

## Healy suspended for two ODIs

PRETORIA, Mar 24: Ian Healy was found guilty of showing dissent and breaching the International Cricket Council's code of conduct and was suspended for two one day matches against South Africa, reports AP.

ICC match referee Raman Subba Row found the Australian vice captain guilty of violating Clause 3 of ICC's code of conduct: "Players and team officials must at all time accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision."

Healy showed dissent after being adjudged caught behind by South African umpire Cyril Mitchley in the Australian second innings at Centurion Park on Monday.

Healy refused to leave the pitch and stood hands on hips staring at Mitchley and threw his bat in front of the team dressing room, before picking it up as he walked in.

According to Trevor Hohns, the chairman of selector currently in South Africa, the team has sent a SOS for another wicketkeeper to join the squad.

It is likely to be Western Australian Adam Gilchrist who is groomed as the heir to the No. 1 job on Healy's retirement.

## Lanka look for silver lining

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Mar 24: Star batsman Aravinda de Silva has just two matches left in which to make an impact on Sri Lanka's disappointing cricket tour of New Zealand, reports AP.

De Silva scored just nine runs in four innings as New Zealand won the Test series 2-0 and the first game of a three-match limited-overs series was washed out at the weekend.

Just a day-night match in Christchurch on Tuesday and a match in Wellington on Thursday remain.

De Silva, 32, a key player when Sri Lanka last year won the World Cup, says he is unperturbed by his poor form.

"It's just a matter of time, I think," he said Monday.

"I'm hoping the bit ones will come soon. It's a matter of hanging in there; once I get going, I'm sure everything will be fine."

The form of the Sri Lankan team and that of De Silva are intertwined.

"Every time I have made big scores my team has won and that's why I need to get into form as quickly as I can," he said.

De Silva's 197 one-day internationals have produced seven centuries and almost 6,000 runs at an average of just under 35.

He hinted at an imminent return to form with a fluent 34 from just 25 deliveries in a one-day match against Central Districts in Napier last Thursday.

The rain in Auckland on Saturday and Sunday deprived him of the chance to continue in that vein.

The tourists plan practicing their fielding — one aspect of their game which has let them down on tour — under lights at the match on Monday night.

The state of the Lancaster Park pitch will be of interest to both sides. In New Zealand's recent one-day series against England, the pitch in Christchurch offered substantial encouragement to the spin bowlers.

Any indications of the same may be enough to persuade the home side to introduce teenaged spinner Daniel Vettori for international limited-overs debut.

### SQUADS

NEW ZEALAND (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Bryan Young, Nathan Astle, Matt Horne, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Chris Harris, Dipak Patel, Gavin Larsen, Simon Doull, Heath Davis, Daniel Vettori, Andrew Penn.

SRI LANKA (from): Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Sanath Jayasuriya, Romesh Kaluwanarana, Roshan Mahanama, Marvan Atapattu, Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tillekaratne, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Sajeewa de Silva, Muttiah Muralitharan, Kumar Dharmasena, Nuwan Zoysa, Ruwan Kalpage, Revindra Pushpaku-mara.

## Tergat's hattrick

TURIN, Italy, Mar 24: Tergat brought up a gold medal hattrick here on Sunday as Kenyan runners yet again dominated the World Cross Country Championships, reports AFP.

Tergat outsped Morocco's 10,000m world record holder Salah Hissou to take his third consecutive senior title and then promised to try and break compatriot John Ngugi's record of five wins.

A 10,000 crowd watched as Kenya also bagged the men's and women's junior titles, with Elijah Korir and Rose Kosei at Turin city centre Valentino Park.

The only individual title to escape them was the women's senior which saw Ethiopian Drarit Tulu produce a storming finish to catch and pass Britain's Paula Radcliffe.

Tergat clocked 35min 11sec to beat Hissou (35:13) in the closing 200 metres after they broke clear in the final lap and Hissou twice tried to escape in the long final straight of the 12km course.

The bronze medal went to Kenyan Thomas Nyariki (25:20), who had set the pace from virtually start to finish in a typical Kenyan tactical race.

The European challenge failed to materialise with Britain's European champion Jon Brown finishing 14th a minute off the pace.

## Donald destroys Aussies



PRETORIA, Mar 24: South Africa beat Australia by eight wickets on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test match at Centurion Park today, reports Reuter.

