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### Did U Know?

Sunil Gavaskar scored 124 and 220 in the Port-of-Spain Test, 1970-71, despite a severe toothache right through the match. He refused tablets on the grounds that they would make him drowsy.



### What to WATCH

- ETV**  
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe  
Second one-day international  
Live at 1:30 pm
- SET Max**  
Pakistan vs Sri Lanka  
Sharjah Cup In-series  
Live at 4:00 pm
- ESPN**  
Cricket Classics Boycott's Best  
Australia vs England  
Centenary Test-1980  
11:30 am
- South Africa vs West Indies  
Fourth Test, Day Two  
Highlights at 7:00 pm
- South Africa vs West Indies  
Fourth Test, Day Three  
Live at 8:00 pm
- English Premiership  
Leeds vs Southampton  
Same day delayed 7:30 am  
Coventry City vs Leicester City  
Same day delayed 9:30 am  
Lazio vs Parma  
Serie A
- Same day delayed 1:30 pm  
UEFA Champions' League  
Weekly Highlights  
6:00 pm
- Star Sports**  
Boys & Sunny Masterclass  
Cricket Talk Show  
1:00 pm
- Valencia vs Valenciano  
Primera Liga  
Same day delayed 3:30 pm
- Deportivo vs Zaragoza  
Primera Liga  
Live at 12:00 am (Monday)

## Harare diary

### Cricket

**Al-AMIN, Harare**

Bangladesh retained the same line-up that played against the CFX Academy team on April 4 but not before the team management making a big fuss out of it.

It is certainly up to the team management when to announce the playing eleven. But it was totally unacceptable the way the Bangladesh tour manager fixed a time for media announcement and 'forgot' that afterwards.

Mahabubul Anam told the reporters that they were going to announce the team at six in the evening on Friday. But he then went into hiding throughout the night with reporters making frantic calls in vain at his room in Crown Plaza Hotel.

Mahabub might take pride in his crazy diplomacy, but newsmen from the host country could not believe how on earth a team management would play such a silly game.

In the standard practice, the list of the playing eleven is disclosed as soon as it is finalised. Lawrence Moya, a sports reporter of The Herald, said that he got the Zimbabwe list in the afternoon. But he was doubly surprised to know that even Bangladeshi journalists were not aware of the final list until in the morning.

### BAFFLED BY THE BATTING DECISION

Dave Houghton could not believe the decision of skipper Naimur Rahman to bat first on a dump wicket.

"It was a suicidal decision. I wonder how one decide to bat on a wicket that experienced rain for the last couple of days," said Houghton.

The former Zimbabwe captain, who is one of the six commentators for the match, said that he would not have hesitated a second to opt for fielding had he won the toss.

"Any team in the world would struggle on this wicket and under such condition. I can remember, we were bowled out for 110 odd runs after being put in by Australia."

"It would have been easier for you if you had put the bowler in because the ball moved a lot early on the day. There is no point to put your batsman in and lose half of the wickets when batting was

your strongest point."

Under the shining sun, the wicket became a lot easier to bat in the second session.

England great Ian Botham, now a commentator, was also surprised at the batting decision of Bangladesh. "My first observation about Bangladesh team is why they decided to bat after winning the toss," questioned Botham. This was for the first time the legendary all-rounder watching Bangladesh in action.

**FUN SANS FENCE**  
There is no fence at the Harare Sports Club ground, and, more

importantly, the lush greenery of the picturesque venue is open for kids and their parents to have fun out there when a match is in progress.

Hundreds of kids flocked to the middle during the lunch-break to start a match of their own. The ground staffs and security personnel however manned the 30-yard circle. Kids were allowed to play with tennis balls and take photographs from the players.

It's definitely certainly a thing which you can not expect at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, where fence is four times bigger than a child.

## BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh on Saturday:

**BANGLADESH**

Javed c Sreak b Strang 3  
Al-Sharif c A Flower b Sreak 7  
Bashar run out 0  
Aminul c G Flower b Strang 2  
Akram b Blignaut 35  
Naimur c Whittall b Mutendera 19  
Masood b Mutendera 0  
Mushfiq c Sreak b Blignaut 31  
Rafique not out 22  
Sharif not out 13  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-14) 19  
Total: (for 30 wickets, 50 overs) 151  
Did not bat: Manjural Islam  
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-7, 3-14, 4-15, 5-47, 6-49, 7-113, 8-114

**Bowler** O M R W  
Sreak 10 1 27 1  
Strang 10 3 25 2  
Blignaut 10 1 24 2  
Mutendera 10 1 45 2  
Viljoen 5 0 12 0  
G Flower 5 0 15 0

**ZIMBABWE**

Campbell b Sharif 5  
Whittall c Javed b Mushfiq 26  
Cardis c Masood b Rafique 40  
A Flower not out 40  
G Flower not out 32  
Extras: (lb-7, nb-1, w-4) 12  
Total: (for 30 wickets, 43.1 overs) 155  
Did not bat: A Blignaut, H Sreak, B Strang, D Ebrahim, D Mutendera, D Viljoen  
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-73, 3-89

**Bowler** O M R W  
Manjural 10 1 33 0  
Sharif 10 1 31 1  
Mushfiq 10 2 20 1  
Rafique 8 1 24 1  
Naimur 5 0 36 0  
Bashar 0 1 0 4 0

**Result: Zimbabwe won by seven wickets**  
**Man-of-the-match: Bryan Strang** (Zimbabwe)  
**Next match: Harare, April 8**  
**Third match: Bulawayo, April 11.**

## Rakib stays ahead

### SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib of Bangladesh Biman maintained his solo lead in the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship after recording his fourth successive win at the NSC chess room on Saturday.

Rakib easily defeated Abdul Maleque of Chittagong. Playing with white pieces against the King's Indian defence of Nuruzzaman not out of Maleque, Rakib checkedmate his counterpart after 31 moves.

He enjoys a half a point advantage over fellow IM Ziaur Rahman of Biman and FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titas Club respectively.

Zia beat Sheikh Nasir Ahmed of Ansars while Rajib defeated Abu Sufian Sakil also from Ansars.

In the other matches, Grand Master Niaz Murshed beat Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon of Ansar, defending champion IM Reefat-bin-Sattar of Biman beat Aminul Islam of Ansars while IWM Rani Hamid of Biman beat Taibur Rahman Sumon of Leonine Chess Club.

**POINTS TABLE**

4 points -- Rakib  
3.5 points -- Zia, Rajib  
3 points -- Niaz  
2 points -- Reefat, Sakil, Sumon  
1.5 points -- Emon  
1 point -- Rani, Nasir  
0.5 point -- Amin

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Reefat v Nasir  
Rani Hamid v Amin  
Maleque v Sumon  
Sakil v Rakib  
Emon v Rajib  
Zia v Niaz.

## Diy I cricket

### JU CORRESPONDENT

Lalmatia Club defeated Indira Road KC by two wickets in the First Division Cricket League at Jahangirnagar University central playground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Indira Road decided to bat first and scored 171 runs all out in 49.5 overs.

In reply, Lalmatia reached the target in 45.2 overs losing eight wickets.



**Premier Division Cricket League**  
Abahani v Surjo Tarun Club (Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
City Club v Young Cricketers (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)  
Biman v Kalabagan KC (BKSP)



Dhanmondi players are over the moon after their team recorded an upset victory over Mohammedan in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday. Tushar Imran (insert) is Dhanmondi's hero who scored a valiant 131 to make the improbable victory happen.

## D' mondi snap MSC streak

### Cricket

### SPORTS REPORTER

Tushar Imran became the toast of Dhanmondi Club when they handed title challengers Mohammedan Sporting Club an embarrassing three-wicket defeat in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

The number three batsman hit a scintillating 131 as the promotees, chasing Mohammedan's total of 221 in 50 overs, raced to 222 in 38.2 overs to snap the Mottisheel club's impressive seven-match winning streak.

None could have anticipated the surprise of the season especially after Dhanmondi lost their first wicket in the first over.

The right hander rebuilt the innings by putting on 170 runs for the second wicket with captain and opener Anisul Hakim, who made 79-ball 51 that featured four boundaries.

The match-winning stand was broken with score reading 171 when the Dhanmondi centurion, who faced 46 balls to reach his fifty and then another 36 balls to reach the magical three-figure mark, offered a return catch to left-arm spinner Mustadir Litu.

Along the way, Tushar was dropped on 49 by Harunur Rashid at cover point. He hammered five sixes and 16 boundaries in a superb 102-ball knock.

