

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Lothar Matthaeus**  
(German soccer ace)  
"We really have to take a long hard look at the players' character."  
Blasting his German teammates' lack of character at the Euro 2000.

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South Africa England Germany

2. When did Germany host its last World Cup?  
1968 1974 1978

3. Who led the German bid for 2006 World Cup?  
Beckenbauer Matthaeus Muller

4. Where did the voting for 2006 World Cup take place?  
Italy Belgium Switzerland

Who conducted the voting?  
FIFA FIFA AFC

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## Mahboob re-elected

Syed Mahboob, the general secretary of the Bangladesh Billiards & Snooker Federation, was unanimously re-elected secretary of the Asian Confederation of Billiards Sports (ACBS) for the fourth term of two years at the 17th annual general meeting held in Hong Kong on July 13, says a press release.



Mahboob had earlier been elected secretary of the ACBS in 1994, 1996 and 1998 respectively.

In the annual general meeting attended by delegates from 19 member countries, Sindhu Pulsirong of Thailand was elected president while WY Chiu of Malaysia and IP De Tagle of Philippines retained their position as executive vice president and treasurer respectively.

## Harun going to New Delhi

Sports Reporter  
Harun-ur Rashid will attend a seminar on FIDE Chess Umpires to be held in the Indian capital of New Delhi this weekend.  
The three-day seminar will start on July 21. Harun is an international umpire of Bangladesh.

## Quader makes matters worse

Sports Reporter

The State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader added fuel to the growing discontent of football organisers when he said that he would not mind even if the Premier League did not take place this year.  
"It is not possible for me to increase football's allotment period of Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS). They (BFF) will have to be satisfied with the two and a half-month time limit. If they are unwilling to accept the offer then I'm sorry to say that we will have to live without football for a year," Quader told reporters yesterday.

The sensational statement of the sports supreme, hot on the heels of Bangladesh Football Federation's (BFF) outright rejection of possessing the number one National Stadium from July 15 to September 30, has only turned the situation from bad to worse.  
Surprisingly silent in the face of angry football organisers, who have demanded his resignation, Quader suddenly took the attack to his critics during his visit at the under-construction football stadium at Mughdipara in the city.



**OBAIDUL QUADER**  
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"I have tried to convince them (BFF) that it is not possible to extend the time limit since a triangular cricket tournament is scheduled at the BNS in November. I have even offered other venues in the capital to complete the League. But they turned down all my offers," said a dejected Quader.  
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An estimated budget of Taka 30.59 crore has been earmarked for the project, which will include floodlights, car parking and galleries at both ends.  
The project was taken up in an effort to defuse the perennial annual tug of war between football and cricket over the possession of BNS.  
But at the moment everything appears to have gone beyond Quader's control with the BFF officials preparing to launch an agitation programme and the players threatening to boycott both domestic and international events.  
The national booters abstained from practice for the second day running in protest against the BFF's decision to postpone the inter-club transfers, which was scheduled to be held from July 17 to 19.  
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## PCB unhappy at Condon?

LONDON, July 17: Pakistan Cricket Board is on collision course with the International Cricket Council (ICC) over the appointment of Sir Paul Condon as chief of world body's anti-corruption unit, media reports said, according to PFI.

Condon was the Commissioner of London Metropolitan Police from 1993 until last year when he retired after Lord Macpherson's report into the murder of an Asian. The report accused the London police of institutionalised racism.  
PCB chairman Lt Gen Tauqir Zia said, "When the ICC met last month, nobody pointed out to me (the Macpherson) inquiry into the London Police and it was only afterwards that I heard about it. If Sir Paul did not come out of that inquiry clean, I want to take up the matter with ICC."  
Zia said he wrote to ICC before the June 26 annual meeting and suggested that it would be better if the apex body appointed somebody from a non-test playing nation, so there could be no accusations of favouritism or bias.  
"I raised the point at the meeting but was the only person to vote against Sir Paul. His CV was very impressive and a couple of people spoke up for him as though they knew him personally, but there was no mention of the inquiry," Zia was quoted as saying.  
The danger, according to a report in the Sunday Times is that if PCB was dissatisfied with Condon, it will refuse to cooperate with his investigations, prompting a general boycott by the Asian countries.  
ICC Chief Executive David Richardson led the members in favour of Condon's appointment and it is believed that Lord Macpherson, Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, also lent support.  
Condon, who has been appointed to investigate allegations of match-fixing for a three-year term, has been instructed by the ICC to examine the transcripts of tapes made by News of the World reporters in which former Pakistani captain Salim Malik alleged that he could arrange to fix matches during England's forthcoming

tour of Pakistan.  
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## Brazil to go for changes

