



## Did U Know?

The red football shirt, worn by hattrick striker Geoff Hurst during the 1966 World Cup final between England and Germany, was sold for 91,750 pounds (134,393 pounds) in an auction at Christie's, London, on September 28, 2000. Hurst is the only man to have scored a hattrick in a World Cup final. From 1959 and 1972, he made over 400 league appearances and scored 180 goals, helping West Ham win the FA Cup in 1964 and the European Cup Winners' Cup the following year. Hurst's second goal in the 1966 World Cup final was one of the most controversial in World Cup history. His shot hit the crossbar and was judged to have bounced over the line by the linesman, but the validity of the goal is still a topic of debate. Hurst had made his debut against West Germany, only five months before the World Cup, and it was an injury to striker Jimmy Greaves that saw him into the side in the finals, where he scored the winner against Argentina in the quarter-finals. The shirt was sold as part of The Sir Geoff Hurst Collection of Football Memorabilia auction, which fetched 274,410 pounds (401,948 dollars) in total.



**Graham Gooch**  
(Former England cricket captain)  
"He is still a very fine bowler. Warne has had success in England before, he's got tremendous experience and he has the personality as well."



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Rahmatganj defender Kingshuk (R) clears the ball against Mohammedan striker Nakib during their Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## MSC march on

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club advanced into the semifinals of the Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup football tournament with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

But it was again a tale of two contrasting halves for the runners-up of last year, who lived dangerously during the second session to scrape through with the slender lead.

Mohammedan came from behind to take the lead in the first half with their two new recruits Monwar and Tipu scoring within a space of 14 minutes.

Rahmatganj drew the first blood in the fifteenth minute with their captain Saifur Rahman Moni heading home a low cross from his striking partner Jalal.

Jalal released a low cross from the left that caught two Mohammedan central defenders napping and Moni, who was running down the right hand post, made no mistake to put the ball into the far corner of the net past an aging custodian Bijon Barua.

But Mohammedan needed

only five minutes to level the score. The stunned loyal black and white supporters erupted into jubilation when Monwar restored parity with a blazing left-foot volley that rattled onto the net after winning a wicked deflection off Rahmatganj defender Amit Khan.

It was Monwar's second goal from as many matches. The energetic midfielder, who joined Mohammedan this year from Badda Jagorani, scored the third goal for his newly adopted side's 4-2 win over Prantik in the first match on Monday.

The popular Motijheel outfit took the lead in the 34th minute through a back volley from striker Sahajuddin Tipu. But the ruling of the referee did not satisfy the Rahmatganj players, who demanded a foul on their goalkeeper Anwar. Anwar gripped an innocent left side cross from Masud Rana, but then slipped the ball only to let a lurking Tipu to cash in on the opportunity.

But just as they did in the first match against Prantik, Mohammedan looked tired and sluggish in second half, which allowed the spirited old town outfit to give their more illustrious opposition a good run for their money.

Strangely, Mohammedan's Sri Lankan coach Pakir Ali opted to sit on the delicate advantage by tak-

ing out the lethal striking duo of Alfaz and captain Nakib in exchange of two defensive players. The play only fired up Rahmatganj, and Mohammedan were left hanging by the skin of their teeth.

And had substitute Jhony of Rahmatganj not missed a sitter five minutes into the second half, it would have been a different story.

Although Mohammedan were busy defending their fort in the second half, they still managed to create a couple of chances with Masud Rana hitting the ball against the side post in the 57th minute and Tipu's fierce shot blocked by Rahmatganj goalkeeper Anwar.

Mohammedan will take on Muktiyoddha in the championship-deciding match of Group B on Friday.

**Yellow Cards:** Selim, Milon (Rahmatganj) and Joy (Mohammedan).

**TEAMS**  
Mohammedan SC: Bijon, Papel, Faisal, Jewel, Masud Rana, Tushar, Monwar, Joy, Tipu, Alfaz (Anwar) (Shoabi) and Nakib (Narayan).

Rahmatganj MFS: Anwar, Apu, Kingshuk, Amit Khan, Jagangir, Shamim, Saiful Islam (Jhony) (Rabi), Kamruzzaman Selim, Jalal, Milon and Moni.

Referee: Abdur Rakib.

