

Short size the secret!



AFP, Bridgetown

Legendary former India opener Sunil Gavaskar revealed Monday the secret of his phenomenal success against quality West Indian fast bowlers of the 1970s and '80s.

"I guess it was my height -- seriously," said Gavaskar, a 5ft 5in batsman who rose to fame with his amazing run-spree against the West Indies in his maiden Test series in 1971.

He was 21 when he compiled 774 in four Tests against Gary Sobers' West Indians with the help of four centuries at a Bradmansque average of 154.80.

Thereafter, the little master was just unstoppable as he went on to become the first batsman in Test history to score 10,000 runs before retiring with a world-record 34 centuries.

"When I say that, a lot of people think I'm saying it with my tongue in cheek. The fact of the matter is that because the West Indians were quick, every time they banded the ball in short, it would go well over my head."

Gavaskar said his height had given him an advantage over taller batsmen, who would have been fending short deliveries off their faces.

"Being short was a real big plus as far as playing the West Indian quicks was concerned," he was quoted as saying in Sunsport.

"They (fast bowlers) had to pitch the ball a lot further up to get it to bounce around my throat. Not every bowler can do that," said Gavaskar, who aggregated 2,749 runs in 27 Tests against the West Indies with 13 centuries.

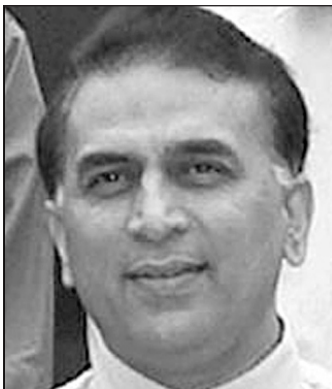
Gavaskar said it was always a

challenge to score runs against pacemen of his era and he relished playing against the West Indies.

"Those days were obviously special," said Gavaskar, now a noted TV commentator who scored 10,122 runs in 125 Tests.

"I've always enjoyed playing against the West Indies. They played their cricket hard and aggressive, but they also played in a gentlemanly manner, with none of the kind of abuse that goes on in cricket today."

The West Indies pace attack of



SUNIL GAVASKAR

the 1970s and '80s was more formidable than that of the present era, with Andy Roberts, Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner and Sylvester Clarke making lives miserable for batsmen.

Gavaskar said each fast bowler was different from the other, but he was always more careful especially against Roberts and Marshall.

"These two had the ability -- not that the others didn't -- but these two had the special ability to bowl the unplayable ball even when you are past 150," he said.

Gavaskar rated an unbeaten 117 in Barbados and 124 in Trinidad as two of his most satisfying innings of

his first tour in 1971.

His big deeds eventually inspired Trinidadian Lord Relator to pen a calypso that still revives memories of that famous tour.

"It was Gavaskar/ The real master/ Just like a wall/ We couldn't get Gavaskar at all, not at all/ You know the West Indies couldn't out/ Gavaskar at all."

"Funnily enough, I had no idea that calypso had been written until 1974," said Gavaskar.

"He (Roberts) had it on his tape and he made me listen to it (on India's tour of England). I love it. The lyrics are great. The tune is great. It's very catchy and very popular in India when it's played."

Pabna cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Radhanagar Cricket Club defeated Oviatree Club by seven wickets in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the Pabna Stadium yesterday.

Batting first, Oviatree scored 73 runs for nine in 34 overs.

In reply Radhanagar made 77 runs for three wickets in 20 overs.

BDR football

UNB, Dhaka

Khulna Sector earned a solitary goal victory over Kushtia Sector in the BDR inter-sector football competition at the BDR headquarters ground yesterday.

Rangpur Sector beat Comilla Sector 4-3 and Sylhet blanked Mymensingh 2-0 on Monday.

The final of the competition will be held on Thursday.