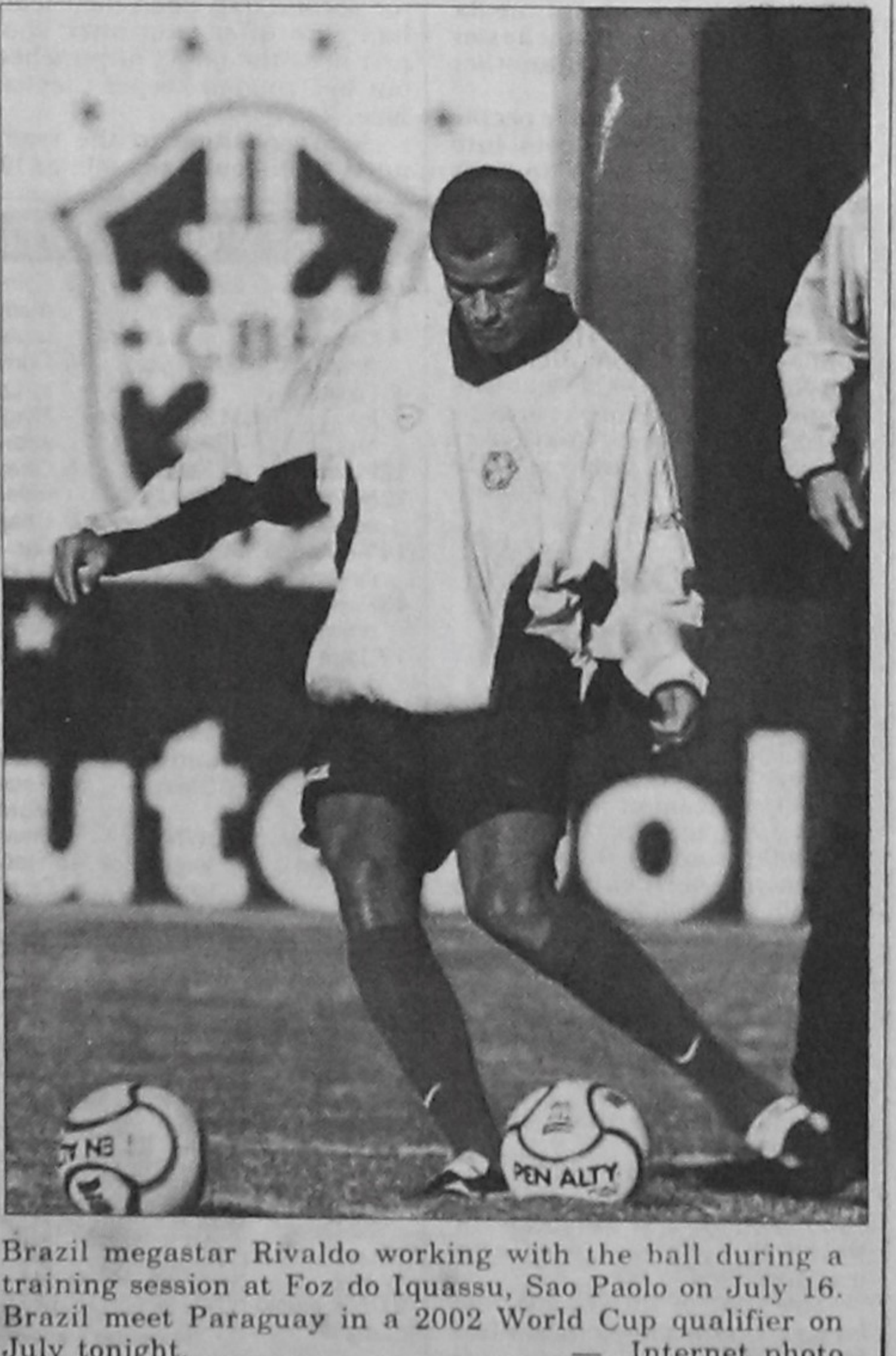
RIO DE JANEIRO, July 17 (Reuters/Internet): Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo is planning to chop and change his team yet again for Tuesday's World Cup qualifier away to Paraguay.  
Luxemburgo, who many Brazilians fear is beginning to lose his way, is expected to make at least five changes to the side which struggled to a 1-1 draw at home to Uruguay last month.  
The coach has axed veteran defender Aldair after he was hounded by the crowd against Uruguay and then given a media mauling dropped Savio after

