

## Column One

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June 18, 2000 and draw

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1 Who is the number one

women tennis player at the

moment?

2 Who won the European

Champions' League?

3 Who won the UEFA Cup?

4 Who lifted national schools

cricket title?

5 Who is the coach of Bangladesh

football team?

Harrison Van Gaal Shakir

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SPORTS TALK

Brett Lee

(Australian fast bowler)

"Pace is my greatest asset so I

won't be slowing down, but

there are occasions where you

might change your pace. You

have to bowl good line and

length. There's no point in

bowling fast if you can't take

wickets.

S'pore U-16 hockey

Sound start by

Bangladesh

Bangladesh made a flying

start in the Asian Hockey Fed-

eration Cup Under-16 tourney

outplaying Japan 5-1 in their

first appearance in Singapore

yesterday, reports UNB.

In two-hour rain delayed

match, Bangladesh led the first

half by solitary goal, according

to a fax message.

Ashraf Islam, A K M

Shamsuddin, Maksud Alam,

Russel Uddin and Mazharul

Islam scored once each for

Bangladesh.

Bangladesh got 13 penalty

corners but could utilize only

one while Japan had three and

scored one.

In the day's other match,

India blanked Oman 8-0.

Bangladesh, who placed in

Pool-B, will take on India on

Monday (June 19) and Oman on

Wednesday (June 21) in their

remaining group matches.

Ashraf Islam off

to London

General secretary of

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)

Syed Ashraf Islam left for

London last night to attend a

series of committee meetings

and the annual conference of the

International Cricket Council (ICC)

at Lord's on June 26, reports

BSS.

This year's meeting carries

special significance for

Bangladesh as the country is

going to earn long cherished

status in the ICC annual con-

ference," said Islam, who is also

a member of ICC cricket man-

agement committee.

Bangladesh have already

gained support from Australia,

South Africa, New Zealand,

who objected an earlier bid in

last year's meeting, India, Pak-

istan, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe

and the West Indies were in

favour of Bangladesh in that

meeting.

Huq said "We have received

support from eight countries of

required seven to earn Test sta-

tus."



Wasim Akram (3rd from L) celebrates with teammates after getting rid of Sri Lanka's Chaminda Vaas yesterday. —AFP photo

## Lanka lose to Akram

COLOMBO, June 17: Wasim Akram produced a lethal spell of fast bowling to rout Sri Lanka for 123 and then showed a solid batting performance to inflict a five-wicket defeat on the hosts, reports AFP.

Pakistan won with a day to spare in the first cricket Test played at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground today.

The defeat was especially bitter for Sri Lanka, who were marking the country's 100th Test amid expectations of a memorable win.

Pakistan, needing 131 for victory, slumped to 89 for five before Akram, promoted in the batting to counter Muttiah Muralitharan's spin, and Younis Khan guided them through.

Pakistan lead 1-0 in the three-Test series.

Akram, who won the man-of-the-match award, was unbeaten on 20 and Younis, who made 32 not out, finished the match in style by hitting danger-man Muralitharan for two sixes in one over.

The off-spinner had earlier given Sri Lanka an outside chance of winning when he snuffed up the wickets of Younis Youhana and Mohammad Wasim in the first over after the tea break.

He then accounted for Inzamam-ul-Haq four overs later to have Pakistan struggling at 66 for 4.

Skipper Moin Khan added 23 for the fourth wicket with Akram before falling left before wicket to Nuwan Zoysa, but Akram and Younis kept their heads to carry Pakistan to victory.

The Test turned out to be a personal triumph for the 34-year-old veteran Akram even though it was a disappointment for the hosts.

He became Test cricket's fourth bowler to take 400 wickets on Friday, and Saturday finished off the Sri Lankan second innings with figures of five for 45 to add to his first innings score of 78.

Before Akram came on to bowl, it was medium pacer Abdur Razaq who unsettled the Sri Lankan batsmen with a superb morning spell which should have brought him more than the wicket of Aravinda de Silva.

