

No place for Upul

REUTERS, Colombo

Match-winning all rounder Upul Chandana has been left out of Sri Lanka's Test side for their two-match series against West Indies.

Chandana, who scored 89 to guide Sri Lanka to an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the one-day series against West Indies at Bridgetown on Sunday, returns home with middle-order batsman Naveed Nawaz.

Test captain Hashan Tillakaratne, all-rounder Thilan Samaraweera and uncapped fast bowler Thilan Thushara Mirando have been added to the 16-man squad.

Samaraweera returns to the Test squad having recovered from a hand injury that ruled him out of the drawn home series against New Zealand.

Fast bowler Dilhara Fernando was not considered because of a lower back injury he sustained in April.

The players called into the Test squad will arrive in the West Indies in time for Sri Lanka's three-day match in St. Vincent on June 14.

The first Test will be played in St. Lucia from June 20 and the second in Jamaica on June 27.

SRI LANKA TEST SQUAD: Hashan Tillakaratne (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Chaminda Vaas, Dharshana Gamage, Prabhath Nissanka, Kaushal Lokurachchi, Kumar Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Dinusha Fernando, Thilan Samaraweera, Thilan Thushara Mirando

BD face NZ

FROM PAGE 13 Mymensingh also," said Rouqibul who is set to become the host tournament director. His appointment will be made soon after the host agreement is signed during the ICC meeting on London from June 15 to 19.

He also disclosed that a secretariat in connection with the competition would start functioning in the capital in late June.

Relieved Atapattu

FROM PAGE 13 everything," he said. But Atapattu said he was not about to assume that Sri Lanka's batting problems were over with the series win over the West Indies.

"Today was satisfying, but I won't be walking six inches off the ground saying our batting has clicked or anything like that. I'm looking for consistency," he said.

West Indies captain Brian Lara was disappointed, saying his young team would have to learn a lot from the match.

"I was pleased with our total, but they batted very well," said Lara, who also completed 1,000 runs against Sri Lanka in one-dayers batting at his regular number-three position.

"We put down a couple of chances in the closing overs and that cost us the match. We've to learn from our mistakes. We've to make sure we win the third game (at St Vincent on Wednesday)."

WI stadia

FROM PAGE 13 infrastructures you would have to move out of the way to put the World Cup infrastructure.

"It really is an opportunity to put in place exactly what we want."

He dismissed reports suggesting the International Cricket Council (ICC) was looking at alternative venues to host cricket's biggest tournament.

"All of the television rights have been sold all around the world," he said.

"I don't think it could be disbanded even if the ICC wanted to, and the ICC and the Caribbean have no intention of walking away from the exciting challenge of the World Cup in the West Indies."

Vermeulen sent

FROM PAGE 13 the security advice we have been given for the tour.

"Instead he left the ground on his own, deliberately ignoring a perfectly reasonable request," said Meman.

It is also another setback for Vermeulen who suffered a fractured skull at the World Cup in South Africa earlier this year when he was hit during a net session.

"Mark is a talented player but he has to learn that the team comes before personal considerations," said the team's Australian coach Geoff Marsh.

"His poor behaviour means that he will now miss the opportunity to continue learning about international cricket. That is very disappointing for him personally, but even more so from the team perspective."

Vermeulen - who made a pair at Chester-le-Street - played in both of the Tests against England and would have remained in the squad for the one-day series.

Australia honours Waugh, Sobers



REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia's Test captain Steve Waugh and former West Indies skipper Garfield Sobers received Order of Australia awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours list published on Monday.

Both were made Officers in the General Division (AO) of the Order of Australia for services to cricket and the community.

Waugh, who says he is "just an ordinary bloke", has guided his side to the number one spot in the test rankings and was at the helm for a world record 16 consecutive wins which ended in March 2001 with a defeat by India in Calcutta.

The Australian batsman has also been active in charity work for young girls from under-privileged backgrounds in Calcutta.

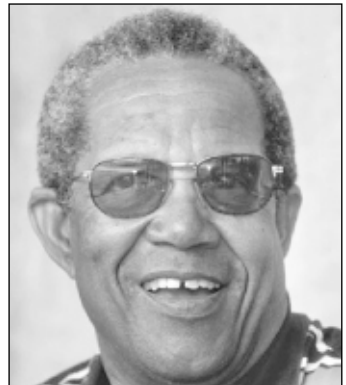
"I guess this award is in part recognition for what I've tried to do in India but really other people do much more than me," Waugh told reporters.

"I'm a little embarrassed by it all, to be honest, but it is nice that this is part of the recognition that has been given to me and it is nice for cricket."

"I don't see myself as being any different to anybody else," added Waugh, who grew up in Bankstown

in Sydney's south-west. "It's only a sport and people do tend to forget that."

