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## Did U Know?

The first ever one-day international cricket match was held between England and Australia at Melbourne in 1971. Actually the first four days of a Test match had been rained out and an over-limit match was organised on the final day. Australia won the match.



## What to Watch

- ESPN**
- Cricket Classics Boycott's Best England vs New Zealand Third Test 1986 11:30 am
  - Cricket Classics Boycott's Best England vs Pakistan Third ODI 1987 7:00 pm
  - UEFA Champions League Weekly Highlights 1:00 pm
  - Serie A** Highlights 6:00 pm
  - Star Sports** Primera Liga Real Madrid vs Zaragoza 8:30 am
  - Asian Football Show 3:30 pm
  - Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show 11:00 pm



## Talk Turkey



**Arsene Wenger**  
(Arsenal football coach)  
"Money is available to buy players but you have to remember that money does not always guarantee success."

# Javed shows the way

## Cricket

AL-AMIN from Bulawayo

Javed Omar had once seriously contemplated quitting cricket altogether after he was left out from Bangladesh 1999 World Cup squad.

But the fighting spirit within, made him stand up and gain strength from the negatives splashed out in the media and the argument of his critics, that he was too slow and limited a batsman.

Still, despite having the ideal temperament for the longer version of the game, the selectors did not leave any room for him in Bangladesh's inaugural Test against India in November 2000.

On Sunday however, debutant Javed walked into the history of Test cricket in the most assuring manner at the Queen's Sports Club.

The 25-year-old was basking in the moment of his career when he was standing with the man-of-the-match award after scoring back to back half centuries on his Test debut.

The diminutive right-hander won the heart of the adjudicators for his unbeaten 84 in the second innings after a solid 62 in the first innings.

It was the first time a Test debutant had carried his bat since England's Pelham "Plum" Warner against South Africa in 1898-99.

"I can't express how elated I am. I prayed to the Almighty in the morning for his blessings", said an emotional Javed who dedicated his achievement to his brother Asif, who died of a heart attack in 1995.

"I miss him every moment, especially when I'm playing cricket, because he was always motivating me," Javed said of his brother, also a cricketer.

"If I got a hundred, it would have been for him."

While recalling Asif, Javed was so overcome, that he politely sought a few minutes from the eager group of media men to get back his composure.

Going back to the uncertain days, Javed felt he could conquer that period because of his perseverance.

"I never lost my patience and concentrated hard."

Javed also doesn't consider himself as a defensive player.

"It's true that I used to leave a lot of deliveries but I never missed out on punishing the loose balls", said Javed while taking the opportunity to sing along with the 'school of thought' of former national coach South African Eddie Barlow.

Asked if he felt at any time that he could reach his hundred, Javed conceded that the prospect was a daunting one.

"After we lost seven wickets, I knew it would be difficult to get my hundred," Javed said.

Javed's exploits earned him lofty reviews from on and off the pitch.

Former England great Ian Botham, who is here as a TV commentator, believed Javed was a world class opener.

"It's difficult to see a team in international cricket that he won't instil in us that attack is the best form of defence", said Javed.

Talking about the match, Javed revealed he wanted to bat as long as possible to take his team closer to a draw.

"I knew that if we were to draw the game, then we needed to bat for another day and a half. But unfortunately I didn't find prolonged support".

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## BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh in Bulawayo on Sunday:

**BD-ZIMBABWE:** First innings 257  
**BANGLADESH:** First innings 457  
**BANGLADESH:** Second innings (overnight 91-2)

Javed Omar not out 85  
Mehrab b Streak 0  
Bashar c Murphy b Watambwa 24  
Annuul c Ebrahim b Streak 11  
Akram c Ebrahim b Bignaut 8  
Naimur c and b Nkala 6  
Mushfiqur c Nkala b Watambwa 2  
Hasibul c G Glower b Streak 6  
Sharif c Whittall b Bignaut 8  
Monjurul c and b Bignaut 6  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-4, w-6) 12  
Total: (All out in 58.3 overs) 168

