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## Stewart hits a ton on his birthday

## England fare well on Day 1



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 9: A birthday hundred from Alec Stewart gave England some respite from their Caribbean problems on the first day of the fourth Test on Friday, reports Reuters.

Stewart batted almost five hours to score 118, his first century for 17 Tests, as England reached 299 for five at the close of a day which at one stage promised even greater prosperity.

Stewart and his captain Mike Atherton had begun to put the West Indies under unaccustomed pressure with a fine opening stand of 171, but once Atherton departed for 85, some of the familiar doubts returned.

Winston Benjamin grabbed the wickets of Mark Ramprakash, Robin Smith and Stewart in the post-tea session and Graham Thorpe also perished late in the day as West Indies produced one of their familiar fightbacks.

Stewart's 191-ball innings on his 31st birthday contained 15 fours, but the efforts of the opening pair again threatened to be squandered by their teammates.

England, already 3-0 down in the five-Test series, lost the first Test in Jamaica after reaching 121-0 in the first innings, and spiralled from 173 for two to 322 all out in the second Test in Guyana.

Their performance at the Kensington Oval, where West Indies have not lost a Test for almost 60 years, was at least a marked improvement on the third Test debacle in Trinidad.

A loud cheer erupted from the estimated 6,000-strong English supporters in the crowd when England passed 46, their second innings total in Port of Spain, but the West Indian fast bowlers will still believe they can engineer a fourth successive win.

Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh both finished the first day without a wicket which was scarcely what captain Richie Richardson had in mind when he won the toss and invited England to make first use of a good batting strip.

England advanced serenely to 83 without loss at lunch and at tea 171 for no wicket, the threat of a 5-0 whitewash in the series seemed to have receded.

Atherton had just struck Kenneth Benjamin for successive fours and it was a surprise when he played a loose shot against the same bowler to give Brian Lara at first slip a comfortable catch.

The England captain had batted 165 balls and hit 14 fours and must have been disappointed at the way some of his teammates failed to follow his example.

Ramprakash again failed to assert himself before he was caught behind for 20 and Junior Murray claimed his second catch when Smith edged a snorter from Benjamin having made 10.