Earlier this year he resisted calls for his retirement with centuries against England and West Indies. Waugh also equalled former



GARFIELD SOBERS

Sobers, the finest all-rounder in cricket history, played for South Australia in the 1960s and retains Australian citizenship through marriage.

The 66-year-old played 93 Tests and scored 8,032 runs at 57.78



STEVE WAUGH

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd's world record of 36 test wins as skipper as Australia scored a 3-1 victory in last month's test series in the Caribbean.

The 38-year-old captained Australia to victory in the 1999 World Cup but was dropped from the one-day side last year. He is the second-highest scorer in test cricket with 10,265 runs at an average of 49.83 in a world record total of 160 matches.

including a highest score of 365 not out, bettered only by West Indies captain Brian Lara's 375 against England in 1994.

Left-armers Sobers, who could bowl spin and fast-medium, also took 235 wickets at 34.03.

Former International Cricket Council chief executive David Richards and former Australian test players Norm O'Neill and Peter Philpott were honoured with medals in the General Division (OAM).

Roland Garros feels the J-force



AFP, Paris

The French Open felt the full effect of the J-force as Juan Carlos Ferrero and Justine Henin conquered Roland Garros and snapped up the men's and women's singles crowns.

The champions were laughing all the way to the bank after respectively pocketing 840,000 euros and 819,000 euros - but far more importantly breaking their respective Grand Slam ducks.

In the case of the 23-year-old Ferrero the coronation was the culmination of a tremendous claycourt season and sweet relief after being last year by compatriot Albert Costa while suffering from an ankle injury.

This year Ferrero, who warmed up for the tournament by landing his ninth Tour title in Monte Carlo, swept away the bad memories of that final by squashing Dutch new face Martin Verkerk 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

"I will keep working until I am number one in the world," said Ferrero, who while he now tops the ATP Champions Race is still ranked three behind Lleyton Hewitt and Andre Agassi on the ATP entry system.

In the case of Henin-Hardenne the 21-year-old put Belgium on the map with her country's first ever Grand Slam victory.

Belgian fans were seeing double after Kim Clijsters, whom Henin-Hardenne had sent packing 6-0, 6-4 in the singles final, then captured the doubles on her 20th birthday along with Ai Sugiyama of Japan.

While Ferrero is the king of clay after scoring his 28th victory for just two losses on the game's most gruelling surface, Henin's

win was a boon for all those who had had enough of the Williams Show - outgoing champion Serena Williams and elder sister Venus having both featured in the last four women's Grand Slam finals.

Henin-Hardenne, previously seen as a lightweight in the face of the raw power of the Williams and the likes of Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo, threw off that image in clubbing Serena in three sets in her semi-final.

The loss, depriving her of a fifth straight Slam crown, hurt Serena so much she dissolved into tears afterwards.

Henin-Hardenne dedicated her win to her late mother Francoise, who encouraged her to take up the game and who died of cancer in 1995.

And she received a heroine's welcome when she arrived back in Brussels central square on Sunday afternoon after humbling Clijsters.

On learning that her compatriot and Fed Cup teammate had won the doubles Henin-Hardenne was jubilant.

"Kim and I are very proud to be children of Belgium. Our success is yours. Your encouragement helps us to progress," said Henin-Hardenne.

While Ferrero and Henin-Hardenne parcellled out the major honours, beaten men's finalist Verkerk played a starring role as the shock of the tournament.

The 24-year-old had never won a single Grand Slam match in his life having preferred the good life to one spent on the training court.

But he came from nowhere with his huge serve to knock out German 11th seed Rainer Schuttler and 1998 champion Carlos Moya of Spain on the way to the final.

Verkerk described the run as a joke, but the joke was on him at

the last when a streaker disrupted the final.

It was a rare moment of light relief for the first ever Dutch finalist, who said he wished he'd known that compatriot and supermodel Karen Mulder had been rooting for him.

"Something good about today and I don't see it!"

If Belgian fans were seeing double with Henin-Hardenne and Clijsters so were American fans in the men's doubles.

The US contingent had hardly been spoilt with the demise of the Williams sisters coupled with Andre Agassi's quarter-final exit to Argentine Guillermo Coria.

But twins Mike and Bob Bryan set a new record on their way to winning their first Grand Slam title together at the expense of defending champions Paul Haarhuis and Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

The 23-year-old Californians, seeded third and born just two minutes apart won 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 to set a record for titles won by brothers in the Open Era with 11.

African Nations Cup qualifiers

Goals galore at Johannesburg



AFP, Johannesburg

Egypt, Ivory Coast and Togo went on goal sprees Sunday in African Nations Cup qualifiers.

The Egyptian Pharaohs mauled Mauritius 7-0 in Port Said, the Ivorian Elephants battered Burundi 6-1 in Abidjan and the Togolese Hawks crushed Cape Verde Islands 5-2 in Lome in fourth-round matches.