After his skipper was bowled by right-arm seamer Shafiuddin with Dhanmondi on 193 for four, the winners lost three more wickets before reaching home in the 39th over.

Earlier, electing to bat first after winning the toss, Mohammedan could muster only 221 all out in 47.3 overs.

In-form opener Rashedul Haque top-scored with 64 from as many balls. It included a six and eight fours. Minhazul Akhedin added an unbeaten 58 off 90 balls with a four.

Pakistani middle order Javed Hayat (36) and one down stylish Kenyan Steve Tikolo (28) were the other notable run-getters.

Dhanmondi registered their fourth win against as many defeats to keep their semifinal hopes alive. Mohammedan, on the other hand, jointly led the elite 12-team table with Abahani on 14 points respectively.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Mohammedan SC and Dhanmondi Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:

**MOHAMMEDAN SC**  
Rashed c Naveed b S Mehmud 64  
Harun c Naveed b Debu 3  
Tikolo v Naveed b Debu 28  
Sanwar c Tuhin b S Mehmud 9  
Minhaz not out 58  
Hayat b Turjoy b Mustadir run out 10

**MORTUZAMAN CLUB**  
Anis b Shafiuddin 51  
Sajjad c Mortuza b Taposh 0  
Tushar c & b Mustadir 131  
Imon lbw b Shafiuddin 5  
Naveed b Taposh 1  
Faisal not out 14  
S Mehmud c Tikolo b Taposh 1  
Nayeem c Mortuza b Taposh 0  
Tuhin not out 11  
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-5) 8  
Total: (For 7 wks in 38.2 overs) 222  
Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/171, 3/182, 4/193, 5/196, 6/206, 7/207.

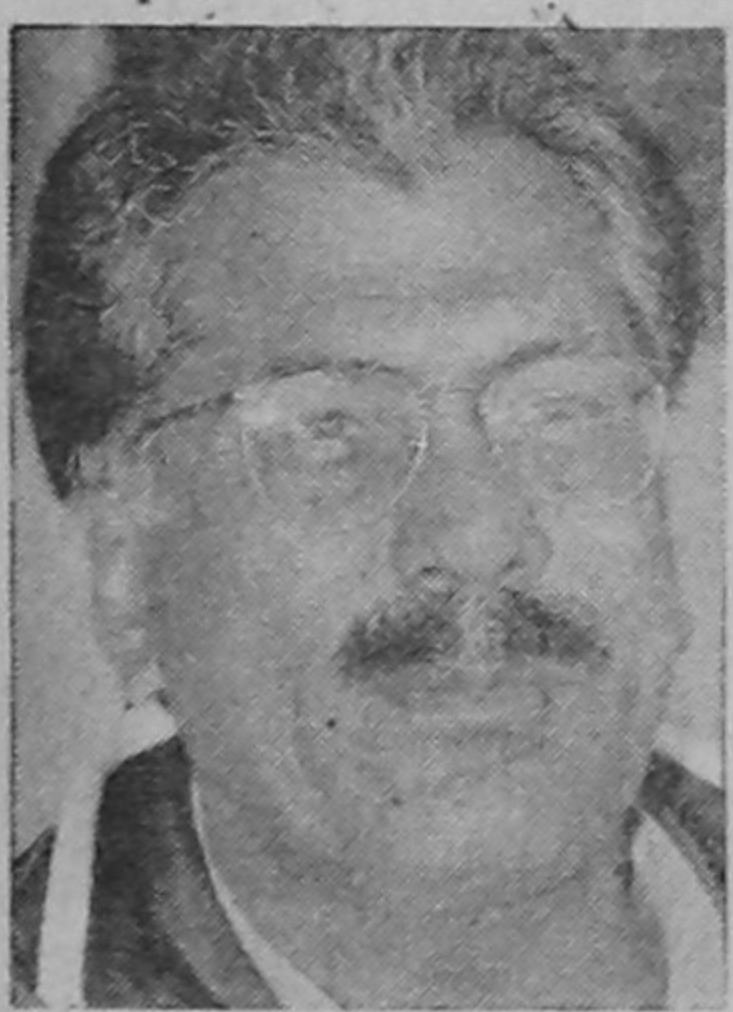
**Bowler** O M R W  
Taposh 7.2 0 33 2  
Shafiuddin 7 1 45 0  
Hayat 7 0 32 2  
Ashique 2 0 14 0  
Sanwar 2 0 16 0  
Minhaz 5 0 32 0  
Rushed 2 0 11 0  
Mustadir 6 1 36 1  
**Result: Dhanmondi Club won by 182 wickets.**