Akram, who replaced him, was fired up when Sri Lanka umpire B.C. Cooray refused a confident leg before call against tail-ender Zoysa when he was on 13.

The angry Akram did not collect his cap from the umpire at the end of the over, but asked one of his team members to do so.

Sri Lanka went to lunch at 117 for seven and were dismissed 30 minutes after the resumption when Akram produced a deadly spell to take three wickets for six runs off 21 balls.

He sent back Chaminda Vaas (20) and Zoysa (13), to be poised on a hat-trick. But Muralitharan edged the third ball to long leg for two.

Akram however had the final say when he got through the defences of Dillura Fernando to take five wickets in an innings for the 25th time in his 96-Test career.

Supporting Akram was off-spinner Arshad Khan who finished with figures of three for 30 for match figures of seven for 92.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scorecard of the first Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on the fourth day at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground Saturday.

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 273  
SRI LANKA: First innings 266  
SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 53 for 2)

Atapattu c Anwar b Arshad 40  
Jayasuriya lbw b Waqar 8  
Arnold c M. Wasim b Akram 1  
De Silva c Inzamam b Razaq 21  
Jawardene c M. Wasim b Arshad 7  
Ranatunga c Anwar b Akram 6  
K'harana c Younis b Arshad 6  
Vaas c and b Akram 20  
Zoysa c Inzamam b Akram 13  
Fernando b Akram 0  
Muralitharan not out 3  
Extras: (lb-1; w-1; nb-1) 3  
Total: (All out in 61.3 overs) 123  
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-25, 3-67, 4-71, 5-73, 6-82, 7-88, 8-120, 9-120

**Bowler** O M R W  
Waqar 9 3 21 1  
Akram 15.3 1 45 5  
Razaq 14 6 23 1  
Arshad 22 8 30 3  
Mushitaq 1 0 3 0

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings 6  
Anwar c Fernando b Zoysa 6  
M. Wasim lbw b M'haran 30  
Younisa b M'haran 11  
Inzamam c Arnold b M'haran 13  
Akram not out 20  
Moin lbw b Zoysa 11  
Younis not out 32  
Extras: (b-4; nb-4) 8  
Total: (For 5 wks in 42 overs) 131  
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-51, 3-52, 4-66, 5-89

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 8 3 20 0  
Zoysa 13 1 38 2  
M'haran 17 3 53 3  
Fernando 3 0 14 0  
Arnold 1 0 2 0

**Result:** Pakistan won by 5 wickets and take 1-0 lead.  
**Man-of-the-match:** Wasim Akram.  
**Second Test:** June 21-25, Galle.

## Training programme Bedi, Mushtaq Mahanama, More coming

Sports Reporter

Four former cricket stars—Pakistan all-rounder Mushtaq and his former teammates Roshan Mahanama, Indian wicketkeeper Kiran More and legendary Indian left-arm spinner Bishen Singh Bedi—will fly in the city later this month to impart training to our local cricketers.

The quartet, who had been key members of their teams in their hey days, is coming to Dhaka as part of ICC's global development programme.

It was learnt that Mushtaq Mohammed, a fine middle-order bat and useful leg spinner, and India's animated stumper Kiran More will arrive in the city on May 23 for a week-long training stint at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pro-tisthan(BKSP) while Bedi, one of the finest left arm spinner cricket has ever produced, and Mahanama are likely to reach Dhaka at the end of this month.

They will provide training to a set of selected cricketers, aging below 25.

Besides, Nasim-ul-Ghani, the ICC development officer of Asia, is also likely to attend the short-training.

**Asian youth qualifying U-16 booters India bound**

Sports Reporter

A 25-member Bangladesh team leaves for India today to take part in the Asian Youth (U-16) Group 4 qualifying competition, to be held in Jamshedpur from June 20 to 27.

Mizanur Rahman, a midfield playmaker who plays for Victoria in the Dhaka League, will lead the juvenile selection that included 20 booters and five officials.

One of the favourites in the four-team qualifier, Bangladesh will take on Sri Lanka in their opening group league match on June 21. They meet Pakistan on June 24 before facing hosts India in the last match on June 27.

