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An Indian couple blessed with the birth of a baby girl on the night of their country's historic World Cup triumph in 1983, named her Prudential Singh.

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- ESPN Sportscentre Hindi 9:00 am
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Pakistan vs England Second Test Day One Highlights 1:00 pm
Serie A Perugia vs Juventus 9:30 pm

- Star Sports Pakistan vs England Second Test Day Two Highlights 6:30 am
Futball Mundial 12:00 pm
Pakistan vs England Second Test Day Two Live at 3:55 pm
Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 11:00 pm

TALK TURKEY section with a cartoon illustration of a man with a speech bubble.



Sebastian Coe (British Olympic legend) 'What makes Thorpe different from the others is not only his age and level of achievement but the tantalising prospect that he is in a position to rip apart swimming history.'

Sports WHIZZ KID

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- 1. What was the result of the one-day international series between South Africa and West Indies? 6-1 5-2 4-3
2. Who became UEFA Cup champions? Arsenal Liverpool Alaves
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Arambagh players celebrate their entry into the Federation Cup semifinals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Abahani thrown out

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra made a premature exit from the Nilot White Cement Federation Cup when the holders drew 1-1 with Arambagh Krira Sangha in their final Group A match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.

The outcome was a heart-breaking experience for sky blue supporters, who helplessly watched their beloved team bowing out of the season's curtain-raising meet at the preliminary stage for the second time since its introduction in 1980.

Abahani demise at the nascent stage was confirmed when Arambagh's Nigerian recruit Oeinu struck the killer blow midway through the second session to square a 31st minute goal from the popular Dhanmondi outfit.

It was surprising to see that Abahani could manage to score only three goals from as many games, which included a suicidal goal from Arambagh defender Shahinur on this unforgettable Thursday night.

Although Abahani finished on five points each with Arambagh and Farashganj, the defending champions were down and out by virtue of having inferior goal averages.

But Arambagh, who were the better team on the field yesterday.

made amends for that blunder with Oeinu heading home a cross from midfielder Monir.

The boys of Wazed Gazi, a long-serving Arambagh coach, erupted into euphoria when referee blew the final whistle. It was for a second consecutive time that Arambagh reached the semifinals of the Federation Cup.

While Gazi has an occasion to rejoice, his Abahani counterpart Amalek Sen has every reason to worry about his future with the club.

Abahani never looked a champion force since they started the season on the wrong foot, playing

a goal less draw with Farashganj in the opening match. They managed a 2-1 victory over Badda Jagarani, but Bakhtiar's injury-time goal for the First Division team eventually proved costly for Abahani.

The main problem Abahani had was the absence of a scorer. Their agony compounded when their Nigerian recruit Shikkan failed to deliver goods.

Shikkan again the disappointed Abahani supporters on a fast outfield yesterday. He presence on the field was only once felt when he drove a curling free-kick from the edge of the left-hand box.

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THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL: Abahani players and their manager Monem Munna (x) are in a state of shock after their elimination from the Federation Cup yesterday.

Brazil settle scores



Brazil brushed aside criticism that they were fielding a "B class" outfit by beating Cameroon 2-0 in the opening group B match of the Confederations Cup on Thursday.

Striker Washington and substitute Carlos Miguel scored the goals in a five-minute spell early in the second half for a Brazil side lacking star European-based players.

"We didn't come here for revenge. We came here to play football," said Brazilian coach Emerson Leao, referring to Brazil's defeat against Cameroon in the Sydney Olympics.

"But we did arrive here with somewhat of a loss of credibility. And for a football country like Brazil, you can never lose your credibility," Leao added.

Cameroon played well in defence in the first half but the African champions failed to take advantage, missing some good scoring chances.

"In the first half, we had some opportunities, but we were not able to convert them (into goals)," said Cameroon's French coach, Pierre Lechantre.

Salomon Olembe's long shot on goal after 21 minutes missed the target while the Brazil defence denied Parma striker Patrick Mboma a goal in the 40th.

The South American champions were a different team in the second half, speeding up their play and quickly producing results.

Carlos Miguel knows how to activate the team at the right moment," Leao said.

Washington capitalised on a long pass from midfield after 53 minutes, blasting a shot from 10 metres past Cameroon goalkeeper Boukar Alioum.

Carlos Miguel, a substitute for

Vagner, made it 2-0 with a spectacular left-foot volley just four minutes later.

The Cameroon defence were thrown into disarray by the quick play of the Brazilians and Fabio, who substituted for Vampeta, nearly scored a third with a volley after 82 minutes.

