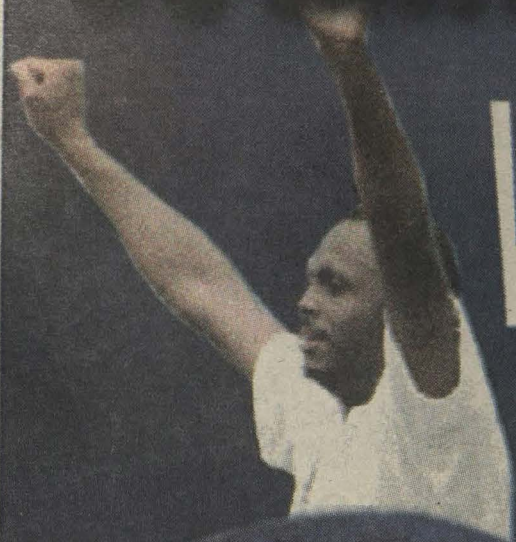


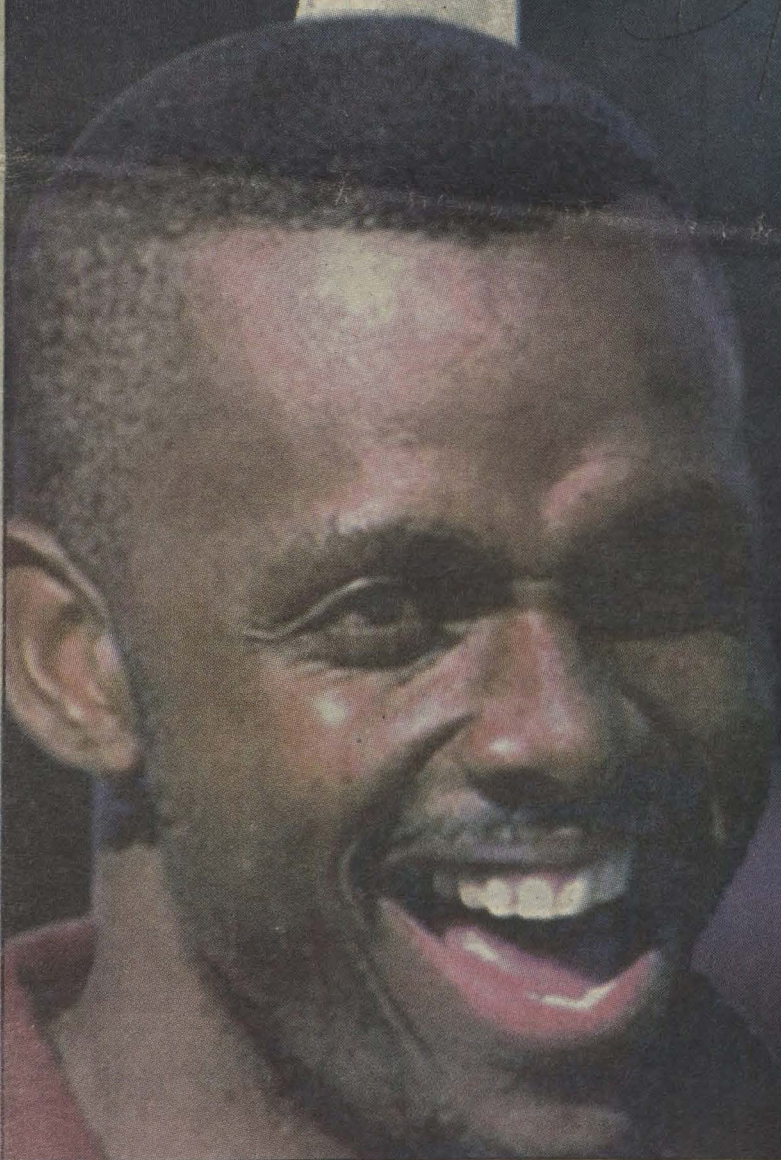
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King of bowlers

By Tony Becca
Senior Sport Editor

CCOURTNEY Walsh is the king of bowlers. On Monday the Jamaica and West Indies fast bowler became the new world record holder of the most wickets in Test cricket with 435 when, in his 114th Test match, in the second innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe at Sabina Park, he removed Henry Olonga to surpass Kapil Dev's 434.

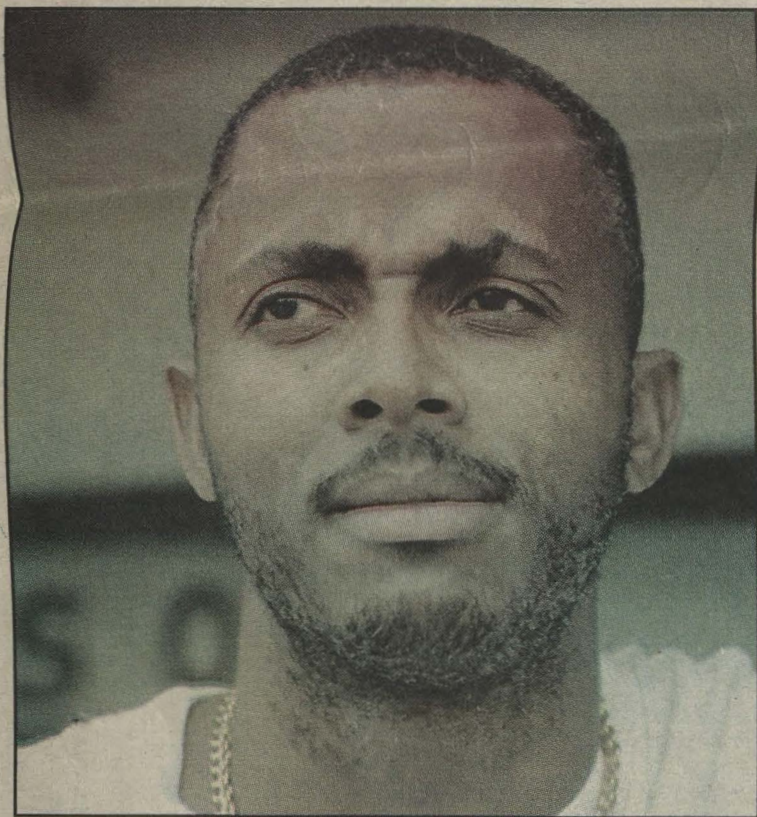
In stepping onto the throne and following the footsteps of off-spinner Lance Gibbs who bettered Fred Trueman's 307 in 1976, Walsh is the second West Indian to hold the record, and based on the sentiments expressed by fans around the region as he closed in on it, it could not have happened to a nicer guy.

In his 16 years at the highest level of the game, Walsh has been the ideal cricketer - a player blessed with a special talent who dedicated himself to the game, committed himself to the game, and whether playing for Excelsior, Melbourne, Jamaica, Gloucestershire or the West Indies, always gave it his best shot.

Walsh is more than a great cricketer, however. He is also a gentleman.

Numbered among the greatest fast bowlers of all time and now the champion of them all, Walsh is humility personified. The 37-year-old fast bowler is someone who has achieved greatness, but who, in spite of all the accolades which have come his way, the honours which have been bestowed on him, remains untouched by greatness. He has


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Walsh: 435 and still counting. ■


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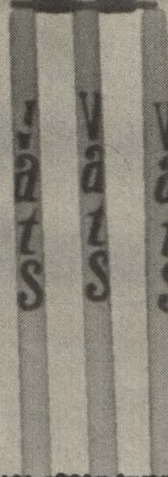
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'Big man inna cricket'

'Cuddy' speaks

By Fitzroy Prendergast
Staff Reporter

TO COURTNEY Walsh, the most satisfying thing about breaking Kapil Dev's record was the fact that it happened at home.

