Sanath head for England

AFP, Colombo

Veteran batsman Sanath Jayasuriya will join his Sri Lanka teammates in England later this week after reversing his decision to quit, chief selector Asantha De Mel said on Thursday.

The left-hander, 36, will arrive in England well ahead of the second Test in Edgbaston from May 25 and stay for the third Test and the subsequent five one-day internationals, De Mel told reporters.

"Jayasuriya indicated a willingness to make himself available for Test cricket again and we decided to send him to England as soon as possible." he said

The build-up to the three-Test series, starting at Lord's later on Thursday, has been overshadowed by Jayasuriya's dramatic comeback less than a month after he said he was quitting Test cricket to concentrate on one-dayers.

De Mel, who replaced Lalith Kaluperuma as chairman of the selection committee last week. blamed his predecessor for forcing the former captain out of Test

"Sanath can't reach England in time for the first Test. But he will have enough time to acclimatise and get himself focussed for the second and third Tests" said De Mel.

Jayasuriya has scored 6,613 runs in 102 Tests with 14 centuries.

Bangladesh win Cricket

FROM PAGE 21 a 3-2 victory over Singapore at the same venue.

Samir Haliyas, skipper Amjad Siddig and Husam Aiyad scored for Oman while Ibrahim and Shaun netted one goal apiece for

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan inaugurated the nine-day meet as chief guest while State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman was present as special guest.

Bud to face

paid \$40 million as one of the 2006 tournament's 15 sponsors.

The 188-year-old Bitburger, which will get nearly a third of the beer concessions at the World Cup but no advertising rights, was determined to be in the game. Anheuser-Busch, the largest

U.S. brewer and world's third biggest after Inbev and SABMiller hopes its World Cup presence will improve its image in Germany.

"We understand that taste is an important part of the product beer and Europeans, particularly Germans, like a stronger, more bitter kind of product." Ponturo said.

Ironically. Anheuser-Busch has German roots. It was incorporated in St. Louis in 1875 by German immigrants Adolphus Busch and Busch's father-in-law Eberhard Anheuser

Anheuser-Busch, which makes less than 7 percent of its revenues outside the United States, wants to expand its share of the lucrative German market and Ponturo hopes beer tastes might one day evolve to

its advantage. "As the younger people are traveling and becoming much more of a global society, maybe beer

tastes will change," he said. It might take a while.

German breweries follow purity rules that date back half a millen nium to Duke Wilhelm IV's 1516 edict stating that beer can only be have more responsibility now. I'm brewed from four things: barley, ready to face it. veast, hops and water

Budweiser has an extra ingredient -- rice. The company says this creates "its characteristic lightness crispness and refreshing taste."

Balanced final

FROM PAGE 24 South Korea suffered a lengthy hangover following the 2002 World Cup and the departure of their highly-successful Dutch coach Guus Hiddink

Both of Hiddink's immediate successors, Portugese Humberto Coelho and another Dutchman, Jo Bonfrere failed to sustain the high standards set at Japan-Korea 2002.

SQUAD

Defenders: Lee Young-pyo

Pulse), Park Chu-young (FC Seoul), Seol Ki-hyeon (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Lee Chun-soo (Ulsan



West Indies opener Chris Gayle flicks one over mid-wicket during his undefeated innings of 95 in the fifth ODI against Zimbabwe at Gros Islet on Wednesday.

WI openers zap Zimbabwe

Unbeaten half-centuries from opening batsmen Chris Gayle and Sewnarine Chattergoon propelled West Indies to an overwhelming 10wicket triumph in the fifth one-day International against Zimbabwe on Wednesday under lights at the

Beauseiour Stadium. Chasing a modest victory target of 153 in their allocation of 50 overs, West Indies did not lose a wicket, and Gayle had the privilege of hitting the winning runs in the first day-night match in the Caribbean, when he drove Prosper Utseya through extra cover for the last of his 13 fours.

Gayle and Chattergoon were never troubled and carried West Indies safely to their destination.

