

Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Mar 29: Alphabet Sporting Club defeated Savor Club by five wickets in the Meghna Cement Senior Divisional Cricket League at Khulna Divisional Stadium on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Javed blooms

From Page 13 batsmen tried to break the Biman shackles spread around by the spinning quartet of Ziaur Rashid, Shariful Haq, Faruq Iqbal and Aminul Islam.

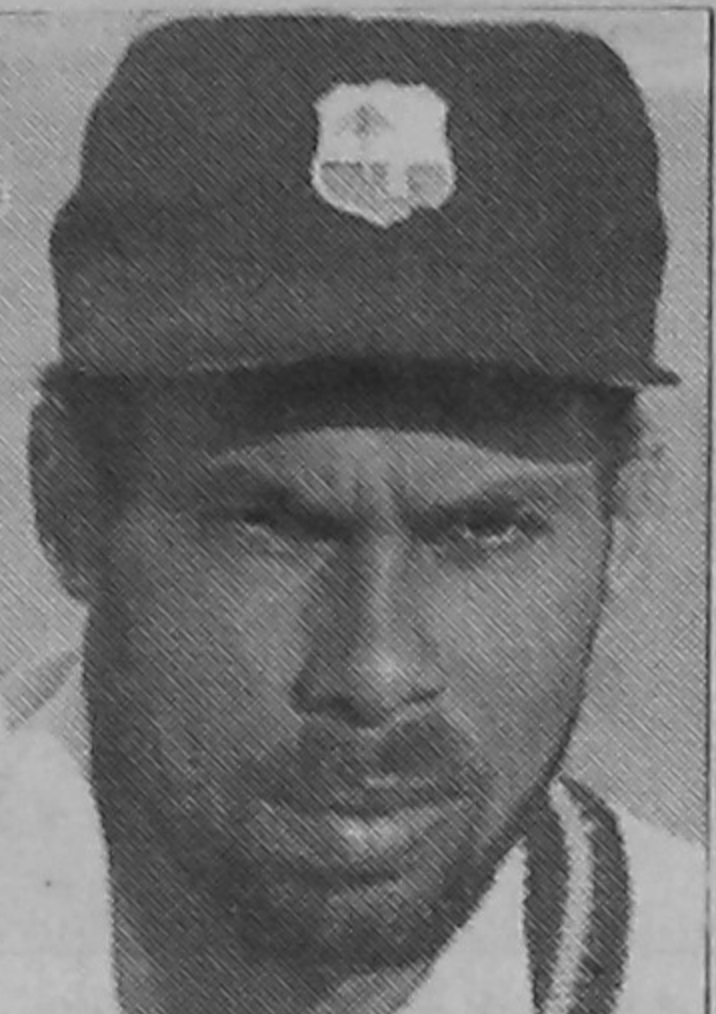
SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janaktha Premier Division Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Agrani Bank at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Windies zap Zimbabwe



KINGSTON, Mar 29: Adrian Griffith left his best batting of the series for the last innings and blasted the West Indies to a 10-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the second and final cricket Test at Sabina Park on Tuesday, reports AFP.



ADAMS ... m-o-m just under an hour came from boundaries, four of them alone from left-arm medium-paced bowler Bryan Strang's only over to carry the West Indies to within four of their target.

overs international in New Zealand. Brian Lara, their best batsman and captain, decided to take a break from the game for reasons best known only to him, and the public cry was for heads to roll.

The players might have been quick to remind everyone, though, that the home series against Australia five years ago remains the only time the West Indies have lost in the Caribbean in more than a quarter of a century.

They would also admit that there is still much to put right. The batting struggled against an ordinary Zimbabwe attack, but there were signs, however, that with the right kind of support the road to recovery may not be that long.

hands, while their top bowler Heath Streak will need to get some effective back-ups.

The two teams now turn their attention to the Caribbean's first triangular limited-overs series -- which also involves Pakistan. It opens at Sabina Park on Saturday with the first of back-to-back matches between the West Indies and Zimbabwe.

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Wallace recalled

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Mar 29: West Indies have recalled hard-hitting opener Philo Wallace, all-rounder Laurie Williams and fast bowler Mervyn Dillon for the opening two matches of a one-day triangular series starting at the weekend, reports Reuters.

The first two matches are both against Zimbabwe, in Jamaica on Saturday and Sunday, with Pakistan, the third team in the tournament, arriving next week.

Wallace, a tall and aggressive right-hander, has played in 26 one-day internationals while the 31-year-old Williams, who played the first of his six one-day internationals against Sri Lanka in 1996, earned his recall after an outstanding season with bat and ball in the Bupa Cup.

The slimy-built Jamaican captured 20 wickets at an average of 15.75 apiece and scored 379 runs (average 31.50) with a highest score of 135 against the Windward Islands.

Dillon, who has played in seven Tests and 40 one-day internationals, was one of the leading bowlers in last year's World Cup in England even though West Indies failed to reach the second round.



Mrs Yusuf Hossain, wife of Comptroller and Auditor General Syed Yusuf Hossain, handing over prizes among winners of the annual sports competition of the Office of C and AG at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground on March 27.

How it all happened



KINGSTON, Mar 29 (AFP): The date: Monday, March 27, 2000. The place: Sabina Park. The batsman: Henry Olonga.

'Kodak' moment erupted, when Olonga fended away a short-ball and short-leg fielder Wavell Hinds plucked it out of the air with his left hand like he would a ripe mango.

had to contend with the likes of Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner and Holding. His ability to bowl long, tight spells made him an effective back-up for the big three.

All of these details will remain etched in West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh's memory for a very, very, very long time.

Why? It's when, where and who helped Test cricket's most durable fast bowler become Test cricket's leading bowler with his 435th wicket.