without charisma before... but the one led by Luxemburgo has taken the biscuit," said commentator Jose Trajano. "The fans just cannot get enthusiastic about this lot."  
Paraguay, who have won twice at home and lost twice away in their four games, are expected to be at full strength with key defender Carlos Gamarra returning after injury.  
The match in Asuncion is one of five South American qualifiers being played this week.  
Uruguay open the proceedings against Venezuela in Montevideo and while the home side

have been boosted by their point in Rio last month, the visitors will be buoyed by their 4-2 win over Bolivia - their first in a World Cup qualifier for seven years.  
The other matches will be played on Wednesday when Peru and Colombia, two teams in serious need of a win, clash in Lima.  
Peru, who made a good start but have lost their last two games, will be missing regular goalkeeper Oscar Ivanez while injuries and problems have piled up for Colombia.  
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one game been deprived of striker Ronaldinho Gauchinho through injury and lost Emerson and defender Antonio Carlos through suspension.  
Luxemburgo is expected to play Sao Paulo's Edmilson and Palmeiras' Roque Junior in an untied central defensive partnership, and field a five-man midfield in which Cesar Sampaio, Flavio Conceicao and Djahnina will come in alongside regulars Ze Roberto and Rivaldo. Franca will be the lone attacker.  
Although Brazil have won two and drawn two of their four qualifiers so far, their performances have failed to enthuse the public. In particular, Barcelona midfielder Rivaldo and left-back Roberto Carlos have been accused of saving their best for their Spanish club sides.  
"We have had national teams



Brazil megastar Rivaldo working with the ball during a training session at Foz do Iquassu, Sao Paulo on July 16. Brazil meet Paraguay in a 2002 World Cup qualifier on July tonight.  
- Internet photo

## Weighty win for U-17 cricketers

Sports Reporter  
The Bangladesh Under-17 cricket team recorded a comprehensive 124-run win over Asif Iqbal Academy in an exhibition match in Karachi yesterday.

The Bangladesh colts, who are now in Pakistan to compete in the International Cricket Council Under-17 Asia Cup, posted a fighting 195 for eight in the stipulated 40 overs with Shariful Islam notching high-est 36.  
Skipper Nefees Iqbal hammered a breezy 30 off 39 balls while Sabuj Islam and Kuntal Chanda chipped in with 24 and 23 respectively.  
Asif Iqbal Academy, in their chase, were bundled out for 71 in 34 overs with Misbah scoring 23.

For Bangladesh, Talha captured three wickets giving away only 14 runs in six overs and his new-ball partner Sharif took two wickets for five runs.  
Bangladesh, who went down fighting by one wicket in their inaugural match against hosts Pakistan on July 15, will take on Nepal in their second Pool A match tomorrow.

## Abahani to play in Rovers Cup

National League champions Abahani Krira Chakra will participate in the 100th Rovers Cup football tournament to be held in the Indian port city of Mumbai from November 1-20, reports UNB.  
The country's maiden national league holders Abahani and local soccer powerhouse Muktijoddha SKC received invitation to take part in the traditional Indian meet recently.  
The popular Dhanmondi outfit have decided to compete in the Indian 'grade-one' tourney. Abahani director and former national star Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnua told this news agency last night.

