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Sidhuism

All of what you will see below is true and actual quotes of Mr Navjot Singh Sidhu. At his witty best, its not hard to imagine why he got sacked from espn-star team

-Compiled by Suhas Londhe

Experience is like a comb that life gives you when you are bald.

Statistics are like mini skirts, they reveal more than what they hide.

The Indians are going to beat the Kiwis! Let me tell you, my friend that the Kiwi is the only bird in the whole world, which does not have wings!

Indian wickets are like bicycles in a stand if one fell all of them fell.

Inzamam: He'll dump you in the middle of a river while taking a run.

Sir Geoffrey Boycott: He is racing with me, in my spanking new car, on his old bike which has lost its chain.(He ain't going any where).He started at the bottom and is still there.(On his 6 consecutive wins in super selector game.)

Indian Tail-enders: Give them a long rope and they will hang themselves from it.

Great Indian Batting line up: The potential is not to be on the paper but on the grass in the middle.

Virender Sehwag: Today they say that he bats like Sachin but one day they will say he batted like Sehwag.

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Report by Gautam Kini



25th June 1983: This day is a landmark in the history of Indian cricket. It was on this day that India asserted themselves on the world as a cricketing force. I can still see myself jumping around in glee watching this fantastic spectacle pan out on my black and white EC TV (*Leading TV in India that time..mind it !!*). I don't think the team as well as the country knew the enormity of this achievement. Kapil's catch, Srikant's square cuts, Kirmani's catch, Marshall lying on ground distraught. These sweet memories still give me goose bumps as I write this note. For long I had been searching for clippings from newspapers that covered this event. I finally got them on Indiatimes which I have reproduced below. It's nostalgic and gives interesting perspective of what happened then.

So with great pride and heavy nostalgia I present the "**1983 WORLD CUP 25th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**" a CCC Bulletin Bumper Edition.

SILLY POINT : Books written by cricket players.

- Foolproof Fielding - Saurav Ganguly
- My Maiden Test Century- Courtney Walsh (only the covers printed so far)
- Every Which Way But The Stumps - Indian fielders
- Big Hitting - Rahul Dravid
- Javagal Srinath's Fitness Secrets



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TRIVIA (contd)

- # Reetinder Singh Sodhi: Young Ricky will fight a rattlesnake and give him the first two bites!
- # Tendular(injured):A fallen light house is more dangerous then the reef.
- # Deep Dasgupta; is as confused as a child in a topless bar!
- # Deep Dasgupta is not a Wicket Keeper, he is a goal keeper. He must be given a free transfer to Manchester United.
- # Ganguly: called Dravid for a run and midway sent him back and Dravid was runout "Ganguly has thrown a drowning man both ends of the rope."
- # Eddie Nichols (The Umpire) is a man who cannot find his own buttocks with his two hands."
- # Tendulkar shot played off his toes... "he played that like a dwarf at a urinal"...
- # On Harbhajan Singh brought back into The attack "Gamblers they Are like Toilets BROKE one Day Flush The Next day"
- # When Atapattu ran Jayasuriya out; He has thrown him to the wolves.
- # Navjot Sidhu on meeting the ghost 'Lilley of Limlay Castle') I was dropping bricks in my pants!!!!!!!
- # Ashish Nehra facing fast bowling: His legs are like an octopus jumping from a tree.
- # Kaluwitharna; He is like Indian three-wheeler which will suck a lot of diesel but cannot go beyond 30!
- # Dravid nicked Bond through the slips for 4: That's Ok from Bond, in order to catch a trout you must be prepared to lose a fly.
- # To Martin Crowe: Wickets are like wives - you never know which way they will turn!!!

Columbus Cricket Club vs Nationwide CC

(MCT-2008 Match Report: Game 4)

Match Report by Abhijeet Deshpande/ Amit Jain

Played at Nationwide Grounds, on Jun 21 2008 11:00AM
Result CCC Lose to NCC by 15 runs (D&L method)