## BCB team in venue-search

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) formed a three-member inspection team headed by its Director Syed Ashraf Huiq to evaluate and assess the feasibility of holding international matches in Chittagong, Sylhet and Rajshahi when Zimbabwe tour Bangladesh in November.

The Zimbabweans are scheduled to play two Tests and a three-match one-day international series against Bangladesh during their month long tour.

However, the BCB, which is facing a serious crisis regarding international standard grounds for holding the matches, is considering Chittagong, Sylhet and Rajshahi as possible venues apart from Dhaka.

The team, which also includes BCB Directors Alam Chowdhury and Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby, will begin their task with a day long visit to Chittagong on June 1. They will travel to Sylhet on June 3 and Rajshahi on June 5.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Syed Ashraf Huiq said last night that it will be a primary inspection after which they will recommend which areas needed improvement.

"We are going there to see the available facilities so that we can take steps to improve where required before we invite an ICC inspection team who will give the final go-ahead," said Ashraf.

## Akram's last hurrah at 'home'

AGENCIES, Manchester

Wasim Akram will bid farewell to Test cricket in England on Thursday when he starts his final Test match in the country at Old Trafford.

The ground is virtually a second home for the Pakistan pace bowler, following his long association with county side Lancashire.

"I regard this as my home ground — I love the smell, the atmosphere and the surroundings of it and I know it so well that I regard it as my home just as much as Pakistan," said Wasim, who still has a house in Manchester.

"There will be (an) extra spring in my step because of that."

"I'm honoured to be playing my last Test in England at Lancashire — I couldn't have asked for anything more," he added. "I learned a lot from my time here and I want to have a memorable finish for myself and the Pakistan team."

Wasim, 35 on Sunday, has already said he will not be on Pakistan's next tour of England in 2006.

"To play my last Test match in England at this ground is perfect for me."

"I'm hoping my knowledge of the ground will help us as a team because we want to put up a much better fight of things than we did at Lord's, when we were a little under-prepared."

Wasim made his Lancashire debut in 1988 before bowing out after the 1998 season because of his World Cup commitments the following year.

He led the team to two one-day trophies in his final season before being replaced by Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan as the club's overseas signing.

## Farhad does it again

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Super-sub Farhad scored an 88th minute winner to help championship contenders Muktiyoddha Sangsad come from behind and register a hard fought 2-1 win over a spirited Prantik Krira Chakra in the Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

Farhad, the diminutive striker, who was also the architect of

Muktiyoddha's 2-0 victory over Rahmatganj in their second round Group B opener last Monday, found the net with a left foot volley after a return pass from forward Asif in the dying moments to ensure a semifinal berth for his side.

Muktiyoddha were trailing the first half 0-1 against the First Division outfit following a brilliant goal from striker Momin in the 36th minute.

The Premier Division champions brought in Farhad in the 40th minute as a replacement of Pavel.

The change proved decisive as they put sustained pressure in the second session and after a series of abortive attempts, they were finally rewarded.

Muktiyoddha went level in the 63rd minute when Prantik's substitute midfielder Lovelu handled the ball inside the box from a Rakib corner. Asif converted the spotkick.

Inspired by the equaliser, the all-reds came out with waves of attacks before Farhad struck.

Earlier, it was Prantik who had shown more enterprise.

Striker Momin, one of the three players who have scored a hattrick in the tournament along with Sohag of Victoria and Alfaz of Mohammedan, had his fifth goal of the tournament capitalising on a lapse from national custodian Aminul.

Muktiyoddha's Farhad was later adjudged as the Pepsi man-of-the-match.

With yesterday's win, Muktiyoddha are now leading the Group B table jointly along with Mohammedan Sporting Club who beat Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society 2-1 in a later match.

The giants will now face each other for the group championship tomorrow evening.

**Yellow cards:** Mohsin, Tutul, Belal (Prantik KC) and Rakib (Muktiyoddha Sangsad).

**TEAMS**  
Muktiyoddha Sangsad: Aminul, Hasan Al-Mamun, Prodeep Podar, Rajani, Lajuk, Matior Munia, Nayan, Rakib (Asad), Pavel (Farhad), Asif and Don (Manjil).



Muktiyoddha supersub Farhad (L) runs for joy after scoring the winning goal against Prantik Krira Chakra in the Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup yesterday.