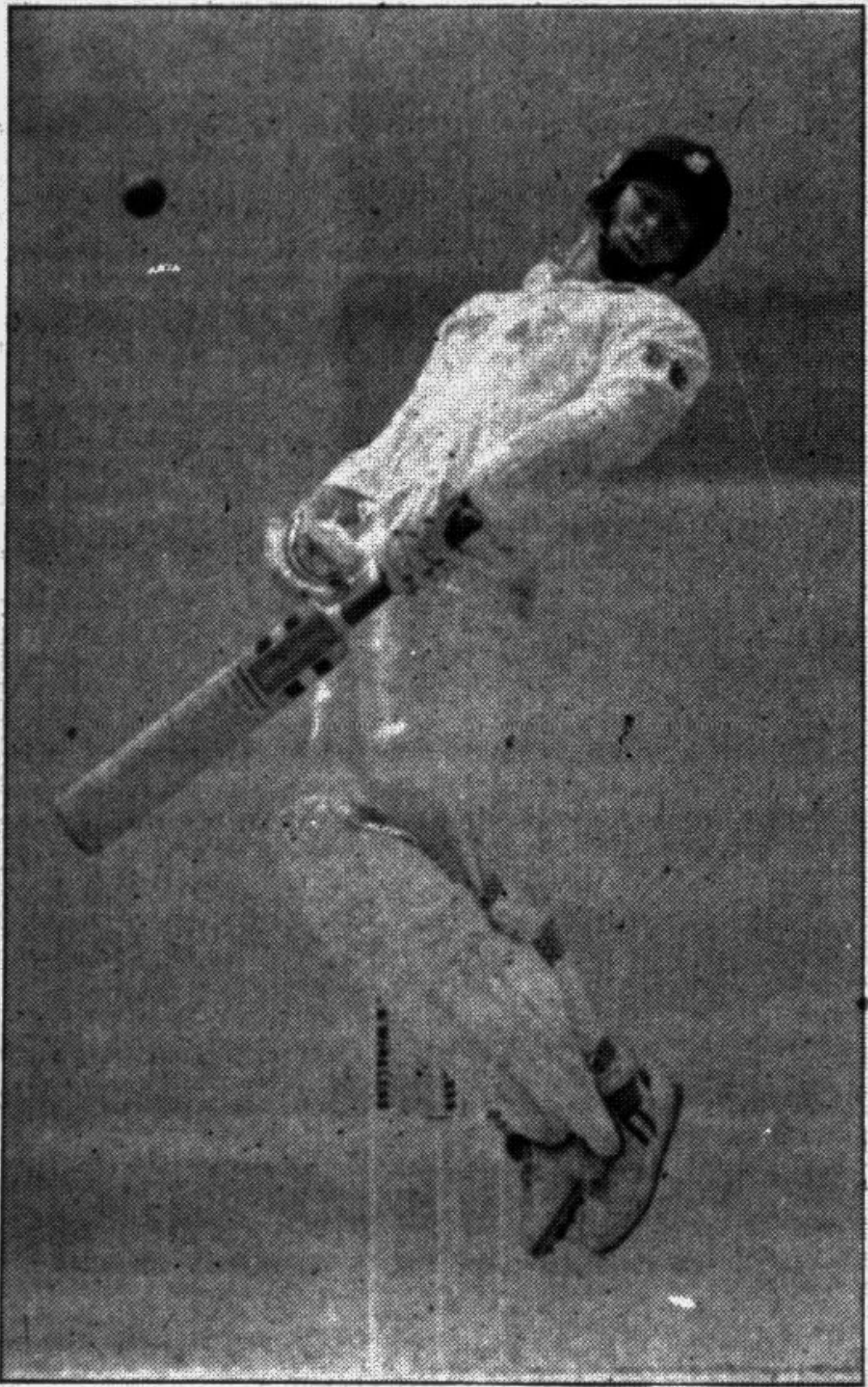
A nervous Graeme Hick survived a diving catch to second slip as the light began to fail, but Thorpe was less fortunate, edging Kenneth

Benjamin into the safe hands of substitute slip fielder Phil Simmons.

When bad light finally intervened four overs short of the mandatory 90 overs, Winston

"probably the best" of his career. "They're the best bowling side in the world so it's nice to get a hundred against them," he said.

The England vice-captain



AWKWARD: England captain Mike Atherton avoids a nasty lifter from West Indian paceman Courtney Walsh during first day's play of the fourth Test between the West Indies and England at Bridge Town, Barbados on Friday.

Benjamin had figures of three for 48, whilst his namesake had taken two for 74.

Stewart said afterwards that his fifth Test century had been

also paid tribute to former Test opener Geoff Boycott, now a television commentator who has been advising him in the nets during the tour.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the fourth cricket Test between West Indies and England on Friday:

ENGLAND: First innings				
Atherton c Lara b K Benjamin	85			
Stewart b W Benjamin	118			
Ramprakash c Murray b W Benjamin	20			
Smith c Murray b W Benjamin	10			
Hick not out	26			
Thorpe c sub (Simmons) b K Benjamin	7			
Russell not out	3			
Extras: (lb-7, nb-23)	30			
Total: (for five wickets)	299			

Fall of wickets: 1-171; 2-223; 3-242; 4-265; 5-290

To bat: Lewis, Caddick, Fraser, Tufnell.

Bowling:				
	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	17	3	62	0
Walsh	22	3	85	0
W Benjamin	17	4	48	3
K Benjamin	20	5	74	2
Chanderpaul	10	4	23	0

WEST INDIES: Haynes, Lara, Richardson (captain), Arthurton, Chanderpaul, Adams, Murray, W Benjamin, Ambrose, K Benjamin, Walsh.