After a good winning run in MCT-2008, CCC had an awakening of some sorts when they played Nationwide on their home ground. NCC opted to bat first after winning the toss and for the very first time in the tournament, CCC did not get any wickets with the new ball. Perhaps this led to the CCC bowlers trying extra hard to get the wickets and in turn losing their focus on the basics of line and length. However, it should be mentioned here that this was the first off-color performance by the opening bowlers so far in this season. Everyone is bound to have an off day or two. Although NCC was just hovering around the 4-5 runs an over till the end of the second session, the top order batsmen had done their job quite well - had preserved wickets for the last session outburst. Neerukonda grabbed Sanjay and then Praveen (45) who seemed in good touch. Abhi bowled a tight line from one end grabbing Muddala (23) and Deepak (29) but NCC smartly just blocked his side up while taking on the other bowlers. Amal (40*) and Anand (31*) slogged heartily in the last session to take NCC to a healthy 220/5 in 35 overs - quite a disappointing bowling display by a bowling-heavy CCC side.

CCC began their innings with quite a flair with Atrej and Voruganti scoring 21 runs in the first over itself. But this joy didnt last for long. Atrej, however, fell in the first over itself. Gowtham continued to play with dominance before Abhi played all over an in-swinging from Anand and was castled. Gowtham then fell to a half-shot and a catch at point and Jain followed thanks to a superb catch in gully. Sunny and Bharat seemed to be well on track however, it looked like patience was a virtue that was amiss amongst the CCC batters on the day. Bharat fell to a catch on the line while trying to clear the cover boundary and Sunny followed while attempting to clear the longest boundary on the ground at long on. One of these two set batsmen should have taken the responsibility to see the team through and it seemed like a lost cause at this point. But Senthil played superbly to revive some hopes in the CCC camp with some brilliant hits that cleared the boundaries by quite a distance. It was when CCC required 37 runs in 3 overs when the clouds opened up and further play was ruled impossible by the umpire.

CCC's target with the D/L method at the 32.3 over mark would have been 203 and they were 187/8 when the game was abandoned. CCC lost by the D/L method by 15 runs thus ending their winning streak in MCT-2008.

Player of the match: Sanketh Ravel

BRAIN TEASER:

126 - A number related to record for 1983 World Cup. Can you throw some light on the importance of this number?

Send answers to gautam.kini@gmail.com 1st 3 correct responses get mention in next week's bulletin

Last Weeks Answer

SUNIL GAVASKAR.

Abhijeet Deshpande & Sreedhar Neerukonda got it right.



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It was magnificent! It was Kapil

By K. N. PRABHU

LONDON, June 18:

It was magnificent but not war said a French general as he watched the light brigade in action during the Crimean war at Balaclava. That phrase expresses what one felt as news of Kapil Dev's glorious innings against Zimbabwe at Tunbridge Wells was conveyed to us in the Lord's press box. At five down for a merely 17 India were beaten to their knees, beaten to all the world. But not Kapil Dev, who was 175 not out in a score of 266 when the innings

At Derby, Sri Lanka beat New Zealand by three wickets.

Scores: New Zealand 181 (58.2 overs), Sri Lanka 184 for seven (52.5 overs).

At Manchester, England beat Pakistan by seven wickets. Scores: Pakistan 232 for eight, England 233 for three (57.2 overs).

ended. It was the highest score in the world cup and undoubtedly the finest Inning every played in the competition.

(India dismissed Zimbabwe for 234 to score an incredible win and thus take their points tally to 12).

Apart from anything it gave India the chance of winning a match which seemed irretrievably lost. India's batting has invariably depended on a chosen few: Gavaskar, Vishwanath and the other day Mohinder — and Kapil too has contributed handsomely with the bat.

This morning with seven men gone for 78 Kapil found a willing ally in Binny, in an eighth-wicket stand of 62 runs. Then Madan responded suitably as Kapil scattered the Zimbabwe bowling in a lively stand with Kirmani. It was an innings out of this world: swashbuckling and magnificent.

AP adds: India made a disastrous start, losing five wickets for 19 runs in 13 overs

Peter Rawson, the Zimbabwe pacesetter, snapped up two of the wickets and Kevin Curran got the third, with the aid of a brilliant catch by Ian Butchart.



Kapil Dev... a hurricane
175 not out.

With the last ball of the first over Rawson trapped Gavaskar lbw without a run on the board.

In the fifth over, Rawson struck again with a fine delivery which came back at Amarnath, caught the inside edge and was taken by wicket-keeper Houghton.

There was obviously movement in the wicket for the bowlers and in the sixth over Srikanth drove at Curran, skied the ball and Butchart ran from mid-off to extra cover to take a brilliant catch.

