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## What to WATCH

- ESPN**
- South Africa vs West Indies First ODI Highlights 7:30 am
  - South Africa vs West Indies Second ODI Highlights 3:00 pm
  - South Africa vs West Indies Third ODI Highlights 9:00 pm
  - English Premiership Highlights 1:00 pm
  - Serie A** 12:00 am (Saturday)
  - Star Sports**
  - South Africa vs West Indies Third ODI Highlights 11:00 pm
  - Asian Football Show 8:30 pm



## Talk TURKEY



**Jacques Kallis**  
(South Africa all-rounder)  
"We have a young side, which is fantastic when you look at a few teams around the world, especially the Australians."

## Sports WHIZZ KID

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- Who clinched the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters Series title?  
Agassi   Arazzi   Kuerten
- Who lifted the Ary Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series cricket trophy?  
New Zealand   Pakistan   Sri Lanka
- What was the result of the South Africa and West Indies Test series?  
4-1   3-2   2-1
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first test?  
Heath Streak   K. Marsud   Javed Omar
- How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?  
536   520   519

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## CMCC cricket

**BSS, Chittagong**

Chittagong Metropolitan Confluence Cement (CMCC) Cricket League under the auspices of Chittogram Mohanagari Krira Sangstha (CMKS) begins at Dampara Police Lines ground here on May 12.

A total of six teams are taking part in the 15 matches league. Kollol Sangra (Green) will face Elite Paint RC in the opening match of the tournament.

## Trading ends

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The three-day inter-club booters transfer concluded at the Dhaka Mahanagar Football League Committee (DMFLC) office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday night.

A total of 18 Premier and First Division Club participated in the market where a total of 270 players switched their allegiance this season.

The final day passed quietly as the top three teams -- Abahani, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra -- had completed their business on the first day.

However, Saifur Rahman Moni, Kingshuk Chakma and Kamruzzaman Selim -- were the prominent players from the pool, who

took part on Thursday. Moni and Kingshuk decided to stay at Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society while Kamruzzaman Selim also joined Rahmatganj from Mohammedan Sporting Club.

With these three, all the 26 pool players have finally confirmed their destinations.

Midfielder Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu is the only unfortunate booter to have registered with a First Division Club. The remaining 25 players found places in the Premier Division.

The season kicks off with the Federation Cup on May 20 while the Premier Division League is likely to start from the middle of June.

Following is the final list of pool players:

**Muktiyoddha Sangsad:** Aminul Haq, Rajani Kanta Barman, Hasan Al-Mamun, Matiu Rahman

Munna and Prodeep Kumar Poddar.

**Mohammedan SC:** Alfaz Ahmed, Abu Faisal Ahmed, Sajedul Karim Tushar, Monwar Hossain and Papul Mahmud.

**Abahani:** Mohammad Sujon, Iqbal Hossain, Rokonzaman Kanchan, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Tito and Kazi Nazrul Islam.

**Farashganj SC:** Biplab Bhat-tacharya and Maksudul Amin Rana.

**Arambagh KS:** Rezaul Karim Lito and Saiful Islam Khokon.

**Dhamondi Club:** Sourav Majumder Raju and Abdul Qayum Sentu

**Brothers Union:** Mustafa Anwar Parvez.

**Rahmatganj MFS:** Saifur Rahman Moni, Kingshuk Chakma and Kamruzzaman Selim.

**Badda Jagarani:** Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu.

## New Model, Narail Govt advance

SPORTS REPORTER



New Model Bahumukhi High School of Dhaka and Narail Government High School qualified for the last eight of the Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship after winning their respective final round openers in Sylhet on Thursday.

In a reduced 15-over-a-side affair because of incessant rain, the match between New Model High School and Mohini Mohan Biddipath of Kushtia ended in a tie as both teams scored identical 85 runs.

However, New Model were declared victors by virtue of losing fewer wickets. New Model lost six wickets to reach 85 while Mohini Mohan lost nine wickets for their 85 in 15 overs.

At the nearby Medical College ground, Narail Government High School defeated Green Herald of Dhaka by 40 runs.

Electing to bat after winning the toss, Narail piled up a mammoth 123 for four in the stipulated 15 overs with Payel hammering highest 36.

In reply, Green Herald were restricted to 83 for eight in their share of 15 overs.

