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SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis
(Swiss tennis superstar)
"Mary Pierce is a killer. She's got so much power. She's learned a lot from me. She's getting dangerous."

Rain continues to play foul

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 12: Switzerland's Roger Federer spent Tuesday polishing his Play Station technique rather than his tennis as rain continued to plague the 600,000-dollar Swiss Open, reports AFP.

With a mid-afternoon break in the winter-like weather — 10 centigrade in the middle of July — two first-round matches got on court and somehow concluded.

Eighth-seeded Argentine Mariano Puerta defeated Frenchman Arnaud Di Pasquale 6-3, 6-4 while Felix Mantilla won an all-Spanish battle in the chilly conditions, 6-1, 6-4 over Fernando Vicente.

Third seed Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain and Argentine Gaston Gaudio and Max Mirnyi of Belarus versus Mariano Zabaleta of Argentina were left dependent on the weather.

Federer had been due to start Monday against top seed and former winner Alex Corretja of Spain.

But almost all of the Swiss player's time has been spent indoors waiting out the weather which doesn't seem to want to lift.

"I've been playing a lot of Play Station," said the Davis Cup team member expected to feature next week in St. Gallen when Switzerland hosts Belarus featuring new Wimbledon hero "The Viadictor," Vladimir Voltchkov.

"I'm also putting up a website and that takes up some time," he added.

The Swiss said that he's keen to finally get on court against Corretja, who led a Spanish mini-boycott of Wimbledon in protest over not being seeded despite a worthy ranking.

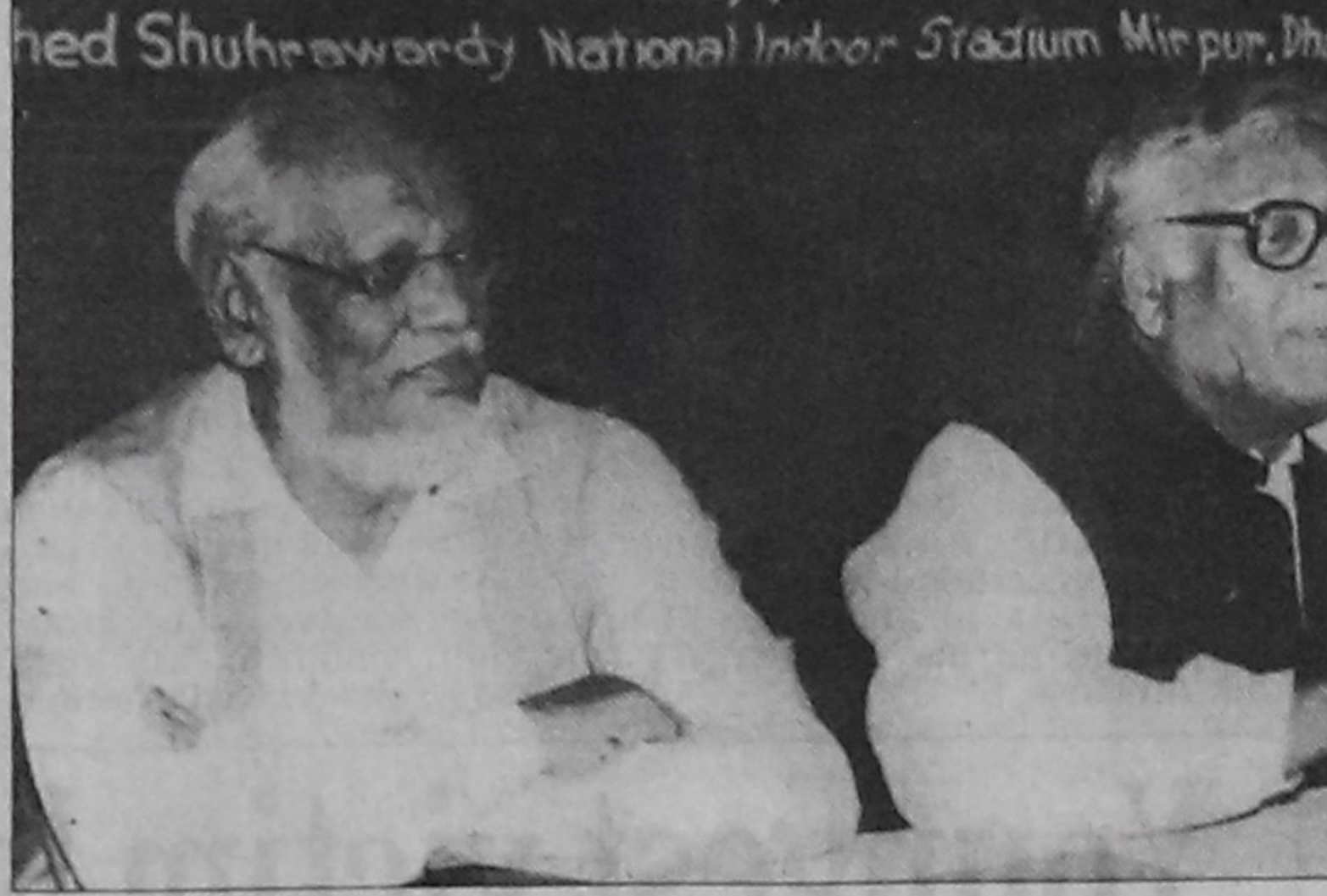
"I'm ready for this and I think I have a chance," he said. "But it's not going to be easy. He really likes it here."