India lost her fourth wicket at nine off the last ball of the tenth over when Patil, trying to turn Curran down the leg side, became Houghton's second victim.

Yashpal turned Rawson to the square leg boundary and then on the 27th over, when Binny swept at Traicos and was lbw.

One run later, in the next over, Shastri drove at Fletcher and was caught at cover by Pycroft.

Kapil Dev went on the attack after lunch and took the Zimbabwe bowling apart. He and Madan Lal made their stand worth 62 off 16 overs before at 140 Curran had Madan Lal caught by Houghton.

Kirmani then aided Kapil to add 126 for the unbeaten eighth wicket stand.

The innings ended with India on 266 for 8 and Kapil Dev not out 175 — a new world cup record. The previous best was 171 scored by Glenn Turner for New Zealand against East Africa in 1975.

India: Gavaskar lbw b Rawson 0, K. Srikanth c Butchart b Curran 0, M. Amarnath c Houghton b Rawson 5, S. M. Patil c Houghton b Curran 1, Yashpal Sharma c Houghton b Rawson 9, Kapil Dev not out 175, R. M. H. Binny lbw b Traicos 22, R. J. Shastri c Pycroft b Fletcher 1, Madan Lal c Houghton b Curran 17, S. M. H. Kirmani not out 24, Extras 12. Total (8 wks—60 overs) 266.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 0, 2 for 6, 3 for 6, 4 for 9, 5 for 17, 6 for 77, 7 for 78, 8 for 140.

Bowling: Rawson 12-4-47-3, Curran 12-1-65-3, Butchart 12-2-38-0, Fletcher 12-2-59-1, Traicos 12-0-45-1.

India's chances

LONDON, June 24 (AFP).

UNDERDOGS India are quietly confident they can overturn the form book and beat West Indies to lift the World Cup at Lord's here on Saturday.

That confidence stems from their two victories over the West Indians this year coupled with the wins against England and Australia.

Much will depend, however, on the state of the wicket, according to Yashpal Sharma whose fighting 61 helped India beat England in the semi-finals at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

The Manchester pitch suited India's mixed bunch of medium bowlers but a lively Lord's pitch would virtually hand the World Cup to the West Indian battery of four pace bowlers.

Playing the final will be a totally new experience for the Indians, until recently most inexperienced in the special skills of limited-over cricket. Their opponents, the mighty West Indies,

have played and won both previous finals and won them quite comfortably, adds PTI.

In the final of the inaugural competition, in 1975, they beat Australia by the seemingly narrow margin of only 17 runs. On the next occasion, in 1979, West Indies faced England, whose bowling was ruthlessly put to the sword by Viv Richards in making a hundred and the ebullient Collis King.

Seven of the championship side of 1979 will be in West Indies ranks again tomorrow. Experience and a wealth of fast bowling are the major assets of the West Indians.

India have beaten the West Indies twice in their last four meetings in limited overs cricket.

Hopes of India providing another shock would have been stronger if their opening pair, Sunil Gavaskar and Srikanth, provided more reliable in the earlier matches and also if their fielding did not fall so much below the standards of the other teams. The possibility of unfancied India staging another upset cannot be ruled out.

India's best chance would seem to lie in batting first, batting consistently down the order, as they did in the semi-finals against England, and making West Indies chase a sizeable total. But if they did choose to bat, India would have to contend with a bit of life in the pitch as there always is at Lord's in the morning.

Judging by form, both sides should field the same eleven as they did in their respective semi-finals. In the final group match, against Australia, and against England, all-rounder Kiru Azad, who did not play at all before then, proved a valued member of the Indian side.

Tomorrow, he will have to bowl his off-breaks with fine judgment against the West Indies, particularly against Viv Richards who, possibly, is the greatest stroke-maker on the leg side that the game has ever known.

Indian spirits have been lifted by enthusiastic support from the stands of local Indians, whose representation has grown with each success. Unfortunately, it will be numerically small at the final, for tickets were sold out many months ago.





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Incredible win for India

Fairy-tale end to World Cup thriller

LONDON, June 25.

INDIA won the World Cup cricket final at Lord's today, in an astonishing reversal of the book of form, beating the heavily-fancied West Indies by 43 runs in a rip-roaring thriller which could only belong to the realms of fantasy.

