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Sandeep Patil of India is the only batsman in the world to hit six fours in an over of Bob Willis of England. He achieved this landmark in Leeds while playing a Test

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did Tendulkar play to score England in May. 266 283

contenders. What seems certain, however,

example of England, India and Sri pertise.

(PCB), who will also announce the tour squad on Monday, have confirmed that Foster is their main target to replace the ousted laved Miandad.

while helping Pakistan pace

"I would say that our negotiations with Daryl Foster are moving in the right direction. Hopefully we will be able to finalise things before the team embarks on the

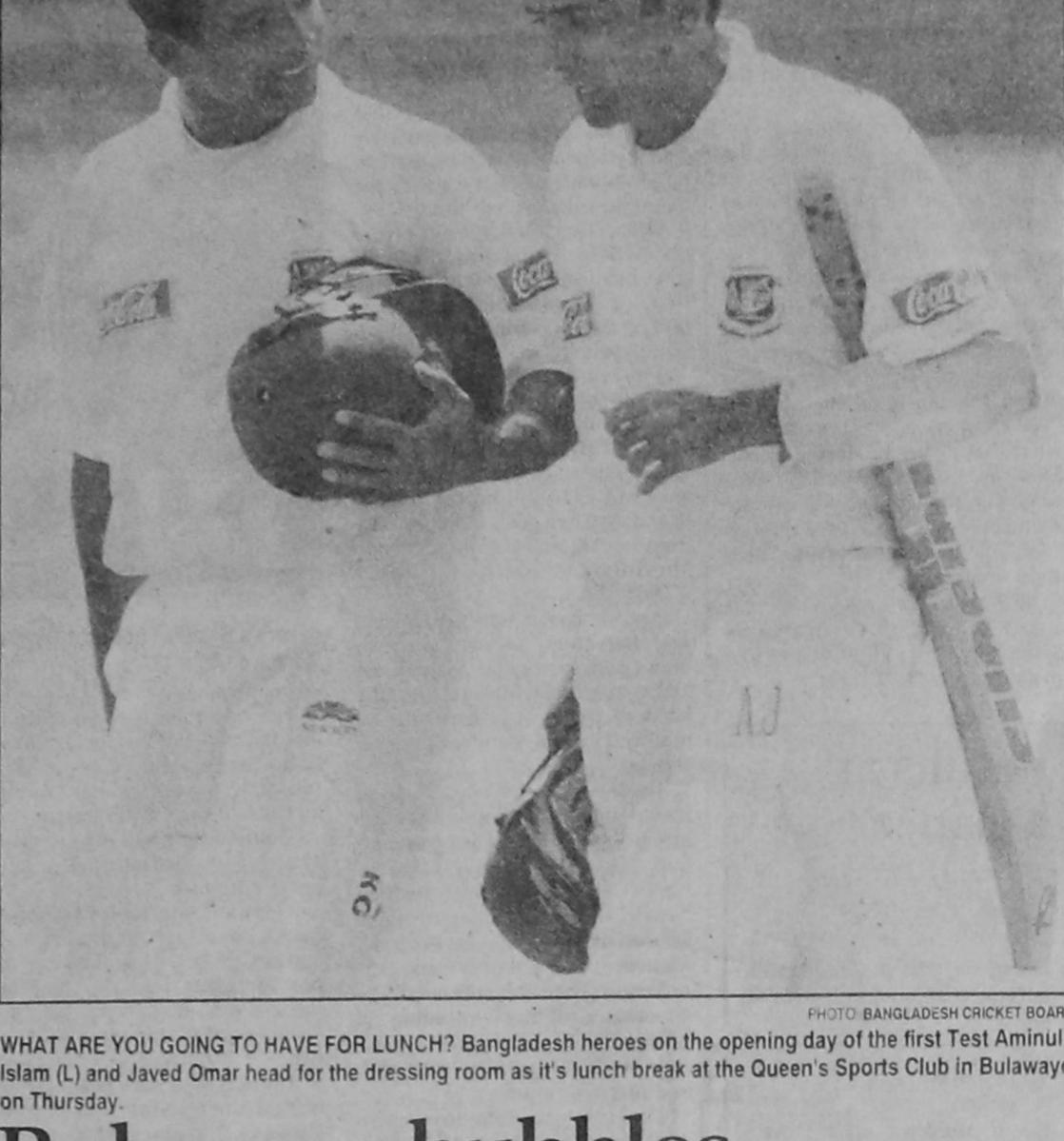


PHOTO BANGLADESH CRICKET BOARD

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE FOR LUNCH? Bangladesh heroes on the opening day of the first Test Aminul Islam (L) and Javed Omar head for the dressing room as it's lunch break at the Queen's Sports Club in Bulawayo on Thursday.

Bulawayo bubbles

Cricket

At -AMIN, from Bulancayo

Habibul Bashar on Wednesday right said that the first twenty minutes would be extremely vital for him and promised to play it out watchfully.

But once he walked out in the middle the next morning at the fall of opener Mehrab for 16, Bashar forgot everything. The first Test half-centurion of Bangladesh staved on the wicket for only mine minutes and played seven balls before slashing a wide delivery from Blignaut straight to the throat of Murphy at point.

Although the compulsive stroke-maker did not trouble the scorer, his irresponsible act certainly angered his coach. He went into the net during the

lunch break with young Ashraful ditional seamers to get the best Wednesday night saying: "If accompanying him.

the ball came late on to the bat than I had expected," said Bashar. While Bashar was lamenting

Ashraful was looking at the wicket toss greedily. "It is a beautiful wicket to bat. I would be crazy had not I wanted to bat on this wonderful wicket," said the youngest member of the team who was not considered for the match.

