Khulna cricket

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

Savior, after winning the toss, scored 202 for seven in stipulated 50 overs. In reply, Alphabet reached

their target for the loss of five wickets. In another match of the day, KKSP thrashed New Town Club

by a huge margin of 207 runs at the Khulna Stadium. Batting first. KKSP piled up 277 runs for the loss of six wickets.

In reply, New Town were bundled out for only 70 runs.

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.

Biman captain Faruque Ahmed had to bank on his spinner after Agrani opener Faisal mercilessly hit the leftright combination of Jahangir Talukder and Aminul Islam out of the ground on his way to a 30ball 25. The change of pace did the trick and off-spinner Ziaur Rashid dismissed a menacingly poised Faisal in seventh over.

One-down Mofizul Islam scored a defiant 23. But once he was out Agrani Bank innings linished in no time

SCOREBOARD

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

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Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 239 Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-171; 3-194; 4-199; 5-219; 6-219; 7 233.

Imran Ullah 10 0 48 Mizanur Rahman 8 Mofizur Rahman 12 Russel Khan Shahin Malik 10 Mofizul Islam Mosaddek 48 0 10 Abid Hanif AGRANI BANK

Faisal c Aminul jr b Ziaur Abid b Shariful Mofizul b F Iqbal S Malik c Javed b Shariful Ziauddin c Aminul jr b Aminul Imran b Aminul Sajjad run out Mofizur c Aminul jr b Aminul Mizanur not out Mosaddek b F Iqbal Russel c Javed b Aminul Extras: (lb-1, w-8) Total: (All out in 36 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-42; 3-

51; 4-80; 5-82; 6-82; 7-84; 8-96; 9-98. Bowler Aminul jr J Talukder Shariful Haq Faruq Iqbal Aminul Islam 5 0 17 Result: Bangladesh Biman

won by 132 runs.

Victory for

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Sohel e Nayan b Zia Samsul run out Sajal run out Sohel jr run out Ripon st Kamu b Rashed Anwar not out Extras: (b-2, lb-8, nb-1, w-9) 20

Total: (All out in 46.4 overs) 216 Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-24; 3-103; 4-145; 5-162; 6-188; 7-216; 8-216; 9-216. Bowler Shahnewaz

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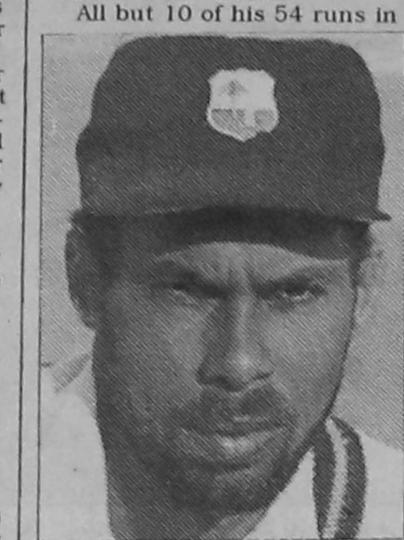
Adrian Griffith left his best batting of the series for the last innings and blasted the West

KINGSTON, Mar

Indies to a 10-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the second and final cricket Test at Sabina Park on Tuesday, reports AFP. Berated for his monotonous

batting in his three previous innings in the series, Griffith produced an array of extravagant strokes in the 45 minutes of cricket on the final day to speed the West Indies to the magic number of 75 and clinch a 2-0 series win.

From the first ball he received from fast bowler Henry Olonga -- which he top-edged over the slips to third man -the beanpole left-hander made his intentions quite clear. He was not about to make a mountain out of an anthill.



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.

It was a thrilling end to what had been a competitive series between the two sides. Both started out looking to enhance their reputations in the international game -- which had taken a hit in the months leading up to the two Tests.

The West Indies may now feel that not all is lost after the odds appeared stacked against them before the series opened. They were fresh from a hiding in both Tests and limitedovers 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. 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 Easily the most satisfying feature for the Maroon Caps was the progress of the two young fast bowlers, Franklyn Rose, who was named man-ofthe-series, and Reon King, both of whom appeared to have grown in confidence and matu-

Someday, though maybe not quite just yet, Rose and King can take over the mantle from the aging warriors Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, who achieved during the match the personal distinction of becoming the world's leading Test wicket-taker.

Pakistan, set to tour in the upcoming weeks, will present a clear danger to the spirit which the West Indies have built over the last two weeks under new skipper Jimmy Adams -- and to their proud record at home.

"It was a good team performance," said Adams, who led by example with a dogged 498minute first-innings century.