## Germany to play UAE instead

FRANKFURT, Apr 9: World champion Germany, seeking a new opponent after England pulled out of a match scheduled on the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday, may play the United Arab Emirates instead, soccer officials said Friday, reports AP.

The Germans are desperate to find an opponent in the short time left before the planned April 20 fixture.

Soccer officials have virtually abandoned plans of playing at home on the controversial date, but manager Berti Vogts doesn't want his team to travel far during a busy calendar at the end of the season.

The ZDF television network said the game against the new opponent may be held one week later, on April 27.

The game is a key test for Germany before they defend the World Cup title this summer in the United States.

After England announced Wednesday that they were pulling out of the Berlin game because of feared violence by leftists and neo-Nazis, the Germans said they may seek an Asian team because South Korea is one of Germany's preliminary round opponents this summer.

German Soccer Federation officials were deliberating Friday in Frankfurt and said the final decision was likely Monday.

Germany and the United Arab Emirates met in the preliminary round at the 1990 World Cup in Italy and Germany won 4-1.

## Revenge for Bolivians

VILLAVICENCIO, Colombia, Apr 9: It had to come to an end, but losing their 28-game unbeaten streak at home to Bolivia had to hurt, reports AP. Bolivia avenged an earlier year loss to Colombia with a 1-0 victory Thursday night, snapping a streak that stretched back to the summer of 1991.

Mario Pinedo scored all Bolivia needed eight minutes in the second half, taking a pass from Jaime Moreno and beating defender Luis Fernando Herrera.

The defeat before 15,000 was the first in regulation since Argentina won 2-1 on July 21, 1991 in the final round of the Copa America.

They also lost to Argentina on penalty kicks (6-5) in the semifinals of the 1993 Copa America, after drawing 0-0 through extra time.

Bolivia had lost to Colombia 2-0 in Miami in February in a clash of World Cup qualifiers.

Besides beating Brazilian club Sao Paulo 1-0 last month, Bolivia also drew 2-2 with the United States March 27 in Dallas.

Bolivia and Colombia played without many of their top players. Colombia's Faustino Asprilla, Freddy Rincon and Adolfo Valencia are playing for teams in Italy, Brazil and Germany while Bolivia's Marco Antonio and Erwin Sanchez also were unavailable.

## Chinese Olympic officials admit drug abuse

OLORADO SPRINGS, Apr 9: Chinese Olympic officials acknowledged during a visit with their US counterparts that some Chinese athletes have used performance-enhancing drugs, but say they are addressing the problem, reports AP.

During a tour of the Olympic Training Centre Thursday, the first day of a US trip by a five-member Chinese delegation, they said the drug problem is not widespread and they are trying to stop the practice.

The Chinese Olympic Committee is strongly opposed to drugs, said Zhang Hao, Deputy Director of the COC's planning and financial department.

The sudden, recent success of Chinese athletes in swimming, distance running and speedskating — especially in women's events — has led to speculation they were using banned drugs.

Some of them were prompted by 33 positive drug tests between 1987 and the beginning of 1994, Chinese Olympic officials launched an investigation into the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Zhang said the results of that inquiry proved some of China's top athletes "used some things that to the public are forbidden." He said the COC published its findings to "let everybody know."

For example, one Chinese athlete won a world title "because he drank something for three or four years," Zhang said, but added, "From now on, no more people can dare to have drugs in competition."

## It may augur well for the 'Azzurri'



ROME, Apr 9: Two recent international defeats and a humiliating loss to a Fourth Division side in a training match have raised doubts that Italy can erase the bitter disappointment of failing to win the World Cup at home in 1990, by winning it this summer in the United States, reports Reuters.

At the beginning of the year there was a real feeling in the soccer-mad country that Italy could become only the second country to win the World Cup outside their own hemisphere.