Gayle also hit a six in his undefeated 95 -- the top score -- at better than a run-a-ball to earn the man-ofthe-match award, and Chattergoon supported with eight boundaries in an unbeaten 54 from 78 balls to give West Indies an unbeatable 4-0 lead in the seven-match series

Earlier, all-rounder Dwayne Bravo and compatriot Dave Mohammed had wrecked Zimbabwe's batting to leave West Indies their modest target.

Bravo captured three wickets for 24 runs from 9.2 overs while

Mohammed collected three for 37 from 10 overs on his ODI debut, as the 7imbabwean were dismissed for 152 in 49.2 overs after choosing to

Diminutive batsman Gregory Strydom cracked four fours and two sixes in the top score of 48 from 73 Zimbabwe never recovered,

after Mohammed bowled Vusimuzi Sibanda for four in the 19th over to eave Zimbabwe on 48 for three. The Zimbabweans had suffered an early setback, when opener Piet

Rinke was caught at second slip off Taylor in the second over for his second duck in as many matches. Strydom entered during this period and was inching his way to his half-century, adding a valuable 40 with Mupariwa for the eighth wicket, before Bravo removed them

no runs in the space of six balls. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the fifth one-day international between West Indies and Zimbabwe at the Beausejour Cricket Ground on Wednesday:

both as the last three wickets fell for

ZIMBABWE Rinke c Lara b Taylor Duffin run out (Ramdin) 38 21 Taylor c Collymore b Brayo Sibanda b Mohammed Chiqumbura c Bravo b Gavle Strvdom b Bravo Dabengwa hit wkt b Mohammed 7 Mahwire b Mohammed

Mupariwa b Taylor Utseva not out Ireland b Bravo 0 Extras: (lb-1, w-10) 11 Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) 152 Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-42, 3-48, 4-77, 5-91, 6-112, 7-112, 8-152, 9-152. **Bowler** 0 R 17 Collymore 0 34 Taylor 9.2 24 Bravo 3 Gayle Mohammed 10 Samuels WESTINDIES

Chattergoon not out Extras: (w-4, nb-3) Total: (No loss in 27.4 overs) Did not bat: Sarwan, Lara, Morton Samuels, Bravo, Ramdin, Mohammed, Taylor, Collymore. Bowler 0 Mahwire 19 Ireland

Gavle not out

25 Mupariwa 32 Rinke 37 Utseva Dahengwa 5 0 37 Result: West Indies won by 10 wickets and lead the seven-

match series 4-0. Man-of-the-match: Chris Gayle Toss: Zimbabwe.

Umpires: B. Doctrove, B. Bowden.

95

fans writing in to us."

FROM PAGE 21 the first over but then chased down the target losing 5 wickets in 23 overs.

In form batsman Mominul Haque saw the team through with a quickfire 29 while Abhishek scored 23.

Marcus anchors

FROM PAGE 21 Fall of wicket: 1-86.

Flintoff, Jones, Plunkett, Hoggard, Mahmood, Panesar **Bowler** 0 2 Vaas 43 68 Maharoof 13

12 Dilshan SRI LANKA: Upul Tharanga, Jehan Mubarak, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Thilan Samaraweera, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Chamara Kapugedera, Farveez Maharoof, Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan

Umpires: Aleem Dar (PAK) and Rudi Koertzen (RSA)

Greg's appeal

Cricket

International Cricket Council (ICC) will continue to consider increased use of technology despite claims that some broadcasters have doc-

tored TV replays. The allegations were made by Steve Bucknor, international cricket's most experienced match

ICC to remain

tech friendly

BBC ONLINE, undated

official But ICC general manager Dave Richardson said: "Umpires are always defensive about their own

Last weekend, the ICC's Cricket Committee gave its backing to a proposal to allow teams to have contentious decisions made by officials out in the middle referred to the TV umpire.

They would, however, be restricted to three appeals per The plan has still to be approved

by the full ICC Board, but it is hoped it can be trialled at the Champions Trophy in India later this year.

Bucknor claims umpires were not consulted.

But Richardson told BBC World Service Sport: "I often point to him as a very good example of why we need to give technology a go.

