



Did U Know?

The Olympic torchbearer for the 1956 Olympics was a virtually unknown 19-year-old at the time he carried the torch into the stadium at Melbourne. Ron Clarke went on to become the world's finest distance runner in the 1960s.



ESPN

England vs West Indies

First Test, Day Five

Live at 3:30 pm

Sportscenter

Live at 10:30 pm

STAR Sports

Asia Cup Cricket

India vs Pakistan

Repeat at 9:30 am

Sportsline

Live at 8:00 pm

TEN Sports

Copa America Final

Brazil vs Argentina

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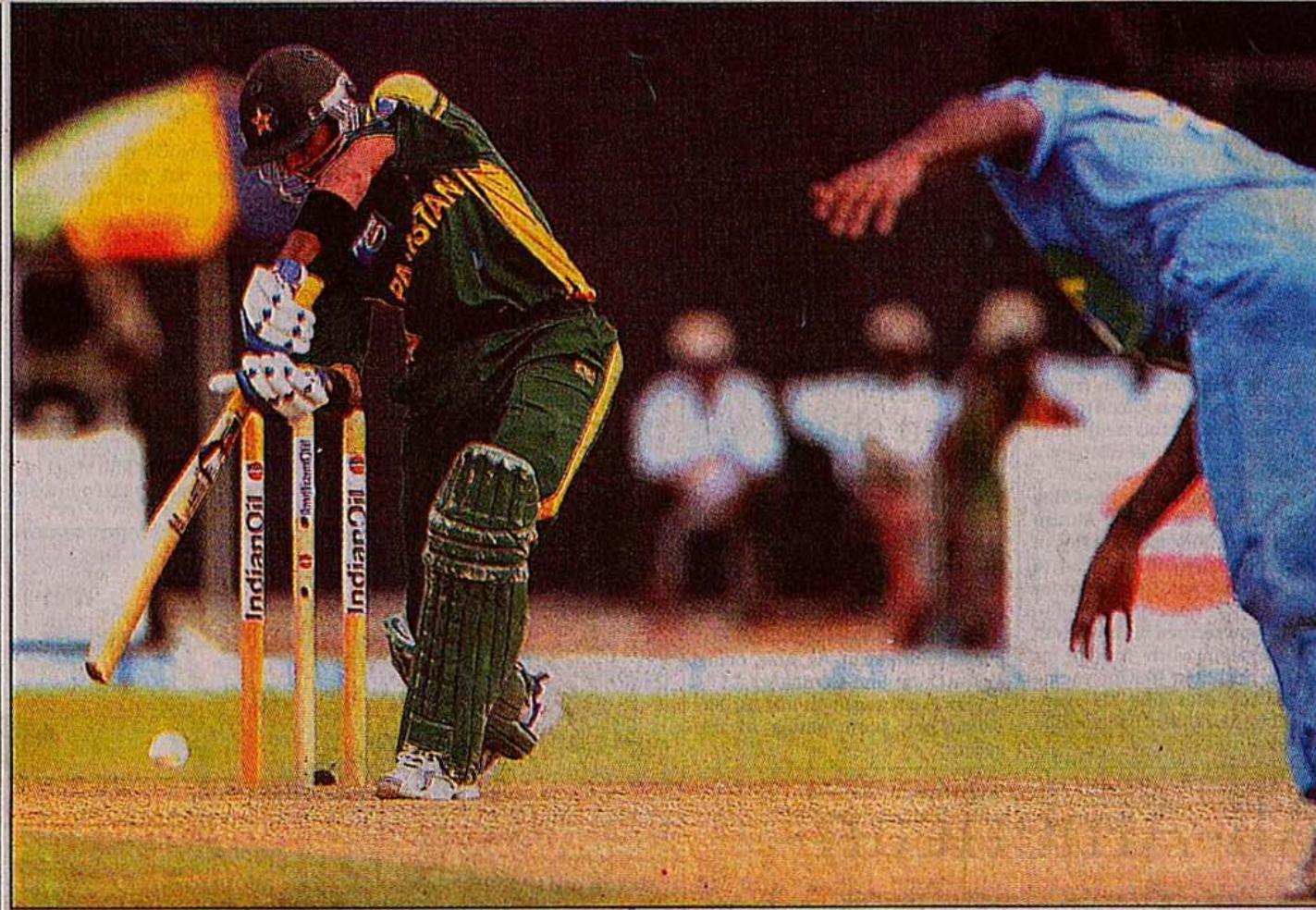


PHOTO: AFP

MARAUDING MALIK: Pakistan's Shoaib Malik, who hit a quickfire 143 off just 127 balls, here negotiating a Laxmipathy Balaji delivery during their Asia Cup super league match against India in Colombo yesterday.