Khaled Masood - absent injured.  
Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-61; 3-105; 4-116; 5-129; 6-138; 7-149; 8-160.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Streak 19 5 42 3  
Bignaut 13 3 4 37 3  
Nkala 9 0 34 1  
Watambwa 13 3 44 2  
Murphy 4 1 9 0

**Result:** Zimbabwe won by an innings and 32 runs.  
**Man-of-the-match:** Javed Omar.  
**Umpires:** KC Barbour, RE Kertzen (Rsa)  
**TV Umpire:** C Coventry (Zim).  
**Match Referee:** B Warnapura (Sri).  
**Second Test:** April 26-30 (Harare).

**Tale of two debutants**  
AL-AMIN from Bulawayo

The first Test match between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe saw as many as seven debutants and a number of them made instant impacts.

However, the most significant performance came from Zimbabwean right-arm pacesman Andy Bignaut.

The tall quickie returned with eight wickets in the match that included a five-wicket haul in the first innings. And if that wasn't enough, Bignaut's electrifying fielding left everybody in awe.

Bignaut can easily be an asset to any team in the world for his athleticism on the field.

He had already provided a glimpse of his ability when he took one of the best catches ever in one day cricket by clinging on to a one-handed beauty at long-on in the third limited overs international against Bangladesh at this ground on April 11.

The fleet-footed fielder again amazed all when ran from gully to third man, picked up the ball in one hand and sent in a very fast accurate return even though he was off balance, to see the back of Akram Khan on the second day of the first Test. To most fielders there was an easy two.

It nice to see him back from injury. He is one of those players who can win a match for you. He is potentially a very good batsman. He is a good striker of the ball and the best of his batting is yet to come", said his captain Heath Streak.

Bangladesh's left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam was the other find in the Test.

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Pakistan is likely to include grafter Wajahatullah Wasti and already tried Mohammad Wasim to pair Saad Anwar as openers with teenager Imran Farhat as backup.

Wasti and Wasim have been prolific in Pakistan's domestic season to stake claims for recalls.

Dumped coach Javed Mian-dad's nephew Iqbal fills in at the difficult number three spot and after an impressive tour to New Zealand.

# Tikolo simply irresistible

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A sparkling knock by Steve Tikolo powered leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club to a massive 156-run victory over Surjo Tarun in their second Super League match of the Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

The stylish Kenyan right hander scored a scintillating 93 as Mohammedan, electing to bat,

match for the Motijheel club. The stand was broken on 146 in the 27th over when Parvez (73-ball 53) was bowled by medium-pace Salauddin. It included five boundaries.

Next, Tikolo raised 85 runs in just 66 balls for the fourth wicket with Sanwar.

Pakistani medium pacer Mohammad Ramzan got Sanwar to edge straight into the safe hands of wicketkeeper Anwar on 43.

The discarded national middle order hit three fours off 37 balls.

paltry 147 after Ashiqur Rahman and Sanwar Hossain worked in tandem to rip through their batting.

Ashique, the right-arm seamer, bagged three for 29 while spinner Sanwar also got three wickets conceding only 12 runs.

Mohammedan's eleventh win in 13 matches raised their tally to 22 points. They earned a temporary two-point lead over arch-rivals Abahani.

On the other hand, Surjo Tarun tasted their seventh defeat in 13 outings.



Marauding Steve Tikolo of Mohammedan in full flow against Surjo Tarun at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

amassed 303 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

In reply, Farun, who were bowled out for 78 by Abahani in their previous match, could only manage 147 in 37.4 overs.

Tikolo, who has already scored two hundreds and five fifties in eleven innings, once again rescued his side after they lost early wickets.

Coming in at number four with Mohammedan 48 for two in 9.4 overs, the Kenyan master batsman added 98 runs for the third wicket with one down Parvez Ahmed, who was appearing in his first

A Tikolo tired finally returned to the dressing room after being stumped off left-arm spinner Suja Erfan seven short of his third century in the league.

