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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Competition-121

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Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 15, '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1	Who won the DMC Cup in Toronto?	India	W Indies	Pakistan
2	Where will the next SAF Games be held?	Maldives	Pakistan	Bhutan
3	How many Test wickets has Kapil Dev taken?	432	433	434
4	Who is the fastest man in South Asia?	Anil	Bijayan	Bimal
5	What is the name of Tendulkar's daughter?	Divya	Sarah	Nisha

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### SPORTS TALK



**Curtly Ambrose**  
(West Indies fast bowler)  
"The fire is still burning inside me. Whenever that fire will go, I will go."

### Jubilo bewilder Mohun Bagan

IWATA, Japan, Oct 9: Norihiro Nishi scored four goals to lead Jubilo Iwata to an 8-0 thrashing of India's Mohun Bagan in the first leg of the Asian Club Championships second round on Saturday, reports AFP.

The 18-year-old midfielder opened the scoring with an easy header 10 minutes into the bout and went on to add three more in the 16th, 48th and 72nd minutes off the struggling visitors.

Russian forward Dimitri Radchenko, who joined the Jubilo after the club's poor performance in the J-League second stage, scored a hat-trick, while Daisuke Oku was also on the target.

### Baggio has a dream

TOKYO, Oct 9: Italy's Roberto Baggio said on Friday he had ruled out a lucrative move to the English Premier League because it would damage his chances of a national team recall, reports Reuters.

Speaking at a Tokyo news conference, the 32-year-old Inter Milan forward said it was his goal to play in a fourth World Cup.

"Italy is a special place and I want to stay there because I have a better chance of impressing the national team manager," he said.

"My physical condition is very good and I intend to keep playing for at least three more years. In fact it's my dream to play in the 2002 World Cup. If I can achieve that I will retire very happily."

Baggio said he had received several offers to go to the Premier League, where several of his compatriots play, but had turned them down to stay in the Serie A spotlight. He did not name the clubs.

Baggio will play alongside AC Milan's Leonardo in a J-League exhibition match at Tokyo's National Stadium on Monday.

"When I came here before, I was aware of the skill of the Japanese players. All they needed was time and experience," said Baggio.

"The fact that Hidetoshi Nakata is playing so well for Perugia is proof of the progress being made here in Japanese soccer," he said of the 1997 and 1998 Asian Footballer of the year.



RARE MISS: West Indies skipper Brian Lara misses an attempted sweep during his blitzkrieg 117.

## Brilliant Brian

Lenin Gani

Brian Charles Lara not only became the fourth West Indian to reach 6000 one-day international runs yesterday but also wrote himself into the record books.

Playing in his 158th match, the West Indian skipper needed 18 runs to complete the milestone, slammed a whirlwind 117 off only 62 balls to take his career aggregate to 6099.

The 30-year-old Trinidadian master batsman, who holds both the highest individual Test and first-class scores, joined an illustrious band of West Indians: Desmond Haynes, Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson. Besides he became only the 17th batsman in the world to achieve the landmark.

Once he hit medium-fast bowler Shafiqul Islam for four to move to 20 the 6000-run mark was achieved. It also bettered his previous 32-ball half-century against Sri Lanka in Sharjah.

Lara fell one ball short of equalling the quickest West Indies fifty (25 balls) by Richards after failing to get a single off Enamul Haque's first ball.

His rapid-fire 13th one-day century came off only 45 balls which is second only to Pakistan's Shahid Afridi who made his from only 37 balls.

Lara's exhibition contained 19 fours and three sixes. He was instrumental in seeing a record 160 runs amassed inside the mandatory 15 overs.

Runs	Balls	Player	vs	Venue	Season	4s	6s
102	37	S Afridi (Pak)	SL	Nairobi	96-97	6	11
117	45	B Lara (WI)	BAN	Dhaka	99-2000	19	3
137	48	S Jayasuriya (SL)	PAK	Singapore	95-96	11	11
108	62	M Azharuddin (Ind)	NZ	Baroda	88-89	10	3
127	67	Basit Ali (Pak)	WI	Sharjah	93-94	12	5
102	82	C Lloyd (WI)	AUS	Lord's	75	10	4
103*	85	S Gavaskar (Ind)	NZ	Nagpur	87-88	10	3