The only team to do that was Brazil who won in Sweden in 1958 — but now Italian dreams of an unprecedented fourth World Cup final victory have been tempered by a reality brought on by defeats by France and Germany.

And a 2-1 defeat to the Tuscan Club Pontedera of Serie C2, the Italian Fourth Division in a training match on Wednesday, cast even more doubts on their ambitions.

The Italians stumbled to a 1-0 home loss against France in February. Then they were outplayed by world champions Germany in Stuttgart on March 23, and the 2-1 scoreline did not reflect the difference between the two teams on the night.

To err once was pardonable in Italy, to do it again, and in such a manner, gave coach Arrigo Sacchi's critics all the ammunition they needed.

"The 'Azzurri' (Bulls) have stalled at the starting post," was the Gazzetta dello Sport's verdict.

"After 2-1/2 years of Sacchi's intense work the squad has still to take wing. Of his 21 games, only three or four have been memorable," it added.

But the meticulous Sacchi,

the coach who rejuvenated Milan with his bold, attacking play and brought them the European Cup in 1989 and 1990, is not unduly worried.

He says he knows exactly what needs to be done, when his squad assembles for the finals on May 10 and knows exactly what flaws need to be ironed out in Italy's game ahead of their opening Group E clash with Ireland in New York on June 18.

The Italians also face Norway and Mexico in the opening round.

"I know there are problems and it's good that they've come out now, with us losing more in two months than we did in the previous two years," he said after the German lesson.

"I'm not afraid because I'll have 50 days to work with the players, something I've never had before," added Sacchi whose experiment with tactics went badly wrong when his side lost to their Fourth Division opponents.

Sacchi, small, bald-headed, and tactically adventurous with Milan, replaced Azzeglio Vicini as coach in 1991 after Italy failed to reach the European Championship finals in Sweden.

His first 19 games brought only one defeat but failed to silence the doubters who complained the team neither put opponents under pressure nor attacked with the fluidity of Sacchi's great Milan side.

The genius of European footballer-of-the-year Roberto Baggio up front and the solidity of captain Franco Baresi at the back has often helped disguise the team's weaknesses.

But with Baggio absent injured against Germany and Baresi, 34 in May, for once showing his age, the shortcomings were plain to see.

"Whichever way you look at it, what we produce in attack

is linked to Baggio," the Gazzetta commented.

Sacchi persevered with powerful centre forward Pier Luigi Casiraghi alongside Baggio in attack, showing faith in him even when first Juventus and now, this season, Lazio, relegated him to the substitutes' bench.

But his latest plan appears to link Lazio attacker Giuseppe Signori, the most prolific marksman in Serie A over the past two seasons, alongside Baggio up front.

Dino Baggio — no relation to Roberto — and Demetrio Albertini have been filling the central midfield spots but their similar styles tend to limit the team's options, a failing which was also plainly seen in Stuttgart.

So Sacchi is likely to use the more creative Roberto Donadoni moving in from wide on the right in place of either Dino Baggio or Albertini and that may give the team a greater balance going forward.

One of the most surprising elements of the recent defeat by Germany was the way the Italian defence was pulled apart by an inspired Juergen Klinsmann.

It is a long time since Baresi, Alessandro Costacurta and Paolo Maldini — three quarters of Milan's mean defence — have had such a torrid evening.

Sacchi put the blame on a lack of cover from midfield but the suspicion is that if captain Baresi flounders, then the defence goes down with him.

Italy reached the finals with relative ease, clinching top spot in their qualifying group, a point ahead of Switzerland, and losing just one of their 10 preliminary round matches.

Now anything less than a spot in the semifinals would be regarded as a failure.

Italy will get chances to

evaluate their progress in the weeks before the finals begin with matches against Finland in Parma on May 27. Fellow World Cup finalists Switzerland in Rome on June 3 and Costa Rica on American soil at New Haven on June 11.

That last match will allow Sacchi to test his players in an atmosphere in which the hard-running style he demands may prove a handicap.