Kazakhstan beat hosts

UNB, Dhaka

Champions Kazakhstan defeated Bangladesh 79-42 in the last match of the qualifying round of the Fourth FIBA Asian Championship at the Dhammadri Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

Kotenko Anton caged 32 and Mouraviev Roman 26 points respectively for the winners, who dominated the first session 46-20. Irfan scored 13 and Rashed 11 points for the losers.

Later, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed distributed prizes as the chief guest.

India emerged runners-up and hosts Bangladesh finished third in the four-team event. Kazakhstan and India qualified for the final round to be held in Tehran next September.

According to a report by Press Trust of India on Sunday, Syed Ashraf Hui, chief executive of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), stated that the tournament, which pits together all the Asian Test-playing nations, would resume in 2005 and would be held every two years.

With the Asia Cup being a biennial event as well, this would ensure that either the Test Championship or the Asia Cup is held every year.

Ashraf was in favour of including the results from the Championship matches into the official rankings, and also expressed the hope

Malik flays India

AFP, Colombo



Shoaib Malik hammered a blistering century to help Pakistan post a challenging 300-9 in the crucial Asia Cup super-league match against arch-rivals India at the Premadasa Stadium here on Sunday.

The 22-year-old cracked one six and 18 fours in his career-best 143 off just 127 balls, his fourth hundred and second of the tournament, to keep his team's hopes alive of qualifying for the final.

Pakistan are in a must-win situation after losing to Sri Lanka in the four-team super league. The hosts lead the super league standings with two wins in as many games, followed by India (1/1). Bangladesh have lost both of their matches.

Malik rose to the occasion with an aggressive century, making the most of India's mediocre bowling and shoddy fielding. He reached his half-century with a four off seamer Laxmipathy Balaji and the hundred with a six by Yuvraj Singh.

The Pakistani batsman had to wait before celebrating his century following bowler Balaji's direct hit to the non-striker's end on his follow-through. The close decision was

eventually referred to TV umpire Gamini Silva, who ruled the batsman not out.

Pakistan lost Imran Nazir in the opening over after electing to bat before being propped up by Malik who put on 103 for the second wicket with Yasin Hameed, 66 for the third with skipper Inzamam Haq, and 63 for the third with Younus Youhana.

The Indian fielding left a lot to be desired under pressure.

Hameed (31) was let off twice by Virender Sehwag before being bowled off the pads by leg-spinner Anil Kumble. Worse, the Indian ground fielding was also below par, allowing Pakistan to swell their total.

Malik showed the way by playing strokes all round the wicket, while Inzamam (34) and Youhana (29) provided valuable support.

Inzamam was caught sweeping at square-leg by Yuvraj Singh off spinner Harbhajan Singh, who was playing his first one-dayer against Pakistan.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings against India in the Asia Cup super league match at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday:

PAKISTAN

	Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nazir lbw b Pathan	1				
Hameed b Kumble	31				
Malik c Kaif b Tendulkar	143				
Inzamam c Yuvraj b Harbhajan	34				
Youhana c Kaif b Kumble	29				
Razzaq b Pathan	22				
Moin c Harbhajan b Pathan	14				
Sami c Kaif b Tendulkar	1				
Akhtar not out	0				
Extras: (lb-6, nb-4, w-11)	21				
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	300				
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-105, 3-171, 4-234, 5-277, 6-286, 7-296, 8-300, 9-300					
Did not bat: Shabbir					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Pathan	10	0	52	3	
Balaji	7	0	61	0	
Nehra	8	1	54	0	
Harbhajan	10	0	50	1	
Kumble	10	0	49	2	
Tendulkar	5	0	28	3	
INDIA: Ganguly, Tendulkar, Sehwag, Dravid, Yuvraj, Kait, Pathan, Balaji, Nehra, Harbhajan, Kumble, Toss: Pakistan.					
Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Billy Doctrove (West Indies).					