The Kenyan run machine, who has scored 823 runs in 12 innings at an incredible average of 117.57, faced only 73 balls that included a six and eleven boundaries.

After Tikolo fell, Mohammedan collected 60 more runs in the remaining 11.3 overs to take the total past the 300-mark.

Surjo Tarun never came close to the required six runs per over, and were eventually shot out for a

Result: Mohammedan SC won by 156 runs.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket Super League match between Mohammedan SC and Surjo Tarun Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday:

**MOHAMMEDAN SC**  
Rashed c Sajjad b Monir 18  
Harun b Shamsul 18  
Parvez b Salauddin 53  
Tikolo st Anwar b Suja 93  
Sanwar c Anwar b Ramzan 43  
Odumbe c Ramzan b Iqbal 17  
Mustadir c & b Suja 0  
Mortuza c Anwar b Ramzan 27  
Ashiq not out 4  
Taposh not out 11  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-8, w-10) 19  
Total: (For 84 wks in 50 overs) 303

Fall of wickets: 1/33, 2/48, 3/146, 4/231, 5/243, 6/243, 7/283, 8/289.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Monir 7 0 47 1  
Shamsul 7 0 33 1  
Suja 10 0 45 2  
Zia 10 0 53 0  
Salauddin 6 0 42 1  
Iqbal 6 0 51 1  
Ramzan 4 0 31 2

**SURJO TARUN**  
Hannan c Harun b Ashiq 46  
Salauddin b Ashiq 18  
Mazhar c Tikolo b Parvez 9  
Ramzan c Mortuza b Ashiq 7  
Iqbal c Tikolo b Parvez 8  
Sajjad c Mortuza b Mustadir 14  
Shamsul c Taposh b Sanwar 13  
Anwar run out 0  
Monir c Parvez b Sanwar 14  
Suja c Mortuza b Sanwar 10  
Zia not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-4) 8  
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Fall of wickets: 1/43, 2/61, 3/83, 4/87, 5/93, 6/121, 7/121, 8/127, 9/147.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Taposh 5 0 30 0  
Shafiuddin 4 0 25 0  
Ashiq 10 3 29 3  
Parvez 10 0 29 2  
Mustadir 5 0 21 1  
Sanwar 3.4 0 12 3

# WI assume control

## Cricket

REUTERS, Kingston

Explosive half-centuries from Ridley Jacobs and Marlon Samuels led West Indies to 255 for seven in their second innings and a commanding overall lead of 339 on the third day of the fifth test against South Africa at Sabina Park on Saturday.

The home side, who earned a first innings lead of 84 after bowling the tourists out for 141 on the second day, collapsed to 126 for five -- a lead of just 210 -- before Jacobs (67 not out) and Samuels (59) restored their superiority with a sixth-wicket stand of 58 as South Africa's disciplined bowling and fielding withered under a sweltering sun.

