	5	1
Ijaz Ahmed run out (Goodwin/A Flower)	5	5	0	0
Inzamam-ul-Haq st A Flower b Strang	21	36	0	0
Wasim Akram lbw b Huckle	0	2	0	0
Moin Khan run out (G Flower)	13	17	0	0
Shahid Afridi c Johnson b Olonga	37	29	1	2
Azhar Mahmood c A Flower b Strang	2	3	0	0
Abdur Razaq b Streak	0	1	0	0
Saqain Mushtaq not out	17	22	0	0
Shoab Akhtar not out	1	1	0	0
Extras: (b-6, lb-3, w-20, nb-3)	32			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	271			

Fall of wickets: 1-95; (Wajahatullah, 18.5 ov); 2-116 (Ijaz Ahmed, 21.2 ov); 3-183 (Inzamam-ul-Haq, 35.6 ov); 4-194 (Saeed Anwar, 37.6 ov); 5-195 (Wasim Akram, 38.4 ov); 6-228 (Moin Khan, 43.3 ov); 7-231 (Azhar Mahmood, 44.1 ov); 8-231 (Abdur Razaq, 44.2 ov); 9-260 (Shahid Afridi, 48.3 ov).

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	10	0	63	2 (1 nb, 5w)
Mbangwa	8	0	26	0 (3w)
G Whittall	8	1	39	1 (3w)
Olonga	5	0	38	2 (1 nb, 5w)
Huckle	10	0	43	1 (1w)
G Flower	2	0	13	0 (2w)
Strang	7	0	38	1 (1w)

Toss: Pakistan
Umpires: S A Bucknor (WI) and D L Orchard (SA).
TV Umpire: D B Cowie (NZ).
Match Referee: P J P Burge (Aust).

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LONDON, June 11 (AFP): Australia's Darren Lehmann, fresh from having his finger torn open by an express delivery from Zimbabwe paceman Henry Olonga, should not expect too much sympathy from his skipper.

Steve Waugh, one of the hard men of the game, said the left-handed batsman would only play in the final Super Six game against South Africa if a win was absolutely necessary, but added with a wicked smile: "If the stitches come out, you can just put them back in."

HOME SWEET HOME

EDGBASTON, June 11: It was home, sweet home for four members of the South African and New Zealand squads at Edgbaston on Thursday, reports AFP.

Bob Woolmer, the Proteas supreme, was once the Warwickshire coach, taking them to the treble in 1994, followed by the double. Roger Twose of New Zealand was part of his team, as was Allan Donald of South Africa. And Shaun Pollock spent one year, filling in for his teammate.

Of the four, Donald is the Edgbaston fan's true favourite, after marrying a local girl and settling down in the area.

MARK'S TON FOR GRANDPA

LONDON, June 11: Australian batsman Mark Waugh has dedicated his century against Zimbabwe to his sick grandfather, reports AFP.

Waugh scored 104 at Lord's on Wednesday - his fourth ton in a World Cup after making three in 1996 - on his way to becoming Australia's highest-scoring one-day batsman.

His grandfather is following the World Cup on television from a hospital bed in New South Wales. Waugh said he was a cricket lover and hoped his innings cheered him up.

BUNCH OF FLOWERS

LONDON, June 11 (AP): Cricket discussions at home are barred in Zimbabwe's leading

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Gold is old

LONDON, June 11 (AFP): Grey hairs, rather than greenhorns, have dominated the 1999 cricket World Cup.

The exuberance of youth has barely got a look in.

Only one player under 25 has made a major impact to date.

Pakistan's pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar, with 23 years and 95 miles-per-hour to his credit, has been the find of the tournament, captivating the fans with his raw pace.

Several times he has set up winning positions for Wasim Akram's side by chopping down the opposition's top order.

But he has yet to be awarded a man-of-the-match award.

Against South Africa, according to his captain, his youth even cost Pakistan the



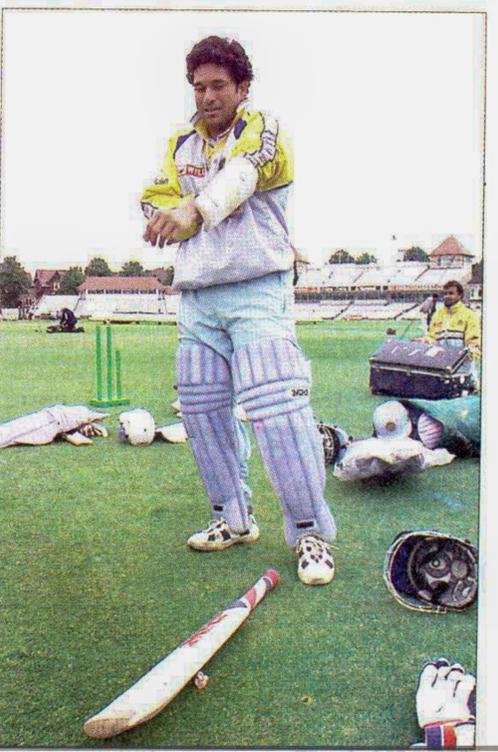
match when, striving for extra pace at the expense of control, he was smashed around the park by Lance Klusener in the final overs.

Tom Moody, at 33, has a few more miles on the clock.

A veteran of the 1987 tournament, he almost did not make this World Cup.

Left out of Australia's 19-strong provisional squad, he

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LAST PRACTICE? With his team's survival chances bleak, Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar gears up for a practice session at Trent Bridge yesterday.

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