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	CT	St
D Haynes	238	237	28	8648	152*	41.38	17	57	59	-
V Richards	187	167	24	6721	189*	47.00	11	45	101	-
R Richardson	224	217	30	6248	122	33.41	5	44	74	-
B Lara	158	155	15	6099	169	43.57	13	38	72	-

Player	Country	Matches	NO	Runs	Average
M Azharuddin	India	323	53	9111	37.34
D Haynes	West Indies	238	28	8648	41.38
S Tendulkar	India	224	21	8350	42.60
A de Silva	Sri Lanka	259	25	8093	35.65
A Ranatunga	Sri Lanka	269	47	7454	35.84
J Mianad	Pakistan	233	41	7381	41.70
S Malik	Pakistan	283	38	7169	32.89
M Waugh	Australia	196	14	6810	38.47
V Richards	West Indies	187	24	6721	47.00
S Anwar	Pakistan	183	15	6609	40.05
A Border	Australia	273	39	6524	30.63
S Waugh	Australia	273	48	6306	31.69
R Richardson	West Indies	224	30	6248	33.41
Inzamamul Haq	Pakistan	195	25	6214	39.08
Ijaz Ahmed	Pakistan	235	29	6164	32.61
B Lara	West Indies	158	15	6099	43.57
D Jones	Australia	164	25	6068	44.62

## Mohali Test begins today

MOHALI, India, Oct 9: New Zealand find themselves dwarfed by the might of two Indian cricketers — Kapil Dev and Sachin Tendulkar — as they prepare for the first Test starting here tomorrow, reports AFP.

Kapil, Test cricket's record-holder with 434 wickets and one of the game's leading all-rounders, returns to centrestage after five years as the newly-appointed Indian coach. He will team up with captain Tendulkar, who is himself making a comeback of sorts after missing two limited-overs tournaments.



**SACHIN TENDULKAR**  
earlier in the season because of a back ailment.

The duo, who played together for five years before Kapil quit in 1994, are expected to share the spotlight as India strive to maintain their unbeaten run in a home Test series since 1987. Kapil stressed it will not be an easy outing against the Kiwis,

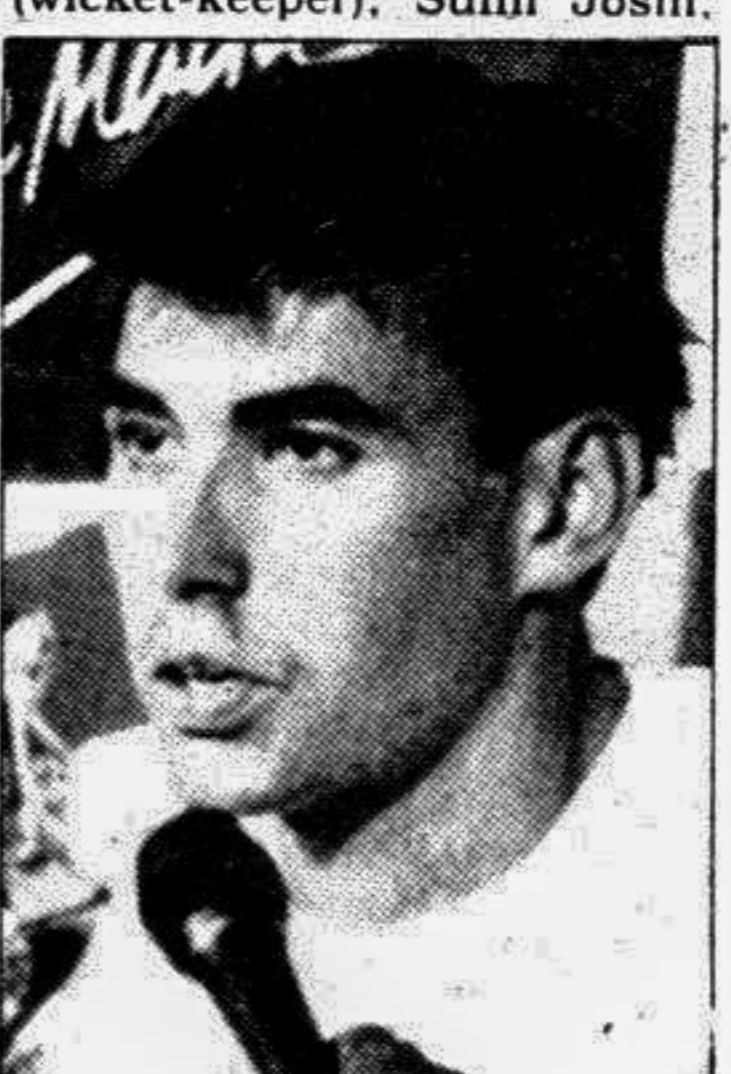
who may have won just two of their 21 Test matches against India, but are buoyant after their maiden series win in England earlier in the summer.