After two days with just two results, organisers will have to go into overtime to get the 32-year event completed by Sunday.

Forecasts at a venue bathed in sun a year ago are not overly promising, with snow forecast for the mountains and rain down below.

PRESS BRIEFING

Host holder: Asian Handball Federation
Organised by: Bangladesh Handball Federation
Date: 25-31 July, 2000
Venue: Shuhrawardy National Indoor Stadium Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh



Minister for Commerce M.A. Jalil addressing a press conference organised in connection with the forthcoming sixth Asian Women's Junior Handball Championship at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Asian jr h'ball from July 25

The sixth Asian Women's Junior Handball Championship, a qualifying meet of the World Junior tournament, will begin here on July 25, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the seven-nation Under-19 meet at a colourful opening ceremony.

Hosts Bangladesh will play the inaugural match against last time runners-up China at the Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur.

Bangladesh Television will telecast all the 14 matches live while Bangladesh Betar broadcast the running commentary.

A powerful organising committee, headed by Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil, and 13 subcommittees are now working round-the-clock for successful holding of the prestigious meet to be organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF).

Seven countries, split into two groups, will compete in the meet initially on league-basis from July 25-27. Later, top two teams from each group will play in the semifinals on July 29.

Hosts Bangladesh, who are participating in the meet for the first time, have been placed in tough Group B along with China and Japan.

The Group A comprises holders South Korea, Chinese Taipei, India and Nepal.

Three top teams from the Dhaka meet will earn the rights to play in the World Junior Handball Championship to be held in Hungary next year from July 29 to August 12.

Details of the meet were disclosed at a news conference at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil, also the Chairman of the Organising Committee, addressed the conference.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, BHF President Lt Col (ret'd) M A Hamid, Secretary General of the Organising Committee Principal Hamida Ali and BHF general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinor also spoke on the occasion.

A total of Tk 72.14 lakh has been earmarked for running the tournament.

Obaidul Quader yesterday granted Tk three lakh for the preparation of the Bangladesh team in the Asian meet.

FIXTURE

July 25: China vs Bangladesh
Korea vs Taipei
Nepal vs India
Nepal vs Taipei
Korea vs India
Bangladesh vs Japan

July 26: China vs Japan
Korea vs Nepal
Taipei vs India

July 27: China vs Japan
Korea vs Nepal
Taipei vs India

Aussies unhappy at ICC

MELBOURNE, July 12 (AP/AF): Brett Lee will take no part in an inquiry into his bowling action until the International Cricket Council explains why it took three months to launch the investigation, Australian Cricket Board chief executive Malcolm Speed said.

Speed said he was disappointed that the ICC took so long to react to concerns about Lee's action raised by two umpires during the Australia vs. New Zealand Test series in March.

"I've written to the ICC, I'm not happy about some of the procedures that have been followed here," he said. "I've written to them and asked them a series of questions before we set a date for Brett to go before the panel."

"In the meantime it's business as usual," Speed told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio.

