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Did U Know?

The second day of the Golden Jubilee Test between India and England at Bombay in 1980 was declared as a rest day because it coincided with a solar eclipse.



What to Watch

ESPN
Cricket Talk Show
Boys & Sunny Masterclass
12:30 pm

New Zealand vs Sri Lanka
4th one-day international
3:00 pm (1hr highlights)
Australia vs West Indies
2nd final of Carlton series
4:00 pm (repeat)
Chelsea vs Man United
English Premiership
Live at 9:00 pm
Serie A
Live at 1:30 am (Sunday)

Star Sports
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka
3rd one-day international
9:00 am (repeat)
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka
5th one-day international
Live at 3:15 am (Sunday)
Primera Liga Highlights
4:30 pm & 12:00 am (Sunday)



Sachin Tendulkar

(Indian batting master)
"I don't really think too much about what I've achieved so far or what lies ahead. I prefer to focus on the present. I'm happiest when I can make runs and help the Indian team win matches. There's no point just sitting back and saying that I've scored 27 hundreds. There are always new challenges ahead."

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 144
✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to Star Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
Feb 16, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who became Green Delta Premier Division cricket league champs?
Chittagong Bimanj Khulna

2. Who lifted Milo U-13 cricket title?
Rajshahi Rajshahi Barisal Padma Tista Maroons

3. Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy clinched the three-match one-day series
2-1 3-0 2-0

4. Who lifted the Australian open men's title?
Sampson Agassi Rafter

5. Who lifted the Australian open women's title?
Devenport Capriati Hingis

Name.....
Class..... Roll No.....
School Address.....
Phone (if any).....

Socceroo-Mexico friendly cancelled

AFP, Sydney
Australia's football international against Mexico later this month has been cancelled due to problems with the promoter, Soccer Australia said Friday.



Bangladesh cricket team physio Gavin Benzafield (L) giving some instructions to Nasirul Alam while Mehrab Hossain (standing R), Shahriar Hossain (lying) and Al Shahriar are all busy at the Bangabandhu National Stadium's gymnasium yesterday.

BKSP keep nat'l U-19 title

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Bangladesh Kriya Shikha Protisthan retained their National Youth (under-19) Cricket Championship title with a hard-fought three-wicket win over Chittagong at the Thakurgaon Stadium yesterday.

Middle order Nasiruddin Faruq hammered a patient 61 as the five-time champions, chasing a modest Chittagong total of 170 in 50 overs, reached the target with five balls to spare.

Coming into bat at number five with BKSP totalling at 49 for three, the left-hander set up the victory sharing a superb 87-run fourth-wicket stand with Farid (30).

Faruq's 83-ball half-century included a six and five boundaries. As soon as the pair departed, all-rounder Razaq took over with a quickfire 24 not out.

The left hander, who claimed three for 29 in Chittagong's innings, helped himself to just two boundaries off the 29 balls faced.

Earlier, in the morning after Chittagong won the toss, mustered 170 all out in 49.4 overs.

One down Rabbi was highest scorer with 48 off 112 balls. He hammered five fours. Opener Najim added 37 off 62 balls.

BKSP batsman Faruq was later adjudged the man-of-the-match.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the 20th National Youth Cricket Championship final between BKSP and Chittagong at the Thakurgaon Stadium yesterday.

CHITTAGONG
Najim lbw b Razaq 37
Rana c Kabir b Nazmul 1
Rabi run out 48
Mithu b Razaq 6
Aftab c Sahafiqul b Kabir 7
Shabib c Naem b Faruq 9
Tanvir run out 14
Minhaz not out 3
Monu c b Razaq 8
Arafat b Obaidur 2
Adnan b Obaidur 0

Extras: (b-10, lb-5, nb-4, w-16) 35
Total: (all out in 49.4 overs) 170
Fall of wickets: 1/6, 2/70, 3/78, 4/98, 5/118, 6/147, 7/152, 8/166, 9/170

Bowler O M R W
Shafiqul 7 2 16 0
Nazmul 7 3 16 1
Salaudun 2 0 9 0
Farid 4 0 21 0
Razaq 10 1 29 3
Obaidur 9.4 3 18 2
Kabir 6 0 30 1
Faruq 4 0 17 1