"The World Cup will be played in stadia bathed in humidity and in a heat at times at the limit of what is bearable: Is it wise to rely on tactics which only work if you move at breakneck speed?" asked the Gazzetta.

Amid so much gloom, there is one happy omen.

The last time Italy lost their first two matches of the year was in 1982. That summer Paolo Rossi's goals in Spain took the "Azzurri" to their third, and so far last, World Cup triumph.

## Vasquez retains WBA title

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 9: Julio Cesar Vasquez of Argentina outpointed countryman Ricardo Nunez, scoring a unanimous decision Friday to retain his World Boxing Association junior middleweight title, reports AP.

Vasquez, 27, made his seventh defence of the title he won in Dec 1992. He knocked down Nunez, 29, in the third and ninth rounds, and had him on the ropes in the 11th with a series of sharp left hooks.

Vasquez weighed in at 152.46 pounds (69.3 kilos). His record stands at 48-1 with 33 knock-outs.

Nunez weighed in at 152 pounds (69.1 kilos). He has a record of 36-6-4 with 20 knock-outs. This was his first title bout.



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2. Who were the first World Cup champions?	Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chile	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uruguay	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. How many teams took part in the first World Cup?	12	<input type="checkbox"/>	13	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Which country hosted the second World Cup?	Spain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Which country has played in all the World Cup finals?	Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	France	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. How many goals were scored in the 1938 final?	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. When did England make its World Cup debut?	1938	<input type="checkbox"/>	1934	<input type="checkbox"/>	1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. How many goals did French striker Just Fontaine score in the 1958 tournament?	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	<input type="checkbox"/>	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. When did Pele make his World Cup debut?	1954	<input type="checkbox"/>	1958	<input type="checkbox"/>	1962	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. How many hattricks were scored in Italia-90?	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Fresh fitness test for De Silva &amp; co

## Lankan officials give in



COLOMBO, Apr 9: The Sri Lankan sports ministry today allowed former vice-captain Aravinda de Silva and four others to undergo a fresh 'fitness' test following an outcry over the selection of the 'new look' team for the Australasia Cup at Sharjah, reports PTI.

A new team was selected yesterday when three players — Pramodya Wickramasinghe, Muttiah Muralidharan and Dilip Samarawera — joined captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who pulled out of the team earlier.

Ranatunga claimed the test was not conducted by competent testers.

"It was all done improperly. We were not given enough notice and no one told us on what basis the test was being conducted. We were asked to run, sprint, jump and some marks were given. No credit was given to our performances as cricketers," he said.

Five selectors had also quit in an uproar over the test that failed besides Ranatunga's deputy, Sanjiva Ranatunga, A Ekanayake, R Pushikarnam and D Anurasi.

Sports ministry officials, however, clarified that changes were unlikely in the team already selected to play the Sharjah tournament.

"If these players qualify the fitness test now, they could be an addition to the squad," they said.

Earlier a Reuters report said: Ranatunga said on Friday, "we are in a crisis situation."

But he added: "I don't care what happens to me personally. I am prepared to serve in the team in the future under anyone. Positions are not important."

His remarks followed the naming of a new Sri Lankan side for the month's Australasia Cup in Sharjah, under replacement captain Roshan Mahanama.

On Friday, Sports Minister Nanda Mathew approved the new squad, with Mahanama replacing Ranatunga as captain. Selectors retained 11 play-

ers from the previous 14-member team and picked four new ones.

While opposition has mounted to the controversial fitness test, the two ministers involved in sport said they were not prepared to bow pressure.

Mathew, who many blamed for the crisis, said: "We are a country of 17 million people. Even if all 14 players resign, we should be able to field a team."

Cricket board president Tyrone Fernando, who is also Information Minister, said they would send a schoolboy team to Sharjah if the others pulled out.

GAISF for a new arbitration system

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Apr 9: The world's international sports federations were asked Friday to harmonise their anti-doping efforts and accept a new arbitration system, reports AP.

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