

## Column One

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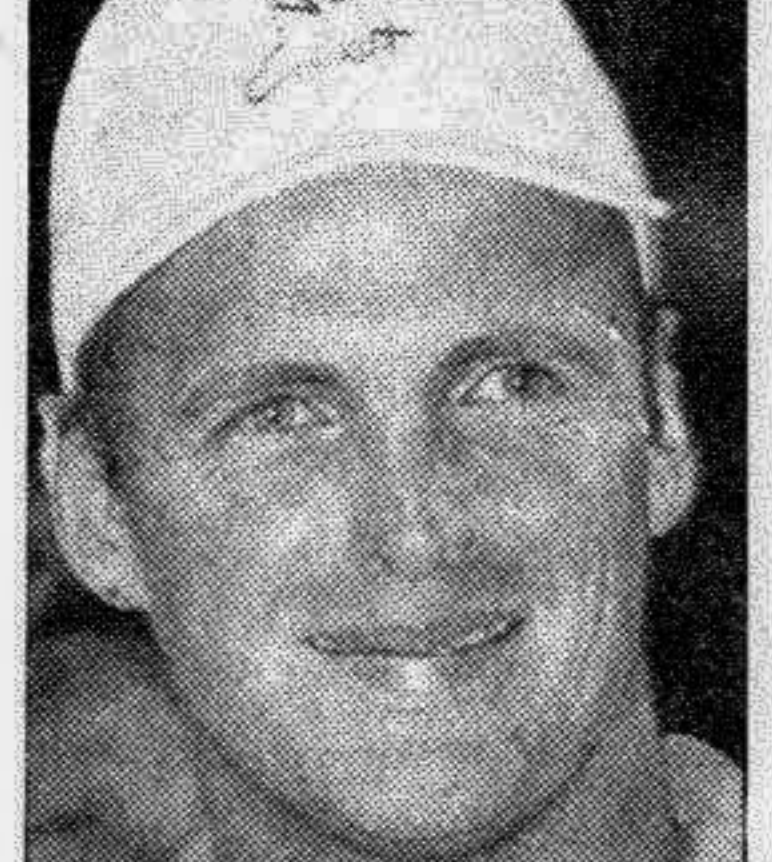
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## Kirsten ties the knot

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 20 (Internet report): Gary Kirsten, 31, opening batsman of the South African cricket team, was married this weekend to a beaming 25-year-old brunette, Deborah Cassidy.

His wedlock with Cassidy, Kirsten's girlfriend for the past



three years, was solemnised on Saturday in the St Thomas Anglican Church in Rondebosch by Cassidy's godfather, Bishop Michael Nuttall, Anglican Bishop of Natal.

Cassidy was elegantly dressed in shoulder-less, full-length gown of satin lace. Kirsten wore a grey tailor-made suit.

Among the 280 wedding guests were present and past SA cricket team-mates Herschelle Gibbs, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Mark Boucher and Jacques Kallis.

Cassidy, a native from Pietermaritzburg, and Kirsten met three years ago in a Cape Town restaurant. They were engaged in April this year.

After the ceremony in the church, Kirsten said he "felt wonderful." They intend settling in Kirsten's house in Newlands.

## Rajshahi kabadi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Sept 20: Shiroil Sporting Club defeated Diganta Prasraya Shangkha 73-42 in the super league match of Rajshahi District First Division kabadi league yesterday at Rajshahi Outer Stadium. The winners got five luma's.

## Bout 1: Barlow impresses

Sports Reporter



The South African coach of the national team Eddie Barlow feels that he is here in this part of the world at a crucial time but believes that Bangladesh should attain the ultimate goal - the Test status - rather sooner than later.

"This is an important assignment as far as I'm concerned. We have applied for Test status. I don't know how long it will take. But I believe it will happen rather sooner than later," said the former South African Test cap in his first meeting with the local press at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office yesterday afternoon.