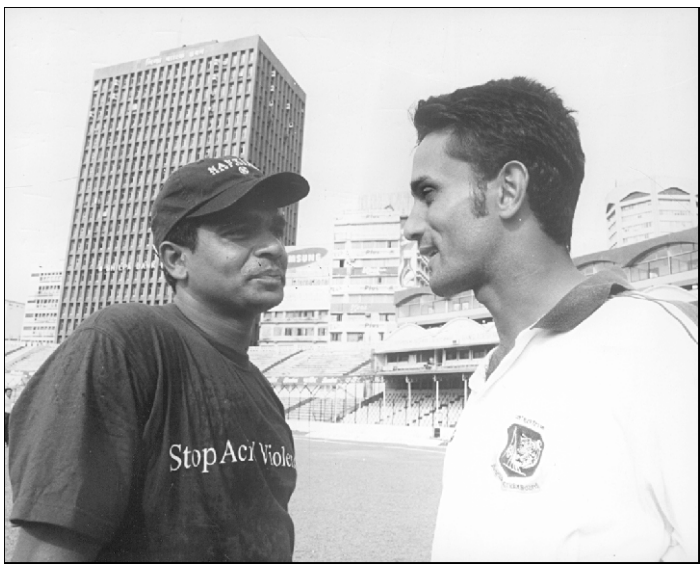


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Mashud said he took the break and came up to Aminul to congratulate him after knowing that the latter was named Bangladesh A team captain.

Waugh targets World Cup



REUTERS/AFP, Sydney

Australia's World Cup-winning captain Steve Waugh says he is battling hard to regain his place for next year's Cup defence in South Africa.

Waugh, who turns 37 next month, is also motivated to keep his Test average above 50.

"I've thought about it (the World Cup) quite a bit and I want to make sure I give it my best shot at trying to get back in there," Waugh told reporters at a book launch on Tuesday.

"I don't want to sit back in a few years' time and say, 'I wish I would've tried harder to get back into that one-day side.' I want to make sure I've done everything possible to try to get back there. I don't want to go half-hearted."

"You've got to be fit, you've got to be ready and I want to be considered if someone gets injured or the form of another player drops," Waugh said.

"I'm hoping to be first in that queue, so I've got to put myself in that position by getting runs, taking wickets if I bowl, just playing good cricket."

"If I can get the performances on the board, then you're going to be forcing the selectors' hand somewhat if a position becomes available."

Waugh said he was waiting for next week's Australian Cricket Board rankings to see if he was near to winning back a place in the one-day team.

The player rankings are decided by the Australian selectors, who rate their top 20 players in both one-dayers and Tests. The rankings are used to determine the 25 contracted players.

"I'm the same as anyone else -- performances have got to be on the board," said Waugh, who led Australia in 106 one-day internationals.

Waugh remains captain of the number one-ranked team in Test cricket after leading Australia to series victories at home and away against nearest rivals South Africa.

However, the man who played such a dominant role in Australia's successful 1999 World Cup campaign was dropped for the seven-match limited-overs series in South Africa in March and April when Australia won 5-1 under Ricky Ponting.

Waugh, who made only 95 runs at an average of 19.00 in the three-Test series in South Africa, averages exactly 50.00 from 148 Tests, including 27 centuries.

He said: "Probably in some ways, it's a bit of an incentive to keep playing well."

Pakistan

FROM PAGE 13 Mark Richardson, Lou Vincent, Chris Harris, Brooke Walker, Daryl Tuffey, Daniel Vettori, Chris Martin, Mathew Sinclair, Robbie Hart, Ian Butler and Scott Styris.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa).

Cricket-wise

FROM PAGE 13 distract other players with his preaching.

"This is all rubbish and not true. I have never been a distraction and I would never be because I know my duties to religion and the team," he said.

"Islam is a flexible religion and doesn't allow extremism. It's a peace-loving religion and I follow these lines."

"I would never play if I realise I am a burden on the team," he said.

"With the Karachi Test match I am staging a comeback and I hope I get some runs and get into the rhythm."

Asked what he would do if prayer time arrived when he was batting, he said: "I would continue to bat because I can offer prayers after I get out, there is flexibility in the religion."

"Even after I retire I would try to devote some time to cricket besides following the religion."

The new Anwar will provide a modern-day reminder of the late great English all-rounder WG Grace, who played with a long beard a hundred years ago.