Only the top finisher of the group will advance into the next round of the age group competition under the aegis of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

**The Bangladesh squad:** Mizanur Rahman (captain), Amzad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Moshir Rahman, Mohiuddin, Mahabubul Alam, Tareq, Nazimur Rahman, Rafiquzzaman, Rafiqul Islam, Aminul Islam, Rashed Ahmed, Saifullah, Masud Parvez, Abdullah-al Parvez Masudul Islam, Mehdi Hasan, Anwarul Karim, Surar and Masud Alam.

**Officials:** Anwarul Islam (team leader), Moinul Islam (deputy team leader), Golam Sarwar Tipu (manager), Pranab Kumar Dey (coach) and Mah-fuzullah Chisty (Physio).

Adams was last man out for 98. With No.11 Courtney Walsh keeping his end going left-hander Adams thrashed a ball from Darren Gough through the off-side. But Andrew Flintoff diving forward at cover took a startling one-handed catch, although replays suggested the ball may have dropped fractionally short of the Lancashire all-rounder.

It left Gough with figures of five for 109, the first time he had reached that landmark in an innings against the West Indies.

Adams faced 299 balls, a splendid effort of concentration, that featured nine fours. Walsh was unbeaten on three, setting a new Test record of 56 not outs.

Resuming on 336 for seven.

**Wasim wants to persevere**

COLOMBO, June 17: Pakistan's star all-rounder Wasim Akram, who became the fourth bowler in Test history to complete 400 wickets Friday, said he was looking forward to playing for another year and possibly a little more, reports AFP.

"About two years ago my aim was to get 400 wickets and I have got it by the grace of God," said Akram after he dismissed Sri Lanka's Russel Arnold for one on the third day of their first Test here.

"I think the way I am bowling, the way my fitness is, I can play for another year and a half and see how many wickets I can get," said the 34-year-old veteran of 96 Tests.

Akram came into the Test match needing two wickets to reach the milestone, but he had to wait until the Sri Lanka second innings to achieve it at the Sinhalese Sports Club grounds here.

"It looked like the 400 wickets wasn't going to come soon, but it came at the right time. I didn't have the luck in the first innings, but I believe God Almighty wanted me to get some runs and then get the 400th wicket," said Akram.

The left-handed all-rounder first rescued his team with a defiant knock of 78 in 245 minutes before returning to have Arnold caught by Mohammad Wasim at second slip for his 400th Test wicket.

He said the pitch was "definitely result-oriented" and added: "It is suiting the Sri Lankan bowlers more than ours, especially with (Muttiah) Muralitharan there. He is a world class bowler and he doesn't get tired," he said.

Akram said that former Pakistan all-rounder Imran Khan had a great positive influence in his cricketing career and that Javed Miandad, the present coach, and Mudassar Nazar, a former player, had also helped him a lot.

## Azhar going to sue 'em all

HYDERABAD, June 17: Test cricketer Mohammad Azharuddin is planning to sue disgraced South African captain Hansie Cronje and his former teammates Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri and Manoj Prabhakar accusing them of having ganged up to frame him, reports PTL.

In an interview to the Daily Deccan Chronicle here, Azhar rejected the suggestion of Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhillinda that he should step down till he was cleared in the match-fixing controversy.

"Why should I step down?" he asked stating that the sports minister's suggestion was based on the allegation by Cronje who himself admitted before the King Commission that he had been lying till today.

The former Indian captain accused Cronje of being racist and said because our police taped him, the South Africans have conspired to shift the blame on Indians.

Turning homeward, Azhar said "Mainly because I belong to the minority community, I am being victimized and targeted especially by some ex-cricketers who have a personal grudge against me."

Accusing Shastri of lying in the Prabhakar tapes about him having bought a watch for Rs 6 lakh, Azharuddin said, "I bought no such watch. The entire thing is a lie."

Retorting the charge that he is wealthy Azhar said he had already filed a case against (former income tax commissioner) Vishnu Bandhu Gupta for stating that the stylish batsman was the cricketer who had declared Rs 16 crore under the VDIS scheme.

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