New Zealand played very well in England and will be gunning for us. They are a very competitive side. Kapil's first job will be to get his team out of the one-day mode. The Indians have played just five Tests in 1999 as compared to 38 one-dayers. They go into the series after taking part in four limited-overs tournaments during a gruelling six-week tour of Sri Lanka, Singapore, Canada and Kenya. Tendulkar's return will bolster the middle-order which will be without former captain Mohammad Azharuddin for the first time in a home series since 1990.

Azharuddin, who is two matches away from achieving the rare distinction of 100 Test appearances, was dumped by the selectors despite recovering from a shoulder operation he underwent after the World Cup.

Azharuddin's place in the side will be contested by Ajay Jadeja and newcomer Vijay Bharadwaj, who made an astounding one-day debut a fortnight ago in Nairobi where he was adjudged the man of the series. India will decide tomorrow morning whether to play three seamers or three spinners on the best Test wicket in the country, which sports a thin layer of grass.

New Zealand have left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori and off-spinner Paul Wiseman to take advantage of a turning wicket, besides a posse of seamers to exploit any early seam movement. The tourists gained useful batting practice in the three-day game against the Board President's team earlier in the week, with Craig McMillan cracking an unbeaten century



**STEPHEN FLEMING**  
Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Debashish Mohanty and Vijay Bharadwaj.

Umpires: Srinivas Venkatraghavan (India) and Peter Manual (Sri Lanka).

Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka).

### Lancs on hunt for new coach

LONDON, Oct 9 (Internet report): Lancashire has started their search for a new coach following the departure of Dav Whatmore last season.

Whatmore, Lancashire's head coach since 1997, left to become coach of the Sri Lankan cricket team in July 1999 leaving skipper John Crawley in charge for the remainder of the summer.

The club is now seeking to appoint a suitable applicant to take up the position of coach at Old Trafford from January 2000.

The job spec requires a proven track record as a player at the highest level and sound coaching qualifications. Excellent man-management and communication skills will also be needed to ensure that the recent successes of Lancashire are continued into the new millennium.

Applications in writing with a detailed CV should be forwarded to Mr Jim Cumbes, Chief Executive, Lancashire CCC, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0PX.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 1999.

### Summer nat'l athletics meet from Oct 12

The Meghna Life sixth summer national athletics competition will start on October 12 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, reports UNB.

Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Minister Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the three-day tournament.

Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation in association with Meghna Life Insurance has organised the tourney.

Some 300 athletes, including 50 female, from across the country will participate in the competition.

### AFC reveals Youth soccer groups

Defending champions Korea Republic drew a fairly easy group in the draw for the 32nd Asian Youth under-19 championship 2000 made in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, says a press release.

Banded in Group 9 with Korea Republic who beat Japan in the final of the 1998 tournament held in Changmai, Thailand, were Malaysia, Singapore, The Philippines and Macau.

Japan who surprised one and all by making the final of the FIFA World Youth under-20 tournament in Nigeria this year, also had a good draw with their opponents being Vietnam, Brunei and Guam.

In the draw for the 9th Asian Youth under-16 championship also conducted the day, defending champions Thailand have Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei and Cambodia for company.

Qatar, beaten finalist in the 1998 tournament, have a more difficult task ahead. Qatar have to contend with Iran, Kazakhstan, Lebanon and Kyrgyzstan.

The draw ceremony was conducted by Asian Football Confederation (AFC) general secretary, Peter Velappan.

Iran will meanwhile host the Asian Youth under-19 championship 2000 while Vietnam have been given the job of staging the under-16 event.

### Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, October 8: Abahani Krira Chakra beat Rupatali Prantik Sangha 2-0 in the Abdur Rab Serniabat First Division football league at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium yesterday.

Milon and Parvez netted one goal each for the winning team Abahani KC.

T&T Ekadash Club tomorrow at the same venue.