"It was very satisfying that at the end of the day it happened in Jamaica," he said on Monday after surpassing Kapil Dev's 434 wickets.

Walsh, said he had a gut feeling he would have broken the record on Monday.

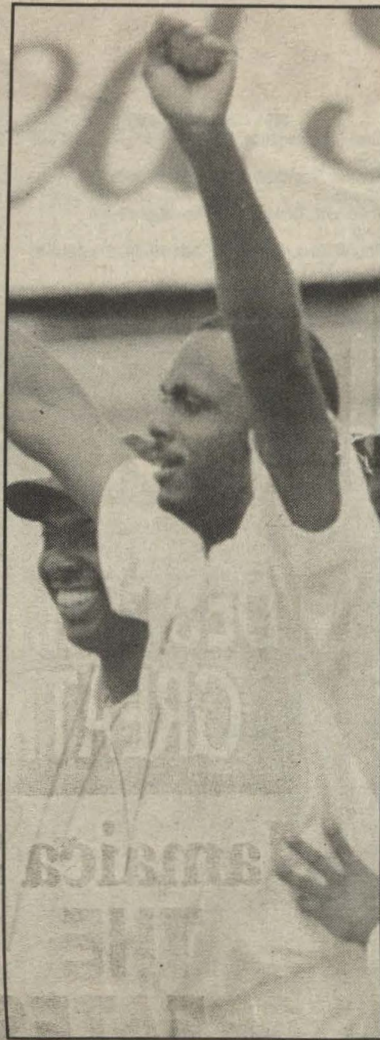
"I felt today (Monday) was the day. I felt very confident from last night. When I got the first wicket I knew it was coming," said Walsh.

"When I got the second I felt it was only a matter of time but when Zimbabwe started to lose a lot of wickets it crossed my mind that I might not reach the record.

"I told the skipper that although the record is approaching, the Test match was more important but I was very happy when he came back to me and asked me how I felt. I told him I was ready and he gave me the ball. He showed the confidence in me to give me the ball...it was just a great team effort."

Walsh said the record had affected his concentration while on tour of New Zealand and was relieved to have it out of the way.

"Finally, it is over," said Walsh. "I went to New Zealand and tried to get it out of the way. I think I pressured myself down there...tried a bit too much and too hard. I was using up a lot of energy. A lot more than normal. It was a bit sapping. Now that I have gotten it out of the way I can relax and enjoy my cricket again."



Walsh ■

King of bowlers

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walked with kings, he is a king, and he has not lost the common touch.

Born on the other side of the southern wall at Melbourne, Courtney grew up on cricket: he grew up hearing the sound of bat hitting ball, evening after evening, Saturday and Sunday after Saturday and Sunday, his idols at Melbourne included another great fast bowler, Michael Holding, and when he first played for the Melbourne Youth Club, he probably had visions of following in Holding's footsteps. And he did.

Like Holding, he not only represented Melbourne, but also the Jamaica Youth team, Jamaica, and finally, in 1984 in Australia, the West Indies.

Today, this cricketer who is one of only three bowlers in the history of the game to take 400 and more wickets in Test cricket, and who has taken more wickets than any, is the toast of XLCR, Melbourne, Jamaica, and the West Indies.

In celebrating the greatest achievement of a great crick-

eter, the people should remember not only his skill with the ball, but also the dedication and commitment, the hard work and the determination which, rolled into one, has been an example to a generation of Jamaicans and West Indians over the years.

The people, especially the young people, should remember how he dealt with adversity - how he bounced back each time following his omission from the West Indies team.

They should also remember not only that he captained the West Indies, but also the way he led the team and the way he stepped aside.

He led the West Indies with dignity, and when he stepped aside, he did so with dignity.

In stepping aside amidst all the controversy, Courtney Walsh said he loved the game, he loved West Indies cricket, and that once he could still contribute he was prepared to give everything for the glory of West Indies cricket. He has done just that, and for that, the king of bowlers, the world record holder, deserves an extra special round of applause.



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Walsh's wicket road

CCOURTNEY Walsh made his Test debut on the 1984-5 tour of Australia taking two wickets at Perth. On Monday he took his 435th Test wicket to establish a new world record. The following is a match-by-match tally of his wickets:

1984-5 - Australia
 Debut: First Test, Perth, Nov 9-12, did not bowl, 20-4-43-2
 Second Test, Brisbane, Nov 23-26, 16-5-55-3, 5-2-7-1
 Third Test Adelaide, Dec 7-11, 24-8-88-2, 4-0-20-0
 Fourth Test, Melbourne Dec 22-27, 21-5-57-2, 18-4-44-1
 Fifth Test Sydney Dec 30-Jan 2, 38.2-2-118-2, did not bowl

1985 - New Zealand In WI.
 Fourth Test, Kingston, May 4-9, 9-2-30-1, 16-4-45-2

1986 - England in WI.
 Second Test, Queen's Park Oval, 7-12-Mar, 6-2-29-1, 27-4-74-4

To Pakistan
 First Test, Faisalabad, Oct 24-29, 5-0-22-0, 23-6-49-3
 Second Test, Lahore, Nov 7-12, 21.4-3-56-3, 14.5-5-21-4
 Third Test Karachi, Nov 20-25, 11-2-17-0, 22-11-30-1

1987 - To New Zealand.
 First Test, Wellington, Feb 20-24, 12-1-46-2, 34-13-59-1
 Second Test, Auckland, Mar 27-Feb 3, 14-5-34-1, 30.2-6-73-5
 Third Test, Christchurch, Mar 12-16, 24.5-3-78-1, 5.1-0-16-3

1987/8 - To India.
 First Test, Delhi, Nov 25-30, 4-0-13-1, 29.3-9-54-5
 Second Test, Bombay, Dec 11-16, 17.4-2-54-5, 14-2-40-4
 Third Test, Calcutta, Dec 26-31, 29-3-136-4, did not bowl
 Fourth Test, Madras, Jan 11-16, 27-3-85-3, 16-5-55-4

1988 - Pakistan In WI.
 First Test, Guyana April 2-7, 27-4-80-3, did not bowl

Second Test, Trinidad, 14-19 April 14-19, 8-1-23-0, 29-8-52-1
 Third Test, Barbados, Apr 22-27, 10-1-53-0, 12-1-22-0

1988 - To England
 First Test, Trent Bridge, June 2-7, 20-4-39-0, 25-5-84-0
 Second Test, Lords, June 16-21, 16-6-36-2, 20-1-75-1
 Third Test, Old Trafford, Jun 30-Jul 5, 18.2-4-46-4, 4-1-10-0
 Fourth Test, Headingley, 21-26 Jul 21-26, 12-4-42-0, 20-9-38-3
 Fifth Test, The Oval, Aug 2-4, 10-1-21-0, 12-5-21-2

1988/9-To Australia
 First Test, Brisbane, Nov 18-21, 18.3-3-62-4, 19-3-61-3
 Second Test, Perth, Dec 2-6, 19-3-58-1, 15-1-46-1
 Third Test, Melbourne, Dec 24-29 17.3-3-49-1, 16-7-21-2
 Fourth Test, Sydney, Jan 26-30-100th Test wicket (Bold), 22.5-5-48-2, 3-0-9-0
 Fifth Test, Adelaide, Feb 3-7 89, 33-5-120-3, 13-2-26-0