**MOHAMMEDAN CLUB**

Anis b Shafiuddin 51  
Sajjad c Mortuza b Taposh 0  
Tushar c & b Mustadir 131  
Imon lbw b Shafiuddin 5  
Naveed b Taposh 1  
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### TALK TURKEY



**Zaheer Abbas**  
(Former Pakistan cricket captain)  
"When Pakistan and India can play in hockey, squash and other sports, why can't they play cricket?"



### Competition 147

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to Star Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
April 20, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards.

1. Who became Active Chess champion?  
Ziaur Reefat Rakib

2. What was the result of the Sri Lanka and England one-day series?  
2-1 3-0 2-0

3. Who clinched the ATP Masters Series?  
Sampras Agassi Safin

4. Who became Dhaka Reporters' Unity cricket champions?  
Inqilab Banglarani Sangbad

5. How many one-day matches did Tendulkar play to score 10,000 runs?  
238 266 283

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## Nuruzzaman ignites Victoria

### Cricket

### SPORTS REPORTER

An unbeaten century from one down Nuruzzaman guided Victoria Sporting Club to their fourth win in the Premier Division Cricket League. They posted a seven-wicket thrashing over Sadharan Bima at the BKSP ground in Savar on Saturday.

The right-hander scored 108 not out as the Victorians, chasing a commanding Bima total of 234 in 50 overs, reached the target in the 43rd over.

After Victoria lost their third wicket on 79, Nuruzzaman shared 156 runs for the fourth wicket with middle order Rashed Hanif to take Victoria home without further loss.

Nuruzzaman, in his 119-ball knock, hit 14 boundaries while Hanif, struck six fours in his 73 off 76 balls.

Earlier, put into bat, Bima's fighting total was crafted by a superb 96 from middle order Tahirur Rahman. The Pakistani right hander, hammered ten bounda-

ries in his 93-ball innings.  
Rezwanul Islam scored 33 while Moin added 21.  
Victoria off-spinner Biplab Sarkar bagged three for 47.

The fourth win in nine matches, raised Victoria's tally to eight points. On the other hand, Bima suffered their seventh defeat and remain on four points.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Victoria SC and Sadharan Bima at the BKSP ground in Savar on Saturday:

**SADHARAN BIMA**  
Mofiz b Fahad 9  
Moin lbw b Nuruzzaman 21  
Chopra c Lovelov b Biplab 33  
Rezwan lbw b Biplab 33  
Tariq c Shafayet b Fahad 96  
Zakir st Lovelov b Biplab 14  
Saiful c Biplab b Kapali 11  
Tashriq run out 6  
Tariqul st Lovelov b R Hanif 0  
Jashim not out 3  
Chopra 1 0 6 0  
Azim run out 0  
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-3, w-9) 23  
Total: (All out in 49 overs) 234  
Fall of wickets: 1/31, 2/53, 3/61, 4/132, 5/161, 6/193, 7/228, 8/230, 9/234.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Zakir 6 0 23 0  
Fahad 7 1 27 2  
Biplab 10 0 47 3  
Nuruzzaman 9 0 34 1  
Sajib 6 0 28 0  
R Hanif 8 0 45 1  
Kapali 3 0 19 1

Omar lbw b Tushar 9  
Fahad c Saiful b Tushar 24  
Nuruzzaman not out 108  
Shafayet c Chopra b Rezwan 12  
R Hanif not out 73  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-3, w-4) 9  
Total: (For 30 wickets in 42.3 overs) 235  
Fall of wickets: 1/34, 2/35, 3/79

**VICTORIA SC**  
Nuruzzaman 9 0 34 1  
Sajib 6 0 28 0  
R Hanif 8 0 45 1  
Kapali 3 0 19 1

**Bowler** O M R W  
Tushar 8 0 39 2  
Zakir 8 1 39 0  
Moin 7 0 49 0  
Rezwan 9 0 39 1  
Tashriq 3 0 19 0  
Tariq 2 0 12 0  
Chopra 1 0 6 0  
Mofiz 1 3 0 18 0  
Azim 3 0 12 0  
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-3, w-9) 23  
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## 'Pak threw ODIs in NZ'

### Cricket

### REUTERS, Karachi

Sacked Pakistan coach Javed Miandad on Saturday accused his team of deliberately losing a one-day series to New Zealand in February and demanded an inquiry to unearth the players involved.