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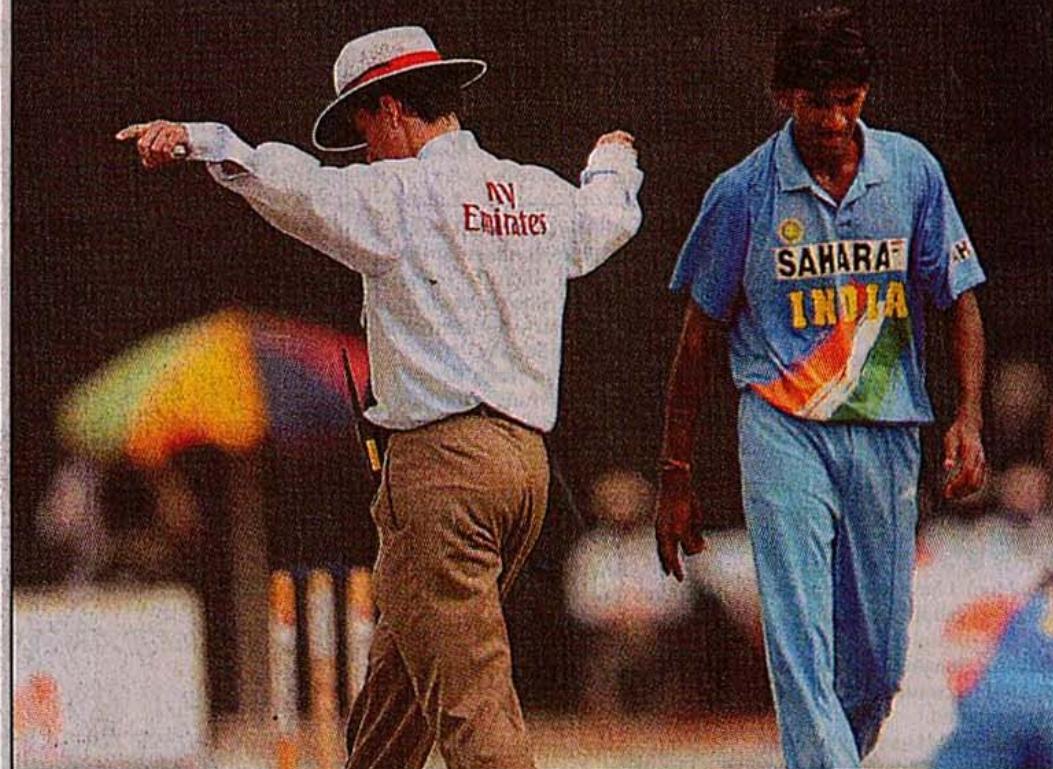


PHOTO: AFP

YOU ARE WIDE: Kiwi umpire Billy Bowden signals a wide off Indian paceman Laxmipathy Balaji, who went for 61 in 7 overs, at Colombo yesterday.

Nafees & Nafees pilot U-19s

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Under-19 team thrived on two beefy half-centuries by openers Nafees Iqbal and Nafees Ahmed to overtake an impressive ECB XI first innings total on the second day of the three-day match at Loughborough University ground in Leicester on Saturday.

Resuming on 42 for no loss, the tourists raced to 338-8 in 90 overs before declaring just after tea. The home side scored 337 before being all out in 94 overs on the opening day.

The lead of one run gave the Bangladesh youths a chance to go when the home side started their second essay. But two early dropped catches allowed ECB XI to finish on 55-1 going into the final day.

Earlier, Nafees Iqbal and Nafees Ahmed had given the Bangladesh Under-19 team a flying start, putting on 165. Iqbal, the senior of the two Nafees, scored a swashbuckling 93 off 98 balls. The junior Nafees also scored an enterprising 76.