In tomorrow's quarterfinals, New Model will face Police Institution of Chittagong at the Medical College ground while Narail will meet Manikganj Government High School at the Sylhet Stadium.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**New Model High School:** 85 for 6 in 15 overs (Ashiq 28, Raihan 24, Ramzan 17)

**Mohini Mohan Biddipath:** 85 for 9 in 15 overs (Sanjoy 23, Anwar 20, Sohail 1/8)

**Result: New Model won for losing less number of wickets.**

**Narail Govt. High School:** 123 for 4 in 15 overs (Payel 36, Tanvir 28, Sabur 2/17)

**Green Herald:** 83 for 8 in 15 overs (Tanzim 20, Towfik 17, Payel 3/21, Sabur 2/17)

**Result: Narail Govt. High School won by 40 runs.**

### TODAY'S MATCHES (Quarterfinals)

Mymensingh Zila School v BKSP (Medical College Ground)

Blue Bird (Sylhet) v Rajshahi Collegiate School (Sylhet Stadium)

## Waqar feels upbeat

INTERNET, London

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis has said he would try his very best to beat England "in their own backyard" in the coming Test series.

"I believe that Pakistan have enough firepower to overcome England. It is totally irrelevant who England have beaten and how many times. They are not the sort of champions they are being made out to be. We're going to go out and try our best to beat them in their own backyard," said the skipper in an interview.

The first Test starts at the Lord's from May 17 and the second at Old Trafford later this month. Pakistan will also play in a tri-nation one-day tournament involving England and Australia from next month.

"I am really positive that we'll do well. This is going to be my last series in England which has more or less been a second home to me. I really feel good coming here as captain of the Pakistan team. Winning the series in England is important to me personally, and is the team's objective as well," he noted.

He said he was asked to lead, and would do that to the best of "my ability and hopefully not disappoint the nation."

"I'll try to lead as aggressively as I can. But I must stress that it is not going to be a one-man show, the views of the entire team will be considered. Since there are so many new faces in the side, the emphasis will be on education and awareness about each player's role."

"Above all, I am going to be fair and will try to promote a spirit of camaraderie," Waqar recalled he had been associated with the Pakistan teams that won in England in 1992 and 1996, and "I believe we can do it again."

"I've faith in my ability and also have enough young talent in the side. To conquer, you need young guns, too. The youngsters, both the batsmen and the bowlers, are good and keen to make their mark."

Responding to a question, he said he believed if he stayed fit he could last till the 2003 World Cup in South Africa, if not beyond that.

## AFC punishes Bangladesh

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh football made headlines in the international arena on Thursday for the wrong reasons after the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) found three of their U-16 booters over-age.

The AFC also came down hard on Iran, Oman, Thailand and Nepal for fielding over-age players in the Asian Under-16 Championship, held in Vietnam in September last year.

A medical test confirmed sixteen 'fake players,' of which, three were spotted in the Bangladesh team. They are Rupu, Polo and Tutul.

The regional football governing body has barred the five nations from competing in the 2002 Asian Youth Tournament, according to a Reuters report. The general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Harun-ur Rashid also attended the executive committee meeting that took the pu-

nitive measures at the AFC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Besides, the AFC has also suspended five team managers.

Although Khandaker Anwarul Islam Mili, a director of the National Sports Council, was named manager of the Bangladesh Under-16 team, he did not travel to Vietnam. Instead Mainul Islam, a Brothers official, replaced him.

Bangladesh, placed in the tournament's Group B, enjoyed mixed fortunes in the juvenile tournament winning two against as many defeats.

They lost to Oman 3-1 and 4-0 to Iran. But won against Kuwait 1-0 and Thailand 2-0. Bangladesh failed to progress in the semifinals.

However, there was no immediate reaction from the BFF, perhaps more preoccupied with the forthcoming Dhaka League.

"The general secretary will return tonight and then he will elaborate on the matter," said Sirajul Islam, an assistant general secretary of the BFF, last night.

## Gibbs gives SA the series

### Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

Herschelle Gibbs hit his second century of the series as South Africa swept to a seven-wicket victory in the fifth one-day international at Kensington Oval on Wednesday.

South Africa clinched the series, taking a winning 4-1 lead with two matches still to be played, and became the first touring team to the West Indies to win both a Test and one-day series in the Caribbean.