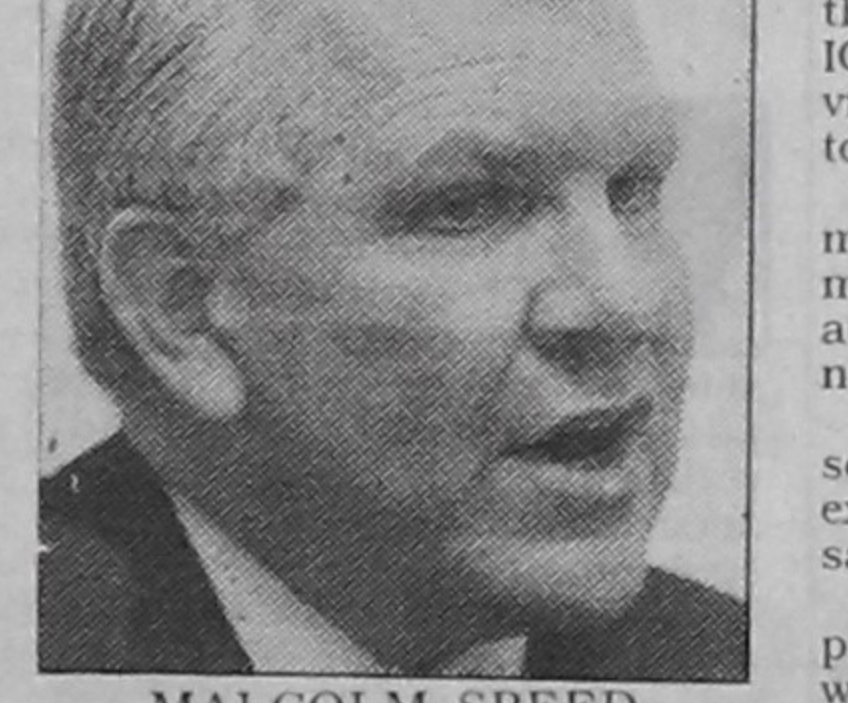
The ICC announced Tuesday its Illegal Deliveries Panel would investigate chucking allegations against Lee "as a matter of priority" before the August 16 Australia vs. South Africa match in Melbourne.

Lee, who was only advised late Monday of the allegations, was invited to participate in the inquiry, set to be conducted via video conference.

Speed said Lee was scheduled to play all three limited-overs internationals against South Africa next month.

He said the Illegal Deliveries Panel found some evidence of chucking against Lee, the matter would be referred to the ACB to remedy.

Speed said fast bowling great



MALCOLM SPEED
Dennis Lillee worked with Lee, while biomechanics and medical experts would conduct tests to prove the 23-year-old fast bowler's action is legal.

Meanwhile, a senior Australian official said today that the ICC's handling of chucking allegations against paceman Lee was totally unsatisfactory.

Australian Cricketers' Association chief executive Tim May said the delay in telling Australia of the reports was not acceptable and called for an overhaul of the ICC's review process.

The fact that it has taken that long is totally and absolutely unsatisfactory," May told ABC radio.

May said the pressure on players from such allegations required they be dealt with as soon as possible.

"In any of these cases where a bowler's delivery action is under scrutiny it has to be dealt with in an efficient and timely manner," he said, adding that the make-up of the 10-strong ICC committee appointed to review chucking allegations was too slow and unwieldy.

He called for a three to five man committee which could move very quickly, using expert advice and the latest in technology.

"There's an absolute need for some sort of human movement expert and experts in law," May said.

He added that television replays meant players were watched as never before, and such close scrutiny did not benefit the game.

"As an ex-cricketer, I can tell you that 99 per cent of cricketers some time during their career probably would have bowled a delivery which could be deemed doubtful," he said.

"If we continue to scrutinise to the nth degree I don't really see that is a benefit to cricket. There's got to be some degree of variation that a bowler's action can fall within."

May said he did not think there was anything wrong with Lee's bowling action, but he would carry a tremendous psychological burden knowing that everyone was watching him.

I'm not overweight

LONDON, July 12: Andrew Flintoff hit back at criticism about his weight and fitness here on Tuesday, insisting he is in good shape, reports AFP.

The 22-year-old Lancashire all-rounder made a late withdrawal from England's match with West Indies on Sunday with a recurrence of back trouble, and chairman of selectors David Graveney has admitted to a concern about his weight.