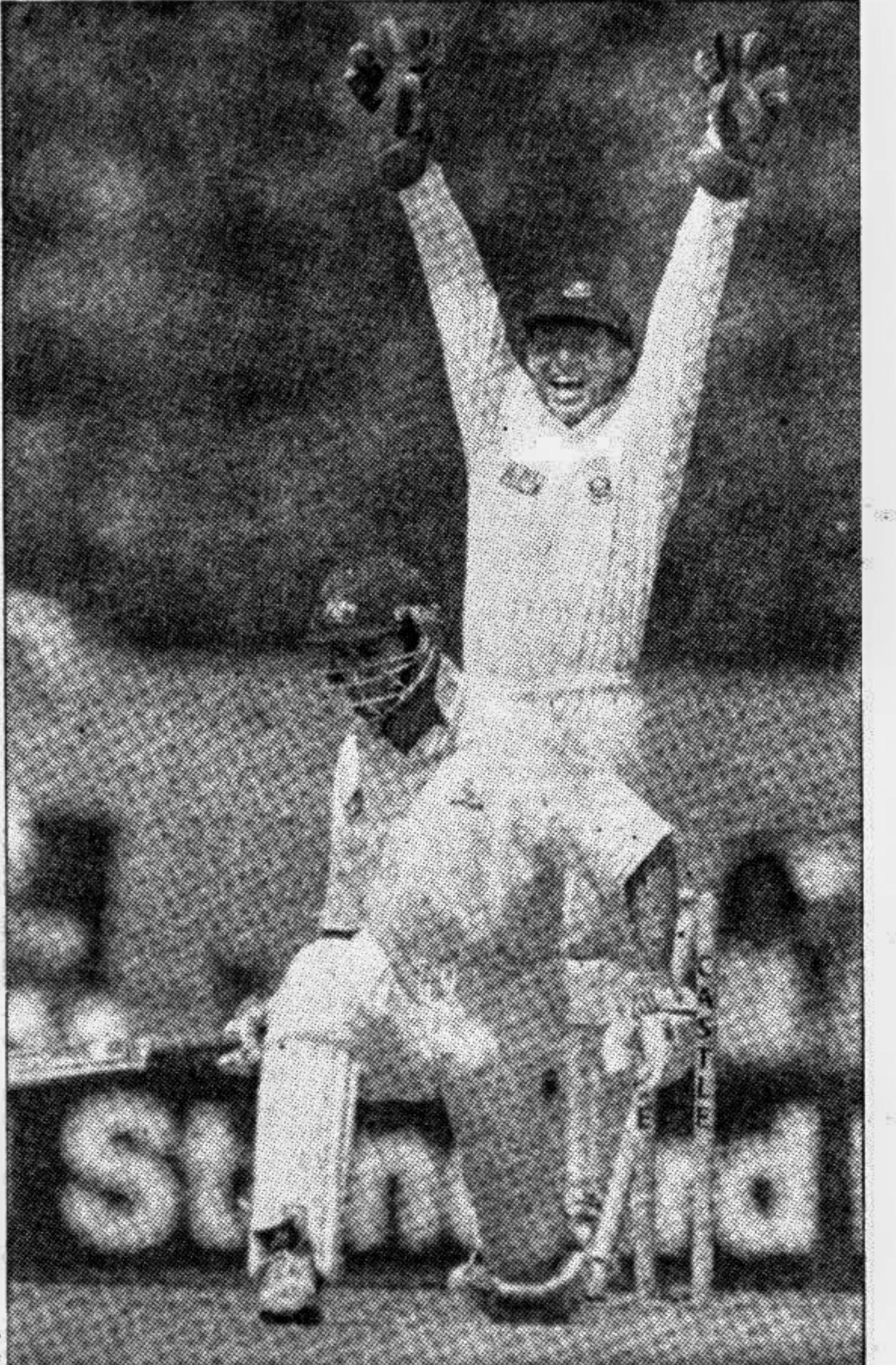
On Sunday a fiery barrage by strike bowler Allan Donald sent Australia reeling to 96-4 in

with a first innings deficit of 157 runs, had no answer to Donald — and fellow strike bowler Brett Schultz — in full cry.

The two bowlers peppered the Australian batsmen with a never-ending battery of short balls, leaving their victims bruised and bowed.

In Donald's eighth over, his

most brutal one, Steve Waugh



South African wicketkeeper Dave Richardson is in ecstasy after seeing Pat Symcox (not in the picture) bowl Australian Michael Bevan out during the fourth day's play of the third and final Test at Centurion Park, Pretoria yesterday.

— AFP/UNB photo

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