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Mashud left

Mashud left the team hotel yesterday immediately after the squad was announced with the parting words that he had never done anything to dishonour the country's name.

Salim, 21, who has played in just one limited-overs international, was rewarded for consistent performance in domestic cricket. He was the recipient of the best wicketkeeper's award in the last National League.

Mashud apart, middle-order Tushar Imran and right-arm seamer Tareq Aziz Khan have also been ignored by the selectors for the Test series

The country's fastest bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza and ever green left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque have been brought back in the squad.

Pace sensation Mashrafee is returning from an injury lay-off. He was forced to return home after a freak training ground injury before Bangladesh's World Cup clash against New Zealand.

Enamul had played in Bangladesh's last two Test matches against West Indies in Dhaka and Chittagong last December. He was not considered for the World Cup and the TVS Cup tri-series.



ESPN

English Premier Football League Liverpool vs Everton Australia vs West Indies Second Test, Day One Live at 8:00 pm STAR Sports

English Premier Football League Middlesbrough vs Arsenal Live at 7:55 pm Primera Liga

Real Madrid vs Barcelona Live at 1:30 am (Sunday)



Competition closes at 8 pm April 25, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

Who was the man-of-the

tournament in the Cricket World Cup? Tendulkar Ganguly Lee

2. Who was the man-of-the-match

in the World Cup final Ponting Bichel 3. What was the lowest score in the

World Cup?

with everyone. Two days before the first 4. What was the highest score in loosener of the new season was due to the World Cup? be bowled, the English players union, the Professional Cricketers Association,

called for the one-foreigner per county rule to be restored. But with England's top stars set for a busy summer on international duty Class. Roll No. against Zimbabwe and South Africa, fans around the country will not be complaining about getting the opportu-

NZ foresee tough series

Cricket

AFP/INTERNET, Colombo

New Zealand's cricketers are looking forward to a tough tour in Sri Lanka, manager leff Crowe said here

The New Zealanders arrived here Wednesday for a two-match Test series and a triangular one-day international series with Pakistan and Sri Lanka starting on 10 May and ending on 23 May.

Crowe said the Kiwis were aware of the humid, sultry conditions they would face in Sri Lanka

"Playing Sri Lanka during April and May at home can be very tough,' Crowe told reporters at a press conference with the hosts Sri Lanka.

During April, the humidity level in Colombo can reach 90 per cent, with temperatures of 35 degree Celsius.

They held their first practice sessions in Colombo on Thursday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and captain Stephen Fleming admitted: "It really is very

"We are trying to get accustomed as fast as possible.

Fleming said he was looking forward to a competitive series.

The Kiwi captain said the atmosphere in the country had completely changed because of the peace negotiations under way between the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil

"There is a real change in the atmosphere, the cease-fire and the peace process is very noticeable to all. We want that to continue," he said

The English county cricket season gets

underway on Friday with the opening

day promising at least one major upset

Tradition has it that the county

circuit emerges from its winter hiberna-

tion under the kind of meteorological

conditions that earned April its reputa-

This year, however, the weather

forecasters are promising a weekend of

glorious sunshine to usher in the new

season, appropriately enough given that the counties are also welcoming the

largest contingent of players from

But if the pundits are to be believed,

the weather on the opening weekend is

likely to be the first and last major

surprise of the season, at least in the top

flight where Surrey are odds-on favour-

ites to be crowned county champions

The increased number of overseas

stars in England for the summer is

primarily due to the increase in the

quota from one to two per county for the

nity to see stars such as India spinner

Harbhajan Singh (Lancashire), Zimba-

The influx has not gone down well

for the fourth time in five years.

first time since 1987.

warmer climes since the mid-1980's.

tion for cruelty

Cricket

The team's arrival was good news for local cricket officials, who feared concerns over Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, would prompt them to cancel the

The virus has killed more than 162 people, mostly in Asia, though Sri anka has not reported any cases.