BKSP
Salaudun c Rabbi b Mithu 13
Zahidul b Monu 1
Kabir c Adnan b Monu 12
Farid c b Arafat 30
Faruq lbw b Tanvir 61
Razaq not out 24
Nacem b Arafat 8
Dhiman run out 1

Extras: (nb-4, w-19) 23
Total (for 7 wks in 49.1 overs) 173
Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/25, 3/49, 4/136, 5/138, 6/152, 7/164

Bowler O M R W
Monu 8 2 20 2
Mithu 7 0 24 1
Aftab 6.1 1 22 0
Arafat 10 1 22 2
Adnan 5 0 22 0
Tanvir 5 0 17 1

Man-of-the-match: Nasiruddin Faruq (BKSP).

ROLL OF HONOUR
Year Champions Runners up
1978-79 Dhaka Dhaka Board
1979-80 Chittagong Mymensingh
1980-81 Dhaka Rajshahi
1981-82 Chittagong Rajshahi
1982-83 Mymensingh Sylhet
1983-84 Chittagong Dhaka
1984-85 Chittagong Khulna
1985-86 Chittagong Mymensingh
1986-87 Not held
1987-88 Not held
1988-89 Chittagong Mymensingh
1989-90 Chittagong BKSP
1990-91 Dhaka Dhaka
1991-92 Jessore Rajshahi
1992-93 Dhaka Comilla
1993-94 BKSP Dhaka
1994-95 BKSP Dhaka
1995-96 Narayanganj Khulna
1996-97 Khulna Comilla
1997-98 BKSP Sylhet
1998-99 Not held
1999-2000 Not held
2000-01 BKSP Chittagong

They may resort to court

Cricket

REUTERS, Nairobi

Kenyan cricket lurched into crisis on Thursday after players said they would challenge in court a decision to sack 11 of the national team.

The Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) dismissed the players, including captain Maurice Oduibe, on Wednesday, accusing them of holding the national body to ransom by demanding more money.

A two-month tour of India and Bangladesh, due to start next week, was also cancelled.

An attorney's letter on behalf of 17 team members, including top batsman Steve Tikolo who was not sacked, was delivered to the KCA on Thursday asking for copies of the player's contracts and the body's constitution.

Oduibe said he was determined to take the matter through the courts until justice was done.

"What they have done was illegal," he told this news agency. "It just does not make sense."

Asked whether the stance taken by the players may have jeopardised any chance of reconciliation, KCA Secretary General

Anil Sarkar replied: "Absolutely." Sarkar said the KCA would meet to discuss Tikolo's fate as soon as its chairman, Jimmy Rayani, returned from an International Cricket Council meeting in Melbourne.

"He is in breach of contract," he said. "We will meet as soon as possible to discuss what will happen to him."

Tikolo said on Wednesday he would not play for Kenya again unless his colleagues were reinstated.

Letters were sent to the 11 players telling them they had been



India cricket team captain Saurav Ganguly (L) and coach John Wright address a media conference in Madras on February 8. A conditioning camp is currently in progress in that Indian city to select the national team to face Australia.

Stalwarts fail to turn up

SPORTS REPORTER

Four cricketers including national skipper Naimur Rahman did not join the primary camp for the Zimbabwe tour which began at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) yesterday.

Naimur left for Melbourne to attend the Test captains' meeting which will be held tomorrow. Former captain Akram Khan had to travel to Chittagong to attend the *chehnum* of his elder brother late Iqbal Khan. He is expected to return to the capital tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Aminul Islam it was learnt, went to Calcutta to feature in the shooting of a commercial.

There was no word however on why wicketkeeper Khaled Masood was absent.

Bangladesh will play two Test matches and three one-day internationals against Zimbabwe next April.

The remaining 18 cricketers, who reported on Thursday, were put through a weight training session under the supervision of physio Gavin Benzafield at a temporary gymnasium.

According to coach Sarwar Imran the camp will continue in the capital until March 2 and that a residential camp at BKSP, will start after Eid vacation.

Talking to Daily Star Sport, Imran revealed that during the three-week camp attention will be paid to the players' physical fitness.