WICKED WICKET

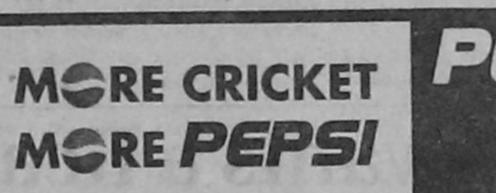
of discussion for last couple of days. It also drew experts of the game to predict what is in store for Bangladesh while playing on the lively wicket.

"Don't think it is the outfield, it is the wicket where the match will be played," remarked former England all-rounder Ian Botham after watching a lot of grass on the wicket. Former Pakistan opener Aamir Sohail said that the wicket was going to suite the fast bowlers most and the team winning the

The right-hand opening batsman had been touted as a slow scorer until he came out of his defensive self, averaging 54.45 in the one-day series against Zim-

The most consistent performer on the tour also made a memorable debut in Test cricket with a superb 62. He became the third Bangladeshi to score a halfcentury in Test cricket after Habibul Bashar and Aminul Islam.

The gutsy opener was confitoss would definitely go for field. dent to do well on his debut and Both teams armed up with ad- joked with this correspondent on





out of the grass. Much to the dis-"I was a bit carried away, and appointment of Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman, Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak had the first the laugh in the morning with the

> Alas! When the match got un- because of his style. derway the wicket behaved so all the experts were searching for

CHEERS FOR JAVED Javed Omar Belim is one of the few

The green wicket at the Queen's under-rated cricketers in the na-Sports Club had been the subject tional team.

score a fifty then you must write a story about me.

Refuting the common observation that he was a very slow rungetter, Javed said that if he had done so in the past then it was not

"Everybody wanted me to stay unexpectedly batting-friendly that on the wicket, and I had obliged it for the sake of the team. But things have changed now. I'm free to play my shot and feeling more comfortable," said Javed.

A strong off-side player, Javed played exciting square cuts on his way to fifty.