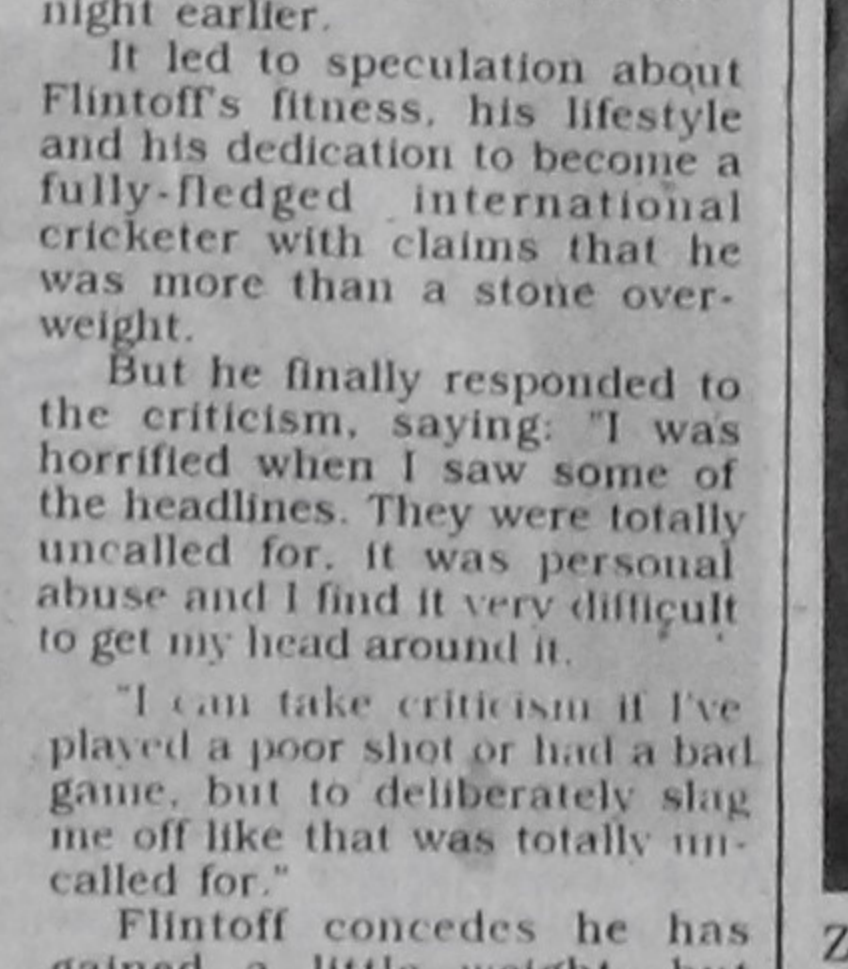
The same complaint had forced him on to the sidelines for the second Test against West Indies at Lord's less than a fortnight earlier.

It led to speculation about Flintoff's fitness, his lifestyle and his dedication to become a fully-fledged international cricketer with claims that he was more than a stone overweight.

But he finally responded to the criticism, saying: "I was horrified when I saw some of the headlines. They were totally uncalled for. It was personal abuse and I find it very difficult to get my head around it."

"I can take criticism if I've played a poor shot or had a bad game, but to deliberately slag me off like that was totally uncalled for."

Flintoff concedes he has gained a little weight, but nothing like the stone which he



ANDREW FLINTOFF



—Star photo

Colts warm up well

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Under-17 team recorded a massive 118-run win in an exhibition match against Tahir Academy in Karachi yesterday.

The colts, who are now in Pakistan to take part in the ACC Under-17 Cricket Championship, piled up an imposing 224 for six in 41 overs with Nasiruddin Faruque hammering a sizzling 60.

In reply, the Academy were bundled out for a meager 106 in 39.5 overs.

Bangladesh, placed in Pool A in the ten-nation meet, will take on hosts Pakistan in the inaugural match at the Karachi National Stadium on July 15.

The Nafees Iqbal-led Bangladesh will play their second match against Nepal on July 19, Malaysia on July 20 and Kuwait on July 21.

Snooker meet in Hong Kong

Sports Reporter

The 17th Asian Snooker Championship started at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong on July 10, says an Internet release.

A total of 40 players from 19 countries including Bangladesh are taking part in this prestigious event. Top Bangladesh player Mozaffar Hossain won his match against Chinese Taipei (4-1), lost against Philippines (3-4), Singapore and India. Jason Salgado, national junior number one, however lost all his matches against Pakistan, China, Qatar and UAE.