Apart from the Bangabandhu National Stadium, both BUET playground as well as Dhaka International School ground in Baridhara will be used for the camp.

Nat'l Schools Cricket

UNB, Dhaka

AK High School, Siddeshwari Boys' High School, Sourav Smriti High School and National Bangla High School won their respective matches in the Standard Chartered-Grindlays 19th National Schools Cricket tournament yesterday.

AK High posted a comfortable 7-wicket victory over Wari High School at the Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute ground.

At the City Club ground, Siddeshwari Boys defeated Oxford International School by four wickets.

Sourav Smriti High outplayed Khalilur Rahman Junior High School by six wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

At the Uttara Police Line ground, National Bangla High recorded a 58-run win over Wills Little Flower School.

Jr Div Hockey

UNB, Dhaka

Shishu Kishore Sangha earned a thrashing 7-0 victory over East End Green Club in the Green Delta Junior Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

The day's other match between Dhaka Hockey Club and Raktim Sangha ended in a 1-1 draw after a barren first half at the same venue.

BSJA cricketers off to Agartala

UNB, Dhaka

A 20-member Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) team left for Agartala yesterday to play an exhibition cricket match against Tripura Sports Journalists' Club.

The match will be held today. This is the second tour of BSJA to Agartala, capital of the Indian State of Tripura, at the invitation of TSJA.

BSJA team: Rouful Hasan (team leader), Mujtaba Danish, Mustafa Kamal, Syed Mamun, Kamalul Rahman, Kamal Ahmed, Partha Tanveer, Naved, Badal Mustafiz, Al Musabbir Sadi, Saidur Rahman Shamim, Shahid Hossain Khan, Abdur Rakib, Jahangir Shah Badsha, Nadir Shah, Asif Iqbal, Rafiqul Haider Farhad, Hasan Mahmud Babli, Kamal Hossain Bablu, Badrul Alam Khokon and Indramath Bashak Babu.

Parma in final

REUTERS, Rome

An opportunistic goal from Marco Di Valo gave Parma a 1-0 victory over Udinese on Thursday and a place in the Italian Cup final.

Parma defender Fabio Cannavaro took a quick free kick in the 39th minute from inside his own half which caught out the Udinese defence.

Booters begin brightly

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh footballers made an encouraging start in their bid to qualify for next year's World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan.

They held powerful Vietnam to a goalless draw in their opening Asian Zone Group Ten match at the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahad Stadium in Dammam, Saudi Arabia on Thursday night.

According to a fax sent to the Bangladesh Football Federation, the national booters dominated the first 15 minutes of the proceedings and even created a couple of chances. Skipper Alfaz Ahmed spoiled at least two of them.

But the remainder of the first half belonged to the Vietnamese. Yet the South East Asian side were unable to convert possession into goals especially after being thwarted time and again by brilliance of erstwhile captain Aminul Haq.

Although Vietnam intensified their effort to take all three points in the second session, still Aminul proved he was equal to every attack.

The plucky Mohammedan keeper later received a CD player after being adjudged player-of-the-match.

Thousands of Bangladeshi expatriates witnessed the match and cheered up their team during the entire 90 minutes.

In the other match of the day, two-time qualifiers Saudi Arabia sounded a warning to their rivals with a 6-0 thrashing of Mongolia.

Tonight Bangladesh, ranked 151st, take on the Saudis currently 36th by FIFA at 11:30 pm while Vietnam (99) meet Mongolia (196).

Bangladesh: Aminul, Sujon, Tito (Faisal), Monwar, Rajani, Matiur Munna, Moni, Amin Rana, Alfaz, Iqbal, Hasan Al-Mamun and Mintu (Kanchan).



Waugh's date with detectives

AFP, Sydney

Batsman Mark Waugh will be interviewed on Saturday by investigators probing cricket's betting and match-rigging scandal as he prepares to leave for India with the Australian team.

The twin brother of Australian captain Steve Waugh and a star batsman in his own right, Mark Waugh is at the centre of the storm that has cast a dark pall over his career and a cloud over the all-conquering Australian cricket team.

