



Did U Know?

The most goals scored in a specified period is 1,279, by Pelé (Edson Arantes do Nascimento) in 1,363 games for Brazil, Santos, and the New York Cosmos, from September 7, 1956, to October 1, 1977. Born on October 23, 1940, in Tres Coracoes, Brazil, Pelé began playing for a local minor league club when he was a teenager. He made his debut for Santos Football Club in 1956, and won several South American Clubs' Cups, the 1962 World Cup trophy, Pelé, whose nickname does not mean anything, became a Brazilian national hero, and was also known as "Perola Negra" (Black Pearl).



What to WATCH

ESPN

UEFA Champions League
Bayern Munich vs Valencia
Final at 7:00 am
Pakistan vs England
First Test Day Two
Highlights
9:30 am
English Premiership
Highlights
12:00 am (Friday)

Star Sports

Primera Liga
Bilbao vs Valencia
Asian Club Championship
Pavodar (Kaz) vs Jubilo Iwata (Jpn)
Live at 1:00 pm
Asian Club Championship
Pirouzi (Iran) vs Suwon Samsung (Kor)
Live at 4:00 pm
Pakistan vs England
First Test Day Two
Highlights at 11:00 pm



Talk Turkey



Naimur Rahman
(Bangladesh cricket captain)

"Players around the world should cooperate with efforts to clean up cricket."

While expressing his views on Sir Paul Condon's match-fixing report that was released yesterday.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 150

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
June 1, 2001 and draw
shortly afterwards

- What was the result of the one-day international series between South Africa and West Indies?
6-1 5-2 4-3
- Who became UEFA Cup champions?
Arsenal Liverpool Alaves
- Who clinched the Standard Chartered National School Cricket title?
New Model BKS (Manikganj) High
- Who lifted the Premier Division Cricket League title?
Abahani MSC Biman
- Who holds the top position in the current FIFA World rankings?
Brazil France Italy

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Bangladesh Army custodian Hasan makes a save from the feet of a Brothers Union forward during their Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Brothers owe Echo one

Football

A first half goal from striker Anwar Faisal Echo gave Brothers Union Club a hard-fought 1-0 win over Bangladesh Army in the Nilol White Cement 17th Federation Cup group D opener at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday afternoon.

Echo, the burly forward struck the all important goal with a brilliant right footer from the left corner of the box after being fed by Hasan Imam Rikto's cross from the midfield in the 40th minute.

The young marksmen also had his share of blemish when he muffed up what could have been his second goal in the 66th minute. After being set free again by Rikto, Echo drove the ball against the cross-piece with Army goal-keeper Hasan at his mercy.

Despite the win, Brothers, once recognised as a major force in domestic football along with Abahani and Mohammedan, failed to entertain the crowd as they never went for any planned move throughout the match.

Brothers' lone national pool player midfielder Parvez Babu initiated some individual offensives from the left flank. But he found little support from the others.

The Army men also had their moments in both halves but all their scoring chances went begging because of poor marksmanship.

With the win Brothers moved into the group D final while the defeat sent the soldiers out of the meet.

Yellow cards: Sunny, Nasir (Army), Dhanu, Liton and Proshanto (Brothers Union)

TEAMS
Brothers Union: Dhanu, Rezaul,

Nazrul, Liton, Proshanto, Saifulah, Rikto, Parvez Babu, Dalim, Echo and Roxy (Mithu).

Bangladesh Army: Hasan, Mizan, Rezaul, Mujibur, Shahidul, Faruque, Matin, Altaf, Sunny, Nasir and Ashish (Ripon).

Referee: Tayeb Hasan.

PRANTIK KC - MUSLIM INSTITUTE

In the other match of the day, Momin scored the second hat-trick of the tournament to guide Prantik Kira Chakra to a 3-1 win over Muslim Institute.

The winners led the first half 2-1.

Momin struck in the 27th, 44th and 70th minutes to emulate the feat of Sohag of Victoria SC.

Alauddin pulled one goal back for Muslim Institute at the stroke of half-time.

Prantik will now face Brothers Union in Friday's group D final at 6 pm.