"I'm very happy with the way it worked out. It had been a while since I got a Test hundred, and I hope the team can go from strength to strength now. "We're looking forward to

playing very good and exciting

cricket in the future." After the first Test in Portof-Spain, Zimbabwe's captain Andy Flower did not want to describe his side's 35-run defeat as devastating. In the final analysis, there may be no other way to sum up the series for his side.

Nonetheless, in both the major departments of the game. batting and bowling, Zimbabwe seem to have the potential to get With the likes of Andy

Flower and Murray Goodwin, the batting appears in safe

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 The players might have been also involves Pakistan. It opens at Sabina Park on Saturday with the first of back-to-back matches between the West Indies and Zimbabwe.

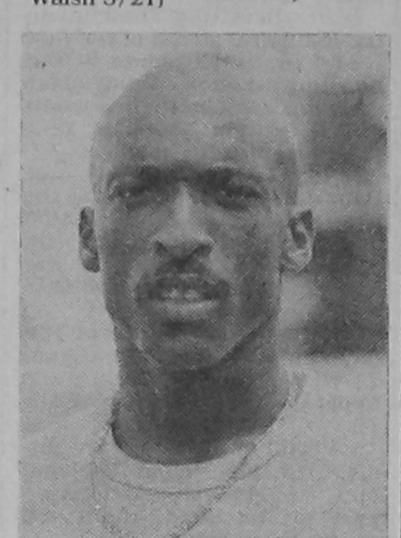
SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second Test between the West Indies and Zimbabwe at Sabina Park on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 308 (Murray Goodwin 113; Reon King 5/51) WEST INDIES: First innings

Neil Johnson 4/77) ZIMBABWE: Second innings 102 (Neil Johnson 29; Courtney Walsh 3/21)

339 (Jimmy Adams 101 not out;



ROSE ... m-o-s

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 8/0) Campbell not out Griffith not out Extras: (nb-5) Total: (For no loss in 12.4 overs) Strang

Johnson Olonga G Flower Gripper Result: West Indies beat Zimbabwe by 10 wickets to take the series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Jimmy Adams.

Man-of-the-series: Franklyn

cessful World Cup 98 campaign.

record 23 million pounds (37

Wallace recalled

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Mar 29: West Indies have recalled hardhitting 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.

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

Veteran fast bowler Courtney Walsh, who on Monday became the most successful bowler in Test cricket with 435 wickets, was not named in the 14-man

The 37-year-old Walsh and opening batsman Adrian Griffith were the only players omitted from the team which won both Tests against Zimbabwe.

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 Busta Cup.

The slimly-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.

Off-spin bowler Nehemiah Perry and middle order batsman Ricardo Powell, who were the two reserve players in the two-match Test series against Zimbabwe, have been retained in the squad.

Pakistan play Zimbabwe in their first match at the Antigua Recreation Ground on April 5.

SQUAD Jimmy Adams (captain), Sherwin Campbell (vice-captain), Christopher Gayle, Philo Wallace, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Wavell Hinds, Ricardo Powell, Riddley Jacobs, Reon O King, Mervyn Dillon, Curtly Ambrose, Franklyn Rose, Nehemiah Perry, Laurie Williams.

Donald to duck Aussie clash

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

He is leaving on Wednesday for his home in Birmingham. The Aussies would have liked to resume matters with Recruited for a Spanish him, but Donald has confirmed

million dollars) from English that he will not be able to play. "It is definitely not my Premiership club Arsenal last fault," said Donald on Tuesday at Goodyear 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 security criticisms made in the international media ahead of the world's second largest football tournament in Holland and Belgium from June 10 to July 2, reports AFP.