West Indies were seldom in the game despite a fine innings of 92 by star batsman Brian Lara, who lacked support as the West Indies were bowled out for 199 after being sent in on a good batting pitch.

It was the fourth comprehensive win in a row for South Africa.



GIBBS ... m-o-m

The West Indies won a thrilling first match by three wickets off the last ball in Kingston, Jamaica, but South Africa won the next three games by eight wickets, 132 runs and eight wickets.

Wednesday match followed a depressingly familiar pattern for the West Indian spectators, many of whom left the ground early when it became obvious their team was headed for a big defeat.

South Africa's bowling and fielding was again too good for the West Indian batsmen.

Lara played virtually a lone hand for his struggling side as he made the highest score and only the fifth half-century for the West Indies in the five matches.

The little left-hander faced 125 balls and hit nine boundaries before stepping away to force Jacques Kallis to the offside and being bowled.

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## Buchanan's power cut

### Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Australia have axed team coach John Buchanan as a selector on the Ashes tour of England which starts next month.

Buchanan came under fire for criticising Shane Warne's fitness during the recent Indian tour when Australia's 16-Test winning run came to an end, publicly suggesting Warne's Test spot could be in doubt.

Australian Cricket Board chief executive Malcolm Speed said Thursday the decision was taken by the national selectors because it was felt there could be a conflict between the roles of coach and selector on tour.

"What the selectors are keen to promote is they want John to be quite independent of the selection process, they want the players to be able to go to John and say 'Look, I'm struggling with this part of my game' ... and it's not held against them in the selection process," Speed said.

"They need to do that in a full, frank, open way without feeling that that may be something that ends up at the selection table and works to their detriment."

Speed said Buchanan had been unhappy with the decision.

"It's fair to say I think that John

doesn't see that as the ideal situation, but he will have significant input to the selection process," he said.

In past tours teams have been picked by the captain, vice-captain and coach in consultation with the chairman of selectors, in this case Trevor Hohns.

"He'll be consulted by the captain, the vice-captain and the chairman of selectors," Speed said.

Captain Steve Waugh said he was disappointed with the decision.

"I respect the decision that everyone has made but from a

personal point of view, I would have liked to have seen him stay," Waugh told reporters.

"I just think he does a good job and he comes from a bit of a different perspective. The coaches ... they're watching things from off the field and seeing how each individual operates."

Asked if he believed there was a conflict between the roles of coach and selector, Waugh said: "I hope not, because it means (the players) won't be coming to me because I'm still a selector and I'm the captain. I want players to come to me."

"I think we've got a pretty open and honest side and I would expect that that shouldn't be a problem, and I don't really think it has been a problem in the past."

He added that the loss of Buchanan as a selector put extra pressure on him and Gilchrist.

"But that's why we are there ... you're expected to make decisions," he added.

Waugh said Buchanan's role in the team would not be diminished.

"His primary role is as a coach, a selector was only on tour anyway."

"It's something he would have liked to have done, but it's not there anymore and his role is as the coach and he will continue to do that well."



JOHN BUCHANAN



MUNICH OVER THE MOON: The Munich Olympic Stadium crowd bursts in euphoria after Bayern Munich reached the final of the Champions' League defeating holders Real Madrid on Wednesday.

## Champagne Bayern

### UEFA CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, Munich

Bayern Munich overwhelmed holders Real Madrid 2-1 in a thrilling Champions League semi-final on Wednesday to line up a final against last season's runners-up Valencia on May 23 in Milan.

Bayern, who won the first leg of the semifinal 1-0 in Madrid last week, were determined to reach their seventh European Cup final and went on the attack straight from kick-off.

They were rewarded after eight minutes when Real goalkeeper Iker Casillas fumbled a clearance and Brazilian Elber headed home his sixth goal of the competition.

Bayern's assured performance lulled the 60,000 fans in the Olympic stadium into expecting an easy win over the reigning champions.

But the Bayern faithful were stunned into silence 10 minutes later following a sublime piece of Real build-up. Roberto Carlos' cross from the left was exquisitely received by Raul on his left foot. Raul then rounded Thomas Linke and passed to Luis Figo who steered the ball past Bayern Mu-

nich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

Ottmar Hitzfeld's men kept up their attacks with Champions League debutant and England Under-21 Owen Hargreaves showing tremendous poise alongside Mehmet Scholl in midfield.