Barlow, thrust as the helmsman of Bangladesh cricket, took the most sought-after job from September 1. But he hardly faced the press since his arrival in the city and stayed back at the BKSP where he was preparing the national team for a series of matches against the visiting West Indies and the England A.

Although the former South African all-rounder appeared rather quiet since replacing Gordon Greenidge as Director of Coaching, Barlow was impressive rather than expressive in his first animated bout with the journalists.

He admitted knowing little about Bangladesh cricket, but added that he is only 20 days old in an unfamiliar territory.

Barlow however feels that it would be a huge job for him to graduate Bangladesh to the Test echelon.

"I have been fortunately or unfortunately involved with a country aspiring for Test status.



**EDDIE BARLOW**

So, the project is a massive one. I have heard the structure here is based mainly around club cricket. But you have got many fine players. I have seen many young players at the BKSP and I was astonished to see those

boys. I believe the only thing you need is more exposure to international cricket," said Barlow.

The jovial South African, who incidentally attended the press briefing to discuss the pros and cons of his just-selected 16 players, said that his selection was not his future team but only a selection against a particular side.

"I have heard people saying that there are as many as fifty better players than those we have selected. But this is the best possible selection we have made at this moment," said the witty South African.

Admitting that he had gone through a lot of problems to select the side since he hardly got the players together for a single day, Barlow however said that it was a collective decision, which included three selectors, captain Aminul Islam and himself.

"We can not satisfy everybody. But we have put together our best efforts to make the team. I brought in certain names in the selection committee. We have discussed the matter for a long time before making the final decision," said Barlow, adding that they have also selected eight more players for training apart from the final 16.

Surprisingly though, the BCB only announced the list of 16 players, who will feature in a couple of ODIs and a three-day match against the West Indies.

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## Waugh counts on helmet



COLOMBO, Sept 20 (AFP): Australian skipper Steve Waugh may field in a helmet to protect his nose.

ken nose in the second Test against Sri Lanka starting in Galle on Wednesday.

Waugh, one of Test cricket's most resilient characters, is expected to decide for himself whether he is fit to play the pivotal match after the Australians lost the opening Test in Kandy.

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But he discarded it last Wednesday and batted the next day in the nets.

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## Windies tickets rates revealed

Sports Reporter

Spectators will spend Taka 50 for a Western gallery ticket and Taka 40 for the Eastern to witness the two forthcoming one-day internationals between hosts Bangladesh and the West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 8 and 9.

The will be 18,000 western gallery tickets and 12,000 eastern gallery tickets on sale.

The Caribbeans, led by Brian Lara, will reach the capital on October 1 and will also engage themselves in a three-day affair against the hosts starting from October 4.

According to a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) official yesterday both the ODIs will be played day-night.

The rate of other daily tickets except the hospitality boxes are likely to be fixed at the following rates:

International gallery Tk 75  
Club house (east) Tk 150  
Club house (west) Tk 200  
VIP (gate 3) Tk 300

The BCB is yet to fix the rate for the AC and the non-AC hospitality boxes. Besides, it could not be confirmed which bank will sell the tickets and from when.

## SAFF 2000 in Dhaka

Sports Reporter

The 3rd South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship will be held in Dhaka next year.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), however, have not been informed by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) about the precise dates of the tournament.

This was revealed by BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid, MP while talking to the Daily Star last evening.

"Although the AFC is yet to confirm the date, we will try to make it in April or May before our local football season starts. That time will also suit India because they staged the 2nd SAFF Championship during that period this year before the start of their domestic schedule," said Harun.

"Everything depends on AFC and their marketing agent AML because they are commercially dealing with the matter," he disclosed.

Harun also forecast that if somehow BFF fails to hold the meet in the early part of the year then it might be deferred to November or December.

Harun hoped that Bhutan, who are taking part in the 8th SAFF games in Nepal this month after remaining absent in the regional Games for the last 14 years, may also participate in the tournament. That will increase the number of participating nations to seven.