PCB keeps coaches dancing

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Pakistan cricket coaches have never been blessed with long life

mistic incumbent is due to be named - the ninth change of coach in four years. Australian Daryl Foster is being

touted as the favourite to lead the team for the two-Test tour to

Former England batsman Geoff Boycott also features among the

is that Pakistan will follow the Lanka by opting for overseas ex-

The Pakistan Cricket Board

The former Western Australia and Kent coach has impressed bowler Shoaib Akhtar to remodel

his action.

tour to England," Taugir Zia. chairman of the PCB, said. Boycott, who has been linked

with the job before, has been coaching Pakistan's top batsmen Precedent suggests, however,

that whoever gets the job should not plan too far into the future. Miandad was sacked earlier this month after reportedly clashing with the team's leading players. As a parting shot, he alleged that Pakistan had thrown a oneday series against New Zealand in

At least the former Test batsman lasted 13 months. In 1999 alone, Pakistan tried

five coaches. If Foster is appointed, the PCB will hope he can emulate the

sport's other top foreign coaches. Australian Day Whatmore, now in his second stint with Sri Lanka. led the team to the 1996 World Cup, Englishman Bob Woolmer revitalised South Africa in a fiveyear tenure up to 1999 while New Zealander John Wright has just inspired India to an historic series win against Australia.

England have just won four series in a row for the first time for 22 years under the tutelage of Zimbabwean Duncan Fletcher.

Pakistan, the 1992 World Cup winners, have had a foreign coach before but he lasted only three months.

English-born. South Africanbased Richard Pybus took over shortly after the 1999 World Cup hus was sacked after the team were whitewashed 3-0 in their Test series in Australia.

Part of the reason for his downfall, he said, was the close relationship between the PCB and the Pakistani government.

government, there's a change in the make-up of the cricket board, he said. "And just as Pakistan's politics is so volatile, so is the running of cricket there."

RECENT COACHES

June 1997: Ex-Test batsman Mushtaq Mohammad, in his sec ond spell as coach, resigns following reports of a pay row. Former Test player Haroon Rasheed takes over.

approached about the job. August 1998: Haroon is replaced by Javed Miandad on a

three-year contract. May 1999: Miandad quits a

fortnight before the World Cup. He cites family commitments but there are rumours of a rift with senior players. Mushtaq Mohammad is re-appointed but leaves after Pakistan reach the tourna-

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SCOREBOARD

BD-ZIMBABWE

Scoreboard at the close of play on the opening day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh on Thursday:

BANGLADESH: First innings Javed Omar c Ebrahim b Murphy 62 Mehrab c Whittall h Blignaut Bashar c Murphy b Blignaut Aminul c A. Flower b Blignaut 84 Akram run out (Blignaut) Naimur c Blignaut b Watambwa K Masood c A. Flower b Streak Mushfigur c Streak b Blignaut Hasibul lbw b Streak Sharif not out Extras: (lb-1, w-6, nb-9) Total: (for 9 wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-30; 3-114; 4-149; 5-194; 6-226; 7-253; 8-256; 9-256

To bat: Manjurul Islam Bowler (to date) O M R W Streak 20 6 47 Blignaut 5 72 Watambwa 2 45 0 Nkala 2 53 Murphy ZIMBABWE: G. Whittall,

A..Campbell, S.Carlisle, A. Flower,

G. Flower, D. Ebrahim, A. Blignaut,

H. Streak, M.Nkala, B.Murphy,

B.Watambwa. N'ganj Biman Cup soccer champs

UNB, Moulvibazar

Narayanganj clinched the Biman Cup Under-14 national football title with an unbeaten record defeating hosts Moulvibazar 1-0 in the final at the local stadium yesterday.

Shaon netted the matchwinning goal for Narayanganj in the 31" minute of the match amid frustration of the huge home crowd.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad was present as chief guest in the final and later he distributed

Robin comes for Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

Indian all-rounder Robin Singh arrived in the capital last night to play in the Premier Division Cricket League for holder Abahani. The Trinidad born 38-year old

Tamil, who made his international debut in 1988, will play for the popular Dhanmondi outfit against Surjo Tarun in their Super League fixture today.