"He's done particularly well this year. After not a great year last year, he's averaging around 96 per cent of his decisions being correct, and yet he's made one or two decisions which have come in for terrible criticism from the media and from

BKSP become

Former cricketer Minhajul Abedin adjudged Shakil Ahmed of BKSP man-of-the-match.

Total: (For 1 wkt in 59 overs) 199 To bat: Pietersen, Collingwood,

0 44 Kulasekara 12 5 0 Muralidaran 16 31

Kulasekara, Muttiah Muralidaran. Toss: England

Wednesday. The match ended 1-1.

BBC ONLINE, undated

India coach Greg Chappell has urged his players to focus on improving their Test performance during the tour to the West Indies.

They have been in excellent oneday form of late, but have not won a Test series outside Asia since 1986. "We have got to be more aware

of the flow of Test cricket, of the important moments and important sessions "People are aware of the history, but we have nothing to prove except

that we can win away from home,'

said Chappell. "If you look at the great West Indian teams that dominated world cricket for two decades and the current Australian team that has been on top for nearly the same length of time, one-day cricket was the catalyst for them getting better,

said Chappell. "I have no doubt Lara coming back as captain is a positive thing I'm sure it will invigorate them, and invigorate him." he added.

India all-rounder Irfan Pathan. meanwhile, is planning to use the trip to find out about conditions in the Caribbean ahead of next year's World Cup.

Despite a big improvement in his batting, he still sees himself primarily as a bowler.

"I want to be leading the fast bowling attack give the team the breakthroughs early and whenever needed. "I am leading the attack now. I

have contributed to the Indian team well in the last two years and have

squad I think obviously the manager

"For me personally, I am excited

thinks they have a chance of playing

to be in the squad and to hopefully

European Union lawmakers will

urge political leaders on Thursday to

back a letter to FIFA calling for Iran to

be banned from the World Cup finals

because of controversial remarks by

Parliament will send a letter to the

head of soccer's world governing

body, Sepp Blatter, and EU leaders

citing statements from Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad calling for the destruc-

tion of Israel and denying the

Holocaust. as well as Iran's refusal

would sign and FIFA has said it has

no intention of banning Iran's team

which kicks off its campaign against

Mexico on June 11 in Nuremberg, a

this and we will now go back to our

governments and opposition parties

and send them a letter, asking them

to back our call," British

Conservative Party MEP Chris

been set in the past, in particular in

cricket and rugby with South Africa

to be "wiped off the map" and has

referred to the Holocaust as a myth.

Denying the murder of 6 million

Jews by the Nazis is a crime in

Germany punishable by up to five

Ahmadinejad has called for Israel

and FIFA needs to do the same.

"We believe a precedent has

"We have cross-party support for

It was not clear how many MEPs

to renounce its nuclear activity.

city associated with Nazism.

Heaton-Harris told Reuters.

Members of the European

Lawmakers seek

Iran exclusion

the country's president.

REUTERS, Brussels

now. I want to continue that," he

"Everything is going to be different over there to what I have seen so far...the wickets, the culture, everything is going to be new to me.'

More Aus-Ind clashes ahead

Australia will play India in six series over the next five years under the International Cricket Council's Future Tours Program (FTP) up to

Under the ICC's newly-released playing schedule, the two nations will play each every year from 2007 to 2011. either in Tests or limitedovers matches.

The Australians will tour India each year from 2007 to 2010, with India coming down under in 2007 and 2011 for four Tests and the triangular one-day series.

Contests between the two cricket strong nations took off in 2001 after Harbhajan Singh, VVS Laxman and Rahul Dravid engineered India's improbable 2-1 home series victory triggered with the miracle comeback win in the second Calcutta Test.

In 2003-4 the Indians pushed Steve Waugh's Australians all the way to split a four-Test series 1-1 in Australia.

Australia downed India 2-1 in their last four-Test series in India in



Trinidad and Tobago forward Dwight Yorke (L) tries to dribble past Peru's Miguel Angel Vallalta during a World Cup warm-up match in Port-of-Spainon

the final bid document -- Asia may well have lost the bid. "Sharad Pawar sent us a letter thanking us for the timely reminder we gave them about the compliance bid, barring which we

The PCB, as part of their preparations, are also planning on bringing the administration of stadiums in Faisalabad, Multan and Rawalpindi -- all venues for 2011 -- under their control. Currently, the PCB is in charge of affairs at the Gaddafi and National Stadium in Lahore and Karachi respectively, as well as a host of others.