Walsh maintains his enthusiasm for the game and, though many have called for him to step aside to make way for the young bucks like Franklyn Rose and Reon King, he continues to shun any talk of retirement.

Donald to duck Aussie clash

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 29 (Internet report): There is no possibility of South African fast-bowler Allan Donald being available next month for South Africa's three revenge one-day matches against Australia in April.

He is leaving on Wednesday for his home in Birmingham. The Aussies would have liked to resume matters with him, but Donald has confirmed that he will not be able to play.

"It is definitely not my fault," said Donald on Tuesday at Goddard Park in Bloemfontein where his Warwickshire team-mates are playing a three-day match against a Free State invitation team.

On Monday he visited the offices of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) where he discussed "certain things", including his future, with managing director Ali Bacher. He would not comment further, except to say he had "fought enough".

The Warwickshire touring party still have another four one-day matches to play against Free State teams in preparation for the coming English season, before returning to Birmingham next Tuesday.

But the "White Lightning" will be waiting at home for his team-mates and will turn out for the Warwickshire Bears the following week in their first Benson & Hedges one-day match against Somerset.

Euro2000 chief angered by criticisms BRUSSELS, Mar 29: Belgium's Alain Courtois, the director of Euro 2000, made it clear Tuesday that he was angered by the international media ahead of the world's second largest football tournament in Holland and Belgium from June 10 to July 2, reports AFP.

Courtois did not name names but is known to be particularly displeased by claims in the BBC TV programme Watchdog about the alleged unsuitability of Belgian city Charleroi to host the clash between England and Germany on June 17.

England's crusade speeding up



LONDON, Mar 29: The England World Cup campaign said on Tuesday they are to launch a major worldwide initiative in the final 100 days of the campaign to ensure the 2006 World Cup comes to England.

Sir Bobby, who has already travelled over 300,000 miles, is wasting no time kicking off England's global mission. He flies out to Montevideo later on Tuesday for the centenary of the Uruguayan FA where he will be having talks with the South American members of the FIFA Executive Committee.

Charlton also asked people from all walks of life to do what they can to back England's bid. He called on British communities abroad to spread the England 2006 message in the countries in which they lived and asked British businessmen and women and entertainment celebrities to promote England's bid wherever they visited.

England's World Cup ambassadors Sir Bobby Charlton and Sir Geoff Hurst, Tony Banks, the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for 2006, and Alec McGillivray, Director of the World Cup campaign, unveiled a giant sign outside Football Association (FA) headquarters at Lancaster Gate bearing the slogan "100 Days To Go".

Charlton will spell out the marathon task the World Cup Bid is truly international and outward-looking. We want the 2006 World Cup to leave a legacy for football in all countries, not just benefit England.

As an additional element of England's strategy, UK Ambassadors and High Commissioners around the world will be lobbying on England's behalf in the countries in which they are based.

FA charge Leicester booters with misconduct



LONDON, Mar 29: Seven current and former Leicester players and staff on Tuesday were found guilty of misconduct by the Football Association (FA) after handling League Cup final tickets irresponsibly, reports AFP.

Winger Andy Impey was fined 20,000 pounds (32,000 dollars) and banned for five years from receiving tickets for home internationals, cup finals and cup semi-finals. One of his tickets found its way into the hands of a Tottenham fan who was pictured thumping Leicester supporter Ruth Lelecheur at the 1999 Wembley final.

Impey was also fined two weeks wages by his club. Veteran striker Tony Cottee was fined 12,500 pounds (20,000 dollars) and banned from receiving tickets for three years. Arnar Gunnlaugsson, currently on loan at Stoke, was fined 15,000 pounds (24,000 dollars) and received a five-year ticket ban.

Real's decision on Anelka soon



MADRID, Mar 29: Real Madrid are to decide on Wednesday whether to lift the ban imposed on Nicolas Anelka after the French international striker publicly apologised Tuesday to the club and fans for refusing to train for three days earlier this month, reports AFP.

France coach Roger Lemerre, speaking from Glasgow, welcomed Anelka's olive branch to his club but reiterated his position that he would only select the player when he was playing in a Real shirt again.

Real had brought forward a director's meeting 24 hours to Wednesday to decide whether to lift Anelka's ban in time for Saturday's league game against Real Sociedad and Tuesday's European Champions League quarter-final clash against Manchester United.

Anelka was suspended for 15 days without pay on March 13 by the Spanish First Division side and since has been ostracised and forced to train alone.

"I ask for forgiveness for my attitude of the last few days which has not benefited the club, the fans nor myself," said Anelka, speaking in Spanish.

Reaction among his team-mates to the day's events was mixed. Spanish defender Ivan Campo observed somewhat cryptically: "I don't have anything to say on the subject. But that doesn't mean I don't want him back."

After his statement, Anelka refused to take questions but when a journalist asked him if he wanted to play against defending champions Manchester United in the Champions League he appeared to nod his head.

Henry misses the April 6 fixture against the northern French club as a result of his sending off for a dubious challenging Werder Bremen defender Mike Barten in the Gunners' 4-2 win over the German outfit in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals second leg last week.

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Real may be prepared to lift the playing suspension but keep the 45-day salary fine.

Allen told Sky Sports: "He's an outstanding talent and it seems the bigger clubs are looking at younger and younger players."

But you have to consider that with Liverpool paying 11 million pounds (17.5 million dollars) for Leicester forward Emile Heskey recently, that's why they're looking at 14-year-olds.

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Victory for

Table showing cricket scores for Bangladesh Biman won by 132 runs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle with a grid and a key: J A P S U X T O F X M B A J G X O M T B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another if you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.