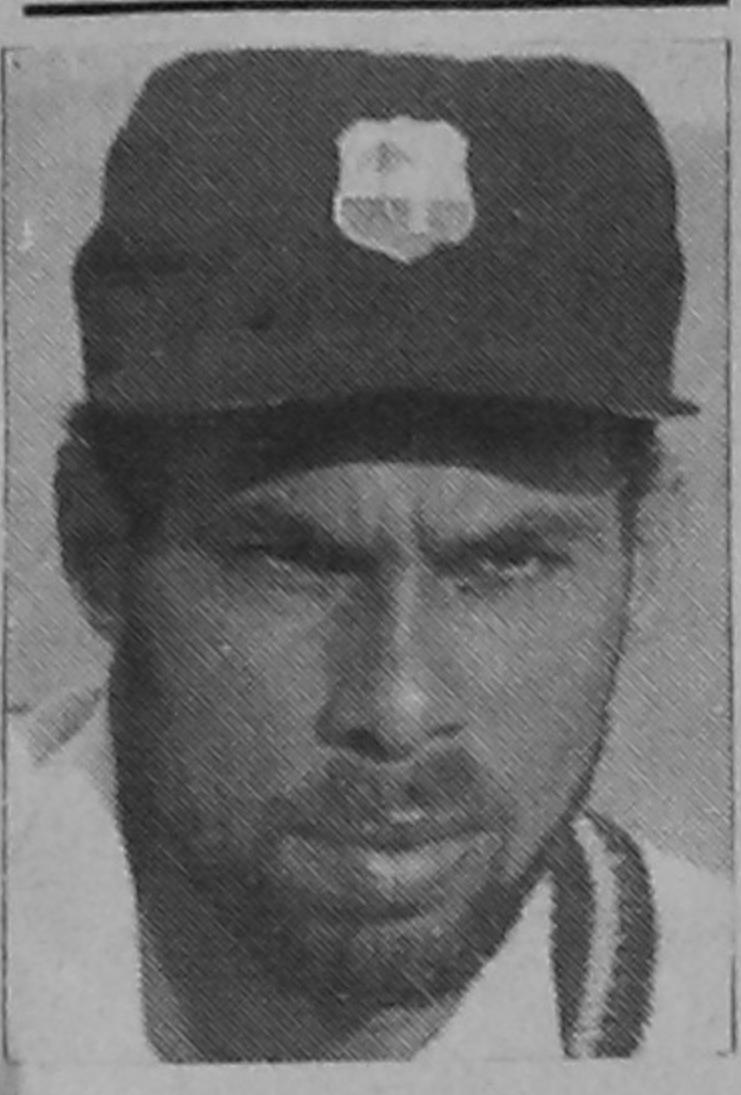


# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



James Adams  
(West Indies cricket captain)  
"I have every confidence that they will make a big impression on the English tour."

On Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose.

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## Fingers crossed for June 26

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has shifted its focus back on the all-important meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) following the successful completion of the Pepsi Asia Cup.

The ICC will give its final verdict on Bangladesh's application for Test status when the governing body of world cricket meets for its Annual General Meeting at the Lord's in London from June 22 to 28.

The weeklong meeting is also of paramount importance to the ICC which is facing the biggest credibility and image crisis in the wake of the match-fixing scandals. The sensational confession from crest-fallen South African captain Hansie Cronje regarding his involvement in betting has only added fuel to the growing suspicion about the proper running of a game already in serious disrepute. But Bangladesh's interest will solely lie on the happenings of June 26, the day the

only country among the nine Test playing nations to be maintaining a hard-line approach.

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