Bangladesh reached the final of the 2nd SAFF Championship in Goa (India) last May. They were beaten by the hosts in the final 2-0.

## Nazmul Haque Chess

Sports Reporter

Shawkat Hossain, Khandker Aminul Islam and Abu Sufian were sharing the top spot of the Shaheed Major Nazmul Haque Memorial Chess Tournament with full four points at the end of round four on Sunday.

In the fourth round, Shawkat edged past Shahidul Amin. Aminul ousted Monir Hossain while Abu Sufian won his board against Shafiqul Islam to maintain their unbeaten run in the meet organised by Pallina Sangsad of Malibagh.

Besides, four players - FIDE Master Rezaul Haque, Aminul Islam, Abul Kasem and Firoz Ahmed were occupying the second spot jointly with three-and-a-half points after the fourth round.

The day's biggest upset was the second consecutive defeat of International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib, who was beaten by his unheralded fourth round counterpart Udhass. Rakib, who won his first two outings, remained glued to two points.

The fifth round was going on yesterday till the filing of this report.

## BOA delegate for SOCOG conference

Sports Reporter

Noted footballer and the deputy secretary-general of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnul will leave the capital for Sydney tomorrow to attend a three-day briefing arranged by the 2000 Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG).

According to BOA secretary-general Zafar Imam, representatives of different National Olympic Committees (BOA in Bangladesh) are scheduled to join the briefing where SOCOG will report on their progress in preparation for next year's Olympic Games.

The briefing will be held on September 24, 25 and 26. Although secretary-generals of NOCs were invited to the Sydney briefing, Zafar Imam could not comply as he is occupied with the SAF games.