"We have taken all possible precautions," Fleming said, adding all the players wore masks at Singapore's international airport when in transit

New Zealand have in the past become caught up in the violent campaign by the Tamil Tigers to set up a separate Tamil homeland in Sri

Their 1987 team led by the present manager Ieff Crowe abandoned the tour after the first Test in Colombo when Tamil Tigers bombed the busy

County season returns

bwe's Andy Flower (Essex) and Pakistan

County chiefs also seemed con-

vinced about the benefits of injecting a

Of the 18 counties, divided since 2000

European Union rules which mean

Antipodean players with the ability to

secure a passport from an EU state

cannot be subject to the quota mean

that, in fact, some counties could be

fielding teams in which barely half the

players are both South African; bowler

Nantie Hayward and all-rounder

Australia's Matt Mason bolstering their

batting and South Australia's Mark

Harrity as part of their attack, both of

them eligible thanks to ancestry which

entitled them to, respectively, Irish and

Mushtaq and brought in another Paki-

stani star, Azhar Mahmood, to

strengthen a squad rich in former or

confident Surrey can retain their stran-

glehold, particularly in the wake of 2001

champions Yorkshire's relegation to the

says. "If we do have a problem it is team

selection. We just don't know who to

favourites again provided everyone

pulls their weight. The main danger as I

that Surrey won last year's title with two

Such confidence is justified given

"We're looking as strong as ever," he

Seriously, I do think we start as

Opening batsman Mark Butcher is

would-be England internationals.

second division.

see it is complacency.'

Surrey have retained spinner Saqlain

Worcestershire's two overseas

But they will also have Western

into two divisions, all but cash-strapped

Glamorgan are intending to fill their

legend Wasim Akram (Hampshire).

bit of foreign blood into the mix.

The 1992 team led by Jeff's younger brother Martin made a hurried departure because of the assassination of the country's naval commander by Tamil Tigers just outside the team hotel.

The new Sri Lankan Test captain Hashan Tillakaratne, who was named to succeed Sanath Jayasuriya, said he would plan his strategy for the series in the next two days in consultation with his former captain and his deputy Marvan Atapattu.

Tillakaratne and Atapattu were appointed Thursday as part of a new Sri Lankan strategy to have separate captains for Test matches and oneday tournaments.

The first Test against New Zealand gets underway in Colombo on April 25 with the second in Kandy on May 3.

games to spare and it is hard to see past

Along with Butcher, a veteran of 50

Tests, the talent at their disposal

includes England duo Alec Stewart and

Alex Tudor and a number of players

Mark Ramprakash, Graham Thorpe, Ian

Ward and captain Adam Hollioake

looking to force their way into the

Last year's runners-up Warwickshire

have been strengthened by the recruit-

ment of New Zealand's Shane Bond and

should push Surrey harder this season,

as should Lancashire, the champions

Ian Botham's return to Somerset in

an advisory capacity has increased

optimism that they will be able to

bounce straight back to the first division

after being relegated along with York

Yorkshire's hopes of a swift return to the

top flight is likely to depend on two key

factors: how well Australia's Matthew

Elliott wields the bat after replacing

Darren Lehmann and whether England

bowler Darren Gough has genuinely

recovered from the knee injury which

DIVISION ONE: Essex v Middlesex.

Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire,

DIVISION TWO: Derbyshire v

Glamorgan, Gloucestershire v

Somerset, Worcestershire v Hampshire,

Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

forced him out of the World Cup.

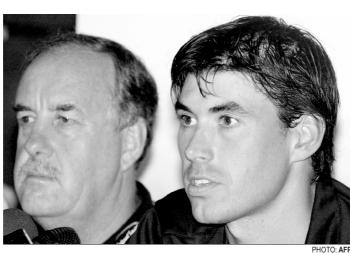
first opponents.

shire and Hampshire.

FRIDAY FIXTURES

Surrey v Lancashire

international picture this summer.



New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming (R) speaks to the press as coach Denis Aberhart looks on in Colombo on April 17.

Mahbubul, Lee champs

GrameenPhone golf

SPORTS REPORTER

Wg Cdr Md Mahbubul Haq Khan clinched the men's title while SW Lee won the women's crown in the GrameenPhone President Cup Golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club vesterday.

