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SPORTS TALK



Steve Waugh

(Australia cricket captain)
"It's a good side and I said
once before it would be competi-
tive with anyone."
After winning the second
Test against New Zealand.

Ajay to partner Aditi

From Our Correspondent

CALCUTTA, Mar 27: Ajay Jadeja, the most eligible bachelor of the Indian cricket team, is set to bid his bachelor days bye soon.

Girls used to swoon over the man with an infectious smile. But Jadeja is now on the verge of starting the second innings of his life. This time he will have Aditi Jaitley, daughter of the Central Minister Arun Jaitley, as his partner.

The marriage is scheduled to take place in July this year. Ajay and Aditi have been friends since childhood. However, the bond between the two has grown stronger during the last couple of years.

Jadeja is about to begin another innings other than marriage. He will star in a film with Alshwariya Rai as his heroine. The shooting of the film will start immediately after the Asia Cup tournament at Dhaka. After that Indian cricketers are free from international commitment till September. Jadeja has decided to finish the shooting of his role during this period. However, it was once reported that Madhuri Dixit wanted to have Jadeja as her main hero in a film.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Mar 28: Shaheed Sentu-o-Rintu Smriti Sangha defeated KCC Juba Sangha by seven wickets while Shamsul Haq Khan Smriti Ekadash collected 241 runs in the First Division Cricket League at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Winning the toss KCC Juba Sangha scored 179 runs losing nine wickets in 40 overs.

In reply, Shaheed Sentu-o-Rintu Smriti Sangha made 180 losing 3 wickets in 32.5 overs.

In the other match of the day, Shamsul Haq Khan Smriti Ekadash collected 241 runs losing all the wickets in 34 overs.

In reply, Kallol Pathagar-o-Club scored 152 in losing all the wickets in 35.2 overs.



Surjo Tarun's in-form middle-order bat Khaled Masood drives on his way to an unbeaten 51 against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Tarun cross Mohammedan bridge

Sports Reporter



Surjo Tarun Club crossed a major hurdle in their chase for a maiden title when the new force in the domestic cricket recorded a comprehensive five-wicket win over Mohammedan Sporting Club in a crucial Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The fifth win of Surjo Tarun from six games was mastermind firstly by veteran left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman, who claimed three wickets with the shiny ball, followed by an unbeaten half-century from in-form Khaled Masood.

On-song Masood continued his terrific form with a composed 51 as Surjo Tarun, chasing a modest Mohammedan total of 168, reached 170 in 44.2 overs. The national wicket-keeper-batsman celebrated his fourth fifty in style, hitting the winning runs with a sweetly timed four that went straight over the head of bowler Hannan Sarker.

Although Masood's innings was the icing on the cake, it was a sensational opening burst from former national seamer Anisur Rahman that did half the job done for Surjo Tarun earlier on the day.

Premier League

MSC v Surjo Tarun

The southpaw struck in the very first over after his captain Minhazul Abedin won a good toss in the morning and decided to field.

Anis took two wickets in the space of three deliveries and his new-ball partner Morshed Ali Khan struck with his first ball to reduce Mohammedan to three for four from where the popular Motilheel outfit could



ANIS ... 3/38

never recover. Mohammedan, a source of disappointment for its legion of

fans for the last few years, were awe-struck when opener Reshuddin Haq and one-down Nahid returned to the dressing room without troubling the scorers.

Rashed survived a confident appeal off the very first ball he faced from Anis. But the Pakistani umpire did not hesitate to raise the dreaded finger when Anis struck him again with the next delivery. Anis then rattled Nahid's wickets with a beautiful in-swinging with the fifth ball of the opening over.

Morshed, who switched to Surjo Tarun from Mohammedan this year, responded from the other end when he successfully enticed big-hitting Imran Hamid to chase an out-swinging into the safe hands of Masood.