Benin, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia and Morocco also won and Congo drew to keep alive hopes of featuring in the 16-team finals to be hosted by Tunisia next January and February.

And there was a rare victory for the tiny island state of Equatorial Guinea after three embarrassing losses.

Egypt overtook Madagascar on goal difference to lead Group 10 with striker Ahmed 'Mido' Hossam from Spanish club Celta Vigo triggering the rout by converting a ninth-minute penalty awarded for a foul on Mohammed Barakat.

Hossam and Ahmed Hassan scored twice and Tarek al-Said, Gamal Hamza and Hazem Emam once as Egypt laid to rest memories of a dour 1-0 win over the Mauritians on the Indian Ocean island three months ago.

France-based Didier Drogba, a target for English Premiership clubs, snatched a first half hat-trick as the Ivorians threw down the gauntlet to South Africa in Group 11 ahead of a clash between the countries later this month in Polokwane.

Dagui Bakari claimed two and Aruna Dindane one while Saidi Shabani grabbed a late consolation goal for Burundi, who went to West Africa boasting a record of never having lost an away qualifier by more than two goals.

Spanish press hails Ferrero

AFP, Madrid

Spanish tennis star Juan Carlos Ferrero was unanimously hailed 'King of France' by the local press here Monday the day after he lifted his first Grand Slam title at the French Open.

"Juan Carlos I, King of France" ran the front page headline of the biggest selling sports daily Marca after the man from Onteniente became the sixth Spaniard to get his hands on the Musketeers Cup with a straightforward 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 win in two hours over unseeded Dutchman Martin Verkerk.

Marca wrote that now that the world's top clay court player had finally won the title he coveted the sky was the limit. "We know what he has done until now, but it's impossible to know how far he can go," said Marca.

Madrid's second sports daily AS wrote optimistically that now that Ferrero, who has won eight of his ten titles on clay, had been "crowned like an undisputed king of clay, why not Wimbledon now?"

"He belongs to this new generation of 'all court players' capable of feeling at ease on all surfaces," wrote El Mundo.

Mohsin shifts

FROM PAGE 13 the team's failure on late nights out, complacency, team politics and inept coaching.

Kamal, who was sacked as the Bangladesh team's official coach two months ago, blamed poor player knowledge, bad attitudes and inept officials.

"Their lack of attitude has failed them in learning and improving," he said.

"Bangladeshi officials must let the policies run the people and not people run the policies and share responsibility for the team's poor performance," Kamal said.

"They have sacked coaches left, right and centre which has not allowed anyone to settle."

Kamal followed West Indian Gordon Greenidge, South African Eddie Barlow and Australian Trevor Chappell as Bangladesh coach in the last four years.

Kamal's coaching assistant Ali Zia accused Bangladeshi cricket officials of inefficiency.

"The BCB has actually tried to hide their inefficiency by putting the blame on others," said Zia, a former first-class player.

In love with

FROM PAGE 13 "At the end of the day, I know I'll be judged by the performance of the team. However it's kind of sad because for a side like Bangladesh, winning should not be the priority at the moment. We should work on gradually developing a good cricket team. The 140-million people of this country deserve a strong Bangladesh team."

Cafu joins Milan



BBC ONLINE/AFP, Milan

Brazil full-back Cafu has signed a two-year deal with European champions AC Milan after leaving Roma as a free agent.

Cafu, captain of Brazil's World Cup-winning side last year, will be at Milan until June 2005.

The 33-year-old had signed a preliminary agreement to join Yokohama Marinos in the J-League earlier in the year.

But the player indicated he did not want to move to the Far East, citing health concerns over the Sars virus - even though Japan has reported no confirmed cases of the disease.

He has won two World Cup winners' medals in a glittering career in which he has amassed 114 international caps.

And against Germany in 2002, he became the first footballer to play in three World Cup finals following his appearances against Italy in 1994 and France in 1998.

Cafu - full name Marcos Evangelista de Moraes - started playing in the Brazilian league for

Sao Paulo before moving to Palmeiras.

He joined Roma in 1997 and was an integral part of the side that won the Serie A title in 2001.

Cafu will add even greater depth



CAFU

to Milan's defence, lining up alongside the likes of Paolo Maldini and Alessandro Nesta.

Meanwhile, the Italian giants have revealed that they have made England captain David Beckham their top transfer target.

The 28-year-old midfielder now looks certain to leave Manchester United after the English Premiership champions confirmed that they had 'firm interest' from clubs in Spain and Italy.

Barcelona presidential candidate Joan Laporta has expressed his desire to take Beckham to the Nou Camp if he is elected on June 15.

Now Milan vice-chairman Adriano Galliani has told the Sun newspaper: "Beckham is our primary target. We are pursuing our objective and will do everything in our power to get him."