## A cool customer

As good a wicketkeeper as anybody in international cricket today, Ridley Detamore Jacobs is the unsung hero of the West Indies. The Antiguan has been a breath of fresh air for a Caribbean side that has struggled to find a keeper who is also a competent batsman ever since Jeffry Dujon retired in 1992. Jacobs made his debut for the West Indies in the one-day series against the touring New Zealanders in 1996 at the age of 28, but had to wait for another two years before playing his first Test match (against South Africa in 1998). Jacobs was a standout in that series. He took some stupendous catches and batted far better than his more illustrious colleagues, getting the highest aggregate of the tour, 317, and the highest average of 45.28. Not surprisingly, his superb efforts made him the man-of-the-series for the West Indies in an otherwise forgettable tour where they suffered a 5-0 humiliation. However, there was no looking back for Jacobs, who has since established as one of the most dependable members of his team. Jacobs has a very respectable average of 32.45 in Tests and proved quite a revelation with his attacking stroke-play when given the chance to open in one-dayers. The left-hander was the star batsman for the West Indies in the 1999 World Cup where he showed tremendous determination in scoring over 200 runs and in the same tournament became only the fourth batsman ever to carry his bat through an innings (49 not out against Australia). A devout Christian, the quiet and composed Jacobs is a private person. He lets his faith guide him through the rigours of modern-day cricket.

Rabeed Imam of Daily Star Sport caught Ridley Jacobs at the Sonargaon Hotel lobby last Thursday. This is what they talked about.

**Daily Star Sport (DSS):** When did you start playing cricket?

**Ridley Jacobs (RJ):** I started at age 17 for the Leeward Island youth team and then I played for the Antigua youths.

**DSS:** You had your international debut against the touring New Zealand team in 1995-96. Why do you think you got selected?

**RJ:** Well, I played against Pakistan for the West Indies 'A' team and made a hundred against them before the New Zealand tour. Basically, I was selected for the one-day matches. You know that one-day cricket is a lot different from the Test matches. You will not get too many overs to bat coming in at number seven or eight, and in the last five or six overs, it is stinging time and you have to pick the ball and score a lot of runs. I think I was selected as an attacking option in batting.

**DSS:** Who were your idols when you were a youngster?

**RJ:** It was Viv (Richards). We were from the same island. Everybody admired the way he played. I mean, he was so dominating in everything he did... batting, fielding and even bowling. And as captain, he was always in command. I looked up to him. He was my idol at that time.

**DSS:** Viv Richards, as you have said, was your idol. He had been involved on an interim basis with the West Indies team recently. How was the experience of having him around?