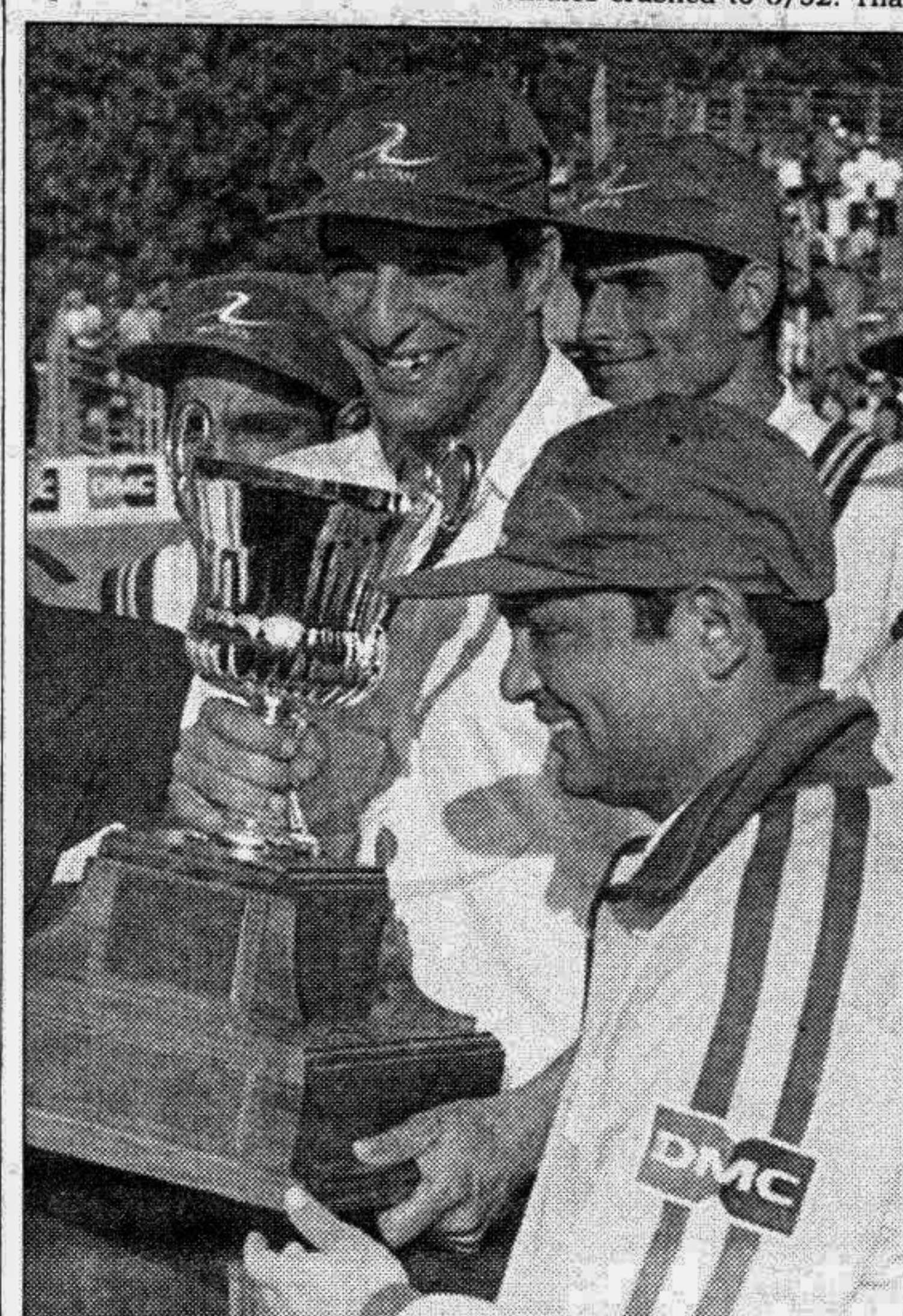
## Pakistan outclass Windies



TORONTO, Sept 20: Pakistan made it a clean sweep in the three-match DMC Trophy one-day cricket tournament yesterday with a decisive seven-wicket victory over the West Indies, reports Reuters.

Shivnarine Chandepaul was stumped by Moin Khan off the bowling of Arshad for three in the very next over.

Then young gun Shabbir returned to complete the rout. He clean bowled both Ricardo Powell and Chris Gayle off successive deliveries as the Windies crumbled to 6/92. That



Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram (C) with the DMC Trophy after third and final match against West Indies.

—AFP photo

Set just 162 to win after another lacklustre West Indian batting effort, Pakistan cruised to the target for the loss of just three wickets with more than 10 overs of the 50-over contest to spare.

The performances of Pakistan young guns Shabbir Ahmed and Abdur Razaq were a highlight of the match.

With frontline pacemen Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis given the day off by the Pakistan match committee after the team wrapped up the series Saturday, Shabbir Ahmed was thrown into the spotlight as opening bowler in his first one-day international.

The 23-year-old, obviously suffering from an attack of nerves, sprayed a number of wickets in his first over, including two which raced away to the boundary for four. But he showed why selectors had placed so much faith in him when he struck with his fourth legitimate ball, clean bowling Adrian Griffith for three with the total on 11.

At the other end, teenage sensation Razaq, four years Shabbir's junior, bowled with both pace and poise.

The West Indies raced to 50 off the first 10 overs, including 23 extras.

Sherwin Campbell, the best West Indies batsman in this tournament with three 50s in five matches, again shone with 32 off 54 balls before falling lbw to Saqlain Mushtaq.

Still, the Windies looked poised to post a big score with their total on 2/86 in just 18 overs. But tight bowling by spinners Mushtaq Ahmed and Arshad Khan began to apply the brakes to the early free scoring.

Wavell Hinds, a half-century-maker for the Windies on Saturday, became the third batsman to go when he was caught at slip off the bowling of Mushtaq for 27 with the total on 91.

His departure signalled the start of a dramatic batting collapse.

Pakistan began their run chase disastrously when Wajidullah Wasti was bowled by Courtney Walsh off the first ball of the innings.

But that was really the last gasp of the Windies in an inevitable result.

Hasan Raza strode to the wicket to join in-form Razaq, a half-century maker on Saturday. The pair took the score along to 50 in the 13th, tested

out along the way by some hostile, short-pitched bowling by Merv Dillon and Walsh.