Skipper Athar Ali Khan and Hannan Sarker hung around for a while but it was a solo effort from former Sri Lankan Test cap Hasan Tillekeratne that resurrected Mohammedan from a horrible start to post a face-saving total.

Tillekeratne, the lone quality players in an otherwise mediocre Mohammedan side, produced another classy knock of 70 off 98 balls before becoming the last batsman to go with three balls to spare. His effort in company with Golam Morshed was all set.

National League resumes today

MSC face Ctg Abahani

Sports Reporter

Premier Division League champions Mohammedan Sporting Club take on Abahani Krira Chakra of Chittagong in the inaugural match of the final round of the Nitol-Tata National Football League today.

Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will provide live coverage of the match, starting at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium at 5 pm.

Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra are the other two teams in the final round robin league, scheduled to conclude on April 6. Abahani and Muktiyoddha will face each other in a crucial match tomorrow.

A total of eight teams, split into two groups, took part in the first round that were held in three venues—Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.

Chittagong Abahani and Mohammedan Sporting Club qualified for the second round from Group One while Dhaka Abahani and Muktiyoddha booked their berths from the Group Two.

The team collecting highest points on completion of the final round will win the title of the inaugural National Football League, which began from the second week of February.

APTECH bridge

Sports Reporter

Amateur Bridge Club (ABC) came from nowhere to lift the APTECH-Dhaka Club Independence Day Bridge title at the Dhaka Club yesterday.

Musa led the underdogs to overcome fancied Aces Bridge Club in the 64-deal final that ran for two days by an impressive margin of 41mpts. Aces earned 33 mpts in three sessions but badly lost another session by a huge margin of 74 mpts.

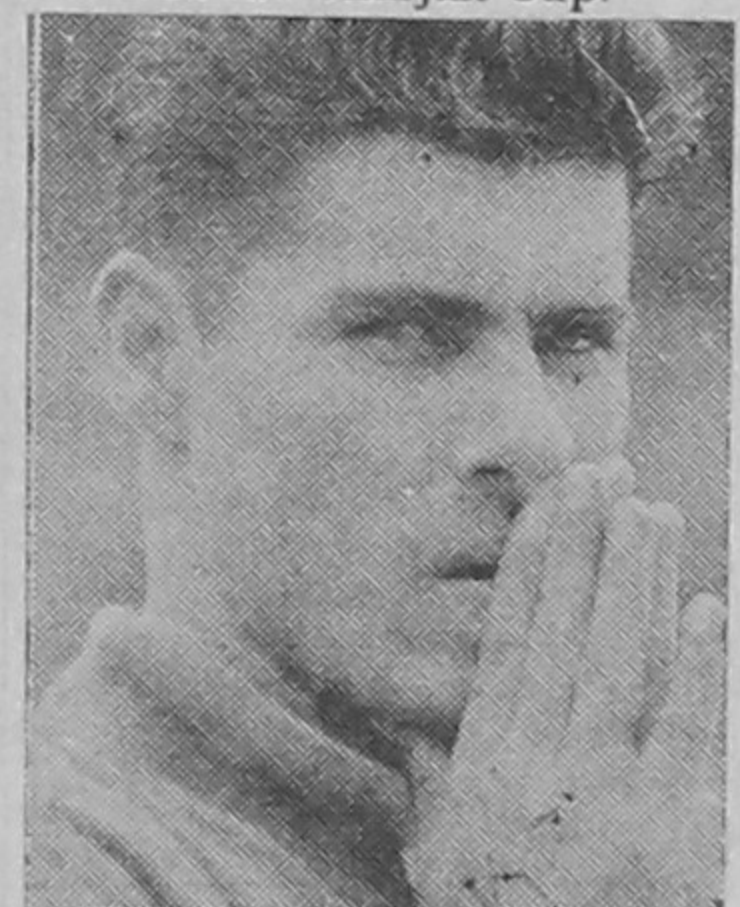
Earlier, Aces outplayed national champions Dhaka Club Blue in the 48-deal semifinal while ABC defeated Kamal's Team by 4 mpts. The host Dhaka Club however salvaged some pride by clinching the third position defeating Kamal's Team by 2 mpts.