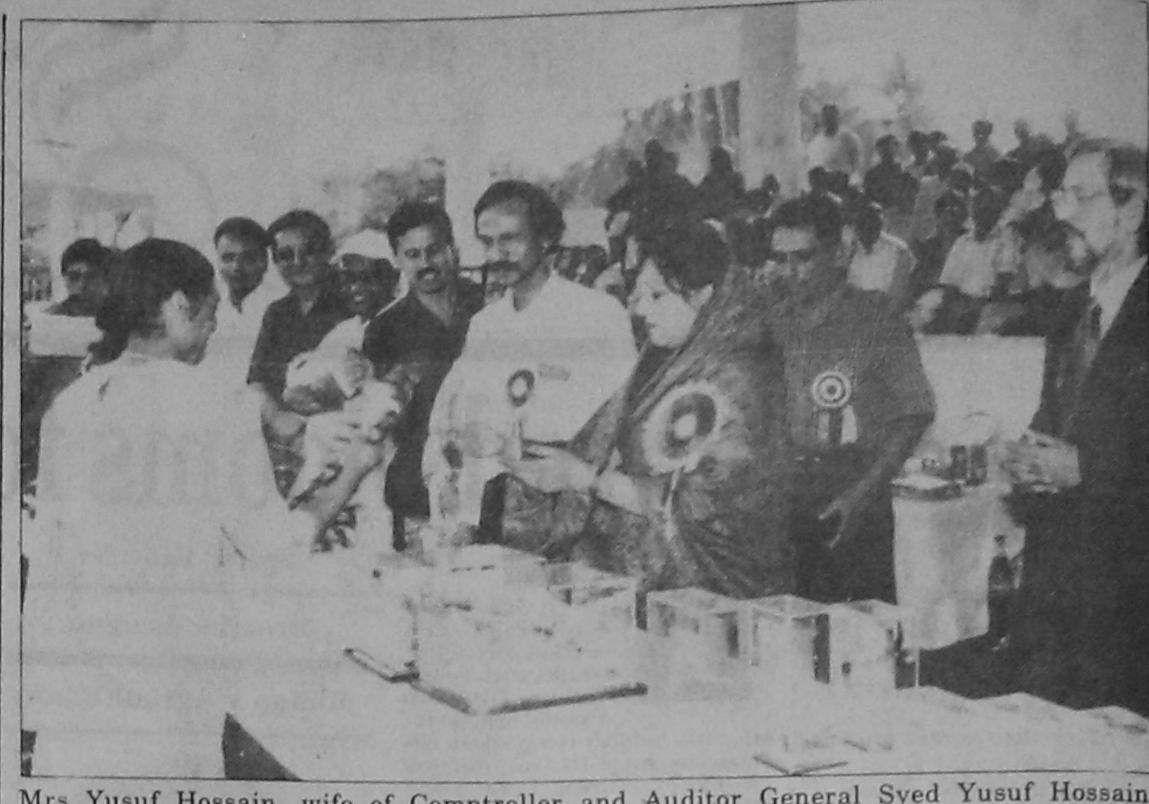
Courtois did not name names but is known to be particularly displeased by claims in the BBC TV programme Watchdog about the alleged unsuitability of Belgian city Charleroi to host the clash between England and Germany on June 17.

"All the stadia conform to the strictest security norms." railed Courtois, "Let certain people worry about their own supporters while I will look after my stadia."

Belgium is particularly sensitive to fears of crowd trouble as last time it staged a major football event - the 1985 European Cup Final between Juventus and Liverpool at the Heysel Stadium - 39 Italian and Belgian supporters were killed when a wall collapsed after a stampede prompted by rioting Liverpool supporters.

In that context Courtois's remarks can be seen as a dig at England whose supporters have continued to cause trouble at major footballing occasions since, notably the France 98 match with Tunisia in Marseille but also at Euro 1988 in Germany and Euro 1992 in Sweden.

know he has interested Manch-The BBC report voiced criticism of the allocation of 4800 tickets to England in the 30,000



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



time: 5:12 p.m. The date: Monday, March 27, 2000. The place: Sabina Park. The batsman: Henry

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

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.

In his 114th appearance for the Maroon Caps, Walsh deleted bowlers' list on the fourth day of the second Test against Zim-

sion of the "Energizer Bunny" bounded in from the northern seen him perform many with his left hand like he would a ripe mango.

The journey to the top of the bowler 16 long, hard, labourious years to arrive at the mile-

His achievement is testimony to his superb fitness that has limited his absence to six matches and his commitment which has been dashed 13 times lection panel.

At the time Walsh made his

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

When Garner and Holding retired in 1987 and then Marshall in 1992, it was Walsh's time. With the indomitable Curtly Ambrose, he has formed a deadly new-ball alliance that has brought great distress to opposition batsmen.

Even if the wickets do not come like they did previously, 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 retire-

"During the tour of England (this summer), you can ask me that question again," he roundly answered a reporter at a news conference on Monday, but it's a question he will be sure to ask of himself over the next few months.

Now that the world record is out of the way, Walsh wants to concentrate on stopping the rapid decline in the West Indies' performance over the last five

If he approaches it in the same way he has most of the challenges he has faced in his career, West Indies are sure to finish top of the world too.

