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NEW DELHI, Feb 13: Australia's under-fire World Cup squad, who forfeited their opening match in Sri Lanka over bomb fears, have now refused to practise in the southern Indian city of Madras, before their game against Kenya in neighbouring Visakhapatnam on February 23, reports AFP.

But on Monday the Australians announced they wanted to train instead in the western metropolis of Bombay because Madras was too close to Sri Lanka.

Ironically, the academy is run by former Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee, and the decision to stay away coincided with a strong rebuke for the team from former national skipper Ian Chappell.

Chappell, writing in the Indian Express today, said the boycott of Colombo brought "no honour" and the potential to ruin a tournament that had all the earmarks of being the best World Cup yet.

Ravinder Chadha, the organising committee's liaison man travelling with the Australians, said: "The team did not want to go to Madras because they considered it was too close to Sri Lanka," adding the academy had been "very disappointed" by the decision.

Madras is the capital of India's Tamil Nadu state, which is separated from Sri Lanka by a narrow strip of sea and which once harboured Tamil separatist guerrillas.

The Madras Academy, which produced India's World Cup stars Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad, is regarded to have the best cricket facilities in India. The city is scheduled to host a World Cup quarterfinal on March 11.

Chappell, here as a television commentator, argued of the initial match boycott: "Their decision to forfeit a game in the World Cup is a regrettable one."

Furore over scorers

AHMEDABAD, India, Feb 13: England and Australia have clashed with the Pakistan-India-Lanka Organising Committee (PILCOM) over the provision of scorers for their World Cup matches, reports Reuters.

Both sides have brought their own scorers despite PILCOM's undertaking to provide them for every tournament match.

Although PILCOM officials are happy for England's Malcolm Ashton and Mike Walsh of Australia to score their side's games, the organisers insist their appointees will provide the official record of the matches.

Additionally, as PILCOM are paying for only 17 people in each party — 14 players, a manager, coach and physiotherapist — the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) and the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) are having to find travel and accommodation costs for their scorers.

The competing teams agreement, signed by each country, states PILCOM's commitment to provide scorers. But there is also a provision in the agreement which allows for extra officials from any country to be catered for providing PILCOM was notified by last November 30.

TCCB spokesman Tim Lamb told Reuters: "We wrote to PILCOM before November 30 last year stating that we would be bringing an additional member of the management team who would also act as scorer."

"We repeated that when we submitted the provisional list of players and officials to PILCOM, and when the final list went in on January 22 we confirmed Malcolm would be travelling as scorer."

But PILCOM's convenor-secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya told each local cricket association would be providing the official scorers.

WTA's top 20

- MIAMI, Florida, Feb 13 (AFP): Women's tennis rankings on Monday:
1. Steffi Graf (Ger) 337.07 pts
 2. Monica Seles (USA) 250.59
 3. Conchita Martinez (Spa) 217.06
 4. Arantxa Sanchez (Spa) 217.06
 5. Iva Majoli (Cro) 160.32
 6. Anke Huber (Ger) 160.12
 7. Gabriela Sabatini (Arg) 135.52
 8. Magdalena Maleeva (Bul) 133.89
 9. Kimiko Date (Jpn) 124.25
 10. Mary Joe Fernandez (USA) 122.43
 11. Oksana Rubin (USA) 117.42
 12. Jana Novotna (Cze) 107.81
 13. Brenda Schultz (Ned) 102.79
 14. Lindsay Davenport (USA) 95.50
 15. Natalia Zvereva (Bir) 88.12
 16. Martina Hingis (Swi) 84.92
 17. Amanda Coetzer (SA) 74.15
 18. Amy Frazier (USA) 61.76
 19. Naoko Sawamatsu (Jpn) 55.23
 20. Nathalie Tauziat (Fra) 53.42

Twose, life's little irony



NEW DELHI, Feb 13 (AFP): Roger Twose used to dream of playing for England as a boy. On Wednesday he will play a key role in the World Cup batting against them.