Robin, who has appeared in one Test and 136 one-day international matches, replaces Pakistani Tareq Javed.

Schools cricket starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

Preliminary matches of the Standard Chartered 19th National Schools Cricket Championship gets underway at eight venues across the country from Friday.

A record 903 schools from 58 districts will take part in the qualifying round which is scheduled to end by the end of this

Sixteen teams -- two each from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna and one from Barisal and Sylhet Division, four from Dhaka City and last year's champions and runners-up will play in the final round next month.

Following eight matches are billed for the opening day: Chittagong Police Institution v Chandpur MH High School Venue: Maijdee Stadium. Mymensingh Laboratory High School v Tongi Pilot High School Venue: Manikganj Stadium. Madaripur Amin High School v Palang Tulashar High School Venue: Gopalganj Stadium. Svlhet Blue Bird v Sunamganj HMP High School Venue: Sylhet Stadium. Barisal Zila School v Pirojpur Govt. High School Venue: Ihalakathi Stadium.

Rajshahi BB Academy v Joypurhat RB High School Venue: Natore Stadium Jhenidah High School v Meherpur

High School Venue: Narail Stadium. Another match will be held at the Kurigram Stadium.



Premier Division Cricket Super League

Abahani v Surjo Tarun (Bangabandhu National Stadium) Premier Division Relegation League

Mohammedan exact revenge

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club got off to a flying start in the Super League phase of the Premier Division Cricket League with a thumping 84-run win against Dhanmondi Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.

Middle-order Sanwar Hossain scored an entertaining 88 as Mohammedan, put in, piled up a huge 294 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.

in their allotted overs to avenge their three-wicket defeat in the first round on April 7. Mohammedan openers Rashedul Haq and Harunur Rashid gave their side a great

launch pad putting on 102 runs in However, both batsmen fell in

successive overs (106 for two). Rashed played on after hammering 51 off 62 balls while Harun was stumped off leg-spinner Tanvir Khan on 45, which came off 65

Kenyan Steve Tikolo and middle-order Sanwar then shared 98 runs for the third wicket. Tikolo was eventually bowled by off-spinner Turjo after making

a run-a-ball 54 off 55-balls. It was his fifth fifty in 11 innings. Besides, he became the league's highest run-getter with 730 runs. Earlier, Kalabagan's Ziaur Rehman scored 710 runs.

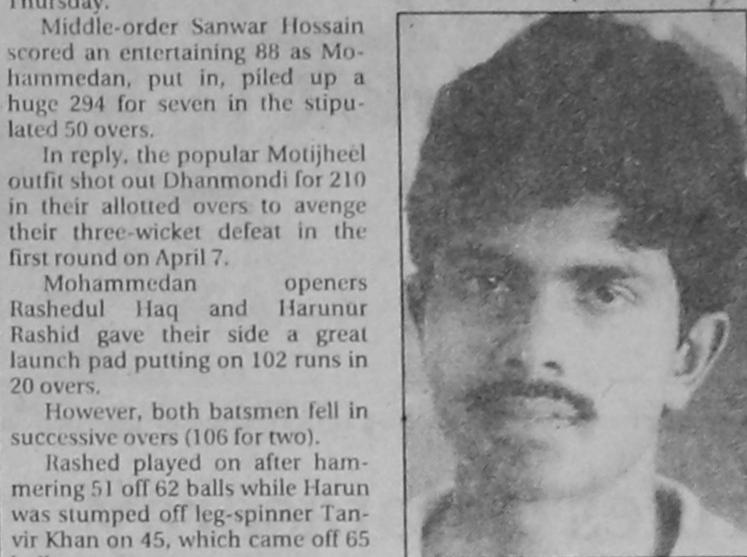
fourth wicket with new-arrival Maurice Odumbe, was stumped off Tushar for 88 off 78 balls. Former Kenyan captain on Thursday:

Sanwar, shared 77 runs for the

Odumbe, playing his first match, made a 30-ball 26.