New Zealand at a loss

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

New Zealand Cricket have dismissed suggestions that their win in last year's ICC Knockout Trophy event may be tainted.

Sir Paul Condon's report on match-fixing confirms that his Anti-Corruption Unit team is currently reviewing allegations about games played during the tournament in Kenya and the New Zealand versus Pakistan series earlier this year.

New Zealand won the Knock-out event — the biggest one-day success in their history — with a four-wicket victory over India.

All-rounder Chris Cairns scored an unbeaten 102 as they reached their target of 265 with two balls to spare.

"I've talked to our coach, David Irst. He's genuinely surprised and disbelieving. He's of the view

that there was nothing to suggest there was anything going on," said New Zealand Cricket's operations manager John Reid.

"He saw the Indian players' faces when they lost. It's disappointing — we win something and people cast aspersions."

New Zealand took the one-day series against Pakistan 3-2 after winning the decider in Hamilton by four wickets.

Pakistan won the first one-day match by six wickets, only to lose the second by the same margin after being bowled out for only 135.

They again went in front by winning the third game by 28 runs, but the fourth was totally one-sided as New Zealand scored 284 for five in their 50 overs and then dismissed the tourists for 146 after initially reducing them to five for three.

The final game saw Pakistan score 285 all out and New Zealand reply with 290 for six, thanks

largely to an innings of 119 by Nathan Asile.

Pakistan coach Javed Miandad was later quoted by the Reuters News Agency as saying: "The video footages are available which will unveil everything. The matches against New Zealand were pre-decided."

"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."

New Zealand Cricket, meanwhile, have vowed to be "aggressively vigilant" with their players to prevent any possible involvement in match-rigging.

"We are pro-active with our players. It's not just a matter of sending a memo," said Reid.

"You must remind them that the game is bigger than any individual. But in the end, no-one will control every individual."

ACB seeks to settle Mark issue

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Australian Cricket Board chief Malcolm Speed called the ICC's corruption report a "valuable document" but urged quicker action on resolving allegations against Mark Waugh.

Speed said the International Cricket Council's report into match-fixing was "an important step in the ongoing fight against corruption in cricket".

Speed, who takes over as ICC chief executive later this year, welcomed the release of the report by the ICC's anti-corruption unit (ACU) chief Paul Condon.

"I think it is a valuable document in that it's the first time we've had an independent source, an independent inquiry, and gone right through the issue of corruption across the cricketing world," he said.

"It's a fact-based analysis, I think that's very important."

"It's also very important that what the document does is it provides a way forward."

But an unsubstantiated claim by Indian bookie Mukesh Gupta that he paid Waugh 20,000 US dollars for match information at a tournament in Hong Kong in 1993 remains unresolved.

Waugh denies the allegation.

"Our position is it's very important we resolve this issue one

way or the other," said Speed.

"It needs to be resolved either by Gupta giving evidence and being tested or alternatively we need at some stage to be able to say 'That's the end of the matter' so Mark can be exonerated."

But at this stage, if you read the report, we're not at that stage.

"It is of concern to Australian cricket, it must be and will be resolved at some stage, hopefully sooner rather than later."

The investigation into the allegations made by Gupta to the Indian Central Bureau of Investigation could continue for the next 12 months.

Speed said he would again be speaking with the Australian team

about the dangers of cricket corruption before they flew to England on Saturday.

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Level-One course for cricket coaches

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has organised Level-One course for coaches from May 27 at the National Sports Council (NSC) gymnasium.