A change of bowling eventually brought about a much-needed wicket. Adams had Raza caught by Hinds at silly mid off for 11 in the 13th over.

Inzamamul Haq joined Razaq at the crease and, after an early scare when Inzamam was dropped on the boundary after skipping a hook shot, the pair quickly stamped their authority on the match.

Delightful sweep and pull shots were a feature of Inzamam's innings.

The West Indies spinners — Adams, Gayle and Chandepaul — were not of the same quality as Pakistan's, putting pressure back on the pacemen to make a breakthrough.

But Inzamam and Razaq were solid in defence when required, and particularly savage on bad balls, taking the score along to 2/136 and almost certain victory by the 32nd over.

Razaq was finally out for a well-made 57 when he lost patience and was caught by Powell in the deep trying to hit the ball over the mid-wicket fence.

With only 26 runs required for victory, Inzamam and Yousuf Youhana, Pakistan's hero and century maker in Saturday's match, chipped away at the target with ones and twos to reach a total of 3/163 in just the 39th over and claim victory.

Razaq won the man-of-the-match award for solid all-round performance. He took 1/31 in his eight-over bowling spell and added 57 with the bat — his third one-day international half century and his second in as many days.

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said he was delighted with the performance of the youngsters, along with debutant Shabbir.

He is looking forward to challenging the World Cup holders, Australia, in the Southern Hemisphere summer.

"For the first time, I think we have a team that can beat Australia on their home soil," he said.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international match between the West Indies and Pakistan at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club on Sunday:

**WEST INDIES:**  
Campbell lbw b Saqlain 32  
Griffith b Shabbir 37  
Hinds c Wasti b Saqlain 3  
Chandepaul st Moin b Arshad 3  
Lara c Shabbir b Mushtaq 12  
Powell b Shabbir 1  
Gayle b Shabbir 0  
Adams c Inzamam b Mushtaq 27  
Jacobs c Moin b Razaq 10  
Dillon c Youhana b Mushtaq 9  
Walsh not out 0  
Extras (lb-8, w-27, nb-2) 37  
Total: (All out in 44.4 overs) 161

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-86; 3-91; 4-91; 5-92; 6-92; 7-113; 8-133; 9-156; 10-163

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Razaq 8 2 31 1  
Shabbir 10 1 52 3  
Arshad 10 1 21 1  
Saqlain 8 2 18 2  
Mushtaq 8.4 1 31 3

**PAKISTAN:**  
Wasti b Walsh 0  
Razaq c Powell b Chandepaul 57  
Raza c Hinds b Adams 11  
Inzamam not out 55  
Youhana not out 8  
Extras (lb-2, w-19, nb-10) 31  
Total: (All out in 44.4 overs) 162

Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-50; 3-136

Did not bat: Saeed Anwar, Moin Khan, Arshad Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shabbir Ahmed.

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Walsh 7 1 24 1  
Dillon 9 2 31 0  
Adams 7 0 36 1  
Gayle 9 0 31 0  
Chandepaul 6 0 33 1  
Campbell 1.4 0 5 0

**Result:** Pakistan won by 7 wickets and took series 3-0.

**Man-of-the-match:** Abdul Razaq.

**Toss:** West Indies.  
**Umpires:** Steve Dunne, New Zealand; Dave Orchard, South Africa.

**TV umpire:** Daryl Harper, Australia.  
**Match referee:** Peter Van der Merwe, South Africa.

## BCCI faces shake-up



MUMBAI, Sept 20: Chairman Ajit Wadekar and South Zone Representative Shivlal Yadav may be replaced in the five-man national selection committee at the Cricket Board's AGM scheduled at Jaipur on September 21 and 22, board sources said.

"As per current indication, Wadekar is definitely out and so too is Yadav," board sources told PTI yesterday.

"There is a likelihood of National Coach Anshuman Gaekwad being the replacement for Wadekar (from West Zone) if he