In reply, Dhanmondi always found scoring difficult once they lost their top three for 41 runs in

Right-arm seamer Shafiuddin Ahmed and left-arm spinner Mustadir Litu captured two wick-



ets each for Mohammedan.

MOHAMMEDAN SC

Rashed b Sumon Harun st Bashar b Tanvir Tikolo b Turjo Sanwar st Bashar b Tushar

10.1 overs Odumbe c Dickens h Turjo Only middle-order Sumon Mustadir c Nayeem b Turjo Barua put up any resistance with a 100-ball 57. Dickens and Nayeem

who added 43 and 32.



SANWAR ... 88

It was Mohammedan's tenth win in 12 matches that raised their tally to 20 points. On the other hand, Dhanmondi tasted their sixth defeat in 12 matches which kept them on 12 points.

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket Super League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Dhanmondi Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium

Ashiq not out Mortuza run out Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-12) Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 294 Bowler

Fall of wickets: 1/102, 2/106, 3/204, 4/281, 5/285, 6/287, 7/294. AZIZ Debabrata Naveem Sumon Tanvir Turio Dickens Tushar DHANMONDI CLUB Anis c Mortuza b Ashiq Sajjad e Harun b Shafiuddin

Tushar Ibw n Shafiuddin Sumon c Mustadir b Odumbe Dickens b Tikolo Nayeem b Taposh Turjo c & b Sanwar Debabrata c Tikolo b Mustadir . 25 Aziz not out Bashar c Taposh b Mustadir Tanvir run out Extras: (w-11)

Total: (All out in 50 overs) 210 Fall of wickets: 1/30, 2/30, 3/41, 4/141, 5/147, 6/158, 7/201, 8/206, 9/207. Bowler Taposh Shafiuddin Ashiq Minhaz Odumbe

Sanwar Rashed Result: Mohammedan SC won

"The captain asked me as to

what were my thoughts and I'll

have a word with him before I

make my final announcement,"

Mustadir

by 84 runs.

rica series.

Tikolo

Walsh's last hurrah?

SCOREBOARD

Cricket

AGENCIES, Kingston

Cricket's leading Test wicket-taker Courtney Walsh looks set to bow out in front of his home fans in the fifth and final Test between West

Indies and South Africa. The series may already be 'dead' following South Africa's 82run victory in Antigua which gave them an unassailable 2-0 lead, but there is still enough at stake for local aficionados to predict a fuli-

house at Sabina Park on Thursday. If only to pay tribute to one of cricket's all-time greats, Jamaicans are likely to make sure the series

does not end with a whimper. With a record 513 Test wickets - the previous record was Kapil Dev's at 434 — to his name, one final, emotional farewell awaits Walsh on his home ground. The Test beginning on Thursday will be Walsh's 132nd, the most ever

for a West Indian player. "When I made the announcement that I would tour Australia, I indicated that I'd be keen to finish at home and at that point in time I was told the last Test (against

South Africa) was in Jamaica. That has not changed," Walsh said before this series.

will confirm his retirement only

when the Test is over, in the

It is also believed that Walsh

knowledge the match could become virtually irrelevant amid the wave of emotional goodbyes and tributes. However, the 38-year-old Ja-

West Indies captain Carl Hooper dies. before making his final decision. "We've gone 13 Test matches without a win and I think we need

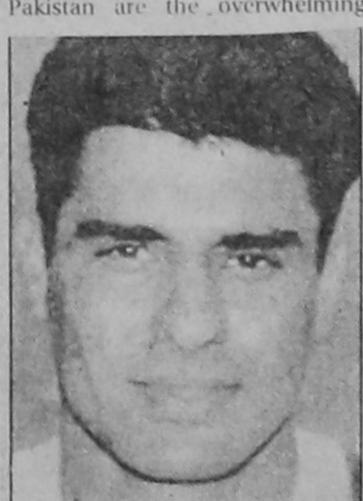
> Walsh began his Test career in Perth, Australia, in 1984. His debut came in the middle

Australia this winter broke the West Indies' record winning sequence and extended it to 16.

what was happening when I started, but we're still in the re-**COURTNEY WALSH** building process," Walsh said.