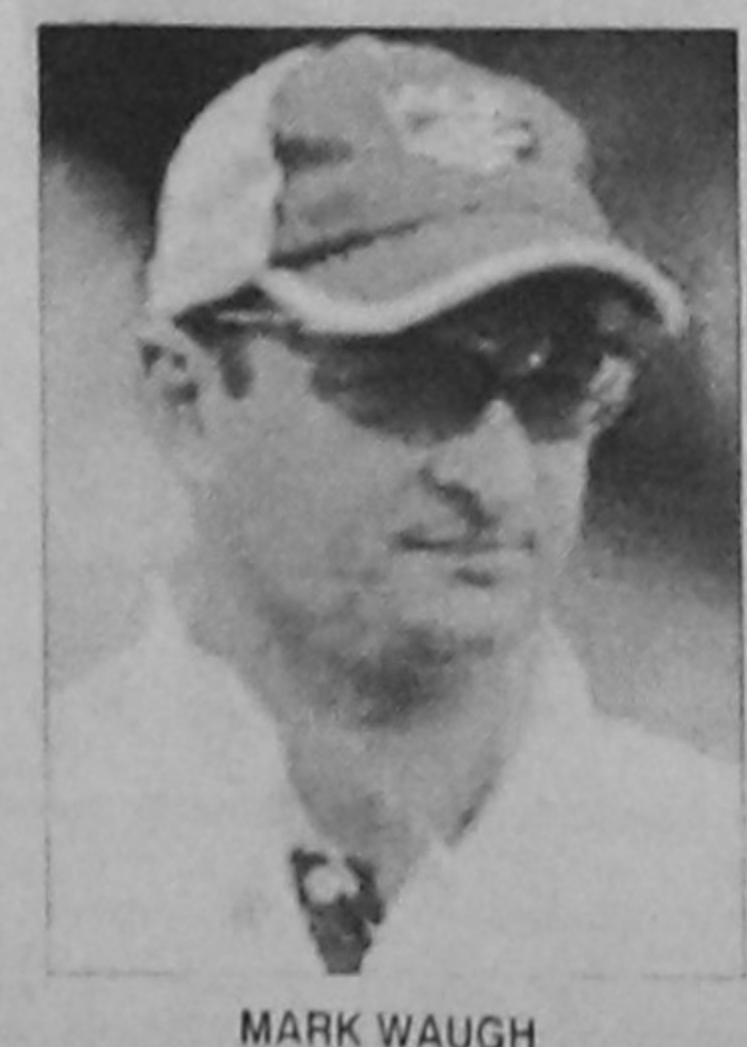
The course will be conducted by BCB's two Sri Lankan coaches Carlton Barnerdus and Malcolm Perera.

Those who have earlier applied to the BCB as district coaches are eligible for the course will be held in six groups and each group will have a week long training.

Interested candidates have been asked to contact BCB a day before the schedule given for different Divisions.

The following is the schedule for the Level-One coaches course:

Date	Group
May 27 to June 1	Rajshahi Division
June 6 to 11	Khulna Division
June 18 to 23	National cricketers
July 2 to 7	Barisal and Sylhet Divisions
July 16 to 21	Chittagong Division
July 30 to Aug 4	Dhaka Division



MARK WAUGH

Pakistan to probe defeat against Bangladesh

AFP, Karachi

The government will shortly nominate a judge to probe into allegations that Pakistan's matches against India and Bangladesh in the 1999 World Cup were fixed, officials said Tuesday.

"The government will nominate a judge to probe two World Cup matches in the next few days," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia told.

The judge would investigate allegations that the matches against India and cricket minnows Bangladesh, which Pakistan lost, were fixed, he said.

"We have suggested the name of Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum for the probe but the government could nominate someone else also," he said.

Qayyum conducted a judicial inquiry into match fixing in Pakistan cricket and banned former skipper Salim Malik and pacer Ataur Rehman for life in May last year.

Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saeed Anwar, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Akram Raza were fined by the Qayyum Commission.

Zia said he would meet Paul Condon, chief of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) anti-corruption unit, who is due here later this week.

"I think he would discuss matters relating to match-fixing," he said.

PCB has received Condon's report which is due to be published on Wednesday.

Zia did not comment on the report saying he had not yet seen it.

During its stay in Pakistan, the ICC anti-corruption team would also meet Qayyum, he added.

Joy for Jatrabari

SPORTS REPORTER

Jatrabari Kira Chakra closed in to earn promotion in the First Division Cricket League next year winning the first of the three-team play-off matches of the Second Division Super League against New Eagles at the Dhammondi Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

Jatrabari won the low-scoring affair by 66 runs. They successfully defended a modest total of 170 when they bowled their opponents out for 104 in 41.5 overs.