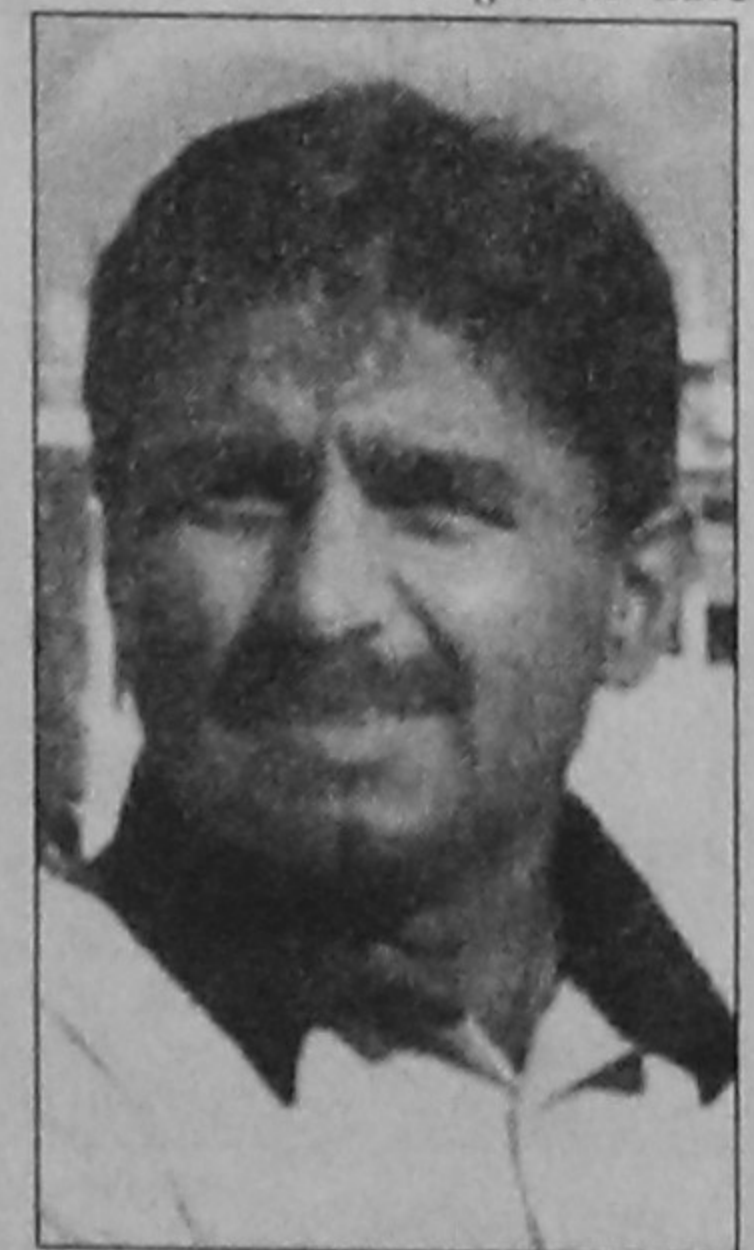
"The video footages are available which will unveil everything. The matches against New Zealand were pre-decided," Miandad told this news agency by telephone from Lahore.

"If the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is determined to clean the sport from the menace of betting and match-fixing, the series against New Zealand is an ideal opportunity for them," Miandad added.

Pakistan lost the five-match one-day series against New Zealand 3-2 after losing the decider at Dunedin by four wickets.

The PCB reacted with surprise and disappointment to Miandad's

comments.  
"Miandad made no complaints to us and instead chose to go to the media. His allegations have



JAVED MIANDAD

come out of the blue and have taken us by surprise," a PCB spokesman told from Lahore.

"Until we discuss and decide the issue at the PCB advisory council level we will not issue any further statements," he added.

The latest allegations of foul play came after Pakistan last year banned two players for life and fined six others after conducting a probe into match-fixing in the country.