The German champions went 2-1 up on the night, and 3-1 on aggregate, in the 34th minute when Jens Jeremies was left unmarked after a cleverly-worked free-kick by Scholl to fire home from outside the area.

Bayern Munich president Franz Beckenbauer said: "We're delighted to be in a European final again. If you beat Real Madrid and Manchester United twice, then you have earned your place in the final."

As for his young midfielder, Beckenbauer said: "Just how coolly Owen Hargreaves played against a big team like Real -- I'd never have believed it."

Madrid piled on the pressure as the second half got under way. Bayern occasionally found the pace and trickery of Roberto Carlos hard to counter but solid defending by Ghana's Sammy Kuffour and Sweden's Patrik Andersson kept Real out.

Bayern also threatened on the

break, with Hasan Salihamidzic picking up on a long ball in the 54th minute only to shoot straight at Casillas.

Thomas Linke went very close in the 61st minute from a Hargreaves pass but it was tipped over by Casillas.

Savio looked threatening for Madrid after he came on for England's Steve McManaman, with some great running down the wing. His cross in the 70th minute found fellow substitute Fernando Morientes in space, but Morientes' header was too high.

The final at the San Siro stadium features the losers of the last two Champions League finals.

Bayern will be out to make amends after losing 2-1 to Manchester United at Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium in 1999 after conceding two goals in injury-time. Bayern last won Europe's premier club competition in 1976, when they lifted the trophy for the third year running.

Valencia, who crushed Leeds United 3-0 in Tuesday's semifinal second leg in Spain, will want to improve on last year's bitterly-disappointing performance in a 3-0 defeat by Real in Paris.

## Azhar rescues Pakistan

### Cricket

AFP, London

Azhar Mahmood hit an aggressive unbeaten 80 to save Pakistan from a humiliating first innings collapse here Wednesday against a vastly understrength Derbyshire.

Mahmood, whose batting was badly missed by Pakistan in last winter's series defeat by England when he had a foot injury, hit a six and 10 fours as he rescued the tourists who had slipped to 182 for nine after reaching 101 for one earlier in the day in reply to Derbyshire's 166.

Pakistan, whose poor batting performance incited six of their supporters to throw bottles on to

the ground leading to them being expelled, were eventually all out for 262 and had the hosts in trouble at the close on 66-2.

While Derbyshire had failed to obey England captain Nasser Hussain's plea to field their strongest side they will have been pleasantly surprised by their rookie off-spinner Nathan Dumelow, who took four for 81 and fully justified his selection ahead of former Test player Richard Illingworth.

Dumelow's superb efforts, bowling unchanged for 22 overs including taking three for 15 in 19 balls, capped a remarkable day both on and off the field which even featured crowd trouble despite a sparsely-populated ground.

Incited by their team's inability

to build on their advantage a handful of Pakistan supporters threw bottles down the steps of the abandoned old grandstand and were ushered out of the ground by stewards after complaints from a committee member.

"There were around half a dozen people causing some real trouble," confirmed John Smedley, Derbyshire's chief executive.

"They were ejected from the ground, they've been dealt with and I'm just sorry it's come to this."

Pakistan had resumed on four without loss and showed few signs of the collapse that was to follow, but from the moment Dumelow was brought into the attack in the 34th over at 95 for one, their advantage slipped.