1989-India In WI.
 First Test, Guyana, Mar 25-30, Didn't bowl- rain affected match
 Second Test, Barbados, 23-2-5-69-2, 20-6-34-1
 3rd Test, Trinidad, Apr 15-20, 18-5-36-4, 10-4-15-0
 Fourth Test, Jamaica, Apr 28- May 3, 29-9-62-6, 17-7-39-4. First Ten-wicket haul (bold)

1990 - England in WI.
 First Test, Jamaica, Feb 24-26, 27.2-4-68-5, 6-0-12-0
 Second Test, Guyana, Mar 10-15, Test abandoned due to rain
 Third Test, Trinidad, Mar 23-28, 22-5-45-1, 7-0-27-3
 Fifth Test, Antigua, Apr 12-16, 21-4-51-3, 10-1-40-0

To Pakistan
 First Test, Karachi, Nov 15-20, 19-0-50-1, 12-2-27-2
 Second Test, Faisalabad, Nov 23-27, 10-1-38-2, 9-0-32-1
 Third Test, Lahore, Dec 6-11, 5-1-22-0, 19-3-53-2

1991 - Australia In WI
 First Test, Jamaica, Mar 1-6, 23-4-73-1, did not bowl
 Second Test, Guyana, Mar 23-28, 24-2-80-0, 23-4-55-2
 Third Test, Trinidad, 5-10 Apr, 30-9-45-1, 12-6-11-1
 Fourth Test, Barbados, Apr 19-24, 5.1-1-14-4, 15.3-4-37-2

Fifth Test, Antigua, Apr 27-May 1, 22-1-54-2, 26-2-56-4

To England
 First Test, Headingley Jun 6-10, 14-7-31-1, 30-5-61-1
 Second Test, Lords, Jun 20-24, 26-4-90-1, did not bowl

Third Test, Trent Bridge, Jul 4-9, 24-4-75-1, 24-7-64-4
 Fourth Test, Edgbaston, Jul 25-29, 21-6-43-2, 7-1-20-1
 Fifth Test, The Oval, Aug 8-12, 32-5-91-3, 9-3-18-1

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1992 - South Africa

Only Test, Barbados, April 18-23, 27-7-71-0, 22-10-31-4

1992/3 - To Australia.

First Test, Brisbane, Nov 27- Dec 1 92, 0.5-0-2-0, 24-3-64-2
 Second Test, Melbourne, Dec 26-30, 39-10-01-4, 21-7-42-2
 Third Test Sydney, Jan 2-6, 93, 30-0-86-0, 8-3-13-0
 Fourth Test, Adelaide, 23-27 Jan 23-27, 10-3-34-0, 19-4-44-3
 Fifth Test, Perth, Jan 30-Feb 3, 11.2-2-45-0, 12-2-46-1

1993 - Pakistan in WI

First Test, Trinidad, Apr 16-20, 7-4-13-1, 12-3-29-3
 Second Test, Barbados, Apr 23-28, 18-2-56-4, 24-7-51-3
 Claimed his 200th Test wicket (bold)
 Third Test, Antigua May 1-6, 19-3-58-1, did not bowl

To Sri Lanka

Only Test Dec 8-13, 21-6-40-1, 9.1-4-20-0

1994 - England in WI

First Test, Jamaica, Feb 19-24, 23-6-41-1, 24.5-6-67-3
 Second Test, Guyana, Mar 17-22, 26-7-69-2, 15-4-71-2
 Third Test, Trinidad, Mar 25-30, 27.2-3-77-2, 9.1-1-16-3
 Fourth Test, Barbados, Apr 8-13, 24-3-88-1, 28-5-94-5
 Fifth Test, Antigua, Apr 16-21, 40-9-123-0, did not bowl

To India

First Test, Bombay, Nov 18-22 22-4-79-6, 28-6-62-2
 Second Test, Nagpur, Dec 1-5, 32-7-93-2, 5.5-3-2-2
 Third Test Mohali, 11-14, 35-4-89-2, 18-7-34-3

1995 - To New Zealand.

First Test, Christchurch, Feb 3-7, 30-5-69-2, 4-1-8-1
 Second Test, Wellington, Feb 10-14, 20.4-7-37-7, 15.2-8-18-6

Australia in WI

First Test, Barbados, Mar 31-Apr 2, 25-5-78-2, 3-0-19-0
 Second Test, Antigua, Apr 8-13, 21.3-7-54-6, 36-7-92-3
 Third Test, Trinidad, Apr 21-23, 17-4-50-3, 13-4-35-3
 Fourth Test Jamaica, Apr 29-May 3, 33-6-10-3, did not bowl

To England

First Test, Headingly, Jun 8-11, 13-2-50-0, 22-4-60-4
 2nd Test, Lords, 22-26 Jun 22.4-6-50-3, 28.1-10-91-3
 3rd Test Edgbaston, 6-8 Jul, 17.1-4-54-3, 15-2-45-5
 4th Test, Old Trafford, 27-30 Jul, 38-5-92-4, 5-0-17-0

5th Test, Trent Bridge, 10-14 Aug, 39-5-93-0, 30-6-70-2
 6th Test, The Oval, 24-28 Aug, 32-6-84-1, 28-7-60-1
 Courtney took his 300th Test wicket on the Friday of the Oval Test.

1996 (New Zealand in WI).

1st Test, 19-23 Apr, 17-6-30-2, 22-3-72-4
 2nd Test, Antigua, 27 Apr-1st May, 27-5-70-1, 16-5-32-1.

1996/7 (To Australia)

1st Test, Brisbane, 22-26 Nov, 35-6-112-4, 17-1-58-0
 2nd Test, Sydney, 29 Nov-3 Dec, 30-6-98-5, 19-6-36-0
 3rd Test, Melbourne, 26-30 Dec, 14-0-43-0, 11-4-43-3
 4th Test, Adelaide, 25-29 Jan, 37.3-6-101-2, did not bowl
 5th Test, Perth, 1-5 Feb, 9-0-29-0, 20-4-74-5

1997 (Home series vs India)

1st Test, Jamaica, 6-10 March, 32-6-73-1, 8-3-6-1
 2nd Test, Trinidad, 14-18 Mar, 36-11-71-0, did not bowl
 4th Test, Antigua, 4-8 Apr, 15-3-37-1, no 2nd Inns
 5th Test, Guyana, 17-21 Apr, 28.2-9-62-1

Home series Vs Sri Lanka

1st Test, Antigua, 13-17 Jun, 11-0-46-0, 10-0-37-1
 2nd Test, St. Vincent, 20-24 Jun, 22-3-62-2, 24-2-73-4

To Pakistan

1st Test, Peshawar, 17-21 Nov, 32-8-79-5, did not bowl
 2nd Test, Rawalpindi, 29 Nov-3 Dec, 43.1-6-143-5, did not bowl
 3rd Test, Karachi, 6-9 Dec, 23-2-74-4, 3-0-11-1
 Got to his 350th Test wicket in the third Test.

1998 (Home series vs England)

Abandoned Test, Jamaica, 29 Jan
 Test abandoned after 10.1 overs due to dangerous pitch
 2nd Test, Trinidad, 6-10 Feb, 27-7-55-1, 29-5-67-3
 3rd Test, Trinidad, 13-17 Feb, 17-4-35-1, 38-11-69-2
 4th Test, Guyana, 27 Feb-3 Mar, 27-7-47-2, 15-4-25-3
 5th Test, Barbados, 12-16 Mar, 34-8-84-2, 12-1-40-0
 6th Test, Antigua, 20-24 Mar, 25.5-8-52-2, 31.2-7-80-4

1998/99 (To South Africa)

1st Test, Johannesburg, 26-30 Nov, 25-5-66-4, 21-9-45-3
 2nd Test, Port Elizabeth, 10-14 Dec, 23.3-0-86-4, 23.5-5-58-3
 3rd Test, Durban, 26-30 Dec, 29-6-68-2, 4-1-6-0
 5th Test, Centurion, 15-19 Jan, 24.5-6-80-6, 7.3-4-6-0
 Courtney became WI leading Test wicket taker with his second wicket in the first innings of the first Test.
 With his second wicket in the second Test, he moved up to third place in the list of all time leading Test wicket takers.