The subcontinent is where Waugh first became mired in the scandal, and where Waugh and the Australian team begin a three-match Test series in Mumbai on February 27.

The key allegations being investigated by a lawyer representing the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), Greg Melick, and the International Cricket Council (ICC) against Waugh were made by Indian bookmaker Mukesh Gupta.

Gupta told Indian police that Waugh accepted 20,000 US dollars in payments from him in return for team, weather and pitch information in the early 1990s.

Mark murders Windies

Cricket

AGENCIES, Melbourne

Mark Waugh scored an Australian record 173 as the home side ended their perfect summer with a 39-run victory over West Indies in the second Carlton tri-series one-day final on Friday.

Australia made 338 for six, their highest score in a limited-overs international on home soil. Faced

with an impossible task, the West Indies put up one of their rare fights of the tour before being bowled out for 299 in the final over to give the hosts a winning 2-0 lead in the best-of-three finals at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

It was Australia's 10th successive one-day win in a triangular series also including Zimbabwe after a 5-0 clean sweep in the Test series against West Indies.

As well as ending the season unbeaten, the other bonus for Australia was that the team has an extra two days rest before departing for a three-Test tour of India on Tuesday.

Waugh batted until the 49th over and scored his runs off only 148 balls with 16 fours and three sixes, and the twin brother of captain Steve Waugh showed no sign of nerves on the eve of his interview by the International Cricket Council over his alleged links with a cricket bookmaker.

The West Indies' chase, their highest total of the series, began well with Wavell Hinds and Ricardo Powell putting on 54 in the first nine overs but the introduction of Shane Warne in the 10th over ended any slim hopes of an upset.

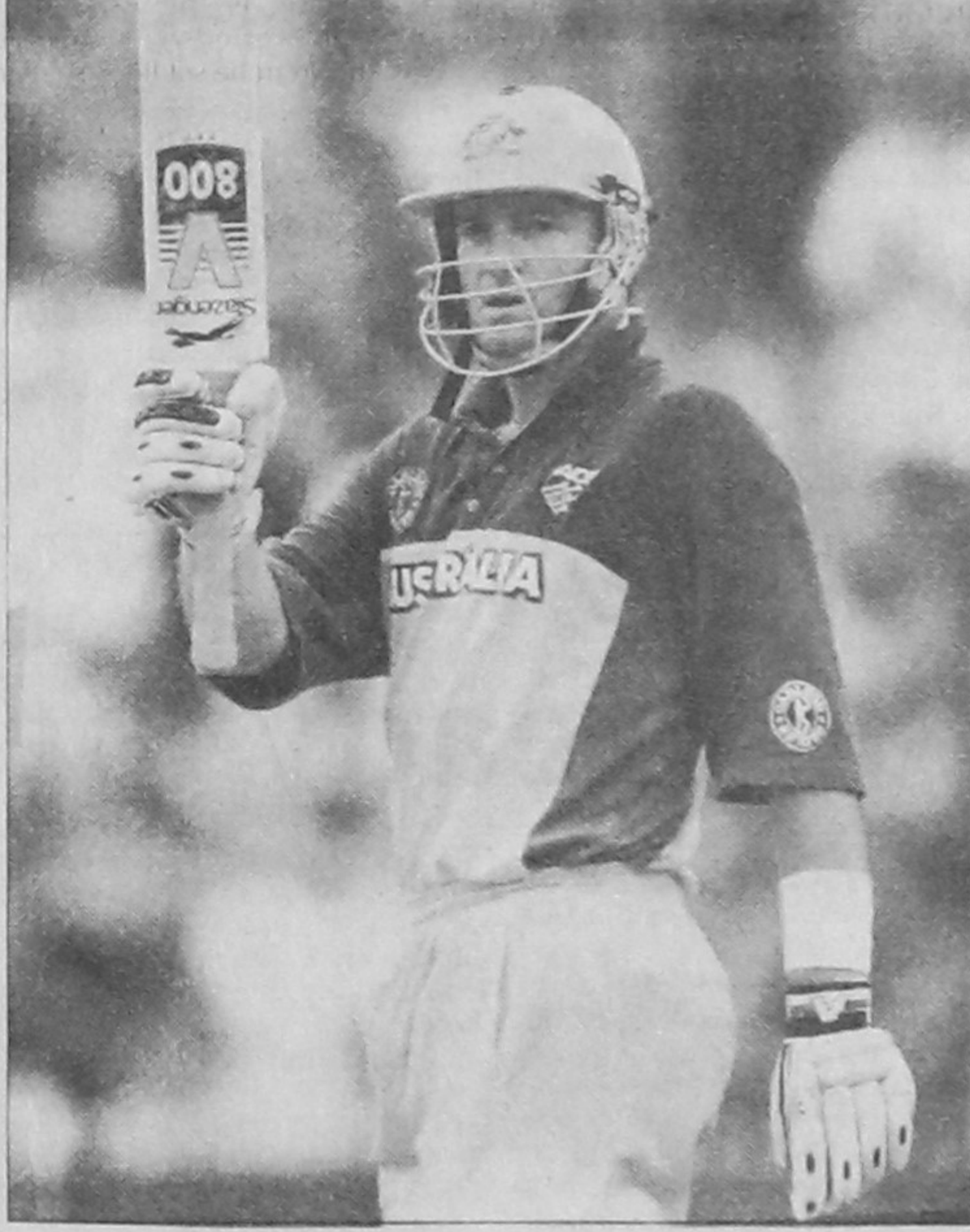
After removing Powell, lbw to a flipper with his first delivery, Warne then ensured Brian Lara's disappointing tour ended on a miserable note when he dismissed him for a duck, brilliantly caught by Damien Martyn at mid-off.