Aftab Ahmed and wicketkeeper-batsman Dhaman Gosh added 58 before the former was out hooking in the first over after lunch to fall for 26. It was a disappointing end to a promising start for the dashing right-hander from Chittagong.

Dhaman chipped in with an important 43 while left-arm spinner Nadif Chowdhury followed up his five-wicket haul with an entertaining 23.

Nadif also picked up the only wicket to fall in the second innings.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ECB XI: First innings 337 all out in 94 overs.

BD U-19: First innings 338-8 in 90 overs (Nafees Iqbal, 93 Nafees Ahmed 76, Aftab 26, Dhaman 43, Nadif 23, Nazim Uddin 11, Shamsur Rahman 27, Mushfiqur Rahim 30 not out)

ECB XI: Second innings 55-1 in 20 overs.

One of C'paul's best hundreds

REUTERS, London

West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul believes his 128 not out in the first Test against England at Lord's on Saturday is one of his best and still might not be in vain.

The Guyanese left-hander notched his 11th Test hundred and first at Lord's to lead the touring side to 416 all out on Day Three.

"It's a dream. I'd say it is one of my best," he said.

Chanderpaul barely put a foot wrong striking 15 fours in 270 balls but England's Andrew Flintoff took three for 25 as the 29-year-old was left stranded.

"It was a good spell from Flintoff and we were sticking it out as long as we could," he said. "I would have

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LIFE IN LANKA

AL MUSABBIR SADI from Colombo

because of you."

ARE YOU JOURNALISTS? The Premadasa Stadium looked different yesterday when the 35,000-seater hosted its first ever India-Pakistan match.

The Sunday crowd was big and the flavour of the clash of the titans was already in the air. Naturally, security which was light during the previous matches, was tightened. Mounted police were guarding the main gates and security checks at the entrances took longer than usual.

Still, two Pakistanis -- claiming themselves to be journalists -- got through the security men without accreditation. Just before entering the press box, they were stopped by Sri Lanka Cricket's media manager Ray Illangakoon.

"They showed me their ID cards which looked suspicious. Moreover, they had not applied before," he told this correspondent while instructing the guards to be more careful.

The pair later went to buy tickets and saw the game from the stands.

FOOD HOMESTYLE

Sri Lankan cricketers are not the only ones who are having home-cooked food during the Asia Cup.

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I'M HERE WITH YOU: An Indian fan waves the national colours while watching the Indo-Pak Asia Cup clash yesterday.

Vaughan hits second ton

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Michael Vaughan became only the third man in history to make hundreds in both innings of a Lord's Test here Sunday before leaving West Indies a target of 478 for victory.

At tea, on the fourth day of the first Test of four, England had declared on 325 for five with Vaughan 101 not out after his first innings 103.

Together with all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, who made a rapid 58, he put on 92 in 69 balls during a blistering stand.

Vaughan followed West Indies great George Headley, who scored 106 and 107 in 1939 and England's Graham Gooch who made 333 and 123 against India in 1990.

He was only the second England batsman to make hundreds in both innings of a Test against the West Indies after Alec Stewart (118 and 143) at Bridgetown, Barbados, in 1993-94.

Only seven other Englishman

before Vaughan had made hundreds in both innings of a Test match.

England started the second session on 165 for three, a lead of 317, with Vaughan 23 not out and Graham Thorpe 25 not out. West Indies had taken three quick wickets.

Vaughan upped the tempo by smashing Pedro Collins out of the attack with four fours in one over, the left-armers 13th over costing 18 runs in total.

During the course of this onslaught Vaughan brought up his fifty off 102 balls with his sixth four, through midwicket, and later drove the bowler straight down the ground and into the Pavilion railings for another boundary.

An increasingly slow pitch was taking turn and Brian Lara, the West Indies captain, opted for spin at both ends in the shape of Chris Gayle (off-breaks) and Ramnaresh Sarwan (leg-breaks).

Specialist off-spinner Omari Banks had bowled tidily before lunch - 16 overs for 45 runs - and Gayle caught and bowled left-hander Thorpe for 38.

England were now 233 for four, a

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Cricket Quiz 11

Which batsman of Bangladesh National Cricket Team scored the first century in ODI?