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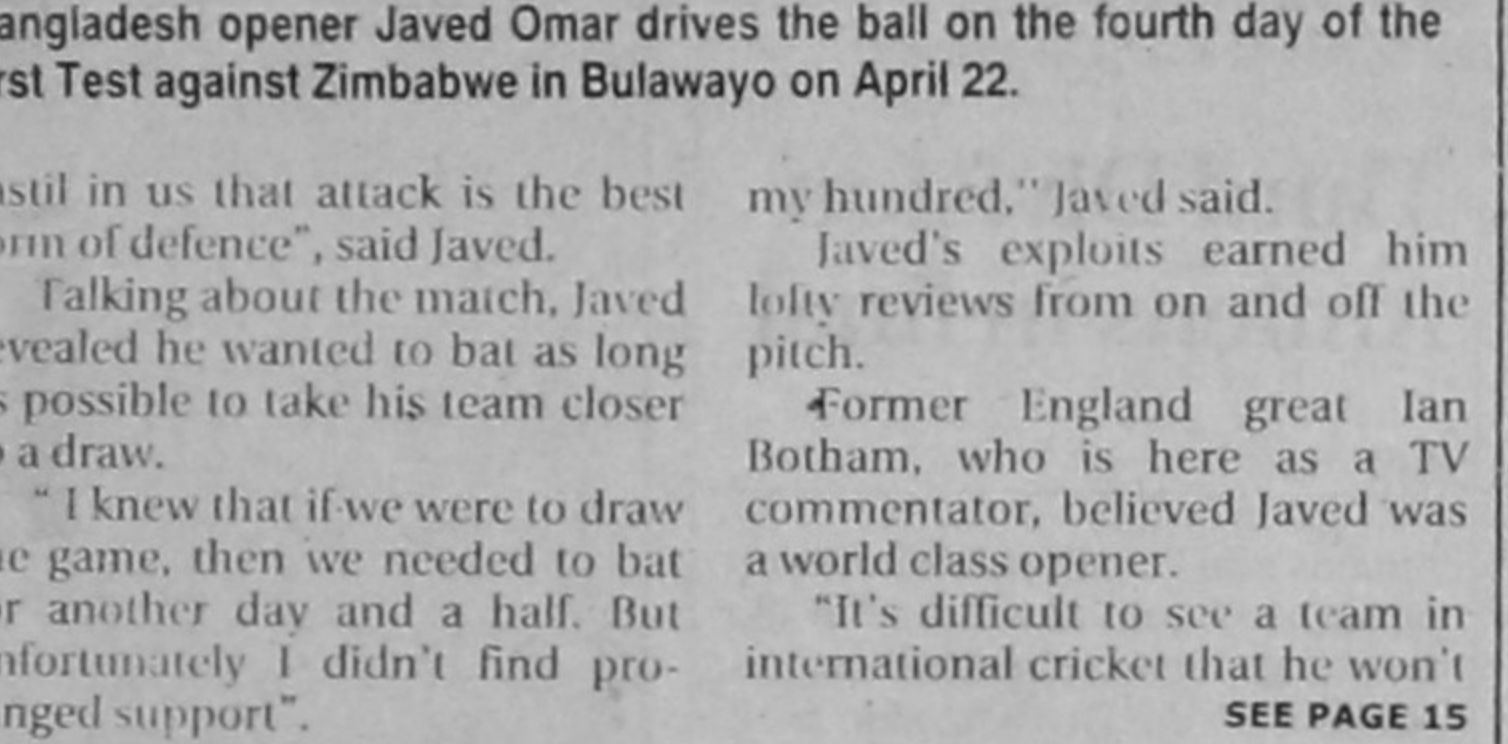
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Bangladesh opener Javed Omar drives the ball on the fourth day of the first Test against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo on April 22.

live was ended by a searing bouncer from Jacques Kallis that would have hit the batsman's throat had it not lobbed from his defensive glove high to second slip where Pollock held a fine juggling catch.