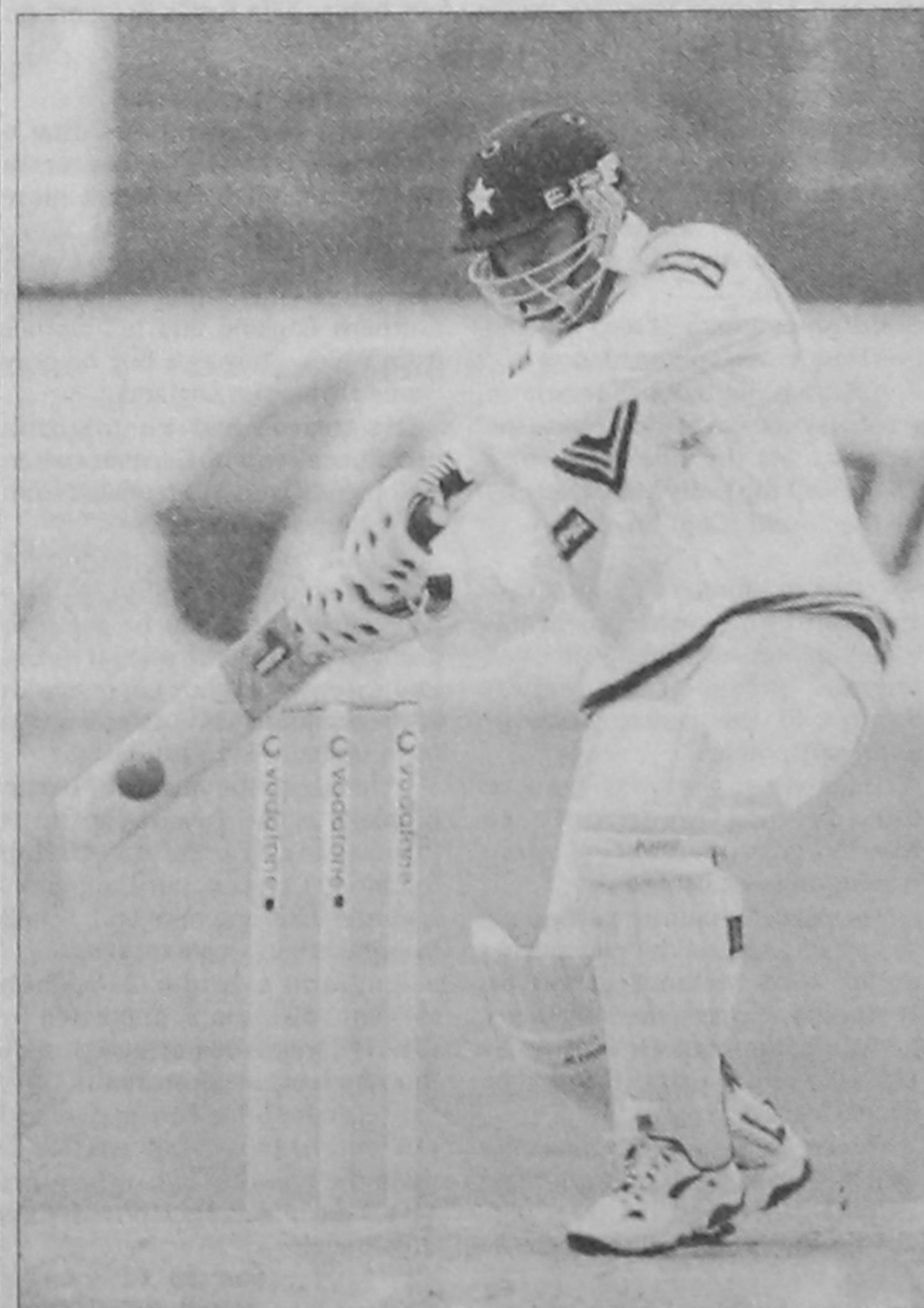
Dumelow opened his account by being hit for a straight six from his first delivery by opener Imran Farhat, but claimed his revenge by inciting the same batsman into pulling a long hop straight to mid-wicket to claim his first victim.

There was nothing fortuitous about his other wickets, though, beating Yousuf Youhana in the flight as he attempted to hit over the top and instead picking out at mid-on while Inzamam-ul-Haq drove forcefully from the crease only for Dumelow to reach out skilfully to his left to claim a superb catch.

Abdur Razaq followed just three balls later when he was bowled attempting a defensive stroke, but despite Dominic Cork keeping him in the attack in an attempt to claim a five-wicket haul on his debut, tiredness took over and Mahmood was able to take advantage.

Instead, seamers Trevor Smith and Tom Lingley mopped up the tail until Mahmood arrived at the crease and demonstrated the concentration and resolve required on a spinning, slow wicket during an 80-run last wicket partnership with Shoaib Akhtar.

That stand, which lasted 19.3 overs, was finally broken when Lingley had Shoaib caught at slip for a determined 16 and although Steve Stubbings was run out and Steve Titchard bowled by Waqar Younis in the ninth over of their reply, they recovered to add 41 runs without further loss.



Pakistan's Azhar Mahmood drives during his unbeaten 80 against Derbyshire on Wednesday.

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