

# Do or die for Windies

**HOBART, Australia, Jan 2:** Sri Lanka is expected to play controversial off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan in Wednesday's World Series cricket match against the West Indies, team manager Duleep Mendis said Tuesday, report agencies.

No-balled seven times for throwing in the second Test match against Australia in Melbourne, Muralitharan has been named in Sri Lanka's World Cup squad.

But he will not have to face Darell Hair, who called the 23-year-old each of the seven times on the first day of the Melbourne Test - Wednesday's umpire are Australians Terry Frye, Steve Davis and Russell Hogarth.

When asked by reporters today whether Muralitharan would play and bowl, Sri Lanka team manager Duleep Mendis said, "I think so."

The International Cricket Council later revealed it had been concerned about the legitimacy of his bowling ac-

tion for two years. The incident threatened to cut short Muralitharan's career but Sri Lankan officials have since rallied behind their bowler who had not been called in his previous 22 Tests.

Muralitharan, 23, was today named in Sri Lanka's preliminary squad of 18 players for the World Cup limited overs competition which begins next month.

Sri Lanka are second in the triangular series on two points. Australia are undefeated on eight points after scoring their fourth consecutive win of the tournament when they beat the West Indies in Sydney on Monday.

Sri Lanka beat the West Indies in their first match in the World Series opener in Adelaide last month, but the West Indies are improving and are desperate for a win to keep in finals contention.

West Indies coach Andy Roberts said it was an understatement to describe the match as important.

"We've started to play a bit better, but we must get back

into the winning mode," said Roberts.

The West Indies lost Monday's World Series match against Australia by one wicket, with batsman Michael Bevan hitting a four off the last ball to clinch victory.

The West Indies will decide Wednesday whether captain Richie Richardson will be fit to play in the limited-overs match. Richardson missed the day-night match against Australia because of a hamstring injury.

Captain Arjuna Ranatunga is unlikely to play Wednesday after injuring his hand in the Melbourne Test, Mendis said. Right arm fast bowler Pramodya Wickramasinghe would also probably miss the match after aggravating an injury to his ankle while bowling in Melbourne.

Right-hand batsman Chandika Hathurusinghe would probably replace Ranatunga, while right-arm pacesman Eric Upshantha will be the likely replacement for Wickramasinghe.

# Lankan Sports Minister comes to scene

**COLOMBO, Jan 2:** Sri Lankan Sports Minister SB Dissanayake will be writing to his Australian counterpart to resolve the controversy over the bowling action of the island's ace off spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, currently touring Australia, the official newspaper "Daily News" said today, reports PTI.

The cricketing career of the 23-year-old Muttiah Muralitharan, with a total haul of 81 Test wickets, was threatened when he was no-balled seven times for throwing by Australian umpire Darell Hair during the second Test at Melbourne.

Speaking to the newspaper, Dissanayake said Muralitharan's case had both medical and legal sides to it, adding that he would point these out to the Australian Sports Minister.

Incidentally, Muralitharan has been included in Sri Lanka's preliminary squad for the World Cup commencing next month.

Stressing that Sri Lanka could not afford to lose Muralitharan because of the incident, Dissanayake said that his ministry would take necessary action to solve the issue.

Meanwhile, a group has been formed by the name 'cricket lovers association' by sports enthusiasts in a bid to support Sri Lanka's team on the bowling action controversy, the "Daily News" reported.

The association has already received report on Muralitharan's action from Dr. Buddy Reid, who examined the off-spinner in Melbourne at their request. All this data will be sent to the International Cricket Council and Australian Cricket Board, the newspaper said.



Liverpool's Stan Colymore (R) in action against his former club Nottingham Forest during an English Premiership match at Anfield on New Year's Day. Liverpool won 4-2. — AFP/UNB photo

# Bagan, JCT in Durand Cup semis

**NEW DELHI, Jan 2:** Calcutta giants Mohan Bagan humbled a truncated Mohammedan Sporting 3-0 and entered the semifinals of the Durand Cup football tournament here yesterday, reports PTI.

In another quarterfinal league match played yesterday Jagajit Cotton Textiles beat Punjab Police by 3-1.

Sisir Ghosh P Monoharan and Lulu scored the goals for Mohan Bagan, while JCT's Jasjit Singh and Stephen (two) were successful to score for their team. Rajesh Kumar of Punjab Police reduced the margin.

# ASEAN Cup soccer in Sept

**SINGAPORE, Jan 2:** Eight Southeast Asian countries will compete in the inaugural ASEAN Cup soccer tournament in Singapore in the first two weeks of September, a Football Association of Singapore (FAS) spokesman said today, reports Reuter.

They comprise the top eight teams from last month's 10-nation Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The FAS spokesman said the actual dates have not been fixed yet.