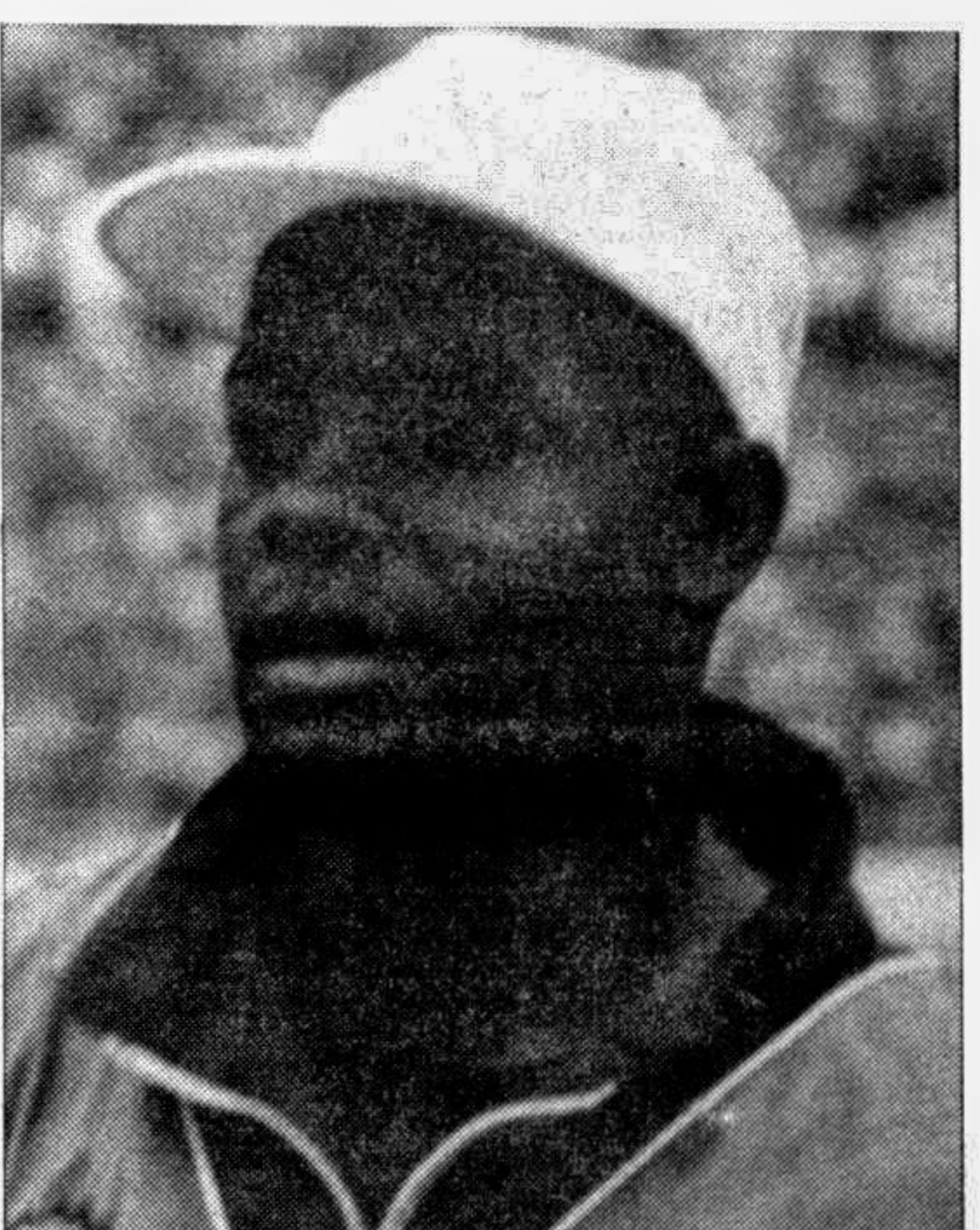
**RJ:** The kind of personality Viv is, he can bring out the best in any player. He had an awesome influence on the team. I'm sure, given the opportunity, he will do a great job.