310 golfers including 12 ladies and 9 juniors took part in the two-day

Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury inaugurated the tournament and distributed prizes as chief guest. Ola Ree, Managing Director, GrameenPhone Ltd also attended the function as special guest. OTHER RESULTS

Senior winner (55 to 60 years): Maj Gen M Kamal Uddin; Super senior winner (60 years and above) Khurshid Hamid; Junior winner: Aaz Mohammad; Winner 0-12 handicap Shawkat Uz Zaman; Winner 13-18 handicap: SW Byun: Winner 19-24 handicap: Col Bazlul Ghani Patwary; Runner-up: Arif Ibrahim; 2nd runnerup: Zafar Iqbal Siddique; Runner-up 13-18 Handicap: Shibaab Rahman; Runner-up 19-24 Handicap : Air Cdre M Iqbal Hussain; Longest Drive: Syed Mohammad Ali; Nearest to pin: Mrs M H Yoon: Best par-3 (Hole 10,15,18): Mikio Tamada; Best par-4 (Hole 11.12) 13, 16): Sharekh Rahim; Best par-5:

Sir Paul Getty passes away

INTERNET, London

Sir Paul Getty, the owner of Wisden and its associated companies, died earlier Thursday in the London Clinic. He was 70, and had been ill for some time. He was admitted to hospital on Monday for treatment to a recurrent chest infection, but died on Thursday morning, according to Dr John Goldstone, his consultant.

In a short statement issued on behalf of the Getty family and the London Clinic, Dr Goldstone said: 'Sadly Sir Paul passed away at 10.40am today. His family would like to extend their thanks to all those who have expressed their sympathy, which is greatly appreciated.'

Despite his American roots Sir Paul Getty had been happily settled in England for many years, during which



SIR PAUL GETTY

time his passions which included films, the theatre and books expanded to include cricket. He established a beautiful ground of his own at Wormsley, his country estate in Buckinghamshire. In 1993 he acquired John Wisden, the company that produces Wisden Cricketers Almanack each year, and he also retained a controlling interest in Wisden Cricket Monthly magazine and the Wisden CricInfo website.



SACHIN SCHUMACHER TENDULKAR: The Indian cricket superstar poses for photographers after a press conference of the MRF-MAI Formule Mondiale Championship in Bombay on April 17. Tendulkar is set to be seen in a new role as he is going to compete in the first-leg of the Championship (Special Class) to be held in Chennai over July 5-6.



Magura cricket

An outstanding individual perfor-

mance by Lenin guided Haque Sport-

ing Club to a tense two-wicket win over

Sreepur Rising Star Club in the Econo

Cricket League at the Magura Stadium

He first captured three for 33 as

Sreepur, batting first, were all out for

Later the all-rounder hammered 34 for

the winners who reached the target

SREEPUR RISING STAR: 189 all out in

34.5 overs (Tuhin 49, Rana 29, Suman

26; Lenin 3/33, Masum 3/38, Tauhidul

HAQUE SPORTING CLUB: 190 for 8

wickets in 34.2 overs (Lenin 34, Javed

25, Manirul 21; Pradip 4/17, Mizan

Lara believes

Lara said he had been impressed by

Jamaican batsman and wicketkeeper

Carlton Baugh, who is set to make his

Test debut as a replacement for the

nets and I'm waiting to see the young-

ster play his first Test match," Lara said.

"I've played with all of them and it's a

"There could be other ones I see

difficult decision to try to separate them.

Ashley Giles has been made captain of

"It was a joy to see him bat in the

Result: Haque Sporting Club won

189 inside the stipulated 35 overs.

OUR CORRESPONDENT

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1/35, Tuhin 1/37).

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injured Jacobs.

the match by two wickets.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Participants of the GrameenPhone President Cup Golf tournament are seen with the Chief of Army Staff and president of the Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury (4th from left) at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

Nolan for Warne

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

The father of conjoined twins on Thursday pleaded with the Australian Cricket Board to reverse its decision to ban Test leg-spinner Shane Warne from playing in charity cricket matches.

Australia's greatest Test wickettaker was banned from cricket until February 10 next year after testing positive to a banned diuretic.