Cricket

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis is wary of a Sri Lankan resurgence when the two Asian giants clash in the final of the Ary Gold Cup



WAQAR YOUNIS

favourites against their struggling

granted in the day-night final before an expected full house at the petition. Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

don't perform well during those and 287 runs respectively. seven hours on Friday.

We have to be on our toes all the The tournament has thrown up so many surprises over the last two weeks that predicting the winner of the 50,000-dollar title on

Friday will be foolhardy. Full-strength Sri Lankans began as the favourites following their 3-0 whitewash of England in the one-day series at home.

of New Zealand in which they drew the Test series 1-1 and lost the one-dayers 3-2. Pakistan came to Sharjah without a coach, a new captain and

Azhar Mahmood and Shoaib Akhtar. But riding on the experience of Saecd Anwar, Inzamamul Haq and Wagar, the Pakistanis used their

and Inzamam for doing most of team against taking victory for the hard work earlier in the com-

"They are the backbone of our in league matches. But the final is through in the final as well," he

Walsh said. It was widely anticipated that Walsh would bow out of Test cricket in his native Jamaica during the final Test in the South Af-

The series continues a disapmaican said he would speak to pointing streak for the West In-

> to break that jinx," Walsh said. "It would be nice if it could start here in the final one for me."

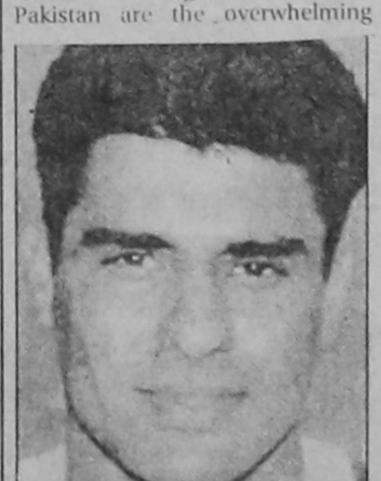
of what was then a record West Indian winning streak of 11 Test matches and a period of domination for the Caribbean team.

"I'm disappointed that we haven't been able to maintain

Duel in the desert today

AGENCIES, Sharjah

Sharjah tri-series on Friday. With four league wins in a row,



rivals who lost three games, including an embarrassing defeat by outsiders New Zealand on Tues-Wagar, however, cautioned his

a different ball game altogether."

"What happened in early joyed a rich vein of form in the matches will mean nothing if you

solid side and we respect them.

Pakistan, on the other hand, were in turmoil after a dismal tour

missing the services of top stars like Wasim Akram, Moin Khan,

favourite hunting ground to regroup and return to winning in Waqar gave full credit to Anwar

"No doubt, we have done well team and I hope they will see us

Both Anwar and Inzamam en-

round-robin stages, scoring 267 "What will happen if they do "We are confident but at the get out early? We don't want to same time we are not taking Sri think negative. But we do plan Lanka lightly. They have a very things before every match and it will be the case tomorrow as well,"

said Wagar. "If we lose one wicket, the



SANATH JAYASURIYA

other follows immediately. This is what we have noticed and will try not to repeat in the final."

New Zealander Matthew Sinclair may have been the top scorer of the league with 304 runs, but Anwar and Inzamam have been more effective in shaping Pakistan's four convincing wins.

Sri Lanka will be wary of Anwar, who smashed 90 and 88

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh Panditpara AC beat Asit Memorial

scored 260 all out in 45 overs. In reply, Asit Memorial made 120 in 34 overs.

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at the local stadium yesterday.

Club by 140 runs in the Beg Steel Phemier Division Cricket League Winning the toss, Panditpara

On Monday, the latest opti-

February.

"Whenever there's a change in

April 1998: Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga is reportedly

August 1999: The Pakistan Brothers Union v Young Cricketers (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)