What to watch

FROM PAGE 13 Repeat at 8:00 am Soccer World Cup Heroes Passarella Repeat at 12:30 pm Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Taped Version at 11:00 pm

Oh! No Romario

FROM PAGE 13 a second-place culture in this country.

"My own son said to me recently: second place is just the first of the last places. We had an excellent Cup in 1998 but the lasting impression was negative because we lost the final to France."

The episode is the latest twist in Romario's love-hate relationship with the World Cup.

Although he won the title and scored five goals in 1994, he has bitter memories of the 1990 and 1998 tournaments.

He played only one match in the latter, which took place shortly after he had broken his leg, and was axed on the eve of France '98 in tears with a nagging calf muscle injury.

Romario, who has averaged a goal a game in club football this year, had made no secret of his hopes for a third World Cup, but not even a tearful outpouring last month could persuade Scolari to change his mind.

The other notable absentee from Brazil's squad was Deportivo La Coruna's Djalmirinha, who hit the headlines last week after head-butting the Spanish club's coach Javier Irureta in training.

Scolari's list produced no other major omissions although Bayern Munich striker Elber, Sporting Lisbon's Mario Jardel and Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Ze Roberto -- who were all left out -- would probably figure in the squad of almost any other national team.

Elsewhere there were few surprises, with Scolari sticking largely to the squad which played against Portugal in a friendly last month.

Barcelona star Rivaldo was named in attack despite a persistent knee injury and erratic form at international level, while Inter Milan's Ronaldo was also called up after a return to form and fitness.

Scolari added that there was as usual a great deal of pressure on the team to do well. "I have an obligation to win the World Cup," he said. He added confidently that the players

had a real belief in themselves which would last throughout the May 31 to June 30 event after being asked what Brazilian supporters could hope for.

Scolari said he had no worries on the injury front, although Rivaldo has had nagging knee problems this season and Ronaldo is only recently back after a long-term lay-off.

"If the team doctor Jose Luis Runco tells me everything's fine, I am not at all worried about our situation. Rivaldo will play the World Cup without any problems."

Understandings between the players was at a high, added Scolari, saying he now had to fine-tune the way the team played.

"We don't lack as far as understanding between the players. I also think we have a good team which plays from the back to the wings, and allows the wingbacks to get into attacking positions."

He said he would use the same system as in the qualifiers when they had three defenders and two defensive midfielders, plus the wing backs who would continually try to move up field.

"But in any case, it's not a formation which wins matches," he said. "What brings victories are the concentration of the players, the enthusiasm within the group, and the seriousness with which they undertake their task."

Knowledge of their opponents would not be a problem, the coach added, saying all possible information on them would be made available to the team.

"We have nine full videos on how our opponents play, on all their players and tactics. When the teams gets on to the pitch, the players will know facts known by very few people."

He continued that the first match against Turkey was the most important one and that they had every fact imaginable available on the team. Brazil's other Group C opponents are China and Costa Rica.

CUP CORNER

FROM PAGE 13

many fans who like to welcome you to Japan," he continued.

English football supporters have become synonymous with hooliganism in the eyes of many Japanese due to violent clashes in the past during and after matches, most recently in Belgium during the Euro 2000 tournament.

But with the England team due to play Nigeria on June 12 in Osaka along with two other matches in Japan, the 40-member-strong club is working overtime to try and change the negative image of English supporters before they begin pouring into the country.

Takeuchi has already pioneered an 'I am not a hooligan' T-shirt campaign by making 1,000 T-shirts with the slogan emblazoned across the front in black print except for a red 'not' which sell for 1,980 yen (15.6 dollars), over the Internet.

"The T-shirts are to educate people in Japan that English and other foreign football fans are not all bad," he said, proudly sporting one.

The anti-hooligan campaign has been a huge success so far, said Takeuchi, but he remains worried that there could be some problems during the month-long tournament.

"With the England versus Nigeria game it is the last in their round so the losing team will likely be knocked out of the games, therefore I think the losing side will be very angry and so there could be trouble," he said.