Apurba played a key role in Jatrabari's easy win with a good all-round performance. He scored a fine 59 with the help of four boundaries and a six. The middle-order bat also took two wickets.

The defeat now left New Eagles in a do or die battle against Uttara Friends Club in the second play-off match at the same venue today.

The play-off came into play after three teams ended up with equal points from Group B. Two teams from the group will be elevated to the First Division.

Earlier, Nabin Sangha and PWD SC earned promotion from the other group.

BRIEF SCORES
Jatrabari KC: 170 all out in 45.5 overs (Apurba 59, Nasir 20, Paris 26; Sams 4/23, Masudur 4/28)
New Eagles: 104 all out in 41.5 overs (Obaidur 20, Sohail 16, Sams 16; Mukul 2/9, Apurba 2/21)
Result: Jatrabari won by 66 runs.

B'baria cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Three Star Cricket Club defeated Dattara Cricket Club by 33 runs in the Dana Mia Smriti Cricket Cup at the district Eidgah ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Three Star batted first and 140 runs is stipulated 30 overs. Rasel made team highest 65 runs.

In reply, Dattara collected 107 runs by losing all wickets.

DAY'S EVENT

17th Federation Cup Football Tournament
Group finals
Rahmatganj MFS v BRTC (4 pm)
Dhanmondi Club v Badda Jagarani (6 pm)
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Acme Second Division Cricket League
Championship play-off
Uttara SC v New eagles (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

The game is still ugly

Cricket

AFP, London

World cricket remains in the grip of match-fixers who could resort to murder, kidnap and threats to keep a lid on the sport's greatest scandal, an official probe revealed on Wednesday.

The International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) said match-fixing was rife even after life bans were imposed on three former captains — Hansie Cronje of South Africa, Mohammad Azharuddin of India and Salim Malik of Pakistan.

The 35-page report, prepared by ACU chief Sir Paul Condon and released on the ICC website (www.cricket.org) on Wednesday,

however does not name any cricketer involved in match-fixing.

It did however set out a list of recommendations, including educating players and having consistency in their contracts, to root out the evil that has tarnished the image of the "gentleman's game".

Condon, a former London Metropolitan police chief, said his unit's task was still incomplete, but vowed to minimise corruption in the game by the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

"Corrupt practices and deliberate under-performances have permeated all aspects of the game," Condon said. "I also believe that corruption continues to happen and the potential for corruption in cricket remains a real threat."

Condon's investigations re-

vealed that officials and players knew the game was corrupt, but few people were willing to come forward to testify because they felt their lives could be in danger.

"The most disturbing aspect of the tolerance of corruption is the fear that some people have expressed to me about their own personal safety or the safety of their families," the report said.

"I have spoken to people who have been threatened and others who have alleged a murder and a kidnapping linked to cricket corruption."

"In order to respond to these anxieties I have interviewed some people away from their normal lifestyles."

"It became clear that many people within cricket had significant information about corruption within the game."

"Allegations in the public domain were only the tip of the iceberg."

The report says "insidious and corrosive form of fixing had taken hold on the game" after the 1970s.

While Condon believes that the most blatant form of match-fixing has stopped since his unit began work six months ago, "there are indications that some players and others are still acting dishonestly and to the order of the bookies."