Put in to bat and dismissed for a modest total of 183,

chest Indian patriot, among the thousands that virtually laid seige to the Lord's pavilion in ecstasy, could not have foreseen this fairytale result, though, when the West Indies had passed fifty for the loss of just one wicket and looked clear-cut winners, with their star batsman, Vivian Richards in glorious command.

But the unfancied underdogs who had conquered England in the semi-final against all expectations, turned in an even greater display of grit, determination and willpower to produce one of the most spectacular sports triumphs for India.

As against England, it was again perfect teamwork that landed the coveted World Cup for India, but even so a single hero emerged. He was appropriately Mohinder Amarnath, who has played a stellar role in India's cricket renaissance in recent months. With a magnificent spell of three for 12 in seven overs, he it was who delivered the coup d'grace at a time when the West Indian tailenders looked like frustrating India's designs. Fittingly,

Mohinder was named the man of the match, a distinction he was achieving for the second successive time, having earned that honour in the semi-final against England.

Understandably the Indian players were overwhelmed by the spontaneous joy abroad. Kapil Dev uncorked champagne bottles galore from the balcony while the wildy delirious Indians waved the tricolour aloft from below. There were several placards extol-



Kapil Dev

Kapil Dev's men of miracle achieved the incredible, routing the West Indies, bidding for their third successive world cup title, for a beggarly 140 in 52 overs. The stau-

President greets victorious team

NEW DELHI, June 25 (PTI): The President, Mr Zail Singh, congratulated the Indian team and Kapil Dev and said in a message that it was a "magnificent victory and by winning the world championship we are all proud of you."



Mohinder Amarnath... man of the match.

ling the victors, the prominent being the one which carried in bold letters "Kapil the curry king".

In the morning, the Indians had disappointed their countless supporters by their feeble batting display. Despite starting on a disastrous note, losing Sunil Gavaskar with only two runs on the board in only the fifth over of the day, India steadied themselves up with a fighting 57-runs stand between Mohinder Amarnath and Srikanth. The Tamil Nadu youngster adopted his



Madan Lal... three wickets



K. Srikanth



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Mohinder provided the vital break

typical hold methods and made an aggressive 38.

There was, however, an inexplicable collapse after the exit of Srikanth, trouble of their own making, well as Andy Roberts, Garner and Holding bowled. In the event the score of 183 was regarded as totally inadequate against the powerful batting battery of the West Indies.

Although the West Indies also started poorly, Gordon Greenidge being out offering no stroke, the authoritative partnership between Vivian Richards, their star batsman and Desmond Haynes suggested an easy Caribbean victory.

It was at this stage that doughty Madan Lal struck. He had Haynes caught by Binny and more important, had Richards caught in the deep by Kapil Dev. Skipper Lloyd, employing a runner and batting in agony was then consumed after Madan had dismissed Larry Gomes caught by Gavaskar. At tea the West Indies were struggling at 76 for five.

After tea, India were given anxious moments by the stubborn Dujon and Malcolm Marshall. A judicious switch in bowling by Kapil, who brought on Mohinder Amarnath at a crucial stage clicked and the Indians coasted to an astounding victory.

The win was worth 20,000 pounds (30,000 dollars) to the Indian win-

ners and 10,000 pounds (15,000 dollars) to the West Indies.

India were unable to last their allotment of 60 overs. It was the same sad scenario all over again. At lunch with 100 for four off 32 overs they had the batting to put up a tolerable score. But the remaining wickets fell for the addition of 83 runs off 22.4 overs. For the West Indies always had a pair of pace bowlers to resume fresh to polish off the rest.

And yet at the start of the day one was reminded of the West Indies calypso: "Cricket lovely cricket, at Lord's where I saw it." That could well have been a theme song to accompany the tenor of the Indian innings. For after Gavaskar, as diffident as ever outside the off-stump, had gone to a catch at the wicket off Roberts, the boundaries, brimming over with a full house, literally started humming.

Srikanth made 38 off 57 balls with seven fours and a six off Roberts, before he was lbw to Marshall while attempting a forcing outside stroke.

It was a pedigree innings. No "airy fairy" shots, but all off the meat of the bat. The cover-drive off Garner, played chest high almost airborne, like McEnroe serving, was out of this world. And the square-cut, on bended knee off Roberts, reminded one of the classic picture of C. K. Nayudu and Constantine.