RVN tocused and heavy season in England. I feel

wait to go to the World Cup." One reason van Nistelrooy might

an 18-vear-old Brazilian student in a who is in top form after netting more than 40 goals this season. With van Basten indicating he

> However, van Nistelrooy believes the uncapped Huntelaar has earned his spurs and insists there is no rivalry between the pair.

"Klaas did a fantastic job and deserves a chance," van Nistelrooy "I will help him as much as I can

to make him feel comfortable, so he can achieve his best.

"Everyone must fight for his place in the squad. That has always been the case under van Basten. He never selects a player only because of the name of the player.'

FROM PAGE 24 June 4 for the June 9-July 9 finals.

Crouch reckons Theo's ready

REUTERS. Manchester

England striker Peter Crouch believes Arsenal's Theo Walcott is ready to grace the international stage after receiving a shock World

Crouch briefly played alongside the young forward when they were at Southampton and is delighted to be re-united with the 17-year-old in Sven-Goran Eriksson's England

"Having played with him at Southampton, albeit only for a couple of months, I know what a special talent he is," Crouch, now with Liverpool, told reporters. "He can beat players, he's fright-

eningly quick and I think when people see him play they will be "He's done exceptionally well to

not put it past him to grace that Crouch, 25, added: "I certainly

there were times when people thought 'would he be ready?' at such a young age and look what he's achieved.

great future. The towering striker has been capped five times by his country, and

"With them being named in the

world class players.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said the remarks were unacceptable and likened Iran's nuclear plans to the threat posed by the Nazis. However, she said she would not seek to ban Iran from the finals, which kick off in her country on

years in prison.

close to the World Cup. They are Owen allays injury

INTERNET, undated

fered last December.

England striker Michael Owen on Wednesday insisted he is "feeling fine" despite concerns he has not yet made a full recovery from a foot injury suf-

Tottenham goalkeeper Paul Robinson on New Year's Eve but since has played just half an hour of competitive Owen has very little time to prove his own match fitness, with first-choice

The Newcastle forward broke his

fifth metatarsal in a collision with

strike partner Wayne Rooney also in a desperate race to be fit for the World sal in his right foot last month.

had some encouraging words for England fans and manager Sven-Goran Eriksson. "I'm feeling fine," Owen said. "I've been out for quite a while but I've been

months. "I broke my (metatarsal) last year so it's not been such a 'get fit quick' campaign with me (as with Rooney). Mine has been healed and ready to go for some time now, I'm just getting over the in-betweeny bits where you get a bit of

Low-key start for Paraguay

REUTERS, Asuncion

and Dutch-based midfielder Edgar Barreto were the only players present at the team's training camp at Ypane, outside Asuncion. "We're waiting for more players to

arrive," said fitness trainer Juan Carlos Tabarrelli. "We started today The World Cup final is due to be

Other members of the Paraguay squad are expected to start showing

matches later as the Slovenia side failed to progress past the group

Towards 'the business end' of the

The World Cup

tournament Brazil talisman Rivaldo was a naughty boy for different reasons. The viewing world collapsed in hilarity when, during the semi-final against Turkey, Hakan Unsal kicked the ball towards the corner flag in anger following a decision. Quick-thinking Rivaldo. not normally known for his theatrics, spotted an opportunity and when the ball hit him on the knee, threw himself to the floor holding his face. He was fined just over £5,000 for his gamesmanship but such a brief moment of opportunism stained the legacy of one of football's all-time

Scotland's Willie Johnstone was sent home from the 1978 tournament in shame after testing positive for a banned substance. It may have been a blessing in disguise for 'Bud' following the humiliating defeat by The most controversial superstar

in the history of the game, Maradona, also fell foul of doping officials. In the twilight of what many argue was a wasted career, he had one last roll of the dice in 1994. It was his fourth World Cup but the crazed Argentinian aroused suspicion with a manic goal celebration after scoring against Greece. A subsequent drug test officially showed he had taken ephedrine and he was packed off back home immediately - one match short of a record 22nd finals appearance. Less sinister but equally ill-

advised and definitely more bizarre was Ilunga Mwepu's rapid rise to fame in 1974. With Zaire - who conceded 14 and scored none in three matches - 2-0 down against Brazil and the South Americans about to take a free-kick, Mwepu very randomly broke from the wall and blasted the ball upfield before the kick was taken. He received a booking and notoriety for his trouble, becoming a World Cup legend for all the wrong reasons.