The ABC was represented by Musa (captain), Prof. Rustam Ali, Israil Saleh Ahmed, Azad and Alamgir.

300 ODI wkts for Waqar

Sports Reporter

Pakistan speedster Waqar Younis claimed his 300th wicket in one-day international yesterday against South Africa in the Sharjah Cup.



Waqar, playing in his 186th match, became only the second bowler in history of the limited version of the game to reach the milestone when he trapped Neil McKenzie leg before.

His teammate Wasim Akram, who has in fact over 400 wickets, is the other bowler to have crossed the mark.

Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble is third on the all-time list of leading wicket-takers with 263 scalps.

Champagne salute for Walsh

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Mar 28: Kapil Dev has sent four bottles of champagne to West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh for equalling his record as Test cricket's leading wicket-taker, reports AFP.

"I hope Courtney gets drunk on champagne, he deserves every drop of it," said Dev, the former Indian Test all-rounder who is the national coach at the ongoing three-nation Sharjah Cup here.

Walsh equalled Kapil's record of 434 wickets during the second Test between the West Indies and Zimbabwe on his home ground at Sabina Park in Kingston on Monday.

"I had sent the champagne across before the Test started because I had a feeling he would get the record on his home ground," Kapil said.

"It is a great achievement and must have made him very proud, just as it made me proud when I took the record from Richard Hadlee."

"Courtney is a great bowler, someone who has earned the respect of his peers by his hard work and dedication," Kapil said.



YEAH! I'VE DONE IT MATE: Courtney Walsh goes for wild waltz as Henry Olonga becomes his 435th victim. — Internet photo

Reliving Cuddy's moment

Rabeed Imam



It was a moment that can never be described properly no matter how hard you try. His story was being written in front of your very eyes and just being part of that process meant more than a million dollars to many, even if it was through the screen of the TV set.

Courtney Andrew Walsh, whom his proud countrymen affectionately call 'Cuddy', was on the brink of breaking Kapil Dev's world record for the highest number of Test wickets, and the anxious anticipation was taking its toll on the great man, his devotees in Jamaica and even thousands of miles away in Dhaka.

When Zimbabwe started their second innings at Sabina Park, few were interested in the outcome of the match although it was reasonably tilted towards the home side. The 'Walshomere' in the stands, set up by some wonderfully innovative fans, read 432.

The stage was all set.

Walsh bowled a classic opening spell and promptly equalled Dev on 434 with two blistering deliveries.

Security personnel, expecting a pitch invasion, were on guard and you could feel the pulse of the whole island of Jamaica and the West Indies. Any moment from now on the 435th victim will fall... and it toppled at last, hours later.

With the penultimate Zimbabwean pair at the wicket, captain Jimmy Adams played to the popular demand, ushering in Walsh for his third spell.

"I had already decided that I was going to take the ball as it was the last chance for me to get the record here in front of my home crowd," he said later.

One over goes by, nothing happens. Franklyn Rose takes a wicket at the other end. "Please Rosey, don't take another!" The plea was evident on the spectators' faces.

Number ten Henry Olonga takes the strike and plays a couple of balls with the determination of an opener!

The next delivery pitches on middle and leg, lifts a little and Olonga steers it straight into the palms of Wavell Hinds at short leg... Jamaica erupts.

The gratitude in the faces of the ordinary fans, some of whom shed tears of joy, the unreserved regard in the speeches of the Prime Minister of Jamaica P.J. Patterson, the pride in the announcement of the sports minister Portia Simpson Miller all testify one thing... Walsh is a much loved man, and more than just a cricketer or a world record breaker. He is a different entity, a gentleman par excellence -- a rare commodity in modern sports.

It was only fitting that the record was broken in Jamaica. Nowhere else could the scenes have been more touching. The relief of Courtney Junior when his dad made it, the satisfaction in the eyes of Walsh's mother all added to the favour.