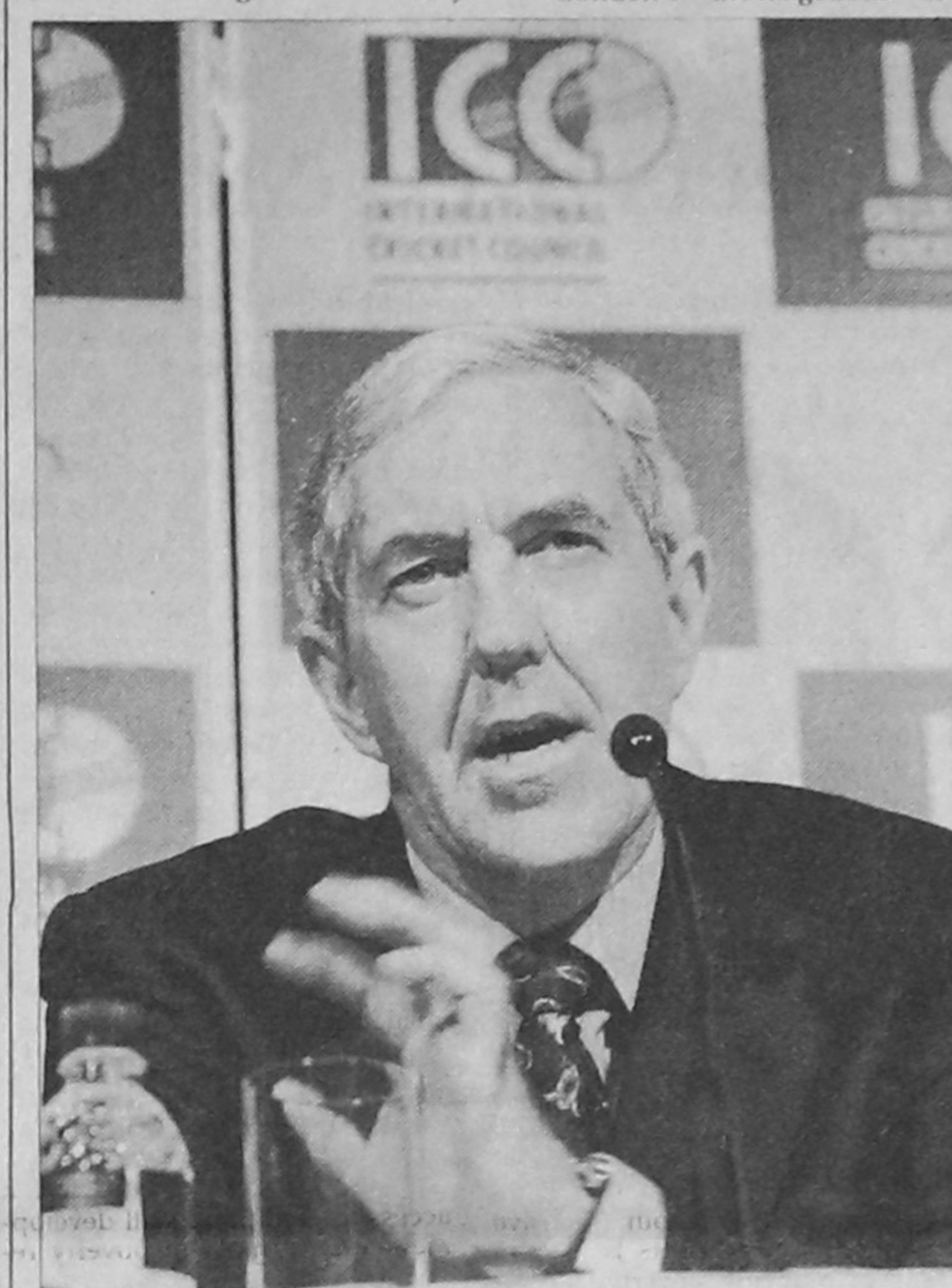
"We have reasonable grounds for new investigations against a number of individuals. These allegations are not yet in the public domain," the report said.

The scandal broke two years ago when the New Delhi police stumbled on telephone conversations which implicated Cronje. The South African captain later admitted his guilt and was banned for life.

Separate investigations by cricket authorities in India and Pakistan led to similar bans being imposed on Azharuddin and Malik and some other players.

Condon criticised the ICC for not doing enough to nip match-fixing in the bud.

"With the benefit of knowledge now in the public domain, a compelling case is made that the ICC and the individual cricket boards could and should have done more to deal with the problem of corruption at an earlier stage," he said.



SIR PAUL CONDON

Delhi police delighted

Cricket

AGENCIES, undated

New Delhi police, who were responsible for blowing the whistle on former South African captain Hansie Cronje's links with bookmakers last year, on Wednesday welcomed the match-fixing report of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"The report vindicates the stand of the Delhi police and it's nice to know our investigations have had far-reaching effects," said K Paul, joint commissioner of Delhi police.