1999 (Home series vs Australia).

1st Test, Trinidad, 5-9 March 1999, 31-9-60-3, 25.2-2-67-4
 2nd Test, Jamaica, 13-17 March 1999, 20-6-55-4, 18-3-52-3
 3rd Test, Barbados 26-30 March, 38-8-121-2, 17.1-3-39-5
 4th Test, Antigua, 3-7 April 1999, 26-1-67-1, 32.4-6-78-4
 Courtney's third wicket in the first innings of the

first Test was his 400th. His 399th Test wicket was his 100th vs Australia.
 Courtney bowled his 4,000th Test over on the second day of the Antigua Test, 4th April. Only Kapil Dev and Lance Gibbs have bowled more Test overs.

To New Zealand

1st Test, Hamilton, 16-20 Dec 1999, 29-4-81-2, 8-1-33-1

2nd Test, Wellington 26-30 Dec, 41-5-112-0, did not bowl
 2000

Home series vs Zimbabwe

1st Test, Trinidad, 16-20 Mar, 28-9-49-2, 14-8-18-2
 2nd Test, Jamaica, 24-28 Mar, 22.4-6-26-2, 15.5-6-21-3
 Courtney became world leading Test wicket taker with his 3rd wicket in the second innings of the second Test.

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Melbourne's biggest success

By Dayner Clarke
Staff Reporter

THE Melbourne Cricket Club was the starting point for cricket legends such as Michael Holding and the now leading wicket-taker in the history of Test cricket - Courtney Walsh. In the early 1970s, Ruddy Marzouca and Monica Williams, members of Melbourne Cricket Club, started a youth club to assist young people in the Molyne Road area.

It was at this sports club that a shy, unassuming Courtney Andrew Walsh had his early lessons in the gentleman's game!

"When we met him in 1974, he was very quiet and unassuming - just as you see him today," Monica Williams explained.

"We had a football and a cricket team and Courtney used to play both. It was during his school days at Melrose All Age and he showed a lot of interest.

"Since then, the three have stayed close, culminating in their starting a business together - Courtney Walsh Sports.

"He has always been like family to us," Miss Williams exclaimed.

"His family has always been close to us too. We have watched him move from Melrose All Age to Excelsior to play for his country and now the West Indies and we are very proud.

"According to Ruddy Marzouca, his early record was equally impressive. In fact, while playing Sunlight Cup for Excelsior, he once took ten wickets in a single inning!

"In the early years, Courtney was pretty much the same as he has always been - a humble person with manners and respect for everybody. We got along very well," he continued.

"Monica and myself have always been there for him. So, we are still together after all this time."

On Courtney Walsh's historic wicket-taking status, Mr. Marzouca remarked, "Well, we are just very proud of him. We are proud that he came out on top."

"There were many young boys who started with the Melbourne Youth Club but he has come out on top! Now, he is the biggest success story of the lot!"

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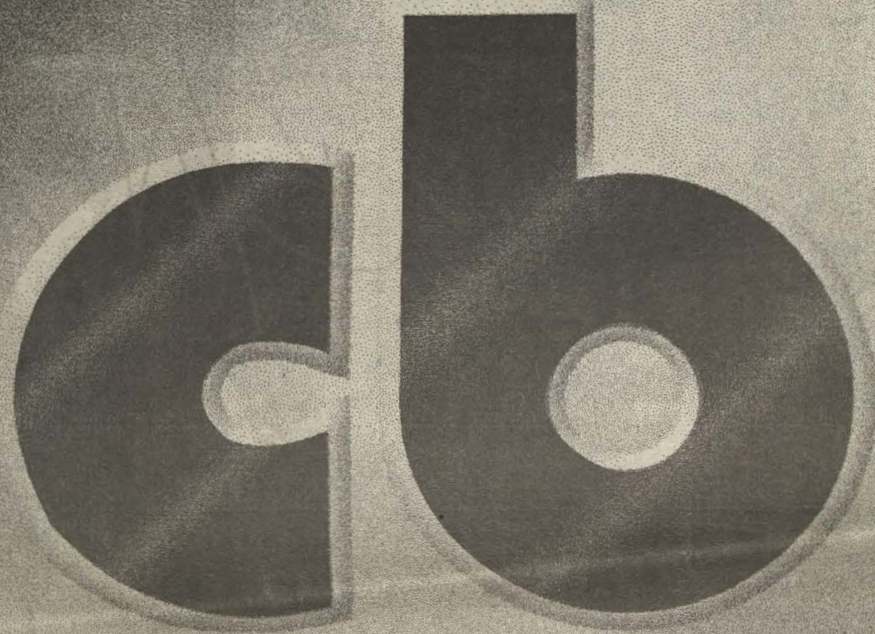
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Dev: I am happy for Walsh

SHARJAH, (AP) — **J**UST hours after Courtney Walsh broke the world Test wicket-taking record, a delighted former record holder, Kapil Dev, said yesterday he had sent the West Indian fast bowler four bottles of champagne for him and his teammates to savour.

Walsh crossed the precious milestone against Zimbabwe on Monday in the second Test in front of his home supporters in Jamaica by taking the wicket of Henry Olonga, which brought his tally to a record 435.

Indian legend, Dev, held the record since 1994 when he overcame Richard Hadlee's haul of 431 wickets.

But he is now happy to relinquish the mantle and is only full of admiration for the West Indian's effort.

"I am very happy that he (Walsh) has passed the record. Records are meant to be broken and it's all the more fitting that Courtney (Walsh) has done it in his home country where he learnt his cricket," said Dev of Walsh's feat.

Dev, in Sharjah as the coach of the Indian team, said he was par-

ticularly impressed with how the 6-foot-6 (1.95-meter) Walsh has continued to stay fit and insists

that he is not at all sorry to lose the record.

"The fitness he has shown in playing cricket for 20 years is a

credit to Courtney (Walsh). He's done it and we should all be proud of that," said Dev.

"I have broken somebody's

record, he has broken mine and somebody will do his. You set a target for other people to follow," said Dev.



Kapil Dev ■

THE ELITE

LEADING wicket-takers in Test cricket after Courtney Walsh broke the world record on Monday:

Tabulate: bowler, country, Tests, wickets.		
Courtney Walsh (West Indies)	114	435
Kapil Dev (India)	131	434
Richard Hadlee (New Zealand)	86	431
Wasim Akram (Pakistan)	92	383
Ian Botham (England)	102	383
Curtly Ambrose (West Indies)	90	377
Malcolm Marshall (West Indies)	81	376
Shane Warne (Australia)	83	363
Imran Khan (Pakistan)	88	362
Dennis Lillee (Australia)	70	355
Bob Willis (England)	90	325
Lance Gibbs (West Indies)	79	309
Fred Trueman (England)	67	307

Congratulations
Courtney A. Walsh
435

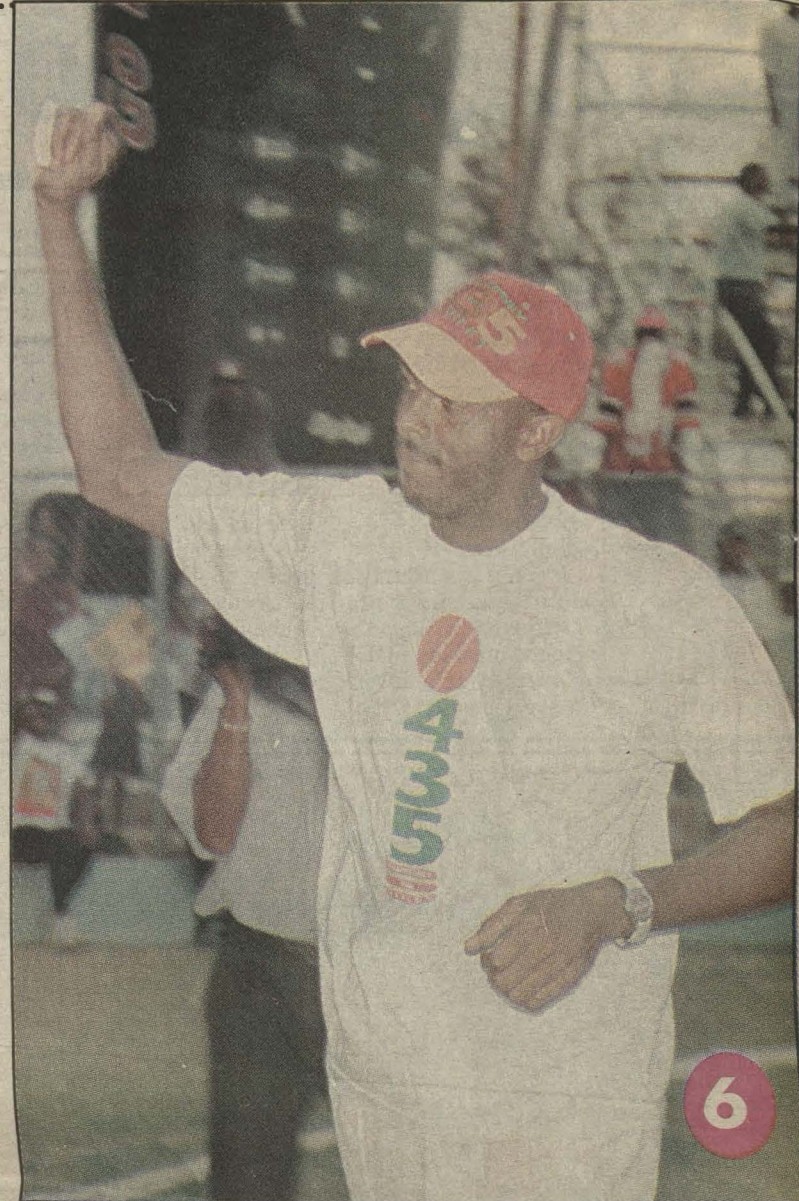
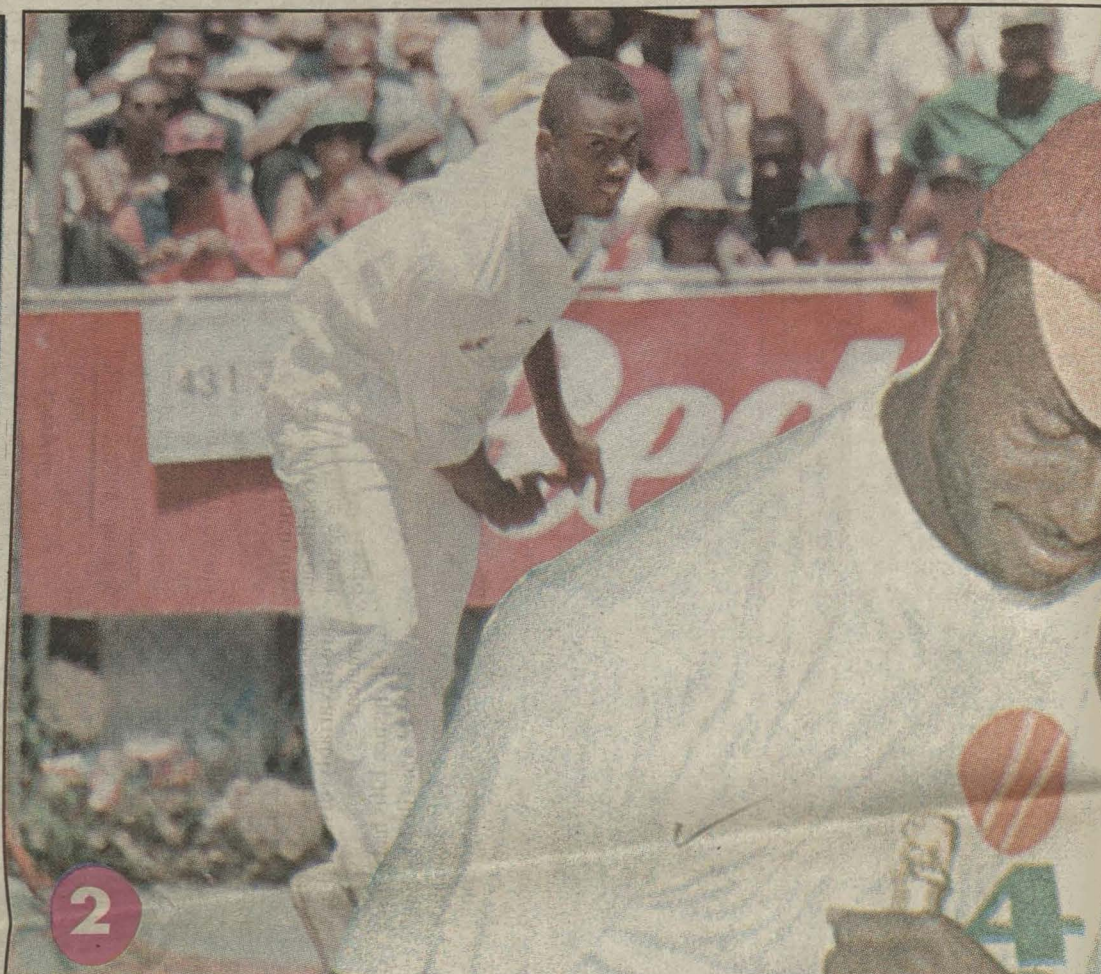
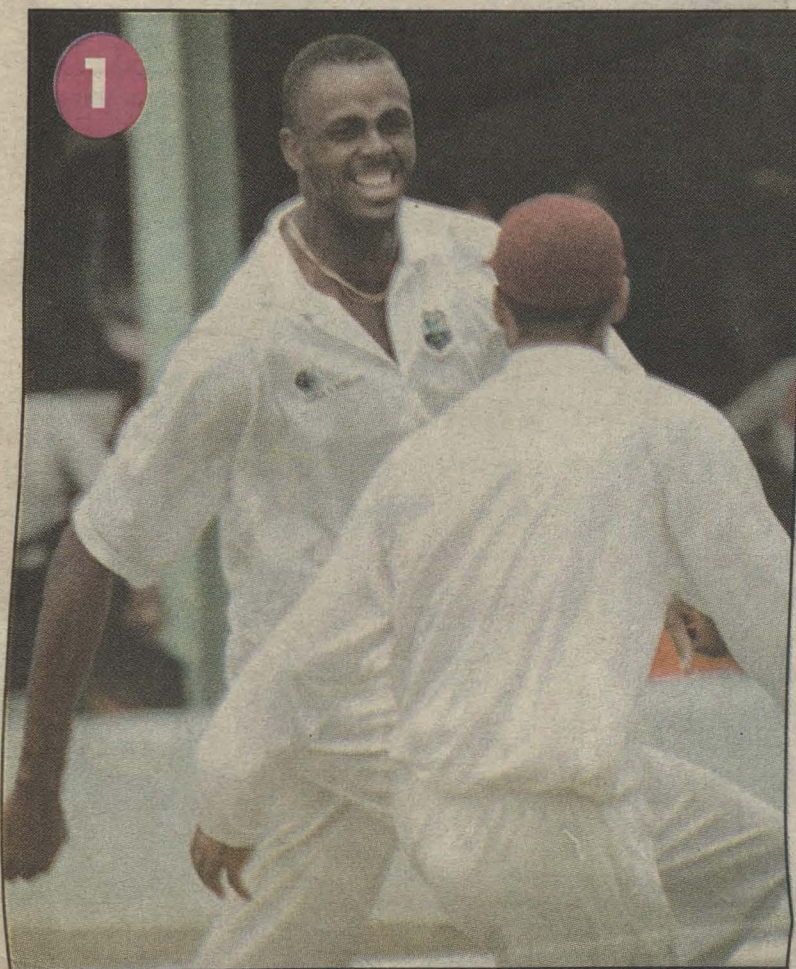
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WALSH'S BIG DAY AT THE PARK



CAPTIONS

1. Courtney Walsh in a dancing mood after bagging his 435th Test wicket.

2. Walsh in full flow as he went after the record on Monday at Sabina Park.

3. West Indies pacers Curtly Ambrose (left) and Franklyn Rose (stooping) pay homage to the new King of bowlers, Courtney Walsh (right).

4. World Test wickets record-holder Courtney Walsh and his mom, Joan Wollaston, with a bottle of champagne sent by former record-holder Kapil Dev of India.

5. Sabina fans cheer the new world record holder.

6 & 7. Courtney Walsh takes a lap of honour after setting the new wicket-taking record at Sabina Park on Monday. Below (7) he greets some of his adoring fans.

Singing Courtney's praises

NEW Test wickets record-holder Courtney Walsh is the toast of the cricketing world.

The lanky fast bowler surpassed Kapil Dev's record on Monday when he took his 435th Test wicket on the fourth day of the second Test against Zimbabwe.

Spectators at Sabina Park on Monday were full of praise for the great fast bowler.



Clive "Busy" Campbell
Football administrator.

It is a wonderful achievement. I am overjoyed at Walsh's record-breaking feat. Courtney is a fabulous individual and a great bowler. From

his first tour to England in 1984 until now he has always given his all for West Indies cricket.



Earl Edwards,
Retired traffic examiner

COURTNEY is a very good bowler. He has bowled well for us over the years. He has done tremendously well for both Jamaica and the West Indies. I think this is a great milestone for him. I am really happy that he has achieved it...I cannot adequately explain how I feel. He is one of the best bowlers I have seen for quite a while. His ability to move the ball is amazing. In times of crisis he is always



there and more importantly he is a team man.

Michael Ricketts

Graphic artist
It a great milestone. He has stuck to the game over the years and even when he is getting older he looks

to be getting fresher. Sometimes I here people saying that he is finished but he can go on for a lot longer.

Seivewright Meggoo,
Businessman.

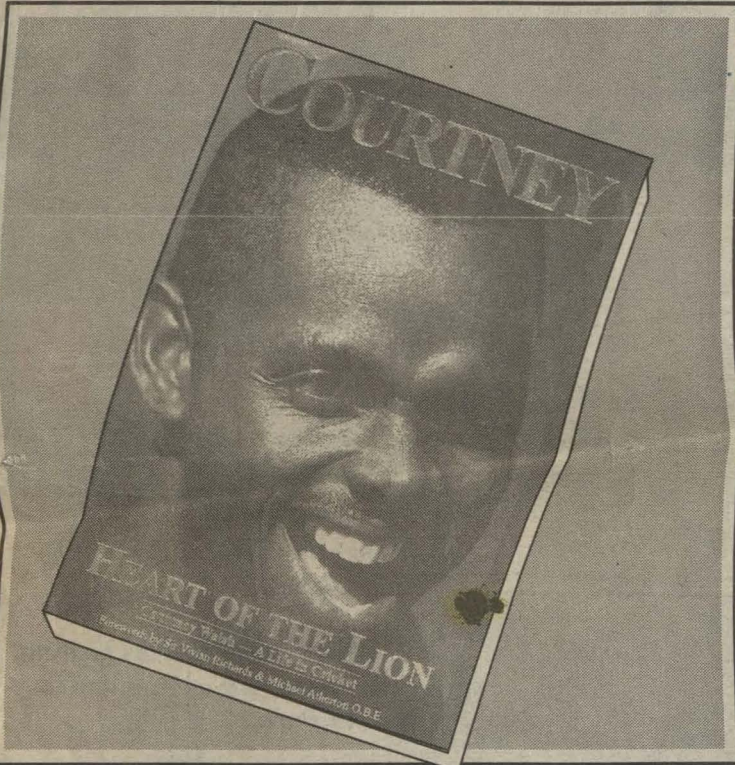
I just can't explain how I feel to know that he has achieved the highest number of



wickets in Tests. He has been tremendous. He is a real role model for any youngster growing up today.

Fern Whyte
Publisher.

I AM an on and off cricket fan, but Walsh's achievement of breaking the world record has made me extremely proud. I was particularly pleased with the reception he got in Trinidad...all those placards of 'Go Courtney' was really wonderful. From the statistics that I have seen, he seems perform better away from home but I think his performance for the West Indies has been phenomenal.



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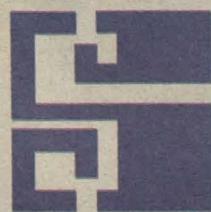
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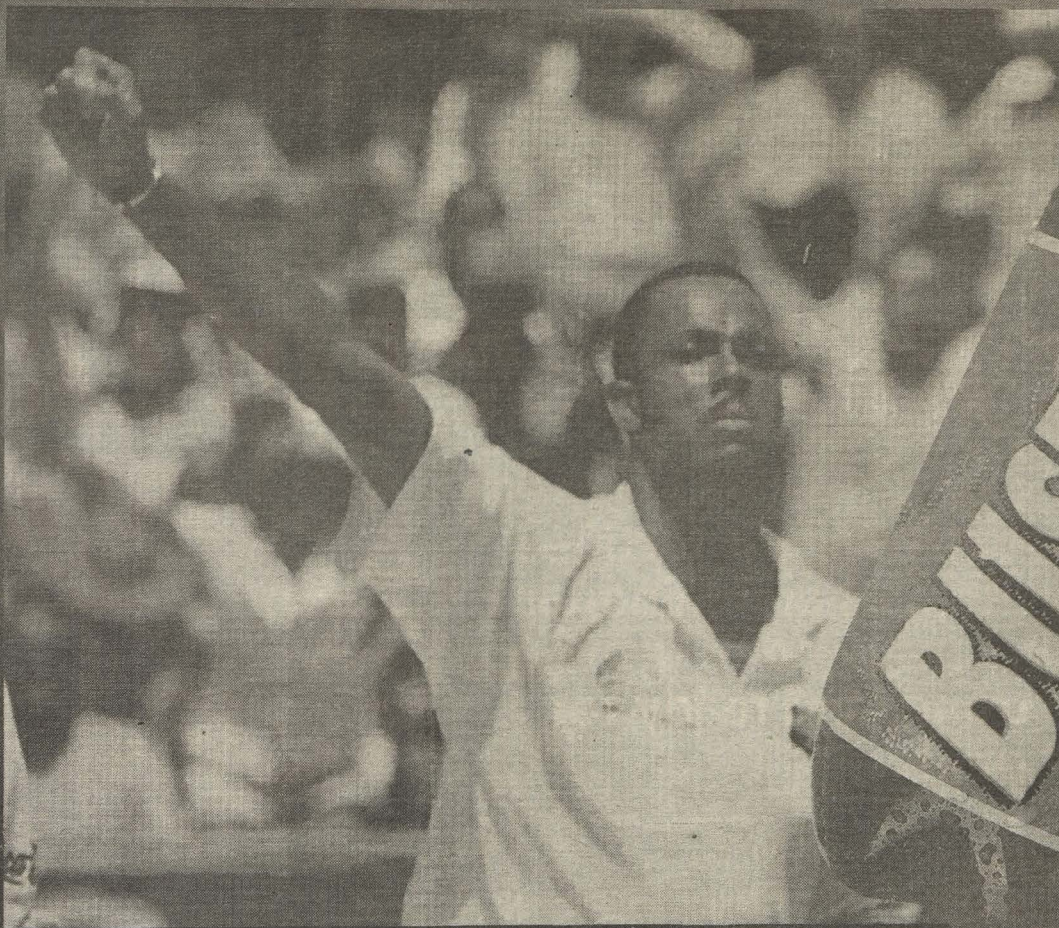
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400 and that's Walsh

By Hilary Beckles

Note: This article was first published in the Barbados Nation on March 14 last year to mark Courtney Walsh's 400th wicket in Test cricket.

ON April 13, this year in Grenada, the Vice Chancellor of the UWI, in the annual match organised under his auspices, will honour the four great retired fast bowlers of the Lloyd-Richards regime - an era with no parallel in the Test history of the game.

In this pantheon of heroes are to be found the living spirits of Andy Roberts, Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, and Joel Garner. Between them they are responsible for the lawful appropriation of 1086 Test wickets.

But as we speak, Courtney Walsh, first in line for entry into this Valley of Kings, has as carry-on luggage some 400 bags, with prospects of another 50 in future journeys, making him the most overweight traveller in the history of the game.

We, the public, however, stand as sentinels guarding entry to the claim to greatness. Fully conscious of the responsibility, and mindful of the prevalence of false prophets and possible imposters, our judgement are comparable only to that of St. John of scriptural Revelations.

We have placed Mr. Walsh within the scales, and we are satisfied that his rights of passage are incontrovertible.

And so, we open the doors to enable the facts to speak and to settle the matter. But Mr. Walsh's claim to greatness has its own special features that must not go without explicit articulation. He stands before us today as a colossus, the last standing hero of a once invincible empire, reminding us of a glorious past yet leading and urging us on, at a time of decline and despair, to take up the challenge of reconstruction and revitalisation.

In this regard Walsh has taken up a double responsibility which sets him apart. While all around him seems to be crashing into ruin, the messages emanating from his mind remain as

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focused as any missile can ever be, and knowing this we feel comforted that our pride - if nothing else - is being sustained. The journey to achievement and excellence, he seems to be telling us, and the world, is not for the sprinter but the long distance runner.

The test is in the time, not just the timing of achievement since visions by necessity, must be situated beyond the horizon within the imaginations. Greatness in the Caribbean, furthermore, must not only be respected; it must be celebrated because it is the fine fruit of a turbulent civilisation whose history, we are told, speaks more to destruction than creativity.

This is why, as a Caribbean

people, we emphasise in response the indispensable importance of style and grace. Here, Mr. Walsh has shown that the statistics alone are never sufficient, for they cannot be used in the judgement of a cricketer's humanity and inherent character.

In his public profile, (the private soul belongs to a greater judge) he has demonstrated a disarming dignity, a sense of caring, and a calmness, the test of which is that many a Caribbean mother wishes instinctively to invite him to rest his tortured head upon their breast. And so it should be.

Such an embrace tells us as much about Courtney's moments as Caribbean mothering. His journey to the 400 mark has been a turbulent and tortured one. Like many other ardent followers

of this great game, I witnessed his early temporary abandonments from the Test side, his resurrections, and triumphs.

I celebrated as he was elevated to the captaincy and shed tears

when it was taken away. Now, again, I celebrate his ascendancy to something equally precious recognition of another kind of leadership of West Indies cricket and his unswerving commitment, dedication and durability.

Therein, we have found a way to honour a great mind, and in so doing bring dignity to our own dealings. Once again, cricket

emerges the champion, for to watch Walsh is to gaze upon the goodness that is the guardian of this great game.

Professor Hilary Beckles is UWI Pro-Vice Chancellor, chairman of the board for undergraduates as well as a noted cricket historian.

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Governor-General Sir Howard Cooke



I AM absolutely delighted to congratulate the Hon. Courtney Walsh on this tremendous achievement as the world's highest wicket taker.

It is the second time that a West Indian has set a world record at Sabina Park, and I am particularly pleased that he is a son of our soil.

A good cricketer is expected to be a perfect gentleman, and our beloved "Cuddy" is a perfect gentleman. Despite his victories he has remained humble, proving himself not only a great follower, but also a great leader. The road to success is an uphill climb, a task that he has tackled with loyalty and dedication.

He distinguished himself as a fast bowler from Excelsior High School and because of this went on to play with the Melbourne Cricket Club, and the Jamaica and West Indies cricket teams. He has weathered the storms by hard work and commitment and has earned the respect of his colleagues and cricket lovers everywhere.

The Hon. Courtney Walsh is one of our outstanding role models that is well deserving of the accolades bestowed on him. This is a triumphant moment in his career as a cricketer and I wish him continued success as he strives to take the game of cricket and the West Indies team to new heights.

Prime Minister P.J. Patterson



PRIME Minister P.J. Patterson was among the first to congratulate Courtney Walsh as he reached the record at Sabina Park on Monday afternoon.

"I don't know how to express how I feel," the Prime Minister said as he celebrated the achievement with cricket fans who sang, danced and waved flags in honour of one of the island's favourite sporting sons.

"It is just a great achievement. It is so special and most appropriate that he should have reserved this special record breaking performance for his home ground here at Sabina Park. Courtney is a great human being. One who has always given of his best...one who understands what it means to lead by example and one who is a sportsman in every sense of the word."

Tourism and Sport Minister
MINISTER of Tourism and

Sport, Portia Simpson Miller has expressed her delight at the achievement of Courtney Walsh.

Minister Simpson Miller congratulated Walsh on an illustrious career spanning sixteen years.

"Many bowlers have taken 100 wickets in Test cricket, a smaller number has taken 200 and an elite group has taken 300. Only three persons in the world have achieved 400 test wickets in the course of their careers."

The Sports Minister said: "You are one of that magnificent trio, having surpassed Richard Hadlee's 431 wickets and now Kapil Dev's 434", she added. "You are the epitome of sportsmanship. Your achievement is not confined to having broken the world record but also remaining a role model for young sportsmen and women from all disciplines."

A wonderful role model
LEADER of the Opposition,



Edward Seaga, in his message to Walsh said:

"We are all proud of the achievement of Courtney Walsh who today broke the world record for the highest number of wickets in Test cricket. He continues the world record breaking tradition of West Indies players, joining Brian Lara who holds the world record for scoring the highest number of runs in Test cricket.

"Walsh is an exemplary sportsman in life and in play, achieving his goal with perseverance and humility. As such, he is a wonderful role model."

JLP Shadow Minister for Sport

IN her tribute to the former West Indies captain, Jamaica Labour Party Shadow Minister for Sport Olivia 'Babsy' Grange pointed to the "legendary durability" of the ace West Indies pace bowler and encouraged him to maintain and, where possible, improve on the "high standards you have set both on and off the cricket field"



Ms. Grange said, among other things, that "from the beginning of your career sixteen years ago you have shown to the world at large the ingredients of which true heroes are made", and, "the cricketing world, your colleagues, fans and admirers, are the richer for the leadership you have displayed and the standards you have set".

Grenada PM Dr. Keith Mitchell

"On behalf of the Government and people of Grenada, and on my own behalf, it is my distinct pleasure to extend heartiest congratulations to you on your remarkable achievement at Sabina Park on Monday," Dr Mitchell said in his message. "Becoming the world record holder for taking the most wickets and doing so in your homeland brings honour and glory to the West Indies and Jamaica.

"Your endurance as a specialist bowler, your unwavering commitment to fair play and your enthusiastic team spirit are ideal examples for all young people of the Caribbean to emulate."

Courtney Walsh Personal Profile

Born: 30 Oct 1962, Kingston, Jamaica

Star sign: Scorpio

Home: Kingston, Jamaica.

Mother: Joan Wollaston.

Children: Courtney (Junior) and a daughter, Chris.

Education: Melrose Primary, Excelsior High School.

Hobbies and Interests:

Reading, swimming, listening to music, on the beach and watching sport on TV.

Music Tastes: A big Bob Marley fan, also likes reggae in general, and slow soul.

Favourite food: Home cooked food, Chinese, and Indian
Favourite Drink: Baileys Irish Cream, soft drinks.

Car: Mercedes Benz

Other sports followed: Horse racing, Basketball, Football.

Nicknames: Mark, cuddy, shorty, tall boy, CW, RP, Walshy, and his Gloucestershire teammates call him Duracell.

Career outside Cricket:

Courtney owns a sports equipment shop in Kingston.

(Extracted from the My Tribute to Courtney Walsh website by Jackie Hewitt)

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Zumjay ■

'Big man inna cricket'

By Claude Mills
Staff Reporter

RISING deejay Zumjay's tribute to cricketer Courtney Walsh received good airplay in the run-up to the fast bowler becoming the most prolific wicket-taker ever in the sport. He broke the record held by India's Kapil Dev.

Now that Walsh has attained the magic number of 435, in front of an 11,000-strong home crowd at Sabina Park, the song, dubbed 'Courtney', will be officially released by Penthouse Records tomorrow as 'Courtney fever' sweeps Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean.

The song was laid on a track conceptualised by Stephen 'Lenky' Marsden in January of this year.

"The rhythm which is called 'Angel' took about four hours to make. It has a reggae dancehall feel and is futuristic sounding. I got the idea for the rhythm while I was on tour, so it wasn't hard to come in-studio and just lay it down," Marsden told *The Gleaner*.

"The first time I heard Zumjay do 'Courtney' on the rhythm, I knew it was a boom song. It will be released by producer Donovan Germaine tomorrow," Marsden said.

"I went home one day, and my mother told me that Richie B was saying that someone ought to write a song about Courtney Walsh's achievements and I just got the inspiration to do it. I approached Donovan Germaine and he liked it. He said it was well put together, so I recorded it. I never knew that people would like it so much," said DJ Zumjay.

Here are some lines from the song:

Who a de big man inna cricket?
Courtney!
Who a lick out batsman wicket?
Courtney!
Who we waan see fi wi ticket?
Courtney!
You hold de flag high straight
'cross the Pacific.

Congratulations Courtney Walsh



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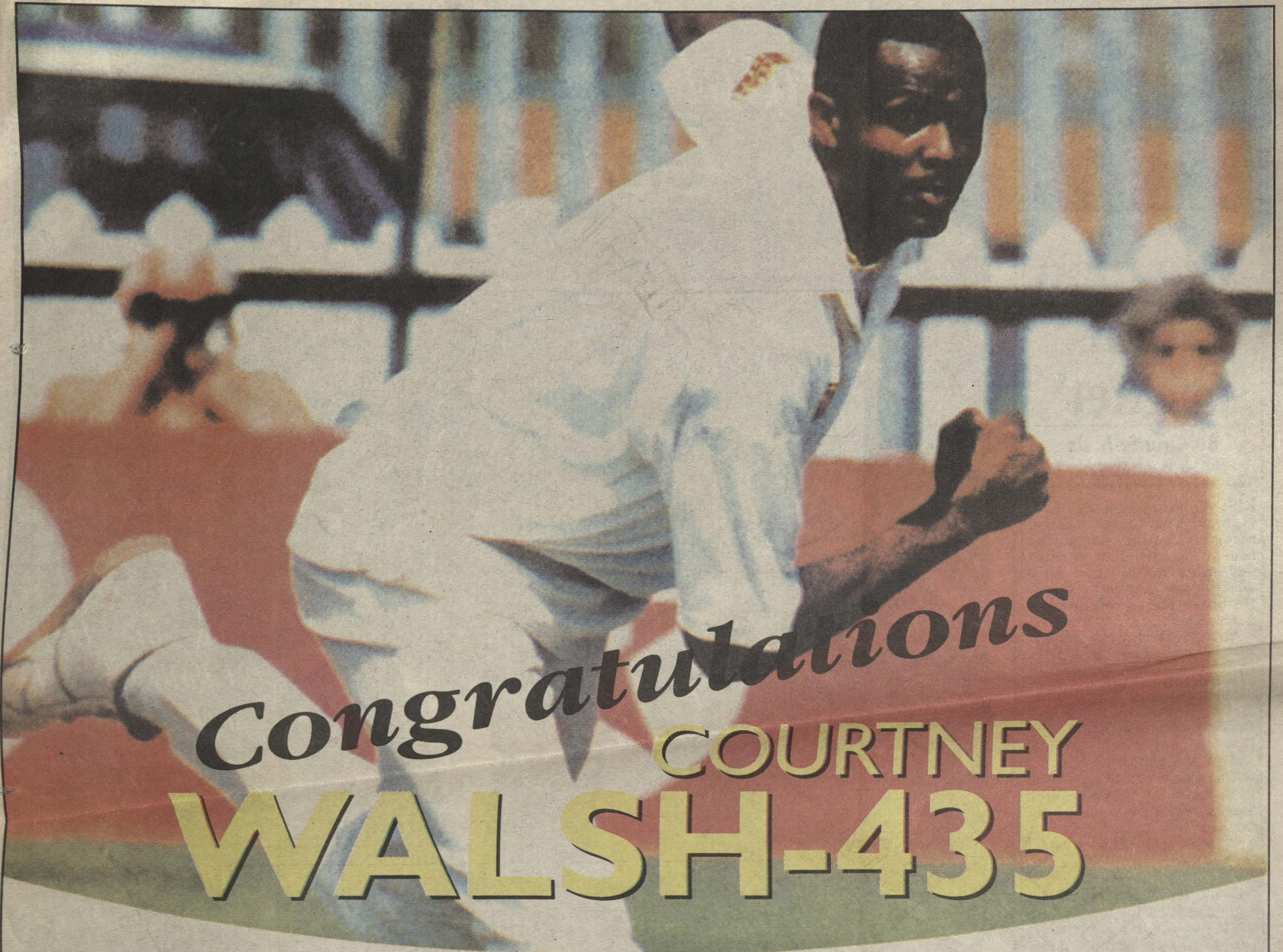


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