Finals' venues

would not have won."

GERMANY

The Selecao was drawn to play Australia, Japan and Croatia in the

Cup call-up.

excited. get his move to Arsenal and obviously the manager thinks he is ready for the World Cup stage and I would

wasn't ready at that age and so it's a credit to him that he has managed to get into the squad. "With Wayne Rooney I think

"If he does half as well as Wayne has then obviously he has got a

with Wayne Rooney a major injury doubt and Michael Owen not certain to be fully fit because of foot injuries he may have a key part to play in Eriksson's plans. "It's a big blow with Michael having missed quite a lot of the season and Wayne being injured so

BITS AND BOBS

Cup after breaking the fourth metatar-But speaking to Sky Sports News before a tribute dinner in honor of Newcastle teammate Alan Shearer, who has retired from the game, Owen

training in amongst all that. I've had my problems over the last couple of

discomfort after games.'

Paraguay kicked off their World Cup

training programme with only two players on Wednesday and with coach Anibal Ruiz yet to name his final squad. Veteran striker Jose Cardozo

and we're not stopping until July 10. played on July 9.

Defender Denis Caniza and veteran midfielder Roberto Acuna are due to arrive on Thursday and Mexican-based forward Salvador Cabanas on Friday. All three are considered certainties for Ruiz's squad, which will be named on

up over the next few days.

Monday. Paraguay, who face England. Sweden and Trinidad & Tobago in Group B, leave for Austria on May 18, where they will be based in the

run-up to the tournament. Boumsong will learn

from mistakes **REUTERS, Paris**

Alain Boumsong says his difficult end of the season in England will help him for the World Cup with France. Boumsong, left out of Newcastle's starting line-up since a

3-1 defeat by Charlton Athletic on

March 26, made his return against

Chelsea last weekend when he

replaced injured Charles N'Zogbia.

Newcastle United defender Jean-

However, the 26-year-old former AJ Auxerre centre back is confident he will be fully fit when France kick off their World Cup challenge against Switzerland in Germany on

"I've been criticised a lot and I did

not break down." Boumsong told French sports daily L'Equipe on Thursday. "Somehow, I thank my detractors. They pushed me to question

myself and to improve. I'm stronger Boumsong has won 18 caps for France and scored one goal since his international debutr in a 2-1 Confederations Cup win against

He now is a regular starter in the centre of the French defence along with Lilian Thuram. "Lilian trusts me and I trust him. We listen to each other and there is a

Japan almost three years ago.

lot of respect between us," he said. "I feel good and really play

better with him."

(Seonanam Ilwha) Midfielders: Park Ji-sung (Manchester United), Kim Do-heon (Seongnam Ilwha), Kim Sang-shik (Seongnam Ilwha), Kim Nam-il (Suwon Bluewings), Lee Eul-yong (Trabzonspor), Lee Ho (Ulsan Tigers), Baek Ji-hoon (FC Seoul) Strikers: Ahn Jung-hwan (MSV Duisburg), Cho Jae-jin (Shimizu S-

Goalkeepers: Lee Woon-jae (Suwon Bluewings), Kim Yong-dae (Seongnam Ilwha) Kim Youngkwang (Chunnam Dragons)

(Tottenham Hotspur), Kim Dong-jin (FC Seoul), Cho Won-hee (Suwon Bluewings), Song Chong-gug (Suwon Bluewings), Choi Jin-cheul (Chonbuk Motors), Kim Jin-kvu (Jubilo Iwata), Kim Young-chul

Tigers), Chung Kyung-ho (Gwangju Sangmu)