Few of us were enthusiastic enough to stay awake all night and watch it all. We were fortunate; the sleepless night was worth it.

Walsh proclaimed king



KINGSTON, Mar 28 (Agencies): West Indies' Courtney Walsh admitted to being 'drained' after becoming Test cricket's record wicket-taker of all time.

It had been a long time in coming—16 years, in fact. But Walsh knew Monday was going to be his day to break the world Test wicket-taking record.

"I felt that today was the day," Walsh said after taking his 435th wicket and eclipsing Indian Kapil Dev's record 16 years after his first international Test. "It was a sigh of relief, finally to do it. I've been on a long journey."

After quickly removing both Zimbabwean openers, Trevor Gripper and Grant Flower, Walsh watched from the outfield as his pace colleagues reduced Zimbabwe's innings to ruins and the remaining wicket opportunities became limited.

But Walsh's new captain, fellow Jamaican Jimmy Adams, summoned him for a third spell with two wickets left to fall.

"I said to the skipper that I'd love to bowl, but reminded him the Test match comes first and we need to win the game," Walsh said. "But I was very happy when he came up to me and asked me how I felt. He showed confidence in me by giving me the ball."

The tension continued as, after a maiden over by Walsh, Franklyn Rose dismissed Bryan Strang at the other end to leave just one Zimbabwe wicket remaining.

Walsh summoned all of his energy and, with the fifth ball of his 16th over, created history with the wicket of Henry Olonga. The dreadlocked Zimbabwean prodded to short leg, where Wavell Hinds latched onto the offering with his left hand.

The paceman was embraced by his teammates and celebrated by kissing the ground.

Walsh, who was given a standing ovation as he led his teammates off the field and was hugged by his mother Joan Wolaston.

"When the wickets started tumbling it got a bit dicey and I wondered would I get it," he said, donned in a cap with '435' emblazoned on it.

It was the paceman's third dismissal of the innings, following the wickets of Trevor Gripper, caught behind by Ridley Jacobs for a duck and Grant Flower, taken by Sherwin Campbell at second slip for 11.

Having taken two for 46 in the tourists' first innings of 308 all out, Walsh soon wreaked havoc second time around reducing Zimbabwe to 14 for two.

But he had to wait another four hours before making his mark on history.

Walsh passed the milestone in his 114th Test, some 17 Tests less than former India skipper Kapil, who congratulated the West Indian via phone link from Dubai.

"Records are there to be broken," Kapil said. "I'm very, very happy to know Courtney has done it because it's not easy to play for as long as he has continued to do and he has to be very strong-minded person to last that long."

"I have played a lot against him and I'm glad he's done it. "When you break a record it's a time for celebration and I'm happy Courtney has done it in the country where he grew up," he added on Sky Sports.

"I am delighted not only in this performance, but in the

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Shahriar goes on song

Sports Reporter



Brothers Union Club recorded their third victory in the Premier Division League defeating promoters City Club by 14 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Riding on two fifties by opener Shahriar Hossain and wicketkeeper Mukhtar Siddique, Brothers scored 250 before they were all out in 49.4 overs. City Club, who opted to chase after winning the toss, could reach 236 losing all wickets in 40 overs.

Brothers, who lost three of their previous five outings, suffered an early setback when they lost opener Ehsanul (4) on 17 in the 6th over.

However, it was Shahriar and Mukhtar who laid the foundation for a formidable total. Together they put on 113 runs for the second wicket playing out 26.2 overs.

Premier League

BU v City Club

Shahriar, who scored back-to-back centuries in a First Class match against MCC last February, scored highest 89.

In his 122-ball vigil, Shahriar hit one six and seven fours for his second fifty in the Premier League. Mukhtar meanwhile smote one sixer and six fours in his 79-ball 55.