## Office b'ball

Bangladesh Rifles earned an 88-70 points victory over New Classic Sports in the Metropolitan Office basketball tournament at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.  
The first half score was 42-31 in favour of the riflemen.  
Ayub was the main architect contributing 52 points alone while Ruhul 20, Sadek 16, and Mahboob 12 for the losers.  
Earlier in the day's first match, Bangladesh Police registered a facile 104-56 points win over Alif Fashion Wear Limited at the same venue. They led the first session by 48-27 points.  
Khair made 44, Sohan 24, Shahidul 18 for the winners while Martin scored 20, Tito 14 and Falim 10 for the losers.  
In the day's third and last match, A K Khan & Company Limited beat BCS (Economic) Officers Association by 80-53 points after dominating the first half by 38-26.  
Sejad Khan bagged 26, Farhan 17 and Fazle 11 for the winners while Mishu scored 17, Nawab 14 and Shakil 12 for the losers.

## CBI examines Ajay Jadeja

NEW DELHI, July 17: All-rounder Ajay Jadeja yesterday deposed before the CBI and recorded his statement in connection with the cricket match-fixing scandal, reports PFI.  
Jadeja, who returned in India recently, arrived at the CBI headquarters yesterday afternoon and was questioned by sleuths of special crime branch for nearly two hours, agency sources said.  
The all-rounder was in the thick of controversy following reports of alleged connection between cricketers and bookies to fix matches.  
However, it was not immediately clear what he had told the investigators, the sources said.  
The CBI will soon summon former captain Ravi Shastri who has claimed that Manoj Prabhakar had told him that Kapil Dev offered him (Prabhakar) money to under perform in a one-day match in 1994.  
Jadeja is the seventh cricketer to be questioned by CBI in connection with match-fixing reports after Navjot Singh Sidhu, Prashant Vaidya, Prabhakar, Nayan Mongia, Mohammad Azharuddin and Nikhil Chopra.

## Expatriates' Open Chess from July 1

Sports Reporter  
The Expatriates' Open Chess tournament, a rating event under the aegis of Bangladesh Chess Federation, will commence in the city from August 1.  
The nine-round Swiss League meet, sponsored by the Bangladesh-US Chess Association, offers a lucrative cash award of Taka 25,000 for the winner among the winners.  
Interested players have been asked to complete the entry formalities at the Chess Federation office at Purana Paltan by July 30.

## Murray, Grant fight WI fire

CHESTER-LE-STREET, England, July 17 (Internet report): A career-best century by Murray Goodwin and an unbeaten 96 off 87 balls by Grant Flower rallied Zimbabwe to a dramatic six-wicket win and sent West Indies crashing out of the NatWest Trophy triangular one-day series at Riverside on Sunday.

Chasing West Indies' 287 for five, Zimbabwe scored 290 for

while Flower took every opportunity to make a mockery out of the West Indies bowling with some deft hitting.  
Goodwin's runs came off 137 balls and included just seven boundaries.  
Just when the game appeared out of reach for Zimbabwe, needing 90 off the last 10 overs the pair rose to the challenge and sealed the match in the penultimate over by hitting off spinner Chris Gayle for 11 runs.  
During the innings Grant be-

"After you get a total like that you expect to win," coach Roger Harper said. "The bowling has been very disappointing. The side has been badly let down."  
"Since losing the Test at Lord's we've lost a few games. It is very hard to judge the morale of the side. It will be very hard for the management to lift the boys from this and get them to where they should be."  
"It is very important for us to start winning and getting back on track. We have to sit down and take a very good look at ourselves and ask us what we want from this tour," Harper added.  
West Indies had lost momentum after losing the second Test narrowly by two to England at Lord's. They were also bundled out for 54, the lowest score against England.  
Campbell and an in-form Lara built on an 86-run opening stand and shared a 173-run partnership off just 150 balls warming the sparse crowd on another blustery day.  
The partnership was the sixth highest for the West Indies in limited overs cricket and the highest for any wicket against the Zimbabweans.  
Campbell hit his second one-day century of the year and only the third by a West Indian this year and anchored the batting. The right-handed Campbell was happy to play second fiddle to both left-handers Hinds and Lara as he patiently accumulated his runs off 137 balls with the help of eight boundaries.  
Lara, fresh from his 54 against England on Saturday, was in a punishing mood from the time he arrived in the 21st over when Hinds skied a catch mid wicket to Stuart Carlisle off left-arm spinner Dirk Viljoen.  
In one over from Viljoen, Lara hit 22 runs with two sixes and two fours. In all he hit Viljoen for three sixes as the Zimbabwean was hit for 75 runs in his 10 overs.  
But the bowler had the last word in the closing overs of the West Indies innings, removing Lara and Campbell in the space of four balls.