The left-hander, who comes from Devon, has just qualified for New Zealand and will make history as the first Englishman to play against his former country in the Group B match at Ahmedabad.

Twose, who also plays for English county champions Warwickshire, says with a smile: "It will be a special game. I was born in England - in a car in Torquay in 1968 - and I love the place."

The 27-year-old, however, also fell in love with a girl in New Zealand on his visit there, bought a home in Wellington and settled down for a new life.

He could not have come at a better time for the New Zealanders. Their line-up, even short of the injured Martin Crowe, has plenty of stroke-makers in Nathan Astle, Stephen Fleming and Chris Cairns.

Twose, a nephew of former wicketkeeper Roger

Tolchard who also turns his arm over as a medium pacer, will provide the British bulldog spirit by anchoring the other end.

Not that he lacks strokes himself. Nor confidence. When Warwickshire sin-



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ged Brian Lara in 1994, fresh from scoring a record 375 Test score against England, the West Indian reached his dressing room peg to be

greeted by a tongue-in-cheek note from Twose: "For the world's second-best left-hander."

Lara promptly scored a century on his debut against Glamorgan - while Twose capped that with 227.

The Twose method, however, could not be more different from Lara's.

Success came slowly for him - early on in his career he was known more for his love of junk food than his runs - but now he has honed a simple, effective technique, with plenty of neat tucks off his legs through midwicket and forcing back-foot drives.

He has not yet had time to show what he can do at international level, although he already boasts a Test match 94 out of a 214 opening stand against Zimbabwe and several fifties in the one-dayers.

The popular Twose knows, however, the Wednesday game will present him with special problems.

When he reaches the crease he will be surrounded by faces he knows better than some of his own teammates. That could affect his concentration - and so could some good-humoured sledging questioning his nationality.

And, of course, the English contingent will know his game inside out and try and probe his weaknesses.

Marshall calls it a day

PRETORIA, Feb 13: Batsmen of the world over can breathe easier today.

Malcolm Marshall, their scourge for the past 19 years, has finally hung up his boots, reports Reuters.

The feared West Indies fast bowler's final day in the first-class game on Monday was hardly a memorable one. He was forced to kick his heels in the Natal dressing room at Centurion Park watching the rain lashing down.

The downpour washed out Natal's chances of beating Northern Transvaal and retaining South Africa's four-day domestic competition, the Castle Cup.

"There was no fanfare for Marshall — just a handful of hardy spectators and a couple of ducks were on hand for the swansong of one of the game's all-time greats."

Marshall, who will be 38 in April, has no regrets about calling it a day.

"I've been playing since 1977 and have thoroughly enjoyed it. But I just feel that this is the right time to go," he said.

It was another great fast bowler, Freddie Trueman of Yorkshire and England, who replied when asked how he felt on retiring, "bloody tired."

Marshall certainly has rea-

son to think the same. In 408 first-class matches, he has run in 74,644 times — which adds up to about 1,500 kilometres — and has taken 1,651 wickets at a remarkable average of 19.10.

He also scored 11,004 runs at a useful average of 24.83 with seven hundreds.

His record in Test cricket is equally impressive. First capped by West

Indies against India in 1978, less than a year after taking seven for 97 on his first-class debut for Barbados, Marshall went on to play 81 Tests before quitting in 1992.

He ranks fourth on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers behind Kapil Dev, Richard Hadlee and Ian Botham with 376 at the miserly average of 20.94.

One of Marshall's greatest days in the Test arena came at Headingley, Leeds, during the England tour of 1984.

After breaking a thumb, he returned to bat at number 11 and help Larry Gomes to a century before destroying England with a memorable display of fast bowling which brought him figures of seven for 53.

The other Test that sticks in my mind was at Old Trafford (in 1988) when the pitch was supposed to suit the spinners. We'd knocked three over in England's second innings the night before and needed another seven.

"But there were clouds all over the place and everyone expected it to rain. I remember telling Viv Richards, the skipper, not to worry, that we'd get the wickets before lunch because we weren't going to bowl a ball after lunch."