The second round matches begin today at the same venue.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 12: Red Dear Cricket Club became champions in the Bangladesh Memorial Gold Cup cricket tournament.

In the final match held today at Keshorhat High School playground, the Red Dear defeated Keshorhat SC by 14 runs.

Winning the toss, the winners batted first and collected 117 runs for seven wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply, the losers went all out for 103 in 25.3 overs.

Titu of Red Dear was adjudged the man-of-the-match and Rusel of the same club was adjudged the man-of-the-series.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Prof Abdul Quddus distributed prizes among the winners.

A total of eight teams took part in the tournament organised by Russel Smriti Sangsad.

SA shut Pakistan out

COLOMBO, July 12: Unheralded David Terbrugge caused a dramatic Pakistani collapse here on Wednesday to hand South Africa a seven-wicket win and a place in the Singer Cup final against hosts Sri Lanka, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old fast bowler from Gauteng claimed four wickets in only his second one-dayer and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher snapped five catches as Pakistan were shot out for 153.

Opener Gary Kirsten then hit 46 as South Africa overtook the modest target in the 38th over to set up a title clash against the hosts on Friday.

Pakistan's gamble to bat first under an overcast sky — to give their three spinners a chance on the wearing wicket in the second innings — failed miserably.

Terbrugge, making his first appearance in the tri-series and without an international wicket under his belt, struck in each of his first three overs at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground.

South African captain Shaun Pollock chipped in with two wickets as Pakistan tumbled to 19-6, five of them to catches behind the stumps by Boucher.

Pakistan were saved from falling short of their lowest one-day score — 43 against the West Indies in 1992 — by a gritty rearguard action which saw the last four wickets put on 134 runs.

Skipper Moin Khan and Azhar Mahmood added 30 for the seventh wicket, with Moin hammering 19 off 18 balls with two boundaries and a six.

Mahmood went on to make 36, sharing an eighth-wicket stand of 41 with Shoaib Malik, before he ran himself out attempting a risky single.

Malik (28) and Mushtaq Ahmed (34 not out) then added 55 for the last wicket, both batsmen recording their highest one-day scores.

Pakistan removed opener Andrew Hall in the fifth over, but the absence of their trusted new ball pair of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis saw them crashing to their fourth successive defeat.

Wasim had opted out of the series for personal seasons, while Waqar was not considered for this match after being banned from the previous one for tampering with the ball.

"We lost the match in the first 10 overs," Moin said, but defended his decision to bat first after winning the toss.

"We are usually good at defending totals and with three spinners in the side, it seemed a good bet. But we just did not have enough runs on the board."

Pollock began the rout with the second ball of the match when he forced young opener Iman Nazir to edge an easy catch to Boucher.

Terbrugge claimed his first international wicket off the fifth delivery when Younis

Khan was caught behind by Boucher.

Inzamam-ul-Haq went the same way in Terbrugge's next over for no score, the victim of a dubious decision by Sri Lankan umpire Ashoka de Silva.

As a stunned Inzamam trudged back slowly, television replays showed the ball may have missed the edge of the bat.

There was, however, no dispute when De Silva ruled Younis caught at the wicket in Terbrugge's third over which made Pakistan 13-4.

It soon became 19-6 in the 10th over as Pollock bowled Saeed Anwar for six and Terbrugge trapped Abdur Razaq leg-before.

The Pakistani tail, however, waggled merrily to set South Africa a target of three runs an over.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Singer Cup

Mushtaq not out

Extras: (lb-6; nb-6; w-11) 23
Total: (All out in 44.1 overs) 153
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-5, 3-6, 4-13, 5-18, 6-19, 7-49, 8-90, 9-98

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	8	0	23	2
Terbrugge	8	1	20	4
Kallis	7	2	18	1
Klusener	5	0	26	0
Boje	7	1	24	0
Hall	2	0	12	0
Adams	7.1	2	24	2

SOUTH AFRICA
Kirsten c Mahmood b Mushtaq 46
Hall c Inzamam b Mahmood 15
Kallis c Mahmood b Malik 27
Cullinan not out 35
Rhodes not out 12
Extras: (lb-4; nb-3; w-14) 21
Total: (For 3 wks in 37.3 overs) 156
Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-82, 3-122

Did not bat: Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Nicky Boje, Paul Adams, David Terbrugge.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
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South African fast bowler David Terbrugge, who was adjudged man-of-the-match, is about to send down a delivery against Pakistan during yesterday's Singer Cup match in Colombo.

one-day international between Pakistan and South Africa on Wednesday.