## Must win for Pakistan

### Cricket

AGENCIES, Manchester

There could be no more ideal setting for Wasim Akram's last Test in this country than Old Trafford which hosts the second and final Test between England and Pakistan starting Thursday.

The Pakistan great first played here in 1987 and a year later be-

not help themselves at Lord's by playing neither off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq nor leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed.

One of them, most probably Saqlain, whose ability to turn the ball on almost any surface is well-respected in England thanks to his County Championship-winning efforts with Surrey, is likely to play this time.

Old Trafford pitches usually have something in them for most bowlers and with Manchester having experienced one of its wettest starts to the season, there should be some moisture present for the quicks to exploit.

But their bowlers' performance will count for nothing if the batsmen fail to improve on their Lord's efforts. Then they failed to adjust to top-class seam bowling from Andrew Caddick and Darren Gough on a responsive surface.

In particular star batsmen Saeed Anwar and Inzamam-ul-Haq both failed. How the tourists could do with one of them coming good now.

Should Anwar's opening partner Salim Elahi, should he be chosen, will be happy just to get a run: the luckless right-hander bagged a pair at Lord's.

England will be without captain Nasser Hussain, his finger fractured by Shoaib Akhtar, in the Rawalpindi Express' most significant act of the First Test.

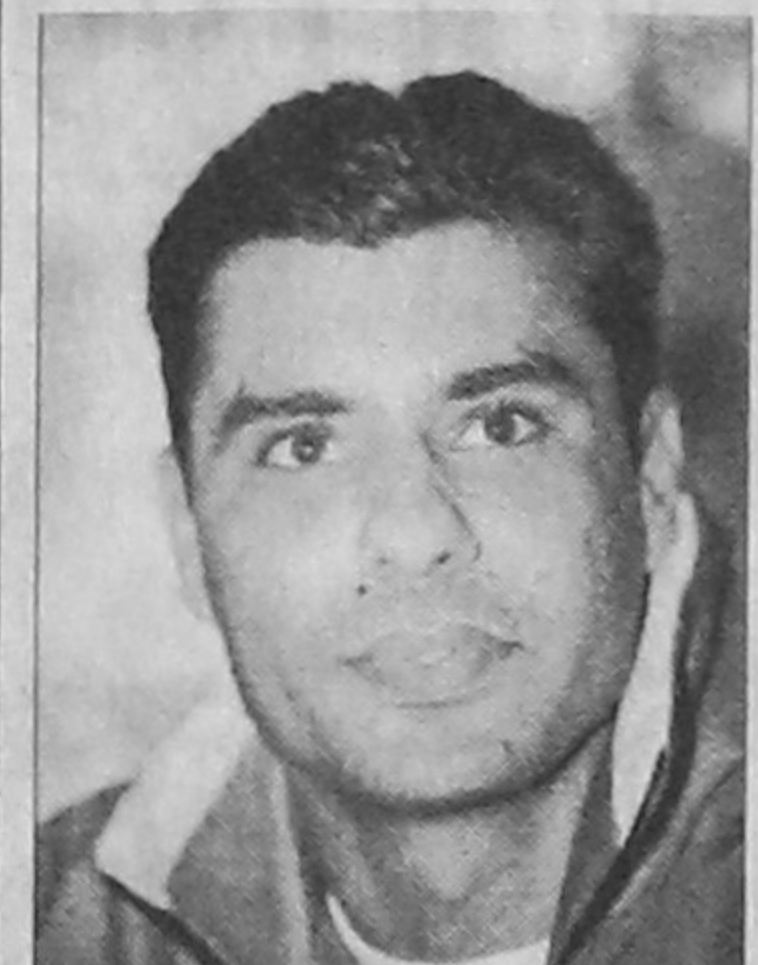
Pace bowler Matthew Hoggard, whose back trouble ruled him out of Lord's, replaces Yorkshire colleague and left-arm seamer Ryan Sidebottom in the squad.

His ability to move the ball at a lively place should see better sup-

port for Caddick and Gough if the selectors decide on a straight swap.

Victory for England would see them win five series in a row for the first time in 30 years but Lancashire, who usually host an Ashes Test when the Australians tour, reported Tuesday that only 32,000 out of a possible 76,000 tickets for the first four days had been sold in advance.