Under the ASEAN Football Federation's rules, the eight countries automatically qualify for the bi-annual competition which alternates with the SEA Games.

The eight are Thailand, the winner of the SEA Games gold medal, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, all members of the seven-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and non-ASEAN members Laos and Burma.

Brunei, also an ASEAN member, and Cambodia did not qualify for the ASEAN Cup.

# Hibernian's reversal of fortune

**GLASGOW, Jan 2:** Hibernian bounced back bravely from a 7-0 drubbing by Scottish Premier league champions Rangers two days ago to beat Edinburgh city rivals Hearts 2-1 on Monday, reports Reuter.

Hibernian fell behind to a seventh-minute goal from Neil Pinion but first-half scores from Northern Ireland international Michael O'Neill and Scotland under-21 striker Kevin Harper gave them victory.

# May justifies the recall

**ADELAIDE, Jan 2:** Off-spinner Tim May celebrated being picked for Australia's preliminary World Cup squad with a superb 11-wicket haul for South Australia to help to defeat Sheffield Shield champions Queensland on Monday, reports Reuter.

May's second innings spell of six for 83 saw his state side take six points from the match and move up to second spot in the Shield table on 14 points, two ahead of Queensland and four behind leaders New South Wales.

Set 384 runs to win in a minimum of 112 overs after South Australia declared their innings closed at an overnight score of 252 for nine, Queensland played themselves out of the match by lunch which they had

fallen to 113 for five. They were finally bowled out for 242, giving the home side a 141-run victory.

The veteran May's career-best match figures of 11 for 171 were a fitting reward for a patient bowling performance and confirmed the Australian selectors' confidence in recalling him to the World Cup preliminary squad earlier on Monday.

May had been overlooked this season in both Test and one-day cricket as a second specialist spinner alongside leg-spinner Shane Warne

that's the way cricket works." May said.

Bottom-of-the-table Victoria came close to causing an upset in Perth against Western Australia with the home side teetering at the close on 238 for eight, 84 runs short of the required winning target of 262.

Justin Langer and Tom Moody had plundered the bowling early in the run chase, blasting 89 runs in only 47 minutes before Langer was brilliantly caught at mid-wicket for 56. When Moody went for 50 the match seemed to be tilting in Victoria's favour.

Earlier, aggressive batting by Peter Roach, who hit 84, and Ian Harvey, who scored 55, helped to take Victoria to 459 for nine declared and set up the chance of an improbable victory.



TIM MAY

# England for changed formula

**CAPE TOWN, Jan 2:** England will send five players home after the fifth and final Test against South Africa, currently underway at Newlands, reports Reuter.

John Crawley, Jason Gallian, Mark Ilett, Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm are due to fly back to England on Sunday and will miss the seven-match one-day series which begins next week.

The replacements are Craig White, Neil Smith, Dermot Reeve, Neil Fairbrother and Phil DeFreitas, all of whom are already in South Africa.

A disappointed Fraser told journalists, "I was hoping I could stake a claim for the World Cup in this Test, but obviously the selectors have decided to pick one-day specialists, particularly all rounders."

Crawley and Ilett are both injured and neither Malcolm nor Gallian was expected to be in the World Cup frame. But for Fraser it is a sign that his England career may well be coming to an end.

# De Villiers eager for action

**DURBAN, Jan 2:** South African fast bowler Fanie de Villiers said on Monday he was fit and ready to play not just in the World Cup but also in the one-day international series against England which starts in Cape Town next week, reports Reuter.

De Villiers, who has been out of action since breaking down in October with a series of nagging injuries, was due to play his first Castle Cup match of the season when Northern Transvaal began their game against Natal in Durban on Monday.

He pulled out shortly before the start but was quick to deny that there had been any flare-up of his problems.

"It was very much a situation where I was going to play but then looking at the wicket and knowing we have got five or six bowlers who are fit, there didn't really seem to be much point," he said.

"I am definitely fit enough to play in the one-day game where you bowl spells of two, three or five overs but when it comes to bowling 40 or 50 overs in a match then I don't think I am quite ready for that."

# Strang's superb spell

**WANGANUI, New Zealand, Jan 2:** Zimbabwe's Bryan Strang took six for 20 as a Grassy wicket helped the bowlers take 16 wickets on the first day of Zimbabwe's three-day match against a New Zealand Selection XI here today, reports AFP.

The New Zealand side, chosen from provincial players, won the toss in the opening first-class match of the Zimbabwe tour at Victoria Park and decided to bat first.

They fared poorly, however, and were dismissed for 111. Zimbabwe did not do much better and at stumps were struggling on 91 for six.

Only four of the New Zealanders reached double figures, with Stephen Lynch top scoring with 30.

Strang's was the performance of the day. The Zimbabwe medium pacer's six wickets came in 18 overs. He took five for two in 29 balls in one spell after lunch.