PAKISTAN

Anwar b Pollock 6
Nazir c Boucher b Pollock 0
Younis c Boucher b Terbrugge 3
Inzamam c Boucher b Terbrugge 0
Youhana c Boucher b Terbrugge 2
Mahmood run out 36
Razaq lbw b Terbrugge 1
Moin c Boucher b Kallis 19
Malik c Cullinan b Adams 28
Arshad c b Adams 1

Result: South Africa won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: David Terbrugge.

Friday's final: South Africa v Sri Lanka, Colombo (D/N).

Zimbabwe going great guns

CANTERBURY, England, July 12: Zimbabwe beat West Indies by 70 runs here on Tuesday, their third win in three matches of the triangular one-day international series, assuring them of a place in the final at Lord's on July 22, reports AFP.

At the close West Indies were 186 for eight, Nixon McLean 50 not out and Mervyn Dillon six not out.

McLean batted well in the circumstances but the match was lost long before he came to the wicket as the West Indies top order collapsed.

West Indies followed a sub-standard fielding display with some equally poor batting in the face of another disciplined performance by the Zimbabwe

attack. They let seven chances slip though one was very difficult — against the buoyant Zimbabweans and then nose-dived to 57 for six in pursuit of an already demanding target of 257.

And big hope Brian Lara was one of the batting casualties, as the West Indies were looking booked for their second defeat against Zimbabwe in less than a week, unless someone could produce some sensational cricket lower down the order.

By the halfway mark West Indies had improved their position to 82 for six and must have felt a little happier with life when Franklin Rose hoisted Paul Strang for two on-side sixes in that 25th over.

Chris Gayle clipped a catch to square leg, then Sherwin Campbell mislaid a shot to mid-

istair Campbell, who hit only one four and a six in his 77 and galloped the rest.

They were led by 83 in 111 balls from Guy Whittall in his 100th international after Neil Johnson had struck a bristling 51 in 68 balls.

Hinds failed to grasp the difficult chance offered by Johnson on 17 and a missed stumping by Ridley Jacobs off Chris Gayle allowed Campbell to escape on five.

Man-of-the-match Whittall, too, was let off on 40, 49 and 80 by Rose, Sherwin Campbell and Hinds after a treble-juggle.

And Murray Goodwin (16) was dropped behind by Jacobs on five, Gayle again the suffering bowler, and in the final race for runs, Jacobs grassed a fast moving edge off captain Andy Flower in the 49th over.

But apart from the lapses, West Indies general standard in the field was ordinary, though Hinds did produce two fine pieces of cricket.

He sent in a brilliant throw from the boundary to run out Johnson in full flight and chased back a long way from mid-wicket to catch Whittall soon after he had equalled his previous best score of 83 against Kenya set in Nairobi in 1997.

Whittall added 89 and 96 with Johnson and Campbell respectively after being promoted to open the batting when Craig Wishart reported injured.

Former Zimbabwe captain Campbell took no time to settle or find his touch, scoring all round the wicket to follow his man-of-the-match 80 against England at The Oval on Saturday.

POINTS TABLE

Triangular series table on Tuesday after Zimbabwe beat West Indies by 70 runs (played, won, lost, no result, tie, points, run-rate):

Team	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts	RR
Zimbabwe	3	3	0	0	0	6	0.71
England	2	0	1	1	0	1	0.20
West Indies	3	0	2	1	0	1	0.97

on, and Wavell Hinds knocked back a return chance to Bryan Strang.

It was 23 for three and worse was to follow. Captain Jimmy Adams was run out off the first ball of the 13th over after a mix-up with Lara, and next ball Lara played on to a quick delivery from Heath Streak.

Then Ricardo Powell played across a straight ball and was bowled by slow-left armer Dirk Viljoen, and Zimbabwe were on their way.

Jacobs (37) and Rose (30) played some attractive strokes as did McLean but none of them threatened to keep up with the run-rate.