And while Marlon Samuels and Ridley Jacobs showed their usual fight, both making half centuries, the result was yet again a foregone conclusion.

Brian Lara, named man-of-the-series, was dismissed for nought by leg-spinner Shane Warne who took four wickets for 48 off 8.3 overs, wrapping up victory by taking the 10th wicket with a bouncer.

Lara's duck was his third of the series but he finished with 372 runs at an average of 46.5. Mark Waugh, the man-of-the-match, made 542 runs at 108.4 including three centuries, and sections of the crowd booted the announcement of the award to Lara.

Waugh shared partnerships of 125 off 122 balls for the second



MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Australia's Mark Waugh acknowledges the crowd's applause after he reached the hundred against West Indies in the second final of the Carlton series at MCG yesterday.

On top of Australia

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

through the summer undefeated for the first time after whitewashing the Caribbean tourists 5-0 in their Test series.

Waugh's performance was remarkable given the pressure he is under on the eve of his interview with ACB investigator Greg Melick over his alleged involvement with illegal bookmakers.

The 35-year-old batting stylist will Saturday defend himself against the allegations that have hung over him all summer - whether he accepted a 20,000-US-dollar gift from Indian bookmaker Mukesh Gupta in 1993 to provide team, weather and pitch information.

However, that appeared the furthest thing on his mind as he punished the West Indian attack off only 148 balls with 16 fours and three sixes.

He received tremendous support from Ricky Ponting (63 off only 63 balls) and Michael Bevan (58 off only 51 balls).

Waugh's 125-run stand with Ponting came off only 122 balls while his 136-run partnership with Bevan was scored off only 104 balls.

On the way Waugh became the first Australian to chalk up 8,000 one-day international runs with only Indian pair Sachin Tendulkar, Mohammad Azharuddin, West Indian Desmond Haynes and Sri Lankan Aravinda De Silva having scored more.

And Friday's century was his 17th in limited-overs level, placing him equal third on the all-time list with only Tendulkar (27) and Pakistan opener Saad Anwar (19) ahead of him.

FANTASTIC FIVE

Following is list of batsmen who scored at least 8,000 runs in one-day internationals (tabulated under, country, matches, innings, not outs, runs, highest score, 100s, average):

Sachin Tendulkar	India	263	256	22	9899	186no	27	42.30
Mohammad Azharuddin	India	334	308	54	9379	153no	7	36.93
Desmond Haynes	W Indies	238	237	20	8649	152no	17	41.38
Aravinda de Silva	S Lanka	273	264	26	8417	145	11	35.37
Mark Waugh	Australia	230	223	18	8107	173	17	39.54