Kaka eager to show and less than a vear later trans-

after the 2002 World Cup. He's been touted a crucial part of Parreira's "magic quartet" scheme, along with Ronaldinho. Ronaldo and Adriano.

and is considered one of the leaders

With the increased role, Kaka

of Brazil's latest generation of stars.

knows his responsibilities also have increased. "I'm ready for that. I have been criticized before, but I know how things work in soccer," he said, "I'm prepared; I'm actually happy that I

netted nine goals since making his debut with Brazil in January 2002 in a friendly against Bolivia. He previously played for the country's Olympic and Under-20 squad, including at FIFA's 2001 World

Kaka's first professional soccer

appearance came as an 18-year-

old with Sao Paulo in 2001. He was

voted Brazil's best player in 2002,

hitting their stride and took care of

neighbours Austria with a 6-1 in

Basel, thanks in part to four goals

Germany would take on favourites

Hungary.In the days leading up all

the talk was of Puskas, who surely

couldn't be brought back now. He's

only half fit, they said (he often

was), he looks rather thick round

the middle, the team has shown it

He was also the most extrava-

gantly talented and inspirational

player of his day famously one-

footed but with a left foot that juggled

the soap in the showers at Real

Madrid. The nickname Galloping

Major, which refers to his ersatz rank

in the army, doesn't paint the right

picture. Hungary were always better

immediately happened around him.

Bozsik sent Kocsis into the German

penalty area, the shot hit Liebrich

So he came back and things

So to the final it was where West

from the Walter brothers.

doesn't need him.

with him than without.

Youth Championship.

Izecson dos Santos Leite, has

Kaka, whose full name is Ricardo

ceremony attended by 600 guests, including teammates Ronaldo, Cafu and Roberto Carlos, and coach

ferred to Milan in a deal worth about

Brazil last December when he wed

Kaka made the headlines in

\$8 million

"We should be focusing only on the games." he said. Kaka believes he has the poten-

he is against Parreira's decision to allow players to have sex during the

Deeply religious, Kaka is a member of the evangelical Reborn in Christ Church and recently said

tial to become the World Cup's best player or top scorer, but that's not his "My focus will be to help the team." he said. "If we win it. it will be

a perfect World Cup for me no

Germany 1954: Amateurs

and rebounded to the left, where

Puskas scored with a low cross

shot past Turek. Two minutes later,

Bozsik tried to find Kicsis

Kohlmeyer's back pass put Turek in

trouble, Czibor kicked it in. What

Germany were saved by their

was that score in the group match?

unity (six players from

Kaiserslautern) and instant come-

back. Zakarias, facing his own goal,

lunged to reach a low cross from the

left but could only knock it back

towards his own goal (no blame

attached)-and Morlock slid in to

divert it low past Grosics' right

hand. Then Fritz Walter took a

corner, Grosics could only flap the

ball sideways under Schafer's

challenge, and Rahn volleyed past

described as a Hungarian

onslaught, kept at bay by Turek and

slices of luck. But Hungary were at

last facing opponents who weren't

intimidated by them. The Germans

however were a constant threat and

The rest of the match is usually

Buzanszky and Lantos on the line.

Rahn always a danger on the wings and they ended the match on the With five minutes left, Schafer shoved Bozsik off the ball and crossed, Lantos headed away under pressure and the ball reached the unmarked Rahn, who took it round Lantos to the left

before shooting low and left-footed

past Grosics' right hand.

In the dying minutes Puskas ran onto Toth's pass to slide the ball under Turek, only for Mervyn Griffiths, the authoritarian, highprofile Welsh linesman, to leave his mark on the match as he was perhaps always likely to do. Offside, For ever. Thirty seconds from the end, Czibor put everything into a shot, but Turek, tremendously agile for a man of 35, turned it away. It was the end of Hungary's virtual invincibility. They had strong

claims to that unwanted title: best

team never to win the World Cup.

For them this was the end of the

fitter than ever before and I cannot

be fearful of his position in the national team is the emergence of Ajax striker Klaas Jan Huntelaar

will take only four strikers across the border to Germany, the pair could be competing for a single place.