Among others, middle-order Sanwar was unbeaten on 38 off 32 balls while Pakistani lower-order Shahed Mehmud scored a

TODAY'S MATCHES

Biman v Agrani Bank
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Victoria SC v Gopibagh FA
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

run-a-ball 14. For City Club, Masood Rana took highest four wickets for 49 runs bowling 7.4 overs while Pakistani left-arm spinner Rehan Rafique bagged two wickets for 47 runs off 10 overs.

Needing 251 to win, City Club were off to a good start with openers Rehan Rafique (51) and Sajid Hasan (39) hitting 65 runs from 18.4 overs. But once Sajid fell in the 19th over, City Club lost their losing wickets at regular interval.

Although middle-order Wasim Nayeen and Jewel Hossain withstood the Brothers' attack with a 57-run sixth wicket partnership. But Brothers wrested the control of the match again by removing Wasim in the 45th over.

Left-arm spinner Imran Rahim returned with four for 48 from 10 overs while his captain Khaled Mahmud took three

SA curb Pakistan



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Mar 28: South Africa, playing without five top stars including captain Hansie Cronje, shot Pakistan out for 168 in the Sharjah Cup here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The match, the last in the preliminary league, holds only academic interest since both South Africa and Pakistan have already ensured their place in Friday's final at India's expense.

The South Africans rested Makhaya Ntini, Steve Elworthy, Nicky Boje, Jacques Kallis and Cronje, leaving Shaun Pollock to lead for the first time in a one-day international.

There was, however, no respite for the Pakistanis, who have lost their last 14 one-dayers against the South Africans.

Electing to take first strike, the Pakistanis slumped to 61 for five in the 24th over, before Yusuf Youhana (65) helped his side to a reasonable score.

Charl Willoughby, a left-arm seamer from Boland, grabbed the chance to play in the big league with two for 39 on his international debut.

Lance Klusener followed his five for 47 in the first match against Pakistan last Friday, with two for 27. Mortantau Hayward finished with two for 35.

South Africa, who have not lost in eight previous appearances at this desert venue, face a modest target of just over three runs an over.



SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings against South Africa in the Sharjah Coca-Cola Cup one-day tournament on Tuesday:

| PAKISTAN | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----|----|---|--|
| Imran Nazir | b Pollock | 0 | | | |
| Shahid Afridi | b Klusener | 26 | | | |
| Younis Khan | c Boucher | 5 | | | |
| Derek Crookes | 7 | 0 | 22 | 1 | |
| Inzamam-ul-Haq | b Klusener | 17 | | | |
| Yousuf Youhana | run out | 65 | | | |
| Moin Khan | c and b Hayward | 0 | | | |
| Abdur Razaq | run out | 14 | | | |
| Wasim Akram | c Crookes | 19 | | | |
| Willoughby | 2 | | | | |
| Waqar Younis | b Crookes | 2 | | | |
| Shoaib Akhtar | c Boucher | 7 | | | |
| b Hayward | | | | | |
| Arshad Khan | not out | 2 | | | |

Extras: (b-1; lb-2; w-7; nb-1) 11
Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) 168
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-12, 3-43, 4-60, 5-61, 6-96, 7-124, 8-139, 9-161

| SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Pieter Strydom, Dale Benkenstein, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Neil McKenzie, Derek Crookes, Mortantau Hayward, Charl Willoughby | | | | | |
|--|-----|---|----|---|--|
| Shaun Pollock | 9.2 | 2 | 28 | 1 | |
| Charl Willoughby | 10 | 2 | 39 | 2 | |
| Nantie Hayward | 10 | 1 | 35 | 2 | |
| Lance Klusener | 10 | 0 | 27 | 2 | |
| Derek Crookes | 7 | 0 | 22 | 1 | |
| Pieter Strydom | 3 | 0 | 14 | 0 | |

Final: On Friday.



RECORD RITUALS: Walsh blesses his home wicket at the Sabina Park after becoming the world-record holder for the most scalps in Test cricket. — Internet photo