There are also fears that out-



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came Lancashire's overseas player, starting an enduring relationship that lasted a decade.

Although his county career ended in 1998, he is desperate to give the crowd something to remember him by, especially after Pakistan's lacklustre effort in losing the first Test at Lord's by an innings and nine runs.

A ludicrous schedule has reduced Pakistan to the status of Ashes appetiser. Even so they did

side problems could threaten what should be a fine sporting occasion.

Riots involving young Asians flared at the weekend in nearby Oldham, with members of the extreme right-wing National Front also believed to have stirred up trouble.

Meanwhile, Pakistan opted for an unusual eve-of-match preparation on Wednesday when they cancelled their last training session.

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## ROK feel the French heat



AFP, Taegu, South Korea

World and European champions gave South Korea a five goal football lesson in the opening match of the Confederations Cup here Wednesday as they completed a double demolition of next year's World Cup hosts.

Steve Marlet opened the scoring in his debut international start before Patrick Vieira got his first goal for France.

Nicolas Anelka then scrambled a third, Youri Djorkaeff scored a key goal boosting his career record and Sylvain Wiltord fired home in injury time to secure a 5-0 win for the world and European champions.

True to his promise to seek an emphatic result, French coach Roger Lemerre fielded five attacking players who put South Korea under immediate pressure on the gala day in front of 61,000 spectators in Taegu's World Cup stadium.

The eight nation tournament in South Korea and Japan is a rehearsal for the World Cup which will start a year from Thursday.

Japan lost 5-0 to the world champions in Paris on March 25. Korean fans, along with the side's Dutch coach Guus Hiddink, were

praying their side would not concede more.

In the end, only a penalty save by Lee Woon Jae stopped South Korea falling to a home humiliation worse than their Asian rivals.

"We must be realistic and face the fact that there is a long way to go to bridge the gap," said Hiddink of his team's performance and ability. "Some players match up and some have some deficiencies."

French coach Roger Lemerre said it was "a superb performance" by his team and that it was not noticeable two players were newcomers.

South Korea were soon given an indication of the gap between the best in Asia and those in Europe.

Marlet scored in the eighth minute.

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France's Nicolas Anelka (2nd from R) being congratulated by teammates after his strike as a dejected South Korean goalkeeper Lee Woon-Jae takes time to recover during their Confederations Cup at Taegu yesterday.

## Old Trafford says don't worry

REUTERS, Manchester

Lancashire chief executive Jim Cumbes said he did not expect the second cricket Test between England and Pakistan to be affected following nearby weekend riots between whites and Asians.

"We had a similar situation when India played Pakistan here in the World Cup in 1999," Cumbes said on Tuesday.

"There was a lot of talk about race riots and burning down the stadium but we said nothing like that would happen and we were proved right."

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## Indian bowlers on target

### Cricket

INTERNET, Mumbai

Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh took three wickets in successive overs as India's bowlers enjoyed a successful work-out on the final day at the Mutare Sports Club on Wednesday.

Singh dismissed Dirk Viljoen, Tatenda Taibu and Travis Friend to finish with three for 25 as the home side were bowled out for 175.

at lunch, conceding a first innings deficit of 161.

Craig Wishart top scored with 68 and opener Dion Ebrahim made 46, but only one batsman reached double figures.

India were relieved to see fine weather when they arrived at the ground following Tuesday's wash-out.

Zimbabwe A began on 33 for one and had only added four to their score when Ashish Nehra dismissed Hamilton Masakadza for eight.

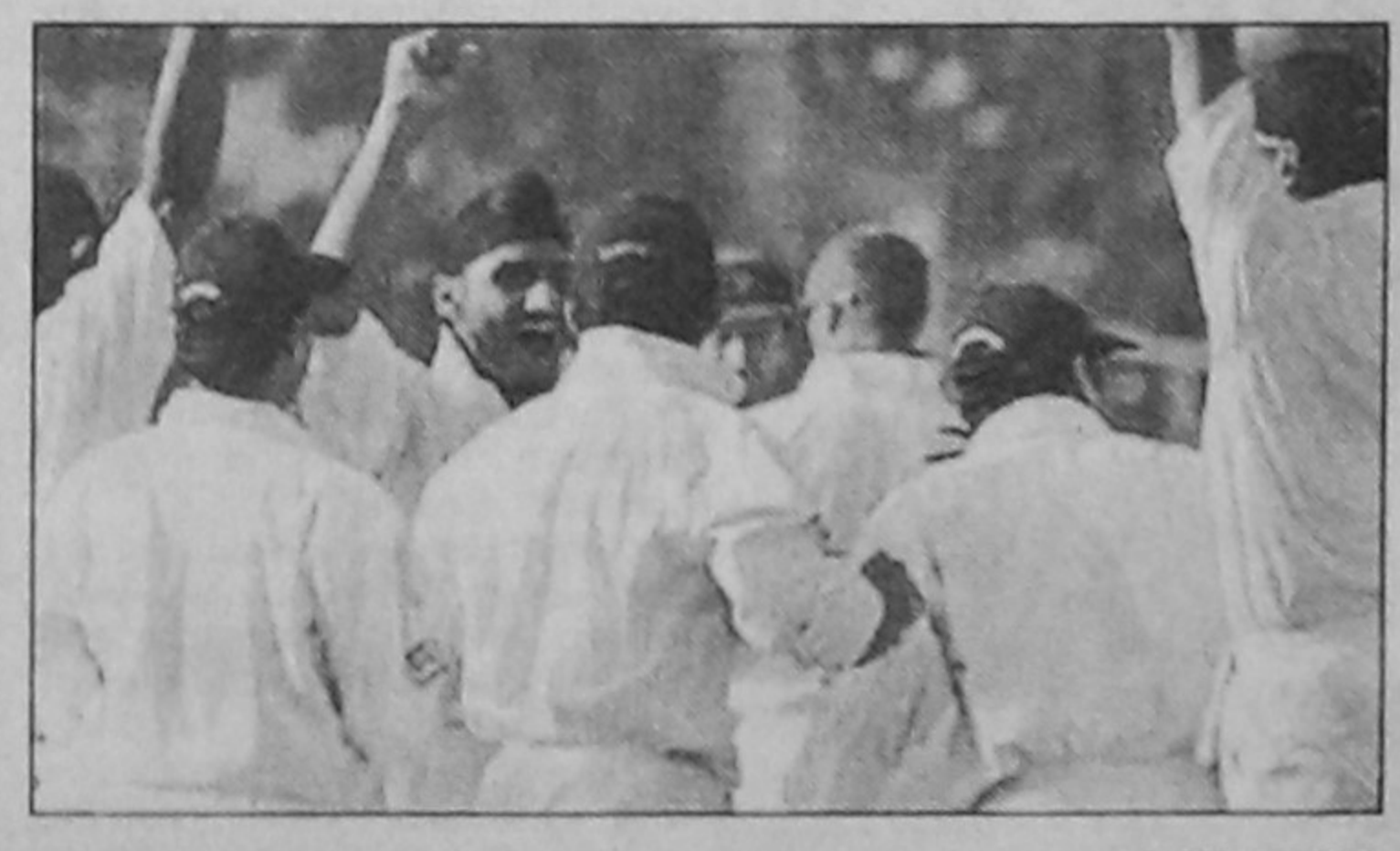
Ebrahim and Wishart kept India at bay for 23 overs in a stand of 97 before left-arm paceman Zaheer Khan removed Ebrahim with the help of a catch by Sachin Tendulkar.

Craig Evans was bowled first ball and although Viljoen denied Khan a hat-trick, he did not last long, falling lbw to Singh for five.

Wishart hit a six and 13 fours in his 85-ball innings, which came to an end when Khan found the edge of his bat and Sameer Dighie took the catch behind the wicket.

It left the home side on 139 for six and worse was to come as Singh, who took 32 wickets in three Tests against Australia earlier this year, nipped out Taibu and Friend.

Saurav Ganguly then called Nehra back into the attack and he dismissed Bryan Strang before wrapping up the innings with the wicket of last man David Mutendera, who struck three fours in his 13.



India spinner Harbhajan Singh (3rd from L) celebrates the fall of a Zimbabwe A wicket with teammates on the third day of the three-day tour at Mutare match yesterday.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at lunch on the final day of the three-day tour match between India and Zimbabwe A on Wednesday:  
**INDIA:** First innings 336-9 declared (R Dravid 137, S Dighie 87; D Mutendera 3/69)

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