The embassy spokeswoman said the crane flag would be sent to the English Football Association to pass on to the England team before they leave for World Cup warm-up training.

WORLD CUP UNDERWEAR!

Tokyo

A Japanese lingerie maker is keeping abreast of the World Cup bandwagon with a special "Hat-trick" bra designed to commemorate the finals of the football tournament here in three and a half weeks.

The cup of the brassiere, unveiled Tuesday by Triumph International Japan Inc, is covered with netting and its padding is patterned to look like a soccer ball.

It is matched with a pair of shorts embroidered with the image of a goal-keeper catching a ball.

Triumph said it will market a limited edition of 100 sets of the underwear from Friday to commemorate World Cup finals to be co-hosted by Japan and South Korea from May 31 to June 30.

The "Hat-trick" sets, priced at 17,000 yen (130 dollars) apiece, will be sold at department stores in and around Tokyo.

Triumph, a member of the German underwear giant Triumph Group, is famous for its novelty bras.

Last November it displayed a "Triumph Baseball Bra", which featured realistic fielders' mitts playing an important supportive role.

The bra, which was not for sale, was a tribute to Japanese baseball players such as US major league stars Ichiro Suzuki and Kazuhiro Sasaki. Triumph also developed the pure gold and diamond "Millennium Bra" in late 1999, which cost some 200 million yen (1.7 million dollars).



PHOTO: STAR

addresses a press conference at the NSC yesterday organised in connection with the Milk Vita 19th National Junior Athletics Championships.

Harper spurs boys on



REUTERS, Bridgetown

Coach Roger Harper has said his team is slowly reaching its full potential after West Indies beat India by 10 wickets in the third Test to level the five-match series 1-1 on Sunday.

The victory was the first in nine matches for West Indies, who had lost six out of seven Tests coming into the game at the Kensington Oval.

"This team is getting better and better," Harper said. "We're not far from being the sort of quality side we want this team to be."

He said the side had faced rough times but had finally turned a corner.

"I think this team has been going for a while. Obviously, for the media and West Indies cricket loving public not as fast as we would have liked, but the signs are

good now."

Harper, a former off-spinner, praised his bowlers for bundling India out for 102 in the first innings to set up the win.

"All credit to the bowlers, especially to Mervyn Dillon on the first morning," Harper said.

Dillon captured four wickets in each innings to walk away with the man-of-the-match award.

"He really tore the heart of the Indian batting early and turned the game for West Indies. Then all the batsmen did well, put up a big first innings total of 394 on the board, to put us in total control."

India were restricted to 296 in their second innings, leaving the West Indies to knock off just five for victory.

Captain Carl Hooper, who scored 115 for his second century of the series, said it had been one of the rare Tests where the team played as a unit.

"The good thing about this Test match is that the verdict was convincing," Hooper said.

"We outplayed India in every department of the game, which was good to see."

But the 35-year-old cautioned against complacency going into the next Test, which starts in Antigua on May 10.

India won the second Test at Port of Spain by 37 runs last month and Hooper said that match had given West Indies the belief that they could beat India.

"The game in Trinidad was much closer, maybe we should have won that game. We knew that even though we lost we were very capable of beating the Indians."

Hooper said he expected the selectors to take an unchanged team into the fourth Test, though opening batsmen Chris Gayle and Stuart Williams were struggling.

"They have obviously not done too well in this series, but I still have a lot of faith in Stuart Williams and Chris Gayle," Hooper said.

"It's up to the selectors who to pick for the next Test, but it can be hard to change a winning team."