**DSS:** Did wicket-keeping come naturally to you?

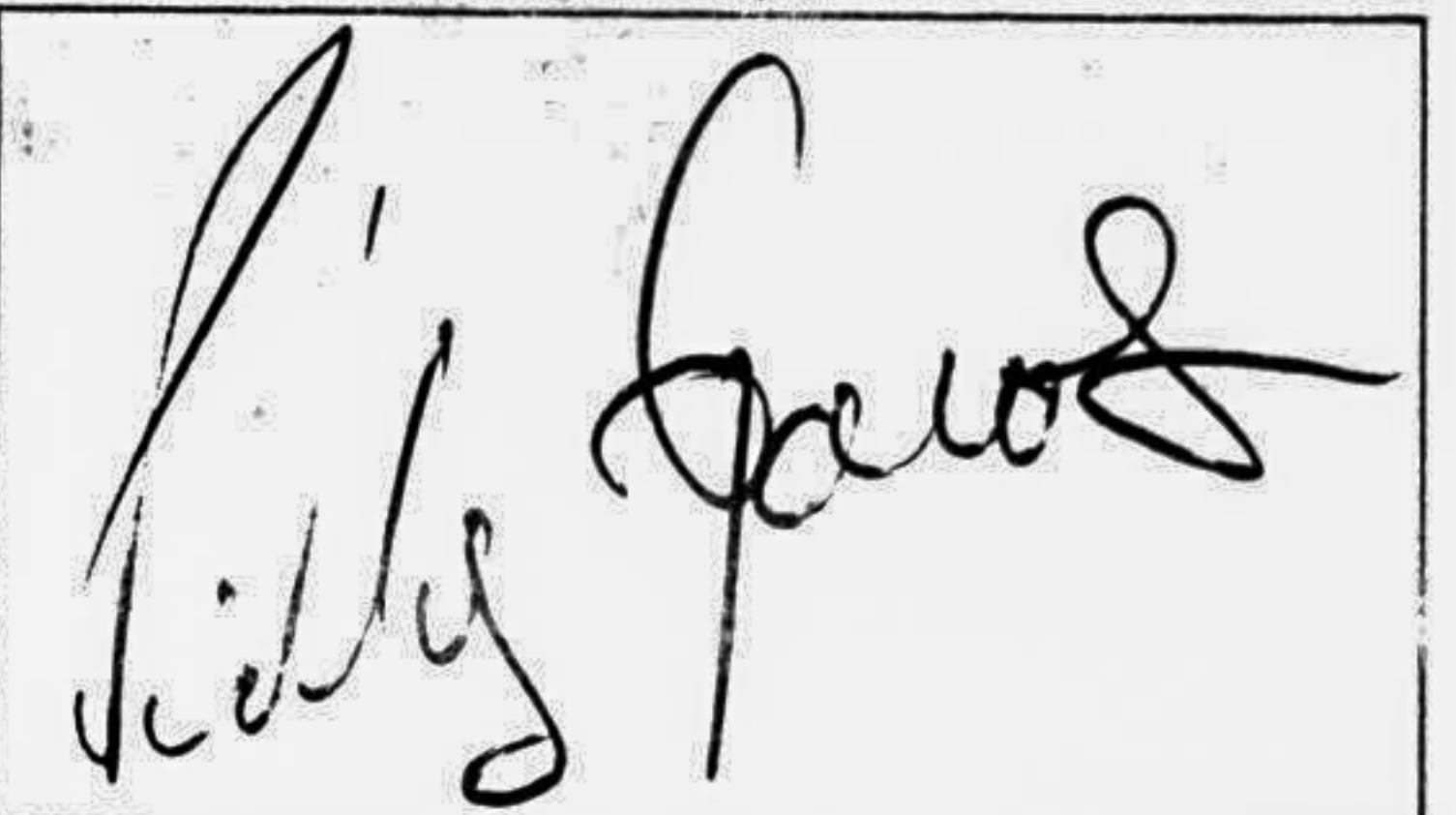
**RJ:** Well, it was a natural thing. I used to practise for my village club, and one day they asked me to keep. From then on I just did it. I enjoyed it.

**DSS:** What do you think is the most important job of a wicketkeeper?

**RJ:** I guess it is motivating the team. When things are not



RIDLEY DETAMORE JACOBS



"I don't play for records. I do what the team wants me to do. Basically I am a team man."

### WEST INDIES-BANGLADESH SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings in the Biman Millennium Cup second one-day international against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:



#### WEST INDIES

S Campbell c K Masood b A Kamal 28  
B Lara b Habibul 117  
R Powell c Enamul b K Mahmud 21  
W Hinds b Enamul 14  
S Chanderpaul not out 77  
R Jacobs c Masood b Aminul 11  
J Adams b Enamul 15  
N Perry not out 19  
Extras: (fb-1, w-10, nb-1) 12  
Total: (for 6 wickets in 50 overs) 314

Did not bat: C Ambrose, M Dillon, N Mclean.

Fall of wickets: 1/98; 2/161; 3/185; 4/187; 5/218; 6/257

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	4	0	38	0
Shafiquddin	3	0	32	0
A Kamal	5	0	39	1
Enamul	10	0	45	2
K Mahmud	8	0	78	1
Habibul	10	0	31	1
Aminul	10	0	50	1

going your way that's when motivation is most needed. And it's my job to lift the side's morale. I have to stay one step ahead of the others.

**DSS:** At the age of 28 you were relatively a late entry into the West Indies main team. Were you disappointed at not getting the chance earlier?

**RJ:** This life is a twoosome reality. These kinds of things happen. I didn't mind that a lot of other guys got the chance ahead of me. I always believed that if you wait and work hard, your day would come. I am a religious person and my faith had pulled me through those times.

**DSS:** It's important for wicketkeepers to work very hard on their fitness. How much work do you put on?

**RJ:** I train a lot. I do a lot of hard work in maintaining my fitness level.

**DSS:** What does it mean to you to be a part of the West Indies team?

**RJ:** It's a great feeling. You are built up to play positive cricket. You put your heart and soul into the team. You work hard and, at the end of the day when there is success, it's very satisfying. It is a nice feeling playing at the highest level.

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West Indian Ridley Jacobs plays one on the on-side yesterday.

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