Real's decision on Anelka soon available next month for South Seconds later, the few thousand spectators who had waited expectantly all day for Walsh's first appearance in Tests, he France coach Roger Lemerre, ers omitted by Lemerre's predespeaking from Glasgow, wel-Real Madrid are to cessor Aime Jacquet from the final squad of 22 for the suc-



decide on Wednesday whether to lift the ban imposed on Nicolas Anelka after the French interna-

tional striker publicly apologised Tuesday to the club and lans for refusing to train month, reports AFP. Anelka was suspended for 45

days without pay on March 13 by the Spanish First Division side and since has been ostracised and forced to train "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. "For that I present my apologies to the team, to the club and especially the Real Madrid fans. I am fully con-

scious that not turning up to

training is bound to provoke a punishment from the club." Late Tuesday it emerged that 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. According to club sources, Real may be prepared to lift the playing suspension but keep the

45-day salary fine. 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

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comed 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.

"Anelka becomes available for selection again when he starts playing with Real again," for three days earlier this said Lemerre. "It's good that both parties have started to see sense. There are rules, internal rules that must be respected.

"These are Anelka's problems and Real's not ours. They must find the solution," added Lemerre, who said last week that he had not yet closed the door to his Euro 2000 squad for the 21-year-old.

Anelka was one of six play-

Henry handed one match ban

LONDON, Mar 29: Arsenal will have to do without Thierry Henry for their upcoming first leg UEFA Cup semi-final tie against Lens after the French international was handed a one-match ban Wednesday, reports AFP.

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

Although a blow, the news could have been worse as Henry faced the prospect of being suspended for three matches.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals M

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.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE COW WAS

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autumn, Anelka has had a nightmare first year with the Madrid outfit. The public apology, however, now leaves the way open for Madrid to bring the forward

back in from the cold. Reaction among his teammates 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.

Brazilian striker Savio was more forthcoming. Describing Anelka as "a great player" Savio pointed out

that "Real needed everyone"

Liverpool going Samba!

LONDON, Mar 29: Liverpool are set to sign highly-rated Millwall teenager Cherno Samba for an estimated 1.5 million pounds (2.4 million dollars) after the 15-year-old spent last weekend at Anfield, SkySports website reported on

Tuesday, reports AFP. The deal follows the recent trend of big clubs snapping up young talent for their academy

moves for Jermaine Pennant, from Notts County to Arsenal, and Jermaine Defoe, who joined West Ham from Charl-Samba is a prominent member of the England Under-15s.

There have been high profile

whose manager, Clive Allen, understands why Liverpool have swooped to sign the youngster. Allen told Sky Sports: "He's an outstanding talent and it

seems the bigger clubs are look-

ing 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-yearolds.

"If I was comparing him to someone in the modern game it would be Andy Cole. He's got two good feet and a great ability to find the net." Gerard Houllier's club have

fought off competition from a number of Premiership clubs including champions Manchester United - to sign Samba. The youngster deciding that Anfield was the best place to further his footballing education. Allen said: "All the top clubs

have been tracking him and I

ester United and Leeds, but I know Cherno and his advisors feel that this (Liverpool) is where he will progress best." capacity stadium.

KINGSTON. Mar 'Kodak' moment erupted, when had to contend with the likes of Olonga fended away a shortball and short-leg fielder Wavel Hinds plucked it out of the air

> world for Walsh was complete. After a shaky start to a glittering Test career for West Indies which was birthed against Australia at Perth in 1984, it has taken the 37-year-old fast

Charlton also asked people travelled over 300,000 miles, is from all walks of life to do what World Cup cam- wasting no time kicking off 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

> Committee. Charlton said: "Nothing like this has ever been attempted before. We are determined to go out and tell key football people in their own countries just how good our bid is and why a World Cup held in England would be

the best possible choice. "Our slogan for the final 100 Days is "FOR THE WORLD" because we believe our 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 Commission ers around the world will be lobbying on England's behalf in the countries in which they are

The paper quoted Stattord'

Cashmore said Beckham

local Labour parliamentarian

David Kidney as slamming the

course, saying: "I struggle to

along wiht other greats like

former Manchester United for-

ward George Best, would feature

find a practical use for it.

everyone in the country to get behind the bid. We're all ambassadors now." Campaign Director Alec Mc-Givan said: "Our rivals constantly emphasise why it would be good for them if they staged the 2006 World Cup. We are saying a World Cup staged in Eng-

FA charge Leicester booters with

meet football people."