Marshall said, "I could probably keep on going for a while longer but I think I would rather be remembered as a good cricketer than as someone who just hung on for the money."

One thing is certain. Malcolm Marshall will be remembered as a great cricketer, not just a good one.

Hick's not-known trick



NEW DELHI, Feb 13 (AFP): Graeme Hick, armed with his bat and a skipping rope, is being tipped by England to dominate the World Cup headlines.

The havoc caused by that heavy bat is well known, the tale behind the rope less so.

Yet the Zimbabwean-born player's emergence as a world-class talent, according to manager Ray Illingworth, has been helped by his new hobby, an idea suggested by coach John Edrich.

He explains: "Graeme was little bit leaden-footed early in his career. But he moves much better now and gets up on to the balls of his feet."

"One of the things John got him doing during their session together was skip-

ping, because that encourages good movement and Graeme has carried on with it."

Hick, once dubbed by former New Zealand spinner John Bracewell as a "flat-track bully," struggled against Real pace early on in his international career because of his lack of foot movement.

So dominant a English country level — sheilshocked Somerset fans have still not recovered from the unbeaten 405 he scored at Taunton in 1988 — it was feared Hick might never make the transition to the top level.

That debate was still raging last season, when he was dropped, for the fourth time in five years, against West Indies.

Hick's first reaction was to storm off the ground in a huff. His second was to score 118 not out when Robin Smith's fractured cheekbone gave him the chance of a rapid recall.

Perhaps Illingworth's goading also helped Hick re-examine his approach. Illingworth had said: "Only Graeme know whether he wants to do better for himself or the team. I want people who are prepared to die for England."

Since then, Hick, also renowned slip fielder, has been formidable. He ended the West Indies series with an average of 50, scored 141 against South Africa — his fourth Test ton — and impressed with his heavy hitting despite England's poor one-day showing against the springboaks.

Illingworth's tune, predictably, has also changed.

"I think Graeme could be the outstanding player of the tournament," he says. "I've told him because I believe he's batting better than ever before."

Special stamps

Bangladesh Post Office will release a set of commemorative stamps today on the occasion of the World Cup cricket, reports UNB.

The stamps of Tk 4, 6 and 10 denominations will be released along with an inaugural envelope of Tk 6, said a PID handout. At the first stage, the stamps will be sold in the city's main post offices.

DUEL DOSSIER

NEW DELHI, Feb 13 (AFP): Match-file of England's World Cup opener with New Zealand at Ahmedabad on Wednesday:

Group B (with Pakistan, South Africa, Holland, United Arab Emirates)

Strengths and weaknesses: England have a fine batting line-up but their bowling lacks class in both the spin and pace departments. New Zealand have some exciting stroke-makers but also have a less than convincing attack.

Men to watch (subject to selection): England will be hoping the in-form Graeme Hick can give their batting impetus, while pace bowler Darren Gough is looking impressive again after seeing off a slump in form. New Zealand's key match winner is Chris Cairns but Nathan Aspinall is another exciting talent, while Roger Twose will want to impress after emigrating from England.

Cup head-to-head: New Zealand 3, England 2. The Kiwis won in 1975, 1979 — a semifinal — and in 1983 but lost in the last two matches. In 1992, Graeme Hick scored 56 for England, while Martin Crowe (73) and Mark Greatbatch (35), both featured for New Zealand. Crowe retired before this tournament while Greatbatch was not selected.

Previous records: England losing finalists in 1979, 1987 and 1992. New Zealand — three semifinal finishes in 1975, 1979, 1992.

Form Book: England, after beating the West Indies last year in a one-day series, were thrashed 6-1 by South Africa. New Zealand lost 3-2 to India at the end of last year but held Pakistan 2-2.

TODAY'S VENUE

AHMEDABAD: In the western state of Gujarat, the 45,000-seater Gujarat Cricket Stadium, built in 1983, is situated in the suburb of Motera, 10 km from the city centre. Has hosted three Tests so far. Venue of the inaugural match between England and New Zealand on February 14.