BREATH-TAKING! Zimbabwe's Murray Goodwin (R), who was later named man-of-the-match, and Grant Flower are about to hug each other after their 186-run partnership carried them to victory against West Indies in the NatWest Trophy fixture at Chester-le-Street on July 16.

SCOREBOARD  
Scoreboard of the NatWest Trophy triangular series one-day international between the West Indies and Zimbabwe on Sunday.  
WEST INDIES: 287 for five in 50 overs (Sherwin Campbell 105, Brian Lara 87, Wavell Hinds 42; Dirk Viljoen 3/75)  
ZIMBABWE:  
Johnston c Jacobs b Dillon 4  
Whitall c Powell b Dillon 23  
Goodwin not out 112  
Campbell run out 11  
A Flower run out 11  
G Flower not out 96  
Extras: (b-12; w-14; nb-6) 32  
Total: (For 4 wkts 290 in 49.1 overs)  
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-55, 3-79, 4-104  
Did not bat: Stuart Carlisle, Dirk Viljoen, Heath Streak, John Rennie, Bryan Strang  
Bowler O M R W  
King 9.1 1 42 0  
Dillon 10 1 52 2  
McLean 10 0 63 0  
Nagarmootoo 9 0 49 0  
Gayle 4 0 27 0  
Adams 7 0 45 0  
Result: Zimbabwe beat West Indies by six wickets.  
Man-of-the-match: Murray Goodwin.  
Next match: England v Zimbabwe, Edgbaston, July 18.

## National League Mixed day for leaders

LONDON, July 17: Top-of-the-table Worcestershire crashed to a three-wicket National League defeat at home to third placed Gloucestershire Sunday after a torrid first innings saw them finish on just 146 - despite Vikram Solanki's hard-fought 45, reports AFP.  
But the visitors themselves struggled and had to rely on Chris Taylor and Martyn Ball - who were unbeaten on 37 and 30 respectively - to edge the win off the penultimate ball of the 45 overs.  
Taylor and Ball eventually saw Gloucestershire home to leave them at just six points adrift of runaway leaders.  
A Michael Atherton century helped Lancashire 202 for three and a much-needed seven-wicket victory over second-placed Somerset.  
The former England captain hit 105 from 115 balls and was partnered by Indian Saurav Ganguly, who managed an 82 to add to his dominating performance in the field.

It proved far too little, though, as the visitors - led by Matthew Hayden who hit 96 not out - strode to 192 for six and a victory that left both sides in mid-table.  
Meanwhile, Australian Michael Bevan led Sussex to a formidable score of 272 for six with an unbeaten 89 from 81 balls to give visitors Yorkshire an uphill struggle at Arundel.  
Despite a brave effort from Darren Lehmann who equalled Bevan on 89, Yorkshire just could not score quickly enough and capitulated for 202.  
It was the Holloake show at The Oval as first Adam made a mockery of the Glamorgan bowling, then Ben skittled the

visitors to give Division Two leaders Surrey the win.  
The home side batted first, and Adam Holloake grabbed a century to put them in the driving seat as they raced to a total of 268 for five.  
Then the Surrey bowlers - led by Ben Holloake who ended with figures of four for 42 - dispatched Glamorgan for 201 to take four vital championship points.  
A disappointing innings of 105 all out for Derbyshire saw Stephen Stubbings top-score with just 21 as Warwickshire stole the points after setting what seemed to be a simple target.  
Warwickshire had hit 150 for eight from their 45 overs in the match at Derby, with Kevin Dean taking four for 30 in his nine overs.  
In the closest finish of the day Middlesex left it to the last ball to squeeze past Durham by just one run at Southgate.  
Despite Simon Katich's unbeaten 70, Durham could not score runs quite fast enough, to

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	D	N	Points
Zimbabwe	5	4	1	0	0.11
England	4	2	1	0	5.133
W Indies	5	0	4	1	0.32