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

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 Lelacheur 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 re-

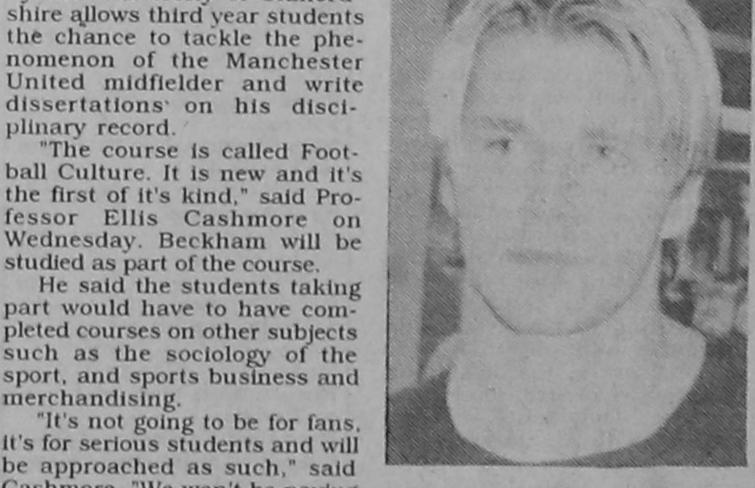
Arnar Gunnlaugsson, currently on loan at Stoke, was fined 15,000 pounds (24,000 dollars) and received a five-year ticket ban. Scott Taylor, now with

two years, and Graham Fenton, who recently joined Walsall on loan, was fined 5,000 pounds (8,000 dollars) and banned for two years. Academy director David Nish was fined 10,000 pounds

five years. All seven were fined 2,500

fessor Ellis Cashmore on Wednesday. Beckham will be in a study of why certain play ers struck a chord with fans. "I guess we would be addressing the question of why he is

such an important personality," Cashmore told Reuters.



looks good and is a half-decent football player. But there are plenty of others like him who haven't caught the imagina-

ceiving tickets for three years. Wolves, was fined 7.500 pounds (12,000 dollars) and banned for

wich would look at the cultural "He married extremely well,

(16,000 dollars) and banned for three years and chief scout Jim Melrose was fined 5,000 pounds (8,000 dollars) and banned for pounds (4,000 dollars) in costs.

the name of India's Kapil Dev through the blindness of the sefrom the top of the leading ment. Born October 30, 1962, Courtney Andrew Walsh took to the game when he was seven. He babwe to prove that nice guys do not always have to finish secjoined the famous Melbourne Club which produced Michael Holding, another Jamaica and Under bright, sunny skies on West Indies fast bowling great, a wind-swept evening in the with the intention of develop-Jamaican capital, cricket's vering into a leg-spin bowler. He, however, learned to bowl the faster stuff and there was no end of Sabina Park which has looking back for the six-foot, six-inch Walsh much to the disthrilling feats in the game both pleasure of batsmen the world for West Indies and Jamaica to over who have had to spend a bowl the fifth ball of his 16th few sleepless nights wondering if they would live through the

stone.

England's crusade speeding up

England's global mission.

Sir Bobby, who has already

He flies out to Montevideo

later on Tuesday for the cente-

nary of the Uruguayan FA



LONDON, Mar 29: The England paign said on Tuesday they are to launch a major worldwide initia tive in the final 100 days of the

campaign to ensure the 2006 World Cup comes to England. England's World Cup ambassadors Sir Bobby Charlton and Sir Geoff Hurst, Tony Banks, the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for 2006, and Alec McGivan, 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 campaign has set itself during those 100 days with an exhausting schedule of visits, lobbying

trips and meetings around the

England face stiff competition from Germany, South Africa, Morocco and Brazil in the race to host 2006. FIFA's executive committee decide the winner on July 6 in Zurich. Beckham now a



Defenders have long dreamed off deconstructing David Beckham but now English university students can do it for real

by the University of Stafford-

A new degree course offered

England, Mar 29

(Reuters/Internet)

the chance to tackle the phenomenon of the Manchester United midfielder and write dissertations on his disciplinary record. "The course is called Football Culture. It is new and it's the first of it's kind," said Pro-

He said the students taking part would have to have completed courses on other subjects such as the sociology of the sport, and sports business and merchandising. "It's not going to be for fans,

studied as part of the course.

it's for serious students and will be approached as such," said Cashmore. "We won't be paying lip-service to David Beckham.' The Sun newspaper reported that hundreds of students were "scrambling" to join the course

importance of the player's latest cropped haircut and his marriage to Victoria "Posh Spice" Adams. They could also examine "the impact of the England ace's sending off against Argentina in the World Cup".

where he will be having talks asked British businessmen and with the South American memwomen and entertainment bers of the FIFA Executive celebrities to promote England's bid wherever they visited

He added: "Everyone can do something. Prime Minister Tony Blair has shown how much he is behind the World Cup Bid. Now this is the time for

land would be good for the rest of the world. That is our message and it is a message which goes down very well when we

misconduct