This city was founded by Sultan Ahmed Shah in 1411 on the site of the ancient city of Karnavati. Once upon a time patronized by the Mughal Emperors, the city today upholds a unique blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles, known as the "Indo Saracenic". Famous for textiles and other industrial resources, Ahmedabad was referred to by the British as the "Manchester of India".



England skipper Mike Atherton having a look around the Ahmedabad cricket ground yesterday. His team take on New Zealand in the World Cup opener today. — AFP/UNB photo

Smith, Cairns ready to roll

World Cup opener today



AHMEDABAD, India, Feb 13: Robin Smith and Chris Cairns, injury-hit key players with England and New Zealand respectively, received a World Cup boost on the eve of the tournament today, reports Reuters.

All-rounder Cairns, who recently suffered a hamstring strain, came through a net session while Smith, England's most experienced one-

work-out for Smith at the Sardar Patel Gujarat Stadium as, according to the team management, it was the last day they would be allowed to send for a replacement.

But Smith completed a tough 30-minute test supervised by team doctor Philip Bell and physiotherapist Wayne Morton before having a session in the nets.

Although not being considered for the opening Cup game against New Zealand on Wednesday, the Hampshire batsman expects to be fit for England's next outing, against the United Arab Emirates on Sunday.

Smith said, "It was a big day for me and I would have been devastated if I had to go home but the injury is improving day by day and, although it's still not 100 per cent, it should only take a few more days now."

Cairns had a lengthy bowl to test his hamstring during New Zealand's practice before batting for 45 minutes.

Coach Glenn Turner said: "Chris came through the session okay. He got stuck in with the ball batted for a long time. We'll have to wait to see if there is any reaction but we don't anticipate any."

Cairns almost gave England a fresh injury worry when he batted, his straight drive hitting Alec Stewart on the head as he was having fielding practice on the other side of the ground.

Stewart was left rubbing

his head but was later able to bat in the nets and seemed none the worse for the incident.

England's other injury doubts, Dominic Cork and Neil Fairbrother, both came through unscathed.

Cork tested his right knee for the first time since injuring it in Lahore last Thursday, while Fairbrother was able to bat and field with a protective patch on his right hand after colliding with a barbed wire fence and wall on Sunday in Calcutta, where



ROBIN SMITH

the teams attended the opening ceremony.

Both sides expressed concern about their itineraries before the first match.

C CAIRNS day batsman, got the all-clear to stay with the squad after a fitness test on an injured groin muscle. It was make-or-break



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3rd Prize (three nos): CD Player

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2. Participants are to cut the original form along the indicated dotted lines. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in the Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.

3. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries as one pleases.

4. Each entry form should be clearly completed with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name, etc must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the date and the signature of the participant.

5. All entries must reach the office of the Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Quiz 1" or "Quiz 2", as the case may be. Entries may be hand-delivered or sent by post to The Daily Star, House No. 11, Road No. 5, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka: 1206.

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11. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

Entries close on 17-2-96

Quiz 1

Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. The final of the 1975 World Cup was held on June 14 June 21 June 27
2. The 1979 World Cup was won by Australia England West Indies
3. The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was M. Amarnath S. Gavaskar Kapil Dev
4. The 1987 World Cup final was held in Bombay Calcutta Lahore
5. The highest scorer in the 1983 final was Graham Gooch Imran Khan Javed Miandad
6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by Grant Flower D. Houghton Andy Flower
7. Bangladesh has been participating in the ICC Trophy since 1975 1977 1979

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Steffi yet to recover

PARIS, Feb 13: World number-one Steffi Graf, still recovering from a foot injury and unable to defend her title at this week's Paris indoor open, will return to the WTA Tour at Key Biscayne from March 22, reports AFP.

Graf, who has not played since winning the WTA championships last November, continues to move closer to Martina Navratilova's record of 331 weeks as the world's top-ranked player.

She has so far reigned as world number-one for 319 weeks.