But Zimbabwe were soon in trouble and at tea had lost three wickets for only 34 runs. They lost another three in the final session of the day. Their best partnership was 53 for the fourth wicket between David Houghton and lefthander Sean Davies.

Zimbabwe are to play two Tests and three one-day internationals against New Zealand this month before heading for the World Cup.

# Tragic

**GRENOBLE, France, Jan 2:** An Alpine skier died when he and his five companions were buried in an avalanche Monday, and local officials said the snowslide had been set off by people skiing off authorised tracks on the mountain above them, reports AFP.

# Spurs stifle Man United

**LONDON, Jan 2:** Tottenham Hotspur halted Manchester United's challenge to Newcastle for the English Premier league title when they defeated the former champions 4-1 on Monday, reports Reuter.

United cut Newcastle's lead from 10 points to four last week but, with the chance of reducing the arrears to just one point as Newcastle were without a game till Tuesday, they ran into a Tottenham ambush at White Hart Lane.

Teddy Sheringham and Sol Campbell scored one each in the first half and Chris Armstrong struck twice after the interval to check the progress of United who beat Newcastle 2-0 last Wednesday and Queen's Park Rangers 2-1 on Saturday.

Andy Cole equalised within a minute of Sheringham's opener for Spurs for his fourth goal in four games and had another spectacular effort ruled out when they were 4-1 down midway through the second half.

But Tottenham fully deserved their win, which put them back on track after two draws and a defeat by defending champions Blackburn in their three previous matches.

Newcastle entertain Tottenham's north London neighbours Arsenal today in the first of two games they have in hand over United.

Newcastle lead the table with 45 points from 20 games, with United second on 41 points from 22.

Liverpool, two goals down against Nottingham Forest after 18 minutes, staged a remarkable recovery to win 4-2 and stay third, ahead of Tottenham on goal difference.

Both have 38 points - Liverpool from 21 games and Tottenham from 22.

England striker Sheringham gave Tottenham the lead in the 35th minute, nipping in to beat Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel from close range for his 17th goal of the season.

But Cole, who cost United seven million pounds (11 million dollars) in a move from Newcastle last season, leveled within a minute, stabbing home Philo Neville's cross from the left.

Spurs, however, hit back immediately before the interval when Sheringham headed an excellent cross from Dean Austin into the path of Campbell, who shot through a forest of players beneath the diving Schmeichel.

Schmeichel, who had

pulled a calf muscle in the warm-up, was replaced after the interval by Kevin Pilkington but the new keeper was powerless against two fine headers by Armstrong in the 48th and 66th minutes.

Cole was unlucky to have a goal disallowed for dangerous play after he had hooked the ball in brilliantly with a close range overhead shot 12 minutes from the end.

But United can have no complaints about the outcome of the battle between two injury-stricken sides.

Liverpool looked in dire straits when England midfielder Steve Stone and Ian Woan scored in the 13th and 18th minutes to give visitors Nottingham Forest a 2-0 lead at Anfield.

But in-form Robbie Fowler netted twice before halftime to take his tally to seven goals in four games and 62nd-minute striker by former Forest Marksman Stan Collymore and a Colin Cooper own goal four minutes from time gave Liverpool a 4-2 victory.

Aston Villa moved up to fifth with a 2-0 win at Middlesbrough, who have faltered in recent weeks.

Alan Wright and Tommy Johson struck the Villa goals against a Middlesbrough side which badly missed England forward Nick Barmby and Norwegian striker Jan Aage Fjortoft.

Scottish international Duncan Ferguson scored

twice in Everton's 3-2 win at Wimbledon, claiming his first goals in the Premier league since his release from prison in late November after serving 44 days for butting an opponent when he played for Glasgow Rangers.

Angry West Ham manager Harry Redknapp criticised Premier league chiefs after being forced to make history on Monday by playing a goalkeeper who turned 17 just three days ago.

West Ham slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Manchester City, leaving them firmly in the bottom half of the standings.

With Ludek Mikloško suspended and Les Sealey injured, Redknapp was obliged to hand teenager Neil Finn a debut, making him the youngest player ever to appear in the Premier League - and play for West Ham.

Redknapp said Premier league chiefs would not allow him to make an emergency loan signing.

"Even Neil has a hamstring strain and could not kick the ball properly today, but the premier league told us we would have to play him or use an outfield player as keeper," he said.

Redknapp added "Neil has not really had a shot to save. We bossed the game for long periods and we certainly did not deserve to lose."

Bolton's misery was greater. They lost 4-2 at Sheffield Wednesday and are now eight points adrift at the bottom of the table.

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Russian FIDE world champion Anatoly Karpov shows off his trophy after winning the Koop Tjuchem tournament in the Dutch city of Groningen on Dec 30. — AFP/UNB photo