Zimbabwe hit only 11 boundaries in their 50 overs, which yielded 256 for four, but they compensated by some outstanding running between the wickets, none more so than Al-

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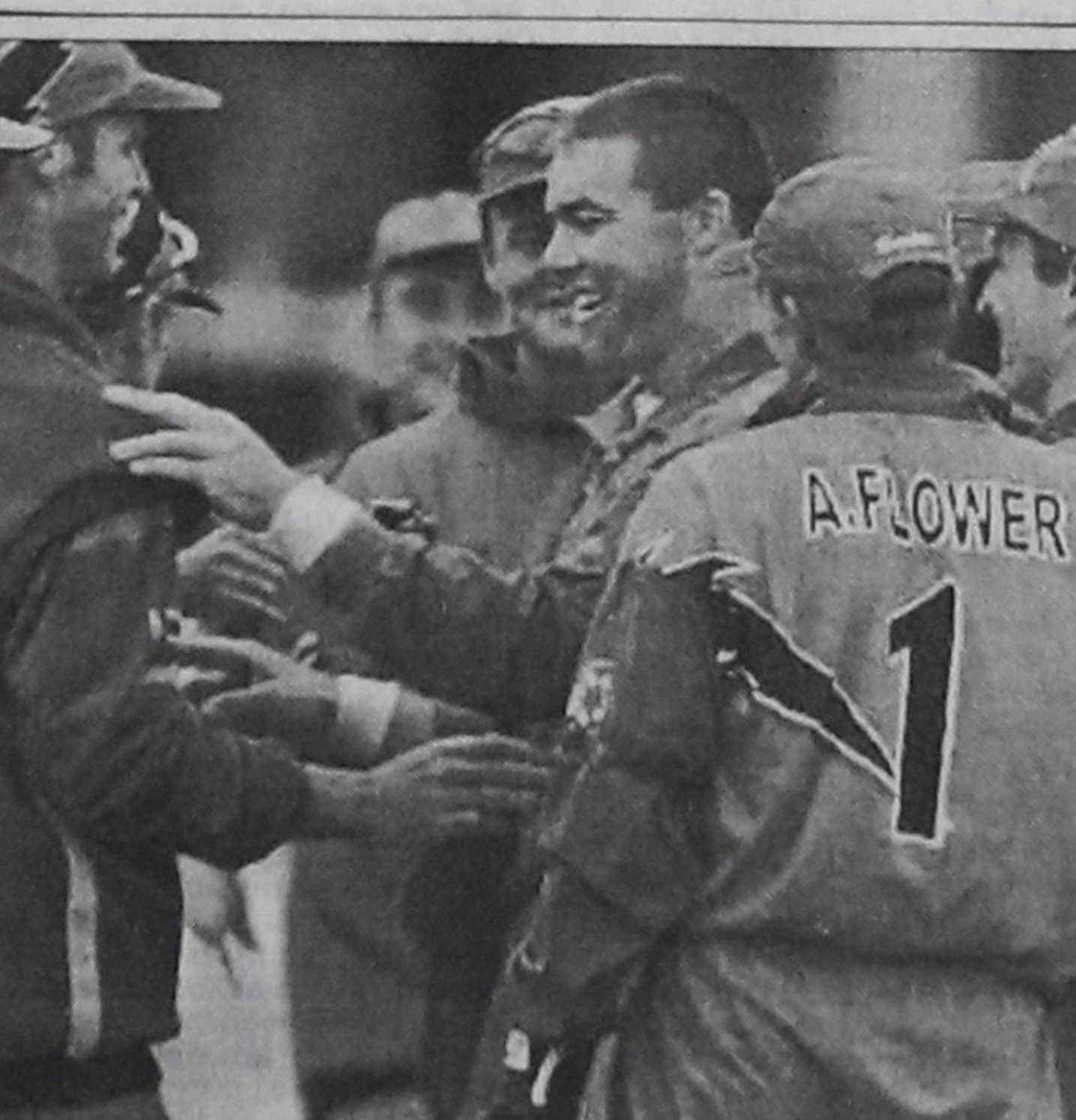
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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after Zimbabwe beat West Indies in the triangular series one-day international at Canterbury on Tuesday.

ZIMBABWE: 256 for four in 50 overs (Guy Whittall 83, Alistair Campbell 77 not out, Neil Johnson 51, Franklin Rose 16).

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Zimbabwe paceman Heath Streak (C) is the toast of his teammates after he bowled West Indies' Brian Lara during their NatWest Trophy encounter at Canterbury on July 11.

—Internet photo