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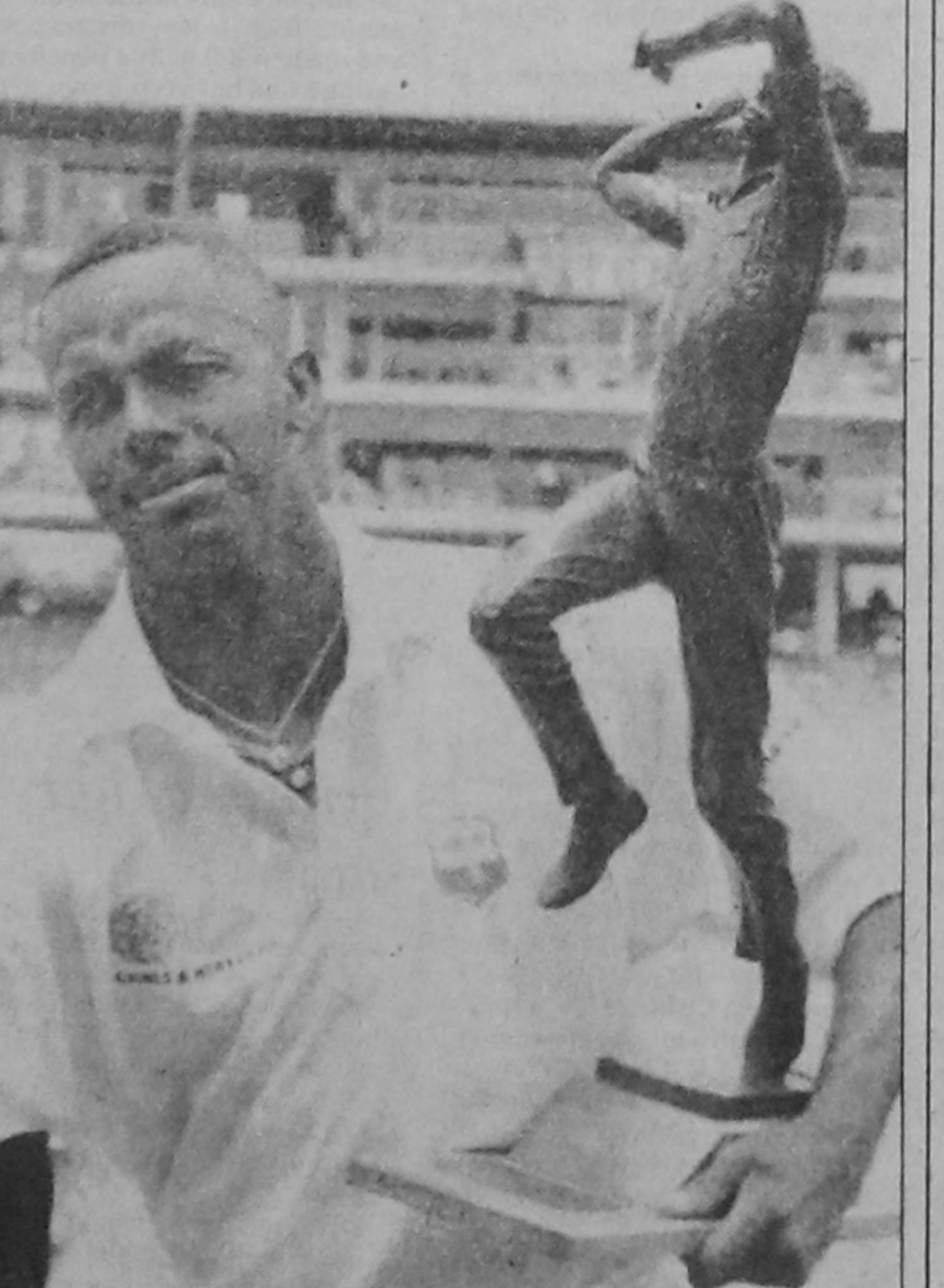
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THE LEGEND WITH HIS STATUE: West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh holds a statue of himself after being honoured by the West Indies Cricket Board at Kingston, Jamaica on Saturday. He has officially announced his retirement and declared that the current Test against South Africa would be his last.

## Sports Whizz Kid

Competition 148  
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Win attractive prizes  
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1. Who clinched the Biman Cup Under-14 national football title?  
Moufazzal Narayanganj Madaripur

2. Who became Professor Abdur Razzak National chess champion?  
Niaz Murshed Ziaur Rahman Enamul Hossain

3. Who lifted the Estonian Open title?  
Felix Mantilla Carlos Ferrero Andre Agassi

4. Who won the English Premiership?  
Newcastle Man United Leeds

5. What was the result of the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe one-day series?  
2-1 3-0 2-0

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## DAY'S EVENT

Premier Division Cricket Super League  
Abahani v Kalabagan KC (Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
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# No room for Akram?

## Cricket

INTERNET REPORT, undated

Celebrated all-rounder Wasim Akram could be missing from Pakistan's squad for its England tour when it is named on Monday.

Pakistan will opt to go for a blend of youth and experience for the two Tests and a tri-nation one-day series, which includes Australia.