Miandad said he did not want to name the players involved in match-fixing but that in New Zealand players had not followed his instructions.

"I could see that my instructions were not being followed for certain reasons. But I was helpless. I continued to ask the players to play the sport as it should be played," he said.

"But after all my calls fell in deaf ears, I decided to return home but was requested by the PCB to stay back for the series," Miandad added.



SANATH JAYASURIYA

heavy financial losses for the organisers.

Already soft drinks giants Coca-Cola have pulled out as the title sponsors, forcing a Pakistani jewellery company to come to the rescue of the beleaguered organisers, the Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series (CBFS).

The Indian government's decision not to play in "non-regular" venues like Sharjah, Toronto and Singapore for the next three years has thrown the International Cricket Council's (ICC) ambitious plans to globalise the game out of the window.

The ICC itself showed scant respect for this otherwise popular Gulf venue, which has hosted more one-day internationals—167—than any other centre in the

## Operation Desert Storm

### Cricket

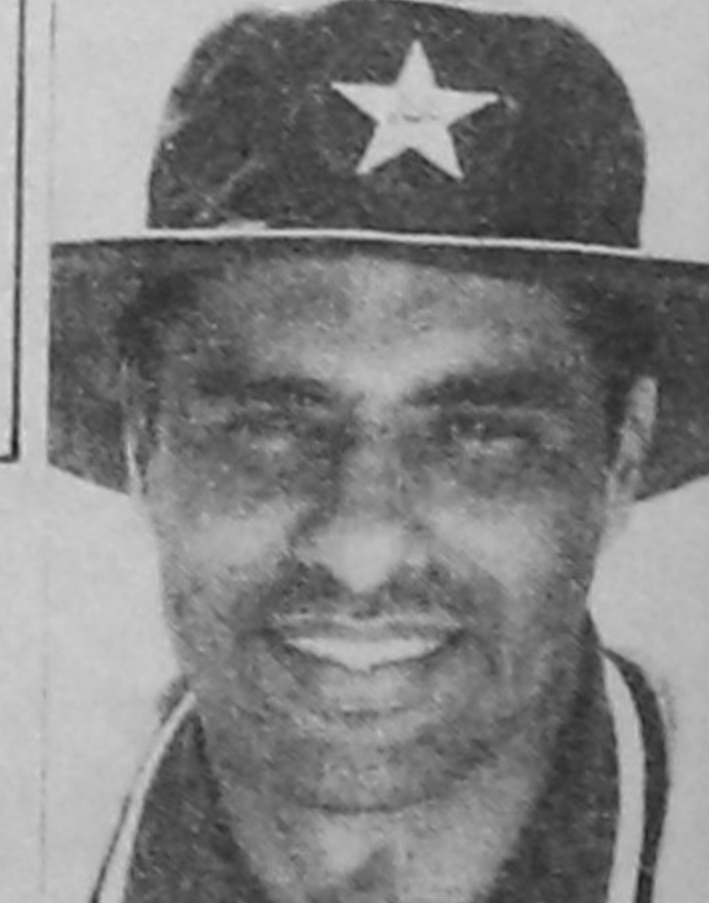
world, by washing it's hands off the tri-series.

ICC president Malcolm Gray said last week he was unable to help a "private" enterprise like the CBFS even though his body deemed fit to appoint a match referee and umpires for what is still an official tournament in the record books.

"It's all very disappointing," said CBFS chief Abdurrahman Bukhari. "We've suddenly become the outsiders of cricket for

**SCHEDULE**

Apr 8: Pak vs SL  
Apr 10: NZ vs SL  
Apr 12: NZ vs Pak  
Apr 13: NZ vs SL  
Apr 15: NZ vs Pak  
Apr 17: Pak vs SL  
Apr 20: Final



WAQAR YOUNIS

but the induction of youngsters is considered an inevitable consequence of the dismal tour of New Zealand where Pakistan lost the one-day series 3-2 and drew the Tests 1-1.

Veteran fast bowler Waqar Younis leads the team that is without a coach after Javed Miandad was sacked by the Pakistan Cricket Board last week following a reported row with senior players.

The Kiwis, who accepted a last-minute invitation to replace India, have sent a new-look team under Craig McMillan that bears little resemblance to the outfit which won the ICC knock-out tournament in Kenya last year.

Regular skipper Stephen Fleming, Adam Parore and Nathan