The 12-month ban prevents Warne from taking part in a scheduled cricket match to raise money for Brisbane's Royal Children's Hospital through a charity set up by the Nolan family.

Shaun Nolan, the father of conioined Brisbane twins Alvssa and Bethany Nolan, said the decision was a major blow to Beth's Legacy Foundation, which raises money for families with children in hospital.

Alyssa and Bethany were born ioined at the head on May 3, 2001.

While Alyssa survived, Bethany died during an emergency operation to separate her from her sister a few weeks after they were born.

Warne and wife Simone are

patrons of Beth's Legacy Foundation and Warne was to have been a major drawcard at the charity match.

But ACB directors decided at the weekend Warne could not take part in any organised cricket matches, including charity and testimonial

games, during his 12-month ban. Asked what he would say to the ACB, Nolan said on television on Thursday: "I would say, 'Why not let Warnie get involved in this match and

"Okay, he's copped a ban, let him do some real good in the community and someone ... benefit from that and please change their mind.'

do some real good?

Nolan said the foundation had hoped to raise about 50,000 dollars (30,000 US dollars) from the match involving Warne and described the ban as harsh.

"There's no personal gain in it for Shane," he said. "If he's got that talent and he's got

that power to pull a crowd, why can't he use it for some real good in the community?'

Warne will have to wait until after Easter to learn whether he can play in English charity matches.

The ACB and the Australian Cricketers' Association are seeking a ruling from an independent arbitra-

Hussain hopes had theirs," Hussain told BBC Sport. "They've got a very difficult decision o make because the two or three candidates who've been mentioned are

Ferrero, Spadea in last four

INDIA-S AFRICA SCOREBOARD

Did not bat: Andrew Hall, Paul Adams, Allan Dawson, Makhaya Ntin

Umpires: B Bowden (New Zealand) and A Akhtaruddin (Bangladesh)



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Ajit Agarkar

Racket-toting Spaniards usually love the slow red courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club so much they hang around savouring every moment of their favourite surface.

But top seed Juan Carlos Ferrero went against that tradition on Friday when he doled out a claycourt lesson to fellow Spaniard Alberto Martin, thrashing the qualifier 6-0, 6-2 in just 62min to reach the semifinals of the Monte Carlos Masters Series which he won last year.

"I am very happy to have come

Result: South Africa won by 5 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Neil McKenzie.

through a short match today having had to go three sets on Thursday," said Ferrero, who had a much tougher assignment in his previous match against Argentine Gaston Gaudio.

On Friday he won ten straight games from the outset before polishing off Martin with a string of crunching win-

Standing in the way of the lean 23year-old from Onteniente, and a place in Sunday's final, is American Vince Spadea - who despite being a top 20 player three years ago might have elicited the question - Vince who? having spent much of his time since ploughing a lonely furrow on the Challenger circuit.

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Warwickshire." **BCB** colts

very fine men.

One-down Sumon Kumar topscored with 35 followed by 32 from

middle-order batsman Shuvo Earlier, the home tear restricted to 106 for six with Roshan

hammering highest 26. Pace bowler Nipu took two wickets

for 18 runs from seven overs. The winners will take on the CAB

Under-15 team in their next match

Windies must FROM PAGE 13 **TEAMS**

WEST INDIES (from): Brian Lara (captain), Wavell Hinds, Devon Smith, Daren Ganga, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Marlon Samuels, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Carlton Baugh, Omari Banks, Vasbert Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins, Tino Banks.

AUSTRALIA: Stephen Waugh (captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Darren Lehmann, Adam Gilchrist, Brad Hogg, Andrew Bichel, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Stuart MacGill, Martin Love (12th man).

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).



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X U J Z - R P X P K E G T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SHE GOT MARRIED, THE WOMAN WAS THRILLED TO GET A NEW NAME AND A DRESS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals R

The Cryptoquip 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

WDTP KUT, UJ ZBKZ

WPTJGE 36 Up capital platform Solution time: 23 mins. KTTPJZPR NGT WGSSDZUEF 38 Exist 39 Tourney