European champions AC Milan all reportedly interested in signing him for a fee in the region of 30 million pounds (50 million dollars).

"Manchester United can confirm that clubs from Italy and Spain have expressed a firm interest in signing David Beckham," United confirmed.

"David's advisers SFX have also been approached by clubs independently and we are in regular and close contact with them regarding the status on those discussions, which are ongoing."

Rooney destined for greatness



AFP, London

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson increased the expectations on teenage sensation Wayne Rooney by revealing that he believes the Everton striker has the ability to become as big a star as Italian legend Roberto Baggio and Portuguese playmaker Rui Costa.

"When I think back to players I had when they were 17 who went into the first team, there was Baggio in 1980. I also had Rui Costa and they went on to have very big careers," said Swede who could name Rooney in his team to face Slovakia in a Euro 2004 qualifier in Middlesbrough on Wednesday.

"I can't see any reason why Wayne shouldn't have the same sort of career, certainly of someone like Baggio - and that would not be too bad at all."

Baggio enjoyed a glittering career with the likes of Fiorentina, Juventus and AC Milan while Costa, who played for Benfica and Fiorentina, has just lifted the Champions League with AC Milan.

"Look at Pele at 17, when he won the World Cup with Brazil in 1958, and then if you look five years forward then you should be better at everything," said Eriksson.

Meanwhile, Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard admitted on Sunday that he has taken on the role of father figure for Rooney.

Gerrard and the 17-year-old are both from Liverpool and are sure-fire bets to start Wednesday's match at the Riverside.

"We are from the same area, that is why the relationship has taken off," Gerrard told Sky Sports.

"Wayne is a young lad in the squad and I found before Euro 2000 that you are a small fish in a big pond. It can get lonely spending so much time in your room."

"I've played a few rounds of golf, table tennis and pool with him. He has settled in. He's quiet off the pitch but when you get to know him

he comes out of his shell a bit more."

Asked about the prospect of Rooney linking up with Michael Owen up front against Slovakia, Gerrard said: "Michael and Wayne are world class players. Wayne made a terrific impact against

Turkey and he has given Sven a headache. But I'm sure he'll make the right decision."

Turkey lead England by two points in Group Seven after beating Slovakia 1-0 on Saturday.



WAYNE ROONEY

Chandana steals

FROM PAGE 13 leg-spinner Chandana. He put on 109 off just 55 balls with Lara for the fourth wicket.

Left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas was the only bowler to command respect.

Vaas trapped Wavell Hinds leg-before and had a confident caught-behind appeal against Lara turned down by New Zealand umpire Billy Bowden.

Gayle survived a loud appeal for a catch in the slips on 39 while attempting to sweep off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, but, like his captain, got the benefit of the doubt from Bowden.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between the West Indies and Sri Lanka at the Kensington Oval on Sunday:

WEST INDIES C Gayle run out 94 W Hinds lbw b Vaas 10 B Lara c Jayasuriya b Nissanka 116 R Sarwan run out 3 M Samuels not out 56 R Powell not out 9 Extras: (lb-3, nb-6, w-15) 24 Total: (For four wkts in 50 overs) 312

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-167, 3-174, 4-283.

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows: Vaas (10, 4, 33, 1), Nissanka (10, 0, 67, 1), Dharmasena (8, 0, 54, 0), Muralitharan (10, 1, 53, 0), Jayasuriya (6, 0, 51, 0)

Table with columns: Chandana, Dilshan, Sri Lanka. Rows: R Kaluwitharana run out 34 S Jayasuriya c Drakes b Samuels 41

M Atapattu run out 47 K Sangakkara c Hinds b Drakes 31 U Chandana c Powell b Collymore 89 M Jayawardene c Lara b Drakes 32 T Dilshan not out 13 K Dharmasena not out 3

Extras: (lb-5, nb-6, w-12) 23 Total: (For six wkts in 49.3 overs) 313

Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-78, 3-153, 4-192, 5-293, 6-301.

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows: Dillon (10, 0, 66, 0), Collymore (9.3, 0, 51, 1), Samuels (10, 0, 50, 1), Hurley (5, 0, 29, 0), Gayle (5, 0, 40, 0), Drakes (7, 1, 49, 2), Sarwan (1, 0, 5, 0), Hinds (2, 0, 18, 0)

Result: Sri Lanka won by four wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Upul Chandana (SRI)

Series result: Sri Lanka lead three-match series 2-0.

Toss: West Indies. Umpires: Billy Bowden (NZL) and Eddie Nicholls (WIS).

TV umpire: Billy Dootroove (WIS). Match-referee: Wasim Raja (PAK).

Third one-dayer: At St Vincent on Wednesday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptogram: A LADDER MANUFACTURING COMPANY PRESIDENT WAS RECENTLY FORCED TO STEP DOWN.

Today's Cryptogram Clue: W equals E

The Cryptogram 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.