Round 2, Draw in Khulna

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- A. *The Daily Star* Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Japan & South Korea from May 31 to June 30.
- B. There will be **SIX** rounds of competition.
- C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.
- D. Participants of all the **SIX** rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- E. For each round, a set of questions including a photographic Quiz will be published in *The Daily Star*.
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- G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners

1. Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in *The Daily Star* **Rangs Toshiba** World Cup Quiz 2002. Employees of *The Daily Star* and **Rangs Toshiba** and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
2. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in *The Daily Star*. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
3. Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
4. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
5. A person may send numerous entries for each round. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.
6. Name, address, father's name and particulars of the participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
8. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
9. Entries must reach the office of *The Daily Star* on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
10. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked **"Star World Cup Quiz 2"**.
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12. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
13. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
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Prize	Item	Model	Winner
1st	One 21" Toshiba Flat TV	CT 21D3XE	YOU
2nd	One 8.5 CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	GR R18BPT	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba Semi Auto Washing Machine	VH 7000B1	YOU
4th	One Toshiba Rice Cooker 1.8Ltr.	RC 186KE	YOU
5th	One Toshiba Dry Iron	TA-A20C	and YOU
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QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Barisal	12 April	25 April	26 April
2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May
4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June



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Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. First World Cup was played in Argentina ☐ Uruguay ☐ Brazil ☐
2. Maradona scored his 'Hand of God' goal in 1984 ☐ 1986 ☐ 1990 ☐
3. Pele played his last World Cup in 1962 ☐ 1966 ☐ 1970 ☐
4. How many World Cups were held from 1938-1950? 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐
5. Who is this?  Gullit ☐ Valderrama ☐ Higuita ☐

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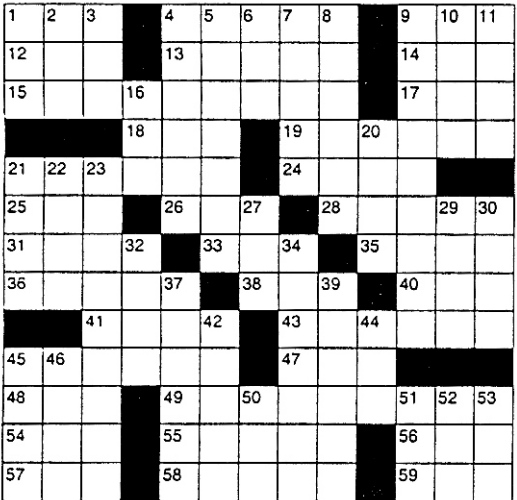
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- 4 Astronomer
- 9 Mischievous sort
- 12 Tier
- 13 Pass along
- 14 Hope-Crosby "Road" destination
- 15 Brosnan's 007 debut
- 17 Antiquated
- 18 "Doo" org.
- 19 Twisty-horned herd
- 21 Country music?
- 24 Clock-maker Thomas
- 25 Grass skirt accessory
- 26 Fresh
- 28 "Home Improvement" props
- 31 Judicial bench
- 33 Round Table address
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- 36 the other reindeer
- 38 Jewel
- 40 Old French coin
- 41 Misfortunes
- 43 Believable
- 45 Toxic waste, for short
- 47 Harlem room
- 48 Wood-shaping tool
- 49 Charlie Rich
- 54 "Bali" hole
- 55 Genuflect
- 56 Kind of vb.
- 57 Sailor's assent
- 58 Big name in mail order
- 59 Put the kibosh on
- 1 Work unit
- 2 Sticky stuff
- 3 Night bird
- 4 German city
- 5 Changes the title
- 6 Milwaukee product
- 7 19th president
- 8 Shoeplace
- 9 Locomotive
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- 21 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 22 "Hud"
- Oscar winner
- 23 Ford oldie
- 27 Peruke
- 29 Columbia athlete
- 30 Pornography
- 32 Actor
- Meat
- 37 Flat bottles
- 39 Runway VIPs
- 42 "Goose-bumps" author
- 44 Needlefish
- 45 Music to a comic's ears
- 46 "An apple --"
- 50 Meadow
- 51 Bleacherite
- 52 Overseas agent?
- 53 "Hollywood Squares" win



CRYPTOQUIP

V E K D U W D S Q G L V L A
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Solution time: 21 mins.

21 P S I T E M A L I A S
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E G A N D I S C I O D A
C O I X P O I R O B I O T
W I N C I E L L O M B A R I
E O I T A B B I A A R E
T O N E R O L L G G E E
S L I A T S E E D E I D O

The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.