Delhi police taped conversations between Cronje and illegal bookmakers during South Africa's tour of India last year which suggested that some matches were fixed.

Cronje later admitted to taking money from bookmakers and was subsequently banned for life by the South African cricket authorities.

There was no immediate comment on the report from Indian cricket chiefs, who were away in Pakistan to attend a meeting of the Asian Cricket Council in Lahore on Thursday.

UCB LOOKING AHEAD

The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa said that the recommendations made by a probe into corruption in world cricket would ensure a clean World Cup in 2003.

The report also echoed recommendations by South African Judge Edwin King. UCB spokeswoman Bronwyn Wilkinson said.

"I think what the ICC would like to do is to clean up the game, and be certain that that tournament (2003) is really clean, (according to recommendations) contained in the report," she told AFP.

South Africa is the host of the 2003 World Cup cricket tournament.

Wilkinson said many of the recommendations had already been implemented in South Africa following the release of a second interim report by the King Commission on corruption in South African cricket in December 2000.

"This included player security, a dressing room accreditation system and the monitoring of phonecalls in hotel rooms and the limited usage of mobile phones during play," she said.

'NAME NAMES'

Former England captain Ray Illingworth urged the ICC to name identified match-fixers following the release of the match-fixing report.

Illingworth said "the report would have had a much bigger impact had it revealed the identities of suspected match-fixers."

"As far as I'm concerned, until they start naming names it doesn't matter. Until they name the people involved it's pointless saying anything," said Illingworth, who captained England on 31 occasions between 1969 and 1973.

"Unless they name names there's nothing that can be done about it. At the end of the day they're spending millions of dollars on the inquiry but they have got no names to show for it."

Another former England captain, Mike Gatting, said that anyone found guilty of fixing matches should receive life bans.

"I think if people are proven to have taken money to fix games they should be banned for life," he said.

"A lot of work has gone into this report and until we can find grounds for doing something there is not a lot to do. It is sad the sport has been dragged through the mire."

Lord MacLaurin, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), agreed with Gatting.

"I have said that my board at the ECB will take a strong view if any of our players transgressed, he said after the release of Condon's findings."

"My own view — and it might be thought to be strong — is that we would have life bans. You can't suspend people for six or nine months. They come back and the game has to do without them."

"We have our own disciplinary committee here but it would be wrong to say it is not happening here. That it is in someone else's backyard. If it is happening here let us clear it up."

The ECB chairman told that he was saddened by the thought that cricket has been plagued by corruption for the past 30 years.

PCB COMMENTS TODAY

Pakistan's cricket chief delayed comment on the Condon report on Wednesday.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Tauqir Zia told Reuters from Lahore that the report needed "in depth study," adding the board would respond on Thursday.

Anything's possible!

AFP, London

The ACU in its report lists various aspects of the game which, according to allegations it has received, have been subject to fixing attempts. They are:

- * The outcome of the toss at the beginning of a match
- * The end from which the fielding captain will elect to bowl
- * A set number of wides, or no balls occurring in a designated over
- * Players being placed in unfamiliar fielding positions
- * Individual batsmen scoring fewer runs than their opposite numbers who batted first
- * Batsmen being out at a specific point in their innings
- * The timing of a declaration
- * The total runs scored in a particular innings and particularly the total in the first innings of a one-day international.

SL TO WAIT

Sri Lanka cricket officials said on Wednesday they would delay comment on the match-fixing report until they had time to study its contents.

"We can't comment right now because we haven't seen the report," said Vijaya Malalasekara, chairman of the interim committee which runs the cricket board.

Cronje and two other former international captains, India's Mohammad Azharuddin and Pakistan's Salim Malik were subsequently banned for life.

Several other international players, including Sri Lankans Arjuna Ranatunga and Aravinda de Silva, are being investigated after they were named in an Indian police report on match-fixing.

Desmond Fernando, a lawyer who is conducting the local investigation, also said he needed more time to study the report.