After Srikanth's dismissal Mohinder and Yashpal held out hopes of steadying the innings. Yet, within the stroke of lunch, both were gone.

Mohinder was bowled by Holding for a steady 26 and Yashpal, believing there were easy runs to be had off Gomes, was caught by substitute Logie at mid wicket for 11.

1 for 90, 4 for 92, 5 for 110, 6 for 111, 7 for 130, 8 for 151, 9 for 161.

Bowling: Roberts 10-2-32-3; Garner 12-4-24-1; Marshall 11-1-24-1; Holding 9-4-2-26-2; Gomes 11-1-49-2; Richards 1-0-8-0.

West Indies: C. G. Greenidge b Sandhu 1, D. L. Haynes c Binny b Madan Lal 13, I. V. A. Richards c Kapil Dev b Madan Lal 33, C. H. Lloyd c Kapil Dev b Binny 8, H. A. Gomes c Gavaskar b Madan Lal 5, S. F. A. Bacchus c Kirmani b Sandhu 8, P. J. Dujon b Amarnath 25, M. D. Marshall c Gavaskar b Amarnath 18, A. M. F. Roberts lbw b Kapil Dev 4, J. Garner not out 5, M. A. Holding lbw b Amarnath 6, Extras 14. Total fall out—52 overs 140.

Fall of wicket: 1 for 5, 2 for 50, 3 for 57, 4 for 66, 5 for 66, 6 for 76, 7 for 119, 8 for 124, 9 for 126.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 11-4-21-1, Sandhu 9-1-32-2, Madan Lal 12-2-31-3, Binny 10-1-23-1, Amarnath 7-0-12-3, Azad 3-0-7-0.





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Kapil Dev, captain of the Indian cricket team, with the Prudential Cup after winning the match. (Picture taken from TV).

Champagne and bhangra

LONDON, June 26:

JUBILANT Indian players and their supporters celebrated India's sensational win in the World Cup with champagne and 'bhangra' till early hours of this morning.

Pakistani players Sarfaraz and Abdul Qadir joined the Indian team for sometime in dancing to the beat of a drum at a hotel overlooking Lord's, scene of India's triumph over the West Indies.

A giant champagne bottle which went with the man-of-the-match award for Mohinder Amarnath was emptied quickly as the Indian team and its ecstatic supporters celebrated for several hours after the historic victory.

Immediately after India's victory, Clive Lloyd and all members of his team went to the Indian dressing room to offer their congratulations.

P.M.'s congrats

NEW DELHI, June 26 (PTI): "My slogan is India can do it. Thank you for living up to it," the Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, said in her congratulatory message to skipper Kapil Dev on India winning the Prudential World Cup.

The crisp message also said: "Congratulations and good wishes to you and the team."

A Triumph Of Team Spirit

Indian cricket, long teetering on the verge of greatness but missing the big moment because of a lack of cohesiveness, has found under Kapil Dev both coherence and credibility. Its tremendous triumph over the fancied West Indian cricketers in the one-day World Cup tourney may well have taught it that individual performances, however fantastic they might be, are, all said and done, considerably less than any integrated performance. This is cricket as it should be played and in greeting Kapil Dev and his bunch of young and not so young lads we would urge them to remember this lesson for themselves and pass it on to their successors. We also trust that this will put an end to the talk of paying cricketers according to seniority. Put in to bat first on a pitch that so obviously favoured the pace of the West Indies trundlers Kapil's men groped for runs initially and the final tally of only 183 and their inability to last out the mandatory sixty overs seemed wholly pathetic. They looked like goners for sure in the face of the run-getting possibilities of the twice triumphant (1975 and 1979) champions that the West Indians were. But, to their everlasting credit, they did not give up. Even when their opponents hit up 50 for one and commentators and audiences alike tended to patronise the Indians they went ahead to fell the mighty opposing force for a score as poor as 140, their lowest ever, and a tenure that lasted even fewer overs. Two teams getting out in less than one full day is one of the charms of limited overs cricket and it is already changing the face of the game by making it less leisurely and to that extent less boring. Saturday's battle had the heads of giants rolling in the dust together with those of the confirmed cynic who announced, when Indians won against Australia, that it was marvellous luck and a virtual passport for England's eventual entry into the finals!





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