The African side failed to make any chances in the second half, relying on individual technique and showing little team work.

The match was the first played in Japan of the tournament of the country is co-hosting with South Korea as a warm-up to next year's World Cup finals.

It only attracted a crowd of 10,519, far below the capacity of

41,800 the newly built Kashima Stadium boasts. But tournament officials expressed little concern.

"It's a soccer match at 5:00 p.m. on a weekday. Even the school kids may not be back home. And you also have to remember that Japan is playing later," said one official.

Japan were playing Canada in the day's other group B match in Niigata which kicked off at 7:30 p.m. local time to a packed crowd.

TEAMS Brazil: Dida, Ze Maria, Luci (Claudio Cacapa 76), Edmilson, Leo, Leomar, Vampeta (capt.), Fabio 46), Ramon, Anderson.

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Carlos Miguel volleys home Brazil's second goal against Cameroon in the Confederations Cup yesterday.

Trevor meets A-team selectors today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket coach Trevor Chappell today is expected to discuss with selectors the basis for formation of the A teams in future.

It was learnt that the selectors want to know the Australian's opinion before they call up 25 to 30 probable players later on.

CJKS Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Rising Star Club defeated Mukti-joddha Krira Chakra by eight-wicket in the lone match of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Mukti-joddha batted first and were all out for 78 in 25 overs.

In reply, Rising reached their target in 18.3 overs losing two wickets.

BRIEF SCORES

MUKTIJUDDHA: 78 all out in 25 overs (Sohel 14, Saifullah 32, Prokash 14, extras 15; Sumon 3/3, Hasan 3/16)

RISING: 82 for 2 in 18.3 overs (Soldar 22, Harun 39, extras 10, Saiful 2/20)

Proteas getting into WC mood

AFP, Johannesburg

South Africa's national cricket team will play their first ever cricket game in a black township in the run-up to the 2003 World Cup, Cricket World Cup (CWC) boss Ali Bacher said Wednesday.

Bacher said the "Proteas" will play provincial Western Province team in one of several townships surrounding Cape Town, but did not state which one, in the run-up to the World Cup — to be held from 7 February to 19 March 2003.

For several years now, it has been a policy in South Africa cricket for visiting international teams to play matches in townships as part of their tour itineraries.

But United Cricket Board of South Africa spokeswoman Bronwyn Wilkinson confirmed Wednesday it would be the first time a South African team plays a game in a previously disadvantaged area.

Tour tie duly drawn

AFP, Mutare

India opted for extra batting practice instead of the pursuit of victory on the final day of their opening tour-match at the Mutare Sports Club Wednesday.

Having scored 336-9 declared in their first innings, Rahul Dravid making 137, the tourists put out the home side for 175.

Harbhajan Singh, Asish Nehra and Zaheer Khan took three wickets each as the home side lost nine wickets in the morning session to concede a first innings deficit of 161. When the game was called off India made 150 for 7 in their second knock.

INDIA: First innings 336-9 declared (R Dravid 137, S Dighe 87, D Mutendera 3/69)

ZIMBABWE A: First innings 175 (C Wishart 68, D Ebrahim 46; H Singh 3/25, Z Khan 3/41, A Nehra 3/41)

Table with 6 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows include Das lbw b Strang, Ramesh c Ebrahim b Friend, Luxman c Wishart b Mutendera, Tendulkar c Rennie b Mutendera, Ganguly lbw b Friend, Dighe b Friend, Zaheer run out, Harbhajan not out, Nehra not out, Extras: (nb-8), Total: (For 7 wks in 45 overs) 150.

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-22, 3-77, 4-91, 5-117, 6-118, 7-118. Did not bat: R Dravid, D Mohanty.

Result: Match drawn.

DAY'S EVENT section featuring a cartoon illustration of a man with a briefcase.

17th Federation Cup Football Tournament Rahimganj MFS v Prantik KC. (4 pm) Mohammedan SC v Mukti-joddha Sangsad (6 pm) (Bangabandhu National Stadium).

Farashganj's proud distinction

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

A two-decade wait ended for Farashganj Sporting Club when they entered the semifinals of the Nilot White Cement 17th Federation Cup with a 2-0 win over Badda Jagarani Sangsad in their last Group A match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday afternoon.

After a barren first half, midfielder Kallol and substitute Palash scored the goals to ensure a last four berth for the Premier Division outfit. This is the most significant achievement for the team that has been in the top level of local football since gaining promotion to the First Division way back in 1980.

The victory which came after two consecutive goalless draws against defending champions Abahani and Arambagh Krira Sangha enabled Farashganj to finish level on points in Group A

along with both the teams with five points apiece. But Farashganj took the runners up slot behind Arambagh pipping Abahani on goal difference.

On the other hand, it was the third successive defeat for Badda who ended their campaign at the bottom of the table.

Farashganj dominated the game from the start and were unlucky not to have scored more goals against the First Division side.

Badda, for their part had two noticeable shots on the Farashganj goal. Both were testing long-range attempts from their best player on the field Bakhtiaruddin. But Farashganj goalkeeper Biplab Bhattacharyya was equal to the task diving to his left on each occasion to save.

Farashganj took the lead just two minutes into the match when Kallol placed the ball home after being nicely fed by his captain Askar Babu from the right.

Substitute Palash sealed Badda's fate with a left foot shot capitalising on a Jalal pass from the right in the 65th minute.

The margin could have been bigger if Mithu's shot from the left corner of the box had not hit the cross piece four minutes later.

Yellow cards: Ratan and Masud (Badda Jagarani)

TEAMS Farashganj SC: Biplab, Bipul (Palash), Shawkat, Sohel Rana, Akram, Zakir, Mithu, Kallol, Askar Babu (Swapna), Jalal (Amirul) and Amin Rana.

Badda Jagarani: Faruque, Prince, Imran, Krishna, Kamal, Bakhtiar, Pranotosh, Mashuk, Haider, Mehdi and Russell (Anwar)

Referee: Ilyas Fulu.

GROUP A TABLE Table with 6 columns: Teams, M, W, D, L, GF, GA, Points. Rows include Arambagh, Farashganj, Abahani, Badda.

Bowlers' camp begins

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The five-day long workshop for the young and emerging bowlers began at the Dhanmondi Club ground on Thursday under the

supervision of TA Sekar, chief coach of the MRF Pace Foundation.

The workshop, which brought together 28 youngsters in the morning, was reduced to 16 by the afternoon.

"By the time I finish, hopefully

I'll be able to recommend eight to ten bowlers to the Board for further long-term training," said Sekar while talking to The Daily Star Sport at the BCB office in the evening.

"Bangladesh definitely has a couple of very promising bowlers. If they can be given proper attention, then they will be an asset in the future," he said.

Afterwards the MRF head coach intends to select at least four boys for a month's training at the world famous academy in Madras starting on June 17.

Talking about his academy where he has been working for the last 12 years, Sekar said it has been regarded as a nursery for many of the world's premier bowlers to develop their bowling skills.

He referred to Australia's Glenn McGrath, South Africans Roger Telemachus, Makhya Ntini, Nantie Hayward, Jagal Srinath, Debashish Mohanthy, Venkatesh Prasad and Zaheer Khan of India and Sri Lankans after 1992 as some of the school's past students.

He also paid tribute to the contribution of legendary Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee.

"Lillee has played a vital role in helping to establish the foundation as leader in the advancement of fast bowling."

The workshop will be shifted to BKSP after Friday for the last three days.



Chief coach of MRF Pace Foundation TA Sekar teaches a trainee how to grip the ball on the opening day of a five-day workshop that began at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Inzamam, Younis rebuild

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Inzamamul Haq's commanding 101 not out took Pakistan to 233 for five at tea on the first day of the

second Test against England here at Old Trafford Thursday.

The tourists' vice-captain was in superb form facing 135 balls including one six and 16 fours for his 14th Test century and his third against England.

Runs flowed at the other end

from Younis Khan, the pair sharing a stand of 141 until Younis played no stroke on the last ball of the session and was lbw for 65, giving Matthew Hoggard his first Test wicket.

Earlier, England missed a glorious chance to dismiss Inzamam. In the first full over after lunch, Inzamam on 31 was 'caught' behind by England stand-in captain and wicketkeeper Alec Stewart off Dominic Cork, only for West Indian umpire Eddie Nicholls to correctly signal no-ball.

The Derbyshire captain repeatedly pitched too short as did the rest of an attack that badly missed the presence of injured Yorkshire all-rounder Craig White.

England did have one success after the interval when Yousof Youhana was well caught at second slip by Nick Knight, in for injured England captain Nasser Hussain, off Caddick for four to leave Pakistan 92 for four.

But Inzamam was untroubled and his fifty came off 69 balls including nine fours.

Stewart eventually turned to the gentle medium pace of Marcus Trescothick, who has something of a reputation as a partnership-breaker. But Inzamam's response was to pull the Somerset opening batsman's first ball for six.

Even off-spinner Michael Vaughan's first ball was short and predictably Inzamam pulled him for four.

Younis brought up a fifty off 89 balls with another pulled boundary off Vaughan, his eighth four. Next ball he straight drove him for a magnificent six. Vaughan's two overs cost 21 runs.

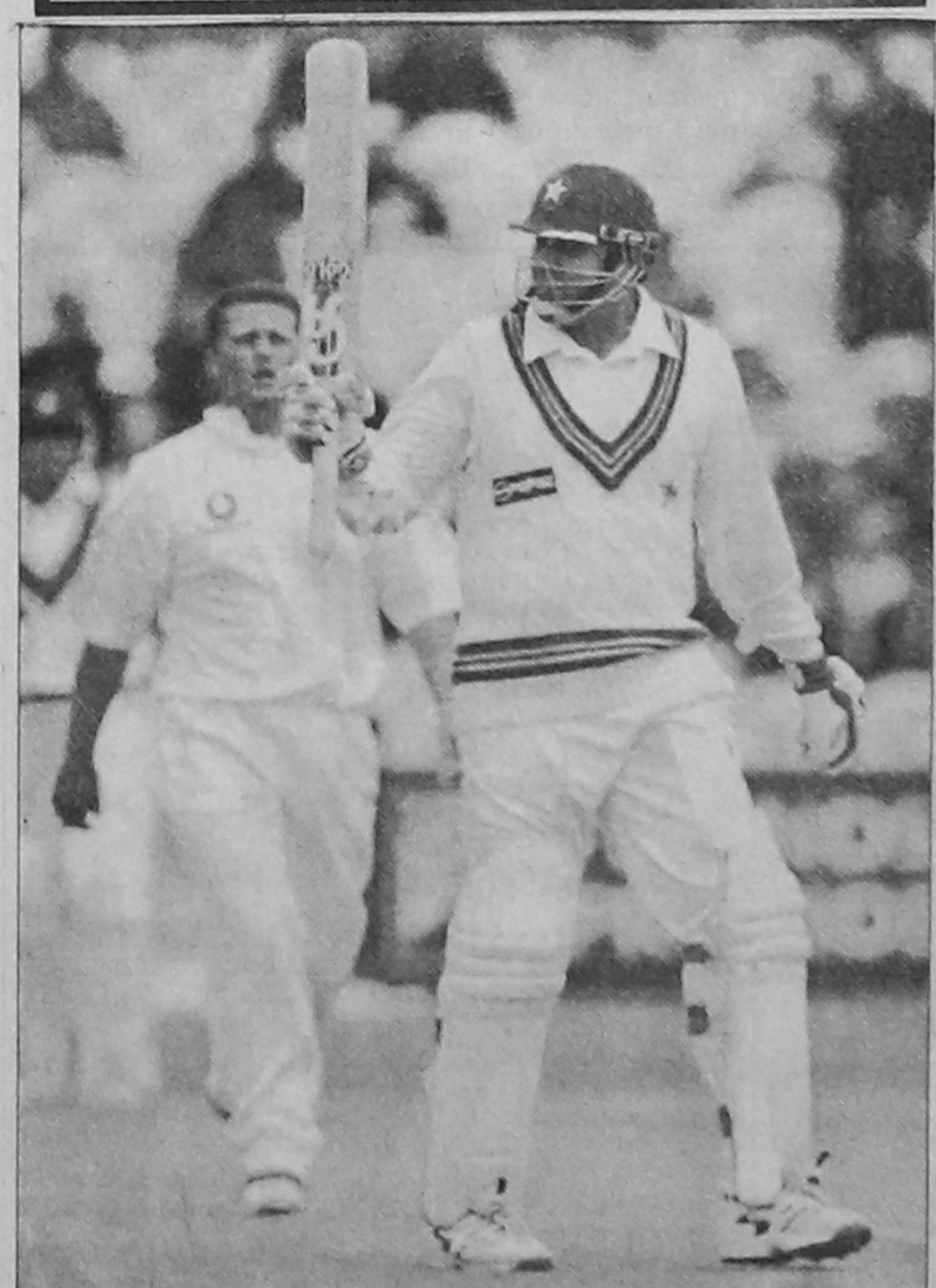
Pakistan lunched at 86 for three, Saeed Anwar out to the last ball of the session for 29.

A rising Caddick delivery took the edge and was well-caught by Michael Atherton at first slip.

Meanwhile Inzamam's opening six scoring shots all went for boundaries.

First he whipped Darren Gough through square leg for four before a classic on-drive off the same bowler brought up his

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Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq raises his